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THREE GREAT EVENTS in the program of God are in focus in John 20:19-21—the Cross, the Resurrection, and commissioning of the disciples. By asking ourselves a question or two, we discover the vital relationship between these three events.

When Christ died and rose again, did He provide an adequate redemption for all men? The Bible says, “Yes.” All that a person needs for his salvation was purchased by the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and guaranteed by His resurrection.

This being so, will every person on earth go to heaven as a result? The Bible, just as clearly, says, “No.” Those who do not believe on Jesus Christ remain under God’s wrath. Now, if the death and resurrection of Christ do not automatically save all mankind, and if a person must believe from the heart to be saved, what is needed to enable him to believe? Paul gives us the answer in Romans 10: “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then, shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

The whole redemptive purpose of God depends upon the fulfillment of these three events: Christ must die; He must rise; and all must hear. What a staggering thought! For a man to be saved it is as necessary for him to hear the gospel as it was for Jesus to die and rise again. Now we can begin to see the tremendous implications in this thought of being God’s “sent ones.”

Jesus said, “As the Father hath sent me, so send I you.” As Christians, we have the same relationship to the risen Christ that He, as a man, had to His Father. The desire of God is fulfilled in us when we allow ourselves to be sent of Jesus Christ in the same way He was sent of God.

1. JESUS WAS SENT TO SPEAK GOD’S WORDS

In John 12:49, 50 Jesus said, “For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting. Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”

Of the ancient Athenians it was said that they spent all their time in hearing or telling about new things. As Phillips translates it, “They had an obsession for any novelty and would spend their whole time talking about or listening to anything new.” Today a growing group of theologians, seminarians and churchmen are infected by this passion for novelty. They have devised a new theology, a new morality, a new evangelism, a new mission. Many of them have become so addicted to these new ideas they are no longer authentic representatives of the Christian faith.

The new orthodoxy of our day says that the Bible is not the Word of God; it only witnesses to the Word, which is Christ. It says that the Bible is a human book, full of errors. It says that some parts of it are more inspired than others. As full-gospel people we believe the divine revelation is in the historical Christ *and* the words of the Bible. In 1 Corinthians 2:13 we read, “Which

things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” Paul is saying that God has revealed Himself, His truth, His plan of salvation in words—specifically the words of the Bible. These are the words I am to live by; these are the words I am to proclaim.

These are days in which many prestigious religious leaders are saying strange things about evangelism, personal salvation, and the mission of the Church. The secretary of evangelism of the American Baptist Convention has recently said, “God has already won a mighty redemption for the entire world; therefore the task of the church is to tell all men that they already belong to Christ and that men are no longer lost.” This clearly is contrary to the Scriptures.

He went on to say, “The redemption of the world is not dependent upon the souls we win for Jesus Christ. There cannot be individual salvation—salvation has more

We Are God’s ‘SENT ONES’

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to do with the whole society than with the individual soul. We must not be satisfied to win the people one by one. Contemporary evangelism is moving away from winning souls one by one, to the evangelization of the structures of society.” We must recognize that these are the words of a man, not the teaching of God’s Word.

One Christian editor has stated the trend of our times very clearly in this paragraph: “There was a time earlier in the Christian era when the evangelist’s best ally was the theologian, whose forceful statements of the Christian revelation served to clarify the urgency of the task. Great theologian-evangelists like Jonathan Edwards in America or James Denny in Great Britain, and leading evangelist-theologians like Charles G. Finney, helped to shape the spiritual sensitivities of people. Today, many theologians themselves need to be evangelized. They are prime examples of religious confusion, zestfully contradicting each other in the name of theological progress.”

In these closing days of this dispensation when the religious world is on a toboggan slide of apostasy from the truth, let us remember that as Jesus was sent into the world to speak not His own words, but the words of God so He sends us into the world to speak not our own words, but the words of God. He doesn’t send us into the world to entertain it, to philosophize, to teach a better system of ethics. He sends us to declare that

the trouble with this world is sin, and that Jesus came to deliver us from sin.

2. JESUS WAS SENT TO DO GOD'S WORK

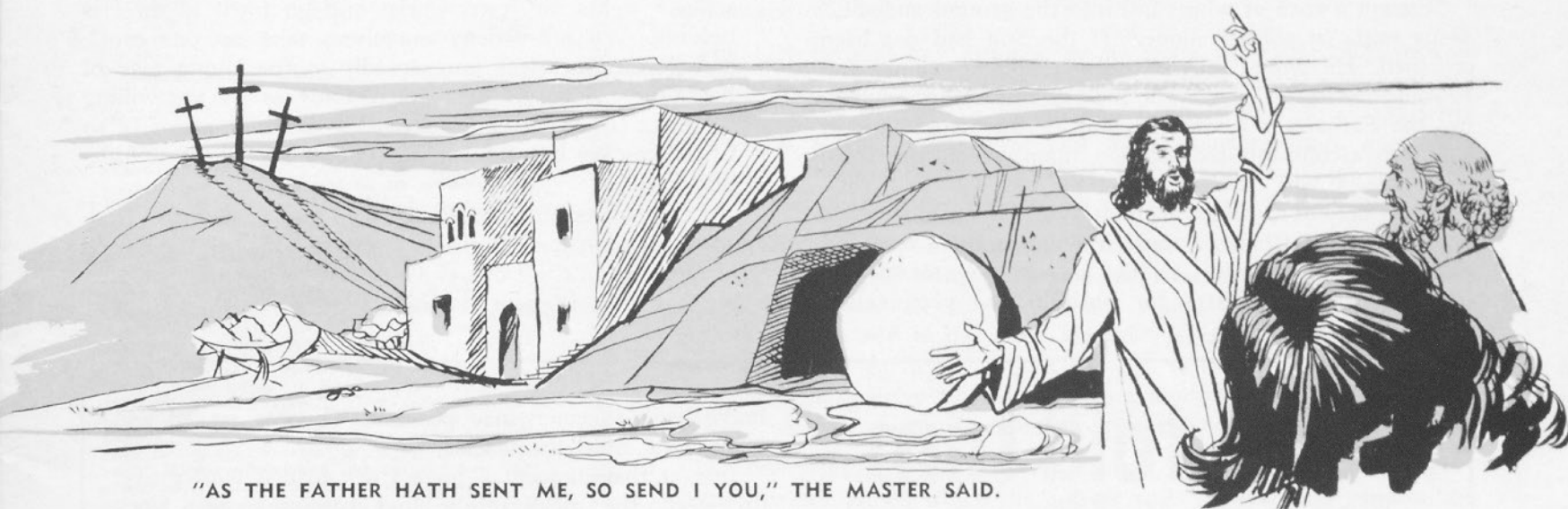
In John 9:4 Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

What was the nature and character of those works? In Luke 4:18 Jesus read from the prophetic scriptures concerning Himself, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." So the work God sent His Son to do was to bring spiritual truth, deliverance, life, light, liberty to those in the error and bondage and blindness and death of sin.

John said that the miracles and signs and wonders

Personally, I think things are going to get worse in this regard. If Jesus tarries, I believe the pressures on evangelical Christians and churches will be terrific. The subtle, suave, satanic brainwashing from the world of Antichrist will beset them day and night. They will be ostracized, criticized, called unchristian, unloving, unconcerned because they do not go along with the pronouncements and programs of the religious establishment. It's time God's people should know where they stand, what they believe, and what work God has called them to do.

In this matter of the work God has given us to do, I take my stand with the pastor of one of America's great churches who said sometime ago, "What is the primary responsibility of the church? To preach the gospel of God's redemption and the renewal of the individual through Jesus Christ, or to reform society? According to the Bible, the church is basically and inescapably committed to the proclamation of the gospel. Along with its proclamation of the gospel, the church is, through its



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that Jesus performed were to the end that men might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, they might have life through Him. Jesus says to us, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."

The great institutional church of our day seems to have completely forgotten the Lord's commission. In the *Times* of London, a correspondent has said, "The Christian church today has two radically different views of how to change the world. One way advocated is personal regeneration and spiritual and moral influence, represented by Billy Graham; the other, world revolution and the corporate church's engagement in political affairs, represented by Martin Luther King."

Huge church bodies of our time are fast developing as critics of social conditions and governmental programs. In many instances the church, without notable competence in either statecraft or economics, is leaping headlong into such fundamental secular concerns as federal aid to education, civil rights, urban renewal, and the nation's foreign policy, and plugging for such controversial issues as the admission of Red China to the United Nations, disarmament, higher minimum wages, and compulsory union membership. Church leaders in many denominations are expending vast amounts of time and energy to push the church into fields far outside its God-ordained jurisdiction and commission.

redeemed members, obligated to be the salt of the earth. Let the church be what God has called it to be—a worshipping community of believers, proclaiming the gospel of redemption and reconciliation to God, seeking to observe all things its Lord has commanded it. This and nothing less is what the church of Jesus Christ is for."

A dramatic moment in the World Conference on Evangelism in Berlin a few months ago demonstrated the work God is doing in the world today. Two Auca Indians from the jungles of Eastern Ecuador, where five missionaries were martyred about 11 years ago, told how they had lived like animals before their conversion, and how God through His saving grace had transformed their lives, and then, in turn, their village.

No sooner had these Indians finished giving their witness for Christ than a black-skinned Assemblies of God delegate from Africa ran down the aisle, leaped up on the platform, and threw his arms around one of the Auca Indians in a warm Christian embrace.

The great throng was electrified as they saw this demonstration of the power of God to save and to make men new creations in Christ Jesus. The gospel reached the interior of Africa only a century or so ago, and the jungles of Ecuador just 11 years ago, and now Auca and African could rejoice together as brothers in Jesus Christ.

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This is the work Jesus has sent us to do—to bring life, light, liberty, eternal joy, and blessing through Jesus Christ to those outside of Christ. Ours must be the *deepest* social concern—the concern for men’s redemption. Others will labor at the secular level, but none except those who are saved will seek to save the lost.

3. JESUS WAS SENT TO REDEEM GOD’S WORLD

In Hebrews 10:5 we read, “Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.”

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to do the Father’s will. It was the Father’s will that a lost world be redeemed. This could only be accomplished by the Cross. Jesus had to give His life a ransom for many. He had to become our Sin-Bearer, our Substitute through offering Himself on Calvary’s tree. Now Jesus says to us, “As the Father hath sent me, so send I you.”


“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die,” Jesus said, “it abideth alone.” If the Son had not been crucified, He would still have been abiding alone, and I would be lost. The way of the Saviour in accomplishing the Father’s will was the way of the Cross; and if I am to accomplish the mission upon which the Lord sends me, I will have to travel the way of the Cross. I cannot detour. I cannot argue it away. If I want to win others to Jesus Christ, I must first go to the Cross and die to self-will, to pride, to love of ease, love of money, to the spirit that grasps for position and prominence,

to the spirit that says I will run my own life the way I please.

An editorial in *Christianity Today* entitled, “A Surging Wave of the Future,” contained these pertinent words:

“Today, Christians are being bombarded by appeals to live in conformity with the goals that dominate the lives of unregenerate men. The lures of creature comforts and undisciplined sexual activity are continually thrust before us. The temptation to amass wealth, build great edifices, and possess the latest and best in apparel and appliances strongly entices us. The possibility of achieving eminent position and widespread recognition gnaws away at our proud inner beings. The spirit of our age impinges upon our thought life, urging us to doubt God’s Word, live strictly for the here and now, and forget about the consequences.

“If we as Christians are to evangelize the world, we must consciously and decisively renounce the temptation to live for these worldly goals. We must single-mindedly set our sights on Jesus Christ and go forth to do His bidding. We must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and devote ourselves unreservedly to the loving task of heralding the gospel to all men. Only as we are willing to reject the spirit of our age and live in conformity to Christ can we be useful in the church’s evangelistic mission.”

Let us determine to be such men and women for God, going forth enabled by the Holy Spirit to speak the words of God, to do the work of God, and to live the crucified life that will bring glory to God. 

God told him to push the buzzer

IT WAS THE RUSH HOUR, and the Oregon City train was running late. In the front end Motorman Earl Mettie was trying to make up time.

The heavy interurban cars of the Portland Traction Company were made for speed and could cruise easily at 55 miles an hour where the track permitted. Weighing over 34 tons empty, the large cars were designed to carry 65 people. “But I have left the Portland terminal with as many as 140 jammed in,” said Earl as he told the story.

This particular evening he had the throttle to the “brass,” wide open. The train was racing downgrade at almost a mile a minute when suddenly the buzzer rang.

Realizing that the signal had come too late for him to stop at the next station, Earl nevertheless threw the air

brake lever to emergency position. The car jerked and sparks flew from the wheels.

Just at that moment a huge truck loaded with gravel drove onto the tracks from a blind crossing about a block ahead. With brakes screeching the interurban bore down upon the lumbering vehicle as Earl frantically pulled the whistle cord and braced himself for the crash. At the last moment the truck moved off the tracks, and the heavy car slid by—with just inches to spare.

After the car ground to a halt several hundred feet past the station, the passenger who had pulled the cord apologetically explained that he had given the signal too soon. It was really the *next* station where he wanted off!

This happened in 1956. As he looks back, Earl is confident that God had something to do with the sounding of the buzzer. “Had I not thrown the train into emergency stop at that very split second,” he says, “We would have hit the truck broadside. I had no possible way of knowing he would pull out directly in front of us. If we had crashed, it would have meant my life and perhaps many others.”

Why did God do it? Earl thinks that even though he was far from being a Christian at the time, the Lord knew the day would come when he would turn.

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AS WE GO TO PRESS, battle stations are being manned throughout the earth. Bloody fighting is continuing in Vietnam; riots are raging in Hong Kong; military forces are mobilizing in the Middle East. In any one of these or other trouble spots, a new global-scale war may begin at any moment, causing unthinkable loss and suffering.

Egypt has announced it will blockade the port of Elath, in the Gulf of Aqaba, to cut off Israel's vital source of oil. Israel says this must be interpreted as an act of war. Arab forces are gathering all along Israel's border. The situation at this moment is extremely critical, and perhaps it will be worse by the time this *Evangel* reaches the readers.

The UN decided any attempt by its puny force of 3,400 men in the Gaza Strip to keep peace would be futile, in the face of the Egyptians' vow to start "a sacred march on Israel," so it has withdrawn this force. From Syria and other quarters there are angry cries for a "holy war" against Israel. Meanwhile the West nervously waits to see what course Russia will take in the delicate situation.

