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# WHAT HAPPENS

# WHEN THE FIRE BURNS

**I**N MARK 16:15 we read one of our Lord's last commands to His disciples: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

That flame of evangelism, kindled in the hearts of those first disciples, still burns today in the hearts of many of God's people. In some the light may have dimmed and the fire may be in a single coal, but in prayer meetings such as this Area Prayer Conference the coals are fanned into flames again by the Spirit of God.

Let me call to your attention what happens when the fire of evangelism burns in our hearts.

## THERE IS WITNESSING

When the fire of evangelism is burning, we want to tell someone about Jesus. We don't care about the size of the crowd. The Holy Spirit used Philip to preach a revival that reached the whole city of Samaria. But when He directed him to Gaza to preach to one individual, Philip didn't hesitate. He might have asked, "What kind of accommodations are available? Who will take care of my traveling expenses? Will I have a comfortable room and good food?" But he didn't.

Philip had a fire burning in his heart and he simply believed that the God who had kindled it would take care of him wherever He sent him.

There are times when we become too busy with the affairs of this life and miss our opportunities. This happened to one of our ministers some months ago. She started to the post office to mail an important letter. As she got into her car, she noticed some linemen from the utility company working across the street. One of them was buckling on spurs to climb a pole.

She felt strangely impressed to speak to him about his soul, but she was in a hurry so she said, "I'll speak to him when I get back."

When she returned, the linemen were all huddled around the pole. They told her, "This man climbed the pole less than 10 minutes ago. He touched a high line and he's dead."

It was too late to witness then. She had made a mistake in delaying even 10 minutes. But how well are the rest of us doing?

There are Christians who have not won their first soul. It is distressing when people go year in and year out without witnessing. Once in a while they sing, "Bring-

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By T. H. SPENCE

ing in the Sheaves," but I fear they don't have anything to bring.

I would rather be a soul winner than anything I know. God makes us lovers of souls, and give us a compassion for those who are lost and will go to hell unless somebody invites them to come to Christ.

When Samuel went to anoint a new king to take the place of a rebellious Saul, he expressed an important principle in working for God. After Jesse had shown him his older sons, Samuel asked, "Are here all of thy children?"

Jesse explained about the one out on the hillside caring

for sheep. And Samuel said, "I will not sit down until that boy is brought in." The devil would like to have us sit down before our work is done, but *don't sit down!* You have a responsibility. If the fire burns in our hearts, we won't rest till our work is done.

A Christian businessman said this past summer (and he was not gloating), "I have won more souls at my place of business than my church has had conversions." There was a fire in his heart that didn't burn low between Sundays.

#### **THERE IS OBEDIENCE**

When the fire of evangelism burns in our hearts, we will obey God's call. I still believe God calls certain people to certain places, and I still believe we can know in our hearts what God's will is for us.

After Brother R. S. Watson had served as prison chaplain in our state for a number of years, he came to me one day and said, "Brother Spence, I would like to become a pastor."

I told him of several possible openings and said I would be glad to recommend him.

He said, "Brother Spence, that isn't what I want. I want to go into a needy community and build a church."

He knew what God wanted him to do. Less than two years ago he went into the Redstone Arsenal area and pioneered. Last summer we dedicated a lovely chapel and educational building for Brother Watson and his fine congregation there.

Here was a man nearly 60 years old who could say, "God called me. I had never been to this town before—but I knew it was where God wanted me." God honored his obedience. And He will honor your move when it is in the will of God. But if the fire of evangelism is not burning in our hearts, we will continue to play at religion instead of finding God's plan and obeying His will.

One of the finest missionaries of our district, William E. Lovick, told me something along this line the last time he was home from Togo. A new convert there—we'll call him Joe—came to the missionary and told him he wanted to preach. Brother Lovick was in sympathy with the idea, but he encouraged the man to learn to read God's Word and to go to Bible school.

Joe was willing, but after six weeks the school gave up on him. He simply could not learn. But Joe still wanted to preach. There was a fire burning in his heart. So Brother Lovick said, "I'll help you, Joe."

After a while they discovered Joe was absent. They hadn't seen him for a week. Then a runner came to the missionary with news that a certain village was in an uproar.

Brother Lovick went. When he got there he found a great revival, and he discovered Joe was the instrument God had used!

"Brother Spence," the missionary told me, "I was grooming a young man for that very village. We had the time set when we were going to invade it, but Joe beat us to it."

That man who couldn't learn his ABC's in school knew enough to obey God, and God did the rest. He had gone to the village market to trade eggs for meat. While walking through the marketplace early that morning, Joe saw the village idiot, who happened to be the son of the chief man.

"As I walked by him," he told Brother Lovick, "I heard a voice that said, 'Lay your hands on him and cast the devil out of him.' I looked around and didn't see anyone. So I went on to make my swap.

"As I came back by," he said, "I heard that voice again. It was the voice I heard when God called me to preach."

Joe went over to the boy, who was plastering his naked body with cow dung. He didn't want to put his hands on such a creature, but he felt he must obey God, so he said, "In Jesus' name, deliver this man." And it happened. Just that simply. The boy immediately put on his clothes. He was in his right mind.

Joe delivered the boy to the chief of the village. The old chief turned the village to Joe, and he preached, and a revival came.

God sets a high premium on obedience and simple faith.

I know of a pastor whose church was purchased at a good price to make way for an interstate highway. He said to his church, "I want another pastor to come, and I want to divide this congregation with him. Instead of building a cathedral, let us build two churches."

That kind of pastor is not trying to build something for himself. He is building the kingdom of God, because there's a fire burning in his heart.

I happen to know that this same pastor took out a \$10,000 insurance policy to be used at his death to build a church in a needy community. Do you know why? The fire of evangelism burns in his heart. What a memorial that will be!

#### **THERE IS REJOICING**

A few days ago, while in the Mobile area, I stopped to see Fred Brown, pastor of a large Baptist church. He and I were boys together, reared in the same community, and he had asked me to drop in. Fred said, "I would just like to tell you what God is doing. The men of the church meet here once a week for prayer. Then we go out two by two and canvass the community. Afterward, we come back for prayer."

Then he told me of a brother who had been gloriously converted. He had asked Pastor Brown to go with him to visit a Catholic friend. They made the call. The pastor witnessed to the man and prayed with him, but he did not surrender to Christ. They returned to the church where a meeting was in progress.

"When we arrived," he said, "I requested prayer for this man. We had prayed for nearly an hour when I looked up, and there stood that man at the door. I invited him to join us around the altar.

"The man said, 'I will; but before I join you, let me tell you what has happened. After you left, I began to consider what you had said and I bowed before my Jesus and asked Him to forgive me for my sins and to blot out my transgressions. I'd just like to tell you of the peace that came to my heart.'"

My Baptist pastor-friend said, "Brother Spence, that crowd rose to their feet. Midnight came, and we were still shouting because of a soul that had been won to God."

My brother, my sister, when the fire of evangelism burns within our hearts, there will be witnessing, there will be obedience, and there will be something for us to shout about as souls are born into the kingdom of God.

God help us to keep that fire burning in our hearts and in our churches till Jesus comes.

# Knees Unbowed to Baal

IN RUSSIA TODAY, as in Israel in Elijah's day, "there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Romans 11:5). It was a small remnant in Israel—only seven thousand, the Lord said, who had not bowed to Baal (1 Kings 19:18). In Russia reportedly the remnant of believers in the Lord is much larger.

A report on the situation is published in this *Evangel*. Entitled "A New Tide of Evangelism in Russia," it probably is one of the most significant articles we have carried in a long time. The author, John C. Pollock, wrote this syndicated article for the Evangelical Press Association, of which *The Pentecostal Evangel* is a member.

The article makes reference to entire congregations "especially of Pentecostals" who have seceded from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the U.S.S.R. because they felt the leaders of the council were restraining their evangelism activities. This was a courageous act. By seceding from the officially recognized council they lost their legal status and must face many problems. Pentecostal people everywhere ought to be praying much for these courageous Russian believers.

News dispatches from Russia do not identify Pentecostals as such very often, but they are a large group. "It is a well-known fact," states E. N. O. Kulbeck, Editor of *The Pentecostal Testimony* (Canada), "that before the intense persecution of evangelical Christians under the Stalinist regime there were approximately 500,000 Pentecostals in Soviet Russia, besides large numbers in the Baltic States and the section of Eastern Poland that was later incorporated into the U.S.S.R. Following World War II the Pentecostals were forced to join the Baptist union to get even a small degree of permission to worship legally. . . . When Dr. Jakov Zidkov, then president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, addressed a dinner meeting in the Park Plaza Hotel, Toronto, about six years ago, he stated that the most vigorous portion of the Council's membership that gave it its spiritual drive were the Pentecostals."

It is remarkable how religious faith survives the most intense persecution. One communist leader complained, "Religion is like a nail—the harder you hit it, the deeper it goes." In the days of Elijah, the wicked King Ahab and his heathen wife Jezebel were unable to stamp out the Jews' faith in Jehovah, and half a century of repression by atheistic government leaders has failed to destroy the Church in Russia. As Jesus promised, the gates of hell may plot against the Church but cannot prevail. Smother it and it will shine. Crucify it and it will grow. Bury it and it will rise again.

An indication of what may happen to millions of Russians is the testimony of Svetlana Alliluyeva, 42, who recently fled from the U.S.S.R. She is the daughter of Josef Stalin and Nadezhda Sergeyevna Alliluyeva. Stalin means "steel" and Alliluyeva means "hallelujah," or "praise the Lord." She adopted her mother's maiden name, in preference to her father's, for evidently she does not want a heart of steel but a heart filled with praises to God.

"Since my childhood I have been taught Communism," she said, "but slowly, with age and experience, I began to think differently. . . . I believe in God. . . . Religion has done a lot to change me. . . . In recent years, we in Russia have begun to think. . . ."

Let us not sin by ceasing to pray for Russia.

—R.C.C.

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# NO QUOTA WITH GOD

By CONRAD S. JENSEN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is largely known by two symbols—our flag and the Statue of Liberty. The Statue, standing prominently in the New York harbor, has brought courage and hope to countless thousands seeking liberty and peace.

At its base we find these words:

“Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to be free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the hopeless tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”

Probably no lines in human history, no sentiment from the heart of man, no eloquent invitation from a people will ever equal these noble words. Until the mid-twenties the golden door remained open, swinging wide to welcome all. Many came and found new life, liberty, peace and all the good things America stands for.

Then suddenly the door was slammed shut in the faces of some, and remained open just a crack for others. A “quota” system was set up and the flood of immigrants dwindled to a trickle. The precious invitation at the base of the Statue had to be amended. No longer could it promise freedom to *all*—only those designated by quota.

Before Jesus Christ was crucified He said: “I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture” (John 10:9).

Here the promise is to *any* man. This calls to mind the lines of a children’s hymn:

“Red and yellow, black and white,  
All are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

This gracious invitation of the Saviour has never been amended. For almost 2,000 years the invitation has been the same: “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37).

Not all those that have come to our shores have been happy. Some expected far more than they found. Some returned to their native lands.

Not so when we come to the Saviour. In John 10:10 we read: “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

Yes, the door represented by the Lord Jesus Christ is still wide open to everyone. But one day this door will close to be shut forever. No one knows when, but one day it will shut.

In the Book of Matthew we read the parable of the wise and foolish virgins who went to meet the bridegroom with their lamps. Five had extra oil and were prepared. Five had none when the crucial hour came and ran to buy more.

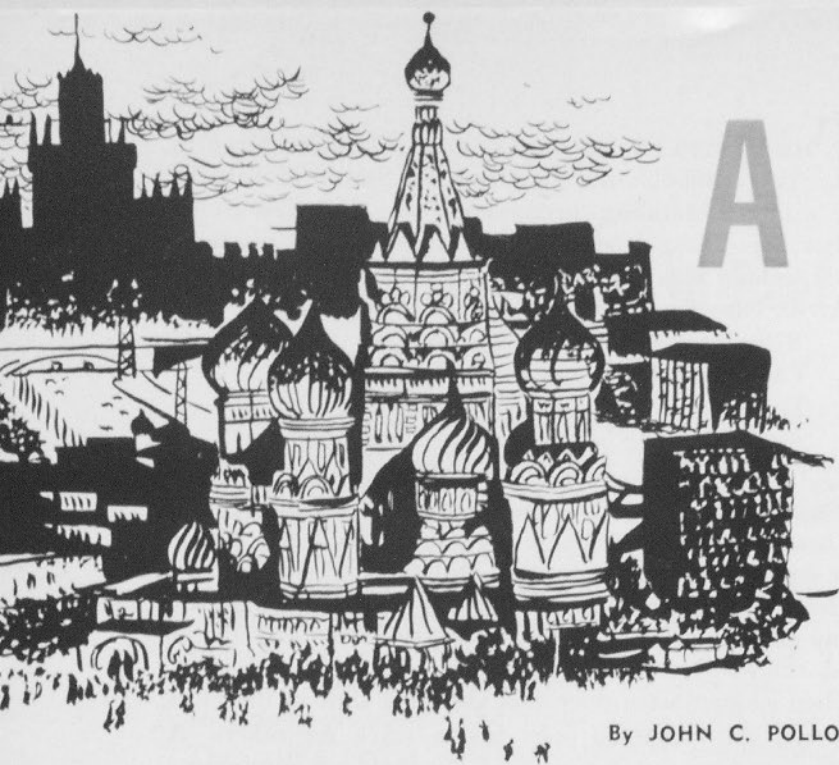
“*And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut*” (Matthew 25:10).

