

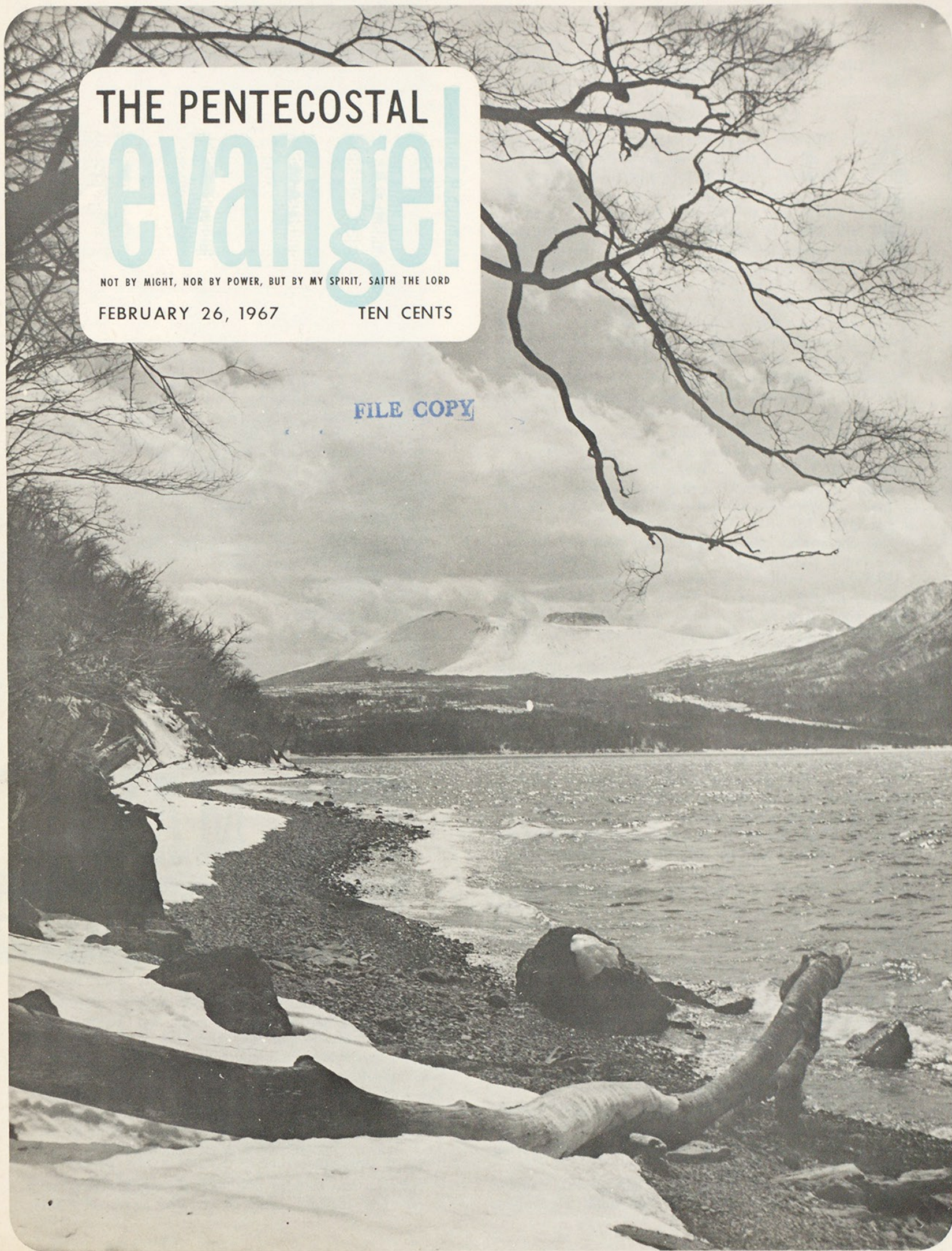
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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**"THE THING IS GONE FROM ME" (DANIEL 2:5).**

**A** MAN'S DREAM IS HIS HEARTBEAT. It was to Joseph. Very early in the story of his life it is recorded: "I have dreamed . . . and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying" (Genesis 37:9-11).

*The day came when Joseph lost everything but that dream. It appeared more like a nightmare than a dream. He became a convict doing a long stretch in one of Pharaoh's penitentiaries.*

Prisons rarely foster future prime ministers and world administrators. Yet something stirred his soul. He knew himself to be a child of destiny. Family had forgotten him. Employers had forgotten him. Cellmates had forgotten him. But he had a tryst to keep with his God.

Only the dream of his youth kept him going. He had a thousand opportunities to turn from it and become a prodigal.

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. God told him through his servant Daniel, "Thou art this head of gold."

Probably invested in him was more potential than was invested in any man since Adam. *What this one man might have done to have changed the history of earth for good, staggers the imagination.* "Thou art this head of gold."

The struggle of the Spirit of God for this man is an epic. *It is an eternal insight as to how God strives with lives in high places.* God does not neglect the White House any more than He neglects the working man.

The conflict between God's plan for this planet and Satan's subversion eddied in Babylon. Nimrod made the tower a symbol of rebellion against Noah's religion. Hammurabi gave the ancient world a code of laws and civil rights that reflect justice and equity even now. Nebuchadnezzar stands at the crescent of power and opportunity. *He can turn the known world toward God or away from God.*

So God strives with him! He provides him with a blueprint. God fixes his majestic slot in the history of earth. "Thou art this head of gold." He is gifted—a builder—a military strategist—an administrator, and spiritually sensitive. *God gave him a dream to follow as surely as He gave one to Joseph.* Listen to it!

"Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all" (Daniel 2:37, 38).

So he built! He built with enameled brick, and he built with gold. He made his city the Venice of Mesopotamia. The gondoliers of his canals and engineering triumphs sang his praises.

Thrice he defeated Egypt. He surrounded Babylon with walls 311 feet high and 87 feet thick. He built a

bridge 1,080 yards long and 30 feet wide across the Euphrates which flowed through the city.

The Greeks named his hanging gardens one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. His royal palace spread over 11 acres. His intimate retreat—a fortress redoubt which he boasted was built in 15 days—was raised "high as the forests" and decorated with cedar and all kinds of costly woods, framed in silver and gold, and plated with copper. The thresholds and hinges of its gates were bronze. It was a hideaway for men to admire.

*But he forgot his dream and God's will for his life.* The autocratic power committed to him, together with his vast achievements, were more than he could bear. He ruled as a despot, in overweening pride and mercilessness.

After his conquests he persecuted God's people. He turned against them. He exalted himself to the place of deity and made emperor worship compulsory.

After he had completed the enlarging and adorning of Babylon, he arrogantly asserted not only that he had built the city by his own independent power, *but that he had done so for his own glory.* In him were repeated the characteristics exhibited by Nimrod, the first fallen man to be world emperor; *and in him is seen the type of the last Gentile world dictator, the Antichrist.*

When you turn from God's blueprint for your life, you are in trouble. *Nebuchadnezzar became the prodigal of the Old Testament.* Sin reduced him to an animal existence. Here is that record:

"And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he

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# THE MAN WHO FORGOT

would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will" (Daniel 5:19-21).

*He who had thought himself a superman became as a beast.* His insanity lasted for seven years—the same



# HIS DREAM

amount of time as the Great Tribulation to come. Remember that!

The failures in this world have forgotten their dreams—what they started out under God to be.

I will tell you this. *Satan turns hell loose to distort and mutilate your dream.*

Father, where is your dream? Wife, where is your dream? You started out to have a Christian home and raise a family for God. What happened?

Preacher, where is your dream? Your lips trembled under the impact of your ordination. What happened? How can you be content chasing material benefits?

Student, in your junior year at university, where is your dream? What happened? Where is that high resolve?

God gave this nation a dream. It was a dream of free men building a free society. It was a dream of opportunity for all mankind. It was a dream of character and exemplary motives. We can forget that dream as surely as Nebuchadnezzar forgot his dream. And we can walk in the same punishing agony and darkness.

You have a mission. I believe this. Very early in life God spreads it out before a person.

King Solomon could have directed different pages in today's history books. He could have made his nation empire-builders and taken the message of God farther and at greater speed than Muhammad later spread the doctrine of Allah.

Instead, he let his dream fade. He left economic bankruptcy and a numbskull Rehoboam who by one inadvertent speech hastened the nation toward civil war. A harem of a thousand concubines and stables of race horses laughed at a dream that came in one of the holiest hours of dedication ever to be placed on record (2 Chronicles 1:7-12).

How will you grope, mister? What wailing wall faces you, lady?

You say to me, "Evangelist, what can I do?" I say, "Send for the man of God." No social worker can put your shattered dream together. No psychologist can stop the drift. No educator can interpret it for you.

*Nebuchadnezzar tried them all.* They did not know what troubled the king. They said, "There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter" (Daniel 2:10). They were wrong. There was one man in the same vicinity who knew.

You need the same help. Saul of Tarsus did. He could say years later, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19).

Daniel knew what God was trying to do in, and through, and by Nebuchadnezzar. Ananias knew what God wanted to do in, and through, and by Paul.

God has a man endowed by the Spirit of God in your community. *And that man will help you if you let him.* Get to his church as quickly as you can! Your dream can be retraced and interpreted for you with assurance and vigor. You can live life on the credit side. You can see your dream come true. Joseph did. Nehemiah did.

Sinner, lukewarm member, something haunts you as it did Nebuchadnezzar. You cannot get away from it. Memory hints there was a plan—*something you were meant to be.*

Do not make the pigpen bring it back to you or the stubbled plain where wild asses race. Do not let the shambles of a burned-out life carry you into eternity with regrets. *Cling to your dream like Joseph clung to his.*

There is a high destiny to life. Believe it! You and I are given one opportunity to make our lives count. So much and so many depend upon it. Get close to God in this moment.

I think so often of the words of Paul who spoke from bitter experience in recalling his misspent years: "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

You say, "Is it possible to make such a mess out of your life when you know better?" I say, "Look at Nebuchadnezzar and Solomon! They *knew*, but they *forgot*."



## 25 Years of Service

WITH "EVANGELICAL CERTAINTY IN A WORLD OF CONFUSION" as its convention theme, the National Association of Evangelicals will celebrate its 25th birthday in Los Angeles, California, April 4-6.

It was in St. Louis, Missouri, that the Association was born. Some 150 evangelical leaders met in the "gateway city" in April, 1942, bent on discovering a way to "cooperation without compromise" among Bible-believing Christians. The Assemblies of God and other Pentecostal groups were represented at that meeting which began with a night of prayer for divine guidance. After two days of prayerful study and discussions, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, there is no existing organization which adequately represents or acts for a very large proportion of our evangelical Protestant constituency; and

"Whereas, we realize that in many areas of Christian endeavor the organizations which now purport to be the representatives of Protestant Christianity have departed from the faith of Jesus Christ; we do now reaffirm our unqualified loyalty to this gospel as herein set forth, declaring our unwillingness to be represented by organizations which do not have such loyalty to the gospel of Christ; and we express our unqualified opposition to all such apostasy. And in this loyalty to the evangelical Christian faith and opposition to all apostasy, we do hereby unite our testimony.

"We propose, therefore, to organize an Association which shall give articulation and united voice to our faith and purposes in Christ Jesus, while not considering ourselves as an executive or legislative body in any wise controlling constituent members, nor proposing to initiate new movements and institutions."

Seven fields of operation were suggested: evangelism, government relations, national and local use of radio, public relations, preservation of separation of church and state, Christian education, and guarantee of freedom for home and foreign missionary endeavor.

Since that time the program has expanded into additional fields and now the NAE has several regional offices in addition to its national headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois. It also maintains an Office of Public Affairs at Washington, D. C., which serves as a liaison between the evangelical groups and the national government. Many of NAE's affiliated commissions such as the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, World Relief Commission, National Sunday School Association, and National Religious Broadcasters have become highly effective agencies to help evangelicals succeed in spreading the gospel.

In each area of service, the guiding principle today is that which was originally set forth at St. Louis 25 years ago—that NAE should in no way conflict with the functions, rights, and prerogatives of its members. In the field of evangelism, for instance, the Association does not carry on evangelistic activity directly but encourages the evangelistic outreach of its members, each in its own way.

Among the 1,500 key leaders who are expected to attend the silver anniversary convention at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, the nature of evangelism will be a major topic for discussion. The convention will inaugurate a year of special evangelism emphasis. Through seminars, conventions, and interevangelical projects the NAE will endeavor during its silver anniversary year to help implement the purposes of the World Congress on Evangelism held last October in West Berlin.

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ONE SUNDAY I was talking with a full-gospel pastor in East Croydon, Surrey, England, after preaching in his church that morning. The area in which a majority of his congregation lived had been heavily bombed during World War II.

This pastor told me of an impressive incident that followed an unusually heavy bombing of the London area.

He had visited a religious bookstore in downtown London and found that building in shambles. Rubble, broken windows, and burned books gave blunt evidence of the recent Nazi raid. In the middle of all that destruction the minister saw something that arrested his attention—one book that was not charred. He picked it up and found it was a book of sermons with the title, *Things Which Cannot Be Shaken*.

The pastor took that book title as a message to his heart from God. With fresh courage he went before his congregation, determined to preach the things which cannot be shaken by war or any earthly calamity.

In Hebrews 12:26 the writer pointed out that God will “shake not the earth only, but also heaven.” Many things will someday be shaken, but there will also be “things which cannot be shaken.”

The Bible speaks of a number of unshakable verities. I shall refer to just a few of them here.

#### THE FOUNDATION OF GOD

Paul wrote, “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity” (2 Timothy 2:19).

Most exegetists think of this “foundation” as representing the Church, “Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” (Ephesians 2:20). Secular history is replete with stories of transient and crumbling foundations. All works of men are destined for disintegration, but the blood-washed Church of Jesus Christ is an enduring and unshakable institution. Jesus said, “I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

Of books there is no end, and it would have been good if many of them had never been born. No doubt there are many books that have never reached the files of the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. Obsolescence makes necessary the decease of most books, but God’s Word is unshakable and will always be with us. It cannot be shaken because God authored it. Divine truth is unchangeable and unshakable, despite the changing philosophies of men. Peter glorified in “the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever” (1 Peter 1:23).

#### THE LOVE OF GOD

John wrote, “Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end” (John 13:1).

It is interesting to notice that Judas Iscariot is mentioned in the next verse of this chapter. The love of Christ included the traitor. The phrase, “unto the end,” has been variously interpreted. The love of Jesus for His disciples most assuredly continued until His ascension to heaven, but I like to think that “unto the end”

also extends throughout all eternity. Divine love is unshakable, and no circumstance can invalidate it.

#### THE PLAN OF GOD

Paul declared, “For he [God] will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth” (Romans 9:28).

In the beginning God laid out for Himself an agenda of work for the ages, and He will finish it. As the end draws near, the Lord will accelerate His pace of work in order to complete it. God has a master plan. Man is foolish if he thinks he can stymie the plan of God. It is unshakable, and divine dexterity can cause even the wrath of man to minister on behalf of righteousness. God has been very patient over the centuries of time, but one of these days He will finish His central purpose. And He will do this quickly and decisively.

#### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Nebuchadnezzar was compelled to say about the true God, “How great are his signs! and how mighty are his

# Things Which Cannot Be Shaken



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wonders! his kingdom is an *everlasting kingdom*, and his dominion is from generation to generation” (Daniel 4:3). The king’s acknowledgment of God’s superiority came on the heels of the miraculous preservation of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the fiery furnace.

God’s kingdom on earth now is invisible and spiritual. Paul supported this in the following words: “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost” (Romans 14:17). But God’s kingdom will someday be material and visible. Of that day John recorded great voices in heaven saying, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he

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# LUST for LIGHT



By BETTY ELLIOT

THE FIRST THING GOD CREATED in the heavens and the earth was light. He spoke, and it was done. But He did not allow the light to obliterate all darkness. He separated light from darkness, seeing the need of these two opposites in His creation. He made lights of varying degrees—the greater to rule the day and the lesser to rule the night. And He made the stars also, tiny pinpoints of light they seem to us, and we derive little light from them, but we can look up and know they are there, shining as they were meant to shine. Some of them are many times brighter than our “greater light,” our sun, but they were not meant to illuminate our world.

In wisdom, God gave to each unit of His creation its proper proportion. Men have done what they can to revise those proportions to suit themselves—darkening some rooms in the daytime, brightening highways at night—and there is no reason to suppose that God minds. He does mind, however, when men will not accept His apportionment of spiritual light. The Bible is full of instances where God rebuked men for rejecting light He offered them, or for appropriating light that did not belong to them.

