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PSALM 61 WAS THE CRY of David's heart at the time of Absalom's rebellion and Ahithophel's treachery. David had fled from Jerusalem to Mahanaim east of Jordan and was in exile when he wrote:

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

One translation reads, "Lead me to the rock that is too high for me."

But how can we put our feet on a rock that is too high for us? Simply because God is there beside that rock to pick us up and put us up on it when we cannot get on it ourselves.

Have you ever felt like praying, "Lead me to the rock that is too high for me, and then pick me up and put me on it, Lord, because I can't get on it by myself"?

Let us think for a few moments of what it means to be overwhelmed. David's son had raised an army against him, but David was still strong. He could have raised an army and gone against Absalom, but he did not want to lift his hand against his own son. He turned to God.

Are you letting circumstances get you down, circumstances where you live or where you work? Do they press in upon your soul until you are overwhelmed and feel it is no use to persevere in the Christian faith? Do you bring these circumstances to church and often miss God's Word and the Spirit's power and blessing because of them? Does business crowd in upon you to the extent that Christ has been given a secondary place in your time and affection?

There may be a mother who has become overwhelmed by home responsibilities. I know of no more exacting job than that of a housewife. I have said to my wife more than once, "Thank God I was born a man." When she was sick and I had to take over housekeeping, cooking and washing, I was ready in a few days to turn the job back to her.

There may be young people who have become overwhelmed by the dark outlook of this present age. You have certainly entered life's arena when the fight is at its height and clouds are settling down upon the nations of the earth, but I also believe there is a greater challenge to serve Christ than there has been at any other time since our Lord went back to heaven. Yours is a glorious day. Instead of being overwhelmed by the darkness that is covering the face of the earth, look up to heaven. Ask God to lift you up and put you on the rock that is higher than you are and make out of you a vessel of honor in the house of God.

Perhaps there is someone that is overwhelmed in the service of the Lord. I knew a young man who pastored a church in the hills of West Virginia. It was a church that voted on its pastor every year. Things had been going well as far as he knew, so the night of the business meeting he decided just to let them conduct it. He walked outside of the church and waited for them to come back and tell him he had been elected to serve for another year. But there was one person in the meeting who got up and spoke against him because of his youth. She said that he was not able to give them the leadership they needed, and that they required spiritual food he could not give them. (How can a young man get experience and learn to minister God's Word if somebody is not willing to sit and listen to his first sermons? Whenever I go back and see some of the people that listened to me in the earlier years of my ministry, I feel like putting my arms around them and thanking them for tolerating me.)

This young man went back inside and found he was out of a pastorate. He became overwhelmed and left the ministry.

How different his life could have been had he cried to the Lord, "I am in a circumstance that I cannot pull myself out of, but won't you take hold of me and pull me out and put me upon the rock?"

I have had to pray this kind of a prayer more than once.

You may be a Sunday school teacher, a Bible class leader, a minister, or even a missionary that has been overwhelmed by circumstances you didn't count on.

A teacher came to me once. "I'm all through," she blurted. "I can't teach that class any longer: they won't behave."

Yes, it's possible to be overwhelmed in the service of God. It may be that we are overwhelmed from the pressure of the enemy. Or it may be through the indifference on the part of those to whom we minister. It may be that we are overwhelmed because we are leaning too much on everything and everybody else instead of on the Lord. If we don't wait in His presence and pray and seek the face of God, the quality of our ministry gets a little thin and we find ourselves becoming overwhelmed.

King David once said, "If I just had the wings of the morning, I'd fly from this circumstance and go to some island in the middle of the sea where they couldn't find me."

Then all at once it dawned on him that it didn't matter where he went—God would be there too. You can't get away from Him. You can leave the church where you have been worshiping because things did not go as you thought they should, or your preacher didn't

OVERWHELMED?

You Can Overcome!

By O. L. HARRUP

preach the way you wanted him to preach, but you can't get away from God and you can't get away from yourself.

This ministry sometimes saps your physical, mental, moral and spiritual strength until you feel like an old dishrag, all wrung out. Think of the prophet Elijah who stood alone against 450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. After a great victory, with the anointing of God upon him, he killed the enemies of God. He told Ahab that the storm was coming, and was even caught up by the Spirit and went to the city and got there first. Then when he heard that Jezebel was going to kill him, the anointing somehow lifted and he was just Elijah! He was no longer Elijah the prophet; he was just Elijah the man, and he ran from the city and went out on a mountainside and hid there and began to pray that the Lord would let him die. But Elijah didn't mean that anymore than you mean some of the prayers you pray. If he had really wanted to die, all he had to do was stay in the city and Jezebel would have taken care of it! But you see, when we are overwhelmed, sometimes we become fussy in our spirits. We complain about life, we complain about other people, we criticize our leaders and other church people, we feel everything's wrong.

When I know people are not themselves and they are speaking out of a frustrated spirit, I pray for God to give me grace not to judge them at that time. I know that if they ever get around to praying to the Lord to lift them up and put them on a rock so they can see those circumstances as God sees them, they will no longer complain about their lot. They'll work in harmony with the people of God.

The Lord broke up Elijah's prayer meeting by giving him work to do. There are times to pray, then there are times to get up off our knees and get busy about the King's business. There are things to be done; there is a ministry to be performed.

If you are a discouraged Sunday school teacher and

you feel that your class does not pay any attention to you and you are not getting the message across to them, get up next week after you have had a time of prayer and ask God to put you on a rock. Go visit those pupils and let them know that you love them and are concerned about them. You will soon find a different atmosphere in your class.

May I ask you as a Christian, have you discovered the "rest" in the word "wrestling"? Have you learned to rest in the midst of wrestling? And though we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high or heavenly places, you and I need to rest in the midst of our wrestling. Like the eye in the middle of a hurricane, there is a place in God where you can rest in the midst of the battle.

It may be that your husband or wife, or the one you work with on the job, is your overwhelming problem. Pray, "Lord, lift me to the rock that is higher than I." Or perhaps you are overcome by temptation and sin. The Samaritan woman came out in the heat of the day because she didn't want to meet the others who came to the same well to draw water. She was ashamed of her past. As she drew near the well one day she saw a young Jew sitting there. When the Jew turned and asked her for a drink of water, she got the shock of her life.

She said, "I'm surprised, you a Jew asking for water from a Samaritan woman."

And He said, "If you just knew who it is that speaks to you, you would ask me for a drink of water. And once you drank of that water you would never thirst again. The thing that has put you where you are is the thirst that you have. You've tried to satisfy it with other things, but you haven't had a drink from my well yet. If you would just believe on me, I could put something into your life that would be a fountain of living water springing up unto life everlasting."

She didn't know what it all meant, but she said, "Give me then some of that water to drink."

Jesus lifted her up on a rock that was higher than she was, and the woman who had been ashamed to face her neighbors ran down into the city and told everybody to come and see a man who told her everything that she had ever done. What had happened was that she had been put on a rock that was higher than she was. She had prayed to the Lord and He had lifted her up.

Whatever your need is, whatever has overwhelmed you, there is One who waits for your cry. He is saying to you, "If you will call on me, I will answer you and I will show you great and mighty things which you don't know. For I am able to do the exceeding abundant above all that you are able to ask or think; but I limit my power to your willingness to give yourself to me and let my power work in you."

God has thus limited Himself. But once you open your life as David did, as the woman at the well did, and as millions and millions of people have done since our Lord went to Calvary, He will lift you above everything that has overwhelmed you and will put you on a rock.

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Run For Your Life

SOMETIMES THE ONLY WAY to win a battle with temptation is to run from it. That may sound like a cowardly thing to do, but actually it's the scriptural course of action.

One of the grandest verses in the Bible is 1 Corinthians 10:13 and it tells us that when we are severely tempted we should look for a way of escape. It states that God will not let us be tempted beyond our ability "but will, with the temptation, also provide a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

It is true, the Word says we should "resist the devil," but wisdom is the greater part of valor. It's better to withdraw from a hopeless situation than to perish and never fight again. Wellington is quoted as saying, "The best general is he who knows when and how to conduct a retreat."

There is a mark on the bow of merchant ships just above the waterline to indicate how heavily they can be loaded. If a ship is weighted down beyond that maximum load mark it isn't safe. The Lord knows exactly how much temptation each of us can stand, and He doesn't ask us to face any situation we cannot handle.

Since He told us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," we know He never leads us into circumstances where we are tempted to sin. Instead He directs us to withdraw from dangerous places, persons, and practices. "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Proverbs 4:14, 15). One of the secrets of victorious Christian living is in deliberately avoiding temptation.

Some Christians are not doing this. They are deliberately exposing their souls to danger by running with the wrong crowd, reading the wrong kind of magazines, indulging in the wrong pleasures. They are tempting the Lord—acting as foolishly as the little boy who put his fingers in the flame and prayed they wouldn't get burnt!

They need to learn a lesson from Jesus who said to the tempter, "Get thee behind me, Satan." In other words, He turned His back on the devil.

The Bible says, "Flee youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22). "Flee fornication" (1 Corinthians 6:18). "Flee from idolatry" (1 Corinthians 10:14). Some may call this an escapist philosophy, but it's better to run and live than to stay and fall into sin.

Joseph ran for his life. When his master's wife tried to seduce him, he fled from the scene of temptation. He was not a weak man running from a duty but a strong man running from sin.

Everyone is tempted one way or another. There's no sin in being tempted. Sin comes when we yield to the temptation. But we don't have to yield—there's always a way of escape, if we'll take it. The wise old Negro Christian said, "When I pass a watermelon patch, I can't keep my mouth from watering, but I can run."

God's wrath is about to be poured out upon a wicked world, as surely as it fell upon Sodom and Gomorrah. There was a righteous family in Sodom. The Lord did not want this family of Lot to perish with the wicked, so He said to Lot, "Escape for thy life." He is saying to us, "Run for your life. Come out from among the wicked, and be separate. Have nothing to do with the ways of this impure world. Keep yourself clean, and I will preserve you, and you shall live with me forever."

In the day of judgment, those who have not run from sin will run into the caves, hoping to hide from the divine anger, but it will be in vain. Now is the time to run—from sin to God—if you want to escape the judgment that is coming.

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THE MARTYRDOM OF STEPHEN and the persecution of the saints that followed served to get the lay-Christians, the amateurs, out of Jerusalem and on the move (Acts 8:1; 11:19). It had been seven years since Pentecost, and they had been around the home church long enough.

The term *scattered*, which occurs three times in the early chapters of Acts, is taken from the Greek word *diaspeiro* (to scatter like grain). The grain in this case was the seed of the Church—the disciples.

The Book of Acts is a thrilling record of the conquest of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean countries. However, not all the credit for these victories belongs to the chief apostles; much of it goes to the amateurs. An amateur athlete enters a contest because of his love for it, not for personal gain. The amateur evangelist enters the field of Christian witness for love of Christ and His cause.

One of the early amateurs had an urge to go to Samaria. It was obvious right off that he was a novice. No experienced Jewish apostle would have gone to Samaria to hold a revival, what with the prejudice and ill-feeling between the two groups. However, the deacon-turned-evangelist felt that his six colleagues were enough to look after the indigent saints in Jerusalem. To Philip, the Lord's command, "Preach the gospel to every creature," included the Samaritans.

For an amateur he had quite a revival. It stirred the entire city. Then this layman got another call. This time an angel told him to take the road southward into the desert. (Where are all the directing angels these days? Maybe if there were more amateurs willing to go, there would be more heavenly messengers to direct them to the next field of labor.) Philip obeyed the angel, even though it meant leaving a good revival. That was one of the characteristics of those inexperienced laymen: they went ahead with a blissful unawareness of impossibilities and with simple faith in Christ accomplished things.

Who were they? Just ordinary believers with ordinary talents, from the rank and file. Their names are recorded in the Heavenly Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Some of them, or at least some of their converts, may be identified in Romans 16. The third verse gives quite an insight into the character of these dedicated laymen: "Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their lives, endangering their very necks—for my life" (A.N.T.). In verse after verse Paul commends these workers for their "labor" and "work in the Lord."

The word *amateur* is derived from the Latin *amator*, meaning "lover." These disciples fit the description. They risked their lives for love of the brethren and worked without thought of reward because of their love for Christ. Amateurs indeed!

They were seldom hampered by prejudice and Jewish tradition. "Some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus" (Acts 11:20). These Greeks were Gentiles, not Greek-speaking Jews. The church at Antioch was a strong church, second only to the assembly in Jerusalem. It had a number of apostles and prophets among its worshipers.

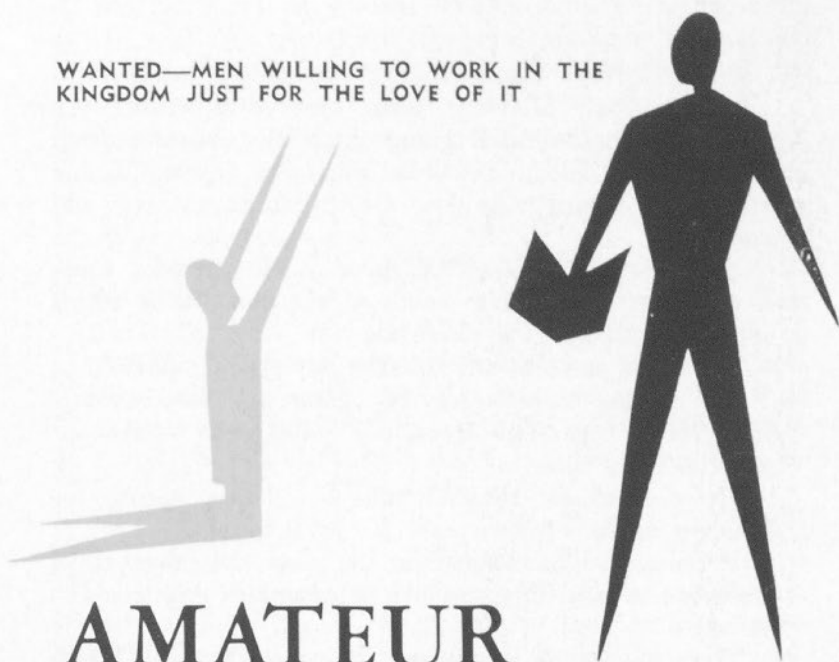
Who but inexperienced amateurs would have gone to that city to hold a revival? Yet to the Greek quarters they went with the message of salvation. "The hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed, and turned to the Lord."

