

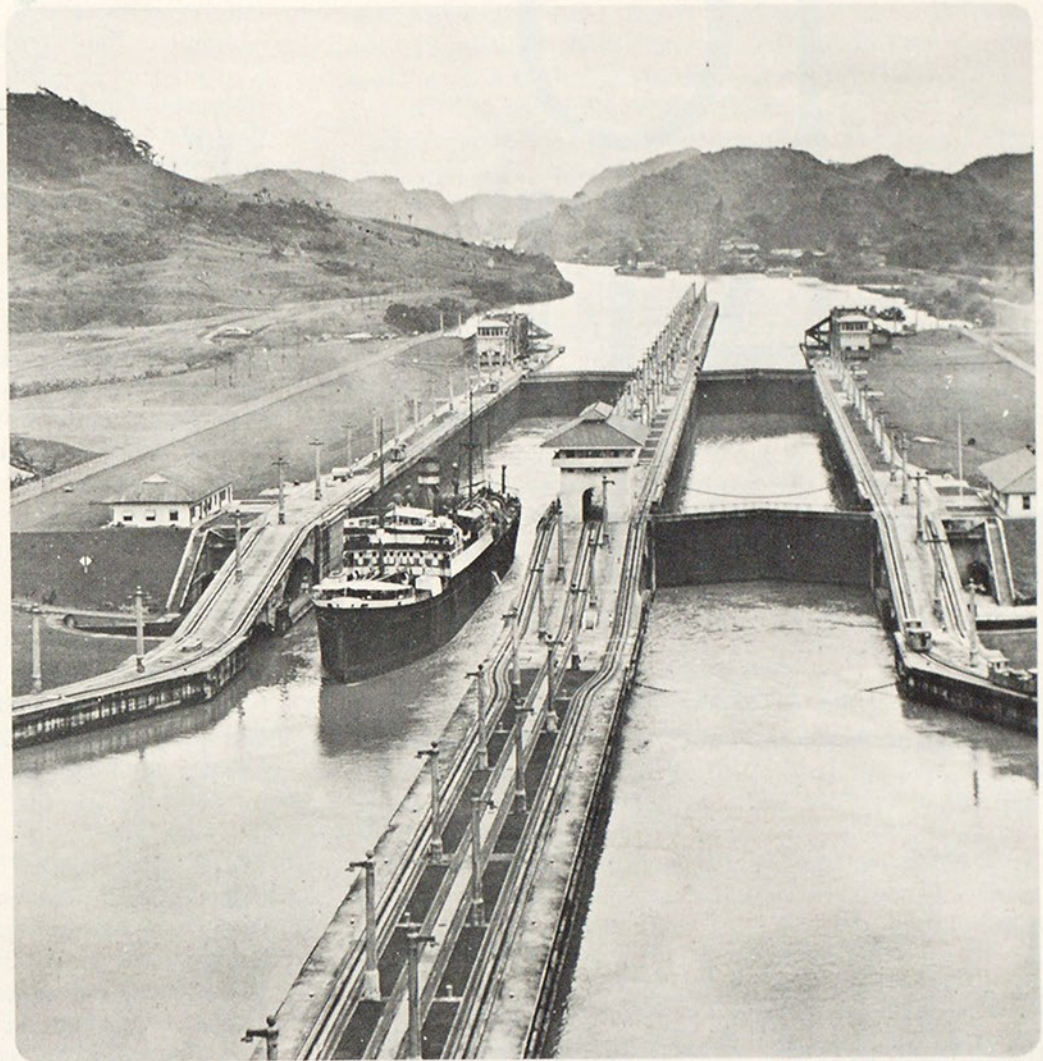
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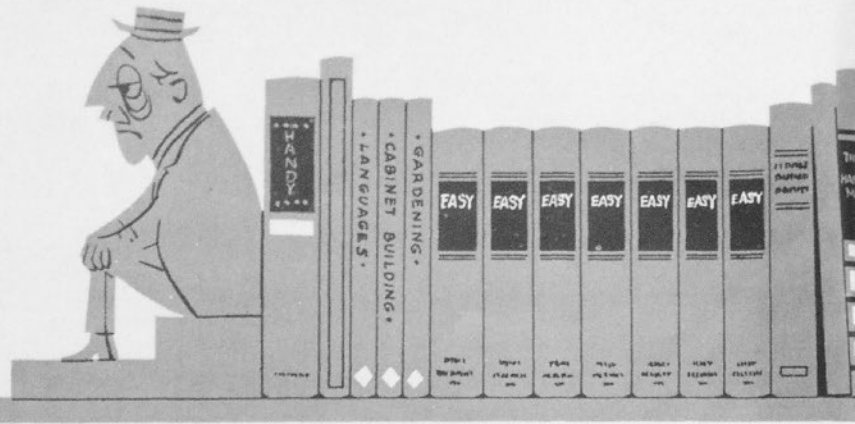


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# HOW TO FAIL

## WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

By FORREST SMITH

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THE BOOKSHELVES OF AMERICA are crammed with “how-to-do-it” manuals. There are volumes on gardening, cabinet building, mastery of languages, and what to do about an unfortunate personality. For every undertaking there are rules for success.

### THE WAY TO FAIL

The 26th chapter of Matthew gives us five simple rules for complete failure. For those whose chief aim is in that direction, the following easy-to-follow rules should prove beneficial:

#### 1. *Be self-confident.*

Jesus told His disciples, “It is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep . . . shall be scattered.”

Peter answered brashly: “Though all men shall be

offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.”

And Jesus replied: “*This* night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.”

Peter retorted: “Though I should *die* with thee, yet will I not deny thee.”

Here is a classic example of rule number one for failure—a man who is proud of his own strength of character. Paul wrote later, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (referring to the Israelites who were overthrown in the wilderness). God was not well pleased with many of them, he noted in a singular understatement.

Consider, for example, the two sons of Aaron who were so well versed in God’s program that they went beyond the Lord’s instructions and were slain as they offered strange fire. Or Korah and his company, plunging with their belongings and loved ones into the mouth of the earth because they dared to place themselves on a par with Moses.

#### 2. *Don’t pray.*

This rule is a must for those who would fall away. When Jesus led His disciples into the garden, he commanded Peter, James, and John, “Tarry ye here, and watch with me.” Returning an hour later, He found them fast asleep. “What,” He exclaimed, as they scrambled guiltily to their feet, “Could ye not watch with me one hour?” He left again with these words: “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.”

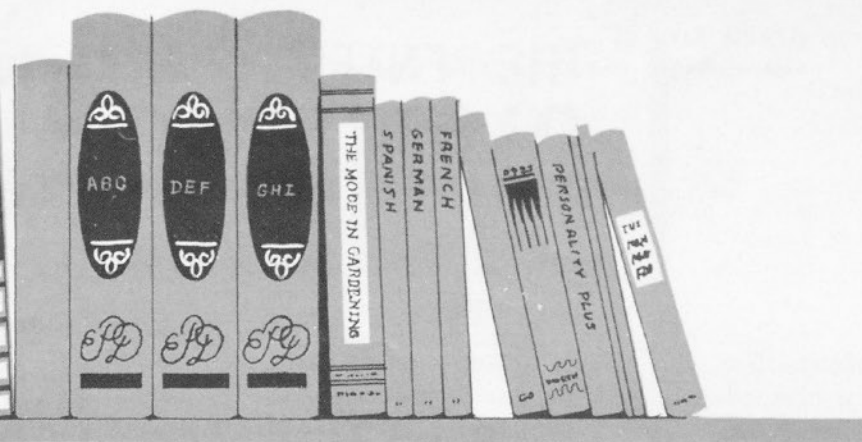
On another occasion Jesus said, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

In the face of these admonitions it becomes obvious that a sure way to fail is to neglect prayer. When the pastor calls a prayer meeting, don’t go. You wouldn’t want to be the only man present! Or if you’re a woman, you’re much too busy—woman’s work is never done. Peter chose to sleep rather than to pray and became a prime example of how to fall from grace.

#### 3. *Be quick to react.*

In the gloom of the garden, the crowd surged around Jesus and His disciples. The situation called for fast action, and there was a man present who was capable of just such action—a strong, confident type who had used his prayer time to catch up on his rest. Three writers chose not to name him, but John wrote, “Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear.”

Name any church group. Find the crowd who are too busy, or too tired, or just too self-satisfied to attend



the services regularly. In this group is your man of fast actions, quick decisions, hasty judgments.

Paul wrote, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." Jesus declared, "Thinkest thou that I cannot pray the Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" A strong rebuke for a strong man who was determined to fail.

#### 4. *Go with the wrong crowd.*

This rule is very significant because anyone can fail if he will just get with the proper—or *wrong*—crowd. A rule of business is, "If you want to be successful, associate with success." The reverse is applicable for those who are not concerned.

Jesus taught the importance of environment in the Parable of the Sower: "Some seeds fell by the way-side... some fell upon stony places... and some fell among thorns." The type of soil was either beneficial or detrimental. This is why it is so important to separate oneself from the old crowd with its drinking and careless ways and bawdy jokes. No wonder Paul wrote: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." God knows the tremendous odds against achieving success in the wrong environment!

Yet we find Simon Peter in just such a position. Luke said "he sat down among them," meaning the people who were prepared to take the life of our Lord. John stated, "Peter warmed himself" at their fire, a folksy gesture. Wouldn't you just expect a self-confident type who has no time for prayer to go stalking right into the enemy camp?

#### 5. *Deny Jesus.*

This is the final step in Peter's falling away. Under no circumstances could the devil have made Peter do this in the beginning. A progression of events led to this terrible climax. Backsliding never begins with a denial of Christ—it begins with a look; a thought; something little, insignificant, apparently quite innocent. David didn't begin with murder; he began with looking.

When told he was going to deny Jesus, Peter protested: "Me? Deny you? Never!" He meant it. The thought was repugnant. But after leaving off prayer, after acting impulsively, after consorting with the wrong crowd, the thing that had been so repugnant became easy and logical.

Matthew said that a damsel exclaimed: "Thou wast also with Jesus." Peter may have crossed his fingers as he answered: "I know not what thou sayest." As he declared to another maid, "I do not know the man," he may have said, "God knows my heart." A lot of people

use this method to excuse failure. I have never found it very comforting. If God knows our hearts, then He must surely know how corrupt we become in so short time, and this is no comfort.

Finally, wanting to make certain that his speech would not betray him again, Peter began "to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man."

And there it is. How to fail without really trying. A plan so simple that the strongest, as well as the weakest, may backslide.

### THE WAY BACK FROM FAILURE

The Holy Spirit has given us this story of one man's falling away, and if the story ended thus, multitudes of God's people would have been lost forever in pits of despair and swamps of sorrow. How many have taken comfort in the sequel to this black moment, a sequel that is a veritable oasis in the barrens of backsliding. Take a moment and observe the simplicity of turning back to God:

"Immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly" (Matthew 26:74, 75).

#### 1. *Peter remembered the Word.*

How refreshing the Word can be to the wandering soul who will pause to remember. "Man shall... live... by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." "I shall not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments." All of man's difficulties, from creation to eternity, spring from ignoring the Word. Peter remembered the same Word that would have prevented his fall, and in a moment of time his soul was stripped of arrogance and self-confidence.

#### 2. *Peter separated himself.*

Matthew said, "He went out." The fact of wrong surrounding became apparent. He needed something which couldn't be supplied by this crowd. So he took a step upward, a step away from an environment that encouraged compromise, a step toward God. Is there ever true repentance that does not involve just this kind of separation?

#### 3. *Peter wept bitterly.*

The wells of repentance broke loose, deep in his soul, and boiled to the surface. Tears flowed freely down bronzed cheeks and matted his beard. Strong shoulders shook while he sobbed out his confession of failure there in the darkness.

It was Jesus who said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." For the man who wants to reverse his direction, here is an example of how it may be done. Backsliders of all generations have been thrilled to learn that this moment of repentance was accepted by the Lord.

Subsequent events bear this out. The angel told the women at the grave site, "Go your way, tell his disciples and Peter." Tell Peter, the man who failed so completely and repented so thoroughly!

Jesus still heeds the cry of repentance. David said, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

The way back to God has three elements: the Word, separation and repentance. But don't stop there. The days ahead will repeat old failures unless Jesus becomes the central figure in your life.



## KINDLING A FIRE

UNHOLY FIRES are burning in our land. Flames of violence that cause men to murder wholesale. Flames of passion that turn talented youth into criminals. Flames of hatred that incite race riots, arson, and death. Flames of rebellion that lead to defiance of law and order. Is it a warning of much worse trouble that may be in store for a Christ-rejecting society?

We are reminded of Christ's words: "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?" (Luke 12:49). Fire must be fought with fire. The answer to the devil's fire is God's fire. It will take a divine love in the hearts of Christians to quench the flames of hatred that are burning today. It will take a purifying flame from heaven to consume the lusts that are smoldering in human lives. Only the fire of the Holy Ghost can subdue raging forces of human nature and bring it into obedience to the laws of God.

If we want this holy flame to burn in our lives we can have it. Christ will baptize us with the Holy Ghost and with fire if we are willing to burn for Him, but this fiery baptism calls for complete dedication, selfless service, full abandonment to the will of God.

This fire was lighted at Pentecost. First the house where they were praying was filled with the rushing mighty wind from heaven. Then the tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them; and all the people at that prayer meeting were "filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

The fire that rested on each of them in visible form was a sign of the holy fire that was burning in their hearts and activating their physical tongues. "The tongue is a fire," according to James 3:6, "and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." But God sent fire to fight fire. The Holy Ghost touched human tongues and caused them to be set on fire of heaven, so that they spoke the wonderful works of God.

How may we have this fire? We may take a lesson from Acts 1:4-14. The Lord Jesus had told the apostles to "wait for the promise of the Father," the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore "these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." Notice, first, that they prayed. Second, they prayed with one accord. Third, they continued in prayer (for several days). Fourth, they supplicated. To supplicate is to earnestly and humbly entreat God for the blessing. They submissively implored Him to baptize them with the Holy Ghost. They became tenacious as Jacob of old who said, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me."

It is written concerning the angels of God, "He maketh his ministers a flaming fire." God needs men and women who will be a flaming fire today. He is looking for human lives to be His fuel, that He may set them aflame with divine love and holy zeal. Someone needs to kindle the fire in your home, in your church, in your circle of influence. Will you be the one? You need not wait for someone else to start the fire. God can start it with you. Only this fire from heaven can restrain the fire from hell that is spreading among men and women today.

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**I**N ROMANS 9:3, PAUL REVEALED his passion for the salvation of his own people. He said, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

How much concern do we have for the lost? How great a passion motivates our seeking them? Do we say with Paul, "I am debtor," or are we out of sorts because we do not get all we feel we deserve?

When Dr. Bacchus, president of Hamilton College some years ago, was told by his physician that he had only half an hour to live, he replied, "Is that so? Then take me out of my bed and place me on my knees. Let me spend that time in calling on God for the salvation of souls." A passion for souls was the most important thing in his life, even in the face of eternity.

Am I my brother's keeper? Cain thought not, but God thinks differently. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The rich man in hell got a vision and concern for the souls of his five brothers, but it came too late (Luke 16).

When a boy returned from church, his father asked what the preacher had preached about. "He preached about sin," the boy replied.

"Well, Son, what did he say about it?"

"I'm not sure," said the boy, "but I think he was against it."