What can we, as Christians, do to solve some of these problems? Are our hands tied? Must we stand helplessly by and see the world plunged again into all-out war, a war which undoubtedly would be far worse than any it has ever known? It is Satan's plan to take peace from the earth. It is the Devil's work to fill men's hearts with hatred and drive them to kill one another—and to build walls between nations, shutting people off from gospel missionaries.

No, our hands are not tied. We are not helpless; there is a mighty weapon in our hands which the apostle calls "prayer and supplication in the Spirit." God wants His people to wield that weapon. He wants us to put on the armor described in Ephesians 6, to man our battle stations, and engage in a warfare of prayer against the forces of darkness that are closing in.

God reigns, with authority over every nation, and He delegates some of that authority to His faithful intercessors who are dedicated to a warfare of prayer that His good purposes shall be fulfilled in the earth. "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy," Christ said (Luke 10:19, revised). Every Blood-washed, Spirit-filled believer has a station to man in this spiritual conflict.

God can take care of the international situation. In His sight the nations are but a drop in the bucket (Isaiah 40:15). But He waits for praying people to take up their spiritual weapons and battle the enemy. Our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12). Let us fight the good fight of faith, and pray with one accord until God's Spirit is poured upon people everywhere and His will is done on earth.

May our trust be in the Lord. May we give ourselves fully to Him, so that we can say with the Psalmist, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

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By LORETTA LEBSACK
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A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY THUNDERS BY completely oblivious of onlookers. The tattered feather headband he wears and the sound effects he produces indicate he is lost in his reenactment of early American adventure.

But who is he? Today he's the neighbor's livewire son, fun-loving and noisy. Tomorrow he may be dressed in army green fighting for your freedom.

And who is this little miss coming down the walk coordinating, with effort, a doll buggy? She's wearing mother's heels because she likes the grown-up clickity-click they make and they seem to go well with the long dress and floppy hat that complete her outfit.

That's who she is today: her daddy's sweetheart, mother's helper, the Sunday school teacher's opportunity. But she'll be tomorrow's homemaker, pushing a grocery cart while juggling her own infant son.

Stand still just a moment and watch tomorrow in the making. He's swinging upside down on the porch railing today but tomorrow he'll enroll in a college preparing to be a doctor. Tomorrow is the tiny blue-eyed blond today proudly holding the dime she received from that first pulled tooth. Soon she'll be a schoolteacher, standing before a class of 30, touching them with influence for good or bad.

But how unfair to think of them only as the tomorrows of our church and community. Are they nobodys today? Of course not! They possess questioning, fertile minds. They need to be saved without delay.

Make a place in your church for these children. Struc-

HERE COMES TOMORROW



Here's how to enlist pupils for VBS. In the spring the Assembly of God in Raceland, Ky., conducted "Operation VBS." Enlisted workers took a community census and at the same time enrolled boys and girls in their coming vacation Bible school. Each home was given a copy of "The Pentecostal Evangel." This effort resulted in the largest VBS on record. Troy Boggs is pastor.



ture the program to include them. Recently I visited a church whose children lustily joined in the song service, participated in prayer, and eagerly testified. After the Word was preached, these boys and girls knelt at the altar and remained for an extended season of prayer. They seemed comfortable there, as if they belonged, as if they had been there before.

Mentally I relived a Sunday night in another church. Boys and girls sat near the back, slumped down in their seats, and engaged in muffled giggling, whispering, and note writing. Songbooks? They were for the grownups. Preaching? It wasn't for kids. When the invitation was given to come forward to pray, they moved into the aisles—and out the back door to have a hilarious game of tag on the parking lot.

It was easy to find the reason for the difference in the churches. One was including children in its ministries. Unselfish adults "moved over" to permit and accept a program geared to youth. Parents were blessed when they saw their children being blessed.

The other church declared, "They are the church of tomorrow"—and waited for tomorrow to automatically transform young lives into mature, established young adults. It just doesn't work that way. Tomorrow begins today!

The poet Tagore said, "Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man." Each child brings new opportunity for lifting the human race.

Parents, teachers, church leaders, ours is the responsibility to nurture the sensitive mechanism of the children's response and to instill in them a proper concept of God and His plan for their lives. Shouldering our responsibility with children means more than controlling them, keeping them quiet and out of the way for the sake of adult nervous systems.

A child does not enter the world with a full-grown capacity to respond to preaching. But he does begin life with an automatic outreach to have his needs met.

What are his needs? They are spiritual, social, mental, and physical.

Spiritually he needs a faith in God, an experience of salvation, Christian growth and service.


Socially he needs the feeling of security, a normal degree of affection. He needs to feel he belongs.

Mentally his activities will center in his present interest, and he needs a challenge allowing him to develop present abilities.

Physically he is usually healthy and desires independence from too much adult assistance.

He can't wait until tomorrow to have these needs met. Tomorrow he will be a fine Christian gentleman ably serving on the church board if we begin today to meet his needs and implant Christian principles in his life.

Pay attention to each little girl. Maybe she'll be the church pianist, or direct your VBS tomorrow—if you begin today to stress faithfulness and the blessing of service.

Evelyn Nawn said, "The film of childhood can never be run through for a second showing." Today they are within our reach. Tree climbers, bicycle-riders, rope-jumpers, fence-walkers, pretenders, picnic-lovers and noisemakers race toward us. *Here comes tomorrow.* May their dependence and trust never be disappointed. Let us help them while we can. 



Glad Tidings Assembly of God in San Diego, Calif., is known as the "Church of All Nations." In their VBS, boys and girls of various races assembled to study, pray, sing, and play together. Pastor Clarence Norman reports it was a most successful time of sowing and reaping. Enrollment for the two weeks totaled 130 and average attendance was 97.

The Assembly of God in Hamburg, N. J., reports a successful VBS conducted in late summer, just before school began. One of the VBS highlights was the commencement service at which time four parents made decisions for Christ. This was the largest VBS ever held in the church with 161 enrolled and an average attendance of 117. Through this effort they made 85 new contacts for the Sunday school and church. The children's missionary offering goal of \$40 was reached with \$41.30. David C. Milley is pastor.



THE CHILD HAS BECOME THE PRIMARY TARGET OF OUR CURDLED AND SOUR WAY OF LIVING. WE CANNOT ABIDE HIS HAPPINESS.

LET'S KEEP CHILDHOOD UNCONTAMINATED

By Radio Evangelist C. M. WARD

JESUS CHRIST made a statement about children that holds as much challenge in it for me as any statement the Son of God uttered: "I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). He said that a child's interests are the immediate concern of the Security Council of the universe.

There is nothing more fascinating on earth than the miracle of childhood. It is little wonder then that the child has been allied to the Church and must be one of the great concerns of the Church.

Fill any church to overflowing with children, and you will produce in that church a character of saintliness that is peculiar to assemblies of folk where there are a great many children involved. Think about it for a moment! It will challenge you.

Notice the very tender way our Lord had with children. Notice how emphatically He pointed them out as examples of the qualities and tempers required in all who would enter the kingdom of heaven.

God has bequeathed a distinct estate to children. It consists of truthfulness, teachableness, loyalty, simplicity, and a built-in resistance to sin. They have to be *exposed* to craft and cunning. They have to be taught to worry and shudder. They have to be made hard. Pride, the curse of man, comes later. We all secretly sigh:

*"Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight;
Make me a child again, just for tonight."*

All this is common knowledge here. It took Jesus to say, "In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." It gives an astounding vision of God.

I learn that nothing is of greater concern to God than children. That is the central fact to keep in mind in this day of birth control, broken homes, alimony, court-umpired visits, educational experimentation, and child properties used commercially.

We are doing our best to disturb and mulct this precious parenthesis of innocence that the Creator has determined every person should enjoy on the road to individual conscience and responsibility. It is the supreme wickedness of the age.

If Christ's words mean anything, they mean that God has a peculiar and particular love for this estate of child-

hood and He exercises an unusual guard over it.

Now what are we doing with this great gift God has given to the human race? How are we altering and defacing it?

It seems to me sometimes that this generation is studiously determined to set aside every ideal of childhood and suffocate youngsters in this troubled world. The efforts of the silly, the wrongheaded, and the bad seem directed towards destroying the name and character of the child.

The child has become the primary target of our curdled and sour way of living. We cannot abide his happiness.

We befoul his existence with violence. The child today is smothered with it. Toyland has become a miniature arsenal. The screen introduces him to one brawl after another. He is bred for war.

Crowded urban streets become his training grounds for gangland realities. The moral is no longer "the good guy" and "the bad guy." It has become "the smart guy" and "the stupid guy."

He is impressed that drink is a social asset. He is pressured to believe that filth is an enviable goal and moral turpitude is a badge to the swinging set. He is fed to demonstrations and carefully staged disturbances until he is persuaded that law and order are his natural enemies.

This generation has lost its respect for childhood. We have transgressed a natural desire to keep childhood uncontaminated and to maintain it in simplicity and purity as long as we can. The children of today look old beyond their years. What have we done to them?

I will tell you this. To murder our children, by destroying in them all that is properly their own and changing them into sickening miniatures of men and women, is the act of an age or a society which desires darkness rather than light, and would stifle and strangle the best and loveliest things of nature.

"For Adults Only" is a mockery used again and again to whip up business at the box office.

I see children growing prematurely old with the sins of this day pushed upon them. Where can they go for shelter? Language is unrestrained at the table. Advertisements shriek the wares of lust openly. They live in full view of low vice. Ballads directed at them writhe their

young bodies in the beat and excitement of tales of promiscuity.

Take a look at what we are pleased to call education! To be crammed is a long way from being educated. Stuffed with book learning is a poor substitute for personal preparation for the responsibilities and duties of life.

All is one big assembly line with industrial engineers figuring the cost scale for every carefully calculated step in the child's forced growth. Who cares really about what is going on inside—the disturbances and convulsions that are precipitated? Listen to their oaths and obscenity!

Observe their masquerade manners, their imitation of a hollow world system! Then ask yourself what we have done to childhood.

Would the Saviour still say, looking at today's children, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"? (Matthew 18:3). Would He say that today?

What was childhood as He understood it? What did He want us to study and to imitate?

Am I to seek my ideal in these prematurely old caricatures of ourselves? Am I to emulate these little smokers and little swearers, these horrible, modern-day deformities of what carefree innocence should be?

Are these the same children to whom our Lord referred when He said, "In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven"? What strange tragedy is in the making?

I am torn inside by what I see happening to today's children. They are worse than orphans. They are divided. They are sponsored for a bit by one marriage partner, then another sponsor takes over for another limited period. What must God think in the council of their angels?

You say, "Preacher, what can we do? Must it all be despair?" No! Never!

First, believe childhood to be exactly what God planned it to be. Believe it to be an exact and complete state. Believe that Calvary has made provision for it.

I cannot explain that mysterious desire toward the child in the heart of God that He fulfilled at Calvary, but I know it is one of redemption's provisions. It has God's special blessing, and it is entrusted to the care of His holiest and nearest angels.

They are as saved and secure as I am or ever hope to be. It is a state not to be hurried through, but to be retained as long as possible. My friend, rejoice with the child!

Second, remember that God sent His own Son to this planet in the form of a child. He allowed that childhood to be lived at Nazareth in Galilee untrammelled by duties of adult life, and without requirements to fulfill His redemptive duties toward mankind. That came later at a signal from heaven.

Third, restrain yourself and them. Throw a shield around them. Do not make performers or marionettes out of your children. Pray for grace to keep them pure.

Remember! God is on your side. Angels are designated to work with you. Accept their aid and influence. You may be sure they will work, strive, and battle for and with the children's friend, that such a person may have heaven's assistance in bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Parent, you need above all else two things—true religion and common sense. You need to realize afresh how anxious God is to work with you in this biggest task of all.


I thank God for childhood. This earth is a better, more livable place for every obedient child, for every happy child, for every child full of fun and frolic, for every unaffected child.

I am a better man every time I look into the face of a manly, truthful boy. Something of heaven is mirrored there.

But this planet becomes an intolerable hell when children are corrupted, when young lips are soiled with profane language, and childlike sincerity is replaced with make-believe. The death of an innocent child is preferable to the strain and smit stenciled on juvenile years today.

God grant us a vision of child simplicity and innocence! "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." It is the sweetest picture on earth while it lasts.

Mister, when you think of God, do not forget to think in terms of the loveliest of all pictures—the child. "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

You were like that once. What has happened to you? But God's grace can give you a rebirth. 

I Was Saved in VBS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has a special significance to me because in the summer of 1950 I found Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour during VBS.

I was reared in a fine Pentecostal home and had attended Sunday school and church for as long as I can remember. Yet I did not have a personal experience with Christ until a VBS worker helped me see my need. Though I do not recall the exact day, I clearly remember going to the altar at the close of a VBS decision service and there experiencing God's saving power. I shall always be thankful that my church provided VBS and that my parents allowed me to attend.

VBS is perhaps one of the best methods of outreach the church has. One of the main purposes is to bring in unchurched boys and girls and expose them to the gospel.

However, let us not forget our own children—those attending our Sunday school. While many of these are saved, there may be some who have never felt the urgency in their own hearts for a personal experience with Christ.

Another purpose of VBS is to strengthen Christian boys and girls in their faith. Again, thinking back over my own experiences, some of the best Bible teaching I received was in VBS. Because of the daily program of VBS, students are able to retain more learning as it is reinforced day after day.

—SHIRLEY SHEDD

IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY TO CONVERSE WITH CHILDREN. THEIR IDEAS CAN APPEAR FANTASTIC; THEIR QUESTIONS STRAIN OUR PATIENCE. BUT THE PARENT WHO KNOWS HOW TO LISTEN REAPS A DOUBLE REWARD.

FOR A WEEK OR TWO during his ninth summer, my oldest son was completely out of bounds.

The situation became intolerable, and discipline was inevitable. Neither he nor I enjoyed it. A short time later he came to me and said: "Daddy, would you have time to play with me?"

At that particular moment I had a minimum of 10 other tasks which needed attention, but I seized the opportunity that my son had given me. In a clear, unmistakable way he was saying, "Daddy, I need you."

There are many things that our children will need from us as they grow: food, clothing, shelter, guidance, protection. But above all, they will need us. To give yourself is to give the supreme gift. It is to follow the example of Jesus, who did not merely give us His teaching or a pattern for living. He loved us and gave *Himself* for us.