News of this revival disturbed the elders back in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to investigate. But then, Barnabas was more or less an amateur too. Seeing how God had poured out His Spirit upon the meeting, he got blessed and exhorted the Gentile converts "that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

No doubt his report to the apostles in Jerusalem was favorable, assuring them that everything in Antioch was under control, and that souls were being saved—even if they were Gentiles.

Perhaps it crossed his mind that he too might have to face the credentials committee when he returned to headquarters—as Peter had done some time previously

WANTED—MEN WILLING TO WORK IN THE KINGDOM JUST FOR THE LOVE OF IT




AMATEUR EVANGELISTS

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for ministering to the household of Cornelius. If so, he did not let the thought bother him.

An amateur, like young David, cannot do battle clad in the armor of the seasoned professional, and he knows it. But let him go forth with the sling of faith and the stones of confidence, and no giant can stand against him.

In the early days of the twentieth-century Pentecostal outpouring it was the amateurs, the laymen, who carried the message throughout the United States and into foreign lands. We thank God for the experienced leadership that has developed as the movement has grown and matured, and for our full-time evangelists, but they cannot carry all the load. The church needs more amateurs—laymen who feel a sense of personal responsibility for the lost and who witness wherever they go because they are constrained by love. 



They Couldn't Afford It

By PEARL GIBBS

LIFE OFFERS MANY THINGS we simply can't afford in terms of either time, money, or effort. We know the possibility of going financially bankrupt, but it is also possible to go broke mentally, physically, and spiritually through unwise use of time, talents, and energies.

A 28-year-old father of three small children could have been transferred to another state along with others in his company. He declined.

"It would have meant considerably more money than I am earning right now," he reflected. "But I would have been separated from my wife and family for months at a time."

He decided he couldn't afford to miss seeing his children grow up.

Parents sometimes discover too late that they made decisions, wasted time, or fostered attitudes they couldn't afford.

For a long time a mother, whom we shall call Nelda Anderson, blamed her poor disposition on the fact that she was overweight. Her husband was a traveling salesman, out of town more than he was at home. Their two children, Lucy, 12, and Mike, 15, were involved in church activities along with their mother, and the Andersons were considered a good Christian family.

But Nelda was a complainer. She grumbled about the church finances. She fussed about the sermons. She criticized the church soloist. The ushers were lazy. The minister's wife was too active. Of course, Nelda's neighbors were no good either. They didn't bring up their children right. Their yards were a mess. And she was sure they were gossiping about her.

Nelda tried to appease her gnawing resentment against the world by eating more, and her weight problem increased. Her husband began to spend even more time away from home, for Nelda's complaints exhausted him.

Her children reflected her attitude, and Lucy developed a scowl like her mother's. She found Nelda a good listener for complaints against the church youth leader. When the girl didn't get a front seat in the youth choir, she made up stories about some of the young people in it, influencing others to quit with her.

Like his father, Mike soon found refuge outside the home. But he and his companions didn't take out their grudges against the world in mere words. Starting with small deceits such as skipping school, they worked their way up to shoplifting and joyriding in stolen cars.

When Nelda's pastor counseled her about her problem, she recognized and admitted she could not afford to continue to influence her children to be complainers and critics. But this hasn't changed their course. It may be too late.

John Matthews (this is not his real name) was considered a fine Christian man in his community. He was the first to volunteer for all worthy projects. His name was well known in business circles, and in the church John was something like a pillar.

But John wore his Christianity like a coat. At home he took it off. There he was his real self. He often bragged about the way he had "pulled a fast one" on his boss and joked about the pencils, stationery, tools, etc., he had pilfered from his company.

This bighearted public benefactor was a tyrant at home, and his wife and four children bore the brunt of his meanness.

John is paying dearly for this reckless investment of his life and influence. His children have discovered that the saint-and-sinner routine lets them get away with all kinds of poor heart attitudes. Hypocrisy has become their way of life.

"John knows he can't afford this," Mrs. Matthews confided to her pastor. "But somehow he feels that his goodness cancels out the bad, and hopes for the best."

Parents can't afford to neglect giving their children a clear-cut set of values. If we fail to do this when they are growing up, we will regret it. When her son was drafted recently, a mother became hysterical. "He is only 19!" she cried. "He is not ready to meet life on a battlefield."

We all hate war. But this mother's statement echoes what many parents fear about their young people in general. Some fear their sons and daughters are not quite ready to meet life on a college campus, or hold a job, or fulfill the demands of marriage.

But why aren't they ready? How many years does the parent have to get the job done? Some sociologists say that by the time a child is 12 he has all the character traits he will ever have in a lifetime. What goes into his life from then on is only an increase or decrease of the traits that are there.

In preparing our children to face life—and death—we can't afford to waste time. Have you ever told yourself you don't have time for family prayer and Bible reading? Someday you may wish you had found time to afford that special privilege. It is a great comfort in the hour of trial, separation, and sorrow. You can't afford not to give this source of strength to your children.

"I knew my mother was praying for me the day I was wounded," a soldier wrote his minister from a Vietnam hospital station. "We used to pray every night just before the supper hour at home. It is just natural for me to take the time to talk with God when the sun goes down over here. I've always done it."

Establishing communications between a family and their God is a parental responsibility. It is a high privilege to lead your own child to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. You can't afford to hope someone else will do it.

A couple we shall call Herb and Verna Johnson were actually so busy in church work that they had little time for their son Allen. Somehow they hardly noticed when he slipped away and into the wrong crowd.

"I hate that church," Allen spat with vengeance in a private talk with his probation officer. "My folks practically live there. They don't care whether I live or die, just so I sit somewhere in one of those pews and don't disturb them."

"You would almost think that going to one of my school functions was something sinful," the boy continued painfully. "My parents never came to any of mine. I played a solo with our concert band once, but they never heard it. I won the district speech championship. I was the only contestant who did not have a parent there. They even missed my baccalaureate service. . . ."

At 19, Allen got the attention he longed for by becoming a drug addict and stealing narcotics. His mother and father realize sadly that they could not afford to neglect their son. But it is too late. Allen doesn't want their help now. He is making his own decisions. One of them is to avoid church and to leave God out of his life. This is an extreme case, but it should stand as a warning to parents that we can't afford to neglect our parental responsibility for any reason.

The list of things Christian parents can't afford is long and varied. It will pay to check up on your own use of time, money, and influence where your children are concerned. Perhaps there are things you can't afford, lest you lose your children in the bargain.

As a Christian you are responsible to bring up your children to be good Christians, good citizens, and good parents of the future. The best way to do this is by setting them an impeccable example of what Christ wants them to be.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What do you think of the theory of final reconciliation, which does away with the idea of an eternal hell?

Sinners who wish to persist in their sins like to hear a gospel which says they can be saved in the hereafter. It makes them feel they can reject salvation now but be sure of it in eternity.

The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). The Bible also speaks of a time when the Son of man shall come in His glory and all nations will be gathered before Him. He will separate them one from another. The wicked "shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46).

In Exodus 20:5 God says he visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children. Does this mean that innocent children must bear the guilt for what their fathers have done?

According to Ezekiel 18:20, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Children who have not sinned as their fathers have will not have to bear the judgment for their fathers' sins. But children naturally suffer many things in this life because their parents sin, even though they do not share their guilt.

In 1 Corinthians 14:18, Paul said, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." He also said, in verse 22, "Tongues are for a sign," a sign to unbelievers; but he added that if all speak with tongues, unbelievers will say, "Ye are mad." These references seem contradictory. Can you clear this up?

The believers at Corinth were abusing a precious gift by unregulated speaking in tongues in their public meetings. Paul would have them know he was not opposed to speaking in tongues, for he spoke in tongues more than any of them. Yet he said that in the church he would rather speak five words with his understanding, that he might teach others, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue (v. 19).

In 1 Corinthians 14:22-25 he explained that speaking in tongues was not merely a novelty but a sign of God's presence and working. He warned, however, that if everyone spoke in tongues, the unbeliever who comes into the meeting would only see confusion.

The languages spoken in Acts 2:8 were understood, but as a general rule speaking with tongues is not understood unless it is interpreted. Therefore, much of our speaking in tongues should be done in private. Those who speak in tongues in a public meeting should pray that they also might interpret (1 Corinthians 14:27, 28).

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.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE! You are to be commended for your accomplishments.

But what about the future? Choosing college or a career is a big step, and your decision may take you into a completely different environment. In your adjustment to a new way of life, it may become easy to neglect your spiritual life. It can happen so gradually you scarcely realize other activities have taken the place of the close presence of Christ in your life. This need not happen!

Following are some suggestions to help you maintain a vibrant, aggressive Christian life in the face of these new challenges.

Develop devotional habits. I recently observed a teenage romance blossom and then die. The young couple had pledged their loyalty for the rest of their lives. Then the girl and her family moved away. The letters were frequent at first but they became fewer and fewer. One day the news came that the girl who had promised her love forever had found another boy.

What had happened? Because they were apart, there was no opportunity to talk to each other or to share their lives. As a result, new people and interests replaced their close relationship.

This may happen to your friendship with Christ. Regardless of how close you are to Him now, you must communicate daily or new interests will take the place of this valued friendship. No friendship can survive without communication, and God cannot talk to you unless you stop long enough to listen and respond.

Setting aside time for personal prayer and Bible study is, I suppose, one of the most difficult habits to form. We are always too busy or too tired. But this daily encounter with Christ is not optional; it is the lifeline of Christian strength.

Choose friends carefully. You have often heard, "You can tell what a person is by the company he keeps." This is true because most people have friends who are like themselves. A Christian, of course, must be friendly to everyone; but when picking those special friends,

it is important to choose wisely. Because friends influence your attitudes, it is best to choose close friends among Christians. As fellow Christians, your activities and goals will be similar, and the fellowship will be an encouragement.

This does not mean you should not have friends outside Christian circles. An effective way to witness for Christ is to be friendly to the unsaved, win their confidence, and show through your life what Christ can do for them. Christ Himself was often found among the sinners. When rebuked by the scribes and Pharisees, He answered, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

But in any friendship with the unsaved, always remember that your goal is to lead them to Christ. The first indication that they are influencing you away from Christ should be the danger signal. With an open heart before God reevaluate your purpose and actions. You may find it necessary to relax the friendship and spend more time with other Christians.

Learn to say no. Many young people are afraid to do this. They are afraid of what the crowd will say, what it will do to their social standing, and what their friends will think. It takes a special kind of courage to say no. It can mean the difference in losing your purity, your Christian testimony, and your self-respect.

Never say no with a "better-than-thou" attitude. Neither should you hang your head as in shame when you find it necessary to refuse an invitation. A Christ-like attitude is essential. Sometimes simply saying, "No, thank you," is enough. At other times an explanation of your refusal may be the opportunity for witness you have been waiting for.

Even when saying no you can let others see by your life that there is far more positive than negative in Christian living.

Find a church home. If you are going away for college or employment, the adjustment may be quite difficult. The strength of your family and church will seem far removed. No one will know what you are doing. You will be faced with new ideas and moral concepts coming from people who would destroy your faith in God. These circumstances can make temptations harder than ever to turn aside.

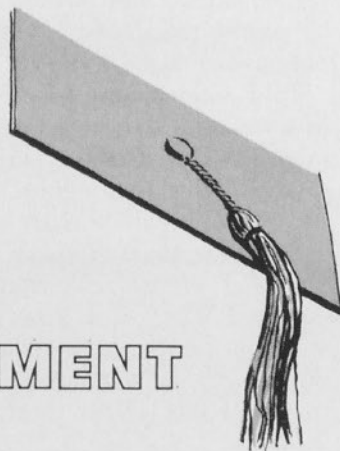
One of the greatest helps will be to find a church where you feel you can belong and have a part in the ministry. It is easy to be a drifter and never really become involved in a church, but responsibility and ministry to others will help you grow spiritually.

Ministry encourages spiritual growth through personal blessing and uplift. Have you ever felt depressed and discouraged, and then visited someone in the hospital? Didn't you come away feeling you were the one who had been blessed rather than the one who was a blessing? You always reap benefit from helping someone else—and this is an excellent cure of homesickness.

You've come a long way through life and have overcome many obstacles. You know a little about what is facing you in the future. Remember the words of God, which are as real to you today as to the Israelites, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

TODAY IS HIGH SCHOOL DAY—HONORING GRADUATING SENIORS

AFTER YOUR COMMENCEMENT



By CHARLOTTE JENKINS

STORM MAPS

STORMS ARE BREWING around the earth. Some are political, some racial, and some religious. Already several of these storm clouds have exploded into bloody warfare.

To the student of Bible prophecy, a pattern is beginning to take shape. These skirmishes, agitations, and limited wars are flowing into each other. Thus, the velocity of the storm pattern increases. With ferocious momentum it is moving toward the final great maelstrom—Armageddon.

Daily we receive reports about uprisings and conflicts in such crucial areas as Vietnam, China, Israel, Egypt, and India. What do these clashes mean in the light of Bible prophecy? To keep you up-to-date, Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward has prepared *Revivaltime Storm Maps*, a searching evaluation of the massive storm pattern forming throughout the world.

Here is an "in-depth" look at a dozen crisis situations on the globe today. Prepared in newspaper style and illustrated with 10 easy-to-understand maps in vivid color, the publication offers fresh insights into current events.

Commenting on the final storm forming against Israel, the *Revivaltime* speaker writes:

"There have been regional and national attempts to destroy Israel. *Egypt* is at it again. Babylon made its bid. Haman's infamous plot was foiled by divine intervention. Germany seared its soul.

"None of these efforts have succeeded.

"Israel *survived* and is *revived*.

"Satan's next attempt—the *Armageddon attempt*—will be massed on an earth-wide basis. The adversary will attempt to accomplish by *total participation* what he has been unable to accomplish in the span of human history thus far by *piecemeal participation*.

"How? The pattern is now being set.

"By *perverting a United Nations' organization to nefarious ends*. 'Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it' (Jeremiah 30:7)."

C. M. Ward quotes a prominent Israeli who recently said, "I do not know whether there is a grand design to all this or not. In fact, I think that is really beside the point.

"What matters is what is happening, and either by design or opportunism the pattern seems to us to be alarmingly clear. *Russia is moving in where the old imperialism has moved out. And we, of course, are caught in the middle.*"



The tabloid-size publication also includes seven prophetically significant photographs, six editorial cartoons and other illustrations.