“*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come*” (Matthew 24:42).

Jesus said, “I will come again.” And He will. When He does the door will be shut. Then will come the cry, “Lord, Lord, open to us.” His answer according to the Bible will be: “Verily I say unto you, I know you not.”

Thank God there is no quota with Him. *There still is room.*

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By JOHN C. POLLOCK

# A NEW TIDE OF

ON NOVEMBER 22, 1966, three women stood in the dock of the Peoples Court at Cheboksary, a city on the Volga 380 miles due east of Moscow, between Kazan and Gorky.

They were each sentenced to three years in a corrective labor camp. Their crime was that of persuading children to join a religious circle and not to enlist in the official Communist-atheist organization, the red-scarfed Pioneers.

The case is not isolated, and the story that emerged at the trial throws a beam of light on a struggle that is mounting in intensity all over Russia today. When the police burst in on these "criminals," they discovered a Bible class in full session. Children were sitting at the table, each with a Bible open, transcribing verses into a notebook. Others were learning psalms and hymns by heart.

The extraordinary truth is that this took place in state school hours with the connivance of the schoolmistress! Whether or not she was a secret Christian herself (no open Christian can be a schoolteacher in Russia) was never divulged in court. The case arose because another teacher betrayed her to the authorities.

These brave Christian women now in prison belong to a new movement among Russian evangelicals which is rapidly gaining momentum: the *Iniitsiativniki*, or Action Groups. The Action Groups have two clear purposes. One is to persuade the Soviet Government to allow the freedom of conscience to which it subscribes in theory; the other is to create a new evangelical leadership, believing that the present officially recognized "All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists" has compromised with "the world," the atheist state.

The evangelical church in Russia is suffering from division and tension which must evoke the concern and prayers of its brethren in the West, more especially because the crisis cannot be seen in terms of white and black, one group faithful and the other false.

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When I visited Russia and researched in 1963-64 to write my book *The Faith of the Russian Evangelicals* (McGraw-Hill, November 1964), the facts were still so obscure that I could only draw attention to the conflict vaguely. And though I mentioned among many others the 1962 trial and sentence to prison (where he remains) of the founder of the Action Groups, I was unaware of his significance. But now, as evangelical Christianity continues to spread and be persecuted, much more information has emerged, partly as a result of the founding of the privately sponsored Center for Research and Study of Religious Institutions, headed by an American scholar, Dr. William C. Fletcher, which studies systematically all newspapers and periodicals from Eastern Europe.

In 1961—and this was not known in the West until last year—an order was issued by the All-Union Council at the behest of the state which reversed traditional Baptist policy. The Council told its senior presbyters to remember "that at present the main task of divine service is *not* the enlistment of new members. The duty of the senior presbyter is to check unhealthy missionary tendencies," to reduce the number of baptisms, especially of young people, and to discourage the evangelistic efforts of the churches.

According to my personal observation the senior presbyters interpreted this order very loosely indeed, but the fact that the Council was prepared to issue it—in face of its own devotion to evangelism and of clear commands of the Word of God such as, "Be instant in season, out of season. . . . Do the work of an evangelist"—brought to a head a growing dissatisfaction among presbyters and laity in different parts of the Soviet Union. Entire congregations, especially of Pentecostals, rejected the supervision of the All-Union Council and seceded, thus losing their legal status. Elsewhere splinter groups formed unregistered, and therefore illegal, Baptist churches; still other congregations were divided and distressed.

The leader of these dissidents, A. S. Prokofiev, a Ukrainian of deep faith and courage, traveled extensively to bind them together. Then on August 13, 1961, he and others appealed to Prime Minister Khrushchev. (This has been known only recently in the West.) They told him they were unhappy because the official evangelical leadership was subservient to the atheist state. They begged him to allow a congress of evangelicals to meet and draft a new constitution whereby they could manage their affairs without state interference and be free to evangelize.

They did not consider these demands treasonable; the Action Groups love their country. They want to take full part in its life. Yet many professions and activities are denied to Christians, who are treated as second-class citizens. The "official" evangelical leadership continues to accept this discrimination as part of the cost of discipleship, but the Action Groups now demand for Christians their rightful place in society.

For a year after this appeal nothing happened, until in

# EVANGELISM IN RUSSIA

September 1962 the travels of Profokiev came to a summary close with his arrest and sentence of five years' deprivation of freedom to be followed by five years banishment. In January 1963 occurred the famous incident of the 32 Siberians who invaded the U. S. embassy asking for help in emigration; it is now certain they were adherents of the Action Groups. The worldwide outcry at the treatment of the 32 may have been one of the factors which led Khrushchev at length to grant, surprisingly, the request for an evangelical congress in October 1963, the first for 15 years.

The report published at the time revealed little of the real issues and nothing of the agony of soul that must have been felt in the Moscow Baptist Church, well known to American tourists. And the congress failed. Apart from a few minor concessions the Action Groups achieved none of their aims. The All-Union Council did not authorize open evangelism or public Sunday schools, nor did it end the compromise with the atheist government which to the leaders seems the only alternative to proscription and suppression.

The Action Groups resumed and intensified activities. Before long the policy of the Soviet Government became only too clear: to continue a small measure of religious freedom to the "official" evangelicals, encouraging moderate dissidents to rejoin them; and ruthlessly to suppress the rest. In December 1963, an "unofficial" Baptist preacher, Brother Churara, died under torture. During most of 1964 the Soviet press frequently reported trials. After the replacement of Khrushchev in October there was a short pause while the new masters of the Kremlin consolidated their popularity. Meanwhile the churches of the Action Groups became steadily more militant in evangelism, daring to march in processions of witness, to organize Sunday schools, even to hold baptismal services openly at riversides.

Early in 1966 persecution by the Soviet State reached a fresh intensity. In March a new clause to Article 142 of the Penal Code gave the police ample scope to suppress unregistered evangelicals, and in September 1966 another clause banned any Christian outing by train or bus, any gathering of the kind that is regularly featured in the weekday program of American churches.

The names of more than 20 Christians who received sentences of up to five years for such "criminal" activities could be culled from the Soviet press in 1966, and the true number is probably higher since trials are reported only when it suits propaganda.

The procedure at these trials is always the same. Local public opinion is first inflamed by lurid descriptions of antisocial activities; the "public" in the court is formed of handpicked spectators sure to display "indignation" at the criminals. Sometimes the charges are not directly concerned with religion but include fraud and embezzlement and are "proved" on perjured evidence. But in March

1966 two women received five years each for organizing a Sunday school for 80 children at a town in Soviet Central Asia; in July three pastors, the eldest only 36 years old, were convicted of running a religious music school for youth; and the leader of the Rostov-on-Don Action Group was sentenced after a public baptism. This man had openly led his young people in evangelistic songs while traveling by suburban trains, to the accompaniment of guitars and *balalaikas*—an astonishing bravado in modern Russia!


The weight of the law falls on the adherents of the Action Groups. But any reader of this article who supposes that "official" Baptists are faithless would be wrong. Apart from their courageous witness in the past, no one who has been among them can doubt their basic sincerity in an appalling dilemma. For example, the pastor of Tashkent, the Central Asian town ravaged by earthquakes last year, brought large numbers of unregistered Baptists back to the fold after their leaders had been imprisoned. This man is one of the most vibrant Christians I have ever met. He suffered severely in Stalin's time but he radiates joy and blessing. He is a soul winner and man of prayer, and his deacons likewise.

The situation is confused, for atheist Russia is in ferment. The hostility of the Soviet regime to Christians, Orthodox or evangelical, suggests that the Christian faith is spreading at a rate thoroughly alarming to the authorities. The Communist Party line has insisted ever since 1917 that religion will die out with the older generation; hence their fury that young people should join the churches in such numbers. And it would seem, from the writings of the two well-known secular authors jailed after sensational trials in 1966, and of a third allowed to exile himself to the West, that religious faith is growing among the intellectuals.

Moreover the Christians have a strong point which they are beginning to express publicly: that the grand themes to which the Soviets pay lip service, such as "Man is a friend, comrade, and brother to his fellowman," and, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need," are only truly fulfilled in lives reborn by the Spirit of Christ.

Persecution continues. Men and women witness and suffer. The future is obscure. The Action Groups assert that they now number more members than the State-recognized Evangelical Union. Color is given to this claim in that last October the government again allowed a congress where the Action Groups seemingly won major concessions.

Because news continually trickles out of Russia, this article cannot have a polished conclusion. *The conclusion must be in your prayers.*

Let me end with one final, striking incident. Not long ago a party of evangelicals walked into the Kremlin itself, sat on the steps of the new Palace of the Soviets, and sang gospel songs—until removed by the police. 

# THE OTHER WAR

By **ROBERT R. WAY**

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U. S. Marines, members of a unit which suffered heavy casualties, join in a prayer of thanksgiving in South Vietnam. A chaplain leads the tired leathernecks in prayer.

**H**OW MANY BATTLES can a soldier fight at one time? SP4 Mike Payuk, serving with the U. S. Army in Vietnam, answered it this way: "It has been the usual day over here—a lot of fighting and suffering. Besides fighting for my country, I know the Lord has sent me to Vietnam to witness to others. I consider this my mission field and I want to carry on the work of the Lord."

The Christian serviceman faces a threefold mission. The first two phases deal with the military and humanitarian aspects—win the war and preserve the peace. So they are involved in tremendous civic action programs.

One lance corporal explained the reason for extending his tour of duty: "I'd rather help these Montanard people seven months longer than spend the rest of my enlistment on a base in the States." Others build villages, help harvest crops, make 20th-century medical help available to the needy, and share the techniques of modern agriculture with farmers.

Modern weapons of warfare are no longer limited to firepower and defoliants, helicopters and rivercraft, missiles and heavy artillery. To build an effective peace and to establish freedom and self-government, the military arsenal now includes printing presses, radio transmitters, agricultural equipment, disease-fighting serums, food supplements, construction know-how, and an abundance of warmhearted love to show the people that we really care.

This is all part of "the other war"—the great humanitarian drive to share with those whose freedom has been tyrannized and to eliminate the tears and terrors of war. The big challenge is not simply to stop the enemy but to create a peaceful society where members of the human family can live in serenity and safety.

To the dedicated follower of Christ, however, another phase looms with greater significance! "The other war" includes opportunities for dynamic spiritual thrust against the enemy of the soul—it opens doors of effective service for the Master. In this conflict, those spiritually enslaved by the tyrannies of sin and bound by the chains of satanic power may be liberated to eternal life. This is why God calls many of our finest youth to serve in the military. "This is my mission field" is true for thousands besides Mike.

"... And there is no discharge in this war" (Ecclesiastes 8:8). So long as there are burdened souls, captivated and

made to grind at the devil's mill—so long as God in heaven hears the inner longing for release and liberty from the curse of sin—so long will He continue to call our choice young men to "the other war."

Larry W. Davis wrote F. L. Langley, superintendent of the Assemblies of God of the Mississippi District, of a wonderful victory and spiritual outpouring on a base in Yokosuka, Japan. "Spontaneous prayer meetings began to spring up. In these Christian groups souls were graciously being saved. Through this simple beginning and through various media such as tapes, copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and other literature, God has given many a great thirsting for His Spirit. Along with Brother Jim Davis, I have long felt the need for a full-gospel church here. Well, God has opened the way." Victories in "the other war" continue.

Recently, Assemblies of God missionary Ruth B. Wietkamp gave a brief report of the mission in Rota, Spain. "We praise God daily as we see this building going up, for it stands as a great victory for the gospel in this town as well as in this country." Then she added, "Thanks to the Zweibrucken Fellowship [Pentecostal servicemen's group near Zweibrucken, Germany] for helping to bring the light of the gospel to many here in Spain."

Evangeline Fagerstrom shares with excitement the interaction between their church—First Assembly, Monterey, Calif.—and the fellows from the military bases near there. She states, "The boys in service have contributed immeasurably to the spirit and blessing in the church." A young MP took charge of the junior department and under his ministry many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A navy officer came to the church out of a hunger for the moving of the Holy Spirit in his life. He later became a member, and when he was transferred to Iceland, he opened his home to Pentecostal meetings. A non-Pentecostal officer in Iceland, attended, earnestly sought the Lord, and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever they go, our Christian sons carry the gospel of Jesus Christ and drive back the barriers. A medic went to Vietnam and started a Sunday school. Fellows from all around the world write the Servicemen's Division for tracts to be used in challenging the unsaved.

Capt. Robert W. Hudson, currently stationed at Rich-



ards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Missouri, conducted a weekly radio broadcast during a tour of duty at Clarke Air Force Base in the Philippines. "The Voice of Truth" was heard each Sunday morning in the city of Angeles—dubbed "The city of sin."

