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

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GOD IS STILL ON THE

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LONG BEFORE THE DAYS OF RADIO, a man of God sat alone and heard majestic music coming from afar. The apostle John was on a bleak, surf-beaten island, but his ear was tuned to heaven.

His description of what he heard is graphic indeed. It was a choir composed of a vast multitude. The tones and volume were like the roar of a great waterfall or mighty peals of thunder. The anthem was a brief but soul-stirring and glorious truth. It was what John needed to know and what we need. It reaches us today through Revelation 19:6: "Allelujah; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

John was given an insight and a revelation of the future. The fullness of what he envisioned is yet to come.

There is one simple key to understanding certain prophetic truths of the Scriptures. Whatever the world will have during the Millennium, individual believers may experience right now. The world will have peace during that time, but we can have personal peace today. Christ shall reign over the world during the Millennium, but He sits upon the throne of our hearts right now. That

period will be the Kingdom age; at present we experience the Kingdom of God within us.

Not only can we sing the hallelujahs now but we can also proclaim, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." In simplest language that means, "God is on the throne."

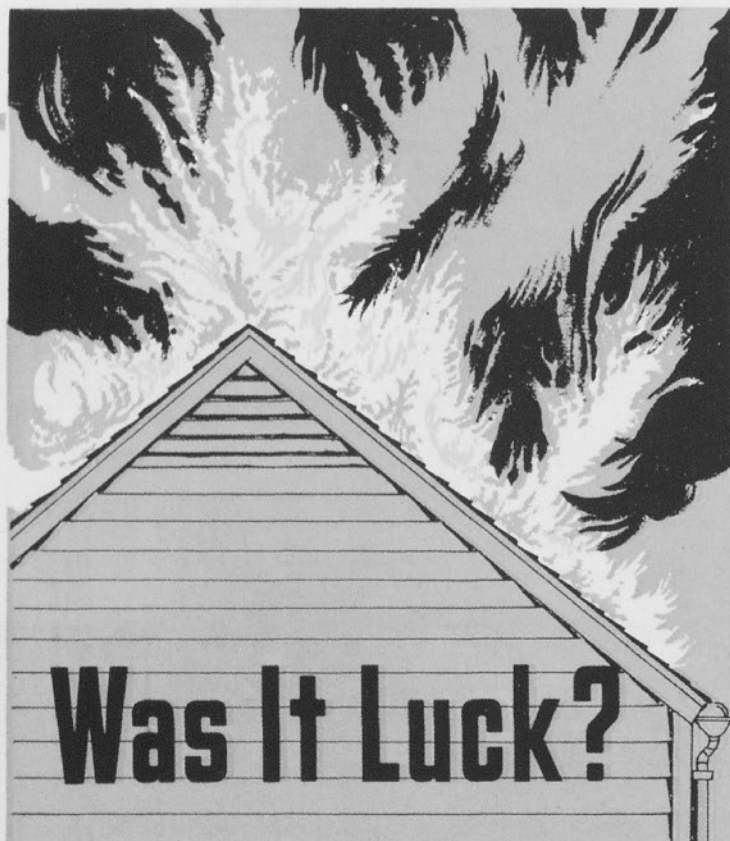
What do we mean when we say, "God is on the throne"? Is it just some little catch phrase to overwork, or something to use as the subject of a song? Is there not a depth of meaning in that brief sentence that is a stalwart support in our times of trouble?

When we declare that God is on the throne, we are reminded of certain pertinent truths.

SOMEONE IS IN CHARGE

Often our view of the world, through the peephole of our newspaper or radio, leaves us in confusion. The more we read or hear, the greater our pessimism. The black headlines frighten us, and we tend to feel responsible for the madness that grips the human race.

Suddenly we realize that Someone is in charge—and then our attitude changes. Although the world may be careening downward, it is not our responsibility to throw ourselves in its path. We need not brood over the screeching headlines as if they were our individual burden. It is useless to fight the inferno of sin with the few drops in our teacup. Neither is it our role to plug the dike against the sea of evil. Someone else is on the seat of



EXCEPT FOR THE CHARRED WALLS and smoke-filled house as a reminder, the roaring flames and splintering glass seemed a part of some strange nightmare that had come and gone and left me numb with relief.

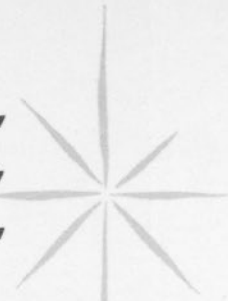
"You are certainly a lucky person," the neighbors told me. My exit from the burning house had been made quietly and quickly, before the fire engines arrived.

I had then stood in safety on the far side of the street, my little grandson in my arms, and watched with numb compulsion while the wild flames, fanned by a stiff breeze, burned the high fence encircling the house and swimming pool area. The cabana burned next, the flames eating it in one great gulp. Then almost in systematic order the fire raced along the side and roof of the house. First one great plate-glass window shattered in the white-hot heat, and then another. That side of the large living room was all glass.

Then the fire trucks came, and firemen raced around the place, onto the roof, and inside the house, their giant hoses belching a torrent of water into the blazing fire.

After what seemed hours but was actually only an hour—or two hours at most—the men gathered their equipment together and rolled up the hoses. The fire was

THRONE



authority—and that changes the whole complexion of things. God is on the throne!

SOMEONE CAPABLE IS IN CHARGE

History is an unbroken record of the failure of human government—the human element in it leads to failure. All of us have experienced feelings of confidence in some human leaders but have also had misgivings concerning others. Having certain human beings in authority would add to our fears!

Just having someone in charge is not enough. It must be someone capable. He who sits on the throne of the universe is not an erring man. He is God Himself. He is the Creator, so is He not the logical One to govern?

In our times of trouble, confusion, and uncertainty it is consoling to know that Someone capable is in charge. *God is on the throne!*

SOMEONE ALMIGHTY IS IN CHARGE

To be omnipotent is to have unlimited power. When One who is almighty sits in the place of authority, there is assurance. Nothing is outside His purveyance, either in knowledge or in ability to act. The fact that such an One is reigning portends eventual victory.

How can we rejoice in this staggering, confused, chaotic, mixed-up, riot-torn, war-convulsed world? Certainly we can't do it by viewing surrounding conditions.

out, and they told me I could go back into the house.

Before the neighbors and curious onlookers left they again assured me I was a lucky person.

I went into the fire-gutted house and looked around. Drapes half-burned and sodden with water lay in an ugly heap on the living room floor. Glass from the shattered windows glistened everywhere, while great jagged fingers of it still hung in the frames. My eyes traveled to the ceiling and down black, charred walls, over furniture half-burned and water-soaked still lying where it had been shoved or thrown. The stench of burning rags, wood, and rubber still hung in the air.

Hours before it had been a beautiful home in an exclusive area in Palm Springs, California. It had been loaned to me for a much-needed rest to recuperate from a recent illness. I had arrived only a few days before with my small grandson to keep me company. How the fire started, no one knew: perhaps from faulty electric wiring or a cigarette thrown over the fence by an unthinking passerby. The firemen didn't know.

"Grandma! Grandma!" A little hand still held mine. "You're not afraid, are you, Grandma?"

I sat down on the nearest chair, lifted the little fellow up, and set him on my lap. "No, nothing will hurt us,

Only when we lift our eyes from all these things and see that He is reigning do we have hope that everything will come out all right. God is on the throne!

SOMEONE COMPASSIONATE IS IN CHARGE

It is little comfort to the subjects if their king is an autocratic and dictatorial despot. If the best that can be said is that affairs are run with cold efficiency, much is left to be desired. If the ruler is only capable and omnipotent, there is still a major factor lacking.

But He who sits upon the throne is approachable. He can "be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." He is the essence of understanding, and the lowliest of us can approach Him with confidence. In our discouragement because of world conditions and our perplexity about what to do next, we see Him and take heart. In our dilemma we remember one great truth and then rejoice: God is on the throne!

This glorious truth is the foundation for a swelling doxology. After the heavenly throng sang, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth," there followed the stirring admonition, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him."

Even in the midst of the confusion of our day we have something to sing and shout about. Already we have started the crescendo of the heavenly hosanna that shall reverberate around the throne of God. We have a foretaste of what John was shown, and we sing because of it.

We sing in spite of war, bloodshed, strife, riots, and the very actions that some say prove the nonexistence of God. We sing although ridiculed by the skeptics, battered by persecution, and surrounded by worldliness. We sing in spite of frayed nerves, broken bodies, and dissipated vigor. We sing it because it is a truth and always shall be:

"ALLELUJAH: FOR THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH."

Tyler. Jesus took care of us, and the fire is all out now!"

I began to sing his favorite chorus very softly, and soon he was asleep, his little hand still holding mine, but confidently relaxed for he knew Grandma would hold him close and that Jesus was still there taking care of him.

After he fell asleep, I gently laid him on the bed. It was then I picked up the still undamaged telephone and called my husband, miles away, to tell how God had taken care of this little boy and me.

Was I lucky, as the neighbors said? No, I was simply in His care. I thought of Isaiah 65:24: "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

Surely it had been God's hand that had caused sleep to depart from a neighbor's eyes and caused her and her daughter to go for a midnight walk. Seeing the fire, the daughter had run home to call the fire department, while the neighbor had pounded on my door to awaken me and help us leave the house. Yes, I know God heard before I called.

Safe in His care, I lay down beside my sleeping grandson with the words of Psalm 3:5 before me: "I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me."

—Lucille Meyst, Riverside, California

Our Daily Portion

THE DAMAGE DONE by flood waters in Florence and other parts of Italy during the past few weeks is most unfortunate. There is no city in the world, perhaps, where treasures of art are more appreciated than Florence. Some of its art pieces were damaged or destroyed in the floods. The loss reportedly was very great.

It reminded us of a story about a tourist from abroad who visited the Pitti Palace in Florence. After viewing the paintings there, he said to his guide, "Are these the great masterpieces that everyone talks about? I don't see why people get excited about them."

The guide answered, "It is not the paintings that are on trial, sir; it is the visitors who view them."

So it is with the Word of God. Some people may see nothing very significant about the Bible. Some even scoff at it, calling it a worthless book, a waste of time, but their estimate of the Bible does not change its real value. It is the Word of God and one day it will be our judge. The Bible is not on trial. It is our attitude toward the Bible that is being tried.

The "Great Chapters" program of Bible reading will soon be over. In 1967 we will begin a new program which will take us through nearly all the New Testament and half way through the Old by the end of the year. We hope every *Evangel* reader will take advantage of the program and promote it in their home, church, and Sunday school class. As John Wesley said, "Reading Christians are growing Christians. When Christians cease to read, they cease to grow."

If we appreciate the worth of the Bible we will not fail to read a daily portion. Our spiritual health depends upon it. Therefore, keep thirsting for "the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

The Gospel Publishing House has produced a number of items to implement the "Read the Word" program. A large poster similar to the cover of this *Evangel* has been printed for display in churches. There are buttons to be given to those who agree to join the program; also Bible Reading Guides listing all the daily readings (see ad—page 28).

One of the most helpful items is a self-standing calendar to put on the table. It will be a constant reminder of the daily Bible portion and the weekly memory verse. Then there are two items which provide additional incentive: a certificate of recognition for those who complete the reading program, and, in case it is desired, a Bible reader's pin or tie tack to be awarded at the end of the year.

It is appropriate to speak of this today for this is Universal Bible Sunday. This is the day to salute the American Bible Society, now 150 years old, and pray for its success. This year the Society's goal is to produce 75 million copies of the Scriptures. Most of these are in English; many are in foreign tongues. The Bible society is performing a great service to God and humanity by translating the Bible into new tongues, printing it, and distributing it on a non-profit basis so that all who wish to read the Word and be saved may do so.

Over a billion copies of the Bible have been printed since Gutenberg invented the printing press. However, only about a quarter of these are still in existence. In a world of three billion souls, the need of expanding the Bible-printing program and accelerating our missionary efforts is obvious.

May God help us to treasure the Word, nourish our souls upon it, and share it with others who have not yet tasted the blessing it brings.

—R.C.C.

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HONOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

By P. S. JONES

A GOOD MANY YEARS AGO there lived in Ontario a dear old Irish saint whom people called "Holy Ann." A book was written concerning her life. At times Holy Ann was asked to speak to a group of ministers who appreciated the power and wisdom of her words in spite of her lack of education.

During one such address the old Irish saint pointed her finger at the clergymen and said, "My Father tells me that you don't honor the Holy Ghost as you ought."

Were Holy Ann called upon to address any group of ministers today—even Pentecostal ministers, perhaps—she no doubt would do the same thing and say the same words. We do not honor the Holy Spirit as we ought.

We treasure salvation as God's priceless gift to man. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." It is an incomparable gift which, if received, means everlasting bliss, but if rejected, means everlasting sorrow and anguish. This promise of God is impossible to realize without the operation of the Holy Spirit. None can experience the thrill and joy of it without the aid of the Holy Ghost who came into the world to make men know the things of Christ.