One of the maps graphically illustrates the far-flung defense commitments of the United States. Another gives statistical information on the spiraling missile build-up.

In his Latin American article, Evangelist Ward asks, "Has the United States' economic blockade of Cuba seriously hampered Fidel Castro's trade relations with the western world?" The answer to this question is discussed in detail and illustrated by a map.

You will want to share this dramatic interpretation of Bible prophecy with your friends. It has a meaningful message for every unsaved individual.

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A NEW WAY OF LIFE, not creeds, codes or cures, is offered by Philadelphia Teen Challenge workers as they point their "congregation" to the Lord Jesus Christ. Director Robert Bartlett claims Teen Challenge is reaching the *positive* subculture, some of whom live in alleys, on rooftops, or in holes in the wall.

Operating the *Hidden Manna Coffee Shop* in central Philadelphia provides an opportunity for Teen Challenge staff members to mingle with and minister to dope addicts, homosexuals, gang fighters, alcoholics, and other derelicts of society. Coffee, tea, and doughnuts are free. As six or eight workers station themselves at separate tables, they seek to engage their guests in conversation about life in Jesus Christ.

Over 3,000 pass through *Hidden Manna* every year. They come from all religions and cults. Because 50 percent are Jewish, "The Lord our God is one Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:4) is painted on the wall in Hebrew characters together with the Star of David and other Jewish symbols.

The purpose of the coffee shop is "to take the church to young people who do not go to church anywhere." *Hidden Manna* is known as "a beatnik coffee shop," an image it has desired to acquire. Brother Bartlett states the Teen Challenge workers have the respect of those who frequent the place even though the subculture may not agree with their teachings.

Nothing shocks these young staff members anymore, although many of them grew up in a sheltered Christian atmosphere. "Love is a vital healing ingredient, but faith and hope must come large when you get out where there are pain, hurt, and tears—when you see your friend die from an overdose of drugs, and are burdened when another becomes terribly swollen by venereal disease," Bartlett confided in an interview with Herschel O. Engebretson, associate editor of *The Sunday Times*. (Engebretson's article on the Teen Challenge ministry appeared in the February 18 issue of this Christian weekly, formerly called *The Sunday School Times*.)

In his files Bartlett has case histories of dope addicts who are delivered from the habit today. One man was a successful machinist. Although addicted for 15 years, after contacting Teen Challenge members he came off drugs "cold turkey" without the usual withdrawal period or agony. (Sometimes withdrawal accompanied with excruciating pain can last 30 days.) Previously

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this man had sought release through medicine and psychiatry, and was in the U. S. Government rehabilitation unit at Lexington, Ky.

Another man, 24 years of age, high on pills and on the verge of suicide, stumbled down the flight of steps at *Hidden Manna* to find complete deliverance. Both of these converts are now attending Bible school.

Bartlett accepts no one at the Center who is not desperate. "Don't expect to be trusted or babied," he warns applicants. "We don't have any easy withdrawal program here. We stop bad habits 'cold turkey.'" However, workers at the Center, many of whom have "kicked" drugs or alcohol themselves, often sit and pray for a couple of days and nights with a newcomer who is going through the agony of withdrawal.

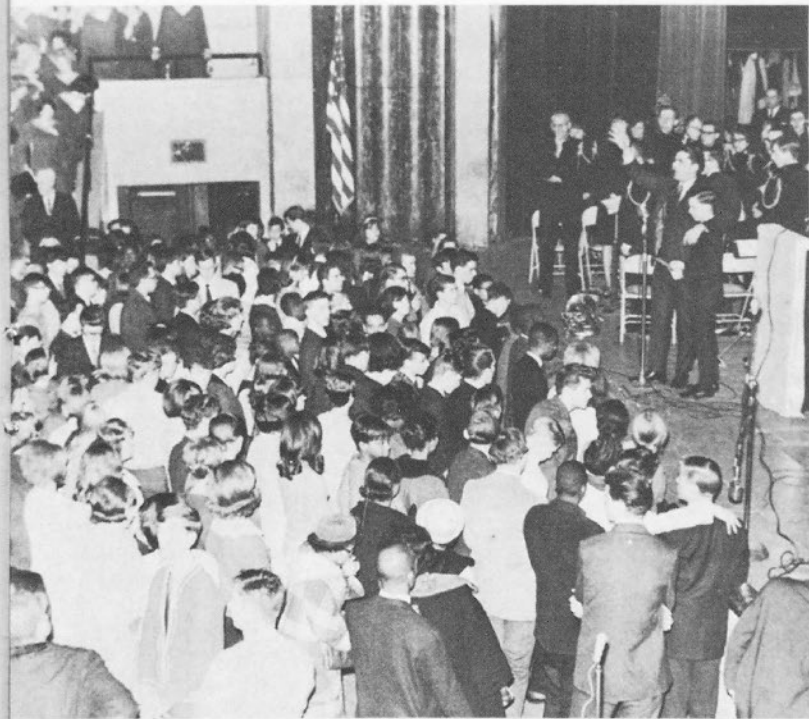
Men and women alike who profess faith in Christ, and who need help to find a new way of life, come to live at the Teen Challenge Center at 1620 N. Broad Street in North Philadelphia. There they conform to a strict schedule of work, prayer, and recreation. In addition they receive follow-up counseling and instruction in the Word of God. One of the Bible study courses furnished by the Prison Division of the Home Missions Department is used. The Center also attempts to rehabilitate converts and guide them into useful lives.

The Center presently has room for 40 fellows, 15 girls, and 3 married couples.

An active ministry among the children in the streets is directed by Norman J. Cole, graduate of Northeast Bible Institute. He and his wife conduct weekly story hours in three areas of North Philadelphia. The Coles plan week-long Kids' Crusades at the conclusion of

BEATNIKS FIND CHRIST IN CITY

Based on information supplied by ROBERT BARTLETT • Director of Philadelphia Teen Challenge



At the far left is a portion of the crowd of 2,000 who assembled at Town Hall to hear Bob Bartlett's message, "Is LSD for Real?" At left, 300 responded to the appeal to accept Christ as Saviour.



The Salvation Army Band (top photo) provided stirring music for the Town Hall rally. The Highway Mission Tabernacle choir also ministered at Town Hall.

Under the leadership of Bob Bartlett, director (lower left), the front of this brownstone building, purchased in 1965, was recently remodeled. Into this spacious Teen Challenge Center come individuals who are seeking a new life in Christ.

each summer and invite parents and older brothers and sisters to attend them.

Besides the story hours, this couple, accompanied by a team of workers, hold evening street-corner rallies with the children. Many times more than 100 children attend these services.

During summer, members of the Philadelphia Teen Challenge minister each Monday night on the boardwalk at Atlantic City in cooperation with ministers of the South Jersey Section of the New Jersey District. The choir, under the direction of Richard Davis, presents a concert. This service includes preaching and testimonies by the workers. Teen Challenge members return on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week to again minister in song and testimony. Large numbers of people from Philadelphia are among the thousands who frequent the Atlantic City area during the summer months. For this reason Teen Challenge uses this opportunity to give the gospel to an otherwise unreached audience.

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The Home Missions Department sponsors Teen Challenge Centers in the following cities: Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, and Seattle.

With the approach of summer each of our ten Teen Challenge Centers will accelerate its program. Scores of Bible school students will join the Teen Challenge staffs to engage in concerted evangelism thrusts. Many of them receive little or no remuneration because of the limited finances of the various Centers. However, their assistance to the Centers is invaluable; their dedication to the work is exemplary.



OF BROTHERLY LOVE

ALABAMA DISTRICT

District Camp & Council

Montgomery, Ala. (5 miles south at District Headquarters, U.S. Hwys. 82 and 231)

June 12—16

C. M. Ward, speaker

For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 1828, Montgomery, Ala. 36103

ALASKA DISTRICT

Family Camp & Servicemen's Retreat

Wasilla, Alaska (15 miles west at Little Beaver Lake)

June 30—July 9

O. E. Carter, speaker

For accommodations write to Robert E. Cousart, Box 306, Valdez, Alaska 99686

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Tri-State Camp (sponsored by three sections)

Mabe, Va. (near Clinchport)

August 8—13

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Jack Carnley, P. O. Box 512, St. Paul, Va. 24283

ARIZONA DISTRICT

District Camp

Prescott, Ariz. (1840 Iron Springs Road)

July 28—August 6

Earl W. Goodman, speaker

For accommodations write to District Office 2009 N. 7TH St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85006

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Ozark-Lithia Camp

Hot Springs, Ark. (north on State Route 7)

June 19—23

Blake Farmer, speaker

For accommodations write to Box 2580, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

EASTERN DISTRICT

Living Waters Camp

Cherry Tree, Pa.

June 23—July 9

Arthur Berg and Roscoe Russell, speakers

For accommodations write to Frank Yarnal, Box 12, Cherry Tree, Pa.

Maranatha Camp

Green Lane, Pa. (Maranatha Park)

July 22—August 6

James Morris and Jimmy Brown, speakers

For accommodations write to Mrs. John Tucker, Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa. 18054

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Lake Williamson Family Camp

Carlinville, Ill. (4 miles south)

July 28—August 6

Klaude Kendrick, Bible teacher; Howard Cummings and Glenn Horst, afternoon and evening speakers, respectively.

For accommodations write to District Office, Box 323, Carlinville, Ill. 62626

INDIANA DISTRICT

Lake Placid Bible Camp

Hartford City, Ind. (1½ miles southeast, Route 4)

June 27—July 7

J. Robert Ashcroft and Jimmy Swagart, speakers

For accommodations write to Indiana District, Assemblies of God, 6065 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208

IOWA DISTRICT

Bible Camp

Storm Lake, Iowa

June 23—July 4

A. M. Alber, speaker

For accommodations write to S. E. Johnson, 4512 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines, Iowa 50310

KANSAS DISTRICT

Wheat State Camp

Augusta, Kans. (4 miles west and 1½ miles north)

June 19—25

T. E. Gannon and T. F. Zimmerman, speakers

Woodston Camp

Woodston, Kans. (3 miles east on Highway 24)

July 24—30

Dan Shaffer and Gayle F. Lewis, speakers

For accommodations for both camps write to P. E. Lowenberg, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans. 67211

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

District Camp

Crestwood, Ky., on Clore Lane (1 mile west on State Route 22—10 miles east of Louisville)

June 28—July 6

Wesley Hurst, speaker

For accommodations write to Carl E. Schmidt, 2407 Canton St., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Fa-Ho-Lo Park Camp

Grass Lake, Mich. (10 miles east of Jackson)

June 27—July 9

G. F. Lewis, Bible teacher; Kenneth Schmidt, evangelist

For accommodations write to Michigan District, Assemblies of God, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich. 48126

Lost Valley Camp

Gaylord, Mich. (8 miles west)

July 16—30

John and Faith Stallings, evangelists

For accommodations write to Henry Rose, 401 Lawrence, Petoskey, Mich. 49770



It takes a lot of work, sweat, and aching muscles to prepare grounds and buildings for camp. Above photos show work being done on the tabernacle at the New Jersey campgrounds. (No family camp this year at this new campgrounds.) Flag raising (right) at Lakeview Gospel Camp, New York.

Camp meeting is in the Pentecostal tradition. You and your family will be blessed by attending one of these Assemblies of God camps. Your spiritual life may be revolutionized by the prayer meetings, Bible studies, and Christian fellowship you'll find at a Pentecostal camp meeting. Write to the camp nearest you for further information and for reservations.



MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Lake Geneva Bible Camp

Alexandria, Minn. (1½ miles east, west shore of Lake Geneva)

June 23—July 9

Obie L. Harrup and Dwight H. McLaughlin, speakers

For accommodations write to Kenneth M. Freiheit, 820 E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

District Camp

Hurley, Miss.

July 23—28

Bracy Greer, speaker

For accommodations write to J. F. Patton Jr., P. O. Box 4195 West Station, Meridian, Miss. 39304

MONTANA DISTRICT

Glacier Bible Camp

Hungry Horse, Mont. (on Highway 2)

July 6—16

Leland Keys, C. M. Ward, and Stanley Faulkner, speakers

For accommodations write to R. N. Walden, Box 65, Hungry Horse, Mont. 59919

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

District Camp

Lexington, Nebr.

July 28—Aug. 6

John Everett and Hardy Steinberg, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 1503 W. 2nd, Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

Family Camp

Mountainair, N. Mex.

July 20—27

C. M. Ward, speaker

For accommodations write to District Office, 222 Alvarado NE, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87108

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Lakeview Gospel Camp

Hamlin, N. Y.

July 1—16

James MacKnight, Bible teacher; Billy McIntosh, evangelist

For accommodations write to Mrs. Pauline Moon, Registrar, County Line Road, Kendall, N. Y. 14476

Mountainview Gospel Camp

Sherburne, N. Y.

July 22—Aug. 6

James Kofahl, Bible teacher; Aubrey Sara, evangelist

For accommodations write to Mrs. Charles Flach, Registrar, Box 662, Sherburne, N. Y. 13460

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

Western Adult Camp

Franklin, N. C. (5 miles east on U. S. Highway 64)

June 27—July 9

Hansel Vibbert and Paul Davidson, speakers

For accommodations write to Fred Sorrells, Camp Chairman, Route 5, Franklin, N. C. 28734

Eastern Adult Camp

Windsor, N. C. (1 mile north, off U. S. Highway 17)

Aug. 7—20

W. H. Kautz and Stanley Horton, speakers

For accommodations write to Carroll Daniels, Camp Chairman, Route 2, Cole-rain, N. C. 27924

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Lakewood Park Bible Camp

Devils Lake, N. Dak. (6 miles south on Highway 1)

June 25—July 4

The Lorne Fox Party and James D. Brown, speakers

For accommodations write to Raymond Loven, Box 896, Bismarck, N. Dak. 58501

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Family Camp

Bedford, Tex. (Bedford Ranch)

July 31—Aug. 5

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to E. R. Anderson, 406 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Tex. 75165

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

Bethany Park Camp

Santa Cruz, Calif. (at Bethany Bible College)

June 30—July 9

Gene Scott, Bible teacher; Owen Oslin, evangelist

For accommodations write to Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95061

Mount Lassen Camp

Mineral, Calif. (40 miles northeast of Red Bluff Hwy. 36)

June 30—July 9

Fred Greve, Bible teacher; A. R. Trotter, evangelist

For accommodations write to R. T. Doherty, 2636 Churn Creek Rd., Redding, Calif. 96001

Redwood Camp

Eureka, Calif. (6400 Redwood Dr.)