There is in us a lust for light, an inordinate desire to have light which is not properly ours, which God does not intend for us.

As Christians we are assigned the lesson of learning to accept light that is given and to walk in it, and of learning to do without light that is withheld. If light itself—any kind of light: first- or second-hand, true or false—becomes the ultimate object of our search, when

it is God and only God in whom our faith should rest, we are then guilty of idolatry.

God is light, and in Him is not any darkness at all, yet He clothes Himself with darkness when He so chooses and often leads His children to places where no light is.

*“For flowers need night’s cool darkness,  
The moonlight and the dew;  
So Christ, from one who loved it,  
His shining oft withdrew.”\**

When the Lord was preparing to give the people of Israel the Ten Commandments, He told them to stand at the foot of the mountain. Moses alone was called up on the mount and given the word of the Lord. The people were not allowed the same privilege. Indeed, God said that if they had “broken through” to the Lord, they would have perished. They saw only smoke and cloud and heard thunder.

Had they been given a choice, they would no doubt have climbed the mountain with Moses and stood in the best position they could maneuver for themselves to watch whatever God was going to do. They were, however, given no choice. They had simply to take their stand at the foot of the mountain and wait for the word when Moses got down. It must have been a difficult lesson—to learn to wait for light which came indirectly. It was second-hand, as it were, but God meant it to be second-hand, and they had to settle for that.

Human beings lust not only for light that is not theirs; we lust also for light that pleases us. When a message comes that affects our vested interests, we refuse to accept it as illumination from God. No, it can’t be. It’s too discouraging, too destructive, too dangerous, too negative, too something.

A prophet named Jeremiah was given the job of telling a city that it would be invaded and defeated by the Babylonians. He was promptly dropped into a cistern

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for delivering such a message. The question was not whether this "light" came from God, but what it would do to the city. "Why," they said, "this will weaken the hands of soldiers who are left in the city! Never mind the truth of the prophecy—think of what it will lead to! No, it simply won't do at all. We can't have the soldiers losing heart at this point."

The parallels in our own day—the widespread tendency of Christians to judge the truth of a matter solely on the basis of what it may do—are too numerous and obvious to list.

It is possible to lust for light which belongs only to God. We have cried out in protest when men through science have invaded areas which had hitherto been regarded as exclusively God's. (It is God, let us remember, who has enabled scientists to cross such frontiers.) Yet we who so protest have charged across boundaries in spiritual matters, arrogating to ourselves the right to explain things which God has covered in darkness.

One of the things which God frequently shrouds is His *purpose* in the events of life, yet this is the area most frequently invaded by Christians who feel called upon to explain, to justify, to defend God. It is not, of course, God who needs such explanation or defense. It is the misplaced faith of the defenders who have set out to prove something, to find "light" at any cost.

Isaiah had some strong words for such: "Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood... who say, 'Let him make haste. Let him speed his work that we may see it; let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near, and let it come, that we may know it.' Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

There it is—the lust for light on God's secret designs, the demand to see the glory *now*, to be soothed and pacified and cheered up—to know what we have no business knowing yet.

To admit to despair, or even to depression, when there is not the happy ending we had hoped for is to reveal the degree of importance we have given to a particular pattern of cause-and-effect. To count on any given pattern as though God were bound to work in accordance with it is to worship an idol. There is no classifiable knowledge of what God does. There can only be growing acknowledgment of who He is and of His prerogative to act sovereignly. If God reveals His purpose or His pattern in one case, it could be a misuse of light to insist that the same design must apply to another.

Our lust for light sometimes reaches such a proportion that we kindle our own light in desperation and hold it quickly aloft, crying, "Look! Here is the explanation, right here! This is what God means by this; this is why He permitted this to happen!" And off we go, chattering cheerfully about means and ends, causes and effects, programs and results about which the Lord has not given us the least gleam of light. There *are* times when He grants us a gleam (and we ought then to be grateful), and there are other times when He does not (we ought then to be faithful). Have we the grace to know the difference?

"Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord and relies upon his

God? Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who sets brands alight! Walk in the light of your fire and by the brands which you have kindled! This shall you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment."

To provide a simple explanation for every phenomenon of existence, for every event whether tragic or fortuitous, is to cut the ground from under the imperative of faith. It is a counterfeit faith which crows, "This happened for the glory of God and here is how He is getting glory out of it..." if the explanation offered is not really from God. He does not need to get glory *now*, or in ways demonstrable and understandable to us mortals.

"Thus says the Lord of Hosts: 'Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, "It shall be well with you"; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, "No evil shall come upon you." ' For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to perceive and to hear his word, or who has given heed to his word and listened?"

Where, today, is the one who will accept God's apportionment of light, who will stand still and worship and wait and listen, rather than exhaust himself trying to penetrate the cloud of God's own making and to kindle at last his own fire, offering a vain hope or even stealing light from another? Not many are prepared for this. Plenty of prophets have gone forth, "but I did not send them," says the Lord. It is the lust for light—to get it, and to give it out without authorization—which has impelled them.

In the absence of anything better some are content with stolen prophecies. God gave them to one but did not intend them for another. "I am against the prophets... who steal my words for one another. Behold, I am against the prophets who use their tongues and say, 'Says the Lord,'... when I did not send them or charge them; so that they do not profit this people at all, says the Lord."

"But it is His Word!" we say plaintively. "Is it not legitimate for us to speak His Word?" Jesus had strong words for an orthodox group in the New Testament times who got their misinterpreted "light" straight out of the written Word of God. He showed they were dead wrong, that the light in them was darkness. 'You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life... yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.'

We would rather have certainties than God Himself, remedies rather than the Redeemer. We mold the events of life to the service of our faith. If our faith is small, we cope by making the events of life small, by explaining and rationalizing and twittering about alleged "blessings" that have accrued to us or to others. We sit back and whisper, "It's all done with mirrors!" thus diminishing life by easy resolutions, reducing the God of thick darkness to a mere trickster.

If in truth we want to follow Him who is light, we shall receive the light that He offers us and pray for the grace to walk in it. When He leads us into darkness, we shall pray for the faith that endures mystery until that "white tremendous daybreak" when God Himself explains it.

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**P**AST—PRESENT—FUTURE—so are the tenses of verbs we learned in school. These three tenses cover well the reach of our faith in God and His promises to us relative to every aspect of our living today. All God's promises center in Christ, and He is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

#### FAITH FOR THE PAST

Everyone may not need emphasis on the outreach of faith for the past; but some definitely do, for the past brings much concern to certain individuals. God has freely and fully forgiven these persons, but they can never entirely forgive themselves; and out of the past come haunting accusations that bring condemnation and distress.

Faith in God should leave the past where it belongs for every Christian—buried in the depths of the sea, removed as far as the east is from the west. God can only overrule the mistakes of yesterday as you trust His love and mercy to operate in your behalf. Looking back in tormenting self-condemnation hinders the peace God would have every redeemed one enjoy through His abundant grace. You believed Him once; believe Him now—your unchanging God; and commit no such act of unbelief as to accept some evil-smelling carcass of the past to distress your own heart as well as those about you. Satan, we know, is the accuser of the brethren. Pay no attention to his accusations. Exercise a reach of faith for the past.

And here is another phase of this "past-tense faith." You took a stand of faith for victory relative to some physical or spiritual need. God quickened some rich promise to your heart, and an assuring witness came that God had undertaken to meet the specific need. But you have listened to the tempter with his subtle insinuation of doubt, and now you are questioning and floundering in unbelief. Let God speak to you in His own words: "I am the Lord; I change not."

Paul said in the face of a disastrous shipwreck, "Sirs, I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me." How long have you stood on some promise that is yet unfulfilled? Have days, weeks, years passed by, and still you believe God, reckoning on the assurance He gave? What delight God finds in such believing hearts! "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Hebrews 10:36).

*"Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered,  
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock;  
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted  
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.  
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,  
And cries, 'It shall be done sometime, some-  
where!'"*

What about the seed-sowing of earlier days? The hours of hidden intercession? The tears shed in secret for others—for their salvation and help? The concern over erring ones and ministries directed by the Holy Spirit? Apparently as yet the expected harvest has not come. In nature, some seeds are slower to germinate than others.

This is also true in the spiritual world; so have faith for a harvest from every past sowing. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

#### FAITH FOR TODAY

To Israel's hosts emerging from Egypt's bondage, God spoke these words through His servant Moses: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today." They stood at the Red Sea, with mountains on each side and Pharaoh's swiftly pursuing army in the rear. There was no opportunity to devise a method of escape. In obedience to God they had left Egypt; in continued obedience lay every hope of escape in the present grave emergency.

This is just what Israel had to do—"stand still"—when every impulse would be to flee or give up. But to flee backward would only bring trouble as they rushed into the oncoming chariots of the enraged Egyptians; and climbing mountains was well-nigh impossible; so they were forced to stand still and wait for God's new step. It came at once with God's direct command to Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Forward, yes, into the very waters of the Red Sea to behold a miracle never witnessed before.

Their situation brings to mind one of George Muller's life-secrets: "There is no way of keeping in touch with God unless a new advance step is taken whenever new light is given." Even today it may work for you just like this. In a present hour of great need you are thrown

# THE THREEFOLD REACH OF FAITH

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER



upon God. You cannot retreat, you cannot sidestep—and God says, “Forward.” To delay means despair and acknowledgment of defeat; so you must step right ahead into the water, confidently assured that God’s gracious provision is anticipating the untried way ahead. Today’s faith in a living God will enable you always to step forward at His command, however formidable the situation confronting you.

*“God is faithful—not He has been,  
Nor He will be—both are true;  
But today, in this sore trial,  
God is faithful now to you.”*

Note another side to this faith for today. There is a great emergency; there is also the opportunity to turn from simple faith in God to available natural resources. Here may be your test now—whether you will choose God’s way out, or will attempt your own deliverance in self-sought ways. Faith manifests itself by ignoring such human avenues and quietly, confidently, patiently waiting for God and His appointed salvation. Here is the real test of faith.

Poor Abraham and Sarah suffered as a result of their frantic effort to fulfill God’s promise. God had to bring them back to “the waiting of faith” until His time was accomplished. So we see present faith for today may be manifest either by courageous action or by patient waiting; either course may bring God’s victory.

*“His mercy—oh, how kind!  
His wisdom—oh, how great!  
God never comes before His time,  
And never is too late.”*

#### FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

What about the nameless fears of tomorrow? Everyone has known such fear at some time; and there are good souls who are constantly troubled by forebodings of evil which the adversary swings as a cutting whip over their heads. It may be fear of some disease common to their family, or some other utterly remote calamity; the mental suffering from these can be acute.

If Job’s words are true, “For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me” (Job 3:25), we are opening the door for trouble to enter. Fear brings torment and paralyzes faith. We should resist the fear of impending disease as we would the disease itself, since God has not given us “the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Resist steadfastly the fear Satan brings and definitely open your heart to God for the quickening of His Word and the inflowing of His love. The sweep of that divine love, John tells us, “casts out fear.” Hallelujah! True words are these: “Fear knocked at the door; faith answered, and no one was there.”

In this hour of increasing world upheaval and impending judgment, hearts are failing because of fear just as Jesus said they would. Disaster like a stark specter looms on earth’s horizon touching various areas of living. The future is a constant source of concern for many good people. They are continually “borrowing trouble” just as the children of Israel did only three days after God had led them through the Red Sea triumphantly, freed forever from Egyptian bondage. As soon as they

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# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*What are the two immutable things spoken of in Hebrews 6:18?*

They are: (a) God’s covenant (Hebrews 6:13-16); and (b) His unchanging oath (vv. 17, 18).

*Please explain the reference to Christ’s sitting “on the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19).*

It means that Jesus has been given the place of highest authority and power. “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18).

*A visiting minister recently officiated at a communion service at our church. He had the members take one piece of bread for themselves, and another for an unsaved person. Is this scriptural?*

I know too little about the circumstance to make much comment. Only the 12 apostles were present when Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper. The Bible indicates that none but believers should partake, thus showing their faith in Christ and their sharing in His blessing of redemption. When we partake of the communion, we are to examine ourselves lest we partake unworthily (1 Corinthians 11:23, 24).

*First Corinthians 7:15 reads: “But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.” Does this mean that a Christian wife or husband is free to marry again if deserted by an unsaved companion?*

I do not believe Paul had in mind freedom to marry again under such circumstances. He would have the Christian believer keep true to God. Rather than give up the Lord, the Christian should let the unbeliever depart if faced with a choice between the marriage partner and Christ. In other words, the believer is not under obligation to live with an ungodly companion who demands that the believer renounce Christ.

*What did Paul mean when he said, “If ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing”? (Galatians 5:2).*

I suggest that you read verses 1-7 of the same chapter. The churches of Galatia consisted mainly of Gentile converts. Jewish-Christian teachers began telling them they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses or they could not be saved. It had already been settled that Gentile believers were not under the Mosaic law. (See Acts 15:1, 24.) In spite of that decision, certain Jewish-Christian teachers persisted in demanding that the Gentile Christians keep the Law. In Galatians 5, Paul warned believers that if they looked to observance of the Law for righteousness, “Christ shall profit you nothing. . . . Ye are fallen from grace” (vv. 2, 4).

They had been saved through faith in Christ; so they must put their trust in Him, not in obedience to the Law.

*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.*





Herman Murphy

# And the Deaf Shall Hear

By MRS. SHERMAN MURPHY  
Knoxville, Tennessee

DUE TO ILLNESS, my son Herman lost his hearing before he learned to talk. Now, as a young man, he considers himself as born deaf, for he cannot remember even having heard a spoken word.

I shall never forget those heartbreaking words the doctor spoke to me: "Your child is deaf; nothing can be done. Anything you might hope for would be wishful thinking." Immediately my thoughts were: *What would my child do if he could not hear the Word of God? How would he be saved?* This was more important than his hearing loss. In that moment of despair, the words, *God is able*, flashed into my mind.

We exhausted every hope for his recovery, as far as medical science is concerned; but the last doctor to treat him said to me, "Don't give up hope; keep hoping!"

We took him from one healing campaign to another, constantly praying that God would restore his hearing. But God had other plans for my son's life.

As time went on, I began to pray, "Dear Lord, if it is not Your will for my son to hear, please let Your Holy Spirit speak to his heart; lay Your hand upon him and use him to Your honor and glory. Oh, that he may in some way *hear* Your Word and be saved."

The prayer was answered, for in 1959 God spoke to my son's heart at a revival service, even though no one present could interpret for him. A few nights later as he was praying for an unsaved friend, the Holy Spirit

came upon him. For a few minutes he spoke in a heavenly language and also in fluent English!

It must have been then that he received his anointing to minister to the deaf. He took a Bible in his hands and walked the aisles of the church, preaching in such a way that even the hearing people could understand.

In his three years at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville, he organized a dormitory Bible study group and regular prayer meetings. As a result several deaf boys accepted the Lord, and he acquired the name "Preacher" on campus.

Long before he finished school he had a burning desire to enter Bible college to better prepare for the ministry. He knew that God definitely wanted him to attend the School for the Deaf at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

We prayed, "Lord, if it is Your will for Herman to go to Central Bible College, You will have to make the way." The Lord did make a way. In the fall of 1965 Herman began studies at Springfield and has since been active in ministry during both summers since. He plans to be a gospel minister to the deaf following his college training.

I can only thank God for allowing me the privilege of being the mother of a deaf son, a son who has dedicated his heart and life to the service of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Herman enjoys the fellowship of other deaf students. Here he converses with Instructor Lottie Riekehof (right) and two deaf classmates, Kay Elder (left) and Sandra Tan.







Patients (left) at the Alaska Native Hospital in Anchorage enjoy the weekly Hymn Sing which Mrs. Betty Glick conducts. In the above photo, Mrs. Glick visits with a blind patient.

## THE REWARDING MINISTRY OF HOSPITAL VISITATION

By BETTY GLICK - Anchorage, Alaska

**I**N THE FALL OF 1964 I began my ministry to the many lonely and forgotten people who, because of their unusual circumstances, live in institutions here in the Anchorage area.

During previous missionary ministry with my husband in Kenai, Alaska, and our ministry in other places, certain scenes I witnessed were stamped indelibly upon my mind.

For instance, there was that mother who kept calling for her son Robert—who never came until it was too late.

Then I remember another man who lay flat on his back, a victim of war. He had only stubs for arms—and no legs. He reached out to God as I stood there in the doorway of his room singing, "There's no disappointment in heaven." I saw those stubs that were his arms reach toward heaven. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he began praising God. On my next visit I learned he had moved to his Home on High.

Yes, the most forgotten and lonely are behind the doors of the institutions, hospitals, rest homes, and jails. I found them overflowing with needs, and I have seen the Lord bring peace and calm to many a troubled life.