Bob wrote: "I will never forget the moments just prior to each broadcast as I looked out over the city from the studio balcony. Hundreds of bars and clubs, which only hours before had been filled with people wildly seeking pleasure, could be seen. The message would reach into some of these lives. I could watch men move into the bright tropical sun from the sin-filled rooms and alleys after an evening of drinking, dancing, and immorality. With these and other scenes still fresh in my memory, my heart would pound with excitement as I opened my mouth to speak the glorious message of Jesus Christ. How many of these spiritually bound people heard the message only God knew. But thank God for the opportunity that was mine to present the truth to the people of Angeles, one of the most sinful cities of the Philippines."

Dave Wilson of the 52nd Artillery Group, Pleiku, Vietnam, shares the message by passing around his copy of *Reveille*. He writes: "The *Reveille* you sent was really

encouraging and it has already been passed around the camp.

"The morale here is sometimes quite low when a few of our buddies die in the field, and the only thing we have to keep us going is prayer. When a man is under fire, he has only one thought and that is the Lord. When these boys come out of a battle, many fall on their knees and thank the Lord for watching over them in combat. It is a very moving sight."

Whether supporting a mission work in Alaska, traveling with a national pastor for a weekend in Thailand, or taking charge of 14 Royal Rangers in a neighboring church, Christian servicemen are fighting "the other war" during their weekends and off-duty hours. Thousands of our young men are engaged in a mission to lift men spiritually, bringing them to God and involving them in His kingdom.

They are not only singing, "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli," but they raise their voices with ours in the challenge, "We've a story to tell to the nations."

They are serving God and country. They are winning multitudes for God's kingdom. We are proud of them!

**H**ARDLY A CHURCH IN OUR FELLOWSHIP is without vacant seats on Sunday—seats left empty by sons in military service.

It is always a rewarding experience to pray with congregations as they intercede for these men who are gone away. And it is a comfort both to loved ones at home and to the men themselves to know that at the time of worship the servicemen's names are included as the congregation seeks God's face together.

Pastor Kenneth Schmidt and congregation at First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colorado, go just a little farther. Each week they have a special prayer meeting for servicemen. Every person attending receives a card with the name of a fellow or girl in the military for whom they pray.

The church also mails a weekly bulletin to servicemen, *The Informant*. More than 500 military personnel visit this church annually.

This year the church is sending Pastor Schmidt (at the invitation of our chaplains in Europe) to the Berchtesgaden Servicemen's Retreat in November where he will be the evening speaker.

Several churches and youth groups write morale-boosting letters to servicemen to demonstrate their personal concern, especially for those in Vietnam.

One such "pen pal" is Joseph C. Stanley, pastor of Calvary Temple, in Groton, Connecticut. This pastor mailed letters to about 120 men in service. Among other things he told them, "You are not forgotten. . . . We are very proud of you. . . . Remember that there is a God in heaven who cares for you." He invited them to write about their personal or spiritual needs and he has received answers from nearly 40 of these GIs.

This intensity of concern and prayer supports servicemen while they are away and encourages them to be a part of the congregation when they come back.

## AWAY—BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Prayer is offered for servicemen at Thursday morning prayer meeting in Grand Junction, Colorado. Pastor Kenneth Schmidt is seen praying for Seaman John White, home on leave from Alaska.

Pastor Joseph C. Stanley reads letters he received from servicemen.





# CALLED TO SERVE



David W. Plank

E. S. CALDWELL REVIEWS NEW BOOK  
BY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAIN.

**I**F THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD awarded medals, Chaplain David W. Plank would certainly be in line to receive one for "spiritual guidance and concern for Pentecostal youth." This citation would refer to his outstanding new manual, *Called to Serve*, a book designed to help Christian youths become good servicemen.

Chaplain Plank did recently receive the Navy's Com-

mendation Medal for "spiritual guidance and concern for his congregation." The citation for this and other achievements referred to his service aboard the *USS Hancock*.

Now, drawing from a wealth of military experience, this Pentecostal minister-in-uniform has prepared a book which offers valuable assistance to young men about to enter the Armed Forces.

"With God," says Chaplain Plank, "you can face your future in the military service with confidence."

Here are 120 pages in a hard-bound cover, packed with practical counsel, covering the time a youth begins to think about entering military service until a veteran enters retirement.

In his chapter, "Preparing to Leave Home," the chaplain lists business procedures every young man should complete. Then, addressing the important matter of spiritual preparation, he says:

"Gather with your family and loved ones for prayer. Ask God to guard and uphold, strengthen, and encourage them. Permit them to pray for you as they seek God's guidance, protection, and blessing for your life. Renew your own dedication to God; completely surrender your heart and life to Him; reaffirm your promise to faithfully serve and follow Him; ask for the fullness of His Spirit—for it is 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.'"

Since much of a chaplain's time is filled with counseling enlisted men, the author is well qualified to discuss military marriage:

"You and your girl friend have talked it over and decided that now is the time to get married—before you 'ship out' and lose each other. This is a natural inclination of youth: now or never. But resist it. Now is *not* the time to get married, unless your circumstances are a great exception. There is long, sad history of such marriages. Marriage now is virtually certain to unprepare you for military service.

"According to one study, *teen-age military* marriages suffer a 400 percent higher mortality than those consummated after age 20!"

Parallel columns, headed "Favoring Happy Marriage" and "Not Favoring Happy Marriage" are presented in chapter six. Thoughtful review of this chapter may save a Christian serviceman from marital catastrophe.

The chaplain deals frankly with the vices to which men in the service are exposed, offering well-defined guidelines for conduct.

He reminds young men that they must expect to make adjustments to fit into military life successfully:

"Loss of some personal freedoms to which you have been accustomed is a natural concomitant of living in a military environment. You can no longer go and come as you please; your movements and activities are restricted and regulated by higher authority.

"The clothing you wear, both on and off duty, will be prescribed. You may sleep, eat, and train within inches of your mates. Personal privacy and the privileges of home life are sacrificed. Your conversation is limited, since the Armed Forces are concerned about the security of certain matters, some of which are classified. And you are not permitted to talk back to your superior officers.

"Choices are reduced. Generally you must take what you are given, be it the food you are served, the bunk you

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are assigned, the job you are given, or the combat spot for which you are selected. You must do what you are told."

Some readers may disagree with the author's exposition of Romans 13 as a rationale for participation in the armed forces. However, despite the chaplain's personal beliefs on the merits of military service, he is careful to include valuable information for those having religious convictions against bearing arms.

In the chapter, "Extending Your Christian Faith," Chaplain Plank offers practical advice and a workable plan for effective personal soul winning among servicemen:


"First of all, pray for the conversion of one or two of your friends. Second, cultivate their friendship. Third, love them for themselves. Fourth, be enthusiastic. Fifth, have a plan firmly in mind for introducing men to Christ when the time comes." The chapter offers specific suggestions in each of these areas.

Every young man will appreciate the down-to-earth approach the author uses in telling how to cope with the challenges of military life. Any young fellow about to enter the service of his country can profit from reading advice like the following:

"Practice being just your own self, no one else. People will like the real you, more than anyone else you might imitate. Only little men must pretend. Big men are sincere and genuine. Don't *act* sophisticated, worldly, smarter than you are."

Here is a book that should be placed in the hands of every Christian young man eligible for the armed forces. And those already in uniform will refer to it frequently for guidance.

You can find no finer, more practical gift for the youth about to leave home and church to enter military service.

Use the coupon on this page to order copies for each of your Christian friends serving our country. Make sure your church has copies on hand for presentation to young men on their way to basic training. 

## Encourage a Serviceman Through Correspondence

As a result of an article appearing in our servicemen's magazine, *At Ease*, many servicemen have expressed a desire to correspond with someone at home. These names and addresses have been listed, five names to a page, and will be mailed to individuals, C. A. groups, or other groups within the church upon request.

Will you encourage a serviceman by writing to him and letting him know you are praying for him? Just send your request for names to the Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. A list of names will be sent to you by return mail.

THE VIET CONG PASSED WITHIN A FEW FEET OF ME. A RIFLE CRACKED AS THEY SHOT A BUDDY A YARD OR SO AWAY.

# No More Wasted Years for Me

By RALPH G. BOWLES

**D**IRT FLEW INTO MY EYES and blinded my vision. All I could hear were the cries of dying men around me. Tears flowed down my cheeks, and I hoped they would wash the dirt so I could see.

We had been trapped by "Charlie" for almost two days. The Viet Cong were in the trees all around us. Every time someone would move or say a word they would fire into the general area, and many of the already dying troops were killed.

I was afraid. I didn't want to die. I hugged the ground for life.

I thought about home. I was raised on a farm in Alabama. Boy, it sure would be good to get back there! But would I?

I heard another round of fire come from the trees, and then a feeling of fire hit my left leg. I could see blood running down into my boot. Then I passed out.

When I awoke, it was dark. The voices I heard were not American. They were the Viet Cong coming to finish us off. I slipped under the roots of a nearby tree and lay there very quietly. Even with all the pain in my lower body, I didn't move a muscle.

While at home I had gone to church every Sunday. My folk had a lot of "religion" and they wanted me to have it too. But that wasn't for me. So I just pretended I was religious, and they seemed to be happy. Now it was different. I could suddenly see that many things I had heard in church made sense.

The Viet Cong passed within a few feet of me. I felt so near to death. Maybe it was true about hell being a place of eternal suffering where one would never die.


My mother used to read the Bible to me. All I could remember now was, "He is my refuge and my strength." It was real—no matter where I was or what was going on, God could take care of me. So I decided not to pretend with God any more—but to accept Christ as my Saviour and dedicate my life to Him.

A rifle cracked as the Viet Cong shot a buddy only a yard or so from my feet. All I could say was "Thank you, Lord, for sparing me."

The sun came up slowly. I was at the point of passing out, but was afraid that if I did the medics wouldn't find me. Then—unconsciousness.

When I awoke sometime later, the only thing I could see was a cross. I thought I was in heaven, and I began to cry.

Then a strong hand took hold of my shoulder and told me that everything would be OK. The cross was on the helmet of the army chaplain.

Suddenly I knew there would be no more wasted years for me. 

# Laws of Warfare

By **FRANK FUNDERBURK**  
Pastor, University Place Assembly, Tacoma, Washington

**T**O THE APOSTLE PAUL, the church was a militant force, a mighty army in battle array. It was engaged in conflict all the way. To Timothy he wrote, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3).

Certain principles and techniques employed by military men are therefore applicable to Christian life.

## **A SUPREME COMMAND**

A unified command is fundamental to successful battle strategy. Back of every victorious campaign is a central source of authority that makes decisions, directs activities, gives commands, unifies efforts, and in general provides leadership.

In the battle of life we must recognize One in command at the control center of our lives.

When Christians live vacillating, defeated lives they need to take time to listen to the voice of their Supreme Commander, Jesus. When He is in full charge, our lives are in harmony with His will, and we are at peace with ourselves. What is true of individual Christians is likewise true of the Church.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the sufferings of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom all things consist, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Hebrews 2:9, 10).

This Captain who suffered so much for our redemption is the Master Strategist in every spiritual conflict. He sends reinforcements, guards every front of attack, and directs the offensive to assure victory for His Church.

## **THE WILL TO WIN**

A military victory is more than so many men with so many weapons defeating fewer men with fewer weapons. Someone has said that the victorious army is the one still fighting 15 seconds after the enemy has quit. A great

military leader once said, "Morale is more important than materiel."

In the spiritual realm, the will to win is important too. Jesus had it when He set His face like a flint toward Calvary. Paul had it when he pressed toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. John had it when he refused to let Patmos keep him from being "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."

Jesus challenged us to have the will to win when He said, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). He assured us of ultimate victory when He said the gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church.

## **THE RIGHT KIND OF WEAPONS**

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5).

Adequate church facilities and trained leadership are important. Talents and money are needed and should be used for the glory of God. Yet the Church's battle is first and foremost a spiritual one. We must depend on spiritual weapons for ultimate victory. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

May we never put aside the tested and proven weapons of intercession, of wrestling with God in prayer, of waiting on God for His anointing, His supernatural help and strength. These weapons will never be obsolete.

## **TAKE THE OFFENSIVE**

Another accepted law of battle is that when you are being pushed back, you should *attack*.

I was serving aboard the *USS Enterprise* on December 7, 1941. (Incidentally, God sent a gracious revival on this ship during the next four years with at least 200 men finding Christ as Saviour.) We were sailing into Pearl Harbor on the morning of the attack, and we saw the terrible effects of the raid within a couple of hours of the event.

Our ships did not run for cover. Rather, we started taking on fuel and supplies at once and sailed at daybreak to strike a telling blow at the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, strong naval bases of the enemy. This quick counterattack following Pearl Harbor had a tremendous effect and changed the strategy of the war.

Paul spoke of being "cast down, but not destroyed." One translation has it, "Knocked down, but not out." The enemy had overtaken him and knocked him down, but it was not a fatal blow; he could rise again.

Friend, when the enemy attacks, that is no time to retreat. Sound the advance. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

There are great victories ahead for the army of the Lord as we move forward under His command, remembering "the battle is the Lord's," and the victory is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."



**T**HERE IS AT LEAST ONE MAN in the U. S. Air Force who wouldn't be there if God were dead.

Byron Hildreth was born with underdeveloped heels and ankle bones. When his parents, a young couple in the ministry, discovered the abnormality, they began to ask God to heal their child.

The full impact of the problem came when Byron was three weeks old. An orthopedic specialist told them Byron would never walk. He said when the child was a little older, they could build a small platform with four wheels so he could push himself about.