Are we so unconcerned about souls, so diplomatic in our approach to a dying world that they have a question as to which side we are on? If so, there are some ways we can increase our passion for souls.

First, we need to consider and appreciate the eternal existence of a human soul. Our minds cannot comprehend it, but it will move us just to meditate upon it. We get down in spirit when the sun doesn't shine for a few days; but think of spending eternity in darkness. Think of eternity without light! Think of eternity with the consciousness of failure. What an awful hell that will be!

Men have been willing to give their eyes to help a blind person see for 40 or 50 years, but what is that compared to the vision of the soul for billions of years?

Some have been willing to give a kidney to save a physical life for a time, but what is that compared to the life of a soul through eternity? Are we more concerned about preserving life for a few years in time than we are about saving a soul that will live on forever?

Will we fast and pray more earnestly for someone


with a physical affliction than for those with spiritual needs, for souls in danger? If so, we need to consider the relative length of time each exists.

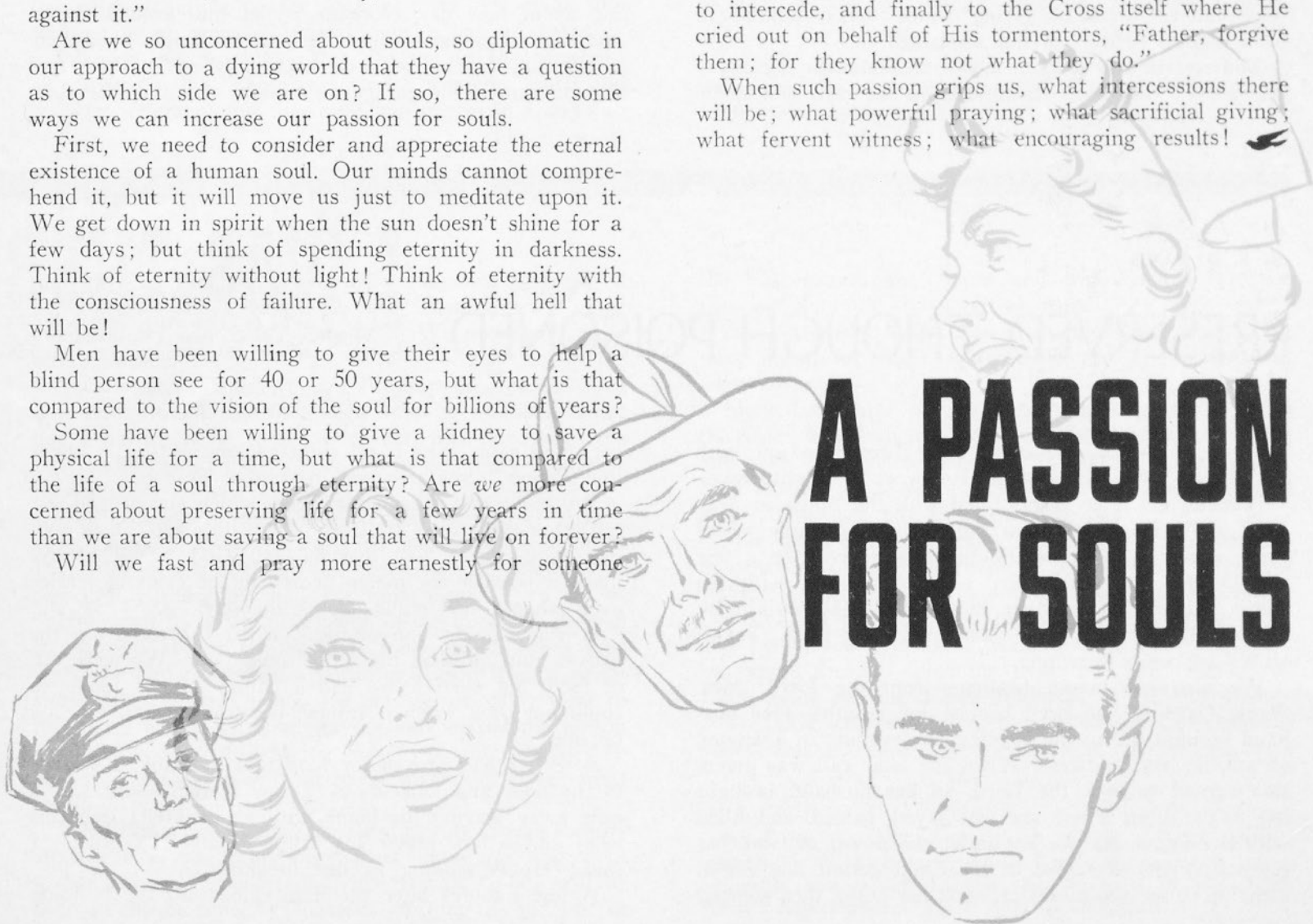
Second, we can increase our vision for souls by meditating upon the tremendous sacrifice God has made to save men. Language fails to describe the value of one human soul. Our best expression is inadequate. Jesus hinted at its value when He said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" A soul is worth more than all the world, yet in our mad scramble to get a little of this world's goods, our vision grows dim, our love grows cold.

Third, we will care more for souls if we invest more in their redemption. The more you do to win the lost, the more you invest of time and money and effort, the more you will care.

When a certain person said, "I just can't get interested in missions," he received the reply, "It's like putting money in the bank. You have to invest something before you get any interest." Have we invested enough to be interested in winning the lost?

Paul invested so much in the business of soul winning that he was willing to be lost himself if it would contribute to the salvation of his Jewish brethren. It was this same passion that gripped Stephen as stones were hurled at him in murderous anger. In the midst of his suffering he cried out, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." It was this compassion in our blessed Lord which sent Him to the deserts to pray, sent Him to the mountains to intercede, and finally to the Cross itself where He cried out on behalf of His tormentors, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

When such passion grips us, what intercessions there will be; what powerful praying; what sacrificial giving; what fervent witness; what encouraging results! 



# A PASSION FOR SOULS



**M**AKE THIS VALLEY FULL OF DITCHES!" So cried the prophet Elisha when the Lord's message was revealed. The story is found in 2 Kings 3, beginning at verse 6. It is full of lessons for 20th-century Christians.

The kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom joined forces to quell a rebellion of the Moabites. They were hopelessly outnumbered by the Moabish hordes. Added to this there was a seven-days' journey for man and beast to reach the battleground. But the crowning agony was the drought which reached peak proportions as the Moabite country came into view. Finally men and animals ground to a complete halt, and the three kings met in desperate conclave. What was to be done?

The king of Judah was a righteous man. He called for a prophet—someone who could contact the living God in this dilemma. Elisha was summoned and made a strange request: "Bring me a minstrel"—a skillful musician. As the minstrel began to play holy harmonies, Israel, Judah, and Edom listened and waited. Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha, and the message from the Lord, strange indeed to thirsty and desperate men, was this: "Make this valley full of ditches... that valley shall be filled with water... and this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord." They were specifically told there would be no rain—it would be water supplied in a supernatural way.

Somehow faith sprang up in the hearts of those weary, parched men. Each one seized a shovel and began to dig. And Almighty God proved once again He is surely the God of the impossible. In the morning the ditches were flooded with life-giving water which poured in from Edom. "How" is not explained.

The rest of the story is about the fantastic victory—the enemy's ridiculous assumption, as the early sun shone

# DIGGING DITCHES



on the water, that it was blood! The Moabites rushed down to the scene, so confident of victory. The three confederate forces mowed them down as they came. The great God of the universe proved His ability again.

This story intrigues me. I see here three groups of present-day believers. Elisha represents the pastors, evangelists, and teachers—the men with the message from the Lord. The minstrel represents the people of talent—musical ability, leadership, or financial resources—who consecrate it to the Lord. But the group I am really interested in are the men who dug the ditches—the ordinary workaday Joes who grabbed their shovels and dug!

There is absolutely nothing that can block revival if every man will gladly, wholeheartedly dig his ditch for God. Instead of standing back and moaning because he is not the prophet or the minstrel, or gasping and sighing about how dry everyone is, let him grab a shovel and dig! Digging brought the water: simple obedience.

Let him dig himself and his family out of bed, and the car out of the garage on Sunday morning. Let him

By F. D. DAVIS

## PRESERVED THOUGH POISONED

# I WAS THERE

ONE OF A SERIES OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EARLY PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL DAYS, WRITTEN BY VARIOUS PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

IN THE NEARLY 50 YEARS since the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit, I have seen Him work in mighty ways.

Immediately after I was filled with the Spirit in May 1917, my wife and I went out into the country where there were no churches and began a revival. In a few weeks' time the Lord filled some 40 people with the Spirit. Later that summer more than 100 souls were filled with the Spirit in a community near Rusk, Texas, where we were preaching.

We also saw many healings from the Lord. Mrs. Annie Gardner had been bedfast for months. Her husband brought her to the meeting one evening in a wagon, on springs and mattress. When the altar call was given, she wanted to seek the Lord, so her husband brought her to the altar. There she was saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit. As she lay under the power of God, her physician, who was also in the congregation that night, came up to see about her. He took her pulse, then stepped

back and said, "She is all right as long as she is under that Power." She was well from that time on.

We had many other experiences which encouraged our faith, but there were trials and opposition too. Once both our baby and I had malaria, but God would always make it possible for me to preach in the evening service even when I had chills during the day.

It was raining one morning when I arose from the bed—a thin quilt on the schoolroom floor. We were out of food, but even if we had a pantry full of food, we could not cook when it rained, because we had to cook outside.

After we had prayed for food that morning, I walked to the door and looked out. I saw a man about half a mile away leaving his home with an umbrella over his head and a box under his arm. "Thank the Lord," I said, "He is sending us our breakfast."

A few minutes later the man came into the building



# FOR REVIVAL

By HAZEL E. OPHEIM

dig out some of the boys and girls on his street who never hear Christ's name except in a curse. Let him dig his way through the to-the-lake traffic and bring his carload to Sunday school. Such digging pays dividends.

Let him dig out the good books and magazines that have helped him spiritually and pass them across the fence to his neighbor who happens to love reading. Or dig out his old comfortable shoes and walk in them a few blocks to push a few pieces of that good reading into mailboxes. There are still people curious enough to read!

Let *her* (for there is neither male nor female with God) dig herself out of that comfortable chair in front of the T.V. set and make that call to the hospital. Let her offer a simple prayer with and for her child, and witness to an unsaved friend over a cup of coffee.

Women can do things that are not in the prophet's or minstrel's line. There is a tender woman's touch and a quiet understanding that only *you* can give. Don't call

and gave us the box. There before us was a prepared breakfast fit for a king—big hot biscuits, fried eggs, good country ham, and plenty of it. We manifested fully our gratitude.

Several years later we met the daughter of the man who had brought the food. She told us that her father had given his heart to the Lord and was filled with the Spirit. He testified he could never get away from the thankfulness he saw on our faces that morning.

One evening during a brush arbor meeting at Huntsville, Texas, in 1924, the Lord led me to preach on Mark 16:17, 18, which includes the promise, "If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them."

Unknown to us an unbeliever in the audience decided to test this at our expense. He took several other men with him and purchased a bottle of poison from a drug-store in the town. During the altar service they went to the house where we were staying and stirred the poison into the bucket of drinking water on the porch. The leader of the group hid out in the darkness to see what would happen.

When we arrived home, tired and thirsty after a lengthy altar service, we drank heartily of the water and went to bed. The man reported to his friends, "They will be dead in the morning." The next morning he hid out in

on Elisha to do it. That's *your* ditch. You dig it! Even by digging into the flour barrel and the brown sugar package, your culinary art can be an appetizer for the Bread of Life. And *you* will have joined the ranks of those who are earnestly digging ditches for revival.

The water came. Torrents came pouring down that valley until every ditch was brimful and running over! God is faithful. He just loves to fill the ditches dug by earnest souls.

One more thought: the water came from Edom, not from the revered country of the Hebrews. Imagine blessed life-giving water coming by way of Edom! But God does things like that. If you've been digging the ditch of intercessory prayer and a revival breaks out in a liberal denomination, don't you dare be angry! Rejoice that the water came, and shout for joy as you see the brimming ditches. God is not bound to any tags or brands—He's a great wonderful God.

The battle with the Moabites was a Sunday school picnic compared to the conflict we are engaged in. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers... against spiritual wickedness in high places."

So let the prophets speak "as the oracles of God." Let the minstrels dedicate their God-given talents so that God alone is glorified. And let the rest of us dig ditches with every fiber of our spiritual beings. May we never be guilty of saying what the unjust steward said, "To dig I am ashamed."

Then watch our ditches overflow! God is faithful.

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the bushes near our house and was surprised to see that we were up and about as usual.

An extremely large crowd attended the service the next night, for those who had heard of the incident were curious.

Some time later our son was pastoring a church in the same town when a man who had been saved came and said, "I have a confession to make." He then told of his being an accomplice in poisoning the water that night. This was our first knowledge of it.

One night while preaching in another city some distance away I made reference to the incident. After the service a man I did not know came and said, "Brother Davis, I am the man who put the poison in the water and I saw you drink it. I want you to know that God has saved me and filled me with the Holy Spirit, and I am living for the Master today."

The God we serve has kept His word to us these 50 years, and I believe He will keep it to the end.

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# ISRAEL TODAY

By WILLIAM G. MacDONALD

ZIONISM'S PUSH TO PROVIDE A HOMELAND for the Jews and its qualified successes from early in the 20th century until the final emergence of the State of Israel in 1948 has been chronicled by the press, both secular and religious. Jewish Israelis now exceed two million, the majority of whom have arrived during the last two decades, though the rate of immigration has declined considerably in the 60's.

Now that most of the Jews who want to remain in the land—the persecuted and the idealistic—are there, it is a matter of no little interest to the Church to examine the spiritual condition of these severed “natural branches” (Romans 11:24) who are nevertheless “beloved for the fathers' sakes” (Romans 11:28). Holy Scripture declares that “they [the Jews] also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in [to God's family tree]; for God is able to graft them in again” (Romans 11:23, New American Standard Bible).

It was my privilege in 1965 to be one of 18 American teachers of Bible and Hebrew who took part in a professorial workshop in Israel sponsored by New York University in cooperation with the United States Department of State. We were exposed to 60 hours of formal lectures given by some 30 Israeli scholars, rabbis, and government officials in addition to informal discussions with a dozen other leaders from Ted Lurie, editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, to Dr. M. Silberg of the Israel Supreme Court who presided at the trial of the infamous Nazi, Adolph Eichmann.

## PREVAILING SECULARISM

The influence of Zionism's secularized version of Messianism is much more apparent in Israel today than are religious roots or dreams. There is not only general apathy toward religious observance but also a feeling by many that religious leaders are more concerned with their political involvements than with the care of souls. There are several religiously constituted political parties. These, however, by no means run the country; they do wield an influence greater than their numerical strength would warrant.

If postage stamps reveal something of the ethos of a people, it is noteworthy that of the over three dozen stamps issued in 1965 the signs of the zodiac are predominant, being featured in 16 stamps. The religious motif is negligible.

One evening our group were guests at the home of the chief rabbi of all Israel. To him we posed the following question: “What significance do you see in the formation of the modern State of Israel in relation to Old Testament prophecy?”

His answer was studied and brief: “The modern State of Israel is an experiment only.” Did he understand the question, or could it be that the chief rabbi has no place for predictive Biblical prophecy in his system of values? The words of the apostle Paul speak to this condition: “But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the

same veil [as was over Moses' face when he came down Mt. Sinai] remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ” (2 Corinthians 3:14).