July 19—30

Fred Greve, Bible teacher; J. Billy McIntosh, evangelist

For accommodations write to Joseph C. Murray, 3095 School St., Fortuna, Calif. 95540

NORTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp

Excelsior Springs, Mo. (½ mile from city at Lake Maurer—16 miles northeast of Kansas City, Highway 69)

Aug. 3—13

Wesley Hurst, morning speaker; Joseph E. Neely, evangelist

For accommodations write to T. W. Stark, Lake Maurer Rd., Rt. 2, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 64024

1967 CAMP DIRECTORY

Path, at left, leads to the Redwood Bowl at Bethany Park, and below is the Redwood Auditorium.

Missionary service in progress at the Pinecrest Camp, Southern California District.



NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT

Long Lake Bible Camp

Naples, Me.

July 1-9

William H. Kautz, speaker

For accommodations write to Camp Registrar, 283 Main St., Sanford, Me. 04073

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Fruitland Bible Camp

Fruitland, Wash.

June 21-July 4

William L. Stephens, speaker

For accommodations write to Phil Henderson, Davenport, Wash. 99122

Yakima Valley Bible Camp

Yakima, Wash. (Central Washington Fairgrounds, South 10th & Moxee Ave.)

June 23-July 2

C. C. Burnett, speaker

For accommodations write to Leland V. Gross, 1613 Summitview, Yakima, Wash. 98902

Eastern Washington Bible Camp

Medical Lake, Wash.

July 7-16

Murray McLees, speaker

For accommodations write to Wesley W. Fleming, 1334 Dakota St., Walla Walla, Wash. 99362. Phone JA 5-2743

Cedar Springs Bible Camp

Lake Stevens, Wash.

Aug. 3-13

Jack West, speaker

For accommodations write to E. A. Born, 5024 Dogwood, Everett, Wash. 98201. Phone AL 2-5333

OHIO DISTRICT

District Camp

Big Prairie, Ohio

July 2-9

Arthur Arnold, Bible teacher; The Lowell Lundstrom Party, evangelists

For accommodations write to Miss Helen Stange, 3377 W. Broad, Columbus, Ohio 43204

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

District Camp

Oklahoma City, Okla. (District Auditorium, 8101 N. Kelley)

July 10-16

John G. Hall, morning speaker; C. C. Burnett, evening speaker

For further information write to Robert E. Goggin, Box 14366, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114

OREGON DISTRICT

District Camp

Brooks, Oreg. (Bethel Gospel Park)

June 26-July 9

A. N. Trotter and Bert Webb, speakers

For accommodations write to Lester C. Young, Box 7397, Salem, Oreg. 97303

PENINSULAR FLORIDA
DISTRICT

District Camp

Lakeland, Fla. (940 Longfellow Blvd.)

June 26-30

William E. Kirschke, speaker

For accommodations write to E. R. Schulz, Drawer C, Lakeland, Fla. 33802

POTOMAC DISTRICT

Potomac Park Camp

Falling Waters, W. Va. (U.S. Route

11, near Marlowe, W. Va., halfway between Martinsburg, W. Va. and Hagerstown, Md.

July 15-Aug. 6

G. Raymond Carlson, Bible teacher; G. W. Hardcastle, evangelist

For accommodations write to W. P. Odum, P. O. Box 96, Springfield, Va. 22150

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

District Camp

Littleton, Colo. (District Headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway)

Aug. 1-10

A. M. Alber, Bible teacher; W. F. Morton, evangelist

For accommodations write to Wm. W. Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo. 80120

Utah State Camp

Layton, Utah

June 20-28

Murray McLees, speaker

For information and accommodations write to Peter Pilot, Presbyterian, 1209 E. Parkway, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

Western Slope Sectional Camp

Cedaredge, Colo. (4 miles north on State Route 65)

July 17-26

Clyde Henson, speaker

For accommodations write to Donald I. Farmer, 762 Dodge, Delta, Colo. 81416

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

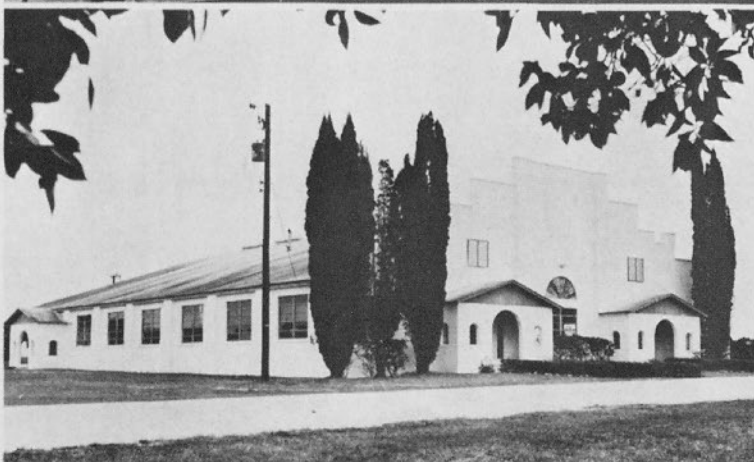
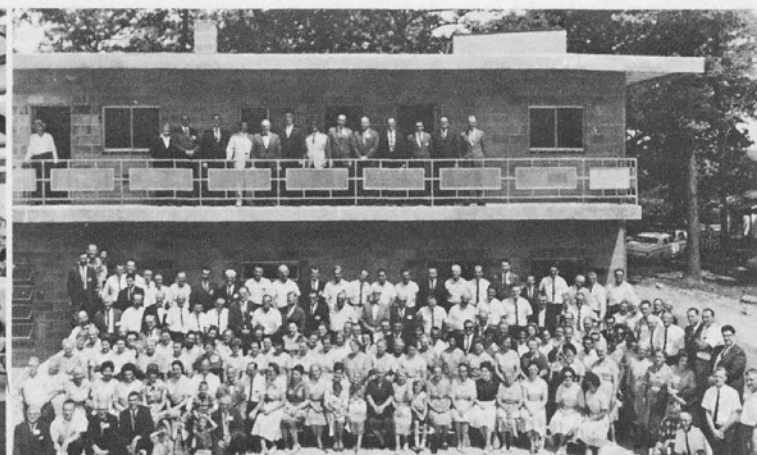
Family Camp

Rapid City, S. Dak.

June 26-July 4

W. H. Kesler, Bible teacher; Bracy I. Greer, evangelist

For accommodations write to S. H.



TOP PHOTO: Oklahoma District camp, Oklahoma City.
LOWER PHOTO: Peninsular Florida District camp, Lakeland.

TOP PHOTO: Potomac District camp, Falling Waters, W. Va.
LOWER PHOTO: Southern Idaho District camp, Nampa, Idaho.

Petersen, 721 W. Havens, Mitchell, S. Dak. 57301

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Family Camp

Kerrville, Tex.

Aug. 7—16

A. A. Wilson, morning speaker; Jimmy Swaggart, evening speaker

For accommodations write to Warren J. Piersol, P. O. Box 9714, Houston, Tex. 77015

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Camp Pinecrest

Twin Peaks, Calif. (San Bernardino Mountains)

July 1—9

Clyde Henson, evangelist

For accommodations write to Dale Hundsdoerfer, Box 157, Twin Peaks, Calif. 92391

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

District Camp

Nampa, Idaho (4 miles north on Franklin Rd.)

June 26—July 4

J. K. Gressett, Bible teacher; C. E. Butterfield, evangelist

For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 309, Nampa, Idaho 83651

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

District Camp

Eldon, Mo. (13 miles southwest, at end of Highway "Y")

June 26—July 4

S. K. Biffle Jr., Bible teacher; Keetah Jones, evangelist

For accommodations write to District Office, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo. 65802

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District Camp

Charlton, Mass.

June 28—July 9

Hal Davis, speaker

For accommodations write to District Office, Box A, Auburn, Mass. 01501

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Camp

Marianna, Fla. (Tallahassee Hwy. East)

July 10—20

J. O. Savell, Bible teacher; Jesse Smith, evangelist

For accommodations write to G. H. Blair, Drawer E, Marianna, Fla. 32446

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

District Camp

Lubbock, Tex. (42nd St. and Ave. H)

Aug. 1—8

T. H. Spence, speaker

For accommodations write to District Council, 4206 Ave. H, Lubbock, Tex. 79404

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Spencer Lake Bible Camp

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south on County Trunk E)

June 28—July 9

G. W. Minton, Bible teacher; Jack West, evangelist

Family Week-end Camp

Lake Nebagamon, Wis. (Assembly Park)

Aug. 5—6

Elmer Kirschman, speaker

For accommodations for both camps write to Charles A. Anderson, Box 309, Waupaca, Wis. 54981

WYOMING DISTRICT

Family Camp

Casper, Wyo. (10 miles south at Casper Mountain)

July 3—9

Edgar Bethany, speaker

For accommodations write to H. W. Thiemann, P. O. Box 104, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

GERMAN BRANCH

Bethel Park Camp

Bridgman, Mich. (S. Church St.)

July 6—16

Oskar Jeske and Charles W. H. Scott, speakers

For accommodations write to Arthur Klaus, 4448 Richmond, Chicago, Ill. 60625

ITALIAN BRANCH

Pine Grove Camp

Malaga, N. J. (Dutch Mill Rd.)

July 1—Aug. 6

O. L. Harrup, E. Menaldino, O. V. Dalaba, C. L. Dixon, Bob Bartlett and others, speakers

For accommodations write to Pine Grove Camp, Dutch Mill Rd., Malaga, N. J. 08328; or Joseph Priori, 301 Holly St., Glassboro, N. J. 08028

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

Chama Camp

Chama, N. Mex.

June 27—July 4

Speakers to be announced
For accommodations write to Nestor Bazan, 5805 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87110

UKRAINIAN BRANCH

Ukrainian Branch Camp

Lanesville, N. Y. (Catskill Mountains—5 miles from Phoenicia, N. Y., and 30 miles west of Kingston, N. Y.)

July 9—23

Nick J. Tomen, speaker

For accommodations write to Ukrainian Branch Camp Dept., 9 E. 7th St., New York, N. Y. 10003

OTHER CAMPS

FLORIDA

Pleasant Grove Camp

Durant, Fla. (10 miles south of Plant City and 18 miles east of Tampa)

Oct. 5—15

Kermit Reneau and Joe Neely, morning and evening speakers respectively

For accommodations write to G. C. Stanaland, P. O. Box 43, Durant, Fla. 33530

MARYLAND

George's Creek Camp

Lonaconing, Md. (State Rd. 36 at Detmold)

Aug. 6—20

Bruce Thum and the Sunshine Party, speakers

For accommodations write to Charles E. Fussell, Camp Pastor, State Rd. 36 at Detmold, Lonaconing, Md. 21539



TOP PHOTO: Snack bar and pavilion at Pine Grove Camp (Italian Branch).

MIDDLE: George's Creek Camp, Lonaconing, Md.

LOWER PHOTO: Lake Williamson Family Camp, Carlinville, Ill.

Union Grove Camp

Cumberland, Md. (5 miles north of city)

Aug. 6—20

Eddie Barg, speaker

Sponsored by Central Assembly and neighboring churches

OKLAHOMA

Poteau Camp (Section 2)

Poteau, Okla. (1 mile south, ½ mile west of Dewey Ave.)

Aug. 1—10

A. N. Trotter, speaker

For accommodations write to Walter Swaim, Sectional Presbyter, Box 361, Arkoma, Okla. 74901

TEXAS

Austin Section Camp

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July 26—Aug. 3

Blake Farmer, speaker

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INFORMATION ABOUT camp meetings being conducted this summer in Special Ministry fields, (such as among the American Indians and the deaf) may be obtained by writing to the Promotions Editor, Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Your Child and the Christian Camp



"Oh, oh, I was afraid of this! But we'll still be pals no matter who wins." Rain or shine, there's always something to do at camp.

CAMPING IS A PART of the American way of life. More important, Christian camps have been and are a major event in the lives of thousands of boys and girls and youth. Camping is as much a part of their summer as is the Fourth of July.

As a parent, you may be asking, "But why a Christian camp? What does it offer beyond organizational and agency camping?"

The Assemblies of God Youth Camp Commission sets forth these objectives for Boys and Girls and Youth Camps.

1. To provide learning opportunities which will lead the camper to the experience of accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord.
2. To promote the growth of Christian character; encourage Christian living and Christian service.
3. To give instruction concerning the Spirit-filled life and provide opportunities for prayer.
4. To present Bible-centered, life-related lessons.
5. To provide an opportunity to live in the out-of-doors, gain new knowledge of its resources, and develop skills in using these resources.
6. To enable campers to have a wholesome, happy time.

In a Christian camp, effort is made to bring out Christ in every element of the program. Old lives are made new by the power of the Lord. Some problems can only be solved in real life situations rather than the more formal teaching situation. Camp provides this informal, real life situation. The camp possesses an environment for growth and commitment which is hard to describe and



By **LORETTA LEBSACK**
Supervisor of Child Evangelism

LEFT PHOTO: Girls, ready for the evening rally, listen with admiration to their counselor's testimony.
ABOVE: "That's right, fellows, God hasn't changed one bit. What the Bible says about miracles is true. He still does mighty works today."

identify, yet we know it exists because we see the results.

Ask your child about his week at camp. Most likely he will say, "We had fun." This "having fun" may also include his religious experiences. This is how he describes the deep satisfaction he felt when God's presence became very real to him.

Camps are a vital part of the overall Christian outreach to youth. More time is spent in one week at camp than in a whole year at Sunday school. This is consecutive and consistent time, and the impact of these hours can be deep and effective. At camp there is time to deal with campers as individuals; spiritual decisions are encouraged and habits of prayer and Bible reading established. Camp offers a priceless opportunity to show that Christ can be in every phase of living.

Last summer 18,019 teen-agers attended 104 youth camps. Statistics compiled by the National C. A. Department reveal that in these camps 1,777 were saved and 2,489 filled with the Holy Spirit. Camps in the South Texas and Northern California-Nevada Districts earned the Youth Camp Commission certification.