There can be no substitute for this gift. The great evangelist, Gypsy Smith, was busily working in his study one day when one of his sons entered. Gypsy tried to give his boy a number of different objects, including a pencil and a quarter, but all offers were scorned. Finally,

By ROBERT H. LAUER

DADDY,
I NEED
YOU

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pressed by his work, he asked, "Son, what do you want?"

"Daddy," said the boy, "I just want you."

A prominent Chicago family was appalled to discover that their 16-year-old daughter had become a dope addict. They put her into an institution for treatment. When she was committed, the daughter said, "My parents gave me everything—everything but themselves."

She had been reared first by a nurse, then by a baby-sitter, then a hired companion. Her wealthy parents provided her with every imaginable advantage except the one she desperately needed—them!

The gift of yourself is the one gift most urgently wanted and needed by your children. But how do you give yourself? The Christian parent can learn the meaning of this gift from his Saviour. In giving Himself for us, Christ teaches us how to give ourselves to others.

EXPRESS CONCERN

One way of giving yourself is to express concern. Silent concern won't do; it must be expressed. God manifested His concern for us through the eloquent testimony of Calvary. And every word of Christ is an expression of God's concern. Each word says: "God cares about you."

This is what our children want to know—that we care about them. A young boy in our community gives the impression of being tough. He wears a black leather jacket, has long hair, and is a chronic problem at school. But one day I learned something about him that changed my attitude. He began coming to the home of a friend of mine. There he was promptly put to work with the other children. He seemed to enjoy doing the chores around the house. One of the children, puzzled by anyone happily sharing in work, asked him: "Why do you come here when we always make you work?"

"I like your home," the boy replied. "You have a good family. Whenever I want to go somewhere, I ask my mother, and she always gives me the same answer, 'Sure, I don't care.'"

The boy paused. Then, in a voice tinged with sadness, he added: "Just once, I wish she would care."

This boy is not really tough. He is starved for an expression of concern from his mother. He is amply supplied with all the so-called "necessities" of life. But he, too, is saying clearly, "Mother, more than anything else, I want you."

Recently I attended a meeting with the mayor of our city. A group of ministers were there to question him about various problems. The question of juvenile delinquency was raised, and the mayor indicated that he felt it was no more of a problem in our area than in other cities of comparable size. Then the questioning proceeded:

"What age groups are involved in delinquency here?"

"Most are in the 14 to 17 age bracket," the mayor replied.

"What kind of delinquency is more common?"

"Mainly petty thefts," he said.

"Who are the delinquents?" another pastor asked. "Are they from any particular area or group?"

"Most of them," the mayor told us, "are school drop-outs."

Then, in response to the question, "Did the parents

cooperate with you when they were informed?" came the most startling answer of all:

"Most of them didn't care!"

The delinquent behavior of these youngsters plainly was a cry to their parents, "Just once, I wish you would care!"

TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Another way to give yourself is to take time to talk with your children. Find out what they think, how they feel, what concerns them. With all the world to save, Jesus still took the time to engage individuals in long conversations. He gave Himself to them by hearing them out.

Some years ago, the *Kansas City Star* published a letter from a delinquent boy to his parents:

"Remember when I was about six and I used to want you to just listen to me?... I didn't really want all the presents you gave me. I just wanted all the time for you to listen to me like I was somebody who felt things too... But you always said you were too busy."

He concluded by declaring that he was going to look for someone with the time to listen to him, "because I've got a lot of things I want to talk about."

It isn't always easy to converse with children. Their ideas can appear fantastic; their questions can strain our patience and, worse yet, reveal our ignorance; their tendency to compound question with question in pursuing a subject beyond human logic and human knowledge can exasperate us.

Nevertheless, the parent who learns how to listen to (as well as talk with) his children will not regret it. He will reap a double reward. Not only will he have the satisfaction of nurturing his child; he will also discover that children have some sparkling insights into spiritual truths for him.

One day my oldest son began to ask me about eternal life. He asked me about the nature of that life, about the resurrection of the body, and about whether or not we keep our individual identity. After I had explained to him what the Bible teaches, he exclaimed, "Good! Then I'll still be me."

In a few words he taught me anew the blessedness of our hope of resurrection, that eternal life does not rob us of our identity.

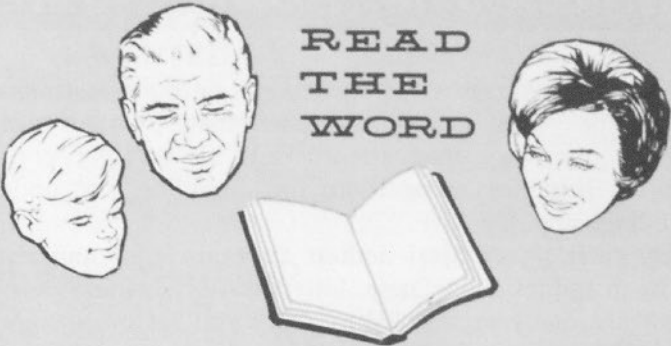
DO THINGS WITH YOUR CHILDREN

A third way to give yourself is to do things with your children. In giving Himself, Jesus took on our nature. He walked among us, felt as we feel, shared our temptations, sufferings, and concerns. Giving yourself means doing things with your children, having activities in which you share common experiences.

Family worship is one such activity. This is a time when the entire family can experience the welding force of love. One of the finest Christian men I have ever known once testified that his Christian home as a boy was the foundation for all of his later life.

"I'll never forget," he said, "listening as my father would pray for each of the children by name." The experience of hearing his father present each child by name to their Father in heaven became a source of endless inspiration.

In our fragmented society, where we tend to thrust our varied needs into the hands of specialists, it is tempt-



READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11-18

Sunday	Judges 5, 6	Thursday	Judges 13, 14
Monday	Judges 7, 8	Friday	Judges 15, 16
Tuesday	Judges 9, 10	Saturday	Judges 17, 18
Wednesday ..	Judges 11, 12	Sunday	Judges 19, 20

"And the children of Israel said unto the Lord, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day" (Judges 10:15).

ing to throw the responsibility for the spiritual development of our children into the lap of the church. This robs both parent and child of a rich experience that will someday be a sacred memory.

A few years ago Dr. Andrew D. Holt, president of the University of Tennessee, told how his mother helped his faith.

"She never in her whole lifetime *sent* me to Sunday school. She took me. She never *told* me to read the Bible. She read the Bible with me and interpreted it for me. I imagine some modern theologians would be surprised at her interpretations; but they made sense to me then. They make sense to me now."

Doing things with your children need not be elaborate or expensive. It may be a hike in the woods. It may be a game. Or a tour of a museum.

I have a friend who is a missionary in equatorial Brazil. He is busy enough for two men. This is hard on his son, who sometimes becomes contrary and unmanageable. "When I see that happening," he told me, "I just take time off and spend it doing simple things with him. Then he is all right again." He realizes that his son's behavior is a warning saying to him: "Daddy, I need you."

It is not selfishness or weakness that impels a child to want his parents; it is genuine need. One who has experienced the glory of Christ dwelling in his heart by faith knows that it would not be sufficient merely to receive the teachings of Christ, or even His example. What we need is nothing less than Christ Himself. What our children need is nothing less than us—ourselves.

In addition, the parent who gives himself is illustrating for his child the most important truth in the world: that Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. It is well known that children who grow up in non-Christian homes, with harsh and unloving parents, often find it difficult to understand God as Father. To give yourself, then, is to prepare your child for the greatest gift of all—the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. The child who has experienced the supreme gift from his parents is ready to understand and receive the Supreme Gift from God.

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AFTER DEALING WITH THOUSANDS OF TEEN-AGERS OVER the years, I have concluded that, by their overt actions, they are inadvertently and desperately crying out for help, for recognition, for discipline, for understanding, and for love.

By their paradoxical actions they are communicating to us in sadness, loneliness, bitterness, or disillusionment. They are really saying, "Why don't you set me straight? Does anyone care?" If you do care, then prove it by giving them a hand of recognition and concern and by lending an ear.

Punish wrong, severely if need be, but do it with love and understanding. Try cutting off allowances, assigning extra work duty, or restricting privileges until you get the desired results; and stick to your guns.

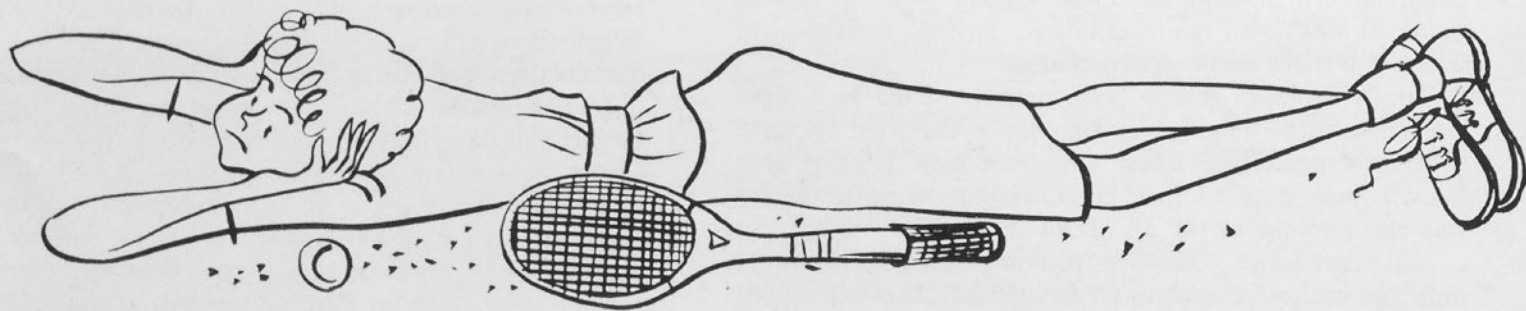
Don't scream at the kids. Just have an iron hand under a silk glove. You'll soon win their respect; but don't stop until you have also won their love. Tough facades will eventually melt away as you get their confidence, and hearts will respond.

This is all a part of growing up—and of bridging that lonely, turbulent, and sometimes dark chasm between childhood and adulthood. Keep it in mind that a full-size body in a youth is not a sign of a mature mind.

Parents, have the courage to say no or yes as the situation requires. Remember back when you were struggling for identity and acceptance? It was a rocky road. Don't ignore their problems or yearnings—but take another look at life through their eyes. Suggest—and guide—but don't totally dominate. Manage unobtrusively, but with love and tact that they'll admire.

Discuss with them the pitfalls and dangers of evil, as well as the rewards of the well-chosen paths. Establish

PARENTS, FACE UP TO TEEN-AGE PROBLEMS



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boundaries, but give thoughtful, acceptable flexibility within those boundaries. In boy-girl relationships insist upon group activities until your teen-ager is mature enough to handle potentially serious dates. Set a reasonable curfew and stand by your decision. Know where your children are and what they are doing. This is not unreasonable nor is it out-of-date. It is just common sense that teen-agers will respect. It may save their self-respect as well as your peace of mind and the future happiness of all concerned.

Take the family on little or big excursions and outings. Do things happily together. It's still true that "the family that prays together stays together." Find a good church and get involved with its program as a family. Help your teen-agers think about God and morality, and about the eternity that lies just ahead of us all.

Give over a special portion of the house for wholesome parties and activities with their friends and provide them with a room for quiet study. Keep working on plans for a happier, expanded homelife and help them to really feel they belong. Talk things over with your teen-agers often. Join in their fun at times. Be frank in discussing spiritual, social, moral and financial problems. Talk with them about their future as responsible citizens and their total education. Let them know you have confidence in them. Show admiration and commend them at every opportunity.

Play down the "cold war" period that often develops between teen-agers and parents along about the sophomore and junior years of high school. This is their subconscious way of finding and expressing independence and self-confidence as an emerging, individual entity. It's a part of God's order of things, so make a little fun of the cold war. Assure them that "we're all in this together." Call for a truce when tension builds up. A cooling-off period often leads to a solution of problems.

And if the kids act like you are a little bit square or outdated at times, don't worry! Deep down in their hearts they know it isn't so. To call everything square is just their teen-age way of trying to prove to themselves that they are rounding out. When parents are worthy of respect, the kids are watching out of the corners of their eyes—and waiting for Mom or Dad to call the signals. They'll like it and they'll line up. They'll be calling the signals for their own kids some day—and remembering how you did it.

Some caustic critics claim that youngsters shouldn't be

allowed in the human race until they are out of their teens; but parents who are worth their salt know better. When kids are in their teens, the parents are challenged to grow a bit themselves.



Sherrie shows her father the planter she made at VBS.

A Dad's Confession

By MARION RAVAN

I HAD JUST ATTENDED a vacation Bible school orientation meeting, and in my hand was a packet of information. As field representative for the National Sunday School Department I had been invited to conduct VBS workshops in several districts in the north and east parts of the nation.

I'm sold on VBS! As a pastor I promoted and participated in it. As district Sunday school director I enthusiastically challenged others throughout our state to incorporate this most valuable event in their program. Yes, sir! I believed in these 30 extra hours of training.

And now, armed with visual aid, samples, skits, charts, and VBS theme songs I was ready to travel America's highways to persuade local churches they needed vacation Bible schools.

Several weeks went by. I was doing just what I was supposed to be doing, and folks were responding. "Praise God," I thought, "this is wonderful."

And then it hit—the snowstorm. Battling ice and snow, plagued by poor visibility, the car moved at a snail's pace toward the next waiting church. Memories of my family back home flashed through my mind. How I missed them! The grayness of the day, the whine of the wind, and those dizzy white flakes took their toll. I admit asking, "Is VBS really *this* important? Is it worth it?"

In a few weeks I was home again; spring melted into summer, and my work again called me away. Phone calls home are a delight on these occasions, but what a pleasant surprise when my family called me that warm June night.

"Honey, something wonderful happened today," my wife's happy voice rang. "Sherrie accepted Christ at VBS."

Sherrie! I thought. Our little seven-year-old combination of breathless activity and quiet thinking, now born again, a new creature in Christ.

A warm feeling of gratitude enveloped me. Her voice coming through the telephone as she shared this new experience with me was beyond description.

In a split second the answer to the question I had asked on that snowpacked highway that wintry day in February came to me. Aloud I said, "It's worth it! VBS is worth it!"

CHILD EVANGELISM CLASSIFIEDS

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A WEEK WITH GOD

BOYS AND GIRLS, ages 9-11, qualify for invigorating out-of-doors experience of a week at Christian camp. Christ is brought out in every element of program. Write for information on camp near you.