Professor M. Evanari, of the department of botany, Hebrew University, represents the prevalent secular predisposition of intellectuals in the country. He was a discoverer of some of the ancient secrets of hydrology by which parts of the Negev [the southern desert] were farmed though they have an annual rainfall of only one to eight inches. He dropped a casual remark in reference to the first produce grown by this method without piped-in water. “The first fruit we grew I should have sent to the chief rabbi; instead I chose to send it to the president.”

I chanced to meet an Israeli soldier and his family strolling along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. After exchanging a few pleasantries with them I queried, “Do you know the Prince of Peace?”

“I am a prince of peace,” he responded.

There exists no shortage of self-confidence in the populace of this young nation, though surrounded by enemies determined to drive them into the sea. Humanism with its dependence on man is much more in evidence in these first-generation Israelis than hunger for God—that hunger evinced in the pleadings for God of the Psalms of ancient Israel.

The first pioneers went to Israel early in this century and began to buy up land in the interior from the Ottoman Turks. This land was considered agriculturally unfit. At great cost (and loss of life even) these early European Jews turned farmers—a marvel in itself—drained the swamps and began painstakingly to till the desolate land in collective farms known as *kibbutzim*. On these farms that not only feed the nation but provide food for export, no one ever becomes rich or idle.

The second and third *kibbutz* generations, lacking the idealism that motivated their parents, see no future for themselves if they remain on the collectives; and yet if they leave, they are permitted to take practically nothing with them. Materialism both entices them and haunts them. Here is an army of young people with tremendous spiritual need that every evangelist would yearn to reach with a crusade. But alas! They cannot, for in this country that boasts of “freedom of religion” in its Declaration of Independence, it is against the law, punishable by a jail sentence, to try to convert anyone under 18 years of age to another religion. The Church of Scotland

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**HATIKVAH**  
The National Anthem

Ko-l od ba - le - vav pe - ni - - mah Ne-fesh ye - hu - di  
 ho - mi - yah; Ul - fa - a tei miz-rach ka - di - mah  
 A - yin le tzi-yon tzo - fi - yah. Od lo av - dah tik - va - - tei - nu  
 Ha - tik - vah shnot al - pa - yim Lih - yot am hof - shi be - ar - tzei - nu  
 E - retz tzi - yon vi - ru - sha - la - yim. Lih - yot am hof - shi  
 be - ar - tzei - nu, E - retz tzi - yon vi - ru - sha - la - yim.

So long as still within our breasts  
 The Jewish heart beats true,  
 So long as still towards the East,  
 To Zion, looks the Jew,  
 So long our hopes are not yet lost —  
 Two thousand years we cherished them —  
 To live in freedom in the land  
 Of Zion and Jerusalem.

כל עוד בלֵבֵנו  
 נִפְשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָה.  
 וְלִפְתֵּי מוֹרֵחַ הָאֲרָץ  
 עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָה.  
 עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה הַקְּוִי  
 הַחֲמֵשׁ אֲלֵפִים.  
 לְהִיּוֹת עַם חֲפְשֵׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ.  
 אֲרָץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

minister who has labored for seven years in Tiberias without his first Jewish convert gave this observation: "The time for Jewish evangelization is not ripe yet, but it will come!"

**AMORPHOUS JUDAISM**

One who is born of Jewish parents remains a Jew the rest of his life regardless of his ethics, theology, or observance or nonobservance of the traditions of the fathers. There is one exception. He ceases to be a Jew if he converts to another religion, and only then. Because there is virtually no theology, there can be no heretics in Judaism. Synagogue and sabbath are the most obvious symbols of unity, but to disregard either of these makes one only a nonobservant Jew. Not a theology but a way of life, Judaism is a wide way indeed that is marked more by its latitude and leniency than by dogma

and discipline as usually associated in the Christian mind with living "under the law."

Yet if the Jewish mores under which the Israelis live be understood as "law," it is not the Biblical Law of Moses. It is law modified by centuries of tradition and practice as interpreted in the Talmud (literally "study"). "Custom" would be a more accurate word than "law." One lecturer put it this way: "No Jew can be a good Jew if he lives by the Bible alone. He must live by the rabbinic interpretations of the Bible."

Ideas of a/the Messiah have as little fixity as other theological concepts. For most Israelis the Messianic concept means nothing more than a generalized hope for the future—a hope for better days ahead. Moses Maimonides (died A.D. 1204) also envisioned the possibility of a personal Messiah who would be a superstrong human being, but not one who is Deity incarnate. Jews today in Israel quote the philosopher-physician Maimonides with the facility we Christians quote Jesus and the apostles. Mounted on the wall of a large enclosure about the tomb of Maimonides in Tiberias is a stone epitaph blackened by the smoke of countless holy candles which reads: "From Moses to Moses there is none greater." These words spell out clearly Judaism's position on Messiah Jesus. Messianism is all but invisible under the pall of Talmudic traditionalism.

**EDUCATION IN THE BIBLE**

The most spiritually promising feature about the new Israel is the renaissance of the Bible among the young. Seventy percent of the children 6 to 14 years of age attend public schools. There they have between three and four hours of study of the Bible *per week*, making a total of 1,100 hours of Bible study over a student's entire course. "At seven years of age an Israeli boy can read Genesis fluently with the knowledge of his modern Hebrew. This makes the Bible a living force among the young," says Dr. Z. Adar, who teaches the teachers who teach the Bible in public schools. Only 30 percent of the children 6 to 14 attend the religious orthodox schools where the Talmud is taught in preference to the Bible, as was customary throughout the period of the Exile.

The rationale for the return to the Bible at the re-birth of the nation goes like this, according to Dr. Adar. The Talmud was written in the Exile (Babylon) and geared to the Exile period. Yet the land of Israel has its cultural spiritual roots in the Bible. Therefore it is necessary for Israel to go back to the Bible to rediscover herself. As a result "there is a kind of craze, you might call it, concerning the Bible. That, however, doesn't mean that the adult population knows the Bible," he cautioned. Summing up, the dean of the school of education at Hebrew University cites the paradox that the *public* schools are teaching the Bible: "We teach the Bible as a religious book in a nonreligious school without the religious approach!"

The study of the Bible among the adults has been motivated mainly by two factors: (1) a desire to make connections with Israel's historic past and to renew the ties with these ancient foundations; (2) a need for a reliable archaeological guidebook. Lecturer after lecturer, many of whom disclaimed being "a religious man," were quick to affirm implicit faith in the accuracy of the Bible "even to the location of a cistern," as one said. The renowned Jewish archaeologist, Dr. Nelson Glueck,



director of the Institute of Archaeological Studies in Jerusalem, told our group as undoubtedly he has told others that "no archaeological discovery has, as yet, controverted a well-understood Biblical statement."

Archaeology has become the "national hobby" or, as some say, the "national obsession." Almost every family in Israel contains at least one amateur archaeologist. But a danger lies here. If the Bible is taken merely as a guidebook to buried treasures of the past, the true spiritual treasures buried in it may be lost. Dr. Adar puts it well in these words: "If the Bible becomes the means and archaeology the end, then the study of the Bible has become bankrupt."

#### CIRCUMSCRIBED CHRISTIANITY

In a population of approximately 2,500,000 only about 50,000 are nominally Christian. Roughly this figure can be broken down as follows: 30,000 Catholics, 18,000 Greek Orthodox, 1,000 Protestants, 1,000 sects. The Catholics include a considerable number attached to monasteries; the Greek Orthodox are mostly Arabs who live in Galilee. A disinterested observer might conclude that the main purpose of the "Christians" is to maintain the "holy places."


If evangelism is impossible now, is the witness of the segregated Christian communities one that is truly Christian? Hardly any of the Christian population in Israel was formerly Jewish. The most successful Protestant church I know that is having a ministry to the Jews is the Messianic Assembly (Assemblies of God) located diagonally across from the *Hechel Sholomo*, the seat of the chief rabbinate in the Jewish sector of Jerusalem. This church has two to three dozen members, of whom a goodly number are converts from Judaism, and significantly holds its services in modern Hebrew, unlike most of the few Protestant churches that minister largely to English-speaking travelers.

#### ISRAEL'S HOPE

Christians are divided over predicting the spiritual future of Israel. Some look for the return of Christ as the only means of large-scale ingrafting of the "natural branches." Yet they realize the difficulties of positing salvation for them *after* the Second Coming, substituting sight for faith. Others see no hope for the Jews at all *as a nation*. Some expect to see a moving of the Holy Spirit in the State of Israel, working spiritual revival in the near future commensurate with the natural miracle of the ingathering of a remnant of exiled Jews. Some wait for pressures from a false christ which will lead to their repentance and seeking of God. Yet if the atrocities of two decades ago in which six million Jews died of the most ruthless oppression imaginable did not lead to a return to God, it is unlikely that more oppression would cause them to repent.

One Jew who escaped the diabolical inferno of the corpse ovens of Hitler's Europe asked me fervently three times: "Where was God when the six million Jews were innocently murdered? Where was *God? Where was God?*"

Having no premeditated answer for such a question I found myself answering with another question: "Where was God when He abandoned momentarily the cross of Jesus Christ who died that the Jews and all nations need not die but have eternal life?"

This Jesus, this gospel, this salvation is the only spiritual hope for Israel and for all mankind. 



# NO TOMORROW FOR EVANGELISM

By RON ROWDEN

MORE PEOPLE will live during this century than have lived from Adam until 1900! Over half of these will die without hearing the gospel unless present trends are reversed.

We are engaged in a desperate race for the souls of millions—a space age marathon that cannot be won with horse-and-buggy techniques. In this era of mass communication, radio presents itself as one of the most effective methods by which to bolster our missionary and evangelistic outreach.

Knowing the propaganda power of radio, the Communist bloc, by sheer weight of round-the-clock programming and technical facilities, all but overwhelms broadcasts from the noncommunist West.

According to the USIA, Communist countries' international broadcasts totaled 4,901 hours at the end of 1965. This was an increase of almost 10 percent during the year.

The Christian world is falling behind in the battle for the minds of men. No longer can ministers of the gospel personally proclaim the good news in every village and community. By-products of the population explosion—prejudice, fear, cultural differences—have formed seemingly impenetrable walls to the furtherance of the gospel.

Missionaries are forbidden to enter certain nations now controlled by an atheistic, militant power—a power whose leader, Lenin, declared, "We must use every ruse, dodge, trick, cunning, unlawful method, concealment, and veiling of the truth."

But in spite of this massive wave of opposition, millions of persons still search for something on which to base their lives—a reason for living. They are spiritually hungry.

Their attitude is reflected in the Moscow University student's shouted interruption of a cliché-spouting party ideologist, "Give us something we can believe in!"

The adversary is struggling to meet that universal need through every means possible. A young Marxist recruit recently admitted to a missionary, "You Christians have actually got the message the world needs, if you only knew how to get it across."

*How can we meet this challenge?* C. M. Ward, in a

recent radio sermon, "The Devil's Advocate," outlined several lessons we can learn from our enemies.

"First," he declared, "the enemy is deadly serious. He is never given to casualness.

"Second, the enemy has a master plan and a timetable for earth conquest. *He plans and thinks big!* His goal is godless world evangelism.

"And third, the enemy teaches that the cause has precedence over the individual."

We must thwart the onslaught of the enemy with equally potent advances of our own. Total commitment, undivided interest is our only hope.

Radio evangelism provides a powerful thrust for the forces of Christianity. There are no closed doors to radio. No one is untouchable. Many times missionaries have ventured into jungle villages and found transistor radios in the primitive huts. *Radio is everywhere.*

In many countries, *Revivaltime* is the perennial favorite of millions of listeners. To these people, the broadcast is more than a pleasant half-hour of sacred music and full-gospel preaching.

For those who only recently discovered Christ, it establishes patterns of Christian living.

For others, like those in Red China who must listen secretly, it is a brief escape from the nightmare of tyranny, poverty, and famine.

But most important, for thousands of persons it is their first introduction to the Man Christ Jesus.

Yes, *Revivaltime* is a faithful partner to missionaries around the world—"breaking the ice" in yet unvisited areas, strengthening their ministry in locations already reached, and offering spiritual encouragement to the missionaries themselves.

Margaret Carlow, Assemblies of God missionary to Korea, wrote: "Sometimes I cannot hear *Revivaltime*, though I do try. My fine tuning is not the latest, and other more powerful Communist short-wave stations drown everything out. There is a real battle for the airways, and it is not a foregone conclusion that Christianity will win in the immediate future."


Analyzing Communism's effect upon the world, Brother Ward expressed confidence in Christianity's future:

"If Communism can take this terrible falsity and in half a century gather 40 million followers—inhabiting one-fourth of the world's territory, and controlling one-third of the world's three billion people—*there is no limit to what Christian believers can do with the gospel.*

"The battle can be described in two words—*convert* versus *subvert*. The enemy seeks to overthrow, ruin utterly. The business of the believer is to transform, to apply to a different use, to alter. The object of the enemy is to *undermine*. The task of the believer is to *undertake*.

"*We must become involved.* And now is the time. Infant nations are seeking help. Races are asking for dignity, understanding, and love."

Over more than 55 key foreign outlets *Revivaltime* is involved—dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of scores of millions in the face of determined, all-out opposition from the enemy. There are no political or military curtains thick enough to silence its powerful voice. *It travels as far as you will send it.*

We have a message to share. And we have a time limit. There is no tomorrow for evangelism. 



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Please explain 1 John 5:16, "There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."*

I believe the best answer is found in Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-31. But I am not sure I know when a person has reached an unpardonable state. Some who think believers cannot be lost have sought to interpret 1 John 5:16 as referring to healing. They say there may be such a thing as a believer so sinning that God would not *heal* him. I think this is a weak explanation.

*How far should husband and wife deny themselves marital union? Please explain to us, "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time . . . and come together again" (1 Corinthians 7:5).*

The term *defraud* is better translated in the R.V. as *deprive*. How much a husband and wife should live apart is a personal matter for them to decide. Paul was showing the need of marriage, "to avoid fornication" among other things. In marriage there should be proper consideration each for the other. If there is to be a time of separation while seeking for spiritual blessing or grace, let it not be so long as to cause temptation. We do not agree with those who teach that in order to be spiritual there must be complete separation. Neither do we encourage the selfish indulgence of one's desires without regard to the needs of the other.

*How do you account for prophecies given which never come true?*

Prophetic utterances which propose to give direction should be carefully considered before effort is made to follow them. "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge" (1 Corinthians 14:29). Prophecy is inspired speech. "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). It is public speech given for the edification or encouragement of the church. It is very easy for some who are interested in spiritual gifts to speak, thinking their speaking is prophecy when it is in fact the product of their human thoughts or opinions.

Concerning true prophecies, there seem to be two kinds. Some are unconditional. Daniel prophesied that one would come to the Ancient of Days and receive a kingdom (Daniel 7:13, 14). This is an unconditional prophecy. Christ *will* receive the kingdom.

As an illustration of conditional prophecy, Jonah went to Nineveh and cried, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." But Nineveh repented; therefore it was not destroyed. Many of the prophecies of judgment against Israel were conditional and would not have taken place had Israel repented. The warning, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," is a prediction, but if those who hear repent, they shall not perish.

