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

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**T**HE PROPHET MICAH PREDICTED the birth of Christ some 700 years before the event transpired. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

Have you ever considered how remarkable this prophecy is? Up to a few days before the Christ child was born, there seemed no possibility of its fulfillment; for Mary dwelt not in Bethlehem, but in Nazareth.

Think of it! Mary, the virgin, was with child of the Holy Ghost. The prophecy that a virgin should conceive had been fulfilled. But how could the other prophecy be fulfilled that the Messiah should be born in Bethlehem? For Mary lived in Nazareth, in the northern part of the land; and it took a long time to journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It was a distance of 70 miles, and the only means of travel was to walk or go by donkey or camel.

I wonder if it ever occurred to Mary that she must give birth to the Christ child in Bethlehem? I wonder if she and Joseph had ever considered the words of Micah? I do not know, but it seems they made no effort to go to Bethlehem until suddenly the edict came from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed, or, as the marginal reading says, "enrolled."

He who had caused Micah's prophecy to be uttered 700 years before had not forgotten. His Word must be fulfilled, and so He put it in the heart of the world emperor "in those days" to issue a decree in order to bring Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem just at that particular time. Oh, the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

Think of it! The imperial edict had set the whole world in motion. Millions of people were going to their respective cities to be enrolled for the taxation so one prophecy in the Old Testament might be fulfilled! The mighty Caesar was caused to issue the decree just at that particular time so the Christ child might be born in Bethlehem of Judea as His prophet had foretold!

Let us picture the scene. Night falls like a mantle upon the hills of Judea. Lamps have been extinguished in the dwellings, and the people have settled down to sleep. It has been a busy day—so many visitors have arrived, and it was difficult to find lodging for them all. But now all is quiet.

To most of the people it is just another night. But in

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the heavenlies there is breathless expectancy. The angelic host is readied for the glad announcement. For this is no ordinary night. This is the night God Himself had in mind when He said to the enemy of mankind in the Garden of Eden, "The seed of the woman shall bruise thy head." Think of it—even the prophets had prophesied concerning it when they said, as they were moved by the Spirit of the Lord, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light."

The singers of Israel rejoiced knowing that the time would come when the darkness would be dispelled and the light would shine forth. The Simeons had stood with hand-shaded eyes and looked for this night of nights. The Annas and Elisabeths on the tiptoe of expectation had wondered when the long night would pass and the morning dawn. Even Wise Men in the East were so stirred that they could not rest in their own land; and perhaps even then were urging their camels on, eager to get to their journey's end to worship the King of Israel.

The little town lay quiet and peaceful—unconscious that the greatest event in the world's history was about to take place. The doors are locked and barred. But look! Along the dim road something is moving—a young man and a young woman, moving slowly. These two have lagged behind the other travelers, owing to the frailty of the young woman, great with child. When they enter the town, the young man goes to the inn and knocks, but the only answer he gets is, "No room." Then lifts up his eyes and sees an open stable. There he leads his precious charge.

No human eyes gaze upon Mary's disappointment. No one but she could know the suffering she had gone through on the long rough road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. And yet the loving heart of Jehovah sympathized. Many a time on the journey, when Mary would have fainted and fallen, she was strengthened by the thought of the messages she had received from heaven. For the angel had said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." When she was troubled at the heavenly visitation, she had but to think of these words, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

The awful doubt that had beclouded her mind in these

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long months falls upon her afresh as she realizes that her time is near and she is obliged to spend the night outdoors where the cattle feed. But once more she recalls the blessed words from heaven: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Mary takes courage and whispers once again, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

This was the night when all these wonderful promises would be fulfilled! Was this just an ordinary night? *No!* A thousand times *no!* This was the most wonderful night that ever was. This was the night when the heavens were to be filled with angels' songs. The night when the Sun of righteousness would arise. The night when hope was to dawn for the hopeless. The night when the great Deliverer was to come who would break chains and snap fetters and bring liberty to the oppressed.

Oh, how dark the world was before He came! For centuries it lay beneath a pall of sin as black as midnight. No ray penetrated the inky gloom: no prophet's voice was heard in the land. Moses had come and gone. Aaron had been laid under the sod. Joshua, who had led the people into the Promised Land, had gone to his reward. Isaiah, who had told of another and better day coming, was departed; his voice was silent. And even Malachi, the last of the prophets, had been hushed for some 400 years.