To be lonely is one of the most heartbreaking experiences that can come to a person. Loneliness has its own terrors, its own peculiar grief. One cannot just snap his fingers and say, "I'll not be lonely," try as he may to escape the pain so deeply imbedded in his heart.

I remember keenly the night my husband disappeared in his plane while returning to Kenai. How the fear of being alone gripped my heart! I cried out to God to help me. I will never forget how His presence enveloped me, giving me the peace and confidence that in my widowhood He would never leave nor forsake me.

I soon found open doors for ministry in several local institutions and immediately made plans to enter these doors of opportunity.

Perhaps you would like to visit some of these institutions with me. First we will go to the Alaska Native Center.

As we walk down the hall, we hear heartrending sobs. We learn that an Eskimo lady just received the news her home has burned. Everything was lost in the fire. She is the mother of six little children and has just had an operation. After a heart-to-heart talk and prayer with her, we leave her knowing she has received help and new hope from the Lord.

Then we drop in on Alice. She is a sweet person who has been in the hospital for months. As we enter, she has the covers pulled up over her head, crying. She tells us of a great disappointment she has suffered. Once again the Word of God and prayer bring a smile in place of tears.

Next we visit Mary who is so lonely for her family. We learn the doctor has told her she would have to stay in the hospital for a month yet. Again we pray, and her burden lifts.

We visit the recovery room and are there when the patient who has just had surgery is wheeled in. Our presence means much to the loved ones, anxiously waiting to hear the results of the operation. Just a touch of the hand makes them feel we care. (One patient told me it was the concern I showed for him that made him want to live.)

In the children's ward those who are able run to clasp us and do not want to let go. One little fellow takes my  
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# ALASKA CHURCH and YOUTH CENTER Dedicated

**I**N OCTOBER 1963 the new congregation at Nenana, Alaska, heard the good news they would be able to obtain the church building formerly used by the Fairbanks Assembly. The Fairbanks congregation was building a new edifice.

It was not a small task for Pastor Richard Rutledge and his congregation to move the building 60 miles from Fairbanks to Nenana through hills and mountains and across the Tanana River ice during a severe blizzard in 30-below weather. (Since there is no bridge across the large river, the church had to be moved in winter.) When they reached Nenana, they placed the building on barrels.

The Rutledges began holding services in the structure after a new roof was added in the summer of 1964, with the building still on the barrels. The missionaries personally put finances and labor into remodeling the building. They were assisted by local people and a neighboring pastor whose help was much appreciated. Also, Speed-the-Light funds helped the Rutledges buy a much-needed new Chevrolet station wagon.

In the summer of 1965 a foundation was placed under the church, and the youth center was begun—a 24- by 48-foot annex. The National Home Missions Department made a grant toward the expense of the project.

On December 3, 4, 1966, the Nenana congregation had the pleasure of conducting dedication services for the remodeled church and the new youth center annex. B. P. Wilson, superintendent of the Alaska District, was guest speaker, and several Assemblies of God pastors from the surrounding areas were present. Ralph Miller, presbyter

hand and kisses it. As we leave, the children throw kisses after us.

Since this is Sunday afternoon, we must hurry to our hymn sing scheduled for 3:30. We take the elevator to the fifth floor and go to the nurses' education room. Members of the First Assembly and the Fairview Assembly in Anchorage are there to play musical instruments or help sing.

Most of our congregation are dressed in bathrobes or hospital gowns. Some recline on stretcher-like beds, some are in wheelchairs, others are on crutches, and some are also wearing TB masks. They come from all parts of the hospital. To hear them sing and see the smiles on the faces of those who love the Lord is a thrilling experience for the missionary. Tears stream down the faces of several who receive a touch from Jesus as they reach out to Him.

Following the singing, I read the Scripture lesson, and we have prayer. In spite of limitations due to rules of the institutions, God meets the hungry hearts as they believe and accept Him. As we leave, many shake our hands and thank us for coming.

Next we minister at the Psychiatric Institute on Saturday afternoon. I have been assigned to three different



Richard Rutledge, pastor of the Assembly in Nenana, Alaska.

of the Northern Section and pastor at North Pole, presented a history of the church.

During the dedication the church was able to have a two-hour radio program (an all-Alaskan broadcast) live and direct from the church, sponsored by merchants in Nenana. Don and Gen Nelson, in cooperation with the Far North Gospel Song and Hymn Time, handled the broadcast on Saturday evening from 7 to 9.

The church building has been remodeled considerably

wards. A young man named Nicky is waiting for us. He carries my accordion from ward to ward. Elsa Johnson, who is faithful in helping me sing gospel songs, is also there.

First we visit the elderly men and women patients. Most of them have no loved ones and are just waiting their time to leave this world. We sing for them and see tears in the eyes of several. One lady tells us she feels so much better after we sing.

In another section, we find about 35 men sitting in their chairs waiting for us. They greet us with a happy "Hello." Almost every type of entertainment is furnished for these people, but few entertainers use sacred songs in their programs. Gospel music strikes a chord in many a heart which would be unreached otherwise.

We watch the expressions on different faces. Some of the patients feel the presence of Jesus and respond. When we are through they are loathe to let us go and beg "just one more song." And we sing.

Another congregation of men and women is waiting for us on another floor. Most of them sing well; almost before we know it, it is time again to say good-by.

Two nursing homes are on my visitation schedule for Wednesday afternoon. Here we have mostly a bedside





At left is the log church which was moved to Nenana. Above is a view of the church interior.



Superintendent B. P. Wilson, Mrs. Richard Rutledge, and the Darrell Redfearns converse in the youth center on dedication day.



Young people of Nenana spend many happy hours in fellowship and wholesome activities at the Assembly's youth center.

from its original design and appearance. The church now has a pastor's study, Sunday school rooms, a WMC room, a new heating plant, new altars, and carpeting in the auditorium. Although it has been in use for well over one year, it was not completed until December 1966.

The youth center has already proved a great blessing to the young people and the church. There the youth can gather to play games, sing, or plan special events. The center is also used for Missionettes and Royal Rangers meetings, and serves as a fellowship hall.

Ralph Miller writes: "Brother and Sister Rutledge, along with a neighboring pastor and local people, have done a splendid work. Much labor, personal finances, and sacrifice have gone into making this an outstanding 'lighthouse.' It is proof there are still those who are willing to sacrifice all that souls may be won to God."

Superintendent Wilson also highly commends the Rutledges and their people. He recalls, as well, the sacrificial labors of the Charles Hirschys and their people who in 1944 built the log portion of the original building in Fairbanks. They cut, peeled, and hauled logs into Fairbanks where they cut them in half lengthwise and used them to build the walls. The Hirschys dedicated the

building on Easter in 1945. Since the old building was inadequate by 1963, the property was sold, and Brother Rutledge obtained the building.

Brother Wilson's letter continues: "I recall the many problems and heavy labor when Brother Rutledge undertook to move the church to Nenana. It has been interesting to see the improvements and additions, made possible only by much sacrifice and labor. This sanctuary and youth center are a credit to this community both as a building and as a place of worship and youth activity.

"This building and its congregation stand as a monument to the vision of the Rutledges. They felt the call of God to minister in this area and came without promise of human aid, simply trusting God to enable them to fulfill the vision they had. At the time they came they were supporting seven children. They suffered many reverses, including the loss of their home by fire; but God is faithful to those who trust Him. Local people and others have assisted in various ways, but the greater burden has been borne by the Rutledges. May God reward them with mighty spiritual results. And may God raise up many other laborers with like vision and sacrificial labor."

ministry. The people chat with us, telling us stories of their past and expressing their heartache. They mention how long the days are.

Some of the men have spent a good part of their lives working out "in the bush" and have never once attended a church service. How tragic for souls to be so near eternity and not even know who Jesus is!

Some patients are blind; others are deaf or nearly deaf. Many have never been visited by relatives or friends since their admittance. Most of them have lived useful, active lives and yet have to spend their last hours in loneliness, among strangers in the suffering that so often accompanies the last years of life.

We do find a few who know the Saviour. Their tears of joy at our visit, their shining faces, and their pleas to "come again soon" more than repay us.

Of course, there are those who are bitter and hardened, and some show open antagonism. But I have seen some of these finally respond to kindness and genuine Christian love. One man who had previously refused to listen to any gospel ministry is now responding to the Word of God.

Estella, a little 87-year-old, is waiting for me to sing "Rock of Ages" to her. Andrew likes the song, "Never

Grow Old." Nellie's favorite is "The Old Rugged Cross." Blind Jimmy likes them all, he says.

Mr. Anderson is always glad to see me. On my last visit I learned his 80-year-old wife had died. Because of his illness, he was unable to attend her funeral. He wept, saying, "I loved her so and will miss her so much." I am so thankful to have God's Word to read or quote in such times as these. How they appreciate knowing someone cares!

At Christmas WMC groups supplied me with enough Hershey chocolate to give each patient two bars wrapped in gift paper. Several of them cried at the thought of being remembered. The First Assembly choir and others presented the message of Christmas to these lonely folk, and their hearts were touched.

What joy was mine as I watched faces light up. One lady touched me and exclaimed, "I love you, I love you"—her way of expressing appreciation.

Jesus said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold" (John 10:16). I am sure these lonely and forgotten ones are some of the "other sheep." Pray with me that God will reveal Himself to these who are so near to eternity.

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Note: Sister Glick is an appointed home missionary in Alaska.

# THE KING DISOWNED

Sunday School Lesson for March 5, 1967

MARK 14:26-31, 66-72

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

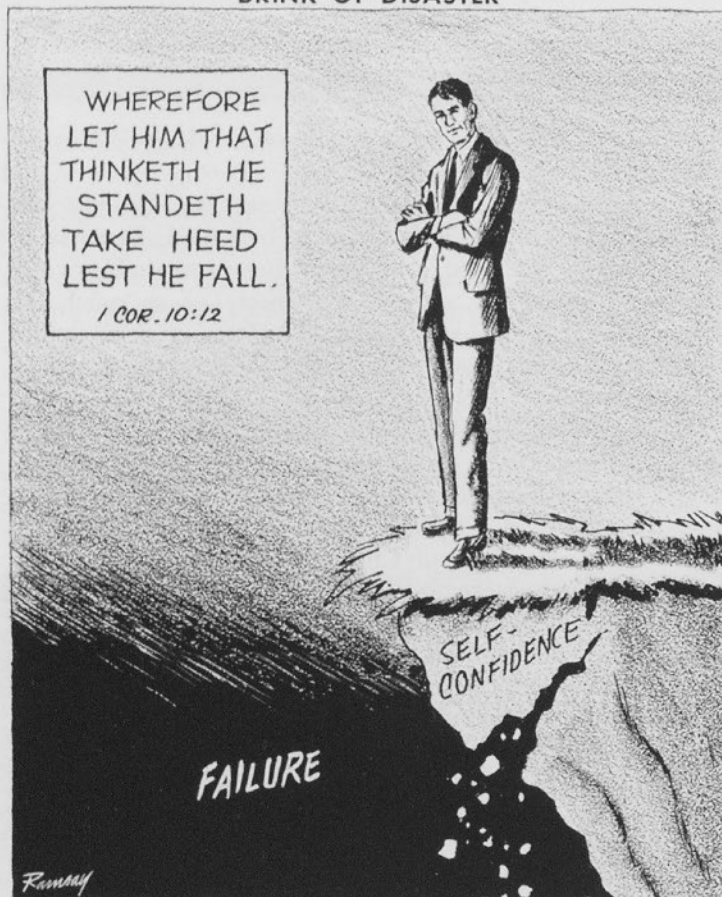
AT THE VERY TIME Christ was on trial in the hall of the high priest's house declaring His deity and submitting to the shame and the spitting to become the Saviour, one of His own disciples was in the courtyard of the same building denying Him repeatedly.

## BEFORE THE DENIAL (vv. 27-54)

*Self-confidence* (vv. 27-31). Peter was so confident of his own strength that he refused to believe even the prediction of his Master. Self-confidence is a great snare! Consciousness of our weakness coupled with a trust in Christ is the way to strength and safety. (Read 1 Corinthians 10:12; Proverbs 11:2; 16:18; 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10.)

*Prayerlessness* (vv. 37-41 and John 18:10). Self-confidence expresses itself in prayerlessness. Evidently

## BRINK OF DISASTER



Peter did not feel his spiritual need keenly enough to keep awake. Battles are often won or lost long before we come to them. Peter's battle was not lost at the fire-side, but in the Garden! Christ, by contrast, prayed through in the Garden and consequently was prepared for the battles ahead.

*Rashness* (vv. 43-47). Because he had not fortified himself by prayer as his Master had done, Peter was upset by the appearance of Judas and the angry mob he led. When Peter struck off the ear of one of the soldiers, he meant to defend Christ; but he was entirely out of harmony with his Master's will. The man who faces a crisis without first preparing himself spiritually usually takes a course contrary to God's will and causes more harm than the good he thought to do.

*Halfheartedness* (vv. 50-54). When Christ was arrested, "all the disciples forsook him, and fled" (Matthew 26:56). But Peter soon recovered from his fright. As the mob led Jesus to the house of the high priest, he "followed afar off."

Peter's heart was divided. He loved Christ enough to follow Him, but self-consideration and pride kept him from following too closely. Distant discipleship invites many dangers. The easiest, safest, and happiest way is to follow Christ closely!

*Wrong Company* (v. 54). While Jesus was on trial in the high priest's house, Peter warmed himself at the fire of his Master's enemies. Another step in the wrong direction! God permits contact with the worldling so we may witness for Christ; but needless association with the ungodly, or fellowship with the world for personal pleasure, is another matter. (See 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.)

Said Biederwolf, the famous evangelist: "This is the danger of fellowship with the world: it dulls the conscience, deadens the sense of obligation, weakens resolution, and so chills the spiritual life that cowardice becomes the master of loyalty, and ends in base and ungrateful denial of Him who loved you and gave Himself for you." Our associations help determine our attitudes.

## THE ACT OF DENIAL (vv. 66-71)

He who had so confidently declared, "If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise" (v. 31), now wilted before the searching gaze of an insignificant servant girl. Not only so, but on three different occasions he flatly denied any knowledge of his Master!

It is easy to point the finger of scorn at Peter, but how many of us in times of much less severe testing have in effect denied the Lord who loves us?

## AFTER THE DENIAL (v. 72; Luke 22:61, 62)

A moment after the last denial Jesus turned and looked right into Peter's eyes. Was there stern rebuke in the eyes of Christ? I think not. Instead, the look was one of wounded love—a look which like an arrow pierced the soul of the disciple.

Are you sorrowing over some failure in your life? Have you shed bitter tears and suffered hours of anguish over the grief your failure has brought to the heart of your Lord? Weep no more! As it was with Peter, so may it be with you. Your tears may be turned to joy, and your night of despair by a brighter morning. You like Peter have another opportunity to confess your love for Christ and to prove your love by a life of devotion to His cause!



**W**HEN THE LORD first spoke to me about going to China, He called my attention to a certain Bible verse. How often I had pondered the words! Now I read them again, for I somehow felt this day would be one I would long remember: "He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when He putteth forth His own sheep, *He goeth before them*, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice."

Yes, I was now on my way to China. I had spent a delightful visit with missionary friends in Japan and I was ready to take the train for Kobe. Soon, very soon, I would reach my destination.

When I boarded the train, I found there was only one other passenger in the coach to which I was assigned, so there was plenty of room for my suitcase and bag. I settled myself comfortably and anticipated a very enjoyable trip.

I had been told the scenery would be beautiful, and I was not disappointed. I became so thrilled with the beauty of it that I scarcely noticed a stranger enter—a young man who seated himself opposite me.

But the stranger soon made his presence felt. He began to talk to me, and *continued* to talk very animatedly—even though he could see I understood nothing he was saying. I blamed myself because I had not noticed that the next seat *faced* me. I could so easily have reversed the seat before anyone came in.

Soon my annoyance changed to anxiety, for the young man talked on and on, leaning as far toward me as possible, and eyeing my bag and suitcase in a way that made me feel very uneasy. Furthermore, I could see that as he talked he was gradually edging closer to the things he so obviously coveted.

When I entered the coach, I had been shown a bell to ring if I needed anything. But I was a stranger in a strange land and I was uncertain what the reaction would be if a foreigner reported the bad conduct of a national. Then too, I did not dare leave my things! What a predicament I would be in if I were robbed of my money and clothing!

The Japanese monologue continued, and I was becoming more and more uneasy. We were still traveling through beautiful country, but as I turned toward the window I was not looking at the scenery. I was praying!