This certainly wasn't what they had envisioned for their son, so they continued to pray.

It was discouraging when they saw that the child's legs from the knees down seemed to shrivel to skin and bones, while the rest of his body developed normally. When Byron was about seven months old, the Hildreths wrote to Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth (now deceased) for prayer. He sent them a prayer cloth and a note dated September 14, 1944, in which he pointed them to God's Word:

"The Lord bless you. I have prayed over the enclosed handkerchief. Apply the same in faith and expect the same results that you read of in Acts 19:11, 12. Read carefully and prayerfully John 14:12, 13, 14; Isaiah 53; Matthew 8:16, 17; and James 5:13-20. Also Mark 11:23, 24..."

They placed the cloth on the child, *and with unwavering faith believed*. Not everyone believed with them, of course. Some criticized them for expecting God to work a miracle for their child. The miracle did not come immediately.

"When Byron was old enough to start walking," his parents remember, "the tops of his feet were turned over and inward. His heels were not sufficiently developed

# A WALKING MIRACLE



to bear his weight, and he could not stand as other children do to take steps."

Long after the age when he should have been walking, he followed the other children around by scooting on his knees. He tried to stand, but could not because his ankle bones were too weak. Wistfully, sometimes impatiently, he would say, "I want to walk like other boys and girls."

Then one morning the miracle came! They were not praying when it happened. Byron had worked his way down the porch steps on his knees, as usual; but when he got to the ground, he simply stood up and started walking! As in the case of the lame man at the gate of the temple, "His feet and ankle bones received strength, and he, leaping up, stood and walked."

"There was weeping for joy," his mother says. "People came from as far away as 180 miles to see him walk."

Byron Hildreth is 22 years old now, and he has been walking ever since his healing that morning. He has normal use of his feet and legs. Only by examining his bare feet can one find the evidence that he was born with a problem that would have made his life much different had not God intervened.

He is a dedicated Christian, serving in the U. S. Air Force. As far as he is concerned, every step he takes is his own personal proof that the God he serves is very much alive.



## A MOTHER'S PRAYER

**I** come to You with an aching heart, for today we received word from the U.S. Army that my son Harold would be inducted. They say his job will be to protect our nation and keep it free. Lord, while he is doing it, will You watch after his personal safety?

My mind has trouble reasoning when my heart hurts so bad. You know about my two sons already serving their country. Lord, you must have a special jeweled monument in heaven made from crystallized tears shed by soldiers' mothers.

I remember—it seems like yesterday—Harold was a little boy in short pants. When he mashed his finger, or stumbled and fell, he came and asked me to pray and kiss the pain away.

He is still a little boy, even if he stands almost six feet. Of one thing I am sure; he is not big enough to take good care of himself. That's why I come to You. Would You choose a special guardian angel to go with him? You

understand that he will be far away from home with no one to encourage him or see that he gets proper rest, so I am turning him over to You for counsel and guidance.

Just five months ago you sent the death angel for his dad, and I have tried to be both mother and dad since. Seems like a deep vale of tears we tread. He has been an upright youth all his life, and I pray You will keep him that way. He will be marching beside some who are ungodly. Will You help his good influence to rub off on them, rather than their evil on him?

When You first created the Garden, it was so beautiful, but sin marred its beauty with hatred and greed, causing war among men. Help us, O Lord, to envision the better world to come, so that the cares of this present world will not weigh us down with discouragement.

In the day when he comes marching home, I will be so proud of him; but my tears of today cloud my joys of tomorrow.

Dear Lord, not one time have You ever failed me, though I failed You many times. I have pled my cause. Now I can rest my case in Your tender care, and I will thank You now for watching over my son wherever he goes. AMEN

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The foregoing was written by Mrs. Edna Jones who attends Central Assembly, Memphis, Tennessee.

# EXPANDED MINISTRY TO SERVICEMEN IN EUROPE

By RICHARD C. FULMER  
Servicemen's Representative  
for Europe

LOST, BEWILDERED, and confused, Marcia knocked on a farmhouse door. Most people would not have been very receptive to an intoxicated teenager at three in the morning, but Mrs. Ann Black—an active Christian in the Delano, California, Assembly of God—treated Marcia kindly and ministered to her needs.

Marcia was so impressed by this kindness that she returned the next day to apologize for her intrusion and to thank Ann Black for her help. Ann told her about the Lord Jesus and gave her some gospel literature.

"After this," Marcia now reflects, "I found myself reading the Bible. Finally, I came to the place where I needed to know, 'Does God really exist?'"

"One afternoon while I was all

alone in my room and in much pain with an attack of appendicitis, I suddenly knew God *is!* The realization was so strong that my pain left. I cried for the first time in a long, long time.

"I felt God's love for me so keenly, I was filled with love. Not only did I then believe in God, but I was given salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. I gave Him my heart, and He gave me light, life, and love."

Soon after her conversion, Marcia went to Augusta, Georgia, where she was married to Bob Burroughs, an unsaved serviceman from Delano. She was too young in the Lord to realize fully the implications of such a marriage, and it proved to be a nearly fatal mistake for her spiritually. However, while in Augusta Marcia received the Holy Spirit.

When Bob finished his training at Fort Gordon, he was transferred to Frankfurt, Germany, where Marcia soon joined him. She began to seek Christian fellowship. Someone gave her my name and address so one day she knocked at our door.

Marcia's faith in her Lord was soon to be tested, however. Her husband had little religious background. His life had been occupied with drinking and partying, and military life had not improved his ways.

As God began to convict him, Bob made life difficult for Marcia. In his bitter struggle with conscience he

fought back against the one dearest to him. Marcia's only recourse seemed to be to return to the United States. While waiting for money to return, she stayed with friends to escape Bob's abuses.

This brought Bob to the end of his rope! In desperation he started reading a Bible he found in their apartment. For two days he read continuously without even taking time for food.

The Holy Spirit reached him through God's Word! By the end of the second day, Bob had been transformed by the power of God, and he came to our house to tell us about it. At first we were suspicious of his motive, but in a clear, straightforward declaration and with tears of joy Bob testified that he had personally accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bob and Marcia were reunited the next day—though at first she too was skeptical of his sincerity. She cancelled her plans to return to the States. She and Bob are happy now, witnessing to others and actively participating in our Frankfurt Assemblies of God servicemen's fellowship.

Bob's and Marcia's need of the Saviour is typical of the lives of thousands, for a great spiritual vacuum exists in the hearts of military personnel and dependents here in Europe. In overseas assignments young people find themselves dislodged from all former ties—and that can be an opportune con-

Pfc. Bob Burroughs (left) before he was baptized in water by Richard C. Fulmer.



dition either for God's Word or for Satan's temptations. Thank God that His Word reaches so many at this critical point of their lives.

In God's providence, missionaries and chaplains are stationed here to minister to the spiritual needs of American servicemen. Approximately 40 groups are established in Europe where both ministers and laymen provide Pentecostal services. Retreats, holiday rallies, monthly fellowship meetings, and regular weekly services are making an eternal contribution. A monthly *Newsletter*, tracts, copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, books, and other Christian literature are provided without charge. As follow-up for new converts and young Christians, a simple

Bible study course entitled *Life in Christ Bible Study* is now provided free.

In addition, American evangelists and pastors will be ministering to servicemen in Germany during the coming months. Here is the projected schedule:


*June and July*—The Alcorn Trio from Wichita Falls, Texas, will represent Teen Challenge in Europe.

*September 1-8*—Dave Wilkerson and Carl Alcorn of Teen Challenge will minister to U.S. troops and to German churches. The first four days they will take part in a Labor Day weekend convention for servicemen at Erzhaußen bei Darmstadt.

*September*—A group of Christian

laymen from California will conduct witnessing crusades among the troops.

*November 6-10*—Servicemen from all over Europe will attend the Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat at Berchtesgaden. Kenneth Schmidt, pastor of First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colorado, will be the evangelist. Morning Bible teacher will be G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

To assure that your friends and loved ones based in Europe have the opportunity to participate in these activities, please send their APO addresses immediately to: Richard C. Fulmer, Robert-Mayer-Strasse 27, 6 Frankfurt/M, Germany. 

# SEVEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS HELD IN NORTHERN CHILE

By Bruce and Audrey Manning • Missionaries to Chile

EVERYONE WAS EXCITED over the national Sunday school convention to be held in Concepción, Chile. It would be a wonderful time for the believers in Chile to get together again and learn how to become better workers. There would be special speakers, classes, and an exchange of ideas.

Every believer wanted to go, but there was one big problem—they lacked the money to travel so far.

The nearest church in our section was about 700 miles from Concepción. From all of our churches came the cry that it was impossible to go. One teacher had saved funds for two years to attend the convention, but still did not have quite enough.


The pastors, Sunday school teachers, and workers here in the seven churches of the great Atacama Desert needed more training. God spoke to our hearts to take the convention to them, so this is what we did.

Accompanied by our national pas-

tor, Hugo Fuentes, we loaded our Speed-the-Light car with Sunday school literature, Bibles, and 20 flannelgraph boards, and then traveled a total distance of 2,657 miles to reach all seven churches of northern Chile.

In each convention we had two evening sessions and one afternoon session of two hours each. We had all 58 teachers and workers in the meetings, and the total attendance reached 435.

By the sixth convention we were weary and asked ourselves if it were really worth the effort. But that night in the dedication service one of the teachers, saved for only six months, began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit filled her heart. Yes, even for this one victory it was worth it all.

Now the Sunday schools in northern Chile are equipped with adequate flannelgraphs and other materials, the teachers have learned better teaching methods, and the Lord has blessed them with His Spirit. 



Missionary Bruce Manning (above) and Pastor Hugo Fuentes (below) use flannelgraph lessons to teach national workers how better to present the gospel to their own people.





A choir of Indian men and women presented a musical selection at the Indian Children's Home dedication. The tiny Indian youngsters could hardly wait until it was their turn! Proudly they hurried to the platform to sing their action choruses.

love and care for the children of the reservation who otherwise would be homeless.

"The need of such homes is evident when we consider that four million babies are born in the United States every year, and that one out of every eight of these children will need the care of society before he reaches his 18th birthday," Brother Scott stated.

"The purpose of this facility should always be to provide a home for these Indian children where love is the ruling influence, where good morals of character and honesty are exemplified, where consecrated workers will provide training for children and give them the security they need, where house parents offer sympathetic and comforting assurance, thus providing a healthy and as nearly normal as possible family life for these children.

"It is also imperative that you seek to implant a God-consciousness in their hearts and minds. The Lord Jesus Christ must be recognized as head of the Home.

"A little boy told his mother he was drawing a picture of God. 'But, Johnny,' she said, 'you can't do that. Nobody knows what God looks like.'

"Johnny replied, 'They will when I get through!'

"We trust the training and care you give the children in the Laveen Children's Home will prepare them to go out and give the world a picture of God," Brother Scott concluded.

Dedicatory prayer for the Home was offered by J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District.

Special recognition was given to Verma Mercado as the person who made it possible to build the Children's Home, since she leased the land for it.

Harold Hanson, pastor of the Indian church and

## NEW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

**T**HE DANCING BLACK EYES of 42 Indian children and youth reflected their excitement. At last their "big night" had arrived.

Dedication ceremonies for the new Laveen Indian Children's Home, located on the Gila River Reservation in Arizona 20 miles from Phoenix, had been planned as an outdoor event. But stormy weather made it necessary to have the services in the nearby Indian church.

The building was soon packed with young people, adults, and wiggling but obedient children. The platform was lined with out-of-town and local guests. Present from the Assemblies of God national headquarters were Chas. W. H. Scott and Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendents; Mrs. Bush; Curtis W. Ringness, national secretary of Home Missions; and Ruth Lyon, Home Missions promotions editor.

Others recognized included members of the boards of directors and administration, reservation officials, and staff members of the Home.

Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions, was dedicatory speaker. As he began his message, Brother Scott commended the Home's director, Harold Hanson, for his worthy objective of providing a home of

The staff and children of the Laveen Indian Children's Home are pictured in front of the home. Although the home is situated on

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Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions, gave the dedicatory message for the new Laveen Indian Children's Home. At lower left, Harold Hanson is shown presenting Maricopa Indian pottery to Howard S. Bush, Curtis W. Ringness, Chas. W. H. Scott, and Ruth Lyon.



supervisor of the Home, summarized the history of the institution. When the Hansons arrived on the reservation, social workers asked them to take some children in their home. After discussing the problem with Mrs. Betty Dabadagian, B.I.A. Social Worker, they concluded that a home on the reservation was the answer. In this way the children could be with their own people at home, at school, and in church.

In May 1964 the Hansons opened the Home with one child. Soon there were others. Leo and Stina Barrans, former pastors and youth workers in Washington, became houseparents for Unit 1. (Glenda Bowley assists them.)

The first building, designed for 18 children, was soon crowded with 26. So Brother Hanson began construction



Staff members of the Children's Home were introduced at dedication service. Left to right: Harold and June Hanson (directors), Glenda Bowley, Leo and Stina Barrans, Pauline Harris, Mamie Beaver, Glen Harris, Addie Gates, and Shirley Potter.