The apostle Paul touched tremendous truth when he

went to Ephesus. Meeting a group of people whom he supposed to be Christians, the first thing he asked them was, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" He certainly honored and acknowledged the Holy Spirit. It was soon discovered they were disciples of John the Baptist. They had submitted to John's baptism but they said, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Paul then exhorted them to believe Christian truth, and they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then came the amazing sequel—the apostle laid his hands on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Theologians may twist and turn this plain statement to suit their own preconceived notions, but the simple fact remains that as far as the apostle was concerned, the salvation he preached included the Pentecostal baptism with the accompanying sign of speaking with other tongues. Anything short of this must of necessity cheat the believer out of part of his divine inheritance. To believe fully in Christ is to obtain a full salvation which includes all that is provided in the Blood atonement. The

Ephesian group, after Paul had laid his hands on them, enjoyed the scriptural Pentecostal experience. Our Pentecostal movement was not ordered of God just to be another evangelical agency but to bring to the Church that Pentecostal blessing which it had mostly lost through unbelief. Our business is not only in the evangelical field, but it is to bring existing believers into the glorious experience of the baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

These are desperate days. On every hand Satan is attacking the Word of God, saying, "Hath God said?" In every avenue of life, from the lowest to the highest, the Word of God is being discounted and eternal truth assailed. The Son of God is stripped of His deity. His miracles, both then and now, are derided or explained away. The supernatural is pooh-poohed, and the new birth ridiculed.

God has a remedy—the baptism in the Holy Spirit. No modernists or liberal theologians are to be found in Pentecostal ranks. Why? Because Pentecostal believers have received the Holy Ghost and have spoken in other tongues as the apostles did. After such a supernatural experience, gospel truth is emblazoned on the soul of the recipient, and all doubts as to the deity of Christ and His glorious salvation disappear forever.

May Pentecostal preachers preach it: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" And may holy hands be dedicated and anointed to be laid on those who seek that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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Jesus Christ was the fullest proof that God could give, or that man could receive, of His infinite love for the world."

IV

"For the life was *manifested*, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was *manifested* unto us" (1 John 1:2). The Incarnation manifested a life, such a life was not seen before. That eternal life is what man must have if his original fellowship with God is to be restored.

The message of 1 John 1:2 "reiterated with redoubled force that the whole essence of the relation of God to man lies in the audible, visible, tangible, historical ap-

THE WORD *manifested* is used in the New Testament a number of times in connection with the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in most interesting and instructive ways.

I

"And ye know that he was *manifested* to take away our sins; and in him is no sin" (1 John 3:5). To deal with the sin question was one of the primary reasons for His manifestation. The original word for "take away" means "to remove the guilt and punishment of sin by expiation"; "to cause our sins to cease, that we no longer sin, while we enter into fellowship with Christ, who is free from sin—'in him is no sin'—and abide in His fellowship." Christ was therefore manifested "in the flesh" that sinners might also be delivered from the practice of sin.

II

"Now once at the end of the ages hath he been *manifested* to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26, ASV). Here the word *manifested* is used in connection with the Incarnation in another sense. The Greek word for "put away" means to abolish, to annul, "to thwart the efficacy of anything, make void, frustrate." Christ was manifested in the Incarnation that through His sacrifice He might put away, abolish, annul sin.

III

"In this was *manifested* the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9). The incarnation of Christ was a manifestation of the love of God toward each one of us. The passage of Scripture, 1 John 4:7-21, is the inspired commentary on the words of John 3:16. A sentence summary of that verse is, "God so loved . . . that he gave." John the apostle saw a depth of love in the sending of the Son into the world.

Do you wish to know that "God is love"? That God loves you? Look at the incarnation of the Son of God; look at the holy birth of Jesus Christ. It spells out and it tells out love—the love of God. Adam Clarke says of the message of 1 John 4:9: "The mission (sending) of

Christ Manifested

By ARTHUR PETRIE

pearance of God in Jesus." The Incarnation was for the manifestation, and the manifestation was for the participation—the believer's participation—in "that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us," as John went on to say, "that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:2, 3).

V

"I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. . . . I have *manifested* thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world" (John 17:4, 6). Jesus Christ was incarnated that He might manifest the name of God. This was a part of the "work" the Father sent Him into the world to do. "A *little* of the divine nature was known by the *works of creation*; a *little more* was known by the *Mosaic revelation*; but the *full manifestation* of God, His nature, and His attributes, came only through the revelation of Christ."

VI

"After me cometh a man which is preferred before me; for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made *manifest* to Israel" (John 1:30, 31). He was especially promised to the Hebrew people. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." That promise was fulfilled to the Hebrew people, as shown in the words of the angel to the Hebrew shepherds: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you

good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people [Greek singular, "the Hebrew people"]. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11).

He was manifested to them to confirm the promises: "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers" (Romans 15:8). In that statement "the apostle holds up Israel's salvation as the primary end of Christ's mission. But next, after this, Christ was sent to the Gentiles" (David Brown). Our Lord Himself testified, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37).


VII

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). The word *destroy* here is a wonderful and marvelous one. It is not the same as the word *destroy* in Hebrews 2:14: "That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

The word in 1 John 3:8 is an entirely different one. It is *luo*. It means "to loosen one bound, to set free," as when the Lord said of Lazarus, "Loose him, and let him go." It means to free from the bondage of disease, as the woman whom Satan had bound was "loosed" from her infirmity. It means "to release one bound by the chains of sin," as in Revelation 1:5: "Unto him that...loosed us from our sins" (ASV).

The word in 1 John 3:8 also means "to dissolve something coherent into parts," as in 2 Peter 3:10, 11. It is a chemical term, and is used of the ways and means God will use to dissolve the elements of our universe until all that came through Satan and sin is changed.

God is the great Chemist of the universe and knows how to "destroy"—dissolve—all the "works of the devil," and to bring out of this dissolution the new heavens and the new earth. Although that work will be completed at His Second Coming, the words of 1 John 3:8 clearly state that "the Son of God was manifested [at His incarnation] to destroy [*luo*] the works of the devil."

May we all share in the rich blessings manifested to us through the incarnation of Him who is the only and uniquely "begotten Son of God." 

Hear of the Bible



**GREAT CHAPTERS
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GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-18

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PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Did the star guide the Wise Men all the way to Jerusalem?

The Bible says they had "seen his star in the east." One commentary says this means they had seen it while yet in the eastern country from which they had come. Apparently they did not have the star constantly before them. When they saw the star, they were convinced a king had been born to Judah and started out to find him. Later the star appeared again, this time to lead them to the house where Jesus was.

Where did the Wise Men come from?

Some believe they came from babylon, and others say Media. Tradition tells us they were descendants of Abraham through Keturah, according to Adam Clarke and the *Cyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*. (See Genesis 25:1-4 and 1 Chronicles 1:32, 33.) These writers advance the opinion that the sons of Keturah had been taught by Abraham concerning the covenant promise, and that this hope had been handed down by tradition. It is thought they were also informed concerning the prophecy of Balaam (Numbers 24:17). Probably their homes were in Arabia, or regions nearby.

Whether the Wise Men were from Babylon, Media, or Arabia is not important. The important thing is that they believed the prophecy and went in search of Him who was "born King of the Jews."

Did Jesus lay aside His deity when He became man, or was it the use of His deity that He laid aside?

Jesus did not lay aside His deity. Had He done so, He would have been no more than other men. He might have been the second Adam but would have had only human qualities.

There are those who believe He laid aside all use of His deity, and they have scriptures for their belief. They believe He lived entirely on the human plane, doing all that He did and teaching all that He taught through the power and direction of the Holy Spirit.

It seems to me that the safest and most satisfactory explanation is that given by Dr. Augustus Strong—that He made use of His personal deity, but only as guided and directed by the Holy Spirit. He had come to do not His own will but the will of the Father who sent Him. Therefore He did not act upon His own initiative, independent of the will of the Father, but acted as the will of the Father was made known to Him by the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul never tried to solve the mystery of the Incarnation. He was content to declare, "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh..." (1 Timothy 3:16). The fact of the Incarnation is given in the Scriptures for us to believe and not necessarily for us to understand.

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.



A woman carries a vessel on her head down a deserted street. Below: oxen wait in a courtyard for the next command.



Sardinian boys play outside their home near a typical outdoor oven.

DID GOD FORGET SARDINIA?

By ALFRED J. PERNA SR. - Field Representative for Italy

DOES GOD FORGET a people? Our immediate reaction is no! And that was our reply to an elderly lady who, upon hearing us speak of the love of God, said: "Our government ignores our existence; our church does not know we are here; and *God has forgotten us!*"

What a challenge it was to our hearts to hear these words. We had come to the island of Sardinia at the invitation of Vito Tambone—the only Assemblies of God pastor on the island. He had begun a church building; and although believers were doing their utmost, construction had bogged down. These people needed help—needed it desperately!

Brother Tambone met my wife and me, and in less than an hour we were in his little Italian Fiat 600 on an inspection tour of Sardinia. We traveled for many hours, and some of the scenes we saw have remained indelibly

in our minds—poverty on every hand; the streets empty; only old people and children around. When we asked the pastor about this, he said that the younger citizens go away to Northern Italy or other European countries for work.

Sardinia, an island somewhat smaller than Sicily, is about 500 miles from the Italian mainland. It has a population of almost two million, and for centuries has continued in its primitive way of life.

It has a strange history. It was occupied by the Phoenicians over 4,000 years ago. Some strange, almost Stone-Age dwellings called *Nuraghes* still can be seen in the countryside, and traces of various civilizations and cultures can be seen on every hand.

While it is part of Italy, Sardinia's dialect is like another language—predominantly based on Latin with some Greek, French, and Spanish words in-

terspersed. In fact, the Sardinians have their own dictionary.

They are a proud people and very nationalistic. Even though they are open to the gospel, they do not readily accept anything that isn't Sardinian.

While historically and culturally rich, this island is economically very poor—so poor that two years ago the entire population of a town called S. Vito marched out to the main highway and sat down on a three-day hunger strike to attract attention to their condition.

Brother Tambone and his wife Sarah felt a great burden for Sardinia and went there soon after they were married. They knew that others had attempted to establish a Pentecostal testimony there and had left discouraged. The obstacles were too great—customs, language, and (hardest to overcome) the predominant nationalism. Yet they went. For seven long years they struggled through difficulties and privations; but they plodded on.

Then the break came. God began to work upon hearts in the town of Quartu S. Elena in the province of Cagliari. When we ministered there in the service, there were at least 75 Sardinian Christians all packed into a little storefront hall "like sardines." As they sang and praised the Lord, their faces were radiant with joy. It was thrilling to note that the congregation was predominantly young people.

Somehow God seemed to suggest to our hearts that if this island is to be evangelized, it will be done by the Sardinians themselves. They must consecrate themselves and go out to win their own. On this theme we challenged them, and their response was simply beyond description. A good number of them promised to put aside other plans of going to the continent

in order to come to our Bible institute in Rome to prepare themselves. Others came forward to offer their humble talents to the Lord.

The church building that Pastor Tambone envisioned has become a reality. The people, although extremely poor, have learned to give generously, but their efforts were not enough. To complete the church building we had to help them with a \$3,000 revolving-fund loan. This church in Quartu S. Elena is destined to become the mother church of an island-wide movement that will spring up as the result of the consecration of the people, the vision and outreach of Light-for-the-Lost (which has provided funds for 50,000 portions of the Gospel of John), and the evangelistic meetings that will surely follow up this effort.

You can share in this great effort by praying for Sardinia and by giving as God leads you to help lift the burden of this church. Additional funds are urgently needed to increase the facilities of the work in Sardinia.

There are signs of abundant rain. A revival is in the making. God in His sovereign authority will yet prove that He has not forgotten anyone in His plan of salvation; for God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."



Vito and Sarah Tambone pastor the church in Quartu S. Elena which is shown below while it was under construction.



This ancient (almost Stone-Age) dwelling is called a "Nuraghe."

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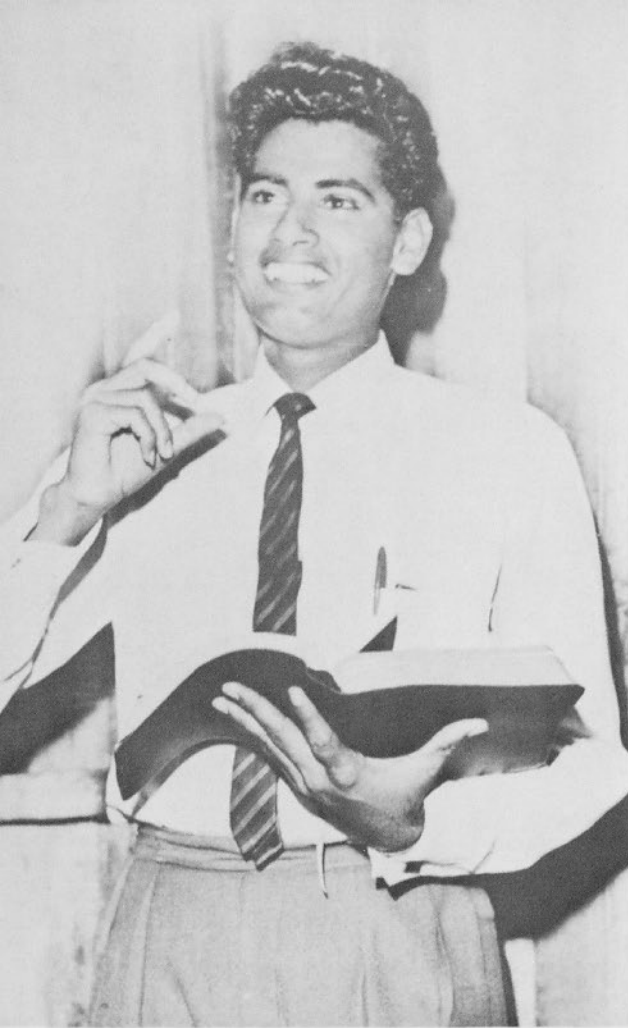
Sardina's population consists mostly of older people and children. The young people go to Italy to work.