Then I heard a voice beside me saying in perfect English, "Pardon me, madam, but can I be of any assistance?"

I could scarcely believe my ears! It was the other passenger—a Japanese gentleman who had been seated at the opposite end of the coach. He had seen my trouble, and in his own way was changing the situation.

The man did not wait for an answer to his question, but leaning against the seat across the aisle, with his legs crossed and arms folded, *he* started talking! He paid no attention whatever to the bold fellow in the seat opposite me, but talked and talked—about his country, about mine, about many things. He had lived in the United States for a number of years and was a graduate of Columbia University.

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## 'HE GOETH BEFORE'

By RENA BALDWIN LINDSAY

The smart young fellow with the covetous eyes did not know what to make of the new situation. It had come about so suddenly and unexpectedly. He would first look at the Japanese gentleman, then at me. Then his eyes would again travel back to the gentleman who somehow gave the impression that he would be staying right there for the remainder of the trip. Finally the fellow ran out of patience and slunk away.

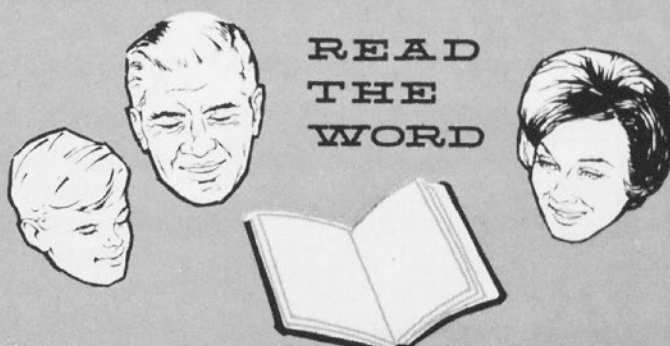
Then the man who had been so kind adjusted the seat, bowed low to me, and returned to his own place. As he left he said, "That fellow meant no good; if you should have any further trouble, I shall be glad to be of assistance."

There was no more trouble, and during the rest of the journey I meditated upon God's great goodness to me.

I have always felt God allowed that experience at the very beginning of my life in the Orient to remind me that I am not my own, but *His*, and that as I keep close to Him, He will perfect that which concerns me and will work out every detail of His plan for my life.

I was in the South Pacific during the war years, and there were many tense moments. At one time over 2,000 of us internees would have been killed within three minutes' time, but God intervened and spared our lives.

How sweet it is to know, especially in time of crisis, that "He goeth before!"



**READ THE WORD**

**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 26—MAR. 5**

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| Sunday .....  | Luke 7, 8     | Thursday ..... | Exodus 15, 16 |
| Monday .....  | Luke 9, 10    | Friday .....   | Exodus 17, 18 |
| Tuesday ..... | Luke 11, 12   | Saturday ..... | Exodus 19, 20 |
| Wednesday ..  | Exodus 13, 14 | Sunday .....   | Exodus 21, 22 |

**"Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? (Exodus 15:11)"**



'We are looking forward to even greater liberties in Colombia.'

# Colombian Protestants Parade in Bogota

From information supplied by Missionary VERLIN E. STEWART



Luis Palau (above) enthusiastically declares "the truth shall make you free" at the Protestant rally. More and more Colombians (below) are becoming familiar with the Word of God.



IT IS A THURSDAY AFTERNOON in early December, and a brilliant, tropical sun is shining down on the *Circo de Santamaria*—the bullfight ring in Bogotá, Colombia. Outside the circular arena a large crowd begins to assemble in an orderly but obviously enthusiastic fashion. Today for the first time in Colombia's long history the Protestants will march through the center of the city and preach on the steps of the Capital Building in Bolivar Square—the *Plaza de Bolívar*.

The very fact that the sun was shining was in itself a miracle, which the Protestant community took as a prodigious sign from heaven of God's blessing on the event. The preceding days had been some of the rainiest of the century, and all over Colombia there were floods and much water damage.

But now under a clear sky and bright sun the parade begins to move away from the bullfight ring, across the overpass that bridges the new freeway, and down the wide *Avenida Decima*—a beautiful, four-lane avenue with a line of trees and flowers down the middle.

Even the city's large newspaper, *El*

*Tiempo*, said of the occasion: "In a very orderly manner the parade followed *Carrera Decima* and then went up Tenth Street to the *Plaza de Bolívar*, accompanied by a choir of 300 voices which sang various hymns of praise to God."

The *Plaza de Bolívar*, with its bronze statue of the Liberator Simon Bolivar in its center, is a full city block in size. It is faced on the south side by the Capital Building where the Colombian congress meets to make and administer the nation's laws, on the east side by the cathedral and the cardinal's palace, and on the remaining sides by various government buildings. Seldom have the Protestants even been mentioned in this square; and never have they gathered in such numbers as they boldly do this day.

Still recent in the memories of many of these evangelical Christians is the violent opposition they have suffered. But today there is only joy in their hearts for the victory that their struggle has accomplished.

The newspaper article on the parade said: "For the first time in Colombia there took place an evangelical service



in the *Plaza de Bolívar*. There some 20,000 persons congregated for three objectives—to listen to a message taken from the sacred Scriptures given by the Rev. Luis Palau; to place a floral wreath before the statue of the Liberator (Simon Bolivar); and to express their appreciation to the present government for having permitted them to carry out this service for the first time in Colombia.”

There are tears in the eyes of many of the Colombian Christians as well as those of the missionaries as Argentine Evangelist Luis Palau stands on the very steps of the Capital Building and delivers a stirring message on the text: “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

Assemblies of God Missionary Verlin E. Stewart was the chairman of the parade organization committee. The demonstration of Protestant strength in the traditionally Roman Catholic country was a joint effort of most of the Protestant churches of the area.

Missionary Stewart said, “There were multitudes of conversions, and we are looking forward to even greater liberties in Colombia.”

That evening there was another large meeting at the gymnasium of a local Presbyterian high school, which the newspaper reported “was attended by thousands of people.” These services continued through Sunday afternoon with some of the largest crowds that ever have met for Protestant worship in the nation’s history.

The Assemblies of God took an active part in these special meetings, for a high percentage of Bogotá’s Protestants belong to Assemblies of God churches. Our work in Bogotá began with Missionary Harry Bartel just over 10 years ago. Today, there are two churches which regularly have between 500 and 1,000 in attendance, and there are a total of more than 5,000 Assemblies of God believers in the city and its suburbs.

# REACHING BUENOS AIRES

By LOUIE W. STOKES - Missionary to Argentina



**G**REATER BUENOS AIRES is a complex metropolis of eight million people, about half of whom live in the federal capital, and the others in cities and towns of the Province of Buenos Aires. In the sophisticated sections of the northern part of the city there are many Europeans, foreign diplomats, and the American colony. The great industrial sections are mostly in the western and southern parts of the city.

In 1954 the Assemblies of God had about eight churches in this area, none of them large. Today—to God be the glory—we have 80 in this area. A 900 percent growth in 12 years!

To what can this unusual growth be attributed?

First, to the power of Pentecost. The message that is proclaimed is the Bible-centered message of repentance, faith, regeneration, healing, the bap-

tism of the Spirit, and the hope of Christ’s return.

Strange as it may appear, many of the Porteños (as the inhabitants of Buenos Aires are called) had never heard the good news of the full-gospel message. Also, it is due to the tremendous influx of thousands of families from the interior who were not acquainted with the evangelical faith but who quickly found love and peace in our churches.


After the great salvation-healing campaign in 1954, many outstations were opened in the outlying areas, lots were purchased, and churches were erected. The evangelistic center became a “mother church,” and hundreds of its members were transferred to the smaller groups to form autonomous churches.

The students from the nearby Bible institute contributed their presence and talents, some of them becoming pastors. For years night studies have been conducted for prospective workers, and the bookstore has made available the best in literature.

Not the least of many helpful factors has been the sacrificial labor of the pastors who have worked unceasingly to open works where there were none before.

However, 80 churches for eight million people are nothing to boast about. Even if we had 800 Assemblies of God churches in greater Buenos Aires, we would still not be reaching the masses. What can be done?

Within the federal capital itself, we have only three churches, as property is so expensive we cannot buy or rent. If we had funds, several new churches could be established right away. We need a national radio program, sponsored and directed by the national church, and tons of good gospel literature suited to the special Argentine character.

We thank God for the 80 churches in the area, but are deeply concerned about the people who have not been reached. Help us reach them. 

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# STILL CLIMBING IN 1967 SPEED-THE-LIGHT

By VERNE B. MacKINNEY • Speed-the-Light Coordinator

AS CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS EVERYWHERE responded to the "CALL" theme for the 1966 Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, the total giving for the year mounted to a new high of \$650,946.86. Translated into equipment, this has meant at least 48 new bicycles, 15 motorcycles, 12 trucks, 2 trailers, 1 jeep, 6 buses, 2 boats, 20 station wagons, and 81 new cars carrying missionaries to tell the lost of salvation through the blood of Jesus.

A number of exciting things happened in this youth missions program in 1966: among them a church giving more than \$10,000, the program as a whole passing the six-million-dollar mark in aggregate giving, and a group giving money for a tandem bicycle for use by a blind pastor in Upper Volta. Churches exceeding the \$1,000 mark in giving reached 123, with a college

missionary prayer band in addition.

Watching Speed-the-Light in the 60's has reminded me of the report E. L. Mason gave upon testing the first Speed-the-Light plane after it was assembled in Liberia. No test pilot was available, so he climbed in, taxied to the end of the runway, turned around, gave it full throttle, and "it took off like a homesick angel," he said.

During the late 50's, there was a leveling off in Speed-the-Light giving, but here are the figures for the 60's: 1960, \$325,350; 1961, \$332,276; 1962, \$373,666; 1963, \$413,832; 1964, \$516,515; 1965, \$603,974; and now we are really in the clouds with \$650,946.86 in 1966.

Offerings received shortly after the end of the year requesting 1966 credit would have been more than enough to lift the total well over the goal of

\$653,767, had they arrived in time.

The six-million-dollar mark was passed on Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, October 16, as C.A.'s everywhere responded to the theme "CALL" with offerings totaling more than \$169,000. The group at First Assembly, Nampa, Idaho, where Warren Combs is pastor, gave what turned out to be the six millionth dollar in their offering of \$250 on that day.

Largest offering from a single group was \$10,018 from First Assembly, Van Buren, Ark. This is the fifth consecutive time this church has ranked among the top five in the nation, and the third consecutive year it has ranked first.

Other churches ranking high nationally were: Full Gospel Assembly, Bell Gardens, Calif., \$5,541.00; Full Gospel Tabernacle, Selma, Calif., \$4,-

When Pastor Warren Combs (in second row, at left) of First Assembly, Nampa, Idaho, announced the 1966 Dollar Day, he told his Christ's Ambassadors that some C.A. would give the six millionth dollar to Speed-the-Light that day. Little did he realize it would be someone from his group! About two-thirds of the regular members were available for the picture. (Guest speaker Martin Sumner is in the second row at right.)





202.06; Faith Memorial Assembly, Atlanta, Ga., \$4,000.00; and First Assembly, Springdale, Ark., \$3,803.20.

One answer to the tremendous upsurge in giving in recent years has been the goal-setting idea. Local groups as well as districts establish goals early in the year and work hard to reach them.

A Speed-the-Light Goal Setting Guide computer has been produced to assist local groups and individuals in setting goals. These are available in any quantity free from the National C. A. Department.

The general surge in giving has been reflected in larger district totals. Among the districts, 25 reached their goal and in 26 districts the giving passed the \$10,000 mark. In the list below, the asterisk (\*) identifies the districts which reached their goals.

| Southern California \$95,300.80 |             |            |           |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| N. Texas                        | \$43,190.88 | S. Mo.     | 10,740.20 |
| *Arkansas                       | 39,730.99   | New York   | 10,220.30 |
| N. Cal.-Nev.                    | 35,628.80   | *Minn.     | 9,501.05  |
| *S. Texas                       | 25,495.87   | N. J.      | 9,286.01  |
| Kansas                          | 23,639.37   | Iowa       | 7,216.00  |
| *Oklahoma                       | 22,314.34   | Illinois   | 7,120.33  |
| *Oregon                         | 22,071.02   | *Nebraska  | 6,836.86  |
| *Michigan                       | 20,789.17   | *Miss.     | 6,274.05  |
| *Georgia                        | 20,753.30   | *W. Texas  | 6,218.25  |
| *Alabama                        | 17,430.91   | *N. Car.   | 5,732.96  |
| *Eastern                        | 16,028.38   | Tennessee  | 5,622.02  |
| *Potomac                        | 14,879.85   | *S. Car.   | 5,393.94  |
| Northwest                       | 13,894.13   | *N. Dak.   | 3,781.25  |
| *W. Fla.                        | 13,629.81   | *S. Idaho  | 3,693.29  |
| *Louisiana                      | 13,607.33   | S. Dak.    | 3,330.50  |
| Pen. Fla.                       | 13,410.74   | *N. Mo.    | 3,284.15  |
| Indiana                         | 13,077.61   | New Mex.   | 3,261.49  |
| *Wis.-N. Mich.                  | 12,773.47   | *Wyoming   | 2,329.20  |
| Ohio                            | 12,164.29   | Kentucky   | 1,418.35  |
| *Montana                        | 11,943.48   | Appalach.  | 1,051.16  |
| Arizona                         | 11,462.05   | N. N. Eng. | 813.41    |
| *S. N. Eng.                     | 11,245.58   | *Alaska    | 809.23    |
| Rocky Mt.                       | 10,740.20   | Hawaii     | 107.83    |

Among the 5,194 churches and C. A. groups who gave to Speed-the-Light last year, the gift from the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Prince Frederick, Md., was perhaps the most unique. During the summer a vacationing former missionary showed slides of missionary activity. In some of the shots was a blind pastor. His need for a bicycle was laid on hearts in the church. The need for a tandem bike was dictated by the pastor's blindness—he could pedal but not steer. An offering was forwarded to Speed-the-Light to meet this need and Speed-the-Light proceeded to put its first "bicycle-built-for-two" into missionary service.

During the year 57 new vehicles were sent to Africa, 33 to the Far East, 17 to Central America, 17 to the Middle East, 13 to South America, 11 to Europe, 11 to Southern Asia, and 5 to the West Indies. An additional 20 were assigned to North America including Alaska, Mexico, and continental U.S.

for use by workers among the American Indians, making a total of 187 new vehicles purchased in 1966.

In addition to the vehicles, 35 new pieces of printing equipment costing \$63,209.33 went into missionary service, along with 56 pieces of radio equipment costing \$25,054.32.

It is difficult even to estimate the number of people who will be touched with the gospel and won to Christ because of this youth thrust for missions. As the coming of the Lord draws ever nearer, Christ's Ambassadors everywhere are catching the feeling of responsibility to reach this generation now with the life-giving message of God's Word.

Following are the churches which led their districts or gave more than \$1,000 to Speed-the-Light in 1966. All these will receive a Speed-the-Light Honor Award plaque recognizing their achievement in Speed-the-Light giving. National Honor Award plaques for giving \$1,000 or more will be presented at the five Assemblies of God conventions in February, March, and April. District Honor Award plaques for highest giving in each district will be awarded by the district C. A. president on another occasion.