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





# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## AT HOME

### Eliminates "God" from Verse of Thanks

An incident in Illinois illustrates the way God is being eliminated from public life in many places. A kindergarten class was taught to recite:

*"We thank You for the flowers so sweet.  
We thank You for the food we eat.  
We thank You for the birds that sing.  
We thank You, God, for everything."*

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Despain of De Kalb, Ill., objected to this. They said the Constitutionally guaranteed religious freedoms of their five-year-old daughter were being violated when she was asked to recite this verse. The teacher thereupon eliminated the word *God* from the last verse, but the parents still insisted it was a prayer and therefore was illegal in public school.

A federal judge has settled the question, as far as the law is concerned. He ruled that the verse does not constitute a prayer, if "God" is deleted. But one question remains unsettled: What value is there in teaching children to say "thank you" if they don't address their thanks to anyone in particular?

### Publishing Firm Co-Founder Now with Christ

B. D. Zondervan, Sr., 55, co-founder of Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., went to be with the Lord July 4, 1966.

He saw the publishing house grow from a single room in his parents' back bedroom 35 years ago to one of the world's largest Christian publishing firms.

Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., has sold many thousands of books published by the Zondervans. The Zondervan Publishing House will continue to serve people of many denominations around the world.

### "Bible Translation Day" Urged in Congress

The U. S. Congress has been asked to pass a resolution designating September 30 as "Bible Translation Day" in recognition of the efforts of religious organizations to translate the Scriptures into every known tongue.

Senator Fred R. Harris (Oklahoma) introduced the measure as an effort to emphasize the "Year of the Bible," prompted by observance of the 150th anniversary of the American Bible Society this year.

### Russians Spend \$1.5 Billion on Atheistic Literature

Dr. John H. McCombe Jr., a secretary of the American Bible Society, recently stated that the Soviet Union is spending \$1.5 billion yearly for literature outside of Russia—all of it atheistic. He contrasted this with the \$15 million contributed annually by U. S. churches for translation, production, and distribution of the Bible.

### Congregation to Send a "Church" to Brazil

Central Church of Christ, Portland, Oregon, is planning to send an entire church—preacher and congregation—to Belo Horizonte, one of Brazil's fastest growing cities.

Twelve families who plan to leave in July 1967 will make preparations for 50 more families to arrive in 1968. Others will follow in 1969 and 1970.

This idea started when three Church of Christ campers began talking about going to the mission field together. They had heard that a church made a similar move from Fort Worth, Texas, to Long Island, New York.

## ABROAD

### Methodist Youths Driven from Mexican Village


All 11 members of a Methodist "peace corps" group from San Houston College at Huntsville, Tex., were recently driven out of a Mexican village. Angry villagers from San Sebastian Tepetlaxco carrying stones, sticks, and at least one pistol shouted "Death to Protestants and Communists."

The students only intended to build an annex to a school in the village.

The Roman Catholic villagers "apparently did not understand that there was to be no religious work involved in the project," commented Arthur Chaffee, a farm expert employed by The Methodist Church in Pueblo, Mexico. A priest was sent to calm the villagers.

### Greek New Testament Marks Bible Society Anniversary

First copies of a Greek New Testament published under the joint auspices of several international Bible



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Thursday .....	Acts 5
Friday .....	Acts 6
Saturday .....	Acts 8
Sunday .....	Acts 9

**PROMISE OF THE WEEK**

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

societies, were distributed in Stuttgart, Germany, recently.

Containing the original Greek text with comments and footnotes in English, the book was issued to mark the 150th anniversary of the American Bible Society. The type was set in the United States and printed by Germany's largest Bible society.

Besides the American and German Bible societies, participants in the project were the British and Foreign Bible Society, the National Bible Society of Scotland, and the Netherlands Bible Society.

### **Billy Graham Draws 946,000 in London**

Over 946,000 attended the Billy Graham meetings in London this year. Approximately 40,000 made decisions for Christ during the month-long crusade.

The evangelist requested Christians to pray for the crusade before it began June 1. Now they can thank God for the good results, and pray that the new converts will grow in the Lord.

### **Christian Shrine in Jordan Being Restored**

Jordan workmen are restoring the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, Jordan. A Tripartite Commission from the Armenian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, and Roman Catholic churches, who share rights in the church, is supervising the work. The \$2 million cost for renovation is being shared by these three groups.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre dates back to the Crusades. It shelters not only the traditional tomb of Christ, but also the site of Calvary (but evangelical Christians generally consider the authentic sites to be the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary).

### **Research Center to Be Set Up in Israel**

Officials from the United Nations and the Israeli government have signed an agreement creating an Industrial Research Center in Israel. The new Center, a joint project of the UN's Development Program and the Israel National Council for Research and Development, will be erected on the grounds of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology—in Haifa. A report in *Salvation* magazine says "the Center will concentrate on medium and long-range industrial research."

### **Christian Population in Israel Decreasing**

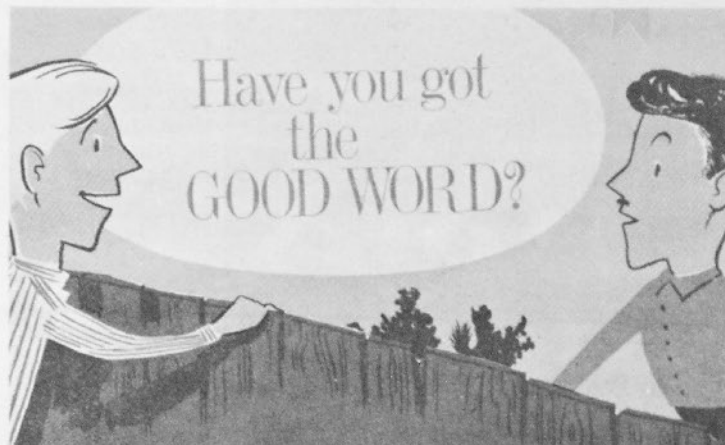
The number of Christians in Israel is decreasing, according to Archbishop George Hakim, Melkite Rite archbishop of Galilee, Nazareth, and Acre. Christians now number less than two percent of Israel's population.

"The Christians are leaving the country because life is becoming too difficult for such a small minority," the archbishop said. "The economic situation is hard, with unemployment rising; and the minority—Christians and Muslims—are the first to lose their jobs."

### **Chief Rabbi Calls for Jewish Unity**

Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman of Israel recently called for a "close spiritual alliance" between Israel and Jewish communities all over the world, and for exchange of Israeli and American religious scholars.

Rabbi Unterman urged this alliance at a dinner in New York on the 18th anniversary of Israel's independence (April 24).



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conversation opener, this theme-question for the 1966 Enlargement Campaign! And how simple it will be for anyone, young or old, to follow up by giving a copy of the *Good Word* (the Gospel of Luke in a special "Good Word" cover) to anyone he meets. Sponsored by the National Sunday School Department, the Good Word Enlargement Campaign will fill your school with excitement and enthusiasm.



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## **1966 ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN**



# India STRUCK BY FAMINE



“... AND THERE SHALL BE FAMINES AND TROUBLES.” Mark 13:8.

By D. MARK BUNTAIN - Missionary to India

THE SINISTER MONSTER of hunger is haunting the nearly 500 million people of India, where the number of hungry mouths is increasing by 10,000 daily.

India is being sadly plagued by famine, and every individual from the deeply concerned prime minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, down to the bewildered and troubled farmer, is doing everything possible to meet the crisis.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said that in the last days there would be famines, and daily we see the things He prophesied unfolding before our eyes.

Naturally this terrible food frustration is having its heavy toll upon the spiritual life of the people. Wages are not sufficient to lift the gloom even for one day. Foodstuffs have skyrocketed to enormous prices, and scrupulous rationing has reduced the diet to a few handfuls of grain per week per person. The common worker is forced to spend 75 percent of his meager earnings on food alone.

The poorer classes, like many in the State of Orissa, are starving. A. F. D. Frederick, secretary of the Bengal Christian Council said, in his appeal for help, “As you are aware, there is a great food scarcity raging in Orissa, our neighboring state. There are reports of starvation, abandoning, and even selling of children because

no food can be secured for the people.”

Hunger always brings sickness because of malnutrition. Furthermore, the apathy which accompanies a famine always brings diseases caused by poor sanitation. A Calcutta newspaper reported that 26 percent of greater Calcutta's 8.9 million people live in 24 acres of sewage and squalor. Called the dust bin of the world by the World Health Organization, the fourth largest city in the world is the center of contagion for many tropical diseases. Calcutta is the cholera capital of the world.

The tragic place where this hunger is showing itself the cruelest is among the children. Our hearts are wrung with anguish at their sunken eyes, protruding bones, and swollen stomachs. It is bad enough for the little ones of preschool age, but when you see schoolchildren dropping their heads on their desks and falling off to sleep from sheer exhaustion, then the real tragedy of insufficient food begins to show itself.

Every situation like this anywhere always has its evil parasites who wait to sap away the last drop of energy. These are the money lenders, the thieves who make their cold, cruel turnover by extracting the last possible amount from those who have fallen

their victims. Many thousands have been forced to mortgage everything they have to these rogues.

Many outside India will want to know the reason for this tragic condition of famine. Why should any country in this era of modern production need to import a third of all the wheat it eats? The answers are very clear and understandable.

First, India has been pathetically plagued by international troubles and tensions from both sides as well as from the north. In 1962 the Red Dragon swept over her boundaries; and surely it was our Heavenly Father who in answer to earnest prayer stopped the marauding forces of the Chinese.

Then just last year Pakistan and India were in conflict. War is an expensive thing, especially for India. The money which was needed to turn the grain into flour had to be spent for equipment for her armed forces.

Second, over the past five years India has received tens of thousands of refugees from Pakistan and Burma.

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This rise of population has required more food each day.

Third, certainly the most evident reason for this sad situation is that India has faced a serious and continuous drought for the past two years. The simple, hard-working farmers, who still use the ox and wooden plow as their ancestors did, would toil laboriously if only it would rain. All across the nation the weather reports remain the same, while the rivers, ponds, and wells slowly recede to bowls of dry dust.

We here in the Assembly of God in Calcutta have thrown our energies into meeting the food emergency; and yet our effort is only a trickle in comparison to the appalling demand. Last year we gave milk to over

120,000 children. From our Royd Street emergency kitchen we are feeding over 300 children six days a week. We want to open canteens in several outlying villages immediately.

The blazing hot sun continues to burn down in ceaseless torment; and the parched, crumbling soil languishes in desperate thirst. Will the monsoons come early enough to help the situation? Will there be a heavier rain this year? God only knows.

We here on this frontier of world evangelism are earnestly appealing to all Christians everywhere to pray for the starving multitudes around us. This is the kind of atmosphere in which deadly Communism spreads its subtle lies. This is the kind of atmosphere in which the Christians of the

world can really show the love of Christ and come to India's assistance.

The hearts of India are open to the gospel. Their spiritual hunger is more than equal to their physical hunger. A thousand Gospels of John will sell on the streets in one morning. There is real hunger, both spiritual and physical hunger, and it is our responsibility to help satisfy this crying desire.

Everyone in America could help right now by sending food packages of rice and wheat flour in well-wrapped boxes valued under \$5 per package. Please do! We need all the help we can possibly get right now.

Send all food packages to: The Assembly of God Church, 18 Royd Street, Calcutta 16, India.



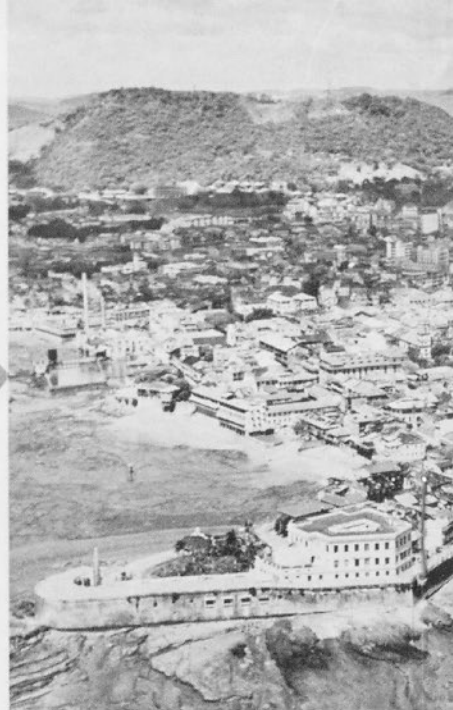
India—the second most populous nation in the world—is suffering through a devastating famine. With its population growing at the rate of 27,000 a day, India is with difficulty feeding its nearly 500 million inhabitants. Newspapers have reported that the number of hungry people in India is increasing by 10,000 each day. You can help through the Calcutta Assembly of God.







**DAVID A. WOMACK, FOREIGN MISSIONS EDITOR,  
INTERVIEWS MISSIONARIES ASSIGNED TO NEW FIELD**



# FORWARD TO PANAMA

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD is about to open a new work in Panama. Within the next few months Paul and Lane Palser (formerly in Guyana) and David and Doris Godwin (formerly in Costa Rica) will go into Panama as our first appointed missionaries to that country.

As the connecting link of land between the two continents of our hemisphere and the crossroads of international trade, Panama is a strategic area that must be reached for Christ.

**WOMACK:** What prompted our going into Panama at this time?

**PALSER:** For a number of years the Assemblies of God has received invitations to come to this field. We are going into Panama as a result of these invitations. Once we're there, the only country in Central and South America without an Assemblies of God

witness will be French Guiana.

**WOMACK:** Why haven't we gone into Panama before?

**GODWIN:** We have been engrossed in other fields. We have flourishing works in Colombia on one side of Panama and in Costa Rica on the other side. Now it seems that the reasonable thing for us to do is to open this new field. We see no reason why we shouldn't have a great move of the Spirit of God in Panama as there has been in these neighboring countries.

**WOMACK:** How do you go about starting a new work like this?

**GODWIN:** We will try to rent some kind of a hall, or we may start nightly services in our living room. Then, as converts begin to come in, we will seek to establish a Bible school where we can train workers to

open other new churches.

**WOMACK:** Is this in keeping with the indigenous-church principle?

**GODWIN:** Yes, emphatically so. We will be able to use the converts to spread the gospel throughout Panama. We intend to lay a strong emphasis on branch Sunday schools because their success has been proven in so many countries.

**WOMACK:** Paul, I understand that your work will be in English and Dave's in Spanish. How many people speak English in Panama?

**PALSER:** About eight percent of the people speak English. Then the Canal Zone is entirely in English.

**WOMACK:** How will you begin?

**PALSER:** We hope first of all to get on radio. We think we can reach the masses of English-speaking people quicker this way than any other. After

**PAUL PALSER**



**LANE PALSER**



**DAVID GODWIN**





EWING GALLOWAY PHOTO

we have begun broadcasting, we will plan mass meetings. We will get together in Bible studies and prayer services with the people who believe as we believe and are interested in what we are going to do. Then, as the Lord directs, we will launch out into a crusade to reach as many English-speaking people as we can.

WOMACK: Will you go from there into a church program?

PALSER: We have been informed that there is no building available in the zone, so this is something we'll have to see about. We may have to build a church.

WOMACK: Let's talk to the ladies a little bit. Doris, what is the population of Panama?

DORIS GODWIN: I think it is about 1,335,000. Three hundred thousand live in the capital.

**DORIS GODWIN**



WOMACK: How does an American woman feel about going into such missionary work?

DORIS: I very definitely feel the call and the burden for this as much as my husband does. I think this is very important, and I am very anxious to return with my family. I believe it is a real privilege to be able to serve the Lord.

WOMACK: Were you active in the work in Costa Rica?