By MILTON J. KERSTEN
Missionary to Guyana, South America

The Battle for Ramsarran

THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN GUYANA IS TRAINING 59 YOUNG PEOPLE
TO EVANGELIZE THEIR SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC FOR CHRIST.



Ramsarran Singh (top photo), once a follower of Hinduism, now preaches the gospel of Christ. Milton Kersten (above right) greets Ward R. Williams at the dedication of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Guyana. Ramsarran (right photo) enjoys Christian fellowship with two of his classmates.

DESPERATELY Ramsarran Singh prayed, "I know that I must be trained, but how? God, if You want me to go to Bible school, You must make it possible."

That prayer has been answered. Ramsarran is completing his third year of training in the Assemblies of God Bible School in Georgetown, Guyana. He is also the pioneer pastor of a growing outstation church in a country rice village.

No Christian has ever witnessed to this former Hindu. He sought peace. Hibiscus-blossom offerings and pre-dawn devotions by the seaside did not

satisfy. His chanted prayers to the rising sun and ceremonial washings brought no answer. Questions directed to the village elders about how to get close to God were not taken seriously. *Perhaps*, he thought, *when I am old, I will find God.*

One day, however, a Hindu friend told this longing young man some things he knew about a Prophet named Christ. Ramsarran decided he would include prayer to Him along with his other gods.

Another day he was drawn by curiosity to a strange group of people standing on the street corner in his



village. They were "singing and talking good about Christ." This left a deep impression and stirred serious thoughts about what his Hindu friend had said.

Soon another non-Christian friend passed on a tract and a Bible which had been given to him but which he did not want. Ramsarran read and re-read them. Fascination changed to conviction. He testifies, "It was this that made me realize I needed a Saviour."

The battle for a soul is never won easily. At this time Ramsarran was caught up with the cry of his countrymen for independence from colonial rule. He wanted to die for a good cause and threw himself wholeheartedly into politics. Yet while Ramsarran was enlisting other youth for the struggle, a Christian young man invited this zealous organizer to attend an Assemblies of God church in a neighboring village.

He recalls, "I went to be rude, but they treated me kindly." The next week he returned and surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus.

Threats, persecutions, and subtle attacks against this new witness only contributed to his vigorous determination to go all out for Christ. He says with deep conviction, "I found peace, and my life has been changed. Now I must know God's Word so I can live for Him and help others."

If God has raised up the Bible school, He will send those He wants trained in it. This sacred trust has been recognized by those who have been engaged in a vital training program in Guyana since 1961. The evident work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who come is precious.

The school started in the third story of a frame building which was later demolished to make room for the new Evangelistic Center. For a while the school was crowded into rented quarters. Now it occupies a fine, new building next to the Evangelistic Center. The 30- by 50-foot structure has three classrooms, a library, and an office. Facilities will accommodate 90 students, although the present enrollment is 59. The new building was dedicated in June 1966 with Ward R. Williams, professor of Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri, as guest speaker.

Nearly 200 students have taken studies in the Bible school in the past six years, and 27 have completed three years of study. Nine have finished four years. The contribution that students have made to the work of God in Guyana has demonstrated the strategic usefulness of the program.

Sharing of vision, prayer, work, and finance by God's people in the United States and in Guyana has made the school possible. This ministry must be perpetuated to receive and train other eager students like Ramsarran.



Milton Kersten (above, left), principal of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Guyana (below), feels that students like Ramsarran must be trained to perpetuate the gospel.



CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

NO ROOM IN THE INN?

EVERY CHRISTMAS we hear a great deal about the fact that there was no room for the Saviour in the Bethlehem inn. Sorrowful sermons are preached, sad songs are sung, and costumed children recite in their annual Christmas program that the doors of the inn were closed. Yet how little we hear of the open door to the manger.

While many people lament the closed doors of the world, the truth of the matter is that there never has been so many doors open to the gospel as there are today. Rather than major on the closed inns of the world, we ought to emphasize the opportunity of the open mangers.

This Christmas finds the Assemblies of God missions enterprise at an all-time high. Never in our 52-year history have we had so many missionaries in so many countries reaching so many people for Christ. At present we have 920 missionaries in 72 foreign lands, working side by side with 13,000 national preachers in 17,000 churches and teaching points.

There are 80 foreign Bible schools training nearly 3,000 students for the ministry in their own lands. Beginning with a handful of Pentecostal people in 1914, the worldwide Assemblies of God movement now numbers some three million.

The Foreign Missions Department is constantly looking for new open doors. Two missionary families are going into Panama to open a new work both in the English-speaking Canal Zone and the Spanish-speaking Republic. A fine staff of missionaries are returning to the Congo. A new work is developing in Tonga in the South Pacific. Also we have found a great open door for mass evangelism in Europe.

So it may be true that some have closed their doors to the gospel. The Assemblies of God missionaries are busy with the open doors of the world, bringing the humble shepherds and the more sophisticated wise men of this generation to the Saviour.

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 MIDDLE OF THE RIO GRANDE

By H. C. BALL

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER? was sung one spring afternoon by three different groups of Spanish-speaking believers under unusual circumstances. One group was on the American side of the Rio Grande, another on the Mexican side, and still another in the middle of the river—all singing the praises of God together.

But there is a story behind all this.

The Holy Spirit had moved mightily in the little border town of Los Indios, 20 miles upstream from Brownsville, Texas. When the gospel got to this little village, the enemy had opposed it, not wanting to let go of these poor benighted souls. Two persons had even become demon-possessed but were eventually delivered in answer to prayer and fasting by the newborn assembly.

Eight couples living together unlawfully saw the need for legal marriage, so eight men in a wagon drove to Brownsville to get the belated marriage licenses. The night the eight couples lined up in the brush arbor for

the marriage ceremony nearly everyone in the village was present. It made a tremendous impression!

So many young men were saved and baptized in the Spirit that the usual Saturday night dances were discontinued because there were no youngsters to take part.

Leaving my wife in Los Indios to continue the services there, I crossed into Mexico to hold services in Villanueva. The two villages were only about three miles apart, but by way of the port of entry the distance was some 40 miles, and on the Mexican side the roads were poor.

The afternoon I arrived at Villanueva quite a crowd gathered for the service, which ran well into the night. A great storm came up, and rain fell in sheets. But this only seemed to quicken the few believers, and the Spirit of God worked in many hearts that night. During those days eight more were saved on the American side of the river, and several received the baptism in the Spirit, while about the same number responded on the Mexican side.

I shall never forget my first night in Villanueva. After the service I was taken to a small grass hut. Without any kind of light I crawled up into a high cot. I began to hear noises and finally discerned there were chickens, pigs, ducks, and dogs sharing my hut for the night. But no offense was meant, for the next day I discovered that the same situation existed in all the other huts and primitive houses.

The believers in Mexico suggested that a water baptismal service be conducted in the middle of the river, which at that time was quite low; and that the candidates from both sides of the river meet in the middle. This was not hard to arrange, for the Rio Grande (Big River) is really not very big. So we met on a certain day at a given hour on the two banks of the river.

Some 50 from both sides of the stream, making a total of 100 or more, gathered for the service. We shouted to each other the hymns to be sung and we sang them in unison. I then preached to both groups from the Mexican side and was heard perfectly on the Texas side.

The candidates from Los Indios and from Villanueva then entered into the river and all three groups joined together in singing, "Shall We Gather at the River?" Those to be baptized gave their testimonies, and the strong voices were heard in both countries.

A shark was observed not too far from us, but we trusted the Lord to protect us—as well as to keep the Border Patrol from interfering with the service. Nothing happened, except that the rich blessing of the Lord rested upon us. When the new believers had been baptized, each group returned to its respective side of the river for services that night.

Several converts from the Los Indios meeting became ministers of the gospel and are still preaching. Many of the believers have moved to other parts, but there are still a few in Los Indios who remember that service in the middle of the Rio Grande.

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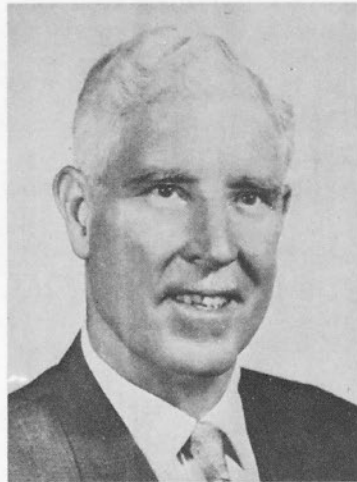
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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD FAR EAST CONFERENCES

ALL THE FAR EAST FIELDS HAVE FORGED AHEAD



By **MAYNARD L. KETCHAM**
Field Secretary for Far East

DURING THE SUMMER of 1966 three Far East area conferences were held which were successful beyond our expectation. One missionary wrote: "The spiritual blessing received in this conference transformed my life. From here on I will be a more mature and spiritual Christian, and a far more effective and dedicated missionary."

One national church superintendent wrote: "This conference was the turning point on our field. We have been receiving; from here on out we will be giving."

The first of these was the Southern Area Conference held in Manila, Philippines (June 26-July 1) for Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia. The second was the Northern Area Conference at Tokyo (July 10-15) for Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. The Pacific Area Conference was held at Honolulu (August 5-8) for Hawaii, Marshalls, Fiji, American and Western Samoa, Tonga, and other islands.

PROGRESS

The first Far East conference was held in Hong Kong in 1960. Since that time, all the Far East fields have forged ahead. Here are a few of the more dramatic advances since that first meeting:

1. The Evangelistic Center established in the heart of Seoul, Korea. This is now the largest Pentecostal church in the Orient. It has approximately 5,000 members with

between 5,000 and 6,000 people worshipping in the church every Sunday.

2. The new church building for the City Center Assembly of God in Taipei, Taiwan. The Congregation has grown appreciably since the construction of its new home.

3. The Far East Advanced School of Theology (FEAST) in Manila. The Hong Kong conference "demanded" establishment of a seminary-type institution to give advanced training beyond the normal three years of Bible school. FEAST has already justified the vision of its founders.

4. The newly begun Assemblies of God Bible Institute (AGBIM) in the southern part of Mindanao.

5. The new Central Bible School being built in Malang, East Central Java.

6. A new Bible school in Fiji to meet the needs for Bible training in the Southern Pacific area.

7. The development of a Bible school with over 100 students from the great revival in the Marshall Islands.

8. The establishment of Evangel Temple in Fiji.

9. The Pentecostal "tidal waves" sweeping throughout the islands and atolls of Pacific Oceania.

10. The school in Kuala Lumpur known as the Bible Institute of Malaysia.

11. The building of the revival center in Hiroshima, Japan—the fulfillment of a long-standing dream.

12. The flourishing of the work of the Assemblies of God through the whole Far East.

UNITY

In one memorial service held in Tokyo, there were Americans, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans, Taiwanese, and Mandarin Chinese all on the platform worshipping and ministering together in glorious harmony. In Christ we have a brotherhood that unites men of all nations.

During the course of these conferences there was not one discordant note. The disparity between sophisticated Mongolian cultures and the more easygoing Polynesian cultures was never noticed. A message in tongues would be given by a Korean brother; someone would give the interpretation in English, and someone else would give an equally authentic interpretation in Chinese!

MATURITY

Most Far East fields now have their own national superintendents—many of them young men who have risen through the ranks of their own people and have been educated in our Bible schools.

Cho Yonggi a few years ago was a staunch Buddhist

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In Honolulu, the Pacific Area Conference drew people from Fiji, American and Western Samoa, Tonga, Hawaii, the Marshalls, and other islands.

dying of tuberculosis. God saved and healed him; he graduated from our Korean Bible Institute; and he is now the aggressive superintendent of the Korean Assemblies of God.

Eddie Medina, a recent graduate from the Bible Institute of Manila, is the energetic superintendent of the Southern Luzon District of the Philippines.

Solomon Balimbin, a graduate of the Bible Institute of the Philippines, is the imaginative editor of *The Voice*—our Philippine monthly magazine which has been described by knowledgeable people as “one of the finest periodicals put out by Pentecostal circles anywhere in the world.”

Another man of maturity is Leonard Caput, who once was a nearly naked aboriginal boy wandering around the gold mines of central Luzon. He was won for Christ in Sunday school, was educated, graduated from the Bible Institute of Manila, and today is the progressive superintendent of the Northern Luzon District.

Another is John Choy, an educated, cultured, dedicated young Chinese. He is a graduate of the Ecclesia Bible Institute of Hong Kong and now is dean of that school.

John Yip is now pastor of the First Assembly of God in Kowloon, Hong Kong, one of the great Pentecostal churches of the world.

These men are examples of the new generation of leaders that has arisen throughout the Far East.