ENLIST NOW!

THE LORD JESUS wants you! He wants adults to enlist as VBS workers; to invest time, effort in young lives. Wages compounded as fellows and girls follow Christ and become mature Christians. Local VBS recruiter ready to sign up your child for these additional 30 hours of Christian education.

OPPORTUNITY OFFERED

UNUSUAL SUMMERTIME child evangelism opportunities available to alert churches. Open air services in parks, vacant lots, or beaches. Also story booth or story wagon at county fair. Gospel portions to be distributed. Follow-up insures lasting results.

HOMEMAKERS NEEDED

HOMEMAKERS NEEDED to initiate home Bible clubs. Necessary ingredients: home or backyard; well-prepared mother

equipped with stories, songs, and Scripture; and neighborhood children. Qualifications include regularity and punctuality. Every effort should be made to connect child with the church.

EXPLORE RELEASED TIME

RELEASED TIME offers excellent opportunity for Christian education in many states. Under this program children are excused from public schools (at written request of parents) for one hour each week to go to a church for class in religious education. Contact your state legislature for information regarding opportunity in your state.

DEVELOP WORSHIPERS

A CHURCH FOR CHILDREN provides meaningful worship experiences for boys and girls. Here they learn proper worship habits, how to participate in worship—thus experiencing the joy of serving. Children's church also develops sense of loyalty, prepares for adult membership.

FOR THE UNCHURCHED CHILD

SERIES OF EVANGELISTIC SERVICES—called kid's crusades or children's revivals—will reach many children, especially unchurched. Lasting results realized if follow-up contacts maintained. Each child who makes a decision should be given personal attention and guidance. He will need a scriptural understanding of what his decision means.

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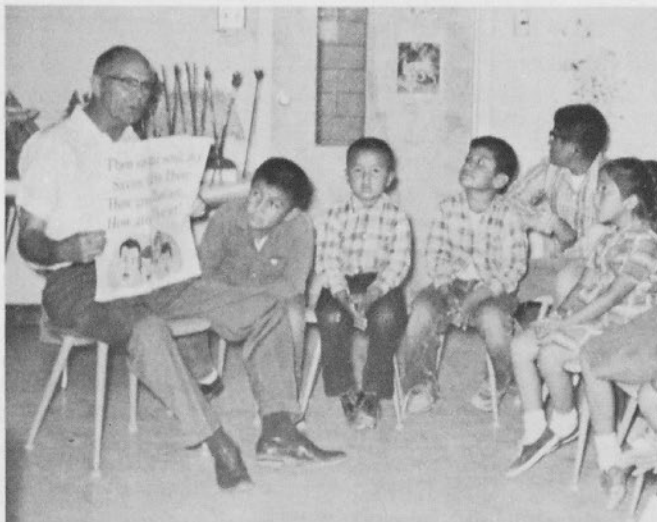
Children of Barrow, Alaska, greatly enjoyed VBS last summer. The Earl McKenzies were the missionaries there at the time.

INDIGENOUS CHURCHES are the answer to evangelizing the millions in our Special Ministry fields. This requires trained leadership. And one of the best avenues for providing future leadership is winning and teaching the children and youth now.

Assemblies of God home missionaries are using many methods to reach the children. They realize that to win a child means to save a whole life for the Kingdom. Winning these precious jewels of the Master now will save them from the heartaches and disillusionments of sin and make them soul winners and leaders among their people.

Several missionaries are conducting released-time classes in American Indian boarding schools once or twice a week. There they are able to teach the Word of God to eager-eyed youngsters who learn to love its stories and message. These missionaries use visual aid. Some

Gathering the Children Into the fold



Roswell Dillingham, missionary at Kayenta, Ariz., teaches a released-time class at the Indian school in Dennehotso.

churches and individuals have had a part in this ministry by supplying object lessons and flannelgraph figures for Bible stories and character-building lessons. Some missionaries use filmstrips on the life of Christ and various other Bible lessons. They need churches to sponsor providing sets of the filmstrips. (More information is available from the Home Missions Department.)

Many appointed workers have vacation Bible schools



Children recite memory work at VBS in Chambers, Ariz. The Lyle Wolvertons are missionaries there.



These American Indian children enjoy the children's church each week at the Pine Cove Mission in East Window Rock, N. Mex.

in the summer. But some Indian and Alaskan children have not had the privilege of attending VBS because their missionaries could not afford the literature and supplies necessary to conduct the school. What a blessing to these missionaries and children a sponsoring church could be!

A number of Assemblies of God churches are also assisting home missionaries with VBS and story hours in the summers by sending some of their young people to Alaska, the Indian reservations, Teen Challenge Centers, and the Jewish work. Several Bible colleges also encourage students to engage in this type of missionary evangelism during the summers. These young people have greatly strengthened the hands of the missionaries.

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:31).

HELEN S. JOHNSON, who with her husband Lyle supervised the Juneau, Alaska, Children's Home for more than 30 years, is now with the Lord. She passed away on April 14, 1967, following a protracted illness. She was an appointed home missionary.

Mrs. Johnson or "Aunty" as she has been affectionately called, will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. For almost 40 years, Aunty's heart and home have been open to the needy children of the north country. Her investment in the children of Alaska has yielded rich dividends. The love of Christ has touched innumerable lives during these years: Christian homes have been established; ministers and missionaries are preaching the gospel; happiness and hope have been born in many hearts because she gave of herself.

For instance, one young person raised in the Home was chosen student body president in Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif., one year. Another was valedictorian of his graduating class and has attended an electrical school with expenses paid by Alaska Native Service. One young lady became the wife of a young minister; through the years together they have pioneered and built churches in several Alaskan villages.

Under the capable management of the Johnsons, the Juneau Children's Home became a haven to many unfortunate children, some of whom were salvaged—wild-eyed, hungry, and ragged—from the streets.

Almost every child in the Home has the background of a broken home. Each has known abuse, neglect, hunger, lack of loving care, and lack of any kind of security. Caring for them, especially the newcomers, takes a great deal of wisdom, patience, and love. In the Home the children are well cared for, fed, loved, trained, and helped in every way possible. Sister Johnson was careful to introduce every child under her roof to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The children loved Aunty Johnson; the community respected her; Christian friends and acquaintances admired her. She was named the Rotary "Woman of the Year" in 1966 for her social and humanitarian work. She has left us a rich legacy of faith and good works.

Aunty eagerly anticipated meeting her Lord, according to a letter from Mrs. Anne Ringness Lotze who spent much time with her at the end. Her letter reported,

Through their concerted efforts, many children have come into the fold.

Often parents who might forbid their children to attend Sunday school or church will let them attend VBS. The unchurched children of our home missions fields and of the inner cities of our metropolitan areas should have their chance to hear the gospel and to know that Jesus loves them.

If we can have many more vacation Bible schools, story hours, and Bible clubs in the needy "highways and hedges" of our nation, we will have fewer teen-agers roaming the streets looking for trouble.

Is your church doing its part to gather the children near it into the fold?

MOTHER OF THE NORTH COUNTRY



"Alert to the very end and conscious of all who entered her room, she just slipped away to be with Him. Her thoughts and concern were always with and of her 'children.' A woman of great purpose and intellect, Sister Johnson could have made a name for herself in another field, but she chose rather to have her name etched into the hearts of the many children she has helped to a better life. Her greatest desire was a 'home full of children' whom she could love and care for."

Approximately 250 townspeople, including children and staff members of the Home, community and business leaders, government officials, church and community friends, and the family, attended the funeral service.

Sister Johnson was born at Centralia, Wash., on August 7, 1901. She and her husband first came to Alaska in 1924, living at Petersburg. In 1927 they came to Juneau, making their residence there for 40 years. The Johnsons established the Children's Home in 1935, while he was employed by the Alaska Juneau Gold Mine.

Sister Johnson is survived by her husband Lyle; a sister and a brother, both of Seattle; two daughters: Mrs. Link Tennison of Juneau, and Mrs. Edward L. Hughes of Torrance, Calif.; three grandchildren, and the many children who, through the years, still consider "Aunty" and the Home theirs.

An "Aunty Johnson Memorial Fund" is being established to be used for the benefit of the Home. Nothing would please her more than to know that the Home will be perpetuated and improved through the gifts of love from interested churches and friends.

Gus Peterson will be the new supervisor. Brother Lyle Johnson will continue to be associated with the Home. Eight staff members serve the Juneau Home, caring for about 40 children.

—RUTH LYON



Over 4,000 registered for the five Assemblies of God Conventions held during February, March, and April.

this feature was *involvement*—involvement with Christ in witnessing, and involvement with Christ as a personal Saviour who gives guidance for living in today's complex society. Leaders from the National C. A. Department taught these sessions.

At certain times during the day and after the evening services delegates could visit exhibits. Literature and information on the total program of the Assemblies of God was available at these colorful, attractive booths.

A highlight of the entire convention was the presentation of three visual features. "What if. . . ?" was a panel discussion on coordination of church activities. Panelists gave answers—supplied by pastors throughout the country—to problems a local church might encounter.

"Dear Mom and Dad," a 42-frame, color filmstrip showing the importance of the Christian home, was also presented. It portrayed a young soldier writing to his parents, telling them what their Christian life has meant to him since he went into military service. This filmstrip is available now for use in churches from the Audio-Visual Division, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Cost is \$7 for the filmstrip with two scripts, discussion sheet, and sound track (tape 7½ ips). Cost without the tape is \$5.

"The Parable of the Soap Salesman" visual taught that although there are inconsistencies in some people and methods of witnessing, the important thing is to get the job done. The script is free upon request from the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

The testimony of one delegate perhaps sums up the way many people felt about the conventions: "It was certainly worth every sacrifice, and more, that I made to go. Everything was done with a spirit of love and helpfulness that made people like me feel we are valued and appreciated and wanted in this great fellowship. We are all workers together."

Next year a national Assemblies of God Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, March 26-28. Like the spring conventions in 1967, its purpose will be to strengthen the total program of the local church.

SPRING CONVENTIONS

MINISTERS AND LAYMEN attending the recent Assemblies of God conventions throughout the United States were made aware of the fact that God has chosen each of them to be a worker in His Kingdom.

The purpose of the five spring conventions was to rally Christian workers to the task of taking Christ to the man on the street. The theme, *Chosen*, was taken from 1 Peter 2:9 and Ephesians 1:4. Subthemes "called," "enlisted," "separated," "prepared," and "sent" showed God's plan for every believer.

Conventions were held in five areas of the country over a period of two months: Atlanta, Georgia, February 14-16; Rochester, New York, February 28-March 2; Portland, Oregon, March 7-9; Springfield, Missouri, March 14-16; and Phoenix, Arizona, April 12-14.

Total registration at the conventions, according to Charles Denton, national conventions coordinator, was 4,144. Attendance was estimated at 8,000.

Each three-day convention followed the same schedule. There was an opening rally the first evening. The second and third days began with morning prayers at 8:15, followed by a united session at 9:30. Each afternoon delegates attended workshops from 1:30 to 4:15. A night rally concluded each day's activities.

Conference workshops were taught by specialists in their fields. Topics covered every area of church life, including Sunday school and vacation Bible school, writing for Assemblies of God publications, church promotion, missions, radio, youth, Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship, music in the church, and personal evangelism.

At 6 p.m. Christ's Ambassadors had a two-part youth workshop. Their topic the first night was, "Tips for Teens on Youth Witnessing," and the second night, "Tips for Teens on Security, Survival, and Sex." The emphasis of

Workshops, such as this presentation on Missionettes, helped leaders understand and fulfill their responsibilities.



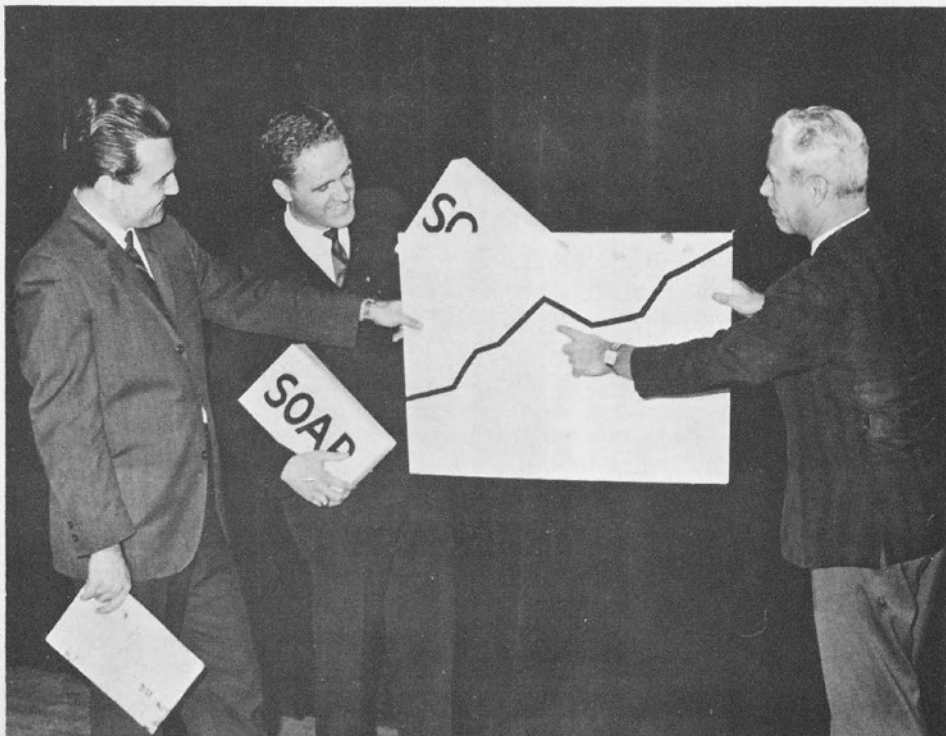


The theme "Chosen" stressed the worker's relationship to his Master. (Shown is a portion of those attending the Atlanta convention.)



The WMC booth—one of many offering specific helps to church leaders.

"The Parable of the Soap Salesman," a visual presented in the concluding convention service, stressed proper motivation in witnessing.



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SAUL'S VISIT TO THE WITCH

Sunday School Lesson for June 18, 1967
1 SAMUEL 28:7-17

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE TRAGIC COURSE taken by King Saul, the man who began so well, should warn all who would consider taking the first step of disobedience. For there is no telling how far a man may go once he deviates from the paths of righteousness.