DORIS: Yes. I taught in the Bible school, helped in the radio work, taught Sunday school, and taught piano to the national ladies.

WOMACK: Do your children take part in missionary work, too?

DORIS: Yes, they do. We have four children, and they all sing. The three oldest have been known as the Stair-step Trio.

WOMACK: How about you, Lane? Were you active in Guyana?

LANE PALSER: Yes, I taught in the Bible school, kept many of the school records, assisted in church work, Sunday school, music, and so forth.

WOMACK: How do you feel about going into Panama?

LANE: Really excited.

WOMACK: What will you do about the education of your children?

LANE: In Panama it will be relatively easy because American schools are available in the Canal Zone.

WOMACK: Do your children take an active part in your work?

LANE: They were a real blessing in Guyana. They took part in youth meetings and went with us on invitations to the Bible clubs in the different high schools. They enjoyed playing their instruments.

WOMACK: In what ways can Assemblies of God people here in America help you open this new field?

GODWIN: There are many barriers on entering a new field, problems we would not have in an established field. If our friends at home will bear us to the Throne of Grace in intercessory prayer, we believe as we enter Panama that we will find these barriers overcome.

PALSER: Certainly prayer is the key. I think that if Christians pray, we can have favor with the people. There is a great challenge in Panama—a great need for understanding and love and the gospel.

WOMACK: We will look forward to reports of victory from your new field.



**CALL TO ACTION**

**J. PHILIP HOGAN**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

**GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY**

THE LATE Dr. Kenneth Strachan once said, "Reaping is quite another matter. True, like sowing, it is preaching the gospel, but it is more. It means going out with scythe on shoulder with the express intention of reaping a harvest. It requires more energy, more painstaking care, more effort, and above all, more faith. One can sow in unbelief; it is impossible to reap without faith."

Global Conquest is a concept dedicated primarily to reaping. It quickens the pace of our regular missionary methods and searches the world for areas where the harvest is ripe but neglected. The annual Global Conquest Day is Sunday, August 28.

At the present time forces are converging on Paris for a great Global Conquest *Good News Crusade* to open this fall with one of our overseas evangelists, Harold Herman.

It is marvelous how God picks and chooses those vessels whom He intends to use. Harold Herman comes to those most productive years of missionary evangelism from a background as a public relations and publicity expert in Hollywood. His sense of the value of publicity in communicating to a city enables him to plan a campaign well. Key missionary personnel are already preparing Paris for what will be its first really full-gospel citywide campaign.

Yes, Dr. Strachan was right. Reaping must be done in faith. Could it be that Paris, which has never known revival—Paris, the sophisticated and the sinful—the tourist mecca—the capital of de Gaulle's France—could feel the impact of a mighty moving of God's Holy Spirit?

All the prayer warriors of the Assemblies of God foreign missions enterprise are summoned to intercede for harvest in what may well be the most strategic city of Western Europe.



# AN UNAPPRECIATED LEADER

Sunday School Lesson for August 28, 1966

JUDGES 11:29-40

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THIS STRANGE STORY has long been a subject of controversy. Jephthah, an illegitimate son, had been rejected by his family and community in Israel. Years later he was asked to assist in battle those who had rejected him.

Jephthah agreed to become their leader. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him. But in seeking God's help to overthrow Israel's enemies, the Ammonites, he made a rash vow. If God would give him victory over the Ammonites, he vowed, "Whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace . . . I will offer it up for a burnt offering" (v. 31).

The first to meet him on his return was his only daughter. Notwithstanding, Jephthah "did with her according to his vow which he had vowed."

Did Jephthah really offer his daughter as a human sacrifice? Did not Abraham fully intend to offer his son Isaac?

## CHRISTIANITY AT WORK



Or are we to believe, as some scholars do, that Jephthah dedicated his daughter to lifetime virginity? Regardless of which position one takes, the story is full of practical considerations. We suggest the following:

### GOD IS MORE CONCERNED WITH OUR DESTINY THAN OUR ORIGIN

Here was a harlot's son, an outcast from his community; yet God in His sovereign grace chose such a man to become a deliverer in Israel!

Let every Christian remember that no natural disadvantages need hinder him from becoming a strong and useful servant of the Lord if he will avail himself of God's transforming grace and power. Every man is born under the curse, dug from a pit—and yet has been chosen of God to be conformed to the image of His Son!

### GOD'S SPIRIT UPON A PERSON IS NO INDICATION OF PERFECTION

Jephthah enjoyed the power of the Spirit but knew little of the wisdom which the Spirit imparts—or he would not have made such a rash vow.

It is possible to exercise gifts of the Spirit without possessing the fruit of the Spirit. Recognizing this will save us from self-deception and will allow the Holy Spirit increasingly to sanctify and control our faculties and being.

### CARE IS NEEDED IN MAKING VOWS TO GOD

God directed Abraham to offer up Isaac, but Jephthah evidently acted without divine leading. Vows made on the spur of the moment or as a result of emotional appeals may result in a waste of time, ability, and money. To mean well is not enough. It is far better to know that the Spirit and will of God are prompting our vows and actions.

### JEPHTHAH WAS FAITHFUL TO HIS VOW

Regardless of one's view as to the wisdom of Jephthah's vow and its fulfillment, one must recognize his evident love of Jehovah and his unwavering fidelity to his vow. "I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back" (v. 35). Does not the fidelity of this rugged warrior from an unenlightened age rebuke us today? Have we dedicated to Christ things we hold dear? Have we kept the vows made in times of blessing, or in times of adversity and need?

### JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER SHOWED A NOBLE SPIRIT

"If thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which proceeded out of thy mouth" (v. 36). Notice her unquestioning obedience, parental respect, and self-forgetful devotion to that which was right. What an example to children today!

In her willingness to submit to the sacrifice demanded of her, she reminds us of Isaac. She typifies our Lord Himself in His willingness to fulfill the Father's will by giving His life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. This is the spirit which inspires men and women to sacrifice their own human desires, forget their own interests, and give themselves as living sacrifices in ministry to those who are in darkness.

When we are tempted to forget the consecration we made in the days of our first love; when tempted to draw back from some self-denial that is essential to perform the work to which God has called us; when tempted to feel that the demands of the Spirit are too difficult—let us remember Jephthah and his daughter!

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSIONS LITERATURE

**"LITERATURE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE  
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSIONS ENTERPRISE."**



By **CHRISTINE  
CARMICHAEL**

NEW NATIONS are instituting aggressive programs to make their people literate. Estimates indicate that every week more than a million people are emerging from illiteracy. What will these millions read? Anything. Everything. And they will believe what they read. Whatever



PHOTO: DAVID A. WOMACK

Literature from "Editorial Vida" goes into 34 countries.

the idea, the printed word will set it marching through the highways of men's minds.

Communists spare no effort, time, money, or intrigue to capture men's minds with their subversive propaganda. They boast that they took China, not by guns and bombs, but by the point of the pen. Similarly false cults are concentrating their activities on literature and are designating 30 to 50 percent of their budgets to produce it.

#### WHAT ABOUT LITERATURE IN MISSIONS?

The written message is an abiding method employed by God to reach a lost world. There are certain values in the printed page in contrast to the spoken message. Perhaps its greatest advantage is in its assured permanence. "The spoken word is carved in air. The printed word is cut in granite." The spoken word is quickly forgotten, or at best imperfectly retained; the printed page lives on indefinitely, presenting the same message to thousands with its original clarity.

Literature can don a Chinese coat, Indian sari, or desert toga and walk without fear throughout the length and breadth of a land. It often finds its way into homes from which the Christian worker is barred. Literature will remain a powerful witness in lands that someday may be closed to missionaries.

#### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD LITERATURE MINISTRY

As a means of communicating the gospel, literature is an integral part of the Assemblies of God missions enterprise. Our expanded literature ministry is made possible by the cooperation of Speed-the-Light, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and Light-for-the-Lost. In the past 20 years Speed-the-Light has provided \$339,216 for presses and other printing equipment. Since its inception in 1949, BGMC has raised nearly \$1,500,000 for literature ministries around the world. To date, Light-for-the-Lost has contributed over \$150,000 for literature saturation campaigns, many of them coordinated with Global Conquest revivals.

In 20 overseas printing establishments in as many countries, the Assemblies of God produces approximately 25 million pieces of literature annually, distributed among people of 77 languages. In additional publishing operations local commercial presses are used.

To meet the demand for Spanish literature *Editorial Vida* (Spanish Literature Division of the Gospel Publishing House) produces magazines, hymnals, books, tracts, and Sunday school quarterlies used by 64 denominations. Orders are received from 34 different countries. The printing plant in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pro-





PHOTO: RALPH CIMINO

**Light-for-the-Lost literature uses every means of transportation.**

duces Portuguese literature. A large percentage of all conversions in Latin America is directly attributed to the effectiveness of the printed page as a tool for evangelism. It also is vital for building strong indigenous churches.

To illustrate the missions potential of a single magazine, take for example *The Pentecostal Evangel*. It was the instrument, under God, which opened Nigeria to the Pentecostal message. Nigeria today has nearly 600 Assemblies of God churches and an extensive literature program.

Typical of well-planned distribution programs is the "Blanket-Every-Village Crusade" conducted in Malawi and later adopted in Tanzania. The person-to-person approach, with careful follow-up, reaped a harvest of souls.

An African boy asked a missionary for a New Testament. "I'm sorry," said the missionary, "but the supply has not arrived; we expect it day after tomorrow."

The disappointed lad replied, "What shall I read tomorrow?" This simple question highlights the urgency of literature evangelism not only in Africa, but everywhere.

Literature campaigns have made a strong impact in European countries. Speed-the-Light presses in France, Germany, and Italy print a variety of materials designed to win the unsaved and strengthen existing churches. Leaders in Italy have set as their goal, "Gospel literature in every home in Italy."

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

Literature meets a special need in Muslim lands where a personal witness is difficult. A tract or book can reach those who dare not attend a Christian service. The steady distribution of Scripture portions in the Middle East is significant.

"During the past few months we have distributed 450,000 pieces of gospel literature," writes a missionary from Bombay, India. "The results have been overwhelming."

The Home Study Division of Southern Asia Bible

Institute in Bangalore, India, offers correspondence courses in English and a number of Indian languages. Thousands have completed the courses, and many have reported that they accepted Christ as a result of the studies.

Evangel Press in Manila, Philippines, produces vast quantities of literature in English, Tagalog, Ilocano, and Cebuano. Thousands of people were reached with the gospel in 1965 through Light-for-the-Lost literature printed by Evangel Press and distributed by Immanuel Bible Institute students during the quadricentennial of Magellan's arrival on the Island of Cebu.

Literature evangelism is one of the brightest spots on today's missionary scene. However, Assemblies of God literature ministry should not be measured simply in terms of presses or millions of pieces of literature distributed, but rather in lives touched and transformed by Christ who is proclaimed through the printed page.

The effectiveness of a single gospel tract is graphically portrayed in the following story from Costa Rica, as told by Missionary George Davis.

"Marcos Murillo, a humble tailor, was working at his sewing machine one day when the wind caused a piece of paper to flutter. He pulled the paper from between the cane poles that made the wall, and found it to be a gospel tract which the former occupant had left there. The tailor was saved through reading the tract and was filled with a desire to witness.

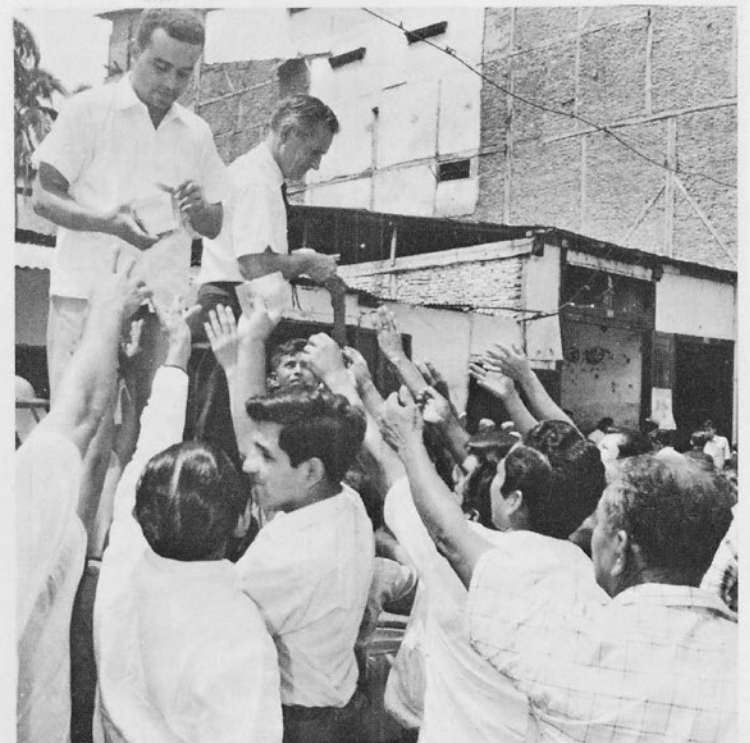
"He gave his house to the church and went out to preach to others. He won hundreds of people to Christ and started several new churches. Many of his converts are pastoring churches which he pioneered.

"Marcos Murillo now serves as superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Costa Rica, and his witness for Christ continues in ever-widening circles—the result of one gospel tract left half-hidden in a vacated house."

No agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly, and influence so irresistibly as gospel literature.

**Eager hands receive gospel tracts.**

PHOTO: LOWELL DOWDY



## ENJOYS GOOD HEALTH FOR FIRST TIME

I HAD SUFFERED WITH ASTHMA all my life. I could find no medical help. Also for 10 years I had suffered with stomach disorders. Five times I had undergone major surgery. As a result my nerves were in a terrible condition. I spent \$30 a month on medicine alone.

In August 1962 I began to attend the Assembly of God. I became interested and desired the full-gospel way of life. In November 1963 God baptized me in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A few months later I was prayed for, and God healed me.

During the last 14 years of illness I was in the hospital at least a short time every year, but since God healed me I have not needed to be in the hospital—for I enjoy good health for the first time. To God be the praise and glory!—Mrs. Milford Irwin, Studley, Kans..

(Endorsed by Pastor Allen Musbach, Assembly of God, Morland, Kans.)

## PRAYER REMOVES TEEN-AGER'S WARTS

GOD HAS MIRACULOUSLY HEALED ME of 17 warts. I had 13 warts on my foot and 4 on my hand.

Last November I only had one, but they began to spread. I went to the doctor three times and was given two kinds of medicine. The doctor said he could not remove them and the medicine was our last hope. I used it regularly, but they kept getting worse.



In April our church had a revival, and Evangelist Andrew Basell prayed for me. Instantly I felt the soreness leave, and a week later all 17 warts had fallen off.

Now there are no signs that I ever had a wart. The doctor couldn't take them away, but God did. I found out that He will do anything if we only believe.—Susie Aaron, Tipp City, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Boyd McClellan, Bethel Tabernacle, Tipp City, Ohio.)

## GOD HEALS MOUTH CANCER

IT'S SO GOOD to know the Lord! God has done so many things for me. He has healed me of cancer and many other ailments.

In November 1963 I had an infection inside my mouth. The doctors at Texas Dental College ran a test to determine if it were cancer. The report was positive.

The following Sunday I was taken to Oaklawn Assembly of God where our family regularly attends. Our pastor, Brother Weathers, and Evangelist Melvin McKnight laid hands on me and prayed for me. God graciously healed me.