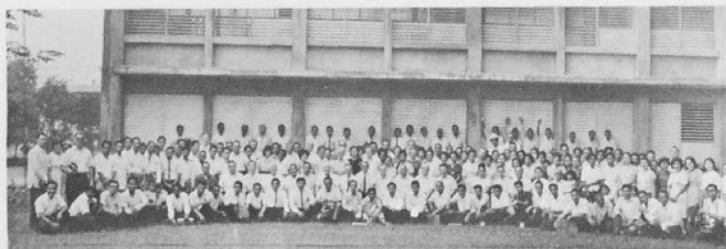
INTERNATIONAL ASPECT

The Assemblies of God churches in the Far East are very aware of the international aspect of our fellowship. They realize that the eyes of the world are focused on the Pentecostal movement. The leaders are determined to hold the standard high. They are dedicated to making the various Assemblies of God national churches an integral part of the tide of Pentecostal revival sweeping through the Orient.

FUTURE GOALS

Out of the conferences this year a number of recommendations eventuated:

1. All 18 Bible schools in the Far East must be upgraded.
2. All three-year Bible schools are to be integrated into the FEAST program so that graduates of the area schools may readily receive advanced training.
3. Other area conferences throughout the Far East are planned.
4. Evangelistic ministries are to be interchanged between the various fields to bring a truly Oriental flavor to the Pentecostal revival sweeping the Far East.
5. Definite schedules are to be prepared under which the support of all Bible schools in the Far East are to be assumed by the national churches involved.
6. Far East national churches will accelerate their mission programs.



Assemblies of God leaders from Southeast Asia (above) gathered for the second Far East Fellowship Conference in Manila, Philippines. The Northern Area Conference for Japan, Korea, and Taiwan (below) was held in Tokyo.



WITH ONLY THE BIBLE TO GUIDE THEM, THESE VILLAGERS HAD DEVELOPED THE PUREST CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY.

What I Found at Shimmabuke

By CLARENCE W. HALL



I CAN NEVER THINK OF THE BOONS and benefits the Bible invariably brings without thinking of Shimmabuke, a tiny little village I came upon when, as a war correspondent, I was following on the heels of our troops beating out their tough and bloody victory on Okinawa.

It was an obscure little community of only a few hundred native Okinawans. Thirty years before an American missionary on his way to Japan had stopped here. He hadn't stayed long—just long enough to make a couple of converts, leave them a Bible, and then pass on.

One of the converts was Shosei Kina, the other was his brother Mojon. From the time of the missionary's visit, mind you, they had seen no other missionary, had no contact with any other Christian person or group. But in those 30 years Shosei Kina and his brother Mojon had made that Bible come alive. Picking their way through its pages, they had found not only an inspiring Person on whom to pattern a life, but sound precepts on which to base a society.

Aflame with their discovery, they taught the other villagers until every man, woman, and child in Shimmabuke was a Christian. Shosei Kina became headman in the village; his brother Mojon, the chief teacher. In Mojon's school the Bible was read daily. To Shosei Kina's village government, its precepts were law. Under the impact of this Book pagan things had fallen away. In their place, during these 30 years, there had developed a Christian democracy at its purest.

Then after 30 years came the American Army, storming across the island. Little Shimmabuke was directly in their path and took some severe shelling. When our advance patrols swept up to the village compound, the GI's, their guns leveled, stopped dead in their tracks as two little old men stepped forth, bowed low and began to speak.

An interpreter explained that the old men were welcoming them as fellow Christians. They remembered that

their missionary had come from America. So though these Americans seemed to approach things a little differently than had the missionary, the two old men were overjoyed to see them.

The GI's reaction was typical. Flabbergasted, they sent for the chaplain.

The chaplain came, and with him officers of the Intelligence Service. They toured the village and were astounded at what they saw—the spotlessly clean homes and streets, the poise and gentility of the villagers, the high level of health and happiness, intelligence, and prosperity of Shimmabuke. They had seen many other villages on Okinawa—villages of unbelievable poverty and ignorance and filth. Against these Shimmabuke shone like a diamond in a dungheap.

Shosei Kina and his brother Mojon observed the Americans' amazement and took it for disappointment. They bowed humbly and said: "We are sorry if we seem a backward people. We have, honored sirs, tried our best to follow the Bible and live like Jesus. Perhaps if you will show us how..." *Show them?*

I strolled through Shimmabuke one day with a tough old Army sergeant. As we walked, he turned to me and whispered hoarsely, "I can't figure it, fellow—this kind of people coming out of only a Bible and a couple of old guys who wanted to live like Jesus!" Then he added what was to me an infinitely penetrating observation: "Maybe we've been using the wrong kind of weapons to make the world over!"

Whenever I think of what's wrong with our world and of all that must be made right if civilization is to survive, I can't help thinking of little Shimmabuke, of Shosei Kina and his brother Mojon. Nor can I help thinking of that Book that started it all, and of the Bible Societies which are struggling to meet the mounting demand for the Scriptures—a demand that is increasing from freedom-hungry people all across the world.

I can't help relating Shimmabuke and the Bible Societies, for I held the Book in my own hands for a few memorable moments. At my request Shosei Kina reverently took it down from the pedestal where it rested, handling it with the loving care one would use with the original of our own Declaration of Independence. It was weather-stained and frayed. Its covers were almost off, its edges dog-eared from 30 years' use. Carefully I turned its pages. I couldn't read a word of it, of course. But I could read the inscription on the flyleaf. It said: "Published and distributed by the American Bible Society, New York."

This textbook of freedom had made a new little world of Shimmabuke.

Given proper distribution, could it not make a new big world of liberty and peace for all?

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

BEING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS is an American tradition. Families that find a reunion impossible at any other time of the year try to gather at the holiday season.

In Springfield, Missouri, each year at least a score of furloughing and retired missionary families of the Assemblies of God are *home for Christmas*. For some, "home" is one of the 12 Mission Village cottages made available by the Foreign Missions Department and partially furnished by certain district WMC organizations. For others, it is a mobile unit, a rented house, or modest home of their own.

From the Southern Missouri WMC commissary, Mrs. Cleo Tapp, district WMC president, plans a package for every resident missionary family. The box may contain linens, articles of clothing, toiletries, or "little extras" chosen especially for each household. The commissary is replenished once a year by gifts of handwork from members of local WMC groups throughout the district.

Early in December Mrs. Albert Pyle, WMC representative of the Springfield Section, plans a banquet for local groups of the area. Besides completing the district-assigned Christmas project at the meeting, the women make special plans for the furloughing and retired missionary ladies of the city. Each local group chooses a lady to be its guest. The missionary sits with her hostesses and receives a personal gift from them.

Mrs. Stewart Robinson, wife of the pastor of Calvary Temple in Springfield, tells how their WMC group has given a Christmas aspect to the WMC motto, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do..." She says, "It would be rare to find as many missionaries as there are in Springfield, so our WMC ladies take advantage of the opportunity to be a blessing to them. Under the leadership of Mrs. Chester Adams, the WMC group sponsors an annual Christmas tea for all resident missionary ladies.

"As a part of the program in 1965, each missionary told about Christmas customs of the land she represented. Billie Davis said that in Costa Rica so much confetti is tossed about that the streets look snow-covered.

"Angeline Tucker told how Congolese Christians spend the entire day in church, enjoying Christmas dinner together and bringing gifts to Christ. Esther Cimino said she missed the beating of the drums that marked Christmastime in Nigerian villages. Mrs. John Hall told of her delight of opening a Christmas package from home (when she was in West Africa) and finding a can of cranberry sauce—just in time for Christmas dinner.

"According to Ruth Phillips, the Japanese use more

elaborate decorations than Americans are accustomed to. The height of the Far East celebration comes on New Year's Day.

"Mrs. Vernon Pettenger said that the South Africans use few holiday decorations. Instead, they dress up, take a special offering, and attend church all day. Christmas is considered a special time for dedication and water baptismal services. Dawn Pettenger, daughter of the missionary, was dedicated at such a service.

"Mrs. Arthur Lindvall said to the WMC ladies, 'Never pity the missionary in El Salvador. To the Christians there, Christmas is more meaningful than in the States. In every home there is a manger instead of a gift-laden tree.'"

Christmas is drawing near; again, individuals have sent their gifts; the district office personnel have wrapped packages; and the sectional program is on the calendar.

The WMC's of Calvary Temple have sent invitations to their tea. Most of their guests will be new ones. Many of last year's guests have finished their furloughs and returned to distant fields. No doubt they will be remembering the fellowship of the Springfield WMC's and the personal token of love each guest received that day.

From the heat of the tropics, and from the frosty mountainsides, there will be missionaries lifting prayers in behalf of WMC's everywhere and saying again, "How much they do to make us feel at *home for Christmas!*"



In the top photo, Mrs. Albert Pyle and Mrs. Cleo Tapp wrap Christmas packages for residents of Mission Village. Missionaries in center photo attend Christmas tea given by WMC's of Calvary Temple, Springfield, Mo. "Grandma" Hoecker, 87 (right), is an active member of the WMC's of Bridgeton Assembly, St. Louis County, Mo. She makes exceptionally beautiful needlework, paints mottoes, writes poetry, and plays the piano. Pastor T. E. Canter says, "Grandma Hoecker's witness in the church and community makes her an unusual person."

MISSIONETTES ENJOY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR

THE PHRASE, *The spirit of Christmas*, immediately brings to mind the thought of giving and sharing with others. This is exactly what Missionettes around the world do all year long. Approximately 50,000 girls are living up to their motto, "We Care."

"Christmas in August" parties, when girls bring in gifts for foreign missionaries, are eagerly anticipated. Home missionaries also benefit at Christmas when they receive packages carefully prepared for them by Missionettes. Hundreds of American Indians have a happier holiday season, thanks to girls who send gifts and candy.

Boys and girls in children's homes and also the ill and aged are remembered throughout the year. Toys prepared for church nurseries are enjoyed 12 months of the year.


Many pastors and their families are made happy because Missionettes help in church and home activities, sharing time, gifts, and finances.

Typical of our more than 4,300 Missionettes Clubs is the Junior Club at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. These girls, sponsored by Mrs. Shirley M. Graham and Mrs. Chris Petterson, presented a skit to commemorate the birthday of Etta Calhoun, founder of the Women's Missionary



Pastor Bobby R. Smith, Huffman Assembly, Birmingham, Ala., receives a check from the newly organized Missionettes for a bulletin board in the church foyer. He says family night services have doubled in attendance since Missionettes and Royal Rangers were organized.

Council. They also had a birthday party and collected \$7.20 toward the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Latin American Children's Home in Acapulco, Mexico.

This has been a good year for Missionettes. Girls from outside the church have attended club meetings and have found the Lord as Saviour. There are new names written down in heaven because Missionettes shared their testimony with the unsaved. Yes, the spirit of Christmas exists among Missionettes all year. 

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

THE WORLD HAS BEEN CAPTIVATED by Christmas. The colorful pageantry, the crowded inn, the Babe laid in a manger: who has not thrilled at the wonder of it all?

It is, perhaps, the world's only birthday worth remembering. But when the birthdays of other great men are observed, scant attention is given to the physical circumstances under which they were born. Properly the stress is laid on goals and achievements.

By contrast, many who celebrate Christmas are abnormally preoccupied with Christ's picturesque nativity to the exclusion of His life's work. Let us remember that Jesus Christ came to save us from our sins. He was born to die. The cross overshadowed the manger. Any celebration of Christmas which ignores Calvary is long on sentiment and short on salvation.

The angel said, "Unto you is born . . . a Saviour." Let's hang a "Mission Accomplished" sign over Bethlehem's manger.

—MARY TREGENZA

GOOD NEWS AT WORK

WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, there were shepherds out in the fields watching their flocks. That was their job. That was how they made a living. To those people, busy in their daily labor, the angel came and said, "Do not be frightened, for I bring you good news" (Luke 2:10, Goodspeed).

When someone comes to us while we are making a living and tells us he has good news for us, our first thought is: What good news? A raise in salary? An extra day off? A promotion?

We do not expect good news from heaven in our office, our factory, our store. Those are places of business and not of religion, are they not?

But the angel announced the birth of Christ out in the fields where men were working. For the angel, all moments and aspects of man's life are appropriate for the message of Jesus Christ.

The angel is right. The Christ, born in Bethlehem, is Lord in every sphere, on every field, on every farm, in every office, and on every truck. His gospel belongs everywhere.

—M. VRIEZE

LOVE IS NEVER FORGOTTEN

THE WISE MEN BROUGHT GIFTS to Christ. The Bible doesn't record that the shepherds brought gifts. They offered their love.

There may be sad hearts at Christmas. Some will be able to provide well for their families. Others may have little to give other than their love.

Whether or not you are able to give other gifts, give your love. It will be remembered after other gifts are gone.

I heard the testimony of one who is now an influential man of God. His mother supported her family, earning a scant living washing clothes on a washboard. All their mother had to give them for Christmas was her love, but she made her love known to them very clearly in many ways.

The children now are grown, but they remember the saintly, self-sacrificing mother who had only love to give them when Christmas came. Love is never forgotten.

—E. S. WILLIAMS

THE KING'S HEARTBREAK

Sunday School Lesson for December 18, 1966

MATTHEW 23:25-29

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE MOST SEVERELY SCATHING DENUNCIATION Christ ever uttered was delivered against the scribes and Pharisees, religious leaders of Israel: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" These words were repeated seven times in the course of His message.

Most people condemn hypocrites. However, we ought to take heed to our own hearts lest we be found guilty of the same sins we hate in these men. Consider some of the charges Christ made against them:

1. *They failed to practice what they preached* (vv. 1-3). They were not condemned because they held offices as expositors of the Law, for these offices were necessary. They were not condemned for their teaching insofar as it adhered to the Scriptures. Their sin was that "they say and do not." Those who allow sins in

themselves which they condemn in others are most guilty of all (Romans 2:1-3, 17-24).