DIVINE GUIDANCE REFUSED (1 Samuel 28:1-6)

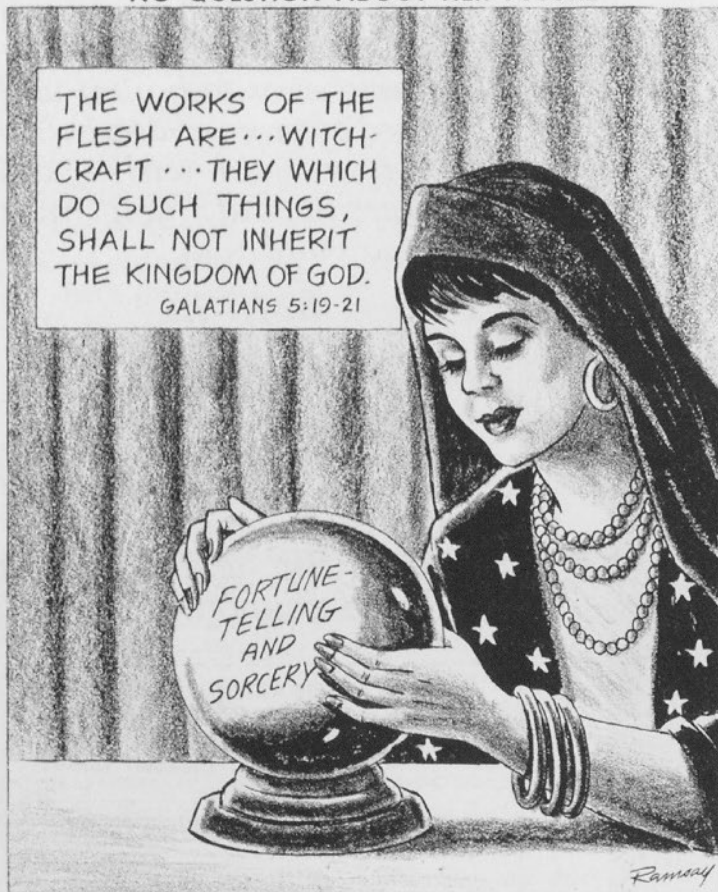
The Philistine invasion was on a larger scale than others which had occurred and brought great fear to Saul. Long since out of touch with God, Saul desperately tried all the ways by which he had formerly heard from heaven. But "the Lord answered him not."

Formal prayers and religious acts not accompanied by obedience are unacceptable devotions. Saul carried envy and hatred for David in his heart. He had consistently and presumptuously disobeyed God, put the high priest to death (1 Samuel 22:9-19), and violated every condition for receiving divine guidance. How could he expect divine help while he had an unrepentant heart?

UNLAWFUL GUIDANCE SOUGHT (1 Samuel 28:7-14)

The Scripture tells us that when God would not an-

NO QUESTION ABOUT HER FUTURE



swer Him, Saul sought help from a woman who had "a familiar spirit"—that is, she was possessed by a fortune-telling demon as was the girl in Acts 16:16. Saul's resorting to such a person revealed:

1. *Unholy Curiosity.* Saul had been given the will of God through Samuel. That should have been sufficient. Many people today are not satisfied to accept the Word of God as *the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice* but resort instead to palmists, psychic mediums, and spiritists. Such curiosity resulted in the downfall of Adam and Eve and has led multitudes to ruin ever since.

2. *Deliberate Transgression.* Saul knew he was doing wrong. He knew he was violating such commandments as Leviticus 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deuteronomy 18:10; Isaiah 8:19; and Exodus 22:18. For this reason he had disguised himself, being ashamed to be seen resorting to those whom he himself had taken a stand against. (See 1 Samuel 28:3.) Furthermore, upon contact with the witch, "Saul swore by the Lord" to protect that which he knew was displeasing to the Lord!

Those who slip away from faith in Christ and from spiritual reality in Him become easy prey for error and deceiving spirits. "Because they received not the love of the truth... God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:10, 11). The path of peace, safety, and joy is the path of fellowship with Christ and loving obedience to His Word.

INEVITABLE DOOM PREDICTED (1 Samuel 28:15-20)

The account of the bringing up of Samuel is full of perplexities. Many explanations have been offered. It seems to me that one cannot avoid the plain statement of the Word which conveys the idea that there was a real appearance of Samuel. This does not, however, support the claims of spiritists. Since the woman herself was greatly started and surprised when Samuel appeared, it seems his appearance was affected by the power of God and not through the power of the woman. In this case, God had a right to do what He forbids men to do; and He did it to teach Saul a final lesson—and a lesson to all subsequent humanity!

"And Saul answered, What shall I do?" Saul was frantic. But he asked his question too late. He had not done what he should have done while he had the opportunity. Now God was silent.

The idea that God is *obligated* to help everyone is not based on truth. God answers prayer and does everything according to principles of righteousness. God will not encourage sin and unrighteousness. When men are only interested in God's help to get out of difficult circumstances, God is silent.

On the other hand, nothing is more certain than that God delights to come to the aid of those who are humble and contrite of heart. If God was willing to forgive Manasseh, the most wicked king of Judah, when he humbled himself before the Lord (2 Chronicles 33:12, 13), then we can be sure He will also forgive us (1 John 1:9).

Saul refused to obey God. He was told that the next day he would die, that his sons would die with him, and that the nation would be defeated (v. 19). Those who disobey God bring disaster to their own lives and into the lives of others!



"BRIGHT AND WONDERFUL," the *Revivaltime* Choir's latest record album, is exactly what the title implies.

Perhaps more successfully than in any of their nine previous albums, the choir here conveys the warm, vibrant spirit of Christian enthusiasm which permeates their personal ministry in song. The 16 recorded selections reflect a contagious element of the Pentecostal experience—a zest for living.

An old-time believer once remarked, "Give me the songs that have 'life.' They don't have to be fast and throbbing with rhythm, but they must have that divine pulsebeat that can only be imparted through a true spiritual experience."

That is the kind of music captured and preserved in "Bright and Wonderful." The choir uses a wide variety of rhythms, harmonies, and arrangements, but they all proclaim one glorious message: "We have Christ in our hearts and we're the happiest people on earth. Let us share Him with you!"

Familiar songs of joy like, *I Have Christ in My Heart* and *I've Got a Melody*, combined with the other happy sounds of such tunes as *Everywhere He Went*, *The Perfect Will*, and *Getting to Know God*, feature a refreshing quality of musical fellowship. The choir's brass ensemble adds a measure of brightness, while stringed instruments such as the melodious violin of Cyril McLellan, choir director, and the pleasant undertones of the string bass, electric bass guitar, and baritone ukelele color many of the selections with a warm glow of informality.

Even the slower numbers were carefully chosen to reflect that spirit of "life." Here you will find no songs of mourning. These young people serve a living Christ. Songs like *What a Saviour*, *He Touched Me*, and *Jesus*

MUSIC WITH LIFE!

Is a Never Failing Friend tell of a personal, dynamic relationship with a Person—the living Man Christ Jesus.

This is an album that extends an invitation to a better life. You can hear it in the beautiful contralto voice of soloist Denise Power and the baritone voice of Jim Bohner. This invitation is in the duets, the trios, and quartets. Every note beckons, urges the listener to "taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Here is gospel music ideally suited as a gift to those who do not know the vibrant joy of Pentecostal Christianity.

Recorded by internationally known Word Records, Inc., "Bright and Wonderful," is a high-quality, long-play album you will want to include in your own sacred music library. It is available in both hi-fi and stereo, and can be ordered by simply filling in the coupon below. ✈

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Unable to preach in Cuba, the Rodríguez family will soon minister in Bogotá, Colombia.

MISSIONARIES FROM MISSION LANDS

By **ROBERT T. McGLASSON** • Foreign Missions Secretary

ONE OF THE EXCITING developments in foreign missionary work in recent years has been the sending of missionaries by churches in mission lands.

Training national Christians to evangelize their own people is common. It is one of the principal earmarks of our missionary work today, for the Assemblies of God has over 13,000 national ministers in mission lands.

But in recent times a number of experienced gospel ministers have been sent from our Assemblies of God fellowships in several Latin American countries to other Latin American areas outside their own borders.

Two Japanese ministers have been sent to evangelize the large Japanese populations in parts of South America. These are supported in part and backed by the Japan Assemblies of God.

National ministers, qualified in their own area, have been sent from several of our African Assemblies of God fellowships to neighboring countries to preach and evangelize. The same has occurred in many other countries of the world.

Some of our national evangelists minister frequently in countries other than their own. One notable example is Pastor Cho Yonggi of the Evangelistic Center in Seoul, Korea. He has shared his evangelistic ministry in the Pacific area and will shortly be ministering in Latin America as well.

These developments are not only exciting, but also heartwarming. The message of Christ immediately makes people responsible to witness; and this witness must go beyond the boundaries of one's own culture, for "the field is the world."

An outstanding opportunity is ours to make use of several highly qualified pastors and evangelists from Cuba who feel their ministries there are at an end and who have made themselves available for pioneering in new areas among Spanish-speaking peoples. Three of these ministers and their families are pioneering in Spain.

The Luis Guillen family arrived in Spain on October 31, 1966. They were immediately escorted to Rota, one of the old and very beautiful cities in southern Spain, where a new church is being constructed under the direction of one of our missionaries. The Guillens have entered wholeheartedly into this work, have made a wonderful adjustment, and are happy for this privilege of pioneering. They report, "The work here is completely different from that in our homeland, and much more difficult. We hope that in the power of the Spirit, as we strive hard, we will win victory in the Lord's vineyard."

The Humerto Martínez family also reached Spain last fall and were escorted to Barcelona. Here in a large metropolitan area there was an immediate need for their ministry. As


with the Guillens, they were able to minister immediately in their native tongue and to adjust quickly to ways of life in their new home. These experienced workers have proved to be a great blessing in Barcelona.

Another family, that of Pastor José Brito, is at this writing expected to take up a ministry in a new pioneer area, a town known as Portugal, Spain, where special opportunity for his ministry exists.

The Luciano Rodríguez family has authorization to take up residence in Bogotá, Colombia. It is hoped that soon they will be able to assume their duties in the growing evangelical community in Bogotá. Other experienced and qualified ministers anticipate being available for ministry there, in Venezuela, and possibly in other Latin American areas, pioneering in the already rapidly growing Assemblies of God fellowships.

It is our opportunity to give temporary assistance to these ministers of the gospel so they may enter these areas and work effectively. They must set up a home for their families, and provision must be made to help them until the work they pioneer is able to assume their full support. In some cases this might be as short a time as six months. In others it could be as long as from one to two years, depending on the community.

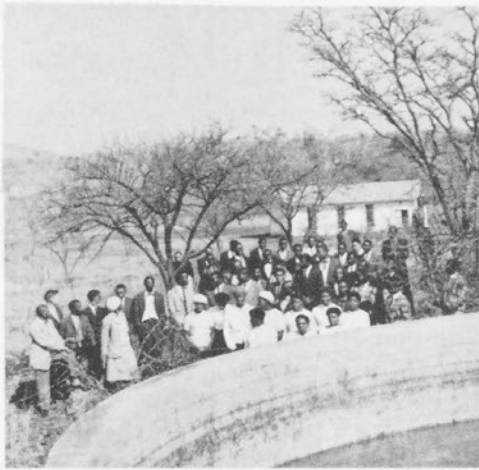
It has always been our belief that national ministry should be supported by the churches to whom the individuals minister; but we have also recognized the need of helping pioneers start churches in new areas and have done this faithfully.

Funds are urgently needed so we may help available, experienced workers to enter these new pioneer areas. Naturally funds cannot be received or sent from the congregations formerly served by Cuban ministers. Thus the opportunity and obligation is ours. Approximately \$200 a month is needed for each family during the pioneer period of their new ministries. 

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As water began to fill the reservoir, students gathered to thank God for the miracle.

Water from the Rock

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE AFRICAN BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

By MELVIN GRAMS - Missionary to South Africa

THE DAY WAS HOT and ominous clouds were gathering in the South African summer sky. It almost never rains in Rustenburg; but this was graduation day for the African Bible Training Institute, and for some reason it usually rains on that day.

Cars and trucks began to arrive on the campus by noon. More than 300 pastors, friends, missionaries, and students' relatives soon crowded into the school chapel. And it was raining.

This graduation class—which chose the theme, "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth"—was not always so blessed with water during this school year. Earlier in the year we had been nursing along our water supply for weeks. Everyone cautioned us to use as little as possible of this precious commodity, for the faithful well was reduced to producing just a trickle of water, insufficient to meet the needs of students and faculty.

This country has been in the grip of a drought for six years. Wells had been drying up all around us, and now it looked as if we, too, would face the problem of having no water.

At the suggestion of the chairman of our school's board of directors, we called in a man with a pneumatic drilling rig to drill a deeper well. At 90 feet the bit ran into rock, and a few feet deeper it hit white granite. The rig manager said, "I'm sorry;

there is no water here. We never find water in this granite." But our principal reminded him we had an agreement that he would drill to the depth of 150 feet before giving up.

In the meantime, the South African General Council was in session, and we informed the delegates of our problem. The ministers united in prayer and believed God for water for the Bible school.

The drill was only able to bore two or three feet each day because of the hard rock, and it took much persuasion to keep the crew drilling. At about 110 feet a trickle of water was found, and a few feet farther we had a minimum flow of 300 gallons of water per hour!


We believe that God gave us water out of the rock!

Now with the guests packed into the school chapel, the students marched on to the platform where all 58 sat on bleachers fashioned from

missionary barrels, tables, bricks, and chests of drawers—all covered with crepe paper. The 18 graduates were seated in the center of the platform.

The program began with the students singing a special arrangement of "Stand Up for Jesus." Then the principal, Missionary James Stewart, greeted the guests from all over South Africa. Speakers challenged the graduates to be "servants of the God of heaven and earth." It was refreshing to feel the moving of God's Spirit.

With another graduation now history, the students are scattered everywhere preaching the Word. Only eternity will reveal the great value of the training of these young people.

The African Bible Training Institute needs to expand its facilities to handle the increasing number of students. Our classroom building stands half completed, and funds are not available to finish it. Will you pray with us and share in this project? 

The faculty and students (right) thank God for His blessing during 1966. They now hope to see the completion of the new administration building (below) which contains classrooms to accommodate the increasing number of students.