Attendance at boys and girls camps is on the increase. Eighty camps for pre-teens reported 13,169 campers enrolled, 2,092 saved, and 2,198 filled with the Holy Spirit.

There's a Christian camp for your children near you. For more information write:

YOUTH CAMPS—C. A. Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS—Child Evangelism Division, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



"Look, Mom! I made this." The leisurely pace of camp encourages expression by doing and making various projects.



In this view of La Paz, Mt. Illimani is seen in the background.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE MISSION FIELD

By LOU ANN DENNIS • Missionary to Bolivia

THE DAY HAD COME, and we were finally on our way. After waiting all night in the Miami International Airport, we at last heard the announcement that the plane that would take us to the land of our calling was ready to leave. We were very excited, for over 11 years had passed since my husband Charles had received his missionary call to South America.

It was five in the morning when the plane took off, and we felt a little sad as we realized we were leaving our families and friends. Little did we know what was ahead for us as, from sheer exhaustion, we dropped off to sleep.

Our plane arrived in Lima, Peru, three hours behind schedule. Unable to communicate with anyone in Spanish, we had to wait for the officials to find someone who could speak English to tell us that we had missed the flight to La Paz, Bolivia, and that there would not be another for two days. While we rested in Lima, we were privileged to visit with one of our Assemblies of God missionaries, Edith Hall.

The missionaries in La Paz and Santa Cruz, Bolivia, were at the airport when we arrived. We were very thrilled to see the Monroe Grams,

the Harold Carpenters, Pearl Estep, Flora Shafer, and Fran Frigoli all waiting there for us even though we were two days late! It was more like a homecoming, because they were to become our family in Bolivia.

The altitude at the La Paz airport is over 13,000 feet, and many people become ill with "altitude sickness." After our rest in Lima, however, we arrived without any ill effects.

The three days spent in La Paz were exciting. Some parts of the city are fairly modern, but most sections are at the other extreme. We had arrived during a week of celebration when the country was inaugurating its new president. All of the city had a festival atmosphere.

While on a tour of La Paz with Monroe and Jane Grams, we drove through a street where drunken Indians were dancing. Some were wearing beautifully decorated costumes that they had rented. This ceremony, called the *Diablada*, is a demonic dancing session in the name of religion. How we longed to tell them of the Saviour's love!

As we left La Paz to fly to Cochabamba, we were amazed at the mountainous scenery below. This trip by plane took less than an hour, but by the road below it stretches into a

long ten-hour trip. The mountains are barren but beautiful.


Dropping down from the mountain ranges into the lush valley of Cochabamba—which itself is over 8,000 feet altitude—we were glad the long journey to our new home was ending. The Ollie Johnston family was there to meet us. They took us home to a lovely dinner and then to the house that they had already rented for us.

We had one week to get settled before language school began. The girl who helped me get the house in order could not understand English, and I could not understand Spanish, so we had some good laughs and some frustration, too. Even in church, my husband and children and I sat without understanding a thing.

We put the girls in a nursery school near where we were studying Spanish. Dianne would get very upset at first because she could not communicate with the neighboring children; but since being in nursery school with both Spanish-speaking children and English-speaking, she is learning Spanish very fast. Charissa seems to think it is something to play with and she is always making up her own Spanish words.

The most difficult adjustments we have faced have been in getting our children settled in their new role in life, and in not being able to express our thoughts and feelings with words to the people around us. Language study is a full-time job, and we are looking forward to the day when we can proclaim the gospel of our Lord to the needy people of Bolivia.

One of the biggest upsets that can happen to a missionary happened just one month from the day we arrived. My father went to be with Jesus on Labor Day. It was impossible to get home in time for the funeral, yet it seemed that even this was the way the Lord had planned. It was amazing to feel His strength during the following days as we continued our language studies.

Cochabamba is a nice town with an ideal climate and many kinds of people. We enjoy living here and appreciate the language school with the Christian atmosphere. Remember us in your prayers as we continue our eight-months course of study. 

Church Begun in Bonn Through Tent Meetings

By PAUL WILLISCROFT • Missionary to Germany

IT WAS THE CLIMAX of the preaching service in the tent in Troesdorf, Germany—a town of about 15,000 population near Bonn—when a strong, deep voice from outside the tent began to fume, bluster and rage. There was nothing else to do but close the meeting quickly to prevent distraction.

Pastor Waldemar Sardaczk went directly outside the tent, and a very large woman approached him, crying: "You are responsible that my husband has become what he now is. He is no longer a man. He doesn't drink... he doesn't smoke... he doesn't get mad and pound the table with his fist." For an hour the woman blustered. Neither the evangelist nor his co-workers could say anything.

A year before this a young man had found the Lord in the tent meetings in Bonn, and he told his fellow workers about his experience. Among those who heard his testimony was this woman's husband. When the tent was set up in Troesdorf that summer he came and accepted the good news

of salvation. Such a change took place in his life that his wife was furious.

That night outside the tent she threatened to kill her husband if he continued to come to the meetings. It seemed she could easily do it, for she was so big and he such a thin little man. She even threatened to wreck the tent, but eventually she quieted down and went home.


On two other evenings she came with others to disturb and cause trouble; but God was working in her heart. At last she called for some of the tent workers to visit her, and before long she found her way to the Lord and began attending every possible meeting. Today she is witnessing to her neighbors of what the Lord has done in her family.

In June three years ago Pastor Sardaczk set up an evangelistic tent in Bonn, the seat of government for Germany. Formerly we had no church in this area, but by the end of that summer a church was established with 35 members. For the past three summers tent meetings have been held

with the help of German young people who have offered their vacations in order to join in the meetings, distribute gospel literature, and do house-to-house visitation.

The tent itself was purchased by the young people in Germany. They raised \$5,000 for the tent and equipment.

The meeting place for the main church in Bonn is completely inadequate. It was a shed between two other buildings. Once hay and animals were kept there but the pastor and people have remodeled it into a meeting hall and small apartment for the pastor. Recently the congregation bought a lot, and plans to build its own church with a seating capacity of several hundred, as soon as funds can be secured. Five outstations have been established.

Among those saved is a young Catholic priest who is zealously witnessing for the Lord. In the last three months 27 members have been added to the church, bringing the total membership to about 120. 

WILLARD CANTELON AND INTERPRETER PREACHING IN GERMANY

Tent meetings with Good News Evangelist Willard Cantelon (inset) will begin in Bonn next Sunday, May 28. The tent will be pitched in a most strategic spot in the heart of the West German capital, adjacent to the famous Beethoven Hall. Please pray for this major summer effort, a Good News Crusade sponsored jointly by the Foreign Missions Department and Light-for-the-Lost.





PENTECOST IN INDIA

By DAVID E. STEWART • Missionary to India



Students of the Assemblies of God Industrial School seek the Holy Spirit during the revival meeting.

BEFORE THE NEW school term opened we began to pray that God would give us a Holy Ghost revival during this year.

The Assemblies of God Industrial School in Shencottah opens its doors each year to more than 90 students from villages all over Madras State. More than 80 percent of the boys come to us from non-Christian homes. Here we seek to prepare them to live useful lives in their communities, and we ask God to help us impart His truth to them.

Just after Christmas we invited two Indian pastors to come and hold daily meetings with the students to prepare them for the revival we expected from God.

The first week of January, Evangelist Quentin Edwards came for a week of special meetings in a large city 40 miles from Shencottah. We traveled there each night and brought Brother Edwards back so he could hold services in the school each morning. God began to move, and two students received the Holy Ghost. At

the end of the week 13 were baptized in water.

The third week of January, Evangelist Eddie Wilson came for a campaign in another city about 35 miles distant. He also conducted morning services in our school. By this time the students had begun to fast and pray around the clock. Morning, noon, and night they were giving their hearts to Christ and receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Pentecostal fire continued to fall and by the end of January, 32 had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and an equal number had been baptized in water. One month later we can say that God has done a mighty thing among us, for the fires of Pentecost are still burning here in the school. As I write this report I can hear coming across the fields the voices of prayer and praise going up to God from the chapel. This past Saturday and Sunday there was a group of the students continually in prayer that God would fill the students who have not yet been filled.



Philip, who recently received the Baptism, prays earnestly with a classmate.


As an example of what God has done, let me quote one young man's testimony:

"I was born in a Hindu family. My father has several wives. I am just one of many children. My father was a Hindu priest, but now he is a magician and fortune-teller.

"My father gave me the name *Pathalalingam* which means 'God of hell.' I lived up to my name, for I was a bad boy, disobeying my parents and doing a lot of mischief.

"I thought that I should learn a trade, so I came to the Assemblies of God Industrial School. I had never studied in a Christian school, and had no prior knowledge of Christ.

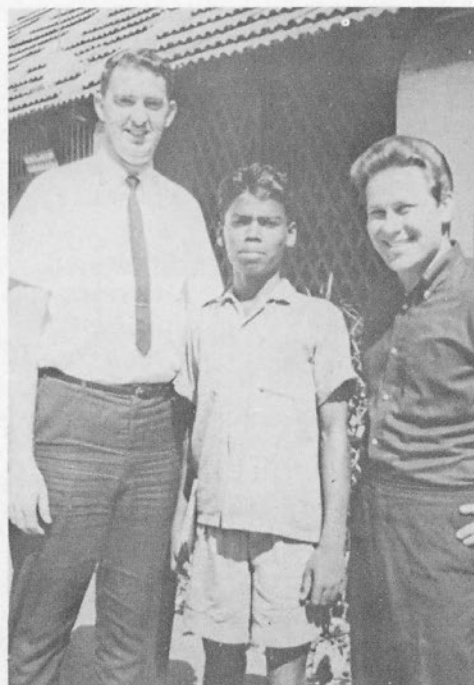
"During Eddie Wilson's meeting I confessed all my sins to Jesus, who forgave my sins and saved me. Then He graciously filled me with the Holy Spirit. I took water baptism and changed my name to Paul Andrews. Please pray for me that I will be faithful till the end and receive a crown of life. Also please pray for my parents that they will accept the same Jesus who loved me."

The many prayers which the veteran Missionary Doris Edwards and my wife Lois and I have offered for the students have been answered in a wonderful way by our Lord. 



Real intercessory prayer for friends, Philip discovers, means a lot of sweat and tears.

David Stewart (left) and Eddie Wilson (right) rejoice with Paul Andrews who was called "God of hell" before the Lord delivered him.



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Foreign Missions Department
 1445 Boonville Avenue
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CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

THE PROBLEMS OF SUCCESS


AFTER CAREFULLY analyzing detailed annual reports from all of our foreign fields, the Foreign Missions Department can now declare that 1966 was a year of great victory for our overseas enterprise.

At year's end there were 100 approved missionary candidates preparing to go out to the fields of their calling. This brought our number of foreign missionaries to 884. By the help of God we now have 1,670,688 foreign members and adherents in 75 countries of the world; 17,331 churches and preaching points pastored by 13,395 trained national workers; and 86 Bible schools with 3,104 students learning to take the gospel to their own people.

Since 1960 the number of our foreign believers has increased by an average of 103,093 yearly.

But success also presents problems. The larger our overseas work becomes, the more home support it needs. Last year the Lord enabled our movement to give over seven and one-half million dollars to foreign missions! Yet, 738 of our churches did not participate, and 32 percent of our churches did not give every month. We praise God for the 7,051 churches which gave to foreign missions last year, and invite the non-participating congregations to assist us in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Another problem of a growing missions program is the danger of measuring our successes by our own past performance rather than by the immense totality of the unfinished task. Thrilled as we may be with the increasing number of sheaves we are gathering, we must continue to look with humble awe on the vast proportions of the waiting harvest.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). 



SAMUEL'S FAREWELL

Sunday School Lesson for May 28, 1967
1 SAMUEL 12:1-5, 18-24

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE TITLE OF OUR LESSON may be misleading. Samuel's address to Israel makes it clear that although he was stepping aside as God's appointed leader in favor of Saul, he had no intention to cast off his concern for the people's welfare.

At Mizpeh Saul had been publicly presented to the people as their king, but he evidently went back to his farm work without taking up the responsibilities of kingship. This may have been due to the opposition of some who were called "children of Belial" (10:17-27).

It was as a result of defending the city of Jabesh-gilead and winning a victory over the Ammonites that Saul became a hero and was gladly acclaimed by all as king. It was upon this occasion that Samuel delivered this address to the people, not, as some have supposed, to give vent to wounded self-love, but to produce in the people a penitent spirit for having sinned against

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE



REMEMBER YOUR LEADERS, THOSE WHO FIRST SPOKE GOD'S MESSAGE TO YOU; AND REFLECTING UPON THE OUTCOME OF THEIR LIFE AND WORK, FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THEIR FAITH. HEBREWS 13:7 N.E.B.

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God, and to engender loyalty and obedience to their invisible King!

A DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY (vv. 1-5)

Was Samuel out of order or boastful in his statements in these verses? Not in the least! His life and ministry had been without reproach. Evidently he received no retirement pension; but he did carry away what was worth far more—a pair of clean hands and a pure heart.

Said Dr. Alexander Whyte, "As far as Samuel is concerned, Saul and his kingdom shall not only have fair play; but they shall have Samuel's influence with God and man. It is only a great man and a noble who can act that way. . . . It takes the very finest natures to pass over from one generation to another, and to work in a new generation as they worked in the old. It was splendidly done by Samuel. And it has been done, now and again, since Samuel's day."

AN EXPLANATION OF SACRED HISTORY (vv. 6-15)

History can be one of our best teachers. Samuel therefore reminded the Israelites of God's past mercies in view of their oft-repeated cycle of sin, servitude, sorrow, and salvation. Since God on every occasion of their oppression had sent them a deliverer, why then had they asked for a king? There could only be one answer. Their lack of faith in the invisible King caused them to demand one they could see—one in whom they could take pride and upon whom they could depend for security.

Israel's bargain was a bad one. Let us beware of similar mistakes!

A CONFIRMATION OF NATIONAL FAILURE (vv. 16-18)

Israel was spiritually immature and needed signs to illustrate and emphasize a message, just as children do today. In order to prove that what he had said was the Word of the Lord and not his own words, Samuel asked God to send rain. It was practically unheard of to have rain between April and October, especially during the wheat harvest (between the middle of May and the middle of June). The rain and thunder which came as a result of Samuel's prayer was a miracle—a sign of God's confirmation upon Samuel's words. "And all the people greatly feared the Lord" (v. 18).