On December 18 the doctors took another test. The report confirmed that God had healed me, for this second test (after prayer) was negative. I praise God.

Today (June 7, 1966) I am still healed. Our Saviour never fails to hear and answer when we pray in faith.—Mrs. Minnie L. Thorne, Houston, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Hardie G. Weathers, Oak Lawn Assembly, Houston, Tex.)



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# NAVAHO MEDICINE MAN FINDS CHRIST

By DANIEL WHITE

"I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE GREAT GOD, and I feel a new life." At 103 years of age, my father became a new creature in Christ.

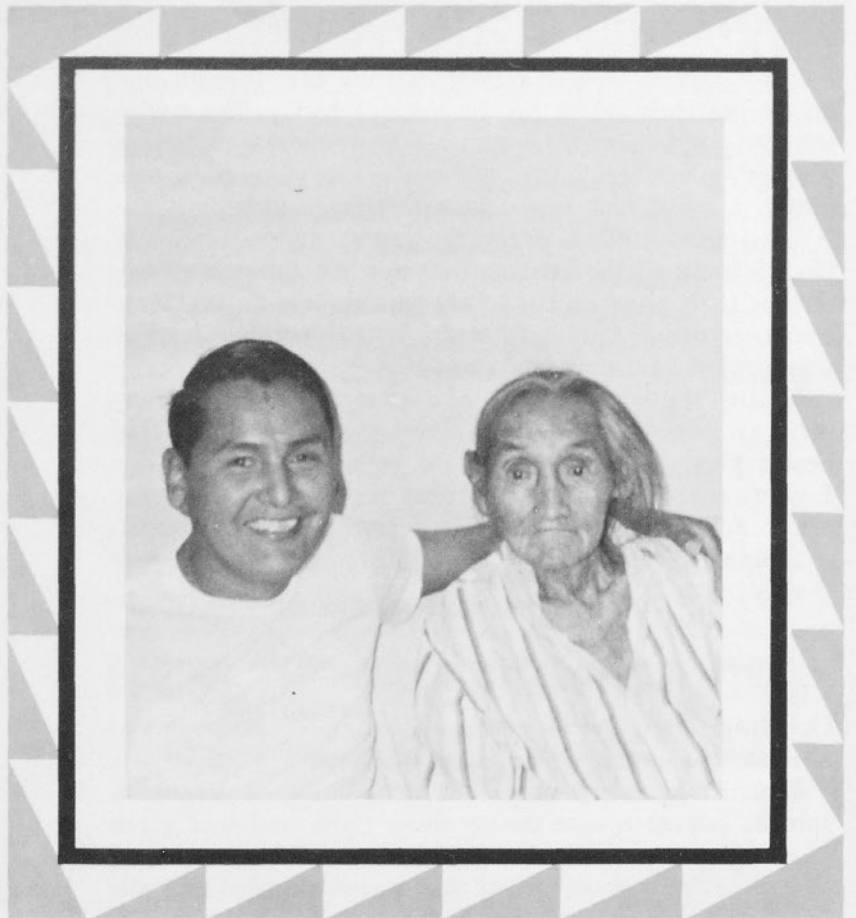
After leading a very active life as a Navaho medicine man, he had grown very old and had lost his health. Most of his hearing was gone. Hospitalized at Fort Defiance, Ariz., he suffered from a congestive heart condition and several broken ribs. Some doctors believed he also had tuberculosis.

During the three months my father was in the hospital, the whole family prayed for his salvation and recovery. He was released from Fort Defiance Hospital only to become ill again. Then he was brought to our home in Flagstaff. His doctor had given up hope and said he would not live two weeks.

I wanted to deal with my father about God. As I was looking in our family Bible, not really knowing what I was looking for, I came across the word *sun*. I read that the sun was *created by God* (Genesis 1:16), that it might be *honored* by men (2 Kings 20:11); but for men to *worship* the sun was wrong (Deuteronomy 4:19; Job 31:26, 27).

After reading this to my father I then explained to him, "We as Indians call the sun our *father*. But God said we are forbidden to worship the sun because it is only a part of His creation." I then turned to the account of creation in Genesis and told my father the story.

Next, I showed him a picture of the Baby Jesus in the family Bible and told him that Christ was born to save the world. I showed him a picture of the crucifixion and told him that Christ died on the cross for our sins. Then I pointed out a picture of the resurrection and



Daniel White with his 103-year-old father, a former Navaho medicine man.

explained to my father that Christ is now in heaven and was ready to save his soul.


With tears in my eyes I said, "When I die, I am going to be with Jesus in heaven. But, my father, I do not know where you will go. We may never see each other again. If you will only give your heart to Christ and believe that He died for your sins, even if you die tonight I shall see you again in heaven."

My father told me that he now believed in Jesus, and that he believed with his whole heart. I told him he must confess his sins to the Lord Jesus. He answered, "I am willing." That day my father, the medicine man, gave his heart to the Lord.

Father had been in our home only six days when he accepted the Lord. The seventh day he became very ill and had another attack. We phoned the doctor at his home and he advised, "There is not much I can do for your father. He is far beyond his years. But should he get worse, take him to the hospital in Flagstaff."

Knowing there was now only One to whom we might look for help, our Lord Jesus, we phoned our pastor, Elmer Roberson, and requested that he come and pray with us. He and his wife came immediately and we all joined together in prayer. Even while we were praying, the illness left my father.

Two weeks later we took him back to his doctor for a checkup. The doctor was overwhelmed. "I never expected to see him again," he exclaimed. After thoroughly examining my father the doctor said, "I can find nothing wrong with this man's heart. It is truly amazing."

Today my father is back home on his reservation, the home he had never expected to see again. 

# PIONEER IOWA ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

ANKENY, IOWA, has a brand-new Assemblies of God church. The community had been chosen by the Iowa Home Missions Department for a *Sites for Souls Break-through* project in the late summer of 1964.


Ankeny, a community of 6,000 people, is just five miles north of Des Moines. The city has enjoyed a 50 percent growth in the past 10 years.

The new church represents a pioneer work which was begun in January 1965 by Pastor and Mrs. Robert Wenig, with their five children. Forty-four souls were saved in the first year of their ministry. A Sunday school was established which soon averaged 75 in attendance.

The cost of the edifice, which resembles the *Courier*

Home Missions Plan, was \$27,000. The property on which the church is built was purchased for \$17,500, making the total cost of the church \$44,500. Over \$10,000 of the debt has already been paid.

The new church is of brick construction with 3,500 square feet of floor space and a seating capacity of about 200. Men of the Ankeny church and neighboring Assemblies donated over 500 hours of labor to complete the building.

District Superintendent Stanton E. Johnson delivered the sermon at the church dedication and Sectional Presbyter Max Johnson conducted the dedication of the parsonage, adjacent to the church. 

This attractive new church was pioneered in Ankeny, Iowa, in 1964. Pastor Robert Wenig, inset.



## MORE AND MORE CHURCHES ARE ...

*Including a Home Missions Emphasis in Their Missionary Conventions*

TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND for materials and helps for Home Missions emphasis in missionary conventions, the Home Missions Department is preparing numerous pamphlets, posters, program bulletins, suggested programs, etc. Also, a film and a filmstrip on the American Indian field and two films on Church Extension are available on a rental basis. (Descriptions of these are included in the free

catalog of the audio-visuals available from the Public Relations Division.)

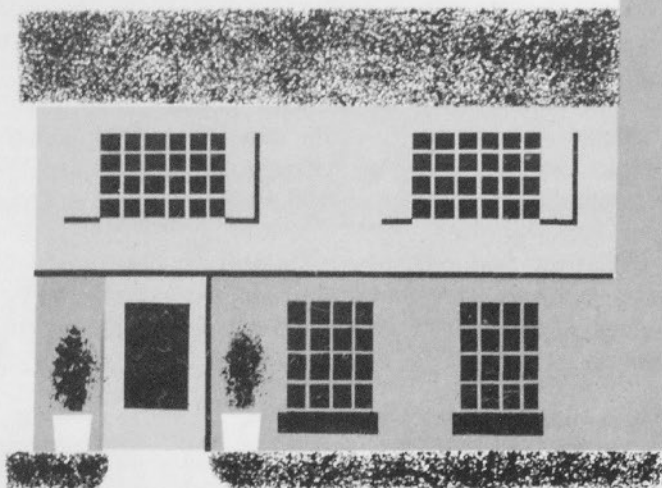
A free sample kit of convention materials is available from the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Consult the Foreign Missions plan book, "The Missions Convention," for several pages of helps for your Home Missions emphasis. Some of this material

will acquaint you with the challenge, purpose, and work of Home Missions.

The Home Missions Department will be happy to help you in any possible way to prepare an effective and interesting Home Missions presentation for your missionary convention. Be sure to write well in advance. Remember, no missionary convention is complete without a Home Missions emphasis.





## GOD GAVE ME A HOUSE

By Chaplain STANFORD E. LINZEY

ONE SUMMER AFTERNOON when I was a pastor I had been doing some church visitation. I stopped by the parsonage for a coffee break. Sipping coffee in the kitchen of this small, two-bedroom home, I felt that the walls were closing in on me—for living here were my wife and I and our five children. The children slept in one bedroom in bunk beds. Articles of clothing were piled high for lack of storage space.

I had prayed for a larger house, but nothing had come of it. Now a sense of urgency seemed to come over me. I felt led to pray again. This time, however,

I was impressed by the Spirit to be specific in prayer.

I fell on my knees in the living room by the sofa. "Lord," I said, "You have given me my wife and children. Now I ask you to give me a home large enough for us to live in.

"You said in Your Word that 'all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.' I want a four-bedroom home—not three—a four-bedroom home.

"Look into my heart, Lord. If anything there would hinder Your answering my prayer, reveal it to me. Otherwise, Lord, I shall expect the answer in three days. Thank You for a four-bedroom home. Amen."

I told my wife about my prayer and the assurance I felt that God would answer. I suggested that she begin scanning the realty ads to find His leading.

The following day I asked her if she had located anything. When she said she hadn't, I said aloud, "Thank You, Lord, for a four-bedroom home."

The second day we went through the same routine, and nothing happened. I still had the assurance, however, and I thanked the Lord again.

Late in the afternoon of the third day a realtor called and said she had a large three-bedroom home she would show us. We told her we would look—but that we would buy only a four-bedroom home. (Even though we had no money!)

She took us to see it. Walking through, we were surprised to see that it had *four* bedrooms! The realtor was as surprised as we were. "I didn't think there was a four-bedroom house in this town," she told us.

A widow owned this large home and wanted to trade it for a smaller one. The Lord enabled us to trade our home for hers that day! This was God's answer!

Through this experience the Lord taught me three lessons in prayer. One was to be specific when I pray. The second was to come *boldly* to the Throne of Grace. The third was to realize that He desires His people to put Him to the test.

All this in three days!



**NOW A COMMANDER**—Mrs. Verna Linzey, wife of Assemblies of God Chaplain Stanford E. Linzey, pins the new commander insignias on her husband's collar. (Official U.S. Navy photograph.)

## Linzey Promoted to Commander

STANFORD E. LINZEY, Assemblies of God Navy chaplain stationed at the U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, Calif., was promoted from lieutenant commander to commander in the Chaplains Corps on June 15, 1966. He is the first Assemblies of God chaplain in the regular Navy and the first Assemblies chaplain to attain the rank of commander.

A chaplain for the past 11 years Brother Linzey has served at San Diego since September 1964.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1939 and was selected to attend its School of Music in Washington, D. C. As an enlisted man he saw action during World War II, serving on the aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown* in the Battle of the Coral Sea. He was aboard the carrier when

# THE POWER OF MUSIC

By PAUL WALTERMAN

Minister of Youth • First Assembly • Lancaster, California

NO ONE DENIES IT: Music has power. And gospel music, anointed by the Spirit of God, has a spiritual power to accomplish amazing things. Listen to the stories of four individuals:

## I

"Nothing had worked! As I explored the emptiness of another city street, the futility of living seemed to accompany every step I took. Wasn't there any answer to my problems?"

"Through a half-opened transom came a song I had never heard before:

*Try Jesus, He never fails,  
O'er evil His love prevails,  
In sunshine or stormy gales,  
Try Jesus, He never fails.*

"Could it be true? The message of the words quickened a hope that had long laid dormant in my life. Eagerly I sought out the people who were singing and that night I came to know Him whom to know is life eternal."

## II

"The pain had become unbearable. Could death be such an enemy with a companion like this ever near? Both doctors and I had given up all hope for deliverance; now all that remained was to endure and wait...."

"The radio seemed to stand out from the wall as the choir sang and the words:

*Touch Him and be made whole!  
Touch Him and be made whole!  
The Son of God is passing by;  
Now, just now He will hear your cry;  
Oh, touch Him and be made whole!*

it was sunk by the Japanese in the Battle of Midway Island.

As an enlisted man he was licensed to preach by the Peninsular Florida District of the Assemblies of God. In 1947 he was ordained by the Southern California District, his ministry being primarily among service personnel.

That same year he resigned from the Navy. He and his family moved to El Cajon, Calif., where he organized and helped build an Assemblies of God church known as Evangelistic Tabernacle.

While serving as pastor of the church he also completed his college training. He was then accepted into the Chaplains Corps of the U. S. Navy.

Cdr. Linzey has been decorated six times, being awarded the following medals: Good Conduct, American Theater, American Defense, Asiatic and Pacific (with two stars), World War II Victory, and National Defense.

Chaplain Linzey and his wife, the former Verna May Hall, have 10 children.



"Quickly my mind raced back to the stories I had heard as a youth of Galilean scenes with Christ in the center healing *all* who were sick. I immediately seized the opportunity being presented. If He could do it then, why not now? *Why not to me?* As faith grew, pain lessened. Today I stand healed because Christ was touched with the feelings of *my* infirmities."

## III

"Things couldn't be better. As I walked the familiar aisle in church to spend my customary Sunday night time of prayer, my mind was filled with my own small successes. Business was better than ever; personal finances were at an all-time high. With a foundation as secure as mine, the future held no more fears.

"On my knees I found myself listening to the song the organist was playing, and my mind slowly fitted the words into place:

*Take me, Master, break me, use me;  
I am leaning on Thy breast;  
All ambitions fast are dying,  
From their pain now give me rest;  
On the altar I have lain them,  
Now to Thee I give my heart,  
Fill me with the fire of vision,  
Let my passion ne'er depart.*

"While tears of a renewed consecration streamed down my face, I found misplaced loyalties, ideas, and ambitions slipping back into their rightful places."

## IV

"Loneliness is a bitter curse! The six weeks since my wife's death have been desolate beyond description. There is often so little understanding along with the sympathies that are shown. Could there be a worse lot for any human to have to endure than that of facing life utterly alone?"

"Somehow through the utter despair drifted the words of a song remembered from long ago:

*No, never alone! No, never alone!  
He promised never to leave me,  
Never to leave me alone.*

"If only I had stopped to realize! Surely if He keeps account of the needs of the sparrow, He could see what was needed in my life. As my heart responded to His loving offer, His comfort soon enveloped me—and the sting of loneliness could not keep pace with the fellowship we then shared."