2. *They expected others to bear burdens they themselves would not bear* (v. 4). To safeguard against such an attitude, the Christian's maxim ought to be: "Expect a lot more from yourself than you do from other people." To reverse the order is hypocrisy.

3. *They were guilty of showing off.* "All their works they do for to be seen of men" (v. 5). It is true that Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." But we are not to parade our own virtues so men will glorify us. Pure motives are all-important.

4. *They desired places of prominence and titles of honor* (vv. 6-10).

5. *They used religion as a cloak to hide their evil deeds* (v. 14). "Ye devour widows' houses." They were unmerciful in business relations and took advantage of defenseless people by overcharging them and demanding high rates of interest. Yet these scribes and Pharisees made long prayers. Christ did not condemn them for praying but for using prayer as a pretense of religion, for they were inconsistent in their living. A real Christian puts Christ into all his business practices. His prayer life issues forth in honorable dealings.

6. *They emphasized externals and minimized the importance of inward integrity* (vv. 23, 24). They were very exact in giving tithes—even of the most insignificant items—and they were right in so doing, for Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done." They were wrong in omitting matters which are the essence of true religion—"judgment, mercy, and faith." True holiness is primarily a matter of the heart. Many men give thousands of dollars to church and charity, but their hearts are devoid of the grace and love and holiness of God. It is much easier to drop a dollar in the collection plate than to right a wrong and confess sin.

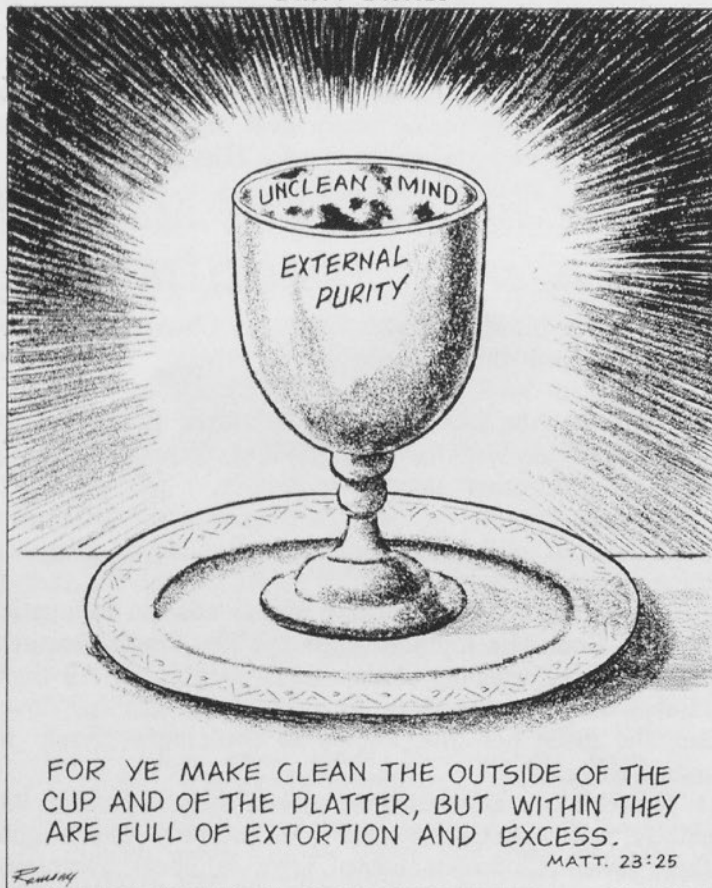
Verses 25-28 contain striking word pictures as Christ pointed out the folly of washing the outside of a cup while neglecting the inside. He likened the Pharisees to "whited sepulchres," beautiful on the outside but inwardly full of rotting corpses. What good is such hypocrisy and deception? The day is coming when whited sepulchres shall be opened and secret things revealed.

7. *They pretended respect for prophets who had been slain by their forefathers while they hated and persecuted the living prophets* (vv. 29-33). Notwithstanding all this, Christ would still send them prophets, Himself being the chief. What wondrous grace in His words! Though the scribes and Pharisees were hypocritical and their intentions evil, He would give them further opportunity to repent. He had called them serpents and vipers—strong language indeed. Yet He still extended mercy.

Christ concluded His message with some of the tenderest, most pathetic words which ever graced His lips, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" And here is the most solemn sentence of all: "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!"

To reject Christ's love means to become desolate. To receive His love means to possess peace that will last forever.

DIRTY DISHES



Something You Can Give This Christmas

BESIDES ALL THE GIFTS you will choose this Christmas season, there is something else you can give:

You can give the right-of-way.

This can be the greatest gift of all, for it can mean life for you and your loved ones, and life for a fellowman.

How does one give the right-of-way? What is it that prompts you to put this on your gift list? How much will it cost? What kind of wrapping will you use? When will you give it?

The gift of the right-of-way is a gift of attitude displayed in thought and action on the highways of our land. It is free.

The way you give the right-of-way at Christmas or at any other time of the year is:

To be more considerate of your fellow travelers than you usually are.

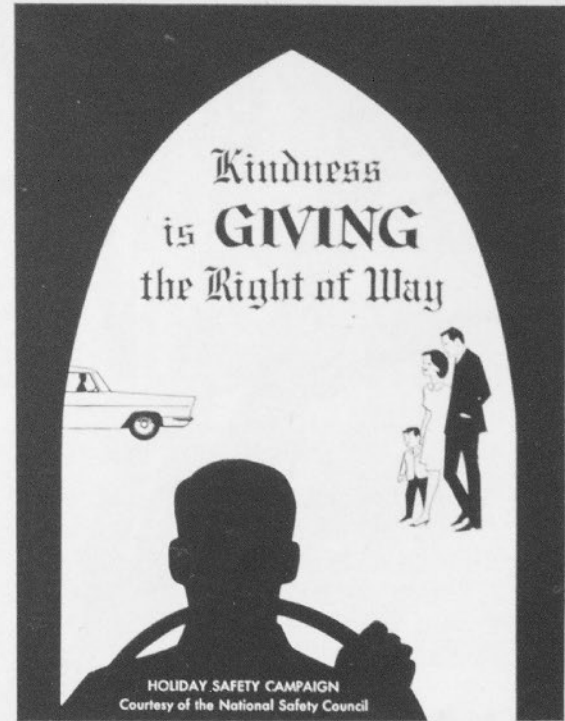
To give up your own right-of-way if necessary for the safety of all.

To be humble enough to allow another driver to get ahead on the road.

To be alert to all situations so you can make quick decision, when needed.

To give the other driver the benefit of the doubt.

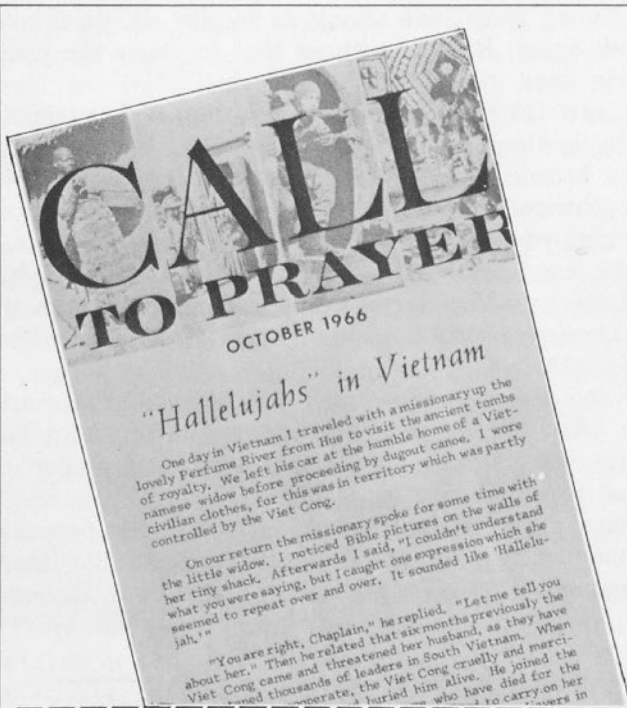
Giving the right-of-way is, in essence, trying to understand the other driver—his needs and the pressures



which may be upon him—even though you have never met him. It is a willingness to give up your own way for his way.

The law tells you when to yield the right-of-way, but it's something you must *want* to give. How about putting it at the top of your Christmas list?

—WARREN R. EBINGER



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Giving "Revivaltime," Christians Are Capturing the Christmas Spirit

By RON ROWDEN

CHRISTMAS traditionally is a time of giving. For a few frantic weeks shoppers swarm the downtown stores and suburban shopping centers, purchasing tokens of love and affection for friends and relatives.

But this Santa Claus parenthesis each year is only a poor sham of the unsurpassable gifts given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Having found a new purpose for living through Christ, believers have discovered the Christmas spirit of giving to be a year-round reality. Every day they give of themselves to extend the Kingdom of God.

For instance, this letter from Erie, Pa.: "I am deaf, but I am a Christian and will help to spread God's Word with my offering."

Or this testimony from Drumright, Okla.: "It has been years since I have heard *Revivaltime*, but this didn't stop me from sending in my monthly offering. I knew someone was getting your program."

Friends like these are priceless to *Revivaltime*. But many listeners are going one step further by saying, "*Revivaltime* will go as far as I can take it."

Since Brother Ward read on the air a testimony of the bus driver who let his passengers hear *Revivaltime*, scores of interesting letters have been received from radio friends who are taking the broadcast to others.

In Vietnam a serviceman invites his buddies to listen to *Revivaltime* on his transistor radio. A painter in an eastern college carries her radio with her as she works in the dormitories. *Revivaltime's* message is heard loud and clear!

From a Kingstown, East Indies, hospital a nurse writes: "How much your broadcast means to me! Most of the time I am unable to attend church because of duty; so when Sunday comes, I just ask my patients to tune in *Revivaltime*. I can hear your thrilling sermons in every room, and everyone receives a blessing."

In some areas *Revivaltime* is not yet heard, but until sufficient financial support is obtained, many personal workers are doing their best by visiting individuals and playing tape recordings of the *Revivaltime* broadcast.

A British visitation team recently reported outstanding results from playing broadcast tapes in several prisons and other institutions throughout Britain and Scotland.

Their leader testifies:

"We have traveled many miles with these *Revivaltime* tapes, and they have been a blessing to so many people. The music of the *Revivaltime* choir is especially inspiring.


"This country is getting more like dark Africa every day in its choice of music. All that is heard is "beat groups" from morning till night. Young folk are crying out for something different.

"Men and women are being moved through your program. Young people are asking us to play the tapes over and over again. Rejoice with us that so many are yielding their lives to Christ."

You can further *Revivaltime's* radio ministry. Start today by inviting your friends to listen this week. Mention the broadcast to those with whom you work. Distribute *Revivaltime* radio logs in strategic locations throughout your city.

If you are interested in visitation work, tape recordings of the broadcast service can be secured through the Radio Department, as can special tapes of the *Revivaltime* choir's music.

One radio sermon may melt the heart of that back-slidden loved one. A single broadcast could make a life-changing difference in an impressionable teen-ager on the road to moral disaster.

Capture the Christmas spirit today in your own life. Give abundantly of yourself, so that others may know the blessings of God's priceless gift—eternal life. 

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Robert Otey

SIN WAS MY FULL-TIME JOB

I THANK GOD for lifting me out of the dark depths of sin into the sunlight of His wonderful love. With the Psalmist I would say:

"He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:1-3).

I am giving my testimony in the hope that those who read it may know that God is still able to reach down and save the most sinful soul and to set his feet on the path of life.

When I graduated from college, I looked around for the shortest possible route to the top of the ladder of success. Satan was close by to lend a hand, and a compromise here and there led me to become involved with certain elements of organized crime.

Living for Satan gradually became a full-time business. My work as a confidence man and coordinator took me from New York to Phoenix; from Las Vegas to Miami; from Los Angeles to Havana. I know from personal experience that crime is very big business which eats at society like a cancer.

For almost a decade I lived in this web of crime that reached around the world. At first the devil made it seem so pleasant, so exotic, as sweet as honey. But things gradually changed until all was bitter! So bitter!

I tried alcohol and even dope in my effort to dull my outraged conscience and escape the feeling I was doomed forever. I knew that not many men in my position escaped this tightening web alive.

About that time I heard an evangelist preach a dynamic sermon in Chicago. The sermon disturbed me, but it was through the influence of a fine Christian girl that I came to Christ. We began to attend a little country church in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. There the people sang the praises of a living God and prayed at the altar to their Heavenly Father. The simplicity of their faith touched my heart, and one Sunday morning I bowed at the altar and repented of my sins. Jesus reached all the way down and lifted me out of all my sins.

Later the girl who had led me to this church became my wife. In December 1965 we went to Island Home Assembly of God in Knoxville, Tenn., to hear Evangelist Jimmy Snow, with whom I had gone to high school. We went to the altar to seek a deeper walk with the Lord. I returned to that altar one morning a few months

later. There Pastor J. W. Jordan and three others prayed with me, and I was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus has given me a new desire and a new destination. Sin was once my business, but now I want to bring others to this wonderful Saviour, so that they too may know His love and peace. If you are one who has never found peace for your soul, try Jesus. He will lift you up and set your feet upon a rock and establish your goings.—Robert Otey, % 3917 Island Home Pike, Knoxville, Tenn.