A PLEDGE OF FUTURE FAITHFULNESS (vv. 19-25)

In these verses we have: (1) Israel's repentance; (2) God's grace; and (3) Samuel's intercession.

Samuel's wholehearted concern for the people and his intention to continue to pray for them is noteworthy. He made it plain that prayerlessness not only is to fail people but is sin against God. "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (v. 23).

Says Dr. Whyte: "Samuel said that was his answer to . . . banishment from being their head. . . . Samuel, then, stands among them that pray for their enemies and for them that despitefully use them. Samuel stands among them that cease not to pray for the prosperity of those who have taken their place in the world and in the church and in the hearts and mouths of men. Samuel stands among them who have such a pure heart that nothing will ever turn their heart to gloom, bitterness, discontent, retaliation, or to anything else but to still more prayer."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, said to be "the land that Columbus loved best," occupies the eastern two-thirds of a beautiful Caribbean island located halfway between Cuba and Puerto Rico. To the west it shares a 193-mile border with French-speaking Haiti. Within its 18,816-square-mile area the Dominican Republic offers a wide range of climate and altitude, from deep valleys to 10,319-foot-high Mount Duarte.

When Columbus discovered the island in 1492 he claimed it for Spain and named it Hispaniola, or "Little Spain." Settlements were made and the Spanish began a ruthless conquest of the aboriginal Indians. Today practically no trace of the Indians is left. Large numbers of Negroes were imported to work on the plantations.

The Dominican Republic was variously under Spanish, French, and

Haitian domination until it established its independence in 1844. An unstable political history followed, and the country was occupied by United States Marines from 1916 to 1924, when a constitutional government was installed. General Rafael L. Trujillo was president from 1940 until his assassination in 1961. The political situation again became precarious when a civil war was ignited in Santo Domingo in April, 1965.

In the Spanish-speaking republic live four million people. Approximately 28 percent are Negroes, and the balance are *mestizo* (of mixed blood). An indelible Spanish imprint is seen in the language and culture of the people. The typical Dominican is friendly, vivacious, and extremely fond of music.

Santo Domingo, the capital, founded on the bank of the Ozama River on

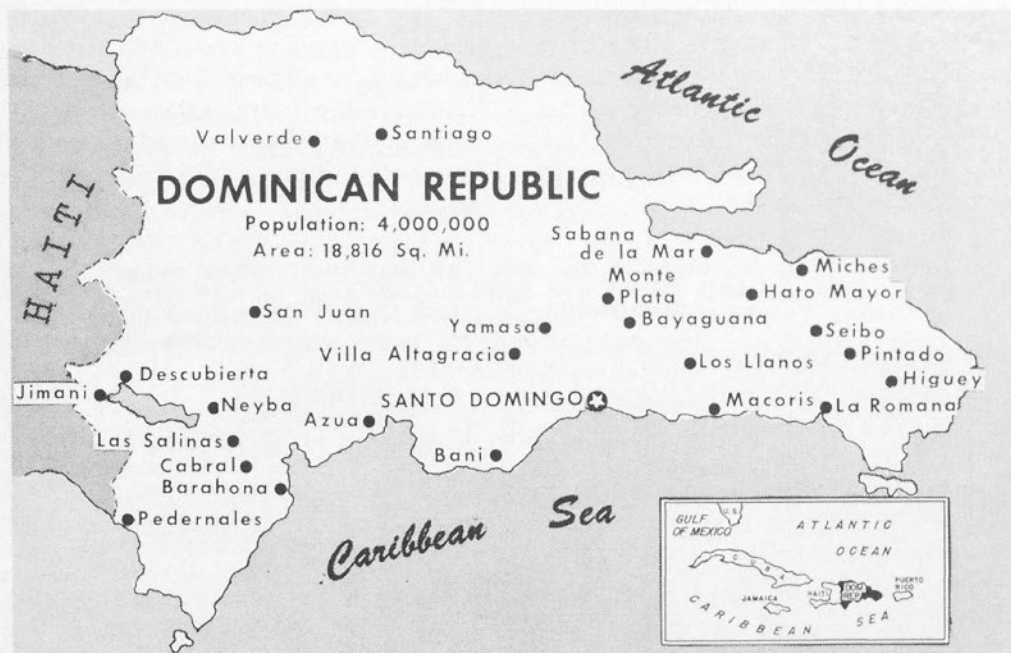
August 4, 1496, by Bartholomew, brother of Christopher Columbus, is the oldest city in the Western Hemisphere. It is today a modern, progressive city of 500,000 inhabitants.

The Dominican Republic, like many Latin American countries, has a one-product economy. Sugar, introduced by Columbus on his second visit to the New World, is the country's chief source of agricultural wealth and accounts for three-fourths of its exports.

Roman Catholicism, mixed with many superstitious practices, is the religion of the majority. Samuel E. Mills, an independent lay missionary, became the forerunner of Protestant missionary enterprise in 1889. The churches he established were organized as the Free Methodist Church of the Dominican Republic. Gradually other Protestant societies entered the country.

Assemblies of God work was begun by a Puerto Rican minister who held evangelistic services and organized the first assembly in 1933. Encouraged by news of his success, other Puerto Ricans went to help him and, within a matter of months, a number of other churches were established. In 1941 the Puerto Rican brethren turned the supervision of these churches over to the Foreign Missions Department of the U. S. Assemblies of God and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perrault were appointed as our first missionaries to the republic.

During the past 25 years a number of Assemblies of God missionaries have served on this field. Currently three couples are under appointment:





The statue of Columbus in Columbus Park, Santo Domingo, overlooks Dominican Republic—"the land that Columbus loved best."

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cederblom, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lestarjette.

Enrique Suárez is field superintendent of the largely indigenous work. Eighty-seven national pastors have the care and oversight of 80 organized churches and 250 other preaching points. An intensive outstation program is being promoted to reach new areas with the Pentecostal message. Approximately 3,500 children are enrolled in the Sunday schools. Six Sunday school rallies were conducted in the republic this past year by George Davis, coordinator of Sunday schools in Latin America.

Before the political upheaval in the country many citywide evangelistic campaigns were conducted by visiting American and Puerto Rican evangelists, as well as by missionaries and local ministers. Thousands heard the gospel and large numbers were saved and healed. A recent campaign by a



Literature is an important phase of evangelism outreach in the republic. Pastors spearhead literature crusades, and their members saturate the towns with the Word of God.

Dominican evangelist in the capital resulted in a great influx of new converts. Dominicans are responsive to the gospel. Everywhere spiritual hunger is evident.

The evangelistic center in Santo Domingo, dedicated in 1954, houses the district offices as well as a book-room for the sale and distribution of Bibles and Christian literature. The Sunday school at the center ranges between 400 and 650. An hour-long radio program is produced each Sunday evening by the Christ's Ambassadors.

To conserve the results of evangelism and house the fast-growing congregations, new buildings are being erected. Even the largest churches are too small. In an uncertain economic environment, these building projects are acts of faith.

One of the factors contributing to the growth of the work has been the Dominican Bible Institute, founded in 1945. The school is located on a 30-acre farm on the main highway of the country, 15 minutes from downtown Santo Domingo. More than two-thirds of our preachers received their training there. The school is co-educational, with 54 students enrolled. This year's student body includes three married couples. These more mature students are a decided asset.

Each weekend students are assigned to evangelistic work. Some go to organized churches to help strengthen and encourage pastors and believers. Others engage in pioneer evangelism with a view to starting new outstations. The Einar Petersons are currently directing the school.

Literature is an important phase of evangelism outreach in the republic. Pastors spearhead literature crusades and their members saturate the towns with the Word of God.

Christ's Ambassadors and Women's Missionary Councils have been organized on a national scale. C.A.'s conduct a national convention each year. The WMC's are making plans for a five-day retreat this summer. The women are most eager for this opportunity for concentrated study. It will be the first retreat of its kind in the Dominican Republic.

Our missionaries report, "The evangelical churches in the republic have never been stronger—and the Assemblies of God is in the forefront."

As a result of preaching, the reading of a tract, the witness of a neighbor or a Sunday school teacher, Dominicans are being won to Christ. The harvest already reaped in the Dominican Republic is cause for rejoicing, but a great unfinished task remains.



Construction on the church in San Juan (left) has been hindered through lack of funds. Below, students fill the new Speed-the-Light truck to take them to various outstations. Young people like these are a vital force in the national church.



TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



TUMOR DISAPPEARS

ON FEBRUARY 13, 1967, I went to the doctor with a lump on my head near my left ear. When he had examined it, he wanted to remove it the next morning as he felt delay would be dangerous.

I decided to wait a few days, and the next morning I told my pastor about it. He prayed for me and said that if the Lord wanted to remove it, it would disappear.

Although I had made the appointment for surgery, the next day the lump started to go down. Within a few days it was completely gone. When the doctor saw what had happened, the operation was cancelled. I was glad to testify to him that the Lord had removed the tumor in answer to prayer.—Mrs. Ray Wilder, Wautoma, Wis.

(Endorsed by Pastor John K. Wibley, Assembly of God, Wautoma, Wis.)

GIRL'S FOOT SPARED THROUGH PRAYER OF FAITH

"DADDY, WILL I LIVE? Will I ever walk again?" These terrifying screams came from the lips of our 11-year-old daughter as we rushed to where she was holding her foot which was nearly severed at the ankle joint.

She had climbed to the top of a large bull exerciser (similar to a "merry mix-up") on the playground. Sitting on one of the huge spokes to ride, she placed her feet on the next one. Then her left foot slipped off the pipe. Her bobby sock caught in the huge gears, which pulled her ankle through.

Two inches of her ankle was ground through to the ankle joint. When the screams reached our ears and we rushed to her, we immediately prayed the precious blood of Jesus would avail for this, His child.

The entire church went to prayer in Nancy Jo's behalf and Christian friends all over the state prayed with us. At the hospital we were asked to sign amputation papers before they took Nancy to the operating room, for the doctors did not give us much hope that her foot would be saved. The medical staff said it was the worst accident of this type in the history of the hospital.

Our pastor and his dear wife waited with us while Nancy Jo was in surgery. After two and a half hours a nurse came out to inform us that they were pinning

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

the foot back on. She said there was a slight chance that it could be saved and they were going to take that chance.

Our pastor shouted, "Praise the Lord. That's all God needs—that one chance!"

Thank God for a pastor who stood with us in faith in our hour of trial.

For three days the doctors checked every hour, but did not touch the wound. They marveled that the circulation, temperature, and color were remaining normal.

God miraculously healed this foot, and in 16 days Nancy was released from the hospital. However, the doctors said we would have to bring her back for skin grafts as soon as the flesh filled in enough to warrant it. Nancy overheard the conversation and said, "Jesus healed my foot, and He will cover it with new skin! I know He will!"

Oh, for the faith of a little child! That is exactly what happened. The next week the wound was more than half covered, and in six weeks the entire wound was covered with new skin.

The doctors also said Nancy would have to have an operation when she became mature in order to be able to walk normally, but after 16 months she walks only with a slight limp. We are trusting God for her complete healing. Truly our God is great and greatly to be praised.—Merle Wampler, Galloway, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. T. Dick, Trinity Assembly of God, 1112 Demorest Road, Columbus, Ohio)

READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21-28

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

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).



DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Good Results from Good News Crusade

PETALING JAYA, Malaysia—Missionary-Evangelist Wesley Weekley began a Good News Crusade at Glad Tidings Chapel in this city on a Sunday morning. At that time believers went to the altar for a time of rededication.

Every night during these meetings there was a long healing line. One lady testified that God had healed her of cancer.

There were four believers who received the baptism in the Holy

Spirit, and a Lutheran missionary couple visiting the meeting came forward to receive the Pentecostal experience.

Stephen Cheah, pastor of Glad Tidings Chapel, states, "We have never witnessed a revival such as this. Many believers were touched by the power of God, some were reclaimed and refilled and others were made to acknowledge the reality of Christ. God has done a wonderful work among His people."

Captured Communists Help Build Church

TOMPASO BARU, Indonesia—Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the local officials at Tompaso Baru send six excommunist prisoners to help build the new Assemblies of God church in the city, reports Missionary Harry Leid. The only cost to the church is to feed the men at noon.

The church at Tompaso Baru was given 25 sacks of cement for its building, and all the rest of the materials and labor are supplied locally. It is one of four churches presently under construction in the Minahasa area of Indonesia.

Missionary Leid says that some Indonesian ministers now have to pastor two churches at the same time due to the shortage of workers and the rapid increase in the number of churches.

16 Churches Opened

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—Missionary Sterling Stewart reports the following statistics for the Assemblies of God in El Salvador: 16 new church buildings constructed last year; 16 new churches opened through student effort; 39 new workers dedicated to the ministry during a recent conference; 485 students enrolled in the day school in San Salvador; 12 daily radio programs sponsored by Assemblies of God churches.

Prayer Requested

BERLIN, Germany—Evangelist Al Reid writes from Berlin that his present tour of foreign Good News Crusades will take him from Germany to Rome and Athens, then on to Ceylon and Korea. He will minister in Ceylon for about three months at the request of the Foreign Missions Department. Prayer is requested for the success of these meetings.



Elder and Mrs. Chou on their golden wedding anniversary.

Married 50 Years

TAIPEI, Taiwan—Elder and Mrs. Chou of the Taipei City Center Assembly of God celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on February 8.

A special service was held in the Center in their honor. Chou Chun led the song service, and Alice F. Stewart, missionary to Taiwan, prayed. Matthew Lee, pastor of the Center, then asked Elder and Mrs. Chou to give their testimonies.

At the close, everyone was invited to stay for refreshments provided by the happy couple.

Two Five-Minute Broadcasts Daily

PANAMA CITY, R.P.—The new Assemblies of God work in Panama has begun with the inauguration of two daily radio broadcasts, according to Missionary David Godwin. The five-minute programs are broadcast on a local commercial station at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.—prime radio time for the area.

The Godwins arrived in Panama in February, and will later be joined by the Paul Palsers who are presently studying Spanish in San Jose, Costa Rica.

BIENNIAL RETREAT HELD

GUATEMALA—Thirty-nine missionaries and their children came from seven different republics of Central America to attend a retreat.