# HOME DEDICATED

are d on the Gila River reservation of the Pima and Maricopa Indians, several tribes in addition to these are represented by the children.



of Unit 2 for preschoolers. Glen and Pauline Harris are houseparents for Unit 2. (Addie Gates, Shirley Potter, and Mamie Beaver assist them.)

The Home has had many calls from the hospital to take children suffering from malnutrition. "Mama" Barrans has had many sleepless nights walking the floor with some of them. But a number of children have been helped and have now returned to their own homes.

Approximately 70 children have lived at the Home since it was started. Currently 42 are there. No child is forced to come to the Home, or to stay there. He stays because the workers love him and win his love.

Children in the Home get excellent training in helping with household tasks. They learn to accept responsibility. They sing and pray. And they are developing into future citizens any community would be proud of.

For months before April 11 the Home had been the scene of feverish activity, preparing for this day of dedication. Staff members of the Home served refreshments in the Home's attractive living room following the dedication service. Then the guests left, and the Home returned to a more normal tempo—and to making its influence felt in the lives of 42 Indian children.



The interest exhibited on the faces of those attending the Vocational Rehabilitation Workshop lecture speaks for itself.

## Workshop on Deafness and Vocational Rehabilitation

By HARRY BROTZMAN JR.  
National Coordinator of Deaf and Blind Ministries

ON APRIL 18, 1967, approximately 115 people gathered for a four-day Workshop on Deafness and Vocational Rehabilitation in Atlantic City, N. J. Sponsored by the Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God and supported by the U. S. Government, the workshop involved both appointed ministers to the deaf and layworkers who teach and interpret in our churches.

The Hotel President was the site of

the inspirational and challenging conference. Leaders and workers made plans to reach more deaf in the communities they represent, basing their action on the summary and evaluation of the workshop sessions.

This rare opportunity to obtain more know-how in working with the deaf was a highlight in the lives of our ministers. They also appreciated the fellowship with other workers.

Interpreters for the conference came

from California, Washington, Michigan, Texas, Indiana, Maine, and Louisiana. Seven leaders stimulated discussion in group dynamic sessions as recorders took notes.

Workers who attended were privileged to hear the following well-qualified government lecturers: Dr. Boyce Williams, consultant for the deaf and hard of hearing, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.; Edna Adler, specialist in deaf and hard of hearing; Deno Reed, consultant, division of Training, Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

In addition, Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions, and Curtis W. Ringness, national Home Missions secretary, spoke at the workshop.

A full schedule of activities for the four-day conference included luncheons, fellowship periods, and a banquet as well as the general sessions and group dynamics.

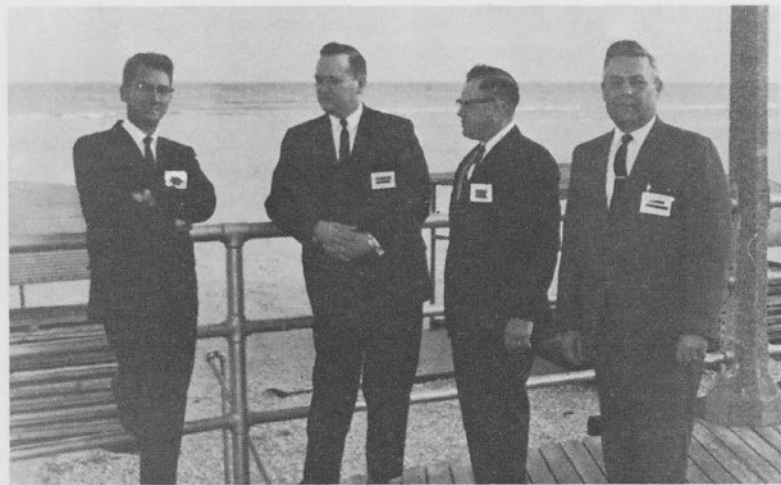
The workshop was of inestimable value to our workers in pointing up secular ways and means of reaching the deaf.

The Assemblies of God has 51 appointed ministers to the deaf and almost that many layworkers. One hundred and five deaf congregations across the country have ministers and special rooms in our established churches for their own services.

Each minister to the deaf works in close cooperation with the pastor. Twenty-five states now have Assemblies of God workers among the deaf. Four of our Assemblies of God colleges offer courses in the language of signs.

Our summer deaf camps this year include six areas of the nation. We

Below are some of the Government vocational rehabilitation personnel who attended the Atlantic City Workshop. At right, during time out for relaxation on the boardwalk James Etter, vocational rehabilitation representative from Missouri (left) chats with three Assemblies of God ministers to the deaf: Edward Granholm, Larry Murphy, and Edsel Jones,



have two foreign missionaries to the deaf, and other mission fields also are opening for deaf ministry.

Many thought-provoking subjects were discussed at the conference: Services Available to Assemblies of God Workers; What Is Needed to Adequately Reach the Deaf Within the Community; Psychiatric Services for the Deaf; and Case Finding.

Chas. W. H. Scott spoke on "The History and Philosophy of Assemblies of God Work Among the Deaf." Curtis W. Ringness presented a challenging message on "The Missing Dimension." They mentioned the current needs and open fields for ministry to the deaf—especially the challenge offered in Ohio. This open door demands many more workers.

Workers expressed the need for greater support from local churches and church members in this all-out effort to reach the deaf for Christ. Some hearing Christians realize the great

need for interpreters and teachers for the deaf in their churches and are studying the language of signs so they can interpret for the deaf.

There is an urgent need for writers for deaf periodicals, gospel tracts, and weekly papers, and for musicians to translate songbooks into the language of the deaf. Since the deaf have their own vocabulary writing for them is a specialized field.

More workers holding credentials with our Assemblies of God districts are needed. Qualified individuals may apply to the Home Missions Department for appointment. All types of workers—evangelists, pastors, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, visitation teams, choir directors, other church leaders and assistants—are needed. Deaf ministry is more or less still a pioneer field, even though our ministers have done an admirable work among the deaf.

In concluding his keynote message

at the conference, Brother Scott said:

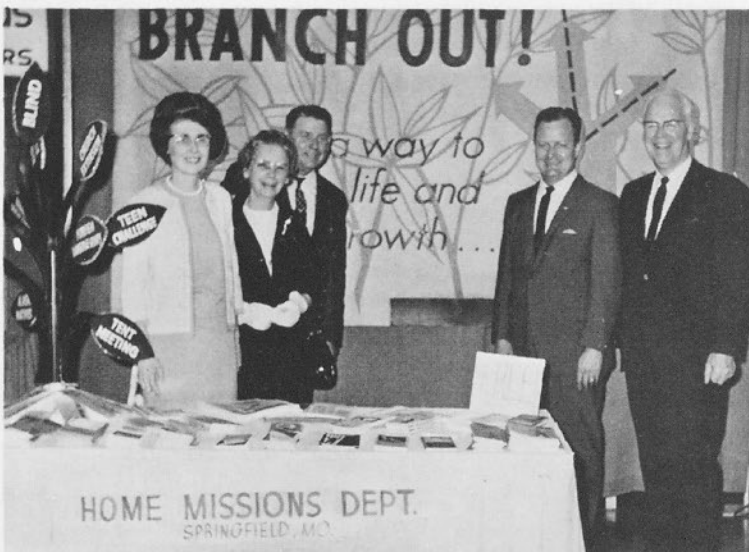
"While modern society is very careful about meeting the physical and mental development, too frequently the spiritual aspect is forgotten. It is the intent and purpose of the Assemblies of God that meeting the mental, material, and social needs of our deaf shall provide a spiritual climate in which they shall encounter the claims of Jesus Christ in their lives and come to know Him as personal Saviour.

"The inner peace and assurance provided by Jesus Christ dispels many of the frustrations of life to which the deaf are subjected. Therefore, the objective of the Assemblies of God relative to the work among the deaf people of the world is that there shall be a strong presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ which is still the power of God unto salvation. To this end we have been working and shall continue to work, thus providing a full-orbed ministry to the deaf."

## HOME MISSIONS AT THE SPRING CONVENTIONS

The Home Missions conferences at the spring conventions were well attended. The conference on "the Home Missions Outreach of Your Church" considered how the church can broaden its sphere of influence and ministry. Emphasis was placed on involving all church members in the thrilling work of establishing new churches and branch Sunday schools. The Foreign Missions and Home Missions Departments cooperated in the conference on "Developing a Missionary Vision in Your Church." Curtis W. Ringness, emcee for the Home Missions section of that conference, interviewed a district leader at each convention.

The Phoenix convention team pose with the Arizona District Superintendent and his wife. Left to right: Ruth Lyon, Mrs. J. K. Gressett, Brother Gressett, Curtis W. Ringness, and Chas. W. H. Scott.



Conference on "The Home Missions Outreach of Your Church" at the Atlanta convention. James G. Mayo Sr. spoke on the subject, "The Local Church Branching Out."

Paul R. Markstrom, national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God, at the Home Missions booth in Atlanta. Here he answers questions and gives informative Home Missions literature to inquirers.



# David Anointed King

Sunday School Lesson for July 2, 1967  
1 SAMUEL 16:6-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

GOD WILL NOT ALLOW HIS PURPOSES to be thwarted by any man. After Saul's failure, God commanded Samuel to take his anointing oil and visit the family of Jesse in Bethlehem, for the next king would come from this family.

God did not tell Samuel which of Jesse's sons would be chosen. Nor did Samuel tell Jesse the real reason he had come. Jesse's family only knew that the prophet desired to set apart one of the sons for some special work.

## THE ERROR IN JUDGMENT

Beginning with the eldest, the sons of Jesse lined up before the prophet. When Samuel observed Eliab, a tall handsome fellow, he supposed this was the Lord's choice. He mistakenly assumed that the new king should compare with Saul in physical appearance and strength. But God never chooses anyone by their appearance. Eliab had a

## WRONG CHOICE



big body but a miserable disposition (1 Samuel 17:28, 29).

Samuel was following the natural order in choosing the eldest of the family. The rights of the firstborn were respected carefully in Israel. However God, by His own sovereign choice, often sets aside this arrangement, as in the cases of Abel over Cain, Jacob over Esau, and Isaac over Ishmael. God's choices are not governed by natural rights but by divine grace!

## THE LESSON FROM THE LORD

1. "*Lean not unto thine own understanding*" (Proverbs 3:5). Even a Samuel can make a mistake in judgment if he leans on his own reasoning powers. The call of God does not make one infallible. The fact that God blesses us is no indication that everything we do is right. We never attain a spiritual state in which we have no need for moment by moment dependence upon the Holy Spirit for guidance.

2. "*Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart*" (1 Samuel 16:7). Consider the following applications of this truth:

(a) This truth applies to the *spiritual life of the believer*. It is a terrifying thought to the sinner, the deceiver, and the hypocrite; but it is a joy and a comfort to the believer who has nothing to hide. How good it is to know that God understands our hearts! This should keep us from being upset if others misinterpret our good intentions and put a wrong construction on our actions. God sees our hearts. He knows our real motives.

(b) This truth applies in selecting church officers. Israel was led astray in wanting a king like Saul because of his appearance. Samuel was about to err again by relying on outward appearances. How often Christians, misguided by their own superficial estimates of others rather than by any leading of the Lord, elect to office men who are unfit to fill those offices. If a man is a liberal supporter of the church, "well-to-do," an influential citizen, or highly educated, this should not be held against him; but he should not be chosen for any of these reasons alone. He should be chosen because he is a man of God, because he meets spiritual qualifications, and because through prayer God has directed his appointment.

(c) This truth applies in selecting a pastor. It is so important that a church be led of the Lord rather than by hasty, human, and outward considerations.

(d) This truth applies in selecting a wife or husband. Unspeakably tragic and heartbreaking are the thousands of broken homes which have resulted from marriages in which young men and women have made their choices according to outward beauty alone. A beautiful or handsome face or form may be desirable; but unless physical attractiveness is accompanied by a strong and noble character, it is a poor foundation for a happy marriage.

(e) This truth should deter us from *passing judgment upon others*. There are so many facts in every man's life that we do not know. Only God knows the real man, the hidden man of the heart.

"The one concern of the devil is to keep saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom—but trembles when we pray."



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1. A capacity crowd filled the headquarters auditorium for the 700th network broadcast.
2. Bert Webb, executive director of the Radio Department (left), gave a beautiful trophy to C. M. Ward.
3. General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman presented the Revivaltime speaker with a transistorized desk clock, a gift from Walter F. Bennett Company, agent for the broadcast.
4. National Radio Secretary Lee Shultz showed C. M. Ward an album of letters and telegrams congratulating the radio evangelist on his 700 consecutive broadcast sermons.



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to every minister of the gospel. In nearly 14 years of radio ministry we have come to this pulpit with a wonderful choir of young people and have delivered a simple gospel message followed by an altar call.

"Competing in the 'major league' of mass audiences, in a medium controlled to a great extent by the tobacco and liquor industries, outreach has expanded from about 250 stations to a current total of 518. Praise God, that's conclusive proof that in 1967 any preacher who preaches the full gospel, simply and forcefully, can be in business for the Lord and minister to a full house every Sunday. *Revivaltime* has proved it!"

The postbroadcast recognition service began with presentation of a large trophy by Bert Webb, executive director of Radio. The inscription on the beautiful award read:

"Presented to *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward in recognition of 700 broadcast sermons—1,470,000 words preached—7,700 manuscript pages—and 70 miles of recording tape."