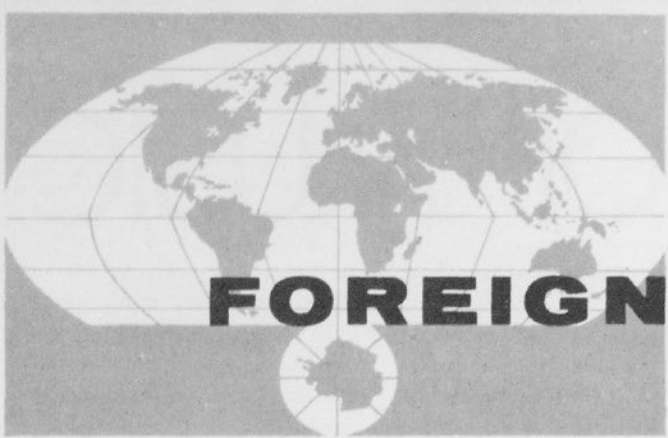
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Yes, these are but examples of what Christ has done for others through a song. Words as words may be powerless, but prayerfully molded into a gospel song and then called to remembrance and anointed by the Holy Spirit, they become "arms of God" reaching out to stir the unsaved, enrich the spiritually bankrupt, comfort the downtrodden, and make the life of every Christian more triumphant and victorious.

Praise God for the power of song!







# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

## PHILIPPINES

### Master Sculptor at Work

We are constantly impressed with the open door of opportunity offered us as missionaries doing Bible school work. The question is sometimes asked, "Don't you get bored looking at the same students day after day?" I can honestly say, "No—not any more than a sculptor would get bored with his clay, or an artist with his paint and canvas." Ours, however, is a special privilege few artists enjoy. There is the Master Sculptor who is guiding our efforts. He is the Sculptor of human lives and destinies, and He is the One who affects the marvelous transformation from village boy to gospel preacher. We are only His instruments.

The graduating class of 1966 was the freshman class when we first arrived at the school. We have watched closely the molding of their lives. We can see our ministry multiplied with each graduating class as the graduates go out to evangelize their people.

—Bill Farrand

### BUILDINGS

#### A Wise Investment

One of the wisest investments of missionary money is the purchase of property for Bible institutes in foreign lands. Besides the regular Bible school courses, the buildings are used for annual conferences, boys camps, men's retreats, youth camps, national Sunday school conferences, WMC spiritual retreats, and other events.

—Louie W. Stokes

## TAIWAN

### Unique Baptismal Service

The scene is in the oldest section of Kaohsiung. On our left stretches the shoreline with clusters of fishermen's huts. On the right a rocky cliff extends out into the sea, forming a sheltered cove. This is studded with pill-boxes and anti-aircraft guns poking out in different directions.

The group of believers from the two Kaohsiung churches gathers first for a picture. Anxious guards make sure we point our camera away from the military defenses.

A curious crowd soon presses around us—all staring, some jabbering, and some jeering. It is in

this setting that 11 baptismal candidates give their testimonies. After the testimonies, I deliver a gospel message in Taiwanese. Many of the bystanders have never seen or heard of such a thing.

Then one by one the candidates are baptized in the rolling waves of the sea. A group of curious bathers looks on. A guard with a gun and fixed bayonet stands close by during the whole procedure.

Later we walk back through the old village of Ch'i-chin, a stronghold of idolatry and superstition, and return across Kaohsiung harbor on the crowded ferry. Our hearts rejoice in these who made their public stand for Christ.

—Robert Bolton

## HONDURAS

### Growth Under Persecution

The annual statistics of accomplishments on the field show that, despite the last six months of opposition, we have grown in the major areas. Here is a three-year comparison.

	1963	1964	1965
Total making decisions	214	964	1,129
Reclaimed	no record	486	954
Baptized in the Spirit	37	410	968

The above results are due to your faithful prayers and the power of God manifested in Honduras.

—Harold Mintle

## CHINA

### Pastor Returns from China

"I was not shaken by any other philosophy because my faith was in the true and living God, and not in man," declared Pastor Ng Heung Wing upon his return to Hong Kong after 12 years in Communist China.

Asked whether he was persecuted for preaching the gospel, Mr. Ng, a graduate of the Ecclesia Bible Institute in Hong Kong, replied: "I went everywhere preaching the gospel. This resulted in interrogation by government authorities as well as my being jailed on three occasions. They consider religion a tool for imperialistic invasion and a preacher of no help or value to the society. However, after careful interrogation they would release me when they realized I had no political connections."

The pastor reported that in the area where he worked most of the churches had been taken over by the government and were

being used as meeting halls for the farmers. Some congregations were permitted to have services within their buildings, but not outside, and no tracts could be distributed.

This information was reported by Paul V. Greisen, Assemblies of God missionary to Hong Kong, who interviewed Pastor Ng.

—Missionary News Service

## KOREA

### National Superintendent—A First

The convention is history now—and it was the most relaxing annual convention we have ever attended here in Korea. Everything went along so smoothly.

Cho Yonggi was elected general superintendent. This is the first time in the Korean Assemblies of God history that a national has held this position. Missionary Henry Swain is the assistant superintendent, and Pak Kwangsu was reelected to the position of general secretary. We thank God for directing this convention.

—Arthur C. Sholtis

Below: Near a fortified section of their island, 11 Taiwanese were recently baptized in water. Right: Cho Yonggi was elected superintendent at the annual Assemblies of God convention in Korea. Henry Swain is assistant superintendent.



## JAMAICA

### Third Campaign in Jamaica

Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla., conducted his third revival campaign in Evangel Temple, Kingston, Jamaica, May 8-22. Many people came forward to seek the Lord, and between 90 and 100 were saved or reclaimed.

The message of the imminent return of our Lord brought a fresh awakening to the Christians of the need to work while it is still day. The revival climaxed with the auditorium and adjacent rooms packed and people standing.

During the first week of the revival, Roger Cartez Frazier

from Ft. Pierce, Fla., spoke to the young people in special vesper services.

In connection with the revival, the biennial convention of the Assemblies of God in Jamaica convened at Evangel Temple, May 18-22. A number of national pastors, missionaries, and church

delegates attended. The ordination message was delivered by Evangelist Minton and I read the "charge." There was a Communion service following the ordination.

Pray with us that God will do great things in this island in the Caribbean.

—Cyril Darell-Huckerby

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Returning to the United States on furlough are the **William Lasleys** (Senegal), the **George Hemmings** (Sierra Leone), the **Marlin Petersens** (Tanzania), the **James Kesslers** (Ghana), **Adeline Wickman** and **Pauline Smith** (Ghana), the **Bernard Bressons** (Nigeria), the **Paul Moores** (Upper Volta), the **Benjie Tiptons** (Togo), Mr. and Mrs. **John Mattox** (Upper Volta), the **Earl Taylors** (Japan), the **Harry Shumways** (North India), the **Robert Peacocks** (Liberia), the **Paul Chastagners** (Upper Volta), the **Norman Corrells** (Tanzania), and **Martha Jacobson** (Nigeria).

Going to their respective fields are the **Melvin Grams** (South Africa), **Ruth Anderson** (Ghana), Mr. and Mrs. **Waldo Nicodemus** (El Salvador), Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Landrus** (Liberia), **Bonnie Roush** and **Opal Poag** (Liberia), **Katie Jean Jones** and **Betty Savage** (Sierra Leone), the **Fred O. Seawards** (Singapore), the **Anthony Sorbos** (Indonesia), the **Paul Greisens** (Hong Kong), the **Ronald Pecks** (Pakistan), the **Charles Andersons** (South India), and the **John Verbarendses** (Surinam).

Newly appointed missionaries going to the field are the **Jacob Kockers** (Liberia) and **Fern Ogle** (South India). The **Arthur Lindvall** is now in Colombia for

special literature evangelism in Latin America.

The following are transferring: the **Stephen Vandermerwes** from Jamaica to South Africa;

the **Paul Palsers** from Guyana to Panama; the **E. E. Devines** from Chile to Colombia; the **Stig Sundbergs** from Venezuela to Paraguay; and the **David Godwins** from Costa Rica to Panama. The **Andrew McGrews** (Indonesia) have been transferred to the ministerial list.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landrus



Ruth Anderson



Bonnie Roush



Opal Poag



Fern Ogle



Betty Savage



Katie Jones



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kocker



Charles Anderson family



Fred Seaward family



Anthony Sorbo family



John Verbarendse family



Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Nicodemus

Ronald Peck family



Paul Greisen family



Melvin Grams family



Arthur Lindvall family







A true story as told to **BLANCHE KOON** by Jimmy's Nurse

JIMMY WAS NINE YEARS OLD when I met him. Almost the first thing he said to me was, "Do you know about Jesus?"

When I said, "Yes," he said, "I do too 'cause this summer I went to Sunday school and church every Sunday. And one day when Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was holding that revival, I heard him say that everybody was a sinner unless they came to Jesus and asked Him to forgive them. When he said that, I just felt so bad! Seemed like I never felt as mean as I did then."

"So as soon as Brother \_\_\_\_\_ said for everybody that wanted to be saved to come to the altar, I went straight down there and started praying. As you know, after I asked Jesus to forgive me, seemed like I never was so happy over anything in my life! I just want to tell everybody about Jesus 'cause I'd hate to see anybody die and go to hell, wouldn't you?"

For a while Jimmy seemed to be deep in study. Presently he asked, "Do you believe that after anyone is saved, he can sin and be lost?"

"Yes, Jimmy, I do, because no sin can enter heaven," I replied. "But if one does sin and asks Jesus to forgive, He will forgive if He sees one is truly sorry."

"One time," said Jimmy, "some boys gave me a cigarette, and I smoked part of it. Then I told them I wasn't going to smoke anymore for I knew it was wrong. They laughed at me, but I didn't care. As soon as they left, I went off by myself and got on my knees and asked Jesus to forgive me and help me not to ever sin again. And up to now I haven't done anything else that I thought would hurt Jesus."

"But you know," he began again, "my daddy and my mother and both of my sisters are sinners. I've talked to them, but they just won't give their hearts to Jesus."

"My daddy hasn't lived at our house for a long time. He doesn't speak to my mother, and she doesn't speak to him. He is good to us, though, and buys us things. I wish they would be saved, and Daddy would come

back home to live. Will you help me pray for them, Nurse?"

"Yes, Jimmy," I promised.

"All right, let's pray now," he said.

We prayed. Then I advised Jimmy to rest a while, for he was a very sick boy. The doctor didn't think he could get well.

For seven days Jimmy gradually grew worse. His father and mother stayed in the hospital day and night, but they did not speak to each other except when it was absolutely necessary. Every day Jimmy talked to them about Jesus and prayed for them. He prayed for his pastor, his teachers, and all his friends. He spoke to everyone who came into his room about his Saviour and asked the unsaved to give their hearts to Jesus.

Jimmy's temperature kept going higher and higher every day. On Saturday night—a week after his operation—his fever was very high, and he was delirious and in great pain. At about four o'clock Sunday morning all pain seemed to leave him, and he became fully conscious.

"This is Sunday, isn't it?" he looked up at me and asked.

I told him it was. He smiled and said, "I'm going home today."

"No, Jimmy, you can't go home today," I answered. "You are not well enough yet."

He laughed. "Oh, yes, I am," he said; "I'm going home to Jesus!"

When he said that, a light shone in his face until the very skin glistened.

He asked me to call his father and mother so he could tell them about going home. They thought he was delirious and said, "You can't go home today, Jimmy." He told them Jesus was sending for him and he didn't have long to wait.

Jimmy asked his father to get on one side of his bed and his mother on the other. Then he put an arm around each of them, kissed them and asked them to give their hearts to Jesus.

"Don't cry," said Jimmy. "I'm happy. I'm soon going to see Jesus!"

Then he quickly drew his parents' heads together and held them so until they forgave and kissed each other.

Jimmy then called for his sisters and told them he was going home. "Be good girls," he said, "and be sure to meet me in heaven."

Then he called for all the nurses he had met in the hospital and thanked us for everything we had done for him.

"Let's all say the Twenty-third Psalm, and pray the Lord's Prayer," said Jimmy. We did.

Then after talking some with his sisters, he said, "Now let's sing, 'Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know!'" We followed him as best we could, though we were all in tears.

After the song he said good-bye to each of us, calling us all by name. With his face still shining like an angel, Jimmy went home.

We left his room silently, for we had been on holy ground.

Jimmy's father and mother and sisters came to know Jesus as their Saviour that day, and we who knew the Lord were drawn closer to Him.

## Appalachian Council Held at "Sites for Souls" Church

SALEM, VA.—Arthur Graves, president of South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla., was the speaker for the 47th Appalachian District Council held at Faith Assembly here. This church is the new *Sites for Souls* project for the Appalachian District.

A wonderful spirit of fellowship prevailed during the whole council. Two men, James C. Boggs and Gene C. Wilson, were ordained to the ministry.

Assistant Superintendent T. M. Waldron and District Secretary-Treasurer Stanley A. Lyon were both returned to office.

The superintendent's office will be voted on at the next council. W. Glenn West is the district superintendent.

—Stanley A. Lyon, district secretary

## South Carolina Gets Full-Time Secretary-Treasurer

COLUMBIA, S.C.—At the South Carolina District Council meeting held recently at First Assembly in Columbia, the ministers and church delegates voted to make the office of district secretary-treasurer a full-time position. D. F. Flanagan was elected to fill this position and to serve also as Christ's Ambassador president and Sunday school director.

W. G. Dixon was reelected to serve as district superintendent, which also is a full-time position. J. L. Gallman is assistant superintendent.

The Women's Missionary Council officers were reelected, as follows: Mrs. W. G. Dixon, president; Mrs. B. F. Kittrell, vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Gallman, secretary-treasurer.

The annual reports showed good progress being made in all departments of the district work. Though the Assemblies of God are not yet as strong in South Carolina as in most other states, their strength is growing. A number of new churches have been built. Nine ministers were ordained at the district council.