Special guests from the U.S. were J. Philip Hogan, Foreign Missions Executive Director; Mrs. J. Philip Hogan; Melvin L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America and the West Indies; Loren Triplett, editor of *Editorial Vida*; and Mrs. Loren Triplett.

SUICIDE Attempt Fails

JOHN FRANKLIN, missionary to Guatemala, tells this strange story of a national's conversion:

Manuel had gone to the bottom of a deep ravine to take his own life. He pressed the revolver to his temple.

At the age of 22 he had lost all desire for living. A book which he had read said, "If you are disillusioned, and life has no more meaning, you should commit suicide." He had started drinking at 14, and now he saw himself a hopeless alcoholic, helplessly bound in the chains of sinful habits.

But when he pressed the trigger, the bullet didn't fire.

He pressed it again; and as he did so, the gun automatically placed another bullet into the chamber. But it didn't fire. This happened six times. He reloaded the gun with the same ammunition,

aimed at a mark on a nearby tree, and pressed the trigger. It fired, and the bullet hit the mark.

Tremblingly he listened as a voice spoke to him: "Oh, empty man. Oh, foolish man. Get out of there; that is not your place."

Manuel then remembered what someone had said—that a man who accepts the gospel is a changed person. It was Friday of Holy Week. Manuel went to the Assemblies of God mission, and gave his heart to the Lord.

Though persecuted by his family, the young man stayed true to his newfound faith.

Some months later when he was praying, Manuel saw a vision of Jesus with a book in His hand. In the vision the book was offered to Manuel and the words came to him, "Take; go in My name and be not afraid."



Manuel Rivera after conversion.

Manuel worked as a lay preacher for nine years and is now in Bible school for further training.

Revival Spreading in Eastern Europe

BUDAPEST, Hungary—"I have a great joy because God has saved thousands of souls here who are now following the full gospel." So runs a letter addressed to Charles Greenaway, field secretary for Europe, Southern Asia, and the Middle East.

The writer, a Pentecostal preacher for more than 40 years, goes on to say: "I live in Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, and

am in Hungary for a few weeks to meet the Pentecostal workers and visit a few churches of the Assemblies of God. In my country (Rumania) the Lord has saved more than 10,000 souls, and more than 1,000 of them have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. There are more than 100 churches. God be praised for His work in this world."

Pray for Eastern Europe.

National Meeting Held in Egypt



Brothers Zimmerman and Hogan (center) pray for newly ordained ministers.

CAIRO, EGYPT—In a recent meeting of the Assemblies of God in Egypt, reports revealed that there had been progress in many areas. New churches and parsonages had been built; 345 believers had been baptized in water; and several thousand pounds had been raised for the work by Egyptian believers.

At a special service, four men received their ordination to the ministry.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the USA; J. Philip Hogan, Foreign Missions executive director; and C. E. Butterfield, president emeritus of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Washington, attended this council meeting in Egypt.

Jewish Convert Understands Message in Tongues

IRAN—At a recent prayer meeting here a young lady spoke in other tongues and interpreted the message into her native language. Shortly thereafter her father began to sing in the Spirit in another language. At the close of the service a young Jewish convert informed Missionary Mark Bliss

that the one had been speaking in Yiddish and the other singing in Hebrew! He had understood them both.

The Assemblies of God Bible school, evangelistic center, and Bible correspondence program face a crisis in Iran: they must move to a different location. Prayer is requested for acquisition of a new downtown property.

158 Converts Baptized

SAO PAULO, Brazil—A total of 158 converts was baptized at a New Year's Eve watchnight service in Sao Paulo. It was estimated that over 2,000 people were in attendance.

The converts, dressed in white robes, stood on the first balcony, as they waited their turn to enter the baptismal tank. It took nearly two hours for two ministers to baptize the 91 ladies and 67 men.

Won Through a Tract

DAKAR, Senegal—A Muslim Marabout (Priest) entered the yard of an Assemblies of God church in Tambacounda. When he saw Pierre Bies, the pastor, he said, "You're the man I've been looking for! Explain this paper to me please!"

Clutching a well-worn tract in Arabic, he continued, "About two months ago some young men came to my village near here. They gave us these papers about Christ. Now, I want to follow this word! I have read this to my wives, to my children and to my disciples. We must know more about it!"

This Marabout accepted Christ as his Saviour, and now brings his three wives and his children to church.

The tract the priest held had been provided by Light-for-the-Lost, a literature program sponsored by the Men's Fellowship.

Missionary News Notes

Missionaries returning to the United States for furlough are: the Virgil Smiths (Brazil), the Paul Coopers (Ecuador), the Joseph Judahs (Liberia), the Harold Kohls (Philippines), and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kenney (Philippines).



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Piraino

The Orla Boyers (Brazil) are returning to the States for retirement and will live at Bethany Retirement Home in Florida. The Paul Goodwins (Jamaica) have transferred to the ministerial list, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Woods (Marshall Islands) have transferred to the inactive list.

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Piraino (Italy), the Carl Hollemans (South India), and the Paul Pipkins who have transferred from Taiwan to the Philippines.

The Lawrence Olsons are back in Brazil, and the P. Henry Halls (Peru) are going to Ecuador for evangelistic work.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holleman



Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry Hall



Paul Pipkin family



Lawrence Olson family

Conference Well Attended

HAITI—Fred Cottriel of Lancaster, California, was guest speaker for the seventh annual conference of the Assemblies of God of Haiti.

Morning and afternoon sessions were directed to inform and help nationals in their local ministries. Brother Cottriel preached each night, and many made a new dedication to the Lord.

The Haitian pastors and delegates arrived from all parts of the country. They came in brightly painted buses which were loaded down with chickens, pigs, and produce of all kinds. There was a great deal of back-slapping and laughter as they greeted one another.

The Haiti Assemblies of God now has 20 churches, a Bible school, and a bookstore.

10 New Churches in 1967

SANTA ROSA DE COPAN, Honduras—Missionary Benjamin LaFon, superintendent of the Assemblies of God work in Honduras, reports that their goal for 1967 is to start 10 new churches.

In 1966 seven new churches were organized and several new outstations were opened.

Ramiro Alvarez, a national pastor, was responsible for beginning two of the new works. Trained workers from his church are overseeing the fine group of Christians in these two towns.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

BUNKER HILL, ILL.—God is blessing First Assembly here. The Sunday school has been running about 110 for several months.

Recently He poured out His Spirit during special services with Evangelists Ren and Grace Marr of Fredericktown, Mo. Some were saved, and nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Also several young people were called into God's service.

First Assembly recently purchased its first parsonage. The church building itself was also redecorated with beautiful fruitwood furniture. Central air-conditioning and a lighted parking lot are planned for the future.

—Alfred Allen, pastor
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KANSAS CITY, MO.—"A little bit of heaven on earth" is the way Bethel Tabernacle here describes the altar services during a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Daniel Womack of Springfield, Mo.

Two were saved, five reclaimed, 18 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 12 refilled with the Spirit. Several testified to definite healings in their bodies. Attendance was consistently above average.

—Robert A. Sites, pastor
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OSCEOLA, MO.—More than 200 first-time visitors attended services at the Assembly of God to hear Evangelist Cecil Welch of Licking, Mo.

God moved each night with a number of people being saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Eight persons were baptized in water the final day of the meetings.

—Malvin Holden, pastor
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MORGANTOWN, IND.—The Sunday school increased to 50 during a two-week meeting at Glad Tidings Tabernacle here. Sam Pawlak of Michigan City, Ind., was the evangelist.

Visitors from several denominational churches in the area attended. Three people were saved during the meeting and two the Sunday before it began.

The revival fire still glows.

—James R. Dills, pastor
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HARRISON, ARK.—Several were saved during meetings at First Assembly here with Evangelist and Mrs. C. C. Crace. Good crowds attended, and the church was blessed.

—Donald Walker, pastor
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HUGOTON, KANS.—The Assembly of God here recently completed three weeks of meetings with Evangelist Lulu Mae Ware.

Twenty-two came forward for salvation, and 12 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several testified of healing.

—J. Arden Bell, pastor

PELHAM, GA.—God moved in miraculous ways during services at First Assembly here with Evangelist Nettie Parham.

Fifteen people were saved, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The following Sunday five joined the church.

—Derrell Miles, pastor
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HAMMOND, LA.—The Assembly of God here was blessed and revived by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie Eldridge. Six were saved, and five believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The meeting had a tremendous spiritual effect upon the young people.

—D. B. Alexis, pastor
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ROCKAWAY, N. J.—First Assembly here is continuing to enjoy the presence of God in its services after special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John Hamercheck. Attendance is increasing, and a spirit of revival prevails.

—L. L. Storms, pastor
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PATERSON, N. J.—A number of people were saved and healed at Bethany Church here recently during special services with Evangelist Ernie Eskelin.

Sunday school attendance reached 464 on the last day of what many called "the best meeting in years."

—Lloyd Christiansen, pastor



Cyril McLellan speaking at a choir clinic at Central Assembly in Wichita, Kans.

WICHITA, KANS.—Cyril McLellan, director of the *Revival-time Choir*, conducted a choir clinic and spoke at the annual choir banquet at Central Assembly here recently.

The first session on Thursday night dealt with "Things Every Choir Member Should Know," taught by William Lichty, minister of music at Central.

Brother McLellan taught the Friday night session, "What to Sing and How to Sing It." He dealt with numerous choral techniques, such as intonation, tone quality, interpretation, breathing, and diction. On Sunday morning he directed the church choir in a number which was rehearsed during the clinic.

M. M. Brewer Jr., is pastor of Central Assembly.

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BRIGHTON, TENN.—Simington Assembly here has just concluded special services with Evangelist George Hutchison of Tullahoma, Tenn.

Seventeen knelt at the altar for salvation or rededication, five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled.

Several remarkable healings were experienced during the revival.

—E. T. Echols, pastor
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ALEXANDRIA, W. VA.—A special youth revival at First Assembly here reached many adults, as well as young people. Attendance was good. A number were saved, and some were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Don and Sharon Parker were

A/G MINISTERS VISIT "USS HANCOCK"—More than 70 Assemblies of God ministers and their wives from the Greater San Francisco Bay area recently visited the attack aircraft carrier "USS Hancock." The all-day visit, which took place two days prior to the "Hancock's" departure for overseas combat duty, included a tour of the ship, observation of combat loading operations, briefings by the commanding officer and department heads, and lunch. Guests also attended a workshop conducted by Lt. Cmdr. David W. Plank, one of 31 Assemblies of God chaplains now on active duty.



the evangelists. The Parkers also conducted morning prayer meetings for those who were seeking a deeper experience in God.

—O. L. Harrup Sr., pastor

SHELBYVILLE, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Ruth Reece.

Nine persons were saved, and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were several outstanding healings, including one woman healed of a serious heart condition.

—S. A. Adams, pastor

WEST MONROE, LA.—People for whom friends at Luna Assembly had been praying for several months accepted the Lord as their Saviour during a recent meeting here with Evangelist Mildred Shelley of Columbus, Ga.

Others were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Outstanding healings took place. Legs were restored to normal length by the power of God.

The entire church was greatly blessed and edified.

—Leonard Sapp, pastor

PAYETTE, IDAHO—Two weeks of meetings with Bill and Naomi Hayes of Kilgore, Tex., brought real blessing to the Assembly of God here.

Three were saved, one reclaimed, two baptized in the Holy Spirit, and nine refilled with the Spirit. Attendance was good.

The young people really sought God and continue to do so.

—A. E. Rainwater, pastor



IOWA CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

DES MOINES, IOWA—Central Assembly here recently dedicated its new building to the Lord. Stanton E. Johnson, superintendent of the Iowa District, was the dedicatory speaker.

The 40- by 70-foot building has a full basement. Seating 200 people, the sanctuary has blue-green carpeting and padded natural oak pews. The pulpit and communion table are also of matching oak.

The church's deaf group meets in the Silent Chapel. This basement chapel is furnished with red carpeting, a red velvet drape across the front, and red padded pews seating 40. Miss Clearencene Gullett is minister to the deaf.

Other facilities include Sunday school rooms, a nursery, pastor's study, and fellowship hall.

One of the official board members was the contractor and builder. Men of the congregation did much of the construction.

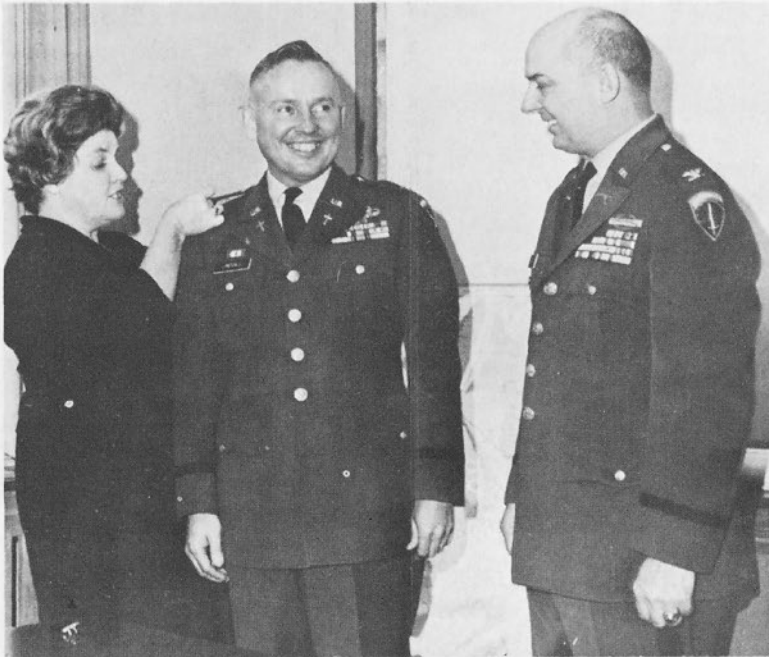
The building and property are valued at \$60,000, but actual indebtedness is only slightly over \$25,000.

The D. Glenn Brewers have pastored Central Assembly since October 1963.



The new Central Assembly in Des Moines seats 200. Pastor and Mrs. D. Glenn Brewer in inset.

CHAPLAIN LINDVALL PROMOTED TO COLONEL



BAD KREUZNACH, GERMANY—Mrs. John A. Lindvall pins the eagles of a full colonel on her husband, John A. Lindvall, first Assemblies of God chaplain to attain that rank. Col. James C. Bagley, right, commanding officer of the Rhineland District of West Germany, presided at the brief ceremony recently.