General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman presented the radio evangelist with a unique calendar clock, equipped with a device to determine the correct time any where on earth. It was a gift from the Walter Bennett Company of Chicago, *Revivaltime's* agent since it first went on the ABC network in 1953.

Conveying his appreciation to the *Revivaltime* evangelist, Brother Zimmerman said:

"Your faithful ministry, with its wonderful devotion to declare the whole counsel of God without fear or favor, has set *Revivaltime* apart as being, I believe without exception, the most dynamic national or international broadcast today."

In addition to the two presentations by the executive officers, National Radio Secretary Lee Shultz handed Brother Ward a handsomely bound collection of more than 70 congratulatory telegrams and letters.

Remarked the radio secretary: "I would like to add to the statistics inscribed on the trophy presented to our evangelist that from his 700 radio sermons, 4,090,000 printed copies have been distributed. So, Brother Ward, your words live on in the hearts of men and women throughout the world."

Thanking Brother Shultz for the album, Brother Ward commented, "In my files I have letters from many famous persons—a hand-written letter from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, one from Queen Juliana of Holland, and another from W. C. Hamby, composer of the *St. Louis Blues*. *Revivaltime* has moved into strange places—behind closed doors and stone masonry—to present Christ."

He concluded:

"This is an exciting pulpit, and I'm thankful for the liberty and confidence granted me by our executive brethren. It is a rare and wonderful privilege to represent the Assemblies of God to the world through radio."

## BROADCAST '700'

**P**REACHING 700 CONSECUTIVE WEEKLY RADIO SERMONS is an outstanding achievement. Few others, if any, have reached this record. But when you add a hectic annual travel schedule of 200,000 air miles and 40,000 miles by car, it is more remarkable still—a wonderful testimony to the grace of God.

The Assemblies of God Radio Department honored Evangelist C. M. Ward on the occasion of his 700th consecutive radio sermon Sunday, May 14, with a special award presentation. A capacity crowd filled the headquarters auditorium in Springfield, Missouri, to hear an inspiring half-hour *Revivaltime* Choir concert, the radio broadcast service, and to join the executive brethren of the Assemblies of God in paying tribute to the radio speaker.

Speaking to the congregation during the award ceremonies, which immediately followed the "live" broadcast, Evangelist Ward declared:

"I believe our experience should be an encouragement



# Our Need of Patience



By DAVID FLOWER  
Southern New England District Superintendent

SOMEONE HAS DESCRIBED AMERICA'S GREAT SIN as the sin of haste. We are caught up in such a maelstrom of activity and pressure to do and be.

The spirit of the times is even gnawing at our Christian equilibrium. Thus we hear God saying to us, "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Hebrews 10:36).

Consider for a moment this rarest of jewels—patience.

I believe God wants us to learn the virtue of patience and allow an outworking of its fruits in our walk before Him and the world.

## I

First, let us learn PATIENCE WITH OURSELVES.

The Bible admonishes us to a measure of self-examination. Each time we take the cup of communion and the bread of sacrament, we are reminded that we should examine ourselves "and so . . . eat . . . and drink" (1 Corinthians 11:28). But never are we to allow self-condemnation. There is room for self-inspection, but not to the point of losing patience with ourselves.

Undue self-criticism will produce harmful results. An excess amount of self-examination, followed by a loss of patience with our position or progress in the faith or work of God will bring about depression and discouragement, and ultimately we will develop an attitude of inadequacy. At this point we are apt to resort to the flesh and begin complaining and criticizing and murmuring. This will destroy our effectiveness for God.

Discontent is the end result of a feeling of inadequacy. We have need of patience with ourselves, knowing that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it" (Philippians 1:6).

## II

Then, let us also learn PATIENCE WITH OTHERS.

For many it seems difficult to maintain patience in associating with others. How prone we are to misjudge others and lose patience with them for not seeing things

the way we see them. Or perhaps we lose patience with others for not doing things just the way we think they ought to be done.

We erect mental standards of accomplishment; and if new converts, board members, young people, the pastor, and a host of others do not measure up to these standards, we lose patience and let our spirit get all stirred up. As a result, the touch of God upon our soul is dimmed.

Let us apply this association with others in three specific areas:

### 1. *The need of patience in our homes.*

Here is the real testing ground of our salvation. We do not overlook the testimonial value of the pew, the altar, the choir loft, and the Sunday school classroom, but there is no place like the home environment to truly prove the grace of God. We must strive to manifest the virtues of Christ in our family relationships as well as the public places. Let us show patience with our children, husbands, and wives. Be quick to be quiet and slow to be agitated.

### 2. *The need of patience with our associates.*

Let patience rule our hearts and tongues at work, in the neighborhood, in the church and elsewhere. When things go wrong, we are so quick to blame and condemn someone. How we need patience before placing blame. Someone has written, "Patience is restraining blame"; and this is the will of God for us as Christians.

### 3. *The need of patience with any whose personality conflicts with ours.*

There will always be personalities that rub us the wrong way. There is no guarantee you will like everyone you meet in life, anymore than that everyone will be drawn to you. One thing is very sure, however: if my attitude is defensive and I have a burr in my spirit, I will find plenty of folk who will avoid me. A bristling personality, critical and negative, will repel, never attract.

Let us learn patience with others—seek out the good and best in them, manifesting the Spirit of Christ, who

commanded us to love our neighbor. We are to pray even for those who spitefully use us.

### III

Finally, let us learn PATIENCE WITH THE LORD.

Think it not strange that we should speak of patience toward our wonderful Lord. Yet it is needed.

Sometimes we develop an agitation and unrest toward others because we are really losing patience with the Lord's will for our lives. When we understand this and allow our hearts to be quiet before Him, much of our strain and unrest will cease. The Bible says that His ways are not our ways. At times they are mysterious and past finding out. Is it any wonder that we need patience toward the Lord, until He shows us the way that we must take?

The lesson of God's Word is that we should trust and obey. We can't always explain, but we can trust. We need to learn to rest upon His promises, trust His holy purposes, and lean not to our own understanding. God will work out His perfect plan for us, if only we learn to be patient toward that divine objective.

Abraham is a classic illustration of this truth. He was called to leave his own country and go into a land that would be shown to him later. He was told he would become the father of a great nation. So he went out not knowing what to expect—simply trusting. For many years he waited for an heir; then he lost patience, and Ishmael was born—the fruit of impatience. Ishmael became a source of agitation and discontent from that day until now.

Abraham passed through many tests—years of waiting, plagues, Egyptian unbelief, family problems; but still he was not becoming a great nation, a great people. In fact, there was no visual assurance of this in his future at all.

At length, Abraham and Sarah were very old, and the physical possibility of childbearing was remote indeed. Could it be that in this instance God failed? Abraham might have been tempted to think so. But in that very hour God came with the assuring promise that Abraham was to have a son, and this was to be the son of promise. And it was so—Isaac was born.

But God wasn't through with Abraham yet. He was told to take his only son away and offer him as a sacrifice. Oh, how the trials of our faith stagger us; but as James says, "The trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:3). This is what God wishes to produce in us.

But God is never slack concerning His promise, and Isaac was spared. God did give Abraham a great nation, and a great people did rise according to the word of the Lord.

Friends, God knows what He is doing in and through us. Only believe; only trust Him. "Let patience have her perfect work." God cannot fail us. Jacob, Moses, Joseph, David, and a host of the faithful rise up and shout: "Our God is to be trusted. He will not suffer us to be tested above that which we are able to bear."

John Calvin, the great theologian, said, "It is not so much the vices I struggle with the most, but the monster—impatience."

Let us be patient, confident of this, that after we have done the will of God, we shall receive the promise (Hebrews 10:36).

—Empire State Beacon



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*How may we maintain an attitude of peace in these up-setting days of frustration?*

Christian peace begins when we realize our relationship to the Lord. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). We are not assured of peace around us, for "in the world ye shall have tribulation." But seeing our position in Christ brings rest to the soul—even when everything about us may seem to be in turmoil.

*If "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" means we have the earnest of our inheritance, does this not mean backsliding is impossible? (Ephesians 1:13)*

It is commonly believed that a person can backslide, although some believe the backslider cannot be finally lost. But we need to compare scripture with scripture when considering any doctrine. It is strongly inferred in Hebrews 6:4-6 and 10:26-29 that it is possible to so backslide that there is no longer remission of sin. He who was once saved and then chooses sin in the place of Christ is in great danger of "eternal judgment and fiery indignation" (Hebrews 10:27).

*Paul said he received "forty stripes save one" (2 Corinthians 11:24). What is the significance of this number? Did Jesus suffer forty stripes?*

Among the Jews, forty stripes was the limit (Deuteronomy 25:2, 3). To avoid going beyond that number, their custom was to limit the stripes to thirty-nine. Five times Paul had received this number of stripes from Jewish persecutors. Jesus suffered a Roman scourging (Matthew 27:26). We do not know the number of stripes He bore for us, but "by his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

*Does the devil now have access to heaven as it seems he had in the days of Job? (Job 1:6)*

Satan presented himself before the Lord as the accuser of Job when the sons of God gathered together. I believe these sons of God were angels, since it is mentioned in Job 38:7 that the sons of God shouted for joy when the foundations of the earth were laid. This was before man was created.

Satan's seat is now in the heavenlies, for "we wrestle ... against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [the heavenlies]" (Ephesians 6:12). We believe this to be in the realm of our atmospheric heavens, since Satan was cast out of heaven at his revolt against God (Luke 10:18).

According to Revelation 12:7-9, Satan, the dragon, will be cast out of his place into the earth. He will give his power to the Beast (Revelation 13:1, 2) for a time, then be cast into the bottomless pit (Revelation 20:1-3).

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

# Our Church Reads the Bible

By U. S. GRANT - Pastor, First Assembly, Kansas City, Kansas

**O**UR CHURCH READS THE BIBLE. Our people are in love with the Book of books. And I do everything possible to encourage increased interest.

Responsive reading is a must in our worship services, and at least 90 percent of those regularly attending bring their Bibles with them. They are always given opportunities to open their Bibles, and the rustling of Bible leaves is music to this pastor's ears. Even the children, by the time they can read, get the desire to join the Bible reading.

We have tried other ideas too. Once we placed loudspeakers on top our church and had volunteers read aloud for one hour at noon during Holy Week. On Good Friday we read aloud the story of Christ's passion from the Scriptures. This lasted from noon until three o'clock.

We have followed prescribed reading programs as proposed by evangelical churches each year.

If a good modern translation comes along, I use it often enough to whet the desires of the people for it. One hundred of our people purchased and are using the *Amplified New Testament*.

But several years ago I experienced in a personal way the most thrilling and interesting Bible reading program we have ever had. I had an inspiration to read the Bible through carefully—aloud—timing myself as I did it.

To read thoroughly, I pronounced distinctly every name in the genealogies, every country, city, mountain, river,



Pastor Grant awarding the "Bible Lovers" pin to members of his congregation.

etc. I have to confess that I had never really done this before.

To read aloud, I found a secluded place in my home or the church so I wouldn't disturb others. I would note the time I began to read and the time when I finished. When I had read the entire Bible aloud, I totaled the time. I am not a fast reader, but it took me only a little over 57 hours to reach my goal. *And I am sure I retained more of what I read because I read aloud.*

I felt this was such a pleasurable experience that I wanted to share it with my church. I introduced the idea of a "Bible Lovers Club." The rules were simple. One must secure a self-pronouncing Bible, read the Scriptures through aloud, keep a record of the time spent, and report to me when finished.

I was amazed at the enthusiasm with which many members of our church entered this program. And my heart was melted by the supreme efforts some of them put forth. One dear lady, 84 years old, did it. It took her over 97 hours, but she rejoiced in it.

A blind girl accomplished the feat with special dispensations. Her mother read parts of the Bible to her; other parts she listened to on tape; the rest she read in braille, saying the words aloud as her fingers glided across the bumpy impressions. It took her more than 125 hours, but she did it.

While I have pastored First Assembly, some 75 people have gained entrance to our "Bible Lovers Club." When they turn in their reading time, their names are recorded, and they are honored publicly. We present them with a "Bible Lovers" lapel pin. The letters "B" and "L" are

**READ THE WORD**

**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25—JULY 2**

Sunday .....	1 Sam. 7, 8	Thursday ....	1 Sam. 15, 16
Monday .....	1 Sam. 9, 10	Friday .....	1 Sam. 17, 18
Tuesday ....	1 Sam. 11, 12	Saturday ....	1 Sam. 19, 20
Wednesday ..	1 Sam. 13, 14	Sunday .....	1 Sam. 21, 22

**"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).**



inscribed on either side of an open Bible. We still take in new members.

I think other churches and individuals could find blessing and inspiration by following this plan which has meant so much to us.

If we believe the Bible is the blessed, inspired Word of God, and if we believe that faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and if we believe that although heaven and earth may pass away God's Word shall never pass away, should we not do all possible to etch the Word of God upon our hearts and minds? The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

**D**ENISE FINGERED HER COFFEE CUP nervously. "Bob's back on one job again. I don't know how we'll make ends meet. The kids get me down so, now that they have to be in most of the time. You don't seem to be bothered by these things with five kids and Jerry not working part of every winter. Please, Pat, can't you tell me why? What's your secret?"