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| ALA. Pkwy. A/G, Mobile          | \$ 757.92 |
| AK. Fairview A/G, Anchorage     | 383.29    |
| APP. A/G, Ripley, W. Va.        | 158.24    |
| ARIZ. 1st A/G, Phoenix          | 3,100.22  |
| 1st A/G Glendale                | 2,051.00  |
| Westwood A/G, Phoenix           | 1,111.27  |
| ARK. 1st A/G, Van Buren         | 10,018.00 |
| 1st A/G, Springdale             | 3,803.20  |
| 1st A/G, Russellville           | 2,097.64  |
| 1st A/G, El Dorado              | 1,600.00  |
| Central A/G, Little Rock        | 1,076.85  |
| EAST. 1st A/G, Wilmington, Del. | 2,321.00  |
| A/G, Berwick, Pa.               | 1,071.00  |
| GA. Faith Mem. A/G, Atlanta     | 4,000.00  |
| 1st A/G, Griffin                | 3,514.45  |
| A/G Tab, Atlanta                | 1,825.00  |
| N. Highland A/G, Columbus       | 1,145.00  |
| 1st A/G, Augusta                | 1,019.00  |
| HA. Glad Tidings, Hilo          | 37.72     |
| ILL. Stone Church, Chicago      | 1,029.50  |
| IND. 1st A/G, Bloomington       | 1,095.75  |
| IA. A/G, Newton                 | 1,087.77  |
| KANS. 1st A/G, Hutchinson       | 2,618.03  |
| Central A/G, Wichita            | 1,953.98  |
| A/G, Pratt                      | 1,255.00  |
| 1st A/G, Salina                 | 1,151.00  |
| Victoria Tab, Kansas City       | 1,128.24  |
| 1st A/G, Kansas City            | 1,001.00  |
| KY. 1st A/G, Lexington          | 500.00    |
| LA. 1st A/G, Bastrop            | 2,553.53  |
| MICH. Gos. Tab, Dearborn        | 2,519.98  |
| Bethany A/G, Adrian             | 1,830.76  |
| A/G, Ferndale                   | 1,565.34  |
| Central A/G, Muskegon           | 1,493.00  |
| MINN. A/G, Worthington          | 1,378.60  |
| 1st A/G, St. Louis Park         | 1,372.00  |
| MISS. E. End A/G, Meridian      | 1,000.00  |
| MONT. A/G, Sydney               | 3,434.41  |
| A/G, Cut Bank                   | 2,227.96  |
| 1st A/G, Missoula               | 1,363.47  |
| NEBR. A/G, Milford              | 567.35    |
| N. J. Evangel Ch, Elizabeth     | 1,919.00  |
| Trin. Pent. Ch, Elizabeth       | 1,520.40  |
| A/G, Wyckoff                    | 1,010.00  |

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| N. MEX. 1st A/G, Roswell             | 478.71   |
| N. Y. 1st A/G, Binghamton            | 1,169.00 |
| N. CAR. A/G, Wanchese                | 884.20   |
| N. DAK. Evangel Tem, Bismarck        | 920.91   |
| N. CAL.-NEV. A/G, San Leandro        | 1,397.00 |
| Haven of Rest A/G, San Leandro       | 1,397.00 |
| A/G, Escalon                         | 1,215.00 |
| Central A/G, El Sobrante             | 1,162.00 |
| 1st A/G, Lodi                        | 1,021.80 |
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| N. N. ENG. Gos. Tab, Augusta, Me.    | 210.00   |
| N. TEX. Bethel A/G, Arlington        | 2,602.00 |
| SW A/G College, Waxahachie           | 2,652.00 |
| 1st A/G, Waxahachie                  | 2,520.45 |
| Memorial A/G, Dallas                 | 2,167.83 |
| Central A/G, Austin                  | 1,202.82 |
| Northside A/G, Ft. Worth             | 1,095.00 |
| Glad Tidings A/G, Lufkin             | 1,019.50 |
| 1st A/G, Whitehouse                  | 1,009.00 |
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| S. CAR. 1st A/G, Columbia            | 732.50   |
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| F. G. Tab, Selma                     | 4,202.06 |
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| 1st A/G, Wilmington                  | 2,109.50 |
| 1st A/G, San Bernardino              | 1,794.03 |
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| 1st A/G, Whittier                    | 1,555.00 |
| A/G, Del Rosa                        | 1,522.35 |
| 1st A/G, Garden Grove                | 1,520.00 |
| 1st A/G, Santa Maria                 | 1,519.40 |
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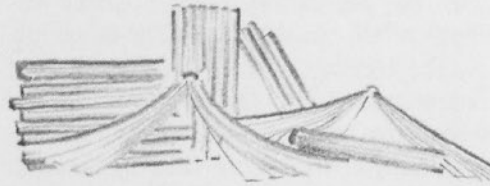
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# Paperbacks Had to Go!



By SSG. RENDOL L. HUTTO  
Stuttgart, Germany

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There was no question in my mind

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that God wanted me to clean up my life before He could grant this blessing. I realized the Holy Spirit will not dwell in an unclean, unconsecrated vessel.

I said nothing to my wife about this. We went back to the prayer meeting the next night, and my wife received the Holy Spirit. But again the Lord showed me the vision of books He had shown me the night before.

When I got home that night, I discarded all the paperbacks and not-so-good magazines by first tearing each one so no one else could read it and then throwing them into the trash.

After the Bible study the next evening some of us again sought the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord! He filled me to overflowing!

I am grateful the Lord showed me how to clean up my reading habits. Now I really have peace within my heart, as He promised, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27).

Are you looking for that peace and the blessing of a Spirit-filled life? Then serve God with "a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever" (1 Chronicles 28:9).



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## NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH



By GRACE PEARSON EVERSON

WHEN I GOT OUT OF BED that May morning, I had no idea how my routine was to be changed before the rising of another sun. It was housecleaning time. With the children off to school I turned my thoughts to the day's work ahead.

My husband's mother had made her home with us for the past seven years. They had not been easy years, I admit. She had come to us because the rest of her children thought they "had done their share," and at a time also when we were in the midst of building a new house, payday by payday. The financial and emotional strain were heightened by another person in the home—one who was almost, but not quite, "family."

There had been many days of which I had not been proud because to bed with me at night went the memory of sudden impatience and sharp words. Then I prayed harder for strength and for the ability to put myself in her place—84 years of age, unable to contribute much, and living in another woman's home.

Today, as usual, she busied herself with the dishes, a prized task, and such small duties as I could give her in keeping with her limited strength. With great pride she told everyone

that she had not had a sick day in her life. Now only a stiffening in her knees and a faltering in her steps reminded her of the advancing years.

That night I went to bed tired from my housecleaning efforts. About 1:30 in the morning I was jolted awake by a terrible strangling sound from her bedroom. My husband and I rushed to her and found her sitting on the edge of the bed, gasping desperately for breath. Her face was the color of putty, and she was unable to speak.

I called an ambulance, and though neither my husband nor I can recall the trip to the hospital, somehow we were there, standing at the foot of the oxygen-tented bed where she continued her fierce struggle for life.

As I watched, I wondered if the minister should be called. She loved church and counted a Sunday away as an unaccountable loss. I glanced at my watch. Four a.m. seemed an inhuman time to rout our minister from his bed.

Still, suppose she passed away before any consoling words of faith could be said to her? How could I live with *that*? Came back the answer of my heart:

*You are a Christian. You have gone*

*to church all your life. Your faith has been built up for emergencies such as this. The words in the Bible were not meant to be spoken by ministers alone. How many times have you told others that Christianity is in the living of it and the giving of it to those in need?*

Then, what would I say to her? Upset as I was, no spontaneous words of assurance would come to mind. Little fragments of Scripture floated up into my confused stream of thoughts. Then I recalled Psalm 23. I took a deep breath and unzipped the oxygen tent for a moment.

"Mother, would you like me to say the 23rd Psalm?" I asked softly.

"Oh, yes, I would," she gasped. Impulsively I reached for her hand.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He leadeth me..."

The age-old words took on new meaning for us that night.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

This, I realized, meant not only those who walked through the valley, but also those who walked beside them.

"Mother," I began, searching for the proper words. "Just think about those words and remember you are in the best of hands—those of God. There are no better ones," I said.

"Yes, I know," she replied, still gripping my hand tightly.

We waited on, my husband and I, till the first streaks of dawn appeared over the city. The hospital roused from its half-sleep, and another busy day began. This day lengthened into another, and another, till a week had passed. We didn't look ahead because we thought it was just a matter of days before she would be graduated into a greater, more lasting realm.

How great was my amazement then, when the doctor met me at the door of her room one morning and told me she could go home. Yes, another heart attack could come, he said, but there was no knowing when. It could be within days, or it might not be for months. He went his busy way before I could ask any questions.

When I entered her room, Mother smiled weakly up at me, free now of the restricting tent.

"Mother, did he tell you?" I asked shakily.

"Oh, yes," she replied. "Isn't it lovely? I don't know what I am doing here anyway." Already her lagging

memory had blotted out the events of the crisis days.

I was too involved that day, setting up a temporary hospital room, borrowing necessary sickroom equipment, and adding to my sheet supply, to think of the days to come.

The ambulance arrived the next morning, and only when the door closed on the attendants did the immensity of my responsibility press in upon me. We lived in the country, eight miles from the nearest hospital. My husband's job kept him away from home 14 hours a day. My son and daughter attended a rural school for eight of those same hours. My aloneness threatened almost to overwhelm me.

The first few days I was initiated into the routine of baths, meal trays, and the countless little tasks necessary for the care of the bedridden. Mother's breathing fluctuated hourly, and my tension kept pace with it. I alternated between the coldness of panic and the weakness of relief. At night I made a dozen trips to her room to make certain she was still breathing. I was fast becoming exhausted.

Then a friend who was a practical nurse stopped to see me. When I told her Mother was home from the hospital, she was horrified. Did I know what could happen with no oxygen tank, no reviving hypos? Did I realize the foolishness of caring for her alone? Did I know the possible emergencies—ranging from a coma to a stroke to sudden death?

Her professional knowledge, thrust upon me just then, opened a deep abyss of fear into which I could feel myself falling headlong. I realized that what she had said was true. Her words hung over me like a shroud. How was I going to live with all these potential problems?

God must be here, I thought. He always is. Yet at that moment the room seemed devoid of everything but my own sinking spirit. Finally I went to my bedroom and reached blindly for a daily devotional book. Unguided, the book fell open in my hands, and the words of Jesus stood out before me:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

I read the words over and over again, till His peace seeped through every part of me. His peace was mine.

How foolish I had been. Who was I to think the life down the hall was in my hands? It was in the hands of God. And as long as He saw fit to trust me in caring for her, I would not betray that trust. When her call came, it would not be any mortal lack on my part that would bring it about,

but the fulfillment of a heavenly will in calling His child Home to stay.

Suddenly the room seemed filled with His presence. I was strengthened by the peace of God, upon which I myself had shut the door for days by my own doubt.

I left the little book open on my dresser, and with renewed faith in my heart went down the hall to answer her bell.

## NOTICE OF BOND REDEMPTION

by

The General Council of the Assemblies of God  
Springfield, Missouri

to

Holders of General Council of the Assemblies of God Administration Building Bonds

A call for redemption of certain bonds of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, known as its First Mortgage Serial 5% Bonds Series A, dated September 1, 1960, is hereby given.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God, a corporation, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture of Trust securing said bonds which is recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Greene County of Missouri, in book 1204 at page 509 and supplemental in book 1258 at pages 296-298, has elected to redeem and pay to the bearer or if the bond is registered as to principal, then to the registered holder thereof, the following listed bonds on March 1, 1967.

| CCL-111 | CCL-231 | D-404 | D-613 | M-592 | M-718 | M-811 | M-1361 |
|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 113     | 232     | 405   | 614   | 593   | 719   | 812   | 1362   |
| 114     | 233     | 406   | 615   | 594   | 574   | 813   | 1363   |
| 121     | 234     | 409   | 616   | 595   | 575   | 814   | 1364   |
| 122     | 235     | 424   | 617   | 596   | 720   | 815   | 1367   |
| 123     | 236     | 425   | 743   | 597   | 721   | 865   | 1398   |
| 124     | 237     | 433   | 745   | 598   | 723   | 866   | 1399   |
| 143     | 238     | 447   | 747   | 599   | 754   | 867   | 1400   |
| 165     | 239     | 448   | 748   | 607   | 755   | 868   | 1401   |
| 166     | 240     | 449   | 749   | 608   | 756   | 892   | 1402   |
| 167     | D-271   | 450   | 750   | 609   | 757   | 923   | 1403   |
| 177     | 272     | 451   | 751   | 610   | 758   | 924   | 1404   |
| 178     | 273     | 452   | 752   | 611   | 759   | 927   | 1405   |
| 179     | 274     | 453   | 762   | 612   | 760   | 989   | 1406   |
| 185     | 275     | 454   | 763   | 613   | 761   | 990   | 1407   |
| 187     | 283     | 471   | 336   | 614   | 762   | 1051  | 1672   |
| 188     | 292     | 472   | 343   | 615   | 763   | 1055  | 1673   |
| 189     | 309     | 494   | 443   | 616   | 764   | 1187  | 1674   |
| 195     | 311     | 495   | 456   | 645   | 765   | 1188  | 1675   |
| 199     | 312     | 496   | M-455 | 646   | 766   | 1189  | 1676   |
| 200     | 313     | 497   | 456   | 650   | 767   | 1190  | 1677   |
| 201     | 331     | 498   | 501   | 651   | 788   | 1261  | 1678   |
| 202     | 334     | 499   | 502   | 652   | 789   | 1262  | 1679   |
| 221     | 335     | 541   | 503   | 653   | 791   | 1263  | 1680   |
| 222     | 337     | 542   | 565   | 654   | 803   | 1264  | 1681   |
| 241     | 338     | 566   | 566   | 655   | 804   | 1265  | 1682   |
| 242     | 339     | 567   | 567   | 656   | 805   | 1342  | 1686   |
| 244     | 340     | 588   | 568   | 711   | 806   | 1343  | 1687   |
| 253     | 368     | 589   | 569   | 712   | 807   | 1344  | 991    |
| 254     | 369     | 590   | 570   | 713   | 808   | 1345  | 5M-16  |
| 275     | 402     | 591   | 571   | 714   | 809   | 1346  | 28     |
| 276     | 403     | 612   | 572   | 715   | 810   | 1360  | 30     |

The above listed bonds which were selected by lot according to provisions of said Indenture will be redeemed at face value March 1, 1967, plus the amount of interest coupons payable to March 1, 1967. The above bonds should be presented to the Trustee The Citizens Bank, 1661 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri, for payment on March 1, 1967, or the first business day thereafter.

Interest on the above listed bonds will cease to accrue from and after March 1, 1967. Interest coupons due on the above date must be detached and presented to The Citizens Bank for payment. All remaining coupons must remain attached to the bonds.

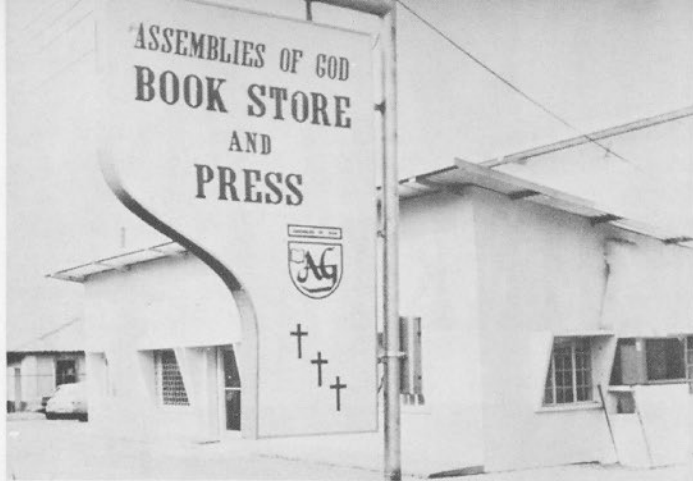
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THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

*M. B. Netzel*

M. B. Netzel, General Treasurer





# Thank You, Boys and Girls

By G. L. FALLEY - Missionary to Nigeria, West Africa

THE BOOKSTORE at Aba, Nigeria, recently moved into its new building which provides more adequate facilities in spreading the gospel through the printed page. Erecting the building was a field project to which all the Nigerian missionaries contributed. It stands as a testimony of the vision missionaries and nationals have to reach the masses of Nigeria through literature.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade has invested thousands of dollars in the initial stock for the new store. This has made it possible to offer the city of Aba, with a population of 90,000, and the 350 Assemblies of God churches and pastors in Eastern Nigeria, a wide range of Bibles, study helps, devotional books, Pentecostal materials, and a variety of tracts and booklets for use in evangelism.

Every month the bookstore distributes 16,500 *Nigerian Evangelists*. The churches receive over 7,000 Sunday school quarterlies each quarter.


The wholesale department ships Sunday school and church materials to the three other regions of Nigeria. Also some Nigerian printed church materials are shipped regularly to Ghana, Liberia, and South Africa. Other Nigerian bookstores, soon to be opened in West and Central Nigeria, will be supplied through the wholesale department at Aba.

A missionary from another mission visited the new bookstore recently. "Your building is so clean, neat, and appealing," he said. "The stock you are carrying is wonderful. We have needed this kind of a bookstore for a long time."

A Sunday school teacher purchased a set of commentaries. "This will certainly help in teaching my class," he said. "I am so glad you are making these kinds of books available."

A curious man was attracted to the store by the new sign. He left with a copy of *The New Testament in Modern English* published by the American Bible Society.

These are only a few results seen through the ministry of the Aba bookstore. It is made possible through the vision of our Assemblies of God children and leaders. Nigerian Christians will have the opportunity to obtain literature conducive to spiritual growth and hundreds of souls will be touched and influenced for Christ through the medium of the written word which will flow through this bookstore.