Go Where They Are

PASTOR LEE LORETZ of Calvary Temple, Columbus, Ohio, reports they had 11 vacation Bible schools last year—one at the church and 10 in outlying districts of the city—in homes with large yards, recreation rooms, and garages. This was a go-where-they-are campaign.

All the vacation Bible schools were conducted at the same time. Each principal worked under the church's minister of Christian education (who served as coordinator).

Before the schools opened, church members canvassed the areas of town where the schools would be held to discover interest. Large signs were posted on the lawns of the homes where VBS was to be conducted. Locations of all schools were listed in a large ad in the newspaper.

Because the church had retained and filed VBS materials from previous years, expenses were kept to a minimum. Total cost for the 11 schools was less than \$71.

Through these 11 schools 176 children found Christ as Saviour and 126 new families were reached. Members of Calvary Temple are sold on this plan of multiple vacation Bible schools. They say it pays to "go where they are."

He Claimed the Promise

A FATHER had seen all but one of his children saved. Burdened for that daughter, he talked to a Christian leader who suggested, "Why don't you claim a promise of the Lord?"

"I don't quite understand," the father replied.

"Well, the Bible is full of promises. Some of them bear directly on your case. Seize one of these; throw your weight upon it until God feels your confidence in Him."

The father promised to do this. When the two had parted, there swept into his heart the words: "Thou shalt not leave one hoof behind thee" (Exodus 10:26). He remembered it was a promise the Lord had made to the Israelites when they were in Egypt. And he saw the appropriateness to his situation. He claimed that promise.

For 10 days he saw no change in his daughter. On the 10th day he was plowing near home. His wife sent an urgent message to come at once, that something was wrong with their daughter.

When he reached his daughter's room, he asked, "What's the matter?"

She cried in agony, "Pray for me. I'm lost!"

The father prayed, and in a short time the daughter knew the joy of salvation. "Now, daughter, tell me what happened."

"I don't really know. But I remember that Sunday night 10 days ago when you came home from the meeting. Something took hold of me then, and I couldn't shake it off. I have been miserable ever since."

"I know what happened," her father told her. "That was the night I claimed the promise God made to Israel; that promise is what has brought you back to God."

CHILD EVANGELISM HAS A NEW ARM OF GROWTH—the opportunity to reach our nation's three percent of retarded children.

Placed among us—rare as jewels—are these little ones that tear our hearts. They will always be children! But they can be reached. Have a revival for the retarded in your town or community. Include the retarded of every church in your town. Pastors will be glad to provide a list of retarded children who attend their church. Health and social departments can add other names.

When you have Vacation Bible School, be sure to include a class for the retarded. A kind, patient teacher will be glad to teach these handicapped children of your town.

Or use your church (or home) as a meeting place for a week-day activity. Older girls of the church can help you with refreshments and visual aids. This is good training in Christian service.

If your attendance has age variations group the ages 6-10, 10-15, and those above 15. Use very simple stories slanted toward salvation. Visual aids (of all types) are especially helpful.

You will find the child very receptive and with understanding faith. It is easy for them to be saved when exposed to the gospel. The educable mentally retarded will respond with astounding readiness. The severely retarded (IQ's 25-30) can be trained by visual perception and can

ELA HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF THE PRINTED PAGE

By CHARLES W. DENTON

Coordinator of the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission

IN HIS WISDOM God has provided a variety of ways through which His people can win the lost to Christ. One of the most effective methods is through distributing gospel literature.

D. M. Pantton said: "The printed page never flinches, never shows cowardice. It is never tempted to compromise. It never tires, never grows disheartened. It travels cheaply and requires no rented hall. It works while we sleep. It never loses its temper and it works long after we are dead.

"The printed page is a vendor which gets inside the home and stays there. It always catches a man in the right mood for it speaks to him only when he is reading it. It always sticks to what it has said and never answers back. It is bait permanently left in the pool."

Because of the great evangelistic potential of the printed page, the Assemblies of God has launched an Evangelism Literature for America (ELA) program. Briefly stated, its goals are:

1. To develop and provide suitable literature for evangelism;
2. To promote evangelism literature distribution ener-

REACHING THE RETARDED

By EVELYN C. GUNTER

be reached—but it will take more teaching, love, and patience for this group.

Bob attended our revival for the retarded. He never smiled, never laughed, never talked. At eight he lived in a world of darkness surrounded by fears and torments. He stood in the prayer line for healing. As we prayed (after the 17 children had heard and seen a Bible story on healing), we felt God's healing power in a wonderful way—and Bob talked. His world of fear and darkness illuminated into a brilliant new world of light. A smile broke upon his cloudy face—he laughed and talked. Today Bob lives in this bright new world. He attends school and is adjusting to such things as ice cream and lollipops. He is alive. Bob was healed and saved.

James, a doctor's son, was saved and became our number one soul winner for the rest of the revival. He was 17 with a mental age of 4.5. His personal witnessing

brought in others. While conducting the revival I suddenly became ill. James placed his hands upon my head and solemnly prayed, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost," for my healing. All through my body I felt God's power. I was healed.

Al received the Holy Spirit. Al was only slightly retarded—a slow learner whose Dad was a drunkard. At 15 he accepted Christ in one of our children's services. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit and led his father to the Lord. After having lived in a drunkard's home, Al was so happy now to have fried chicken instead of whiskey in the kitchen.

A new class for your Sunday school will emerge from this evangelistic effort—a special class for the retarded. Every church needs such a class for the mentally handicapped. (Include brain-damaged and retarded—both trainable and educable.) You may begin with as few as two. The class will grow. Five is a good number, although a very capable teacher may handle as many as 10.

Let your town know you have added a new "arm" to your Sunday school. Civic organizations may wish to help you by providing equipment and materials. Your local newspaper will be a medium to inform people. (Pictures help.)

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). The retarded can be reached.

getically throughout the Assemblies of God fellowship;


3. To make evangelism literature available as reasonably as possible. (In justified areas of need the literature is provided free as funds permit.)

During the first year of ELA a total of \$6,230.60 has been received from interested churches and individuals. These contributions have already made it possible for us to distribute 214,675 pieces of evangelism literature in various parts of the U.S.

Projections for ELA call for stepped-up literature production as well as distribution. To make this possible, additional funds are needed.

An urgent need faces ELA now. During July a group of Christ's Ambassadors from the Northwest will be traveling to Alaska to participate in the Global Youth Witness, sponsored by the National Christ's Ambassadors Department. This type of evangelistic endeavor calls for appropriate gospel literature to distribute—including copies of the Alaska Centennial edition of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. ELA funds are needed now to provide literature for the youth witness program.

A number of home missions efforts in the U.S. have been requesting help from ELA. These works need literature to distribute.

Naturally, we would like to say yes to every appeal. We have a responsibility to support these outreach efforts with the best gospel literature. The Assemblies of God has done an outstanding job in making literature available for overseas distribution through our missionaries. That good work must continue. But we must also demonstrate our interest in providing evangelism literature for America. Your prayers and gifts will make this possible. 

...a special call
to you...



HELP BLANKET ALASKA WITH THE GOOD NEWS

Our young people are prepared to do the legwork. *Evangelism Literature for America* (ELA) is asking your help to provide the thousands of pieces of literature they'll need for the Global Youth Witness for Alaska in July. Churches, Sunday school classes, other groups, and individuals are needed to underwrite this move forward in our northernmost state. Send your offering as soon as possible to:

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'DIMES FOR NEW CHURCHES — REBIRTH FOR SOULS'



By ANN AHLF

COOPERATION IN ESTABLISHING pioneer churches is one point of concentration of Women's Missionary Council ministry. Often the women provide money for a building site or they help furnish the interior of a church or parsonage. Local groups "adopt" members of the pioneer pastor's family and supply many of their ordinary needs. Food showers, clothing for special occasions, and help with emergency expense are a part of WMC care.

Much of the finance for such projects is raised through coin collections. Some comes from designated offerings. The story of how the Illinois District WMC, led by Mrs. Dwain Grell, used special offerings to aid pioneer efforts in their area is a classic example of this ministry.

Chester, an Illinois city of 5,000, needed a full-gospel church. Lloyd Aud, Assemblies of God pastor at nearby Ava, felt a compulsion to reach out to the unchurched towns about him. In February 1964 God so impressed him with the need of Chester that, after consulting the district officials, he sought a building site in a new subdivision of the city. He poured the foundation for a church that could later be converted into an attractive residence.

Pastor Aud gave personal security for the finance until such a time as the new congregation could assume the responsibility. Having knowledge of carpenter work he served as contractor. Men of the district joined in the labor, but funds ran low.

At this point the WMC's joined the project by giving \$1,000 to complete the building. Services were begun, and people attracted by the preaching of the gospel began to fill the church.

Soon Lloyd Aud found the growing pastoral responsibilities too much for one person. He was obligated first to his own congregation who had so faithfully stood by him in the outreach effort, yet the new group could not be left alone. He prayed for a pastor for the Chester Assembly. Circumstances which, to the minister, were unquestionably providential, brought him in contact with the Gueary Clendenings who immediately shared the burden for the new church.

When the young couple arrived in Chester, there was the problem of housing. All Lloyd Aud had been able to find was an 8- by 28-foot housetrailer. Again the WMC's were on hand with a solution. From special funds raised for pioneer locations, they purchased a modern 10- by 50-foot mobile home to be used by the Clendenings until the local congregation was strong enough to provide a permanent parsonage.

Pastor Aud says, "The WMC's of Illinois can hardly know the vital part they have in the work at Chester. The beautiful mobile home fits perfectly into the zoning



Above: The Gueary Clendenings, Chester, Ill.
Below: The Larry Hodges, DuQuoin, Ill.
At right: District WMC President, Mary Ellen Grell, and Pastor Lloyd Aud, Ava, Ill.



standards of the select subdivision and is a testimony to the city that someone is interested in the people of the town and the young couple who are leading the church."

Before the Chester church was finished, a man from DuQuoin, Illinois, approached Lloyd Aud about helping people in his city secure a building. For 15 years a few families from DuQuoin had been driving 25 miles to reach a church. The building, if it could become a reality, would be the first Assemblies of God church in the county.

This time it was a vacant neighborhood grocery to which God led His people. It stood on a corner lot. After a complete remodeling, the building had a beautiful church front that opened on the side street. The interior was paneled throughout, floored with hardwood, furnished and lighted attractively. From the opening service attendance was good. Again there was need of a pastor and living quarters for him. The district brethren called the Larry Hodges to consider the position.

When the young minister and his wife arrived, the WMC's had ready for them the same kind of beautiful mobile home provided for the Chester pastors. This assures them of comfortable housing indefinitely.

"When the churches in Chester and DuQuoin are able to provide permanent living quarters for their leaders, the two mobile units will be offered to other pioneer congregations," says Mrs. Dwain Grell.

"The WMC's of Illinois have approximately \$10,000 invested in the two locations and are glad to be a part of united effort to reach the unchurched areas of the district."



First place in the Dime Float Parade went to the Sunnyvale First Assembly Missionettes. This picture shows the float as Mrs. Jewyl Seaberg, sponsor, receives the award from Mrs. Goldia Anderson, district WMC president.



These pictures reveal some of the ingenuity the Missionettes used in preparing the dime floats.



MISSIONETTES CONVENE IN CALIFORNIA

SEVERAL HUNDRED MISSIONETTES gathered at Bethel Temple in Sacramento, California, recently for the annual Northern California-Nevada Missionettes Convention. Theme for the day was based on Matthew 19:14, "Let Them Come."

One of the outstanding features was the Dime Float Parade. Local Missionettes clubs were permitted to enter one float in the parade. Selecting winners was difficult due to the beauty and originality displayed in the floats.

The total amount collected from the Dime Float Parade was \$1,000. It will be used to furnish the girls' study/lounge at Highlands Children's Home in Kansas City, Missouri.

Other convention features were the crowning of a Missionettes queen and princess, a challenging message by Mrs. Joe Prettyman, and a banquet. Miss Helen Rye, missionary to Jamaica, spoke to the girls, and the film, "A Child Is Wanting," was shown.



H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

The Seas

—A KEY TO MAN'S SURVIVAL

By **RAYMOND L. COX**

OCEAN DEPTHS MAY BE KEY TO MAN'S SURVIVAL." Thus did the editors of a metropolitan newspaper headline an article introduced with this explanatory caption:

"While the eyes of the world are fixed on space, many scientists are turning to the sea for answers to the problems that plague mankind—where to find more living space, where to find more food, where to find more fresh water. Some even dream of making the old mythical sea-city of Atlantis a reality, and 'farming' the ocean depths."

Modern science warns that man is in trouble because the population explosion is moving humanity toward the point where the earth cannot provide enough food and water. But many men of science are hoping the seas will alleviate the problem.

Oceanographers say the seas offer enormous reservoirs of fresh water. Although the oceans are salt water, some estimate they hold enough fresh water in glaciers to provide every one of earth's 3,000,000,000 people with 1,000,000,000 gallons of water. The problem, say scientists, is not lack of supply but lack of distribution.

The oceans also offer opportunity to eliminate hunger. There is enough marine life available to provide 20 times the present world's need of protein foods, and the availability is growing faster than the demand. In fact, some of the most fertile fishing areas in the world lie untapped adjacent to nations suffering the worst malnutrition. The Atlantic near the west coast of Africa, and the Indian Ocean; are cases in point.

"Farming the sea is practical," says one expert in Massa-

chusetts. "But we are still in the hunting age." Man is now obtaining only about one percent of his food from oceans covering 71 percent of his planet. The 25,000 different kinds of fish could provide an exploding population with a better diet.

So the seas may actually hold a key to man's physical survival. But there is something much more important than physical survival. "What shall it profit a man," asked Jesus, "if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

It was a man boasting barns bulging with food who heard the startling summons, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12:20). Here was a person plagued with no water or food shortage, but his survival was still in jeopardy.

Spiritual survival is far more important than physical survival. Men die of starvation and dehydration, but there is something worse. Jesus said, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do" (Luke 12:4). Then He warned against succumbing to a greater and incurable disaster: "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him" (Luke 12:5). The Bible calls this tragedy "the second death" (Revelation 20:14; 21:8).

Even if the oceans provide enough food and water to supply a mushrooming population, this will not prevent man's first death—physical death. Hungry and thirsty people are not the only ones who die. The well-fed die too. Food, water, and good living conditions may postpone death, but they cannot prevent it. So at best the oceans


can only lengthen physical life. They cannot make a man immortal.