(Endorsed by J. W. Jordan, Island Home Assembly, Knoxville, Tenn. Pastor Jordan writes, "I know this story to be true. The Oteys are members of our church. He taught school in Florida last spring and is now working toward his Ph.D. He has obeyed the call to preach the full gospel wherever the Lord leads.")



WHEN ALL MAN'S GUIDANCE FAILS and the storms of war roll ugly clouds across familiar landmarks, *the Light* shines through. This is the message we'd like to get across to every homesick, war-weary sailor, soldier, marine, and airman on this eve of Christmas.

We would like to help you minister to *your* serviceman. Have you sent us his address? Our Servicemen's Division corresponds with thousands regularly. We have helped many become outstanding Christian witnesses among their fellows. We have pointed all to *the Light*.

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The Gospel of Luke in Iroquois

SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT CHRISTIANS in the world are without a New Testament, reports the American Bible Society. The Society is doing its best to get New Testaments and Bibles into the hands of many of these Christians as well as into the hands of the unsaved at home and abroad. Where people cannot afford to pay for Scriptures, the Society is able to provide some free of charge. In other cases the price is very low—often less than printing costs.

The Society's work has been of great assistance to our home missionaries among American Indians and Eskimos. Our foreign language groups have also received Scriptures for distribution.

Working with the Wycliffe Translators, ABS is providing the Scriptures in several Indian and Eskimo languages. The New Testament is now available in the Apache, Cheyenne, and Navaho languages. The Navaho New Testament, first printed in its entirety in 1956, was reedited in 1959. Members of Assemblies of God churches

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Helps Spread Light in the Homeland

By RUTH LYON

on the San Carlos and Fort Apache reservations in Arizona helped Wycliffe Bible Translators translate the New Testament into Apache. Some members of our Navaho churches have also been helpful in translating their Scriptures.

Besides the New Testament, evangelical missionaries have translated Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Ruth, Psalms, and Jonah into Navaho.

ABS also provides finger-fono kits for the Indian and Eskimo people. Each kit includes, along with the hand-operated phonograph, records of Bible portions and books corresponding with the content of the records. One of our Indian Christians did much of the recording in the Apache language.

Our missionaries find the finger-fonos most helpful in teaching the Indian people to read the Bible. The Indians follow the recording in books provided by the Society.

Some American Indians read English, and ABS has provided many English Bibles and New Testaments for distribution by our missionaries.

There are 35 languages spoken by Indians in the United States in which some part of the Scripture has been published. Some Indian languages in which the Scriptures are in current use are Apache, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Choctaw, Iroquois, Muskogee, Navaho, and Ojibwa.

Our missionaries to Spanish-speaking Yaqui, Pima, and Papago Indians in the U.S. are grateful for the Spanish Bibles they receive from the Society for dis-

A TRIBUTE

BY CURTIS W. RINGNESS
 NATIONAL SECRETARY, HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

THE JOY the world cannot know comes to the faithful minister. He brings hungry hearts to Jesus Christ, "the Living Bread." Under God he is able to meet all sorts of human needs. He spends himself for the weak and the helpless. He accepts limitations gladly for the sake of doing good. The Christian minister and missionary are building up the kingdom of God.

We salute the 345 appointed home missionaries and the hundreds of pioneer pastors who are laboring faithfully and effectively in whitened harvest fields. They

are ministering to Indians on the reservations and to Eskimo people on the Arctic Coast. Their message of redeeming grace is reaching neglected youth, the deaf, the blind, Gypsies, Jewish people, and many other ethnic groups.

Their interest is in the lost, the least, and the last, wherever they may be. Like the pioneer preachers of old they are willing to spend and to be spent for the gospel's sake. Uncomplainingly they make sacrifices and suffer privation in order to win precious souls to Christ.

Let us show our appreciation by giving a liberal Christmas offering to our home missionaries this year. Remember the pioneer pastors of your district, and include our appointed home missionaries on your gift list by sending a love offering designated "Home Missionary Christmas Gift" to: Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

tribution to their people. Most of these people could not afford Bibles otherwise.

Our Spanish-speaking branches have received assistance from ABS with Spanish Bibles and Gospels. The Society has also made Gospel portions available for Cuban refugees now residing in Florida and other states. The Assemblies of God operates the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami.

The Bible Society publishes some part of the Scriptures in five Eskimo languages. Missionaries report that the Bibles provided by ABS in Alaska have been a great blessing. Not many of the Eskimos can read well, but by following the Scripture as the missionaries read it aloud, they are learning to understand portions for themselves.


The Books of Mark, John, Romans, James, Ephesians, and First John have been translated into the Point Barrow (Alaska) Eskimo dialect. People in Point Barrow pay only 50c per copy; if they cannot afford this the books are free. The whole New Testament will soon be available in printed form. In 1956, ABS published the New Testament which had been translated by Ferdinand Drevert, a Moravian missionary, for the 6,000 Kuskokwim Indians of Alaska.

Prison chaplains request Bibles, New Testaments, and

special portions of Scripture from the American Bible Society for the nearly three million persons on whom prison doors swing shut each year. At present the Society is able to supply less than 25 percent of these requests.

ABS supplies the Prison Division of the Home Missions Department with quantities of Bible portions for distribution to prisoners. We also receive a 25 percent discount on Bibles and New Testaments we give to inmates. We dispense about 1,500 Bibles and Testaments a year in this way.

ABS is supplying Scripture passages in Braille for sightless children and adults, and Talking Bible Records for those who cannot read with their fingertips. The complete Bible in Braille comes in 20 volumes and weighs 90 pounds. It takes five and a half feet of shelf space. Ordinarily the Braille Bible costs \$90, but ABS sends one free to any blind person who needs a Bible and whose name is sent to them.

The Home Missions Department is happy to take this occasion of Universal Bible Sunday to say a hearty thank you for the great work of the American Bible Society and for the liberal assistance it has given our Assemblies of God missionaries in spreading the Light in the homeland. 

This Jewess wanted a true meaning of life

'AT LAST I HAVE FOUND IT'

By FRIEDA NEUHAUS
Los Angeles, California

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE a blessed experience I had in a Jewish home a few weeks ago.

A Jewish lady had written to me saying, "I read your little booklet, *Through Tears to Eternal Joy*, and at first pity filled my heart. I thought, *Another Jewish soul gone astray; another Jewess captured by the Gentile god!* However, my reading in your booklet about your deliverance (as you call it) from gambling prompted this letter.

"May I ask you a question? Is it possible for me to be delivered without sacrificing my Jewish belief in my God? In other words, could I be converted, I mean delivered, from gambling without being converted?"

"I shared your booklet with two of my friends who also desire to be delivered from gambling. Would you be kind enough to accept my invitation and come to my house for lunch so that my friends and I may meet you personally and discuss this subject?"

Of course, I was delighted to accept her invitation; and two days later I found myself involved in one of the most blessed experiences of my life.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Neuhaus is one of nine appointed Assemblies of God missionaries to the Jewish people. Please pray that God will burden more hearts for this important ministry.

When I arrived in her home, I was graciously received by the hostess and by her friends as well. I had never before seen such eagerness to listen to God's Word and to the testimony of His saving grace.

I testified and read the Word to them for four hours because their famished hearts were urging me on and on. Finally my hostess interrupted and said to me, "Frieda Neuhaus, I must confess that when I read your testimony, an inward battle began to rage. I lost my rest, and I am the most miserable person in the world."

When she finished, her colored maid, weeping and praising the Lord, rushed in from the kitchen with her hands raised. The colored woman's tears flowed freely as she put her arms around me and said, "Oh, Sister Neuhaus, the Lord answered my prayers in sending you here. I have been praying for my lady a long time. I prayed the Lord would send someone of the Jewish race to witness to her. I prayed and fasted for the Lord to save her soul. It was I who gave her your testimony. Thank God, He sent you here. I know she will be saved!"

When these Jewish women saw and heard this unusual plea, they began to cry and asked, "How can one believe like this?" Oh, how I wish you could have been with us to see the moving of God's Spirit in our midst! The women were mightily convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit. As I recited the sinner's prayer from Psalm 51, they repeated after me with all their hearts, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."

And so, by faith in the blood of Jesus they were filled with rejoicing. Hallelujah! They had found freedom from sin. As one of them testified, "At last I have found a true meaning of life. I have found a deep satisfaction in Jesus."

Pray for these Jewish converts that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

READ THE WORD

READ THE WORD is the theme for the 1967-68 Assemblies of God Bible reading program. This two-year program is planned to help you read the entire Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in a systematic way.

It calls for an average of two chapters a day beginning January 1, 1967. To achieve balance and add variety, the readings will usually be for two months in the Old Testament, then one in the New.

Bible Reading Guides for the program are included in the first quarter issue of *God's Word for Today*, or they may be ordered separately from the Gospel Publishing House.

The National Home Missions Department makes these guides available in Braille without cost to the blind. (The American Bible Society provides free Bibles in Braille for the blind.)

Table calendars will be available. These are especially convenient for families following the program.

Many of our churches will give members and friends an opportunity to sign pledges to read the Bible through under the two-year program. Those who read the Bible through will find it a rewarding experience.

The result will be spiritual enrichment and increased understanding of God's plan and purpose and grace. This in itself is an abundant reward. In addition, attractive certificates are available for those who finish the 1967 readings, and permanent award pins for those completing the two-year program. All materials can be purchased from the Gospel Publishing House.

Another feature of the *Read the Word* program is a suggested doctrinal verse to memorize each week. These will be listed in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and *God's Word for Today*, as well as on the table calendar, in the Braille Reading Guide, and in other publications. The 104 verses cover all the major doctrines of the Bible. If faithfully memorized, they will add greatly to one's ability to give "a reason for the hope that is in you."

If you have already read the Bible through in the King James Version, you might consider reading it in one of the other versions available. *The New English Bible*, *The Amplified Bible*, and others offer the same message but in current English.

If you know a shut-in or someone who cannot read the Bible through for himself, consider sharing this experience with him. One way would be to go to his home and read the chapters daily. But this may not be possible. It might be more practical to use a tape recorder. Several days' readings can be recorded at a time, and he can listen to them more than once. The knowledge that you are sharing your reading of God's Word with someone else will bring a double blessing to your own heart.

WHY READ THE WORD?

In an article*, "Some of My Bible Reading Habits," *Revivaltime* Speaker C. M. Ward gives some good reasons and methods for reading the Word:

"I love to read the Bible. It fascinates me. I wear out a Bible every three or four years from usage.

"First and foremost, I read the Bible as I would any book, magazine, or paper of interest—for news, for discovery. I am always finding up-to-date penetration. I call it, 'Today's headlines written yesterday.' The Bible is never a relic to me. It is a 'lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.' The Author made it fascinating reading. Nothing in the world of literature has ever approached its interest....

"Second, I read my Bible for God's message to me, and through me as well. In this I seek definite guidance from the Spirit, asking for 'catch things' to direct me. It is said that 'the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip.' I know by experience that it is possible for the Spirit to catch my interest, to carry me away so I am temporarily lost to everything else. I have been in this condition at times for several hours, deeply enmeshed in the truth of God's Word....

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"FRANKLY, SOMETIMES I WONDER JUST WHAT KIND OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER I AM..."

Have you ever been filled with a sense of inadequacy after a Sunday school session filled with probing questions? Have you wondered whether you have said what your pupils needed to hear? "How," you ask yourself, "would Jesus have handled it?"

The 1967 workers training book, *Teaching as Jesus Taught*, will help you teach with confidence through a study of how Jesus solved the basic teaching dilemmas you also face from time to time. Learn what Christ emphasized in His teaching. Whether you work with children or adults, this is a study of utmost value to you. Attend the course in your church!

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"And, of course, I *study the Bible*. I do this in several ways, ways that suit me. Others must find their own personal habits.

"I *study the Bible as a Sunday school teacher*. I have taught for many years. Since lessons are planned for a seven-year cycle, this leads me in a systematic, well-rounded course of study. It affords me a course of expository study, a theme based on verse-by-verse continuity. I know that should Jesus tarry and spare me, I will have covered the central truths of God's Word seven times in 50 years. When I stand before my God at judgment and am asked, 'Did you study My Book while you were on earth?' I want to be able to reply in the affirmative. . . .

"I *also study the Bible with a doctrinal inquiry*—especially the majestic doctrine of salvation. The gospel is like a magnificent gem with myriad shafts of light. I am anxious to explore each shaft. The answers to the eternal, lingering questions spawned in each imperishable soul are in the great doctrines of the Church. These doctrines are the Church's denial to the gates of hell. They are the levee against the erosion of a world system. They are the bulwark between the image of God and animalism. . . .

"Finally, I *study the Bible through the messages of others*. That is why I need a pastor—his Sunday morning exposition of the Word; his Sunday night glimpse into humanity's hunger and thirst for the Bread of life and the Water which satisfies; his continued and planned studies in some section of the Word during the mid-week Bible study.

"And what is true of my pastor is true of every minister I hear. I want his knowledge of the Word to increase mine. I want his discoveries to excite me to new adventures in the Bible. I want to go to service not to be amused or entertained, but to learn.

"Yes, I'm at it every day! And I've made just enough progress to make me want to venture farther and farther into the Book of books." 