But suddenly, in the midst of the gross darkness, the curtains of the heavens are drawn aside by invisible hands: an angel steps forth, radiant with the glory of the Lord, and with a voice quivering with joy at the privilege of delivering such a glorious message declares, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Listen, shepherds, to the words of the angel: "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Then it seemed that every cloud took shape and became a moving mass of angelic beings singing the praises of the newborn Babe who was the Saviour of mankind. The angels had often chanted His praises in the heavenly places; but that night their hearts were bursting as they sang His welcome: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Good tidings of great joy because a Saviour is born! This is what you need, shepherds in the field. This is what you need, men of Israel. This is what you need,


Gentiles. Good tidings you who dwell in darkness: for this Saviour is the Light of the world. Good tidings, sick and suffering, for He is also the Great Physician. Good tidings, indeed, to all people. Send the glorious message north, south, east, and west. "For unto you is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Think of it! Generation after generation had watched for the coming of the Messiah. The fathers had looked and longed for Him to come. In the days of their youth it had been their fondest hope. In middle age their faith had endured. Old age rolled on; then they closed their eyes in death and were laid beside their fathers without having seen the blessed Saviour so long promised. But, glory to God, here He was—Jesus, *born of a virgin, born in Bethlehem*—He who was to save His people from their sins. Emmanuel! God coming down and tabernacling among men! The dark night had passed! The morning of fulfilled prophecy had come.

No wonder every eye in Glory was turned toward the manger. No wonder the heavenly host sang praises to God! No wonder Wise Men traveled far to bow before Him in worship. No wonder shepherds left their earthly possessions behind and hastened to Bethlehem to look into His face.

Years have rolled by; centuries have passed away; history has repeated itself over and over again. Wise men and women still seek Him and worship Him as their King. Receptive hearts still hear the angels' message and leave all to see Him face-to-face. The procession which started on the memorable night so long ago in a manger has been joined by people in all stations of life. Kings have joined in the march, along with their subjects. Statesmen who ruled have fallen into step and hurried on to ask Him to rule their lives. Authors have united with the Blood-washed throng and have written about the Hope of the world. Physicians have made their way to the Great Physician. Actors have left the unreal to accept the real and to play their part in serving the Christ. All are drawn by the one great attraction—our wonderful Jesus.

They come with tears—He wipes them away. They come with burdens—He banishes them. They come weak—they go away strong. They come hungry—they go away satisfied.

He will solve your problems too if you will let Him. Give Him your heart. If you will do this, you will mark this as the most important date in your life and you will say, "That was no ordinary night." 

## The Search for Peace

THE APPROACH of another Christmas finds the world still searching hopefully for peace. Although many conferences have been held in the past year, and much blood has been shed, "peace on earth" still eludes mankind. The noise of strife still drowns out the song of the angels, as it did a century ago when Henry Wadsworth Longfellow composed his poem about the bells that play on Christmas Day and the carols that sing of peace and good will. He wrote:

*"And in despair I bow'd my head:  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said;  
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'*

*"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep,  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men.'*

If men fail to find the formula for peace it is not God's fault. Israel tried to put the blame on God, charging, "Thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul."

But the Lord answered, "O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness. . . Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee" (Jeremiah 4:10-18). The Scriptures teach us that war results from the sin that lies in the human heart, whereas peace is the product of righteousness (Isaiah 32:17). Neither force of arms nor international treaties can insure peace. Men's hearts need to be changed—and this is done only through Christ's gospel.

It is written, "The Lord will bless his people with peace" (Psalm 29:11). The very word *Jerusalem* means "city of peace," and God sent His Son to that city to bring peace through His gospel; but they rejected Him, for they were not willing to forsake their sins and obey His Word. One day Jesus sat on the mount above the city and wept because Jerusalem had failed to recognize the things which belonged unto its peace (Luke 19:42). The city refused to accept Him who came "to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79). Every fresh skirmish between Arabs and Israelis, and every new atrocity by Viet Cong terrorists should remind us to pray for the work of the gospel—for only Christ can remove the causes of war from the hearts of men anywhere.

All of us can contribute to universal peace by letting the peace of God rule in our hearts. What is peace? Someone has said: "Peace is that state in which there are no desires madly demanding an impossible gratification, that state in which there is no misery, no remorse, no sting." Once we were "like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest"—we found there is no peace to the wicked. We wanted joy but found it not. We tried to do right but failed. We were filled with inner conflict and discontent. Then Jesus came and said, as to the angry waves on the Sea of Galilee, "Peace—be still," so now the inner storm is over. We are at peace with God, at peace with ourselves, and at peace with all mankind. We rest content in the hands of God as safely as the Christ child rested in Mary's arms at Bethlehem.

One man who had made his peace with God said: "I bless God, I now can lie down with comfort tonight, not being anxious whether I wake in this world or in another." As the Psalmist said, with God by our bed we "dwell in safety," whatever happens.