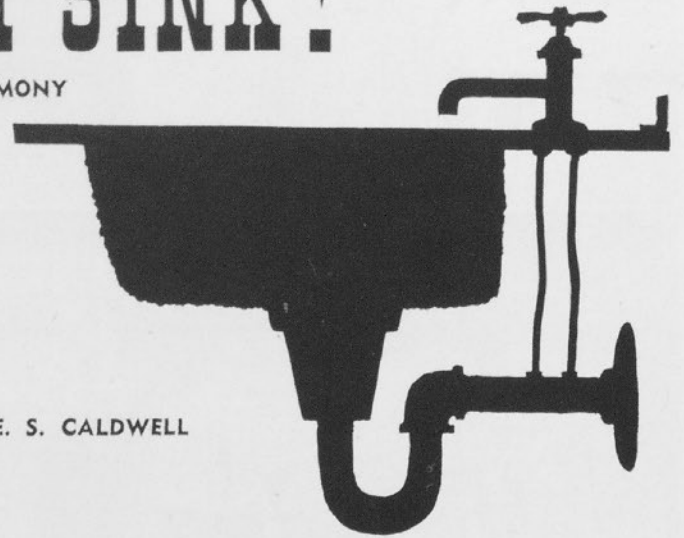
Boys and girls, this is your project, your bookstore, your part in telling Nigerians about Jesus. God bless you as you continue to give your BGMC offerings which make it possible for souls to find Christ through the printed page. 



Photos, top to bottom:  
 Aba bookstore in Nigeria, West Africa.  
 Missionary G. L. Falley and members of the bookstore staff.  
 Bookstore employee helping customer select a book for study.  
 Wide range of Bibles available to the Nigerian people.  
 Wholesale department where books are packed and shipped to other sections of Nigeria.

# EVEN THE KITCHEN SINK!

THIS STORY IS BASED ON A "REVIVALTIME" TESTIMONY



By E. S. CALDWELL

**T**HE HEAT OF THE PAVEMENT burned through Anna's thin-soled shoes as she trudged home—if a one-room flat on the fourth floor of a dreary, walk-up apartment building can be called "home."

The August humidity was oppressive, even though the sun had dropped below the rectangular shapes of Kansas City's skyline. Anna dreaded another night to be spent sleeplessly listening to the whirring fan recirculating foul-smelling air.

"That stopped-up kitchen sink! In full view no matter where I stand!" she curled her lip in disgust at the thought. The drain had been plugged for a week, and the apartment manager was on a vacation trip. The pipes stubbornly resisted her efforts to unclog them.

Without a usable sink, Anna ate at the diner across from the laundry where she worked. It seemed a long way from the air-conditioned cafe booth to the apartment entrance with its rows of rusty mailboxes.

Anna hesitated at her box. Through the tiny window she could see a portion of a white envelope. She fumbled through her handbag until she found her keys, opened the box and withdrew the single piece of mail.

Somehow the four flights to her room seemed shorter on those infrequent days when a letter arrived. Who had written? She read the word, "REVIVALTIME," printed in capital letters in the upper left-hand corner.

As she climbed the staircase, Anna recalled listening to the radio the Sunday night before. The joyful singing of gospel music had stirred long-forgotten memories and had broken her dark, morose mood. It seemed the radio preacher was talking right to her (What was his name?—Ward?). He asked people to write to him for help.

Anna had penciled the address that was given—*Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri*. When the broadcast service ended, she wrote a brief letter—just a few lines to tell someone how distraught and nervous she was. "Please pray for me," she concluded.

Inside her room, Anna kicked off her shoes and seated herself on the bed before opening the thick envelope. It contained a letter and three other pages with printing

on both sides. They were broadcast sermons by C. M. Ward!

Anna decided to read first the one titled, "Oppressed of the Devil." Was there some sinister force behind the terrible depression she experienced? "Yes!" the sermon answered.

Next she turned to the message, "The Poise of Praise." Some of the words seemed to stand out from the page: "Isaiah has a great word for us when he says, 'Be not dismayed; for I am thy God.' God allows Himself to be spoken of as though He were our property. 'I am thy God, I belong to you.' He gives us a claim on Him as He assumes a claim on us."

"Don't Be a Grave Robber!" was the title of the sermon Anna saved for last. Emotion flooded her heart as she read these words:

*"To think about the past is death. Do not be a ghoul! Do not make your home among the tombs. Evil spirits will bind you. The spirits of unbelief, self-consciousness, remorse, and 'what is the use?' wait to shackle you.*

"Hidden away in the Old Testament, in the message of Micah, the prophet, is a verse of comfort which is not always easy for the new convert to locate. *It is found in Micah 7:19:*

*"He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."*

"That is where my sins are! That is why I can say to the devil when he seeks to discourage me by some past mistake in my life, 'Satan, if God cannot find it, how is it that you can? *Satan, you have no evidence. I refuse to believe your lie about me.*'

"Isaiah has a beautiful word about this.

"'I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins' (Isaiah 43:25).

"God wants us to live in the land of 'now' and not the country of 'yesterday.' God says, 'Now is the day of salvation.' He says, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Because the present is so thrillingly interesting, and because



the future is just as glorious as we will make it, we are foolish to waste our soul-substance on what is really dead. *My past is buried.* I refuse to be a grave robber.

"Unsaved friend, come to Christ now, and leave your sins where God has placed them—*forgiven* and *forgotten*. That is God's salvation to you."

Anna remained on the bed in deep thought for several minutes.

Without knowing why, she got up from the bed and walked over to the kitchen sink. *Looking* into the murky water, Anna thought to herself, "My life is just like that sink, filled with putrid things that will not drain out."


Suddenly there was a gurgling in the pipes beneath the sink. Anna turned the water on; and just as she did, the stagnant water began to drain out of the sink. Elatedly she increased the flow of hot tap water, and took a dishcloth to wipe away the stains.

Immediately after she turned off the water, Anna heard a voice speaking deep inside her soul, "Let Me do for you what you have done for that sink. Let Me cleanse your soul."

"Oh yes, Jesus," Anna prayed aloud. "Come and cleanse me. Wash away my sins. I am unable to undo my situations. Let the Holy Spirit cleanse my soul. Come into my life, and show me what to do."

At that moment, leaning over her kitchen sink, a beautiful feeling of relief swept over Anna's whole being.

She found peace with God.

If you were to meet Anna today, you would come to know a joyful, radiant person. Her life was transformed because God spoke to her through her radio and through her mailbox—even through her kitchen sink! 

## THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN

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shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). God's kingdom is unshakable. Hallelujah!

### THE PERSON OF GOD

God said, "For I am the Lord, *I change not*; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6). In Hebrews 13:8 we read, "Jesus Christ *the same* yesterday, and today, and forever."

Jesus prophesied, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken" (Matthew 24:29). This is a fearful picture. Many erstwhile stable things are going to shake and quake in those days. Many previously fixed stars are going to plunge off into courseless tracks. But I know of one "Star" that will never fall from heaven. It is the Bright and Morning Star. When the heavens are rolled back as a scroll, there will stand Jesus, unmovable and unshakable in His majesty and glory. Oh, blessed be His matchless name!

We are living in fluid and shaking days, but thank God for things which cannot be shaken. God's people should rejoice in the knowledge that worthwhile things will remain. After the smoke of battle clears and we see Jesus face to face, how happy we will be if we have given priority to things which cannot be shaken.


## THE THREEFOLD REACH OF FAITH

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reached the waters of Marah, they began to doubt the Lord.

Faintheartedness will end our song of faith, and our service to God will wane accordingly—no faith for future working here. Let us read again David's words, "At what time I am afraid I will trust in the Lord," and notice Isaiah's declaration which is even better, "I will trust and not be afraid." Thank God for all His mercies yet to be revealed, pledged to us by His faithfulness in days now past. "From everlasting to everlasting" He is the unchanging One; His Word is forever settled in heaven.

Always remember the word, "The just shall live by faith," in its threefold outreach—past, present, and future.

*"His love in times past forbids me to think  
He ever will leave me in trouble to sink;  
Each sweet Ebenezer I hold in review  
Confirms His good pleasure to help me straight  
through."* 

*The 1967 Convention  
spotlights turn on . . .*

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

FEB. 28-MAR. 2

*and*

PORTLAND, OREG.

MAR. 7-9

**It's almost time for two more of our great 1967 conventions to open. Northeasterners and Northwesterners should be making final plans to attend! Both conventions will highlight local-church-oriented conferences, exhibits, musicales, visuals, and challenging speakers. J. Philip Hogan, Joseph R. Flower, W. Howard Roberson, Robert Graber, and John Thompson will be featured in Rochester. William L. Stephens, D. V. Hurst, C. W. H. Scott, R. L. Brandt, and Marcus Gaston will be the main speakers in Portland.**

### SOON TO FOLLOW:

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI  
March 14-16

PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
April 12-14

1967 ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONVENTIONS

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

HENDERSON, KY.—Evangelist Assembly here recently conducted two weeks of meetings with its pastor, Joe Combs, preaching for the services.

Several people were saved and filled with the Spirit. The Sunday school tripled, and a revival spirit still prevails.

Plans are underway for a new church building.

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FLORA, ILL.—“Christ in the Tabernacle” was the theme of the Kids’ Crusade conducted at the Assembly of God here with the Culpepper-Gourlas Evangelistic Team of McLeansboro, Ill.

A total of 165 children enrolled. Several of them had a definite experience of salvation during the meetings.

Eight children each brought 10 new ones to the meeting.

—*Alfred and Nell Trail, pastors*

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LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—The Tanner Team of Minneapolis, Minn., conducted a series of excellent services at the Assembly of God here recently.

God accomplished much in many lives. Attendance was very good. There were visitors from numerous denominations.

—*Robert M. Abbott, pastor*

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LAKEWOOD, COLO.—First Assembly here enjoyed special services with Evangelist Charles Ogden of Muldrow, Okla., in November. Several people were saved and 16 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—*Hubert Surratt, pastor*

Evangelist Charles Ogden (right) with some of the people who were baptized with the Holy Spirit during the meeting in Lakewood, Colo.



ALIQUIPPA, PA.—Four were baptized in the Holy Spirit—including three from one family—during special services at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Ralph Leslie of Pompano Beach, Fla.

The evangelist’s messages challenged the people to live for God in a troubled world. The meetings were well attended.

The church thanks God for His blessing and prays that a revival spirit will continue.

—*D. Donald Brasco, pastor*

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OSAWATOMIE, KANS.—Eleven people were saved during special services at the Assembly of God here with the Singing Lunsfords.

The church had been praying for the salvation of some men in the community. A number of them came to the Lord during this meeting.

Attendance was good with a total of 223 visitors during the three-week crusade.

—*Larry Allbaugh, pastor*

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ARTESIA, N. MEX.—First Assembly here was blessed during recent services with Evangelists Tommy and Esther Lance. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*M. F. Hankins, pastor*

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IRONTOWN, MO.—The Assembly of God here was favored with two special meetings during 1966.

Evangelist Conway R. Huffman of San Lorenzo, Calif., held special services in June.

In July, Pastor Charles Leathers of the Assembly of God in Bismarck, Mo., ministered in the church. C.A.’s from Bismarck Assembly also helped in the services.

Both of these revival meetings uplifted and encouraged the church.

—*Powhattan and Dollie Huffman, pastors*

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AUBURNDALE, FLA.—West-side Assembly here is still rejoicing over a great move of God during services with Evangelist Freddy Clark.

Forty-six people made decisions for Christ, and several were baptized in the Holy Spirit. A large number received healing in their bodies.

Area-wide attendance filled the church nightly.

—*Harold O. White, pastor*

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LIVONIA, MICH.—Bethel Missionary Assembly here recently concluded some blessed meetings with Evangelists Stan and Marilyn Morris of Chesapeake, W. Va.

Seven were saved, and one Presbyterian woman received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were 139 visitors at these services.

—*J. J. Traub, pastor*

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FORT WORTH, TEX.—Victory Assembly here was greatly blessed during two weeks of services with Evangelist and Mrs. John Hart of Clayton, Okla.

Several people were saved, many were healed, and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—*T. F. Shultz, pastor*

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PINE BLUFF, ARK.—Three were saved and six baptized in the Holy Spirit during services at Forrest Park Assembly here with Evangelist Gene Thompson.

Each night was blessed of God as the evangelist spoke under an anointing of the Spirit. Attendance was very good.

—*Harold Thompson, pastor*

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HOUSTON, TEX.—Oaklawn Assembly is still witnessing the fruit of a two and one-half week meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla.

Several were saved, 21 persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many people were healed in these services.

—*Hardie G. Weathers, pastor*

## NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN IN APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

BECKLEY, W. VA.—In a special session of the Appalachian District Council in December, Stanley A. Lyon was elected district superintendent to fill the unexpired term of W. Glenn West who resigned the post.

At the same council meeting, Herbert E. Sublett of Clifton Forge, Va., was elected to fill Brother Lyon’s former post as district secretary-treasurer.

These officers assumed their new duties January 1.

S. A. Lyon

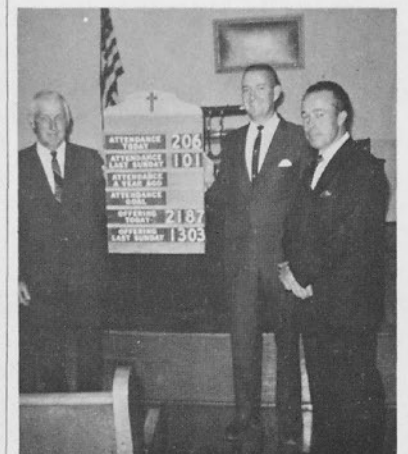
H. E. Sublett



EWING, MO.—An all-time record number of 206 were present for Sunday school at the Assembly of God here during special services with Spencer Weddle of Springfield, Mo. (The population of Ewing is only 324!)

One person was saved and three refilled with the Spirit during the two-week meeting.

—*Francis Wilson, pastor*



Sunday School Superintendent Oren Merrell (left) and Pastor Francis Wilson (center) of Ewing, Mo., display board showing record attendance. Evangelist Spencer Weddle is at the right.



# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

| STATE   | CITY              | ASSEMBLY          | DATE            | EVANGELIST                | PASTOR              |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Ariz.   | Mesa              | First             | Mar. 5-19       | Lorne Fox Party           | K. G. Swenson       |
|         | Willcox           | A/G               | Mar. 5-17       | L. T. & Mrs. Bates        | Charles Kirkpatrick |
|         | Phoenix           | Faith             | Mar. 1-12       | Don & Dixie Cox           | Willis K. Hirschy   |
| Ark.    | Arkadelphia       | First             | Mar. 5-19       | Ronnie & Mrs. Faulkner    | Temon G. Jenkins    |
|         | Hot Springs       | First             | Mar. 5—         | Gene & Mrs. Thompson      | G. E. Chambers      |
|         | Marianna          | First             | Mar. 1-12       | Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger  | Donald R. Nye       |
| Calif.  | Sand Hill         | A/G               | Feb. 27-Mar. 12 | Terry D. Johnson          | W. A. Tarpley       |
|         | Bakersfield       | Bethel Temple     | Feb. 28-Mar. 5  | Garfield J. Unruh         | Harry Hodge         |
|         | Monterey          | First             | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Dave & Jan Olshevski      | Wayne Fagerstrom    |
|         | Norwalk           | First             | Mar. 5-19       | Ernie Rogers              | Arthur J. Sovern    |
|         | Oakland           | First             | Mar. 1-5        | Arthur & Anna Berg        | Paul C. Schoch      |
|         | Ontario           | Central           | Feb. 28—        | Thomas Ming Sr.           | P. C. Walcher       |
| Colo.   | Port Hueneme      | First             | Feb. 28—        | Burl McAlister            | J. Harold Edmonds   |
|         | Colorado Spgs.    | First             | Mar. 8-27       | Ernie Eskelin             | Lloyd Christiansen  |
|         | Denver            | Glad Tidings Tab. | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Wesley F. Morton          | R. C. Schachterle   |
| Fla.    | Lamar             | First             | Feb. 26-Mar. 10 | C. A. & Betty York        | Stanley L. Munyon   |
|         | Wray              | A/G               | Mar. 5-12       | Merle & Mrs. Roll         | R. O. Brown         |
|         | Chipley           | Mt. Pleasant      | Mar. 5-19       | Jerry & Ann Johnson       | T. M. Mears         |
| Ga.     | Orlando           | Conway            | Mar. 1-12       | "Little Joe" Peterson     | S. Anderson         |
|         | Plant City        | First             | Mar. 1—         | H. S. Ryan                | Richard L. Beavers  |
|         | Tallahassee       | First             | Mar. 1-12       | H. Syvelle Phillips       | K. L. Claycomb      |
| Hawaii  | Griffin           | Faith Temple      | Mar. 12-26      | Nettie Parham             | Clarence Jackson    |
|         | Macon             | Houston Ave.      | Feb. 28—        | Roger Wood                | Earl A. Crawford    |
| Idaho   | Wahiawa           | Faith Tab.        | Feb. 27—        | Arnold & Anita Segesman   | Harold Headrick     |
|         | Weiser            | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Bill & Naomi Hayes        | C. L. Hylton        |
| Ill.    | Bunker Hill       | First             | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Ren & Grace Marr          | Alfred Allen        |
|         | Decatur           | Glad Tidings      | Mar. 5-17       | F. R. McAdams Team        | J. H. Crouch        |
|         | Peoria            | First             | Mar. 1-11       | Manley-Clark Team         | Bobby Ray           |
| Ind.    | Beech Grove       | Faith             | Mar. 7-12       | Eddy Anderson             | James P. Monson     |
|         | South Bend        | Calvary Temple    | Mar. 1-12       | Musical Vanderploegs      | Roy Wead            |
| Iowa    | Spencer           | Crisp             | Mar. 7-19       | W. W. & Mrs. Martin       | Richard G. Smith    |
|         | Leon              | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | James & Beulah Pepper     | Daniel A. Donelson  |
|         | Oskaloosa         | First             | Mar. 7-19       | Milo Harmon               | C. Max Johnson      |
| Kans.   | Kansas City       | Gospel Temple     | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Loyd & Rebecca Middleton  | Burl J. Rogers      |
|         | Lyons             | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | I. D. Rayborn             | L. J. Underwood     |
|         | Topeka            | Highland Park     | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Kenneth Stottlemeyer      | J. O. Rosenberg     |
|         | Winfield          | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Norman & Evelyn Hays      | Kenneth Broadus     |
| Ky.     | Somerset          | First             | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | J. E. Friend              | Emmitt Lanham       |
|         | Thibodaux         | First             | Mar. 1-12       | Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher | W. R. Blair         |
| La.     | Cresaptown        | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Irving & Mary Lou Howard  | Sam N. Booth        |
|         | Pasadena          | Pentecostal       | Mar. 8-19       | "Gypsy" George Butrin     | Wm. H. Helms        |
| Mich.   | Livonia           | Bethel Missionary | Mar. 1-12       | Don & Sharon Parker       | Jacob J. Traub      |
|         | St. Cloud         | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Joel & Mrs. Palmer        | Martin Gerdes       |
| Minn.   | Florissant        | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | O. H. & Mrs. Virgin       | Lester Shockley     |
|         | Iberia            | A/G               | Mar. 7-12       | The Singing Lunsfords     | Robert Middleton    |
|         | Kennett           | First             | Mar. 5-12       | Glenna Byard              | Gordon Zercher      |
| Mo.     | Senath            | First             | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | J. C. & Mrs. Nichols      | J. W. Keeling       |
|         | Wentzville        | First             | Mar. 1-12       | Bob McCutchen             | E. Ruth Rosser      |
|         | Bassett           | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Lee & Sherri Paino        | Wayne Hall          |
| Nebr.   | Hastings          | First             | Mar. 7—         | Bob & Alvena Wilson       | H. W. Lebsack       |
|         | Ogallala          | A/G               | Mar. 5-19       | Ken Krivahlavek           | Willis L. Dewey     |
|         | New York          | Glad Tidings Tab. | Mar. 10-17      | Watson Argue              | Marie E. Brown      |
| N. Y.   | Columbus          | Trinity           | Mar. 5-17       | Bob Watters               | William T. Dick     |
|         | W. Carrollton     | A/G               | Mar. 7-19       | John Higginbotham         | Richard Pasquale    |
| Ohio    | Fletcher          | First             | Feb. 28—        | John & Freda Bryant       | E. L. Rolland       |
|         | Geary             | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Ray & Elaine Leonard      | Alfred Storie       |
|         | Okemah            | First             | Mar. 5—         | Hazel Burns               | Bob L. Benson       |
| Okla.   | Oklahoma City     | South West        | Mar. 6-12       | Leonard Negrin            | H. H. Palmer        |
|         | Sapulpa           | June Rose         | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Morris & Mrs. Lefkowitz   | Joe Jackson         |
|         | Lebanon           | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Thomas Hernandez          | H. D. Robeson       |
| Oreg.   | Lebanon           | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Ken & Gloria Kashner      | Robert Hafner       |
|         | Muncy             | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Paul Graban               | A. C. Martin        |
| Pa.     | New Kensington    | Gospel Tab.       | Mar. 1-12       | D. H. Thompson            | Paul W. Murray      |
|         | Newell            | A/G               | Mar. 7-19       | Winferd Mack              | H. L. Summers       |
| S. Dak. | Dallas            | Second Avenue     | Mar. 1-12       | Samuel & Patricia Calk    | J. W. Cates         |
|         | Frisco            | A/G               | Mar. 8-19       | Lloyd & Irene Logan       | Robert G. Slaton    |
|         | Lockney           | Cedar Hill        | Mar. 5-19       | Tommy & Esther Lance      | J. S. McMullen      |
| Tex.    | Pampa             | First             | Mar. 8-19       | James Radford             | F. T. Jenke         |
|         | Rockwall          | A/G               | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Robert L. Stephens        | Boyce L. Green      |
|         | Texarkana         | Rose Hill         | Feb. 28-Mar. 12 | Melvin McKnight           | J. E. Parsons       |
| Va.     | Tyler             | Bascom            | Mar. 5—         | David E. Dean             | Gordon Churchill    |
|         | Norfolk           | *Ocean View       | March 7-19      | David & Mona Lewis        | J. Earl Cowley      |
|         | Ephrata           | A/G               | March 7-19      | David C. Wilcox           | Earl S. Henning     |
| Wash.   | Appleton          | Ch. of Open Bible | March 7-12      | Marvin Schmidt            | John Wilkerson      |
|         | Kenosha           | A/G               | Mar. 1-12       | David E. Dean             | J. W. F. Routley    |
| Canada  | Chatham, Ont.     | *Evangel Tab.     | Feb. 28-Mar. 5  | Gene & Heather Burgess    | G. Richmond         |
|         | Melville, Sask.   | Pentecostal Tab.  | Mar. 7-12       | Bill McPherson            | Richard Green       |
|         | Wallaceburg, Ont. | Pentecostal Tab.  | Feb. 22-Mar. 5  |                           |                     |

\*Deeper Life Crusade

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

WILLITS, CALIF.—Many were blessed and renewed in the Lord during services at First Assembly of Santa Rosa, Calif.

—Harold C. Casper, pastor

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ROHNERVILLE, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here just closed four weeks of services with Evangelist John Stephens of Waxahachie, Tex.

Thirty people were saved, and 31 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others were refilled with the Spirit.

The father in one family saved during the meetings had not been in church for 25 years. One lady 62 years old was also saved, and an elderly lady received the Holy Spirit.—Joseph Murray, pastor

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FARMINGTON, MO.—A scheduled one-week meeting with Evangelist Glenna Byard at First Assembly here was extended to two weeks following a marvelous move of God.

Nineteen were saved, 22 reclaimed, nine baptized in the Holy Spirit, and four refilled with the Spirit. As a result, 13 were baptized in water and 10 joined the church.

Attendance was unusually good with some coming as far as 50 miles to attend. C. A. attendance doubled during the services.

—J. W. Allen, pastor

## HIGHER INTEREST AVAILABLE ON CBC BONDS

Bonds are still available to help liquidate the indebtedness on the new J. Roswell Flower Hall at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. Bonds maturing from April 1, 1978, through April 1, 1982, will sell at a discount to yield 6% to maturity. Bonds maturing from April 1, 1973, through April 1, 1977, will yield 5%. Send the coupon below for more information.

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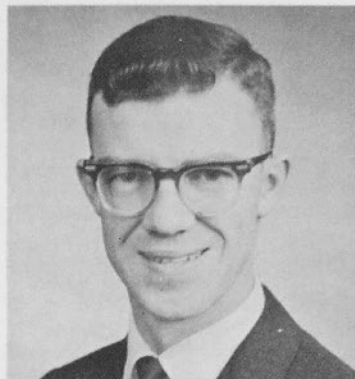
## GLENROY SHEDD JOINS SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A. Glenroy Shedd, editor of the *C. A. Herald* for the past two years, became promotions and field service coordinator for the Sunday School Department February 10.

His new duties at the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God include development and coordination of promotions and publicity for departmental programs, conventions, and annual campaigns. He also expedites the publication of departmental printed materials.

In field services, he is editor of *Focus*, a monthly publication for district Sunday school leaders. He also directs distribution of departmental materials and implements other leadership services for local, district, and national Sunday school representatives.

Before becoming *C. A. Herald* editor, Brother Shedd was a public



relations assistant from 1962 until 1965.

A 1962 graduate of Evangel College here, Brother Shedd was elected president of Evangel's Alumni Association for a two-year term in February 1965.

The Shedd's were married in July 1963 and have one son.

## AMERICAN PASTOR RETURNING TO BRITAIN FOR SUMMER MINISTRY



MENLO PARK, CALIF.—George Holmes, pastor of the Community Assembly of God here

for the past nine years, recently resigned and announced plans to spend the spring and summer in Britain.

At the farewell service, Floyd W. Thomas, presbyter, and Joseph L. Gerhart, district superintendent, together with members of the board, expressed appreciation for the ministry of Brother and Sister Holmes. During their tenure an attractive new church was built at a new location, with excellent facilities.

Brother Holmes, who was Bible teacher at the recent ministers institutes arranged by the

## NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN WISCONSIN

WAUTOMA, WIS.—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord during a special three-day program.

A Christ's Ambassadors rally was held on Friday in the new building. The community was invited to an open house on Saturday. On Sunday actual dedication services were held with Lyle Curtis, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District superintendent, and C. A. Anderson, district secretary-treasurer, among the honored guests. Church groups provided special music.

The new structure is redwood with contrasting brick exterior.

It has a full basement. The sanctuary has white cedar decking with laminated arches. The chancel is redwood with a large cross and a redwood altar. The organ, piano, pulpit, communion table, and pews are oak.

Green carpeting, white tile, and six hanging lights of white glass with brass crosses complete the decor of the interior.

Valued at \$75,000, the building was erected at a cost of \$26,000. Former pastor George Price and the congregation did much work on the building to decrease the indebtedness.

John K. Wibley is now pastor.



Northern California and Nevada District Council, is resuming the Bible teaching and evangelistic ministry that brought him from Britain to the U.S. several years ago.

The Holmeses will be available

for church and conference ministry in the U.S., beginning September 1, 1967, following their return from preaching engagements in Europe.

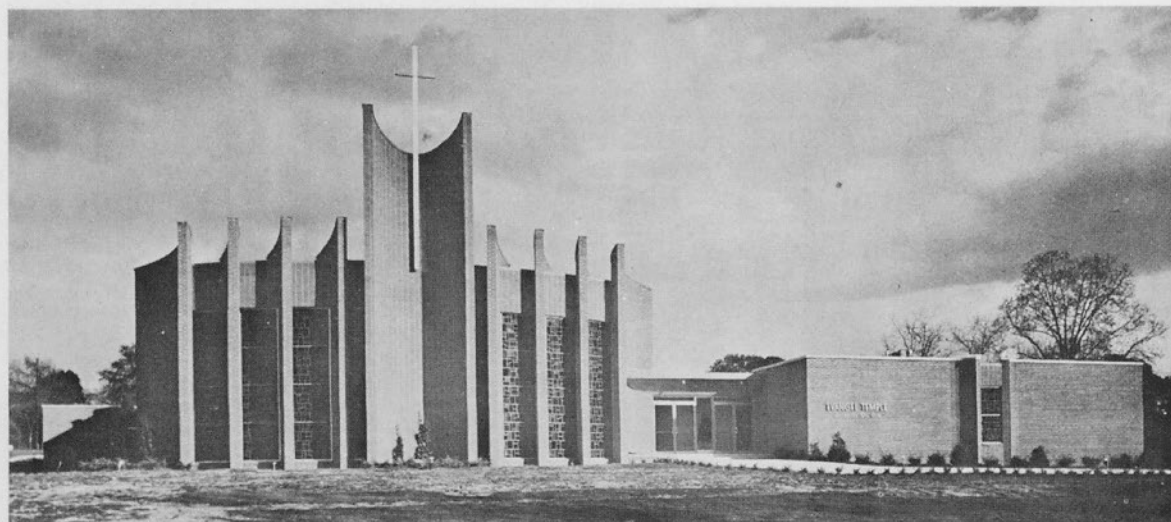
Their address is 831 Eleventh Ave., Redwood City, Calif. 94063.

## GEORGIA CONGREGATION DEDICATES \$250,000 CHURCH

COLUMBUS, GA. — Evangel Temple here (formerly East Highland Assembly) presented its new facilities to the Lord in dedication recently. T. E. Gannon, assistant general superintendent, was the guest speaker.

Jesse Smith and Robert C. "Keetah" Jones, former pastors; Aaron Wall, Georgia District superintendent; and Robert Elliott, district youth director, brought challenging messages from the Word of God during a week of special services prior to the dedication.

Evangel Temple is a single-unit structure of 17,000 square feet. It features a high-roof sanctuary seating over 500 and complete Sunday school facilities.



The new Evangel Temple is of masonry construction in modern conventional design.

The educational unit contains a large fellowship area, with a kitchen for banquets, and offices for the pastor and secretaries.

The decor and lighting of the carpeted sanctuary create a spirit

of reverence and worship. Exterior sanctuary windows are cathedral-type.

The building is of masonry construction throughout with the exception of innermost sanctuary

walls which feature walnut paneling and decorative glass.

Total cost of the new facilities and furnishings exceeds \$250,000.

James L. Hennesy is pastor of Evangel Temple.





**KODIAK, ALASKA**—Commemorating the 191st anniversary of the Navy Chaplain Corps November 28, chaplains of the 17th Naval District stationed here inaugurated a First Annual Clergy Day. Pastors from churches in Kodiak were invited to a luncheon. William L. Cummins, pastor of the Assembly of God here, is standing second from the left.

### WITH CHRIST

**HAROLD E. ROUTIER**, 44, of Santa Ana, Calif., went to be with his Lord December 15, 1966. Brother Routier pastored several churches in South Dakota and one in Iowa. He passed away in Santa Ana where he spent the last five years bedfast from time to time. He is survived by his wife Iva.

**BERNARD BULLOCK**, 71, of Sodus, N.Y., went to his eternal

reward December 18, 1966. Ordained in 1929, Brother Bullock was a member of the New York District. He served as an evangelist and as pastor in Sodus Center and Alton, N.Y., as well as in several Canadian cities. He is survived by his wife Mildred, two daughters, three sons, and 15 grandchildren.

**J. GORDON SHANNON** went to be forever with his Lord December 31, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in 1932, Brother Shan-

non was a member of the Southern California District. He served as pastor of several churches in California. His last pastorate was in Zillah, Wash., where he resigned in March of 1965 because of ill health. He is survived by his wife Anita, two sons, and five daughters.

**B. C. WESLEY**, 54, of North Sacramento, Calif., went to be with the Lord December 21, 1966. Brother Wesley was ordained to the ministry in 1935 by the New Mexico District. He served as an evangelist and pastor in California, Oregon, New Mexico, and Texas. He is survived by his wife Eddith, one son, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

**ARGUS L. KENT**, 47, of Livonia, Mich., went to be with Christ January 12, 1967. A graduate of Central Bible College, Brother Kent was an ordained minister affiliated with the Michigan District. He served as pastor of Assemblies of God churches in Madison Heights, Dearborn, Colon, and Glennie, Mich. He is survived by his wife Ruth and four children.

**JESSIE B. KAYE**, 84, of Waxahachie, Tex., went to be with the One she served for so long January 2, 1967. As a 17-year-old girl Miss Kaye received the baptism of the Spirit in the prayer closet

of her home. Some years later she gave up her position as county health nurse to answer a call to full-time gospel ministry. She and her sister, Mrs. Josephine Williams, traveled together in evangelistic work for several years. She pioneered churches in Haskell, Tex., and Bradford, Pa. She is survived by her sister, Josephine Williams, M.D., who teaches biology at Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie, Tex.

**LUCY A. MURPHY**, 90, of San Gabriel, Calif., went to be forever with Jesus December 30, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in 1930, Sister Murphy was a member of the Southern California District. She served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Phoenix, Ariz. She is survived by one daughter, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**CHESTER A. STRICKLAND**, 78, of Floydada, Tex., went to be with Jesus October 2, 1966. Ordained in 1934, Brother Strickland was a minister in the West Texas District. He served as an evangelist and as pastor of several churches in Texas and New Mexico. Brother Strickland was also a sectional presbyter. He is survived by his wife Sally Ann, two sons, and two daughters.