I could sympathize with Denise, for how well I remembered when I felt the same way. That was before I took God literally at His Word.

I had about the same amount of grumblings and worries as any mother with small children would have. There were good days and then there were the other kind—mostly the other kind.

We went to church every Sunday, and I prayed daily with seemingly little results. Then one day my daughter showed me how to pray.

It was fall and my oldest girl was about to start school. I began to worry again, this time about clothes. She had one Sunday dress and lots of play clothes—and I mean play clothes. Right at that time there just wasn't any money for school clothes.

The days went by, and I became discouraged and started worrying aloud.

Kathi said to me one morning, "Mommie, why don't we ask Jesus to send me some dresses? Our Bible verse at Sunday school was, 'Ask, and ye shall receive.' I know Jesus will send me some dresses if I ask Him."

I knelt down beside her, and she prayed, confident the Lord would answer.

The next afternoon when the children and I returned from town, the answer was there! In our big red chair by the door was a large pile of dresses. On the stool was a box with a winter coat and hat. And there was a pair of shoes, just the right size. All this was much more than we could have purchased.

Kathi's faith soared to immense heights and she sang with joy, "Jesus *did* answer. Now let's thank Him."

I knew only slightly the donor of the clothes. But God had put it in her heart to bring us those things *after* we asked Him.

You see, Kathi had asked for a specific thing. We tend to generalize in our prayers. How can our prayers be answered in definite ways unless we pray specifically?

We had been looking for a house in the country for sometime without any success. I decided to pray about it.

For two years I prayed, and then we found one that surpassed my fondest dreams.

But we had a house in town that we needed to sell. Houses weren't selling in town, and we were advised to rent ours. Again I prayed, and then we put an ad in the paper. Within a week the house in town was sold. This time it was *my* faith that soared to immense heights.

I don't mean to say that during the two years I prayed for a house I had no doubts. They came often to tempt my faith. But I found the answer for them.

God has promised that "all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." If you can't believe that God will do something big for you, then pray for something you can believe He'll do. You must believe in order to receive. So pray for small needs and, as you see the answers, your faith will be inspired to ask greater things.

Alice was only four but she was concerned about a scrawny little kitten her mommie wouldn't let her keep. She began praying about finding a home for it. A short time later a friend actually asked if she could have the kitten.

Coincidence? No, I believe the Lord was honoring my daughter's faith. Nothing is too small to pray about, not even a scrawny kitten.

Nothing can change a humdrum life into a joy of living more than having prayer answered. Prayer gives your child security and hope which you cannot give. Prayer calms shattered nerves, eases the aching heart, and rests the tired, worried mom and dad.

God is interested in you, your pleasures, your problems, no matter how large or small.

It is no secret what God will do through prayer.

By PATRICIA HERSHEY

# A Young Mother's Secret



WHEN HAYDN WAS ASKED why his sacred compositions had such a glad ring, he answered: "I cannot compose anything without it; for I translate into music the state of my very heart. When I think of the grace of God in Jesus Christ, my heart is so full of joy that the notes fairly dance and leap from my pen."

We Christians are the only people in the whole world who know true joy. Pagans with their idolatry and communists with their enthusiasm have no hymns to sing. They have no joy.

The best that the world can know is periodic happiness. As the word implies, *happiness* depends on what *happens*. But Christian joy does not depend on circumstances. It is indestructible for it rests on an immovable foundation; it depends on the dependable God.

#### JOY IN THE PAST

We have joy because the Lord has dealt with our past. He tells us the joybells ring in heaven when one sinner repents, a joy that echoes in our hearts.

When the 70 returned from their missionary journey, they were thrilled because the Lord had given them power over evil spirits. But Christ pointed to a deeper joy than they already had: "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

"When Christ came into my life," said that great Indian missionary, Samuel Rehator, "He drew up all the blinds, opened all the doors, and His joy came blowing in from everywhere."

When our sin vanished, so did our guilt. We became new creatures in Christ Jesus. The joy of the Lord became our permanent possession.

As we rejoice in the forgiveness of sin, we think also of the love that made it possible. We say with Paul: He "loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Therefore our hearts overflow with joy, like the Psalmist's: "My soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation" (Psalm 35:9).

#### JOY IN THE PRESENT

Joy fills our hearts because not only has the past been dealt with, but the present also is in good hands. The words of the Psalmist, "My times are in thy hand" (Psalm 31:15), find a response in our hearts.

What is He doing for us at this present moment? "Christ... is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34). "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1).

An advocate could be called in to give advice to a person in difficulty or give evidence in someone's favor in a court of law. In such cases he was the "counsel for the defense."

Again he might be called to encourage soldiers who were depressed and dispirited. The advocate thought for, advised, guided, supported, defended, enriched, restored, and comforted the one who called him. How much we need an Advocate!

When a young man was going to the front line in the Civil War, he knew he faced danger and difficulty. Yet one thing completely relieved the situation. This soldier had a friend who sent him a message: "Tell him to write

# SOURCES OF OVERFLOWING



# JOY



By GORDON CHILVERS

to me, and I will intercede with father and get him something better." The message came from Robert, the son of Abraham Lincoln.

Years later that soldier said: "You do not know what a comfort it was to have that message. Often after a weary march I would throw myself on the ground and say, 'If it becomes beyond human endurance, I can write to Bob Lincoln and get relief; and I would rather have his intercession than that of the cabinet, because he is a son.'"

Jesus is doing more for us than Robert Lincoln could ever do for his friend. Jesus is in heaven. Does He understand our position? Does He understand the temptations that try our powers of resistance to the limit? Yes. Because He was tempted in all points as we are, He sympathizes with us in our trials and weaknesses.

He appreciates our difficulties, and loves us too. "Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us" (Ephesians 5:2). Death is the greatest sacrifice love can make. Since He loved us enough to die for us, He must love us enough to intercede with the Father for us.

How it would encourage us to hear Christ pleading with the Father for us in the next room! If we heard our names mentioned, our hearts would rejoice, for we would know that the blessing was ours. True, He is in heaven now, but He *is* interceding—and distance makes no difference to the effectiveness of His intercession.

He wants us to have joy. He said: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and

that your joy might be full" (John 16:22). "Your joy no man taketh from you" (John 15:11).

Just now we can have the fullness of joy which only Christians know. We can be like a certain missionary on board ship. Someone questioned why she did not join the passengers in worldly pleasures. She replied: "I find Christ enough."

#### JOY IN THE FUTURE

Joy will never fail because we have a grand hope for the future. As Paul put it: we "rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:2).

Tears are inevitable in this life. Jesus wept. Words and deeds bring tears to all. Pain afflicts us. Every nerve and limb can add to our pain. Sorrow comes in various forms and shadows the lives of the good and great. Bereavement comes to all.

But one day it will be different. We shall have the sweet without any of the bitter. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4). The Psalmist says: "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

Jesus shall reign over all the world; righteousness, peace, and joy will then prevail. There will be glory and blessing for all the people of God. What a happy prospect is ours!

We shall rejoin those who have preceded us in death, an added source of joy. The future will be so much better than the present. We look ahead with joyful anticipation.

A dying man asked to be taken to the window to see the rising sun. After moments of ecstasy he exclaimed: "Oh, if the appearance of this earthly, created thing is so beautiful and so quickening, how much more shall I be enraptured at the sight of the unspeakable glory of the Creator Himself!"

The life of Christian joy amazes those who do not have it. It puzzled the ancient Romans who looked at persecuted Christians. In vain they reviled, tortured, and martyred them, for the Christians kept on rejoicing. When

the lions were turned on them in the arena, the Christians sang. When the executioner's sword was about to fall, they gave thanks. They had a joy nothing could curb—they were unconquerable.

We have the Holy Spirit in our hearts. He works within, stirring up the fountains of joy so that we may rejoice in the Lord. He cultivates, matures, and tends that joy until at last it fills our whole being. For "the fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy" (Galatians 5:22).

## DELIVERED FROM SMOKING

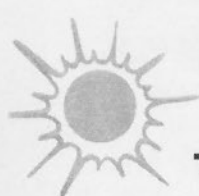
I BEGAN SMOKING in my early teens. Although I was prayed for repeatedly and tried to quit, I found myself enslaved by the craving to smoke. Because of the habit, my Christian life remained shallow, not to mention the ill effects on my body and mind. But my pastor, family, and church stood with me in prayer, knowing God would answer.

One day while working alone on telephone cables in an open field, I put a cigarette in my mouth. Suddenly, to my amazement, I saw the sky light up and my wife and three daughters were ascending into heaven! They called me to join them. It was frightening, but I dismissed it as only imagination and continued on the job.

Later, while still in that vicinity and with no one else around, the urge came to smoke another cigarette. Again I saw the same vision, only this time my children called more urgently, "Daddy, come on!" Then and there I realized that smoking was hindering God's best for my life and that He had chosen this way of revealing it to me. Relieved to know the Rapture had not yet taken place, I thanked the Lord for another opportunity and trusted Him for complete deliverance. Praise the Lord, it came!

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14). Now I have a new outlook on life and a greater desire to serve my Lord than ever before.—Bobby Joe Hays, Bushnell, Ill.

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# How to Enjoy Fellowship with God

By ANDREW MURRAY

**A** CONVERT FROM HEATHENISM put a great spiritual secret in a few simple words. He said: "When I pray, I speak to God. When I read the Bible, God speaks to me."

The Word of God holds the key to an enjoyment of fellowship with God, and this thought is beautifully brought out in Numbers 7:89: "When Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him [God], then he heard the voice of one speaking to him from off the mercy seat . . . and he [God] spake unto him." *When he went to pray for himself or his people and to wait for instructions, he found One waiting for him.*

What a lesson lies here for our private devotions. A prayerful spirit is the spirit to which God will speak. A prayerful spirit will be a listening spirit, waiting to hear what God says. In communion with God, His presence and the part He takes must be as real as my own.

Let us consider how we may enjoy this kind of fellowship with God in our Scripture reading and praying.

1. *Get into the right place.* "Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with God." He separated himself from the people and went where he could be with God alone.

He went to the place where God was to be found. Jesus has told us where that place is. He calls us to enter into our closet, and shut the door, and pray to our Father who sees in secret. Any place where we are really alone with God may be to us the secret of His presence.

To speak with God needs separation from all else. It needs a heart intently set upon and in full expectation of meeting God personally and having direct dealings. Those who go there to speak with God will hear the voice of One speaking to them.

2. *Get into the right position.* He heard the voice of One speaking from off the mercy seat. Bow before the mercy seat. There the consciousness of your unworthiness will not hinder you, but be a real help in trusting God. There you may have the assured confidence that your upward look will be met by His eye, that your prayer will be heard, that His loving answer will be given. Bow before the mercy seat, and be sure that the God of mercy will see and bless you.

3. *Get into the right disposition,* the listening attitude. Many are so occupied with what they have to say in their prayers that the voice of One speaking from off the mercy seat is never heard—because it is not expected or waited for. "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: . . . to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isaiah 66:1, 2). Let us enter the closet and set ourselves to pray with a heart that humbly waits to hear God speak.

In the Word we read we shall indeed hear the voice of One speaking to us. The highest blessedness of prayer will be our ceasing to pray in order to let God speak.

Prayer and the Word are inseparably linked together. Power in the use of either depends upon the presence of the other. The Word gives me matter for prayer, telling me what God will do for me. It shows me the path of prayer, telling me how God would have me come. It gives me the power for prayer, the courage of the assurance that I will be heard; and it brings me the answer to prayer as it teaches what God will do for me.

And on the other hand, prayer prepares the heart for receiving the Word from God Himself; it prepares the way for the teaching of the Spirit to give us the spiritual understanding of it, and the faith that will partake of its mighty working.

It is clear why this is so. Prayer and the Word have one common center—God. Prayer seeks God; the Word reveals God. In prayer, man asks God; in the Word, God answers man. In prayer, man rises to heaven to dwell with God; in the Word, God comes to dwell with man. In prayer, man gives himself to God; in the Word, God gives Himself to man. In prayer and the Word it must be all God.

Make God the *all* of your heart, the one object of your heart, the one object of your desires. Prayer and the Word will be a blessed fellowship with God, the interchange of thought and love and life; a dwelling in God and God in us.

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Jesus said, "When he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

He is to our lives what the root cap is to the root. The Holy Spirit is not an optional luxury to the Christian life. He is vital to its survival.

—JOSEPHINE K. WILLIAMS, Waxahachie, Texas



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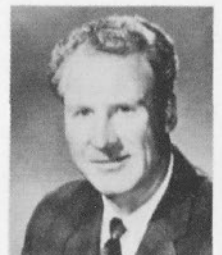
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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## ASSEMBLIES CHAPLAINS SERVE IN VIETNAM

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A number of Assemblies of God chaplains stationed in Vietnam are serving on the frontlines of battle, reports Howard S. Bush, chairman of the Commission on Chaplains. "These men are hazarding their lives for the gospel."

Chaplain (Capt.) Ardon O. Schmidt writes: "The battalion I serve is spread out over about six miles of hilly terrain. We receive sniper fire upon our camp every day. Our routes of travel are subject to sniper fire because of this type of terrain."