But there is an ocean of divine Love that can give him eternal life. God loved man so much that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to redeem man, by dying for man's sin. Because the Son of God died on a cross, a veritable ocean of grace and mercy has become available. The prophet Micah, living 700 years before Christ came into the world, caught a revelation of that limitless boundless reservoir of divine Love and exclaimed in exultation, "Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). John the Baptist introduced Jesus Christ as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

In this sense the oceans symbolize a key to man's spir-

itual survival. Because God drowns our depravity in their depths, we can escape the second death. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Our guilt is buried in the depths of what poets have called "the sea of God's forgetfulness." The Lord buries sins in the seas and promises, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

Divers dredge all sorts of objects from the depths of the oceans, but they have never hauled up a believer's sins! Satan can outfit no salvaging expedition to discover the slightest transgression that has been brought to God in genuine repentance.

So the seas have a part in spiritual survival. My sins are there now. How about yours? 

WHEN PLANS WERE BEING LAID for the 1967 Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade Day, representatives of the Foreign Missions Department presented the need of textbooks and library books for overseas Bible schools. Our 80 schools in all parts of the world presented a big challenge for BGMC. There was a question if enough money could be raised in one emphasis to furnish enough books for students who will be teachers and ministers overseas.

A goal of \$45,000 was set for BGMC Day. Wonderful cooperation by pastors, children, and church members not only met this goal but far surpassed it: a total of \$61,450.99 was given for BGMC Day.

Since 33 of our Bible schools use English books, these could be purchased immediately with the money which was given. For other schools, textbooks will have to be translated and printed.

Letters have already come in from some of these overseas students expressing thanks and appreciation for such a program.

A letter has also been received from one of the instructors in the Bible institute in Venezuela. It says:

"I am writing to convey some letters of one of our classes here in the Bible school. These letters are the result of petitions to God to help us out in our dire need of books of reference for our school library. An encyclopedia could help teachers in all subjects, as well as every student in the Bible school in his research assignments. I know this is a costly article, but at least we must make an effort to see what God can do for us.

"The students here have been taught to research for material, but the sad fact is that it is almost impossible, since our library is so poorly equipped. I have taught several girls how to catalog books, classify them, and make cards for them. The students are extremely interested in advancing their library to benefit their training as ministers of the Lord."

We are thrilled that BGMC Day was such a success. However, this is not all the boys and girls do. In the remaining months of the year they contribute regularly to BGMC. In 1966 alone they gave \$203,068.93. The BGMC program has been blessed of God for it has met a great need throughout the world.

Eleven lovely trophies have been presented for BGMC

BGMC PROVIDES TEXTBOOKS FOR OVERSEAS BIBLE SCHOOLS



Day, 1967. The top awards go to the two churches that gave the highest offerings in the nation for February.

GRAND AWARD:

Fair Ridge Pentecostal Assembly, Shade Gap, Pa.—\$3,500

RUNNER-UP AWARD:

Pentecostal Tabernacle, Elmira, N. Y.—\$1,715

The two top district awards were given for the highest district offerings in February.

HIGHEST AWARD:

Eastern—\$10,175.66

SECOND-HIGHEST AWARD:

New York—\$4,307.18

The additional seven trophies have been presented to the following churches (based on categories for average attendance):

601 and over—*Calvary Temple, Springfield, Mo.*
—\$214.40

451-600—*Gospel Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn.*—
\$883.32

301-450—*Grace Pentecostal Church, Johnstown, Pa.*—
\$1,036.11

201-300—*Trinity Tabernacle, Baytown, Tex.*—\$1,073.21

126-200—*First Assembly, Green Bay, Wis.*—\$523.68

76-125—*First Assembly, Alexandria, Va.*—\$675.41

75 and under—*Calvary Assembly, Clairton, Pa.*—
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NORTHEAST BIBLE INSTITUTE RECEIVES AABC ACCREDITATION

NORTHEAST BIBLE INSTITUTE, Green Lane, Pa., has received accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, according to Paul J. Emery, president of the college.

Since 1962 when the school was reorganized as a regional Assemblies of God school for the Northeast, steps have been taken to achieve accreditation. All Assemblies of God Bible colleges are now accredited by the association.

Northeast Bible Institute was begun in 1932 as a summer Bible school on the campgrounds at Maranatha Park under the leadership of Brother and Sister J. Roswell Flower. The program was so successful that a permanent Bible college was established in 1938.

The school has facilities for over 200 students. Enrollment last semester was 209. Plans are being made for a new men's dormitory and over-all campus development.

SCC DEDICATES TWO NEW BUILDINGS

DEDICATION CEREMONIES were conducted recently for two new buildings on the campus of Southern California College, Costa, Mesa. The buildings, valued at \$755,000 include a seven-story

men's residence and a dining commons.

Dean Alfred Cawston opened the special convocation with the prayer of invocation. Joining President O. Cope Budge and district officials in the ceremonies were city leaders and representatives of the U. S. Government.

As Southern California District Superintendent L. E. Halvorson prepared to dedicate the buildings on behalf of the college board and the district, he summed up the feelings of those present when he said, "This occasion is a tribute to all who have contributed in making a dream become a reality—and in their honor we respectfully dedicate these lovely buildings." This was followed by the prayer of dedication offered by T. C. Cunningham, assistant district superintendent.

The men's residence contains 36,260 square feet and accommodates 160 men. It is built in a suite arrangement, with a living room provided with every four bedrooms.

The dining commons accommodates approximately 350 at one serving and occupies an area of 6,644 square feet.

NCBC CONVENTION EMPHASIZES THE CALL TO GOD

"EXPENDABLE" was the theme of the 1967 missions convention at North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme became a personal question—"Am I expendable?"—for those who shared the heart-searching week.

An unmistakable call to God wove itself into the heart of the convention. The special services brought days of spiritual renewal of Christian and missionary perspectives.

Convention speakers were Missionaries Harold Mintle, Hondu-

ras; Julius Olson, Brazil; Marlin Peterson, Tanzania; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Malcom, Congo; and Norman Correll, field representative for the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission. Morning and evening services were held with special workshops on Tuesday and Thursday.

Personal involvement, as an objective for the year, received added attention as a major goal of the convention. Students participated in prayer meetings, planning sessions, and preparation of booths featuring areas and people represented by the various prayer bands.

North Central's missionary giving continued at a high level this year, going well over \$15,000. More than 80 alumni missionaries receive partial monthly support through funds contributed by students and faculty.

BBC ENJOYS MISSIONARY CONVENTION

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE'S annual spring missionary convention was a blessing to students and missionaries alike. Speaker for the Monday morning chapel was Wesley Hurst, home secretary for the Foreign Missions Department. This opening address set a high tone of spiritual expectancy as James Stewart spoke each morning and evening during the rest of the week.

Brother Stewart is principal of the African Bible Training Institute. He was born and raised in South Africa, and after attending the South African Bible Institute and spending a time of missionary evangelism, he came to Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif., where he graduated in 1961.

During the convention Brother Stewart's keen interest in young people and practical knowledge of Bible college students was evidenced in his thought-provoking messages. His ministry was anointed of the Holy Spirit and

produced long-lasting results.

Other missionaries who participated in the convention included Wheeler Anderson, missionary to Africa; Dale Lee, missionary appointee to Upper Volta; and Bill Williams, missionary appointee to France.

CBC STUDENTS SPEND EASTER IN FLORIDA MINISTRY

DURING EASTER VACATION, 28 Central Bible College students went to Daytona Beach, Fla., and spent their vacation witnessing of Jesus Christ to young people gathered there for the holiday.

Sponsored by five Pentecostal churches in the area, the students worked for the most part with some 700 young people from Campus Crusade for Christ. Workers were on the beach from 11 a.m. to 12 midnight.

According to John Johanson, CBC University Prayer Group leader, approximately 90 percent of the young people on the beach they talked with about the Lord had no church affiliation. "But," said one student, "those students were very receptive and showed a great deal of respect for our beliefs."

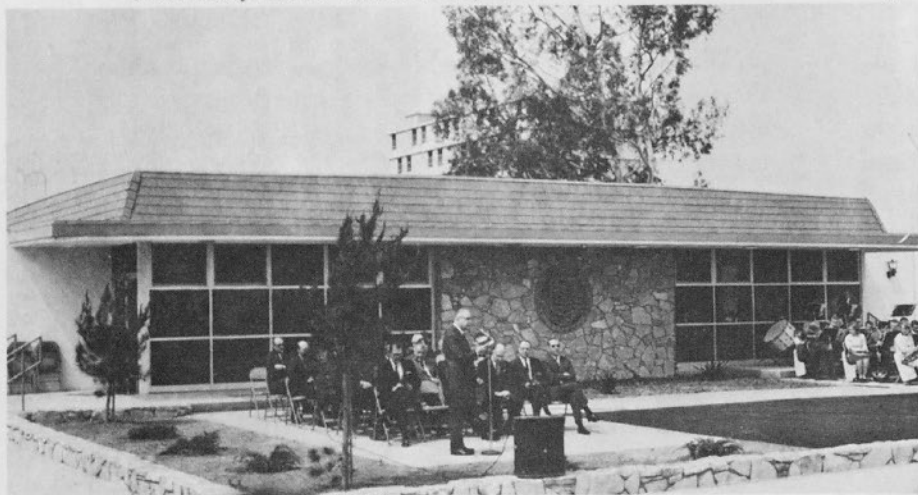
Several CBC students were privileged to introduce others to the Lord Jesus Christ.

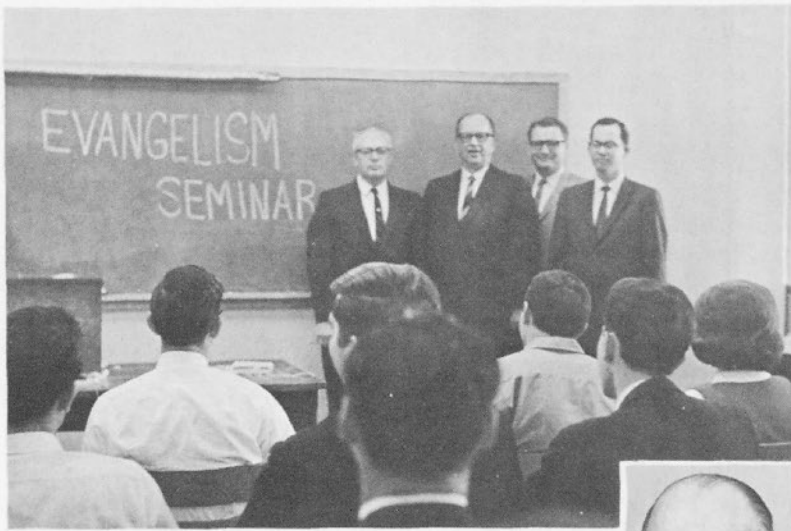
SOUTHWESTERN SPONSORS EVANGELISM SEMINAR

THE SECOND ANNUAL Christian Ministry Department Seminar was conducted recently on the campus of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex. Two guest lecturers presented special studies in evangelism.

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, conducted a week of classes on radio and mass evangelism. His long and intimate relationship with evangelistic and especially

L. E. Halvorson, superintendent of Southern California, speaking at the dedication of the dining commons (lower photo) and the seven-story men's residence (right) at the Southern California College.





Two guest lecturers spoke at the Evangelism Seminar at Southwestern—Robert E. Goggin (right), and C. M. Ward (second from left in above photo). Standing with Brother Ward are (left to right): Thomas F. Harrison, dean; Jesse K. Moon, head of the Christian Ministry department; and Carol Brown, academic vice-president.



radio ministry proved helpful to seminar enrollees.

Concluding the two-week seminar was Robert E. Goggin, superintendent of the Oklahoma District. Brother Goggin's experiences both as pastor and district official and his special insight into the evangelistic program in the local assembly were inspiring.

Attending the seminar were 80 Bible college students, members of the Bible college staff, and ministers from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

EVANGEL COLLEGE STUDENTS WORK IN TEEN CHALLENGE

TWO TEAMS of Evangel College students spent Easter vacation working with Teen Challenge centers in Chicago, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

Fifteen students were in the Dallas-Fort Worth group, and

six in the Chicago contingent. The students distributed tracts, did personal work, and held services in slum and Spanish areas. Paired with Teen Challenge workers, the students, sought to help gang members, dope addicts, and other needy teen-agers and children.

Diane Hartmann, junior, one of the students who went to Chicago, says of her experience, "It was the most wonderful week I have ever spent. It was a week in which I really saw Christianity put into practice. Wherever we witnessed to these people, there was such a hunger to learn about the love of Christ."

Bob Franco, freshman, of the Dallas—Fort Worth group, said, "What was spectacular was how God was so real. We saw miracle after miracle."

Another team member summed up the feeling of the entire group, "I don't think I will ever be the same. I am now more aware of people and their needs."

Six Evangel College students went to Chicago during their Easter vacation to participate in ministry with the Teen Challenge workers.



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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Crowd at the Assembly of God in Bethany, Mo., during the meeting with Evangelist Spencer Weddle. (Neville W. Weddle is pastor.)

BETHANY, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed and uplifted during special services with Evangelist Spencer Weddle of Springfield, Mo.

Several were saved, and many new people attended the services. The Sunday school attendance record was broken twice in three weeks, with a total of 220 on Easter.

The people were inspired to win others to Jesus Christ.

—Neville W. Weddle, pastor

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TARKIO, MO.—Nine persons were saved and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit at the Assem-

bly of God here during services with Evangelist Ken Krivohlavak of Nebraska City, Nebr. In addition, one was reclaimed and four were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

The interest was good, as indicated by above-average attendance for this farming area.

A number of nominal church members heard the full gospel during the meeting.

—W. L. Rains, pastor

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GRACEVILLE, FLA.—The New Hope Assembly here recently concluded two weeks of special services with Evangelist Robert Louis Stephens of Bastrop, La.

Ten people were saved, and the young people were stirred spiritually. Results of the meeting and a spirit of revival continue.

—John L. Franklin, pastor

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MEGARGEL, ALA.—A number of people came forward for salvation and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during two weeks of services at the Assembly of God here.

Jerry and Ann Johnson of Attmore, Ala., were the evangelists.

Attendance was good, and the entire church was blessed by a special moving of God's Spirit each night.