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SONORA, CALIF.—During a recent meeting at the Assembly of God here, Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward (center) visited radio station KVML where "Revivaltime" is broadcast weekly. Brother Ward is seen talking with Ralph Bowen, owner-manager of the station (right), and Pastor Don Throne (standing). The Bowen family purchased KVML seven years ago and made it a strong witness for Christ in Tuolumne County. The many local calls to the station indicate "Revivaltime's" listening audience is constantly increasing.

PLANT CITY, FLA.—Nineteen persons were saved and several testified to being healed during revival meetings at First Assembly here. "Little Joe" Peterson of York, Pa., was the evangelist.

Radio Station WPLA carried a live interview with Brother Peterson and the pastor, giving the services excellent publicity.

—R. L. Beavers, pastor
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JERSEY SHORE, PA.—The Assembly of God here is thankful for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during meetings with Evangelist George Butrin of Berwick, Pa.

Twenty-five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, others were gloriously refilled, and 25 came forward to be saved or reclaimed. In addition, five persons accepted Christ as Saviour when the pastor and evangelist visited in their homes.

Since the meeting, others have been saved and filled with the Spirit. Attendance is increasing.

—Jack Provvard, pastor

TAMPA, FLA.—Ten were saved and Glad Tidings Assembly here received a spiritual uplift during a recent meeting with Evangelist "Little Joe" Peterson of York, Pa.

Nightly people testified of definite healings in their bodies.

—P. D. Creel, pastor
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LAKE WALES, FLA.—Special meetings at First Assembly here with Evangelist Freddy Clark resulted in 15 being saved and 10 receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Several outstanding miracles of healing were witnessed. Six persons troubled by deafness, three by blindness, and several bound by the tobacco habit were delivered by the power of God.

The Sunday school had its highest attendance in four years.

—Shelby Lanier, pastor
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Lighthouse Assembly here was blessed of God during recent services with Evangelist Hazel Burns.

Fifteen people were saved, three reclaimed, nine baptized in the Holy Spirit, and seven refilled with the Spirit.

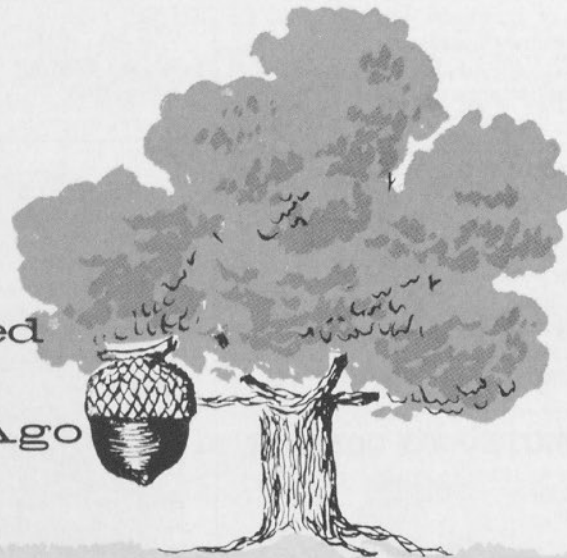
—D. D. Bobbitt, pastor
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DOYLINE, LA.—The congregation of Point Chapel Assembly here was stirred and blessed of the Lord recently.

Darrell and Carolyn Pilcher of Monroe, La., were the evangelists for the services in which two people were saved. Attendance was good.

—Lee G. Nunley, pastor

A Tribute to the Men Who Planted the Acorn-Seed Some 50 Years Ago



THE mighty oak-tree movement of the Assemblies of God did not come in a package with easy-to-scatter instructions; it was not a quick-sprouting, overnight vine guaranteed to grow fast and be short-lived. It came into being with firm planting, careful tending, and patient years of care when there was almost nothing to encourage those whose faith in its future ministry led them to dedicate life and energy to its cause.

Today it is mature and its branches reach out in every direction—to every creature everywhere—with the message of eternal life. We who live within it know nothing of the days when it was too young to provide even for those who tended it. We must now guard against permitting those who were closest to its heart from being forgotten outside its shelter.

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PASTOR HONORED ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY

MESQUITE, TEX.—Pastor and Mrs. Hulon Hood was honored recently for 20 years of service at First Assembly here.

Participating in the morning anniversary service were Mayor George Boyce and School Principal T. H. McDonald. The mayor proclaimed February 26 "Hulon Hood Day."

The Sunday school record of 367 was broken with 397 in attendance. Over 425 were present for the morning service.

The Hoods came to Mesquite in 1947 and lived in the back of the frame church building. Three years ago they moved into a new home.

In 1950-51 the church was remodeled, and in 1957 a new auditorium was built. By 1961 the members began an educational unit.

Present Sunday school enrollment is 413 with an average attendance of 288. First Assembly currently sponsors a weekly radio program on KSKY.

GRADUATION DATES ANNOUNCED FOR ASSEMBLIES COLLEGES

Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.—baccalaureate, May 26, 8 p.m.; commencement, May 27, 2:30 p.m.

Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.—baccalaureate, May 24, 7 p.m.; commencement, May 25, 7 p.m.

Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.—baccalaureate, May 24, 8:30 a.m.; commencement, May 25, 10 a.m.

North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn.—baccalaureate, May 21, 3 p.m.; commencement, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.—baccalaureate, May 29, 8 p.m.; commencement, May 30, 2:30 p.m.

Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash.

—baccalaureate, June 3, 7:30 p.m.; commencement, June 4, 3 p.m.

South-Eastern Bible College Lakeland, Fla.—baccalaureate, May 25, 7:30 p.m.; commencement, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

Southern California College, Costa Mesa, Calif.—baccalaureate, May 27, 10:45 a.m.; commencement, May 27, 3 p.m.

Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex.—baccalaureate, May 24, 7:30 p.m.; commencement, May 25, 10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF EDUCATIONAL UNIT—May 21, at Del Aire Assembly, Hawthorne, Calif. Speakers: L. E. Halvorson, district superintendent; William H. Robertson, district secretary-treasurer; and T. C. Cunningham, assistant district superintendent.—by Donald E. Bibler, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

RUTH BECKMAN MILLSAPS, 65, of Bristol, Va., was taken to be with the Lord in an automobile accident March 13, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1928, Sister Millsaps was a member of the Tennessee District. She co-pastored with her husband, W. T. Millsaps, in St. Paul, Bristol, and Raven, Va., and in Bristol, Kingsport, and Johnson City, Tenn. Brother Millsaps attended the first General Council meeting in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1914 and was the first superintendent of the Kansas District. Sister Millsaps is survived by her husband, eight children, and 13 grandchildren.

LOUIS DRAPER, 64, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., went to be with the Lord March 13, 1967. Ordained in 1926, Brother Draper was a minister in the Southern Missouri District. He served the Lord as an evangelist. He is survived by one brother and five sisters.

ALBERT J. RUEDGER, 63, of Napa, Calif., went to be with Jesus March 4, 1967. A graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute in 1929, Brother Ruedger was an ordained minister in the Northern California-Nevada District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in California, Washington, and Oregon. He is survived by his wife Evelyn.

DAISY K. ROBINSON, 87, passed away on April 16, 1967. An ordained minister of the Assemblies of God since 1925, Sister Robinson was an evangelist who ministered as an unofficial chaplain in Missouri state prisons for many years. At these prisons and in city and county jails in Springfield, Mo., she won hundreds of prisoners to Christ, both men and women, and after they were saved she patiently nurtured them in the way of the Lord. A number of former inmates who were converted and established in the Christian faith through her ministry are now preaching the gospel.

"Mother Robinson," as she was known by the prison population, was the wife of Charles E. Robinson, associate editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, who died in 1954. This dedicated woman, "a succorer of many," is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Silas Francis of Wheaton, Ill., and two grandchildren.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	First	May 16-28	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	T. C. Harty Jr.
Ariz.	Coolidge	First	May 23-June 4	Bobby & Sharon Jones	George W. Dickerson
Ark.	Hot Springs	Jones Mill	May 21-June 2	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Genoal Wright
	Rector	First	May 23-June 4	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	J. T. Gates
	Truman	First	May 21-June 4	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	C. Don Dorsey
Calif.	Armona	First	May 24-June 4	Corbett C. Crace	B. F. Hickman
	Castro Valley	*Calvary	May 28-June 2	Charles Senechal	Jack W. Wien
	Patterson	*A/G	May 21-26	Charles Senechal	Merel Thornton
	San Jose	Templo La Hermosa	May 22-28	Thomas Hernandez	Jose Ibarra
Colo.	Hotchkiss	A/G	May 28-June 9	Clif & Betty York	Robert T. Stone
Ga.	Atlanta	Bethel Temple	May 24-June 4	Keetah Jones	Grover Langston
	Riverdale	*A/G	May 22-28	Carl E. Gammel	Wilburn Fisher
Ill.	Alton	Milton	May 23-28	Marion & Mrs. Beach	David McGarvey
	S. Roxana	A/G	May 24-28	Doyle G. Jones	C. M. Twente
Ind.	Indianapolis	Lighthouse Tab.	May 23-28	Sunshine Pty.-Bruce Thum	William Totman
Kans.	Kansas City	Glad Tidings	May 24—	W. E. (Gene) Thompson	Burl Rogers
Ky.	Cynthiana	A/G	May 23-June 4	J. E. Friend	E. L. Tedeschi
La.	Houma	First	May 24—	Melvin McKnight	Jerry Fugatt
Mich.	Belleville	A/G	May 24-June 4	John & Faith Stallings	Sanford E. Cook
	Flint	Bethel	May 22-28	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Forrest Anderson
Minn.	Hutchinson	**A/G	May 14-28	Victor Etienne	R. S. Crouse
Mo.	Kansas City	First	May 23-28	Wallace S. Bragg	R. A. McClure
	Kansas City	Sheffield	May 25—	Eddie Wilson	John W. Thompson
	Valley Park	First	May 23-28	Glenna Byard	John Eller
	Warrenton	A/G	May 24-28	Bob McCutchen	Richard Thompson
N. J.	Atco	A/G	May 23-June 4	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Fred Markant Jr.
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	Westside	May 22-June 4	Dale & Jean Gentry	J. W. Newton
Ohio	Euclid	Calvary	May 23-June 4	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Richard L. Barth
	Hamilton	Holy Temple	May 24-June 4	The Singing Lunsfords	Vernon Wright
	Sidney	Bethel Mission	May 28-June 4	Wayne & Mrs. Marshall	Charles C. Schie
	Springfield	First	May 23-28	John Higginbotham	Arthur H. Parsons
	Willowick	Royalview	May 23-June 4	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Chester Cover
Okla.	Fairland	First	May 24-June 4	B. P. Carroll	James E. Black
	Oklahoma City	Mustang	May 23-June 4	Leonard Negrin	Fay French
Oreg.	Estacada	A/G	May 16-28	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Robert Rose
	Garibaldi	A/G	May 23-June 4	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Don R. Jacobson
	Portland	Evangel Temple	May 24-June 4	Don & Dixie Cox	Joseph Dunets
	Springfield	*First	May 21-26	Christian Hild	Bert Allbritton
Pa.	Brave	A/G	May 23-June 4	Stan & Marilyn Morris	D. M. Glunt
S. Dak.	Bruce	Gospel Tab.	May 28-June 11	D. L. Nultemeier	R. K. Beachem
Tex.	Conroe	First	May 17-28	Fisher-Cheek Team	Charles D. Johnson
	El Paso	First	May 24—	Marvin Schmidt	William F. Hageman
	Ft. Worth	Bethel Temple	May 28—	Marvin Schmidt	Charles R. Jones
	Rockdale	First	May 21—	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	R. H. Zercher
Va.	Norfolk	Calvary	May 24-June 4	Don & Sharon Parker	Nelson Brenner
Wash.	Chinook	Glad Tidings	May 14—	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Wesley Hobkirk

*Children's Revival

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BEDOUINS ARE CONTENT to dwell in tents; they actually prefer their collapsible shelters to permanent housing; but most of us find tent life a bit distasteful. We may be willing to "rough it" for a camping trip but we are always glad to get back to the comforts of home.

Life is like that. It's a "camping trip" of limited duration. It's a transitory experience, as Paul pointed out in his letter to the Corinthians:

"The visible things are transitory; it is the invisible things that are really permanent. We know, for instance, that if our earthly dwelling were taken down, like a tent, we have a permanent house in heaven, made, not by man, but by God" (2 Corinthians 4:18 to 5:1, Phillips).

Paul knew about tents, for he had made them. He knew the feel of the fabric in his hands and knew the best of it would get frayed and worn out in time. So it was natural for him to compare our earthly human bodies to tents.

The fabric of "our earthly dwelling" does wear out. It cannot withstand the ravages of time forever. The

day will come when our "tent" will be folded and laid away. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

And tents are so uncomfortable—hot in summer and cold in winter, unstable in the wind and unpleasant in the rain. So disease, pain, sorrow, burdens, and various circumstances of life beat upon these bodies which house our souls. We pamper them with vitamins and lotions; we resort to diets and a thousand other things to extend their usefulness, for we know there will not be any new tent for us here on earth. We must make the present one last a lifetime.

But eventually the tent must come down. Moving day must come when the soul changes its place of residence for eternity.


If we have trusted in Christ here, we may look forward to a "permanent house in heaven, made, not by man, but by God." There's something better than a tent at the end of the road.

Is there a traveler anywhere on the road of life, footsore and weary, cramped in a fraying tent, who is not refreshed and encouraged by the thought that home awaits at the end of the journey?

The Prince of Life who pitched His tent among men for a little while in order that He might redeem us from sin, and who extended to us the invitation, "Come, travel with me," has also given this wonderful promise: "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Our new home will be in an immaculate city where there will be none of the inconveniences of "camp life." There will be no more curse, no more decay, no more death. Our Lord Jesus Christ will be there, and we shall see His face.

"See! The home of God is with men, and he will live among them. They shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death shall be no more, and never again shall there be sorrow or crying or pain. For all those former things are past and gone" (Revelation 21:4, Phillips).

This marvelous Saviour is saying to you, "Come, travel with me." He offers you His companionship while camping on earth, and His companionship in heaven when your tent is folded and put away. What thinking person would refuse such an invitation as this? 

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