A BIBLE ALPHABET

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. Proverbs 22:1

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord. Psalm 55:22.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James 4:8.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Proverbs 20:11.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God. Isaiah 41:10.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. Proverbs 3:13.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. Matthew 7:1.

Kep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. Psalm 19:14.

My times are in thy hand. Psalm 31:15.

No man can serve two masters. Matthew 6:24.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalm 107:8.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Isaiah 26:3.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Psalm 123:1.

Verily there is a reward for the righteous. Psalm 58:11.

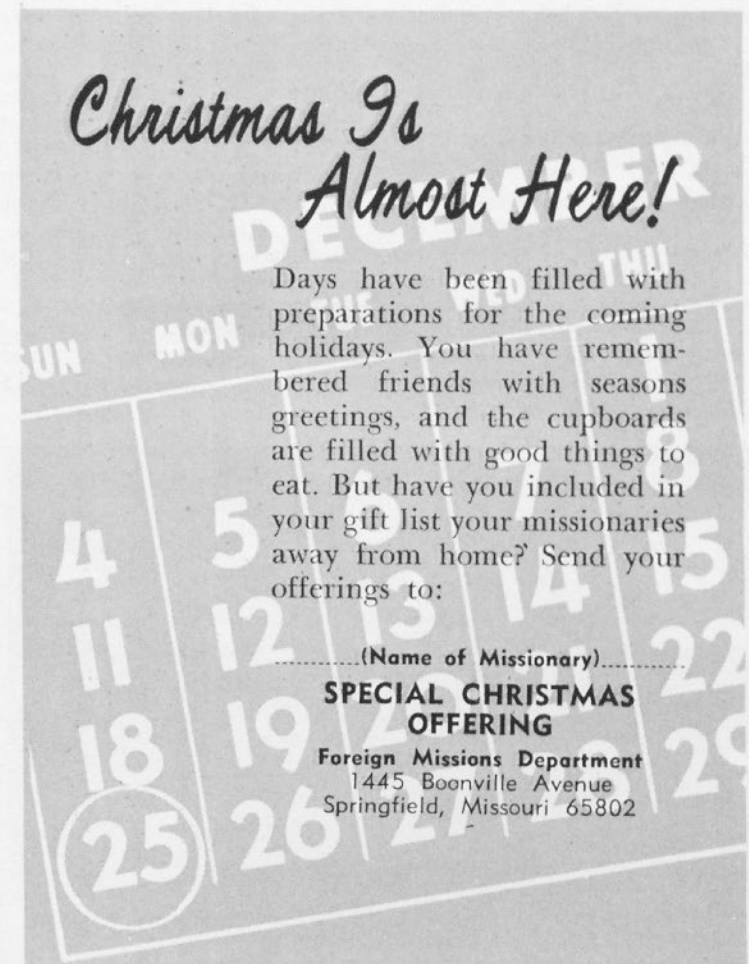
What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

EXcept the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Psalm 127:1.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield. Psalm 115:11.

Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. Psalm 97:8.

—American Bible Society



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ENROLLMENT INCREASE REPORTED

Total enrollment in Assemblies of God colleges for the fall semester 1966 reached 4,551. This is an increase of 12.7 percent over 1965 and is the 11th consecutive year the department has reported an increase.

The freshman class leads in the number of students with 2,065. There are 1,143 sophomores, 673 juniors, and 523 seniors in Assemblies of God colleges this year. A faculty of 270 serves this host of young people.

The school with the largest enrollment is Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., with 820 students.

Enrollment figures for the other schools are: Bethany Bible College, 451; Central Bible College, 680; North Central Bible College, 421; Northeast Bible Institute, 214; Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, 460; Southeastern Bible College, 456; Southern California College, 504; and Southwestern Assemblies of God College, 545.

NORTHWEST COLLEGE PRESIDENT INAUGURATED

Inauguration ceremonies for D. V. Hurst, third president of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash., were held October 6. A capacity audience, including representatives from 17 colleges and universities, filled the college's new chapel auditorium to witness the event.



Three presidents, past and present, of Northwest College, Kirkland, Wash. Left to right: C. E. Butterfield, president emeritus; D. V. Hurst, president; and Henry Ness, founder and first president.

\$8,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN LAST YEAR

Almost \$8,000 was awarded to Assemblies of God high school graduates during the 1966 Mr. and Miss CA-USA scholarship contest. With \$300 going to both Mr. and Miss CA-USA, the remaining amount was awarded to 48 district winners in amounts from \$100 to \$200. The young people now enrolled in an Assemblies of God college are enjoying the privileges of a quality education in a Pentecostal atmosphere.

The Mr. and Miss CA-USA scholarship contest is sponsored by the Department of Education and the Christ's Ambassadors Department and is open to all Assemblies of God graduating high school seniors. Money for scholarships is made possible through the kindness of interested individuals, churches, districts, and the colleges.

To enter the Mr. and Miss CA-USA contest, write to the Department of Education, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802. You will receive an application which must be returned by March 31. Other



Carolyn Rudy (left), Miss CA-USA, shows the letter announcing her receipt of the honor to classmates in her room at Evangel College. The other girls are (left to right) Carol Cranford, Nina Dickson, and Glenna Brooks, Miss Iowa CA for 1966.

information about the 1967 scholarship contest and a coupon for enrolling will be found in the January, February, and March issues of the *C. A. Herald*.

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NEW DORMITORY DEDICATED AT CBC

The new residence hall at Central Bible College was dedicated in ceremonies on the campus September 28. The dormitory is named in honor of J. Roswell Flower, retired general secretary of the Assemblies of God.

The dedication service was held in the college chapel. Special music was provided by the *Revival-time* choir. General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman brought the message.

At the conclusion of the service, the group moved to the building site for the dedication ceremony. After a tribute to Brother Flower, a history of the J. Roswell Flower Hall was given by Bartlett Peterson. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Brother Zimmerman.

Following the ceremonies a reception was held for Brother and

Sister Flower in the new residence hall.

Brother Flower has held many positions in the Assemblies of God and was a member of the group of men who chose the site for Central Bible College. He has served on its board of directors and its board of administration and has been a part-time faculty member. He and his wife, Alice Reynolds Flower, have given sparingly of themselves to the work of the Lord throughout the years.

The new dormitory was completed in September and houses 128 students. It has helped relieve the housing pressure of an enrollment of 680 this year, an increase of 124 over last year.



Eva Larson, instructor at CBC, serves refreshments to Brother and Sister J. Roswell Flower at a reception following dedication ceremonies of the new Flower Hall (lower photo).





Shouldn't you be in class?

Let's narrow the question: Shouldn't you be in an Assemblies of God college class? Have you made the decisions about your education you should have made? Perhaps circumstances are different now than at the beginning of the school year, and you feel you should change your plans. If you are interested in enrolling or transferring to an Assemblies of God college of Bible, or arts and sciences, you can still make it for the second semester if you hurry. Send for information. Use the coupons below.



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EVANGEL READERS WRITE

Your card or letter will be most welcome. We cannot give space to all correspondence but will publish excerpts from our mail from time to time. Address: "Evangel Editor," 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Letter from Vietnam

Thank you for sending the *Evangel*s I requested. I will pass them out for I do want to be a good witness for my Lord here in Vietnam.

Week before last we had an awful battle. We went out to relieve another company, and they said there was a platoon of Viet Cong fighters in front of us, but it turned out to be a battalion. My platoon started out with 36 men. We returned to base camp with only 19. Out of the 17 killed, one was from an Assemblies of God church, but he didn't profess to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

I do thank God for sparing my life and I want to serve Him. I am letting everyone read my *Evangel*s. I will never be able to praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me.

SGT. REINE C. GOEWY
Loc Vine, Vietnam

Sir Wilfred Grenfell

In the editorial column September 11 you mentioned "William Grenfell, who became a famous missionary." Was it not Sir Wilfred Grenfell (1865-1940), the British medical missionary to Labrador?

W. L. ROSET
*Pastor, Assembly of God
Anaconda, Montana*

(Editor's Note: We stand corrected.)

Should Closed Doors Stop Us?

So much has been said about closed doors, or doors closing, in our day. It is true that the attitude of authorities in some countries is hostile toward the gospel. In some places, missionaries have lost their lives or been driven out.

But was the door open for Martin Luther? What about John Huss? What about John G. Paton, with the cannibals watching him hungrily and not understanding or accepting the gospel? Did Adoniram Judson find an open door into Burma?

Could there be a more discouraging situation than is described in Luke 3:1, 2, when the word of the Lord came to John the Baptist, and he began to preach?

Closed doors cannot stop God, nor can they stop His servants. When He sends His laborers into the harvest He goes before them to open up a way. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

HELEN PAULSSON
Spokane, Washington

Praying Away the Blessing

Your editorial, "Praying Away the Blessing," in the September 11 *Evangel* is very much appreciated. I do hope that more pastoral-type editorials will be forthcoming.

To insure that I receive all the issues of the *Evangel*, I am enclosing a check to cover a two-year subscription.

The check also covers the cost of 100 copies of the Good Word edition. They are being sent to a soldier in Vietnam who is helping establish a church over there.

FRANKLIN E. NILES
Aberdeen, Md.

(Editor's Note: Copies of the special Good Word edition are still available at \$3 for 100 copies, postpaid in the U.S. These are excellent for general distribution and evangelistic work. Order *Evangel* number 2730.)

Likes Soul-Winning Emphasis

Congratulations for the greater emphasis on soul winning in the *Evangel*. The September 11 issue told of 1,986 conversions in one article and 700 in another. Praise God!

This is just the beginning. I know God is going to raise up many great soul winners in the Assemblies of God. I have witnessed to many people and have won a Christian Scientist to the Lord so far.

LEONARD OSTROM
Melrose Park, Ill.

Scars of Church Splits

You'll never know what a blessing the tract, "Scars of Divorce" (reprint from *The Pentecostal Evangel*) proved to me. How God spoke to my heart about it—not only about divorce, but about "Scars of a Divided Church."

I'm a member of a church that split. Just as this woman in the tract suffered untold agonies through the separation of her parents, so I suffered inside my heart from the dividing of our church. I loved the people who left us; when they left, part of my heart went with them.

How true it is that innocent children suffer when a home is divided; and the same is true of a church. Oh, if we could realize the damage that is done to "weak" ones and to new converts, we would not tolerate these feuds.

This woman wrote how stubbornness and selfishness caused the

quarrels between her parents and how sacrifice and love would save any marriage. I think the same can be said of church quarrels. If we as Christians could realize the seriousness of a division in our churches, we would fall upon our knees and beg one another's forgiveness.

I think God hates church splits as much as He hates divorce, don't you?

READER IN NORTHWEST

(Editor's Note: The tract, "Scars of Divorce," may be purchased from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Price \$1.10 for 100 or \$4.75 for 500. Ask for tract number 34-EV-4125 and please mention the title when ordering.)

Correction

Thank you for publishing the item about my husband's Home-going in the *Evangel* of October 23. However, he was ordained in 1927 instead of 1937, and there were 10 grandchildren surviving rather than 13.

MRS. ROBERT F. ASHWORTH
Sumner, Wash.

Where Was It Taken?

A beautiful picture of a church building appeared on the cover of the August 28 issue. Can you tell us where it was taken? It is such an unusual photograph; no doubt others also would like to know where this delightful spot is.

MRS. M. WALDRON
Los Angeles, California

(Editor's Note: We are informed by the photograph agent, H. Armstrong Roberts, that this picture was taken along the Wepawag River in Milford, Connecticut.)

Likes Strong Meat

I surely like the *Evangel*, especially the articles that contain the "strong meat" of the Word (Hebrews 5:14). We need this to nourish our souls. Please give us more of it.

JOE V. ROSA
Hayward, Calif.

On Modesty

How pleased I was to read the article on modesty in the October 16 *Evangel*. I am grateful for the *Evangel* as a clarion call for the standards of our beloved movement. When trends arise, it is good to pinpoint certain issues—wisely and discreetly.

God has given us, I feel, the greatest Fellowship in the world today. How heartening to know that the "voice" of the Movement, the *Evangel*, is still the voice of the Movement as a whole and not the sounding board for the opinions of a few who may be liberal in their thinking.

PASTOR VERNON BOYER
First Assembly of God
Brookville, Pa.

On Temperance

Congratulations for the issue of October 23. Yes, I know every issue is tops. You give us so much it keeps us digging to keep up with it.

But this special issue includes the temperance speech, "Genie in the Bottle," by one of our own boys. And I am also extending congratulations for the temperance lesson in our quarterlies.

MRS. AUGUST RECHNAGEL
Long Beach, Calif.

How He Discovered It

I am a retired mail carrier and got acquainted with the *Evangel* in the process of my deliveries.

The article on the back page always attracted my attention, and I fell in love with the paper. One day I looked inside to get your address, and subscribed for the magazine. That was quite a few years ago.

I have been inspired by the testimonies of what our blessed Lord is able to do. Also the beautiful articles have led me closer to God, so I am able to worship Him more fervently.

Thank you for this wonderful paper. I pray that multiplied thousands may be blessed, healed, and led to our precious Lord.

GEORGE W. CREWETT
Chicago, Illinois

Read in VA Hospital

We so much enjoy our subscription to *The Pentecostal Evangel* which you send to us on a complimentary basis. We appreciate your assistance to our hospital.

WM. PAUL MOORE
Chaplain, VA Hospital
Charleston, S. C.