—M. L. Green, pastor

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

—First Assembly here was gloriously blessed during two weeks of services with Evangelist Bob Larson of McCook, Nebr.

Many people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

A former rock-and-roll singer, Brother Larson was invited to give his personal testimony on each of the three local television stations and on one radio station.

—Phinis A. Lewis, pastor

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COLUMBIA, MISS.—First Assembly is believing God to continue revival after special services with Evangelist Al D. Hewison of Springfield, Mo.

Fifteen were saved, five were

reclaimed, six were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled with the Spirit during the meetings. Attendance was excellent.

One man who had been an alcoholic for many years was saved and is now believing God for healing in his body. Another lady who had not attended any church for some years was saved the first time she visited First Assembly.

Because of a steady increase in the Sunday school, the church is making plans for a building program.

—Marshall Lee Dodd, pastor

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NEWCASTLE, WYO.—The Assembly of God here profited spiritually from a special week of youth emphasis with Evangelist J. Derald Musgrove.

Eleven people made first-time decisions for Jesus Christ, and 12 made rededications. One young lady received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Stephen Rexroat, pastor

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SAVANNA, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here has enjoyed a real outpouring of God's Spirit during services with Evangelist Lloyd Winkle of Tulsa, Okla.

Twenty-four were saved or reclaimed, and nine were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Several remarkable healings took place.

—T. S. Howell, pastor

GORDON EARLS NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OF BETHANY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Gordon F. Earls of Bay Minette, Ala., has been named administrator of Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Fla. He succeeds Ivan R. Loy, resident superintendent for the past six years, who has retired.

In home missions work since 1964, Brother Earls began his ministry in 1942 and was ordained in 1944 by the Alabama District Council. He is a 1942 graduate of South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland.

His pastorates, all in Alabama, were at Creola, Ozark, Dothan, Lenette, Robertsedale, and Bay Minette.

In addition to home missions and pastoral work, he served as

manager of two building supply firms and is owner and manager of Earls Construction Co., Bay Minette.

He serves as a director on the Bay Minette Housing Authority, Urban Renewal, and is manager of the Bay Minette Office of Economic Opportunity.

He and his wife, the former Doris Kelly, have three children.

A native of Morgan County, Ohio, Brother Loy began his ministry in 1932 as a licensed preacher. He was ordained three years later by the Kansas District Council.

He served as a presbyter for five years while pastoring in

Miami, Fla. He has also pastored in Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, West Virginia, and Mississippi.

He and his wife, the former

Margaret M. Greening, have four children. One son, Ronald D. Loy, Memphis, Tenn., is an ordained minister.



Ivan R. Loy (left) and Gordon F. Earls (right) at banquet held in their honor. J. Bashford Bishop (center) participated in the banquet program.



Pastor Emil Balliet (left) and Sunday School Superintendent Clifford Stauffer stand beside board showing record attendance.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Revival-time Evangelist C. M. Ward led First Assembly here in a great Easter crusade.

Large crowds attended nightly, and the spiritual results were heartwarming. A new attendance

record of 1,065 was set in Sunday school.

—Emil A. Balliet, pastor

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BELOIT, WIS.—God blessed in services at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Lonnie Osborn.

Nineteen were saved or reclaimed, and five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

An all-time Sunday school record high of 263 was reached Easter Sunday.

Revival fires continue to burn as people are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Harley Olson, pastor

PENIEL BIBLE INSTITUTE REUNION

STANTON, KY.—All former students and faculty of Peniel Bible Institute are invited to a reunion June 23-24. The reunion

will be held at the Assembly of God in Stanton.

For further information contact: William N. Huff, % Assembly of God, P. O. Box 187, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342.

ANNOUNCEMENT

HOME COMING—June 30-July 2 at the Assembly of God, Newcastle, Wyo. Speakers: Melvin Hodges, Neil McDaniel, and Howard Cummings.—by Stephen Rexroat, pastor

WITH CHRIST

ARNOLD H. FOLDEN, 59, of Thief River Falls, Minn., went to be with the One he served March 23, 1967, in El Monte, Calif. Ordained to the ministry in 1934, Brother Folden transferred to the Assemblies of God in 1948 from another denomination. He was a member of the Minnesota District.

Brother Folden served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Minnesota, Iowa, and North Dakota. He is survived by his wife Frances and two sons.

MRS. HATTIE MAE VEST, 61, of Lindsay, Okla., went to be with the Lord March 10, 1967. Sister Vest was licensed by the Northern California-Nevada District in 1944. She copastored with her husband, Olen C. Vest, in California and Arkansas. She is survived by her husband, one brother, and two sisters.

ED A. STOCKMAN, 64, of Seattle, Wash., went to be with the Lord March 26, 1967. Brother Stockman was ordained to the ministry in 1963 by the Northwest District. He served as a pastor in Seattle. He is survived by his wife Elvina and three children.

JACOB J. CLARK, 86, of Vader, Wash., went to his eternal reward March 25, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1935, Brother Clark was a member of the Northwest District. He served pastorates in Nebraska and Washington. He is survived by his wife, Estella, and seven children. One son, E. M. Clark, is the superintendent of the Illinois District.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Little Rock	Central	June 11-25	C. C. Crace	Bird Campbell
	N. Little Rock	Conway Pike	June 5-18	Salisbury-Secrease Tm.	J. D. Koller
Calif.	Bakersfield	Bethel Temple	June 14-25	The Tanner Team	Harry Hodge
	Gridley	*A/G	June 18-23	Charles Senechal	Louis Roggow
	Morgan Hill	*First	June 18-23	Christian Hild	Don Argue
	Santa Ana	First	June 11-16	Christian Hild	H. Syvelle Phillips
	Stockton	*Bethel	June 11-16	Howard-Youngman Team	Robert Satterfield
	Woodville	*A/G	June 18-23	Howard-Youngman Team	A. Neal Burns
Fla.	Apopka	First	June 18-July 2	Colen & Carol Lassiter	William Spann
	Bagdad	A/G	June 18-July 2	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Charles E. Lee
	Crestview	Westside	June 18—	Ralph D. & Mrs. Roberts	T. Victor Kolmetz
	Panama City	Lynn Haven	June 7-18	Nettie Parham	T. C. Ernest
	Winter Haven	Northside	June 18-23	Musical Wellards	Charles Clary
Ill.	Rockford	West Side	June 13-25	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	Oda Jones
Ind.	Michigan City	Faith City	June 14-25	Musical Vanderploegs	R. A. Yake
Ky.	Henderson	Evangel	June 4-16	Knott-Olson Team	Joe Combs
La.	Arabic	*A/G	June 11-16	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	N. J. Sorenson
Mass.	Lawrence	A/G	June 14-21	Bob Watters	Helen Wright
Mich.	Adrian	*Bethany	June 12-18	Carl E. Gammel	Arthur Clay
	Saginaw	Bethel	June 7-11	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	Wm. E. Severance
Minn.	Worthington	*A/G	June 18-23	Bob Olson	John W. Everett
Miss.	Canton	First	June 4-18	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	I. B. Ellis
Mo.	Eldon	East Side	June 13-25	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	H. F. Foley
	Odessa	A/G	June 11-25	Dan & Marty Womack	James M. Moulder
	St. Louis	*Grace	June 18-23	Gladys Voight	I. C. Washburn
	Springfield	Evangel Temple	June 11-18	Bob & Jeri Winford	Ralph Kay
Mont.	Bozeman	A/G	June 18-30	Roy & Arlene Brewer	John R. Weaver
	Miles City	A/G	June 11-16	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Alvin Fischer
N. Y.	Port Jervis	First	June 6-11	Gerard D. Morriello	Floyd D. Myrick Jr.
N. J.	Belleville	A/G	June 13-18	Roy T. Johnson	Anthony DiQuattro
Ohio	Conneaut	*A/G	June 12-16	Fisher-Cheek Team	C. A. Weaver
	Conneaut	A/G	June 18-25	Fisher-Cheek Team	C. A. Weaver
	Girard	*First	June 12-18	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	James L. Watkins
	Painesville	A/G	June 14-25	"Gypsy" George Butrin	Mircia Saghin
Okla.	Antlers	First	June 14—	Thomas R. Collins	J. B. Essary
	Cushing	*First	June 11-25	Victor Etienne	Clyde C. Miller
	Durant	First	June 18—	John & Freda Bryant	C. A. Snodgrass
	Elk City	First	June 7—	John & Freda Bryant	Joe Calabrese
Oreg.	Irrigon	A/G	June 13-25	Dave & Jan Olshevski	John Kenney
Pa.	Houtzdale	Parsonville	June 14-18	"Little Joe" Peterson	Louis L. Trotta
	Shrewsbury	*Full Gospel	June 12-18	Brosey-Buchwalter Tm.	Alfred D. Boyd
Tenn.	New Tazewell	Bethel	June 18-30	Knott-Olson Team	Cecil Falley
Tex.	DeKalb	First	June 11—	Robert & Mrs. Salter	C. C. Gee
	El Paso	First	June 14—	Marvin Schmidt	Wm. F. Hageman
	Ft. Worth	Bethel Temple	June 18—	Marvin Schmidt	Charles R. Jones
	Ft. Worth	Broadview	June 11-25	James & LaVerne Sartor	Ray Heady
	Ft. Worth	Halton City	June 11-25	James E. Radford	Marvin R. Russell
	Ft. Worth	River Oaks	June 11-18	Eddie Wilson	L. J. Choate
	Lone Oak	A/G	June 11-18	Samuel & Patricia Calk	J. W. Hopkins
	Ralls	A/G	June 18-July 2	Morris & Mrs. Lefkovitz	D. W. Calcote
	Whiteface	A/G	June 11—	Doyle G. Jones	Al Owen

*Children's Revival

**Youth Crusade

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

HIGHER INTEREST AVAILABLE ON CBC BONDS

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

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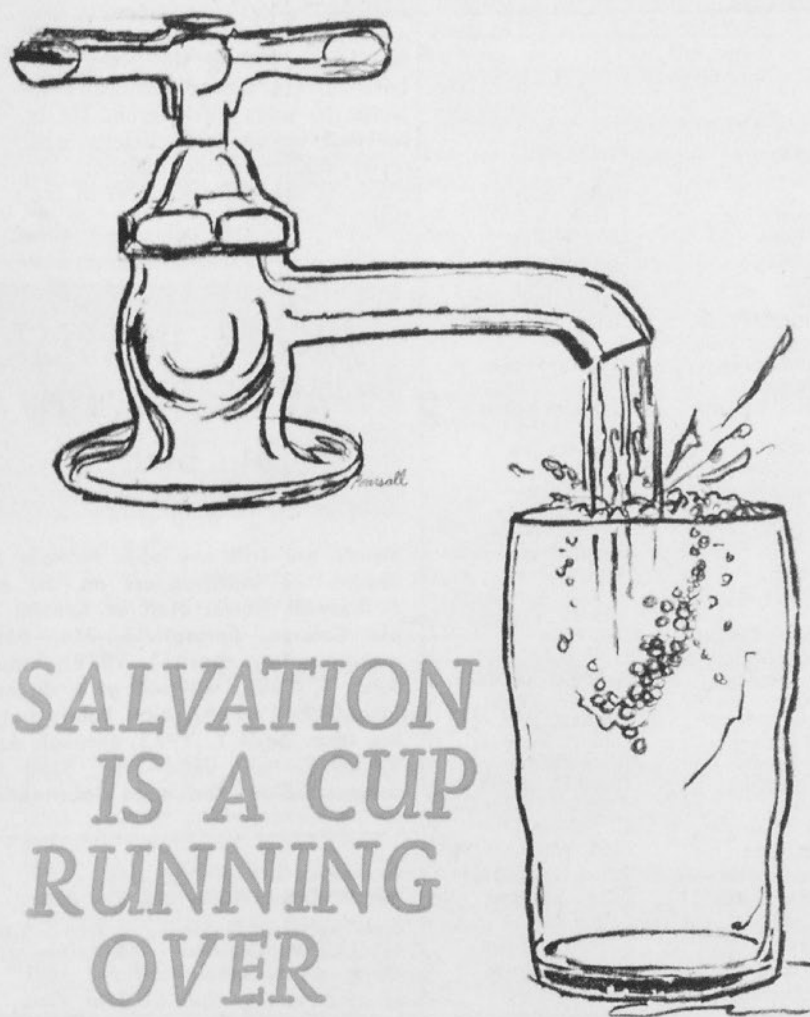
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I considered myself religious. But my Christianity was a stagnant, sterile acceptance of dead orthodoxy.

I wouldn't dare get excited about religion. I was pseudocomposed and dead, frustrated, and sad, rebellious and confused.

Yet I attended church, not realizing that Christ was waiting with open arms to fill the void in my life. I ached for peace as a wall of complacency grew up around me.

I said I was a Christian but I felt very unsure inside where it mattered!

Did my Christianity hold me up when I was down? Did it help me understand my family, the meaning of life? Had I searched the Bible for answers? Had I met the Christ in His redeeming power?

Of course I hadn't! But I stoutly maintained, "I am a Christian!"

Then death came to our family.

Life with no anchor became so complex that little pills couldn't dull the void of a soul without Christ.

Then I reached out to God in a church where Christ was Lord. And He was waiting for me, waiting with everlasting arms, waiting with forgiveness and love and abundant life!

I confessed that I needed Him as Saviour and I *knew* my sins were washed away.

And Christianity *became*:

A new beginning, every day;

A purpose for living;

Assurance of eternal life—and most definitely *life today!*

The simplicity of salvation overwhelmed me! It was a joy never known; communion with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

It brought peace inside when the storm raged.

Every part of my life glowed with His presence. Problems didn't cease, but Christ and the Word of God became the power to conquer them.

The light of the Cross revealed the sin of my life: Narrowness, pride, backbiting, self-righteousness, overindulgence, anger, jealousy. . . .

The list went further, but so did Christ's love and forgiveness.

I knew the joy of finding *my* Saviour, and the healing process went on—chopping out rancor and deceit; pointing out indifference; praying for the Holy Spirit to guide.

Really belonging to Christ doesn't let a person stagnate. He is love in action, faith in motion. He is God's will for our lives being fulfilled.

For me, Christianity no longer is a pious, dead respectability. *I* was the one who was empty and moral.

Salvation is a cup running over!

Christ is in every dimension now as I walk with Him, growing in grace and abiding in the presence of the Holy Spirit—today, tomorrow, and forever! 