One Sunday Chaplain Schmidt

conducted five services. "It took me all day traveling between the companies to conduct them. We had over 100 in attendance, which is good, because many men were on patrols and on guard duty."

"The Assemblies of God can be justly proud of their chaplains who are fighting the good fight of faith around the world," says Brother Bush. "In the States, chaplains support our church activities. Overseas they lend assistance to our missionary program and promote good will among the nationals."

BUTLER, ALA.—First Assembly here just concluded two weeks of special services with Evangelist Robert Louis Stephens of Bastrop, La.

Five were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. More than 100 visitors attended, many of them for the first time.

—Ralph D. Roberts, pastor

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MARION, OHIO—The Assembly of God here had an outstand-

ing two-week meeting with Evangelists Andrew and Anna Basell. There was a large number of first-time visitors.

More than 20 persons knelt to be saved or reclaimed or to make new consecrations. Several were healed. The entire church was drawn closer to the Lord.

—James D. Knell, pastor

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CANTON, MO.—In special services at the Assembly of God



LCDR Leonard Ahrnsbrak, an Assemblies of God chaplain serving in the U. S. Navy, is congratulated by his commanding officer, Capt. H. W. Baker, after being presented the Navy Commendation Medal. Chaplain Ahrnsbrak is one of the chaplains featured in a recently released Marine Corps film on Vietnam.

here recently, five were saved, three reclaimed, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two re-filled. One person was delivered from cigarettes. Glenna Byard of

Fredricktown, Mo., was the evangelist.

A good number of visitors attended the services.

—Marvin V. Nichols, pastor

## ASSEMBLIES CHAPLAINS CONVENE

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI—The eighth annual Assemblies of God Chaplains' Conference and Retreat was held here May 2-5. The Assemblies has 31 active-duty chaplains. Of this number,

nine are Air Force, 15 Army, and seven Navy.

Registration for the conference included Navy chaplains Leonard L. Ahrnsbrak, Robert G. Brown, Harold L. Christmann, and Mar-

vin Snyder; Army chaplains Talmadge F. McNabb, Stanley N. Millard, and John W. Simpson; and Air Force chaplains Lemuel M. Boyles, Lemuel D. McElyea, Wayne E. Rowland, Francis D. Shroyer, B. Russell Skipper, and Richard D. Wood.

Gilbert L. Bender and John E. Russell, endorsed candidates for the Army chaplaincy, attended, together with Charles Adams and Darrell Redfearn.

Speakers at the conference were T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent; Bert Webb and Howard S. Bush, assistant superintendents; Robert Way, servicemen's representative; Ward Williams, head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Evangel College; and Cyril E. Homer, pastor of North Highland Assembly, Columbus, Ga.

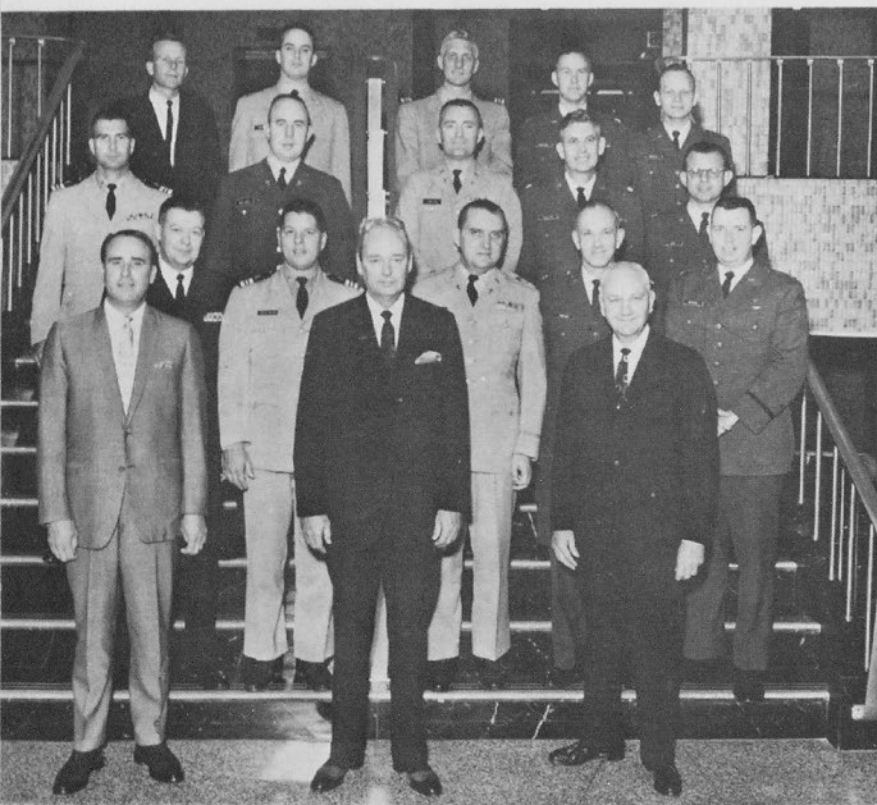
Several chaplains and headquarters personnel presented reports and panel discussions to the group. Assisting in the reports were Hardy Steinberg, national secretary of the Department of Education; Ralph Harris, editor of Church School Literature; Paul Markstrom, prison division representative; and William F.

Kirschke, national secretary of the Sunday School Department.

The Assemblies of God Commission on Chaplains is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals Commission on Chaplains in Washington, D. C. However, all applicants for chaplaincy appointment are processed directly with the office of the chairman of the Commission on Chaplains, Howard S. Bush. All inquiries concerning the chaplaincy program should be addressed to the chairman at 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

The Commission on Chaplains not only represents active-duty chaplains, but also serves reserve chaplains, National Guard chaplains, Civil Air Patrol chaplains, and contact pastors of nearby military installations.

A recent official Marine film, "Chaplains' Activities in Vietnam," features Assemblies of God chaplain LCDR Leonard Ahrnsbrak and several other chaplains. It is available for showing in churches without charge from the NAE Commission on Chaplains, 1405 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.



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PORTLAND, OREG.—Calvary Temple here recently concluded a meeting with Evangelist Jerry Russell which left an impact on the church. A number of people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—A. C. Phillips, pastor

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WAYNESBORO, PA.—Calvary Assembly here recently concluded a two-week evangelistic campaign with Evangelist Bobby Black of Newark, Calif.

Several people were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers refilled with the Holy Spirit.

Attendance was excellent. The young people were stirred anew to rededicate their lives to Christ.

Nine persons followed the Lord in water baptism following the services.

—Anthony A. Marinacci, pastor

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MUSKEGON, MICH.—More than 30 people were saved at Central Assembly here during recent services with the Musical Vanns (Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg).

Many people received a refilling of the Holy Spirit, and on the last Sunday 18 were baptized in water.

The Sunday school record was broken with 537 attending on Easter.

God is still moving in a wonderful way in the church.

—Bernard B. Ridings, pastor

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DE SOTO, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed recently by the ministry of Evangelist Ruth Reece of Mt. Vernon, Mo. Twelve or more knelt at the altar for salvation, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Arlie M. Roberts, pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORTGAGE BURNING AND HOMECOMING—July 2, at First Assembly, Roswell, N. Mex. Speaker: Raymond Hudson, district superintendent. Services at 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dinner on grounds. All former pastors, evangelists, members, and friends invited.—Edgar Newby, pastor.

HOMECOMING—July 2 at First Assembly, Topeka, Kans. William Thornton, former pastor, speaking in both services. Dinner at noon in fellowship hall. Former pastors, members, and friends invited.—by Clare G. Rose, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

LOLA MAE GLOVER, 68, of Hartford, Ala., went to be with the One she served April 25, 1967. Sister Glover received a license to preach from the Alabama District and established two churches, the Glad Tidings Assembly near Hartford and Moore's Chapel Assembly of God. She began her ministry in 1939 and pastored several other churches also including the Sellersville Assembly in Sampson. She is survived by her husband C. E. Glover and seven children. Two

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sons, Billy Joe of Enterprise and Charlie of Hartford, Ala., are Assemblies of God ministers.

F. VIRGIL CLAXTON, 58, of Norman, Okla., went into the presence of the Lord May 3, 1967. Death came suddenly when his car was struck by a train. Brother Claxton was ordained to the ministry in 1942 by the Oklahoma District. He served as pastor of Southside Faith Tabernacle in Oklahoma City and for the past 21 years pastored First Assembly in Norman. He was also president of the board of directors of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., and a sectional presbyter. He is survived by one daughter and several grandchildren.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

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Ala.	Millport	Liberty	July 3-9	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Gertrude Hickman
	Prichard	Prichard Stadium	July 2-16	F. Don Rippey	James C. Kofahl
Ark.	Crossett	Beulah Land	July 2-7	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	W. E. Hand
	Harrison	First	July 2—	C. C. Crace	Donald L. Walker
	Marianna	First	July 5-16	Gene & Heather Burgess	Donald Nye
	N. Little Rock	Lakehill Church	June 28—	Paul K. Witten	Ronald W. Hastie
Calif.	Burlingame	A/G	June 28-July 2	The Tanner Team	Douglas Fairington
	Compton	First	July 2-16	Quentin Edwards	David O. Bunch
	Crescent	***A/G	June 26-July 2	Loretta Kaupanger	Herman Pencovic
	Cupertino	A/G	July 5-23	The Tanner Team	Grover Risner
	Newark	First	June 30-July 3	Ernie Eskelin	Andrew Rahner
	Pomona	First (Latin Am.)	June 27-July 2	Thomas Hernandez	Joe Banda
	Twin Peaks	*Camp Pinecrest	June 26-30	Quentin Edwards	Paul Bruton Jr. D-CAP
	Victorville	***First	July 2-7	Christian Hild	Vernon Nybakken
Colo.	Thornton	Full Gospel	July 5-16	Richard & Rhoda Field	R. G. Chaffin
Fla.	Bonifay	Live Oak	July 3-9	Jerry & Ann Johnson	O. B. Harris
Idaho	Cascade	*Ministerial Assn.	July 2-16	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Fred Howe, Chm.
	Pinehurst	Valley	June 27-July 9	Dave & Jan Olshevski	A. A. Mackey
Ill.	Flora	A/G	June 26-30	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Alfred Trail
	Lombard	A/G	June 25-July 2	Bob Watters	Glenn Renick
	Naperville	Bethel	June 25-July 2	E. A. Manley	Bob Schmidgall
	Olive Branch	Trinity	June 29-July 12	Cecil Welch	Billy Don Heady
	Rantoul	First	June 27-July 9	Ren & Grace Marr	Charles D. Young
Ind.	Gary	Gospel Tab.	June 28-July 2	The Singing Lunsfords	R. A. Rieben
	Hammond	Hessville	July 5-9	Chief Thum-Sunshine Pty.	Charles R. Hembree
Iowa	Bettendorf	First	June 28-July 16	Wesley F. Morton	O. H. Hamilton
Mich.	Battle Creek	Pennfield	June 25-30	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Jack Honeycutt
	Fremont	First	July 5-9	E. A. Manley	D. C. Manley
Mo.	Harrisonville	People's Community	July 2-16	Glenna Byard	Lionel Grimes
	St. Clair	First	July 5-16	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	L. Lyall Parsons
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Western Heights	July 2-12	L. T. Bates	Wallace M. Franklin
Okla.	Midwest City	Bethel Temple	July 2-9	Marvin Schmidt	M. Russell Herndon
	Oklahoma City	Trinity	June 26-July 9	Danny & Elizabeth Kennedy	Perry Sanders
	Tulsa	West Archer	June 27-July 9	Marion & Sandra Beach	John Human
Pa.	Enola	***A/G	June 19-23	Brosey-Buchwalter Tm.	Paul Jacobs
Tenn.	Maryville	First	July 2-9	Don & Sharon Parker	Jerry Smith
Tex.	Fairfield	Daniel Children's Home	June 30-July 9	B. P. Carroll	Bigham-Baker
	Freeport	Velasco	July 3-16	James & LaVerne Sartor	O. H. Dockray
	Nederland	First	June 28-July 9	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	F. G. Williams
Va.	Catlett	First	June 27-July 9	"Little Joe" Peterson	Paul Walters
	Lynchburg	First	June 20-July 2	H. B. Kelchner	Irvin G. Steiding

\*Youth Camp

\*\*Tent Revival

\*\*\*Children's Crusade

\*\*\*\*Kids Kamp

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# When he prays over there...



**S**URE HE'S CONCERNED about what lies ahead. But even the thoughts of pain and death turn his heart homeward. . . .

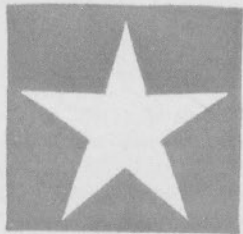
*"God, bless the folks, and Bud, and Sue. And especially Ann. Dear God, if it be Your will, spare us for a life together, Dear God. . . ."*

And because he's praying, he thinks of church. He thinks of all the people standing while the pastor says, "Let's remember our boys in service."

Then prayertime is over over there, and he moves out to take some death-stalked hill.

Whatever you think about the war in Asia, *don't forget him!* Enfold him in prayer. Bind him to you by keeping in touch. And by your cheerful and generous gift to the Servicemen's Division on Servicemen's Day, July 2, enable us to minister to him—and to some 11,000 other Assemblies of God young people in the Armed Forces.

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