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# SORROW AT CHRISTMAS

By RODGER DUANE COLEMAN

THE HOMES ON OUR STREET seemed much alike last Christmas. Colored lights outlined houses, doors, and windows. They circled tall trees and short trees, inside and outside. They twinkled from the bushes. They blinked from wreaths hanging in windows or on doors. The scene was a happy one.

And this is the way the people were too, Christmas morning on our street. We had joy and surprises, laughter and happiness, giving and receiving. We loved and were loved.

For most of us the day after Christmas started out to be just an extension of Christmas Day. But in one home on our street tragedy struck that morning. A husband fell dead; a father lay still. The wife did not know that when she exchanged smiles with her husband the day before, it was for the last time. She did not know that when he ran those last-minute errands and performed the last little pre-Christmas tasks, he would never do those things again.

She could not have known that as they tucked their tired and excited little girl into bed, it would be the very last time she would be able to reach up, put her little arms around his neck, and kiss him good-night.

The great loss was made greater still by the joyousness of the season. It was deepened by the emphasis on family unity and love at Christmastime. The sharp pain was made sharper yet by the contemplated, but now impossible, plans for the new year. The intense loneliness was made more vivid by the awareness that other wives on our street still had their husbands and other little girls still had their daddies.

The sadness of this home was shared by all the people on our street, just as we had shared the joys of Christmas. But I knew, even then, that there are other Christmas sorrows, less climactic, though not less painful.


Two days after Christmas I visited the home of a family which knew this other kind of heartache. Under the Christmas tree—erected to symbolize love, beauty, and happiness—lay several unopened gifts. The mother had spoken to me of these gifts before, so I was not surprised to see them there. Still, I was saddened because the gifts stood for rejection, ugliness, and sorrow. These parents had lost a son, but not to death.

He was a prodigal, though he had not left the home. Living there, he had shut the entire family out of his life. He had announced that he no longer wanted to be a part of the family, refusing to join in Christmas activities with them.

These parents grieved for the lost love of a son who had forsaken them. They knew the agony the father of the prodigal son had endured, for they had experienced it too. Yet in spite of continued rejection, they place their cares in the hands of God, believing He will restore their son to them.

There are many who this Christmastime carry a burden, an illness, a sorrow that seems harshly out of harmony with the season. What hope, what relief could we have in such times if we could not cry out to God for help and open our hearts to receive His quieting, comforting Spirit? Friends and relatives can offer sincere sympathy, but it is Jesus who can truly lift our load.

No sorrow is buried so deeply in a human heart that His compassion cannot reach it. He whose birthday we celebrate with joy and gladness was "a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief." More than that, He "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."

If this Christmas season finds you with some sorrow in your cup, move a little closer to Jesus. He understands and cares. That's one reason He came to earth. 

MY SON, DAVE, was playing his favorite record, "I'm Going Higher Some Day," when the music was interrupted by his voice from behind the newspaper.

"Dad, are you a U.S. citizen?"

"Yes."

"Were you born after December 1, 1929?"

"No."

"You're under six feet tall?"

"Right."

"Do you have a degree in science or engineering?"

"Sorry."

"Have you 100 hours as a jet pilot?"

"Hhmmmmph."

"Are you in good physical condition?"

"Don't get noseey."

"Sorry, Dad, but you won't make it!"

New teen-age game? Not really. The news heading said, "Average Man Reaches for Moon... He Won't Make It." The article by Tom Tiede reports that thousands of *average* people are asking to be included in this country's interplanetary program. They all want to be part of the excitement. They want to be astronauts. The primary requirements for astronauts are stiff, yet not really superhuman. They are the six questions asked by Dave from behind that newspaper.

Most "average citizens" are probably interested in "going higher" someday—to heaven. There are requirements for this kind of space travel as well. Although they will exclude many, they are not too difficult to be obtained. God's space program requirements may be illustrated by those of NASA.

#### *Must Be a U.S. Citizen*

Heaven is not limited to nationalities. Our eternal home does not depend upon our birth, but on our new birth. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

When we have experienced this new birth, we do become citizens of heaven, "For our conversation [literally, citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).

Prerequisite: Must be a citizen of heaven.

#### *Born After December 1, 1929*

It's not that Uncle Sam has something against my gen-

eration. An astronaut's life is rough, so the man must have the potential strength to complete the job assigned. Younger men are expected to have greater endurance. Eternity, however, knows no time. God does expect us to be strong and have endurance to complete the sometimes rough tasks committed to us.

"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

Prerequisite: Strong, committed life of potential.

#### *Under Six Feet Tall*

Size does count. How many pro football players weigh less than 180 pounds? However, there is another measurement of size. Ever hear of men who stand "ten feet tall"? Or of being "cut down to size"? Heaven needs men who are small in their own estimation. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:10).

Prerequisite: Small enough to be used of God in a big way.

#### *Degree in Engineering or Science*