Guest speaker at the council meetings was J. Philip Hogan, Springfield, Mo., executive director of foreign missions for the Assemblies of God. While in South Carolina Brother Hogan visited the city of Florence to dedicate new educational facilities at First Assembly where he was pastor 16 years ago. The present pastor is Clyde G. Brown.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Huffman	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	H. Syvelle Phillips	Bobby R. Smith
	Mobile	First	Aug. 23-28	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Frank Martin
Ark.	Montgomery	First	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	The Singing Lunsfords	C. E. Wilson
	Hot Springs	First	Aug. 28-Sept. 4	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	G. E. Chambers
Calif.	Bakersfield	Planz	Aug. 21—	Tommy & Esther Lance	E. L. Shaffer
	Fremont	First	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Quentin Edwards	Leroy Cloud
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	Aug. 23—	Doug Payne	Don Bibler
	Modesto	Bethel	Aug. 21—	Watson Argue	L. B. Lewis
	Santa Cruz	*First	Aug. 28-Sept. 2	Christian Hild	Kenneth Short
Fla.	Milton	Central	Aug. 24—	Nettie Parham	B. F. Holland
Ca.	Douglas	First	Aug. 28-Sept. 11	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	H. C. Wilson
Ill.	Aurora	First	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	John & Faith Stallings	Paul Brewer
	Newbern	A/G	Aug. 21-Sept. 4	Helen Akridge	James C. Haserodt
Iowa	Peoria	First	Aug. 23-28	The Sunshine Party	Bobby Ray
	W. Frankfort	First	Aug. 24-28	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	D. L. Hudspeth
Kans.	Conrad	A/G	Aug. 28-Sept. 2	Charles Senechal	George Mosby
Ky.	Augusta	A/G	Aug. 17-28	Lula M. Ware	Paul Lewis
	Bowling Green	First	Aug. 30-Sept. 4	Harry V. Vibbert	Clyde Kite
Mich.	Flint	*Riverside Tab.	Aug. 28-Sept. 2	David & Patricia Johnson	Ivar Frick Jr.
	Redford	*Faith Temple	Aug. 29-Sept. 4	Carl E. Gammel	Lawrence Gross
Mo.	Birch Tree	A/G	Aug. 28-Sept. 11	Ruth E. Reece	E. L. Nicholson
	Independence	Englewood	Aug. 24-28	Neil Eskelin	William Sharp
Neb.	St. Louis	*Victory Tab.	Aug. 28-Sept. 2	Gladys Voight	L. M. Plunkett
	Van Buren	A/G	Aug. 28-Sept. 11	Ed Eaton	T. L. Jackson
N. H.	Aurora	A/G	Aug. 28-Sept. 2	Kathleen Jennings	Floyd Sauer
	Milford	A/G	Aug. 23-Sept. 4	Wesley F. Morton	Paul Sherman
N. J.	Laconia	*Calvary	Aug. 27-Sept. 1	Norman & Evelyn Hays	A. K. Larrimore
	Mt. Holly	*A/G	Aug. 29-Sept. 2	Hilda Simokat	James Occhipinti
N. Mex.	Hobbs	Glad Tidings	Aug. 14-28	L. T. Bates	O. W. Newman
	Roswell	Grace	Aug. 23—	Bob Wilson	F. J. Henegar
N. Y.	Valley Stream	*Bethlehem	Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Rebecca Beisel	Gerard Morriello
Ohio	Massillon	First	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Jerry Knibbe	Carl Ladd
	Alva	A/G	Aug. 14-28	Branham-Steele Tm.	Edwin Lack
Okla.	Miami	Northwest	Aug. 28-Sept. 11	Milo Harmon	Charles B. Long
	Oklahoma City	First	Aug. 22-Sept. 4	Leonard Negrin	W. C. Drain
Tex.	Purcell	First	Aug. 15-28	Charles & Barbara Hudspeth	Raymond Boykin
	Beaumont	First	Aug. 26-Sept. 5	Richard & Mrs. Alber	Andy Radke
Wash.	Brownwood	**First	Aug. 28—	Patsy Ruth Allen	C. G. Fuston
	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Aug. 28—	Glen Shinn Family	H. C. Noah
W. Va.	Ft. Worth	Gospel Temple	Aug. 21-28	Dan Jackson	Russell Michener
	Spanaway	A/G	Aug. 21-28	Dwane & Violet Parrish	A. C. (Bill) Murphy
Wis.	Keyser	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 18	John Higginbotham	R. C. Lymburner
	Williamstown	Calvary	Aug. 28-Sept. 11	Alfred Allen	Louis P. Jensen
Canada	Ripon	A/G	Aug. 16-28	Ralph E. Leslie	Cecil Liddle
	Waukesha	First	Aug. 23-28	The Tanner Team	J. A. King
Albert Bay, B. C.	Pentecostal Tab.	Aug. 28—	L. H. Sheets Family	Randall Woods	
	Lion's Head, Ont.	Haven of Rest Camp	Aug. 28-Sept. 4	Joseph Perrello	S. L. Myles

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

**GUEST SPEAKER AT SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL GETS KEY TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.** (Left to right): J. L. Gallman, assistant district superintendent; D. F. Flanagan, secretary-treasurer; W. G. Dixon, district superintendent; Mayor Lester L. Bates; J. Philip Hogan, guest speaker at annual council meeting; J. C. Hunnicutt, host pastor, First Assembly.





# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Interior of the Christ Memorial Church.

## NEW CHURCH DEDICATED BY WASHINGTON CONGREGATION

POULSBORO, WASH.—Christ Memorial Church here recently dedicated a new church building to the Lord.

R. J. Carlson, Northwest district superintendent; Lyle Spradley, district secretary; and Pastors Robert Carrington of Turlock, Calif., and Martin Hauck of Port Angeles, Wash., took part in the dedication service.

The pipe organ in the Christ Memorial Church was purchased in New York, renovated, and is now being installed—at a cost of less than \$5,000.



The new sanctuary seats 300. Arches, doors, and oak furniture are stained medium brown and are accented by a red carpet and a wall of white Washington marble. An educational unit provides 16 rooms and group assembly areas for Sunday school. A fellowship hall has a kitchen and can seat 200 at tables.

Connecting the main units are the narthex, library, pastor's study, and church office. The chancel provides space for a 34-voice choir.

Nursery facilities are provided in both the basement Sunday school area and in a soundproof room adjoining the sanctuary. The entire building is wired for sound.

Christ Memorial Church is in possession of a pipe organ which was purchased from a church in New York, renovated, and is now being installed. The installation has taken over 18 months. A three-manual console operates from a location near the choir. At the present time, 14 of the organ's ultimate 23 voices are in operation.

Christ Memorial Church was founded about 1910. This new building is the third the congregation has occupied.

Al Munger has been pastor of the church since 1956.

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAIN GRADUATES CAREER COURSE

FORT HAMILTON, N. Y.—Chaplain (Maj.) Duie R. Jernigan is one of 40 chaplains who recently graduated from the 34-week Chaplain Career Officer Course at the U. S. Army Chaplain School here. This is the most advanced schooling available to chaplains within their branch.



Subjects ranged from methods of instruction and counseling to financial management and command and staff procedures. The course helps prepare chaplains for supervisory positions.

Although there are 10 Assemblies of God chaplains on active duty in the Army, only Chaplain Jernigan and two others have been given Regular Army Commissions.

In addition, he earned the coveted Parachutist's Badge by completing the necessary training at the Army's Airborne School while stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Chaplain Jernigan's next assignment will be in Fort Lewis, Wash., with the 4th Infantry Division.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Bethel Temple here just concluded meetings with Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler in which 15 were saved, one reclaimed, nine baptized in the Holy Spirit, and three refilled. As a result of the meetings eight have been baptized in water.

All services were well attended by members of the church and many visitors.

—M. Russell Herndon, pastor

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MACON, GA.—Central Assembly here has just concluded a successful series of revival meetings with John and Robert Stephens of Waxahachie, Tex.

Several were saved or reclaimed; four were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several others were refilled.

The entire church was stirred and revived as many sought God around the altars.

—James H. Standifer, pastor

BLOOMSBURG, PA.—Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church here recently enjoyed a six-week revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell.

God performed several outstanding healings during the meetings. One man was completely healed of a hernia.

Several of those who were saved are faithfully attending church.

During the last three weeks of meetings, Sister Basell ministered to the congregation concerning deeper life.

The church was greatly helped and blessed by these meetings.

—John S. Palmer, pastor

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ECORSE, MICH.—Revival fires were kindled by the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Berg during two weeks of meeting at First Assembly here. A number were saved, and at least one received the infilling of the Holy Spirit each night during the first week.

A former Presbyterian nurse attended the service and was gloriously filled with the Spirit. Happy with her experience she returned to the altar, laid her hands on a Lutheran girl, and she too received the Spirit.

The sincere ministry of Brother and Sister Berg and their excellent altar work added greatly to the services. Over 100 visitors attended.

The church rejoiced with the Bergs on their 47th wedding anniversary. A lovely decorated cake expressed the sentiments of the pastor and the congregation.

—Jack Carrier, pastor

First Assembly, Ecorse, helped the Arthur Bergs celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary.





Pastor Fosner (center) and Evangelist Lundstrom with a new convert about to be baptized in water.

KLAMATH FALLS, OREG.—The Assembly of God here is thanking the Lord for a fine meeting with the Message for America Team (the Lowell Lundstrom party).

There were 24 who came forward for salvation, and 10 or more were reclaimed, and 17 were baptized in water. Many young people were challenged to dedicate their lives wholly to God.

At least 200 first-time visitors attended the services which were widely publicized by television, radio, newspapers, and handbills.

—Lloyd Fosner, pastor

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FINDLAY, OHIO—A total of 35 people came forward for salvation in three weeks of meetings

with the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio, at First Assembly here.

Because of the moving of the Holy Spirit in each service, seven people expressed a desire to be baptized in water.

As the baptismal service progressed, a spirit of praise and worship fell upon the congregation. One by one men, women, and teen-agers began making their way to robing rooms, expressing their desire to be baptized in water.

The service lasted over two hours. During that time 28 had been baptized in water and five had received the Holy Spirit.

Thank God that He has made Himself real to His children and stirred their hearts.

—Howard Sprigg, pastor

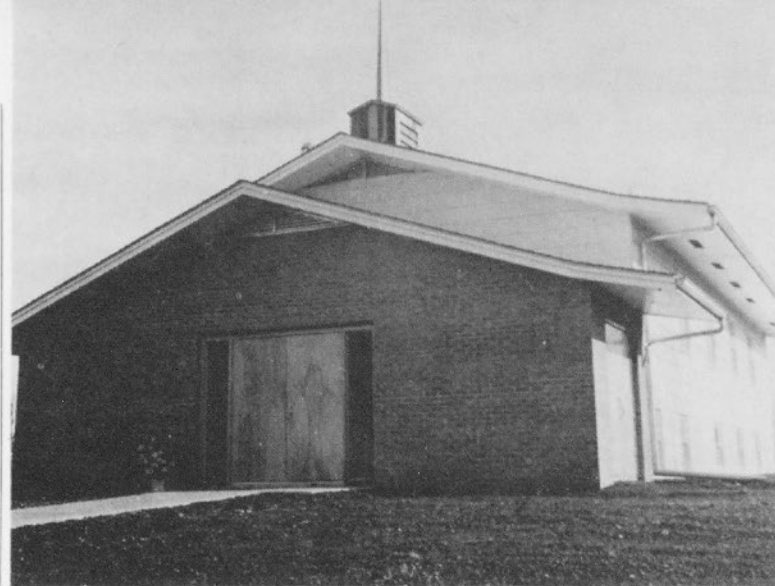
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SAN LEANDRO, CALIF.—Haven of Rest Assembly here recently concluded a seven-week revival with Evangelists Leroy and Dorothy Neilson of Fort Bragg, Calif.

People were saved and filled with the Spirit. Several gave testimonies of healing. Twelve were baptized in water including an 86-year-old man.

This was one of the most successful revivals in the history of the church.

—P. A. Scroggins, pastor



### New Building Helps Church Grow

VIRDEN, ILL.—The congregation of First Assembly here recently dedicated a new church building to the Lord. Illinois District Superintendent E. M. Clark preached the dedicatory sermon.

The sanctuary will seat almost 200 people. It has emerald green carpeting in the aisles and altar area.

The new building has a foyer, nine Sunday school classrooms, two fellowship halls, a kitchen, three rest rooms, a nursery, and pastor's study. The church has been valued at \$48,000 but indebtedness is only \$21,000 because

of labor donated by church members.

Attendance has grown from 67 on the day of groundbreaking to a high of 122 three weeks after moving into the new building.

Richard Sandbach has been pastor of First Assembly since April 1965.

### PASTOR HONORED FOR 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY

SOMERVILLE, N. J.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently honored its pastor, Norman T. Spong, at a dinner. The occasion was Brother Spong's completion of 40 years in the ministry.

Twelve of those years have been spent in Somerville, a church he helped to pioneer.

A brief history of Brother Spong's life and ministry was read at the celebration.

The congregation has appreciated the life and dedication of Brother Spong and prays God's rich blessing upon him as he continues to labor for the Lord.

—Laban E. Hollenback, secretary of the board

### WITH CHRIST

KARL M. GYGAX, 73, of Lakeland, Fla., went to be with Christ on June 11, 1966.

Ordained to the ministry in 1930, Brother Gygax was a member of the Peninsular Florida District. He served as evangelist, pastor, and educator. For 20 years he taught at South-Eastern Bible College in Lakeland, until his retirement in 1938. At the time of his death he was pastoring the K-Ville Assembly near Lakeland. He is survived by his wife Lula Mae and a step-son.



## FLORIDA CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

TAMPA, FLA.—Bethel Temple here recently dedicated a new sanctuary and educational building.

Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent, was the dedication speaker. Foy Johnson, Peninsular Florida district superintendent; Dillard Burrell of Dade City; Arthur Shell Jr., of Clearwater; and Wayne Pitts of St. Petersburg also participated in the service.

Mrs. Lillian Sundberg Anderson, former *Revivaltime* soloist, sang with the church choir.

The new sanctuary will seat 500. The baptistry is three dimensional with three crosses and palms as the focal point.

Carpeting in the sanctuary and offices is a heather blue and green. The upholstered pews are a pale green. Cathedral stained-glass windows, 12 handmade chandeliers, and laminated arches also highlight the sanctuary decor.

The educational building is divided into two major sections with panelfold doors separating classrooms within the departments.

Terrazzo floors are featured throughout.

This building also has a large fellowship hall, a kitchen, and an apartment for visiting ministers and missionaries.

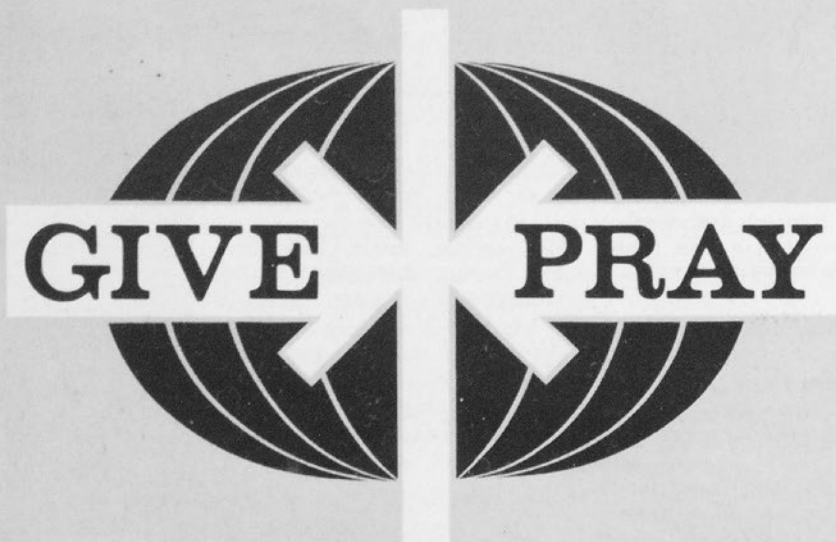
The whole building is air-conditioned, and ample parking space is provided.

Bethel Temple was started in 1926 as the result of a tent meeting in downtown Tampa.

Percy T. King has been the pastor for 11 years.







# GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY

## AUGUST 28



### GIVE

Churches all across our land will receive offerings next Sunday for GLOBAL CONQUEST. They will do so because they know that the great cities of the world must be reached for Jesus Christ. With the number of souls on earth increasing by 150,000 each day, they know that whatever is to be done to evangelize the world must be done now.

All the offerings on GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY will go to sponsor more *Good News Crusades* in many of the world's great cities. Much that is received will go to the citywide crusades planned for Europe.

### PRAY

Your missionaries urgently request your prayers for the coming *Good News Crusades* in Europe. They begin a citywide crusade in Paris on October 22. Later in the year and early next year there will be other campaigns in Barcelona, Rouen, Brussels, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, and other cities. You can help the Assemblies of God have a spiritual impact on Europe this year if you will back these meetings with prayer.

The Great Commission can be fulfilled in our time if God's people will work in God's way. Make the coming meetings a matter of urgent prayer.



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