(Editor's Note: The magazine is being sent without charge to numerous places, such as this Veterans Administration Hospital, through the kindness of friends who make contributions to our Free *Evangel* Fund.)

More Christian Classics

Thank you for the many fine articles in the *Evangel*. Could you possibly write more for Catholic people? And how about reprinting excerpts from great Christian classics?

MRS. WALTER CARSON
Derry, N. H.

On the Air 26 Years

Just a note to thank you for the many good things we find in each issue of the *Evangel*. We often use items from your paper and from the Canadian paper (*Pentecostal Testimony*) on our radio broadcast, always being careful to mention the source. We have received many fine compliments on these items. The broadcast is now in its 26th year over CJGX, Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

PASTOR AND MRS. P. O. OLSON
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

MUSIC EDITOR RESIGNS TO ENTER EVANGELISTIC FIELD

EDWIN P. ANDERSON, music editor at the Gospel Publishing House, has resigned after serving in this



capacity for over 10 years. He feels called of God to enter into a full-time field ministry of music evangelism.

Beginning January 22, 1967, he will conduct one-week "music revivals" at Assemblies of God churches in various cities.

Brother Anderson, an ordained minister with many years' experience as pastor and radio minister, joined the Publishing House staff in August 1956. His first responsibility was to compile a songbook which was released the following year under the title, "Melodies of Praise."

A music survey was conducted to determine the musical needs of our fellowship. As a result of this and other surveys, further items

were produced including chorus books, instrumental music, and numerous choir arrangements.

Through the work of Brother Anderson and a capable staff the program of the Music Division expanded rapidly to include sheet music (over 100 titles published to date) and books of vocal solos, duets, trios, and quartets. Easter and Christmas cantatas were produced, as well as anthems, and several arrangements for trumpet trios.

Other publications of the Music Division are orchestrations for various instrumental ensembles, and orchestrations of "Melodies of Praise" for a complete orchestra. The "Melody" trademark has become well known throughout sacred music circles.

A national music conference has been held annually since 1963. District music directors have been

named. A music ministry bureau has been set up to assist churches in securing music directors.

One of the latest developments in the Music Division is the introduction of sacred recordings. Thus far two recordings have been produced under the "Melody" label.

Bert Webb, executive director of the Music Division, states that no successor to Brother Anderson has yet been named but further development of the Music Division's ministry is envisioned. Future plans call for a children's songbook for use in children's church, Sunday school, etc., as well as additional choir books and another book of trio and quartet arrangements.

A catalog of "Melody" publications may be obtained by writing to the Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802

INDEPENDENCE, MO. — Englewood Assembly here recently celebrated its 21st anniversary.

The church was founded in 1945 by the late Raymond Phillips. Former pastors honored at the anniversary service were Warner Miles, J. R. Waldron, D. M. Dabney, and Paul Witten.

N. Cleo Tapp, Southern Missouri District superintendent, was guest speaker.

—William M. Sharp, pastor

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PENSACOLA, FLA.—East Side Assembly here recently concluded special services with Evangelist and Mrs. S. P. Bostic Jr., of Enterprise, Ala.

Nineteen people went forward for salvation during the services. Six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and several testified to receiving divine healing.

Church attendance was good, and the Sunday school attendance also increased. These services made a lasting impression on the church.

—Luther Stephenson, pastor

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DES MOINES, IOWA—Several were saved and a number received the infilling of the Holy Spirit during special services at First Assembly here with Evangelist J. Billy McIntosh of Waxahachie, Texas.

Brother McIntosh's testimony of being healed of blindness brought

faith to the hearts of the people and many believed God for their healing.

Attendance during the week was nearly twice that of previous special meetings.

—Charles T. Crabtree, pastor

MONTREAL, P. Q., CANADA—Twelve people knelt at the altar for salvation on the last night of a campaign at Evangel Pentecostal Church here with Hansel Vibbert, pastor of Calvary Temple in Evansville, Ind.

Great tides of Pentecostal blessing flowed over the congregation nightly. The Word of God in powerful, practical presentation brought people to the altars and prayer room repeatedly.

—Fred H. Parlee, pastor

FLORIDA CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Glad Tidings Assembly here recently dedicated its new sanctuary and educational facilities to the Lord.

Lowell Ashbrook, Louisiana District superintendent, was the dedication speaker. Peninsular Florida District Superintendent J. Foy Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Arthur Shell Jr., and Presbyterian Wayne Pitts also participated in the service.

The new church is located on a three-acre tract in the center of St. Petersburg. The air-conditioned building has 9,000 square feet of floor space with 13 Sunday school rooms, a secretary's office, a pastor's office, and a nursery.

The sanctuary has cantilever-style pews and blue-green carpeting. There is a large recreation building 24 by 70 at the rear of the church.

Kenneth E. Squires has pastored Glad Tidings for the past five years.



The beautiful new Glad Tidings Assembly showing the Sunday school annex and the interior of the sanctuary (below).



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS



Evangelist Lee Paino, Pastor Arthur Clay, and Sunday School Superintendent J. D. Tucker display chart showing 506 in Sunday school in Adrian, Mich. The three girls were responsible for 35 visitors in Sunday school.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Cherry Valley	Bay Village	Dec. 5-18	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	Jerry W. Weems
	Lonoke	Brownsville	Dec. 6-18	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Bobby L. Johnson
	N. Little Rock	Bethel	Dec. 4-18	Freddie Salisbury	B. Earl Maxwell
Calif.	Campbell	A/G	Dec. 18—	Diehl Evangelists	Herbert L. Johnson
Fla.	Avon Park	First	Dec. 6-18	Freddy Clark	E. B. Boykin
Ill.	E. Moline	Full Gospel	Dec. 13-18	Dave & Mona Lewis	Wilbur Mandigo
Ia.	Monroe	College Town	Dec. 1-21	Robert Stephens	E. J. Graves
Mich.	Dearborn	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 6-11	Carl E. Gammel	Parvin C. Lee
	Dearborn	*Gospel Tab.	Dec. 13-18	Carl E. Gammel	Parvin C. Lee
Mo.	Weaubleau	A/G	Dec. 19-Jan. 6	Knott-Olson Team	Nadine Fogle
Mont.	Ronan	A/G	Dec. 11-18	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Kenneth D. Peterson
Ohio	Vermillion	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 11	Dave & Mona Lewis	Leland Lebsack
Oreg.	Lebanon	A/G	Dec. 25-Jan. 1	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	H. D. Robeson
R. I.	Middletown	**A/G	Dec. 11-18	Victor Etienne	Ira Tompkins
Va.	Portsmouth	A/G	Dec. 13-18	"Little Joe" Peterson	Homer L. Peterson Jr.

*Boys & Girls Roundup Revival

**Youth Crusade

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

ADRIAN, MICH.—A goal of 500 was broken with 506 present for Sunday school at Bethany Assembly here during special services with Evangelist Lee Paino of Indianapolis, Ind. Three young ladies were responsible for bringing 35 visitors.

—Arthur Clay, pastor

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HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle here recently conducted a crusade emphasizing personal evangelism.

The first week of the crusade Evangelist Gene Burgess of Memphis, Tenn., instructed Christians in personal evangelism. The next week they were asked to call on their neighbors and witness to them.

During the crusade five were saved, three reclaimed, and one baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Hudson T. Hilsden, pastor

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CASHMERE, WASH.—The Assembly of God here witnessed a visitation of God's Spirit during three weeks of meetings with

Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Erxleben of Turlock, Calif. New consecrations were made and lives transformed.

A number of people were healed, and several were saved. One of the highlights was a confession service on a Sunday morning. People made things right and this cleared the way for a further moving by the Spirit of God.

—Burton L. Pearson, pastor

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CUSHING, OKLA.—Adults were stirred and several young people accepted Christ as personal Saviour during special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick of Tulsa, Okla., at First Assembly here. Several people reported being healed.

Some week-night crowds were as large as those on Sunday. Over 100 guests attended the services.

A real revival atmosphere prevails at the church.

—Clyde C. Miller, pastor

MIFFLINTOWN, PA.—The Assembly of God here praises God for the seasons of refreshing the church has experienced in recent months.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit have been in operation. People have been saved, and miracles of healing have taken place.

Evangelist Charles Morris recently conducted a series of special meetings in the church. During August the church had its first VBS with an enrollment of 94.

—H. A. Christopher, pastor

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SAINT JO, TEX.—Seventeen were saved and nine filled with the Holy Spirit during a month of special services at First Assembly here with Evangelist Garry Smith of Ft. Worth, Tex. The church was full every night.

One person was delivered of the cigarette habit; another was healed of high blood pressure.

—Clyde L. Bell, pastor

WITH CHRIST

ELBERT O. LEEPER, 69, of Youngwood, Pa., was called into the presence of the Lord August 3, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in 1917, Brother Leeper was a member of the Eastern District. He was appointed missionary to Liberia, West Africa, in

1918. In 1919 he was appointed by the Assemblies of God to Sierra Leone, West Africa, for three years.

Brother Leeper also served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Pitscairn, Pa.; Ossining and Brooklyn, N. Y.; and York, Pa. At one time he was a sectional presbyter in the Eastern District.

He is survived by his wife Mary Emma, two children, and five grandchildren.

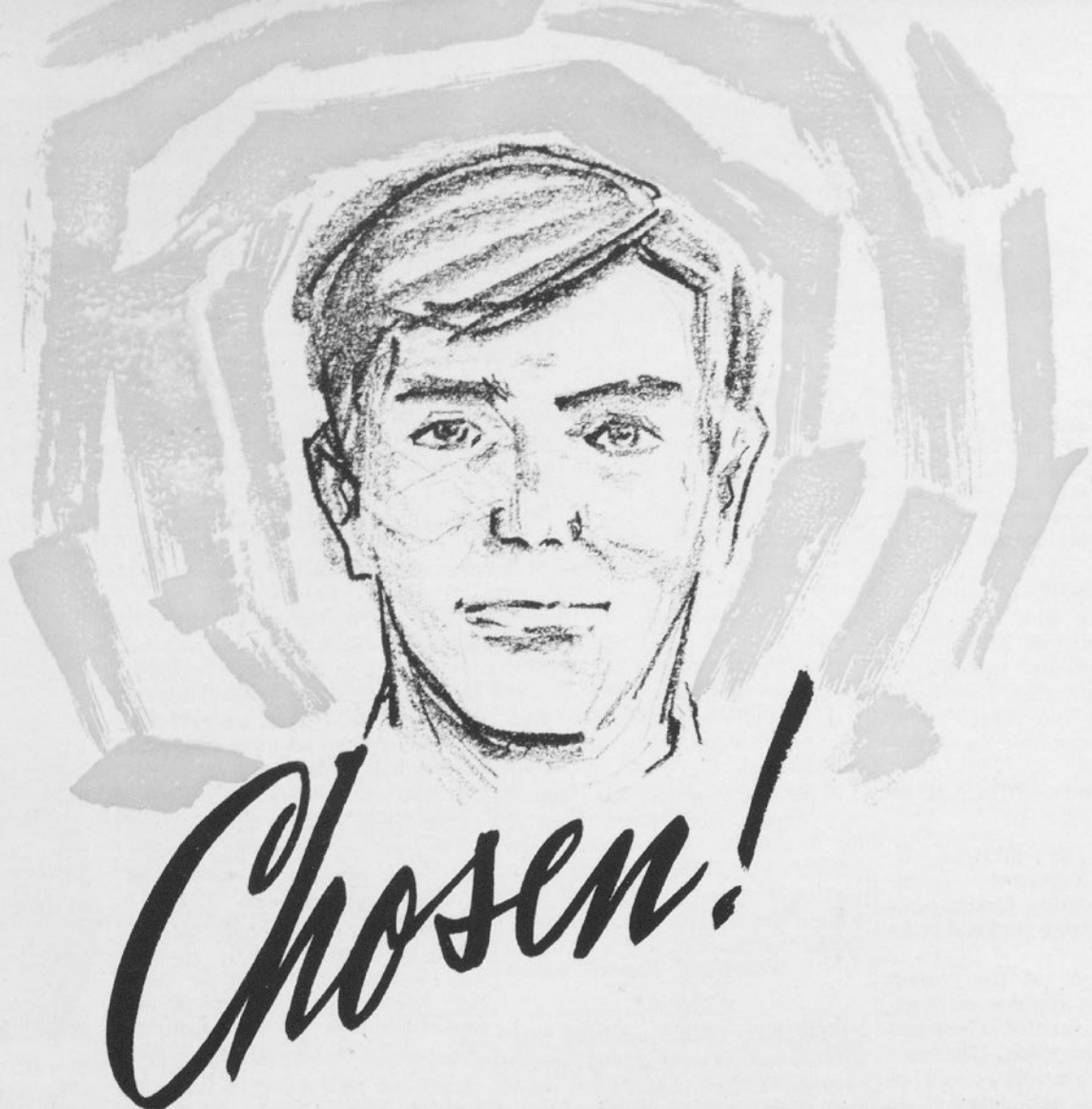


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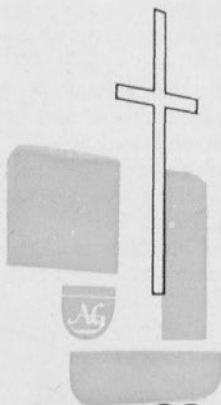
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MEMORIAL COLISEUM CONVENTION HALL PORTLAND, OREGON	
CENTRAL	MARCH 14-16
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