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# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS

## ALASKA

### Honor Bestowed

Mrs. Lyle Johnson, supervisor of Juneau Children's Home, was chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Juneau Rotary Club. At the ceremony honoring her, the club presented a sheaf of roses to Mrs. Johnson together with a plaque to mark the occasion.

The Johnsons established the orphanage more than 30 years ago and continue to minister faithfully to homeless and needy children in the Juneau area.

Mrs. Johnson has been ill and will appreciate your prayers for her complete recovery.

### New Beachhead Established

December 11 marked the opening of the first mission for the Aleut people on the island of Saint Paul, one of the Pribilof group located about 300 miles north of the Aleutian chain. The Alvin Capeners, formerly missionaries in Point Hope, write enthusiastically of their opening service which had representatives from many faiths, all of whom agreed that "it was wonderful to be in church again."

Brother Capener states that Saint Paul, some 900 miles southwest of Anchorage, is a reservation supervised by the Department of Fish and Game for the protection of the fur seal. Personnel of the department have been generous in arranging for living facilities and other services for the missionaries.

"We are thankful," writes Brother Capener, "to take advantage of modern conveniences, the first time in our years in

Alaska that we have had dependable electricity 24 hours a day, running water, and a sewer system."

Ancestors of the Aleut people, Eskimo and Indian, began mixing with the Russians some 200 years ago. They are fair-skinned, intelligent, progressive, and seem to be spiritually minded.

"I feel there is a promising future for a strong church in this community. We are using the 14-by 27-foot front room of our home for a temporary meeting place for the church," concludes Brother Capener. He enlists continued prayer support that God will visit the island with an outpouring of His Spirit.

### Prayer Answered

I had prayed much about a tape recorder so that I might begin a Christian radio broadcast this winter.

While I prayed, the Spirit prompted me to write Weisfield's Jewelers in Lewiston, Idaho. I thought they might be able to give a discount on a tape recorder.

Time went by—weeks. Still I prayed. Finally I resolved to wait two more weeks before I ordered a recorder from the East.

On the last day of the second week the mail came in on an unscheduled flight. In it was a letter saying a tape recorder was on the way! And all I had requested was a discount. Praise God! His timing is never late.

I am happy to report also that we are broadcasting *Revivaltime*. —DORIS FELLOWS, *Point Hope, Alaska*



Pastor Max Johnson (left) of the Assembly of God in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Robert Burggraaf (right), New Sharon farmer, are ready to take supplies to the Arizona Indians.

## AMERICAN INDIAN

### Iowa Assembly Provides Christmas

Apache and Pima Indians at Cibecue and Chandler, Ariz., had a happier Christmas this past year because of the generous Christian concern of members of the Assembly of God, Oskaloosa, Iowa. The need was published in the local church paper and created a gratifying interest.

Traveling with a pickup truck and trailer loaded with supplies of various kinds, Max Johnson, pastor of the Oskaloosa Assembly, and Robert Burggraaf, New Sharon farmer, made the trip.

Included in the cargo were canned and boxed food items, new and used clothing, toys, gifts, jigsaw puzzles, bed clothing, kitchen utensils, two steel folding cots, and other items.

William Carter, of the Carter Steel Supply of Oskaloosa, provided the pickup, rented the trailer, paid trip expenses, and gave \$200 to be used at the mission station.

The Oskaloosa Assembly is the home church of the Harold McCarty's, missionaries to the Pimas at Chandler. Mr. and Mrs. Willis O. Knotts are missionaries at Cibecue.

### Ambassadors Class Challenged

The Ambassadors Class of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif., conducted a service at the Walker River Indian reservation in Schurz, Nev., on a chilly Saturday in November. So impressed were they by the work of the Luther Caytons, our missionaries who live in Yerington and commute the 25 miles to the reservation, that the class

is sponsoring his radio ministry, *Call to the American Indian*.

Considerable preparation preceded the visit to the reservation. The church participated in a clothing drive, and WMC's took charge of cleaning, sorting, and packing the clothing into 30 large boxes.

Class members received copies of a paper, *American Indian Ministry*, which awakened an interest. The love our missionaries have for the Indians stamped an indelible impression upon each one who visited the reservation.

Having caught a new vision, the class continued with a Christmas project for another missionary-pastor in Arizona. On the agenda for future endeavors are Teen Challenge, Chinatown Mission, and Gypsy ministry. The Ambassadors Class has found a practical way to show their love for God.

### Thanks!

Our missionaries to the Indians and Alaskans express thanks and appreciation for the generous gifts and provisions supplied by Women's Missionary Council groups. Often families hear the message of the gospel for the first time as they attend a Christmas service and receive a gift.

### Report from Window Rock

Dan Atcitty, a member of the Indian Assembly in Window Rock, Ariz., has been saved almost a year and ministers faithfully to the prisoners each week.

Recently the Gene Steeles, missionary-pastors at Window Rock, began picking up people for service in 20-below-zero weather, with over 10 inches of snow on the ground. Brother Steele writes that he began to question the



Miss Eva Wright (left), missionary to Alaska, gratefully accepts a typewriter from Pastor Kenneth Riley (right) of Oakgrove Assembly in Springfield, Mo. Curtis Ringness, national secretary of Home Missions, looks on. Miss Wright is returning to Alaska by car to resume missionary work. She served in Angoon for six years.





The face of this Hopi Indian in Flagstaff, Ariz., portrays the joy of Christmas. Her gift was one of many provided by the Ohio District WMC's under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Davidson, president. The Elmer Robertson are missionaries there.

Lord, "Is it really necessary on a night like this?"

His letter continues, "But after an hour of picking up people, what a thrill to see over 50 Navahos gather to worship the Lord. At

the end of the service four came forward to accept Him as their personal Saviour. Yes, it is worth it all."

## DEAF MINISTRY

### Christmas Project

The Riverside Tabernacle deaf group in Flint, Mich., pastored by the Robert Nathans, do not exchange gifts at their Christmas parties. Instead they contribute money to help in a missionary project. The 1966 Christmas offering was designated to assist in opening a new work for the deaf in Baton Rouge, La.

### Pantomime

The Michigan deaf groups in the Grand Rapids area, pastored by Phyllis Clapper, presented the pantomime, *God's Christmas Gift*, for the "hearing" churches.

### Deaf Ministry Enlarged

The Edward Granholms of Pownal, Me., are ministering each month to residents of the Home for the Aged Deaf in Danvers, Mass.

During this monthly trip the Granholms also minister at the new work for the deaf in the Boston area. They are continuing their regular schedule of services in Lewiston, Me.

## TEEN CHALLENGE

### Farm Purchased

A farm near Chico, Calif., has been purchased for a Teen Challenge Training Center, writes Grady L. Fannin, director for the San Francisco Center. Sacrifice and hard work lie ahead before the Center will be in operation.

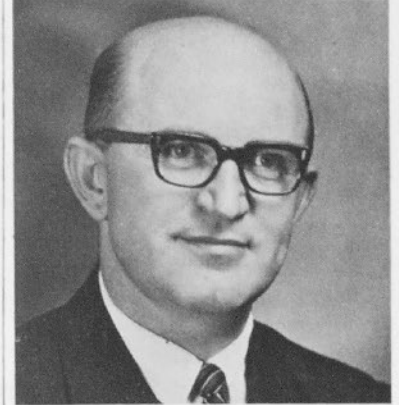
Immediate plans call for constructing adequate dormitories; stocking the farm with cows, calves, pigs, and chickens; and obtaining necessary operational equipment. The farm should be self-supporting within a few years.

Offerings for this San Francisco Teen Challenge farm may be sent to the Home Missions Department. If clearly designated, World Ministries credit will be given.

## HARRY BROTZMAN TO HEAD DEAF-BLIND DIVISION

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Harry Brotzman Jr., pastor of Silent Assembly in St. Louis, Mo., since 1965, has been appointed national coordinator of the Deaf and Blind Division of the Home Missions Department here, effective March 1.

He succeeds Miss Maxine L. Strobbridge who will remain with



the department through April 28 in an advisory capacity, according to Curtis W. Ringness, national secretary of Home Missions.

After leaving, Miss Strobbridge expects to continue her deaf ministries in Korea as an Assemblies of God missionary. (For information on the deaf in Korea, see her article *Reaching Some of Korea's 60,000 Deaf* published in the *Evangelist*, January 29.)

Brother Brotzman will edit three publications: *The Silent Ambassador*, monthly publication for the deaf; *Signal*, monthly newsletter of missionaries to the deaf; and *The Deaf Student Quarterly* used in teen-age and adult Sunday school classes.

Besides supervising office work of the division, he will also write articles for *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

He will travel throughout the nation promoting ministries of the division at rallies, conventions, and in services at local churches. He will also direct the opening of new deaf and blind ministry centers and the appointment of Christian workers to serve them.

A native of Scottsbluff, Nebr., Brother Brotzman was ordained to the ministry in 1963 by the North Dakota District Council.

He received his ministerial education at Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif., and Central Bible College, Springfield. He pastored in Bellwood, Pa., and Elgin, N. Dak., before going to St. Louis.

While in North Dakota, he served as the district C. A. president.

The Brotzmans were married in 1959 and have one son.

## HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

### New Appointee

Raymond A. Niles of Nedrow, N. Y., has received Home Missions appointment for the American Indian field and will be working on the Onondaga reservation in Nedrow.



Mr. Niles, a Bible school graduate, is licensed with the New York District. He served as assistant pastor in Nedrow for two years, and as Sunday school superintendent and Royal Rangers leader. For the past year he has assisted on the reservation.

Brother and Sister Niles have a foster daughter and three children.

### Changes on the Field

The Floyd Cruses are the new pastors for the Navaho-Hopi Assembly of God in Tuba City, Ariz.

The Orville Alexanders have assumed responsibility for the Indian Assembly in McNary, Ariz.

The John Bennetts, former missionaries in Fort Hall, Idaho, have moved to Winnebago, Nebr., to establish a new Indian church.

The O. W. Greasers, formerly missionaries at Albuquerque, N. Mex., are the new pastors of the Apache Assembly in Mescalero, N. Mex.

The Carl Conleys are the new pastors of the Indian Assembly in Albuquerque, N. Mex. Formerly they were missionaries at Mescalero.

Kenneth M. Smith is now pastor of the Indian church in Bloomfield, N. Mex.

### Notes of Victory

Roy L. Randall of Haines, Alaska, reports that a young Indian and his family gave their hearts to the Lord recently. He praises the Lord for this victory and requests prayer for them as they start their walk with Christ.

Jimmy and Irene Price, missionaries in Aniak, Alaska, report 105 in attendance at their Christmas service. The program was presented by the Eskimo children.

Roland Peretti of Angoon, Alaska, reports a good attendance for the Far North Bible School conducted by the Arvid Glandons. Two diplomas were granted, and 12 received certificates for the course.

William W. Ulin of Neah Bay, Wash., writes that many of their church folk attended the American Indian Fellowship meeting held in La Push in December. It proved to be a great blessing and an inspiration. The evangelist, Cecil Grice of Orting, Wash., challenged hearts with God's Word.

Alta Washburn of Phoenix, Ariz., writes of three tragic deaths in a two-week period. But as a

result several souls were saved, and three families were added to the church. She reports that God is blessing in their regular services and expresses gratitude for the Speed-the-Light bus.

Olline Dingman, Chandler, Ariz., voices her praise to the Lord for an improvement in health and expresses thanks for the prayers and encouragement of God's people.

Peter Knutsen of Lawtons, N. Y., states that despite bad weather on Christmas night, 130 folk attended the annual Christmas program. Of this number at least 50 were adults, some of whom never before attended the church. A number of these were of the Longhouse religion.

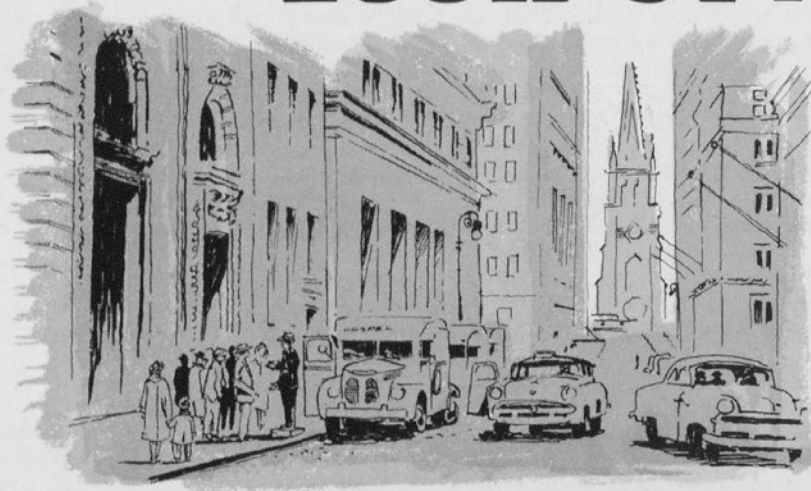
Carl Peppiatt, Bark River, Mich., shares news of a victory over the cigarette habit in the life of a young lady who was saved recently. God has been blessing in the services in a glorious way.

The Silas Rexroats, San Carlos, Ariz., write they are rejoicing over a more than 20 percent gain in Sunday school and the addition of five new families to the church during the past year. Meetings were held recently with George Garica, Indian evangelist from Sells, Ariz. Several were saved, reclaimed, or filled with the Holy Spirit.

Leonard Everly, Dulce, N. Mex., notes there is an increasing number of qualified Indian candidates to fill church offices—an indication of a growth in grace.

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# LOOK UP!



By EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

HOW LONG HE HAD BEEN STANDING on that corner he didn't know, nor care. Nothing seemed to matter anymore, for he was old and sick and broke.

Looking along the street he saw a group of people gathered. "Somebody selling something," he murmured, and with a shrug of the shoulders made his way in that direction. At least it was something to break the monotony. The sound of a voice drifted his way, and then he saw a man standing on some sort of box with a black book in his hands. Drawing near he made out the words, "Look up! Look up!"

The old man squinted at the sky above; nothing was there except the sun. Then, with a grunt, he understood that the man was referring to something else.

"That's all you have to do, my friends." He was a big, friendly sort of fellow with an appealing way. "That's all the Bible says you have to do. Just look up to Jesus, call on Him, and He will lift you up out of your sins..."

He turned aside wearily. Just another religious speech, and he had heard so many. "Look up, look up." He repeated the words with an angry murmur, squinting at the sky above. "Nothing up there ever did me any good all these rotten years."

Slowly he moved along to the next corner. Looking at the street signs he realized, with a start, that he was only three blocks from the river. Strange that it should have come to him that way just now! He had stood on this same corner many times and never thought of it before. But now... only three short blocks... How easy and quick it could be—the whole business would be over.

Well, why not? He found himself crossing the street in the fatal direction without resistance. "Look up, look up"—the words rang in his mind. "Nothing up there ever did me any good," he repeated in anger. This would be the only way.

Then he felt a quick sting across the back of the neck. His hand whipped around and stroked his neck as he stood still, a puzzled expression on his face. Then down on the sidewalk he saw the cause of the sting—a piece of paper. "Must have come from one of those windows up there," he surmised, bending down.

"GOD LOVES YOU." He froze as the three words met his eyes. Just those three short words in large letters. They should have angered him but strangely enough they caused a tremble within. He picked up the gospel tract, and those three words seemed to reach out and wrap themselves about his tired old frame.

"Nothing up there ever did me any good," his words came back, and he felt a sense of hot shame. Tears filmed his eyes. Here in his hands was "something from up there." It held out something better for him for the last mile. That God should love him after all these wild, wasted years—that God should go to "all this trouble" of causing a piece of paper to float his way just at that dark moment, to bring him a message of hope—well, that seemed almost too much to believe, almost too good to be true!

He seated himself on the steps of the nearby building and slowly read the printed message. Every word seemed to cry, "This is meant for you right now, just as you are." He read the good tidings of pardon and peace and promised blessings ahead. It was what his mother had taught him, and he had a lot of respect for her.

Coming to the last word, he folded the paper, carefully placed it in his pocket, and again squinted at the sky. But it was different now. "I was wrong, all wrong," he whispered. "And... and, Lord, it isn't too late for me, is it? I mean, will You forgive my sins and let me come to You after being so far away all these years...?"

The grace of the Lord brought its own sweet reply to the old man's heart. He smiled, really smiled, for the first time in a long, long while. And he could only answer back, brokenly, "Thank You, Lord; thank You for taking over; thank You for saving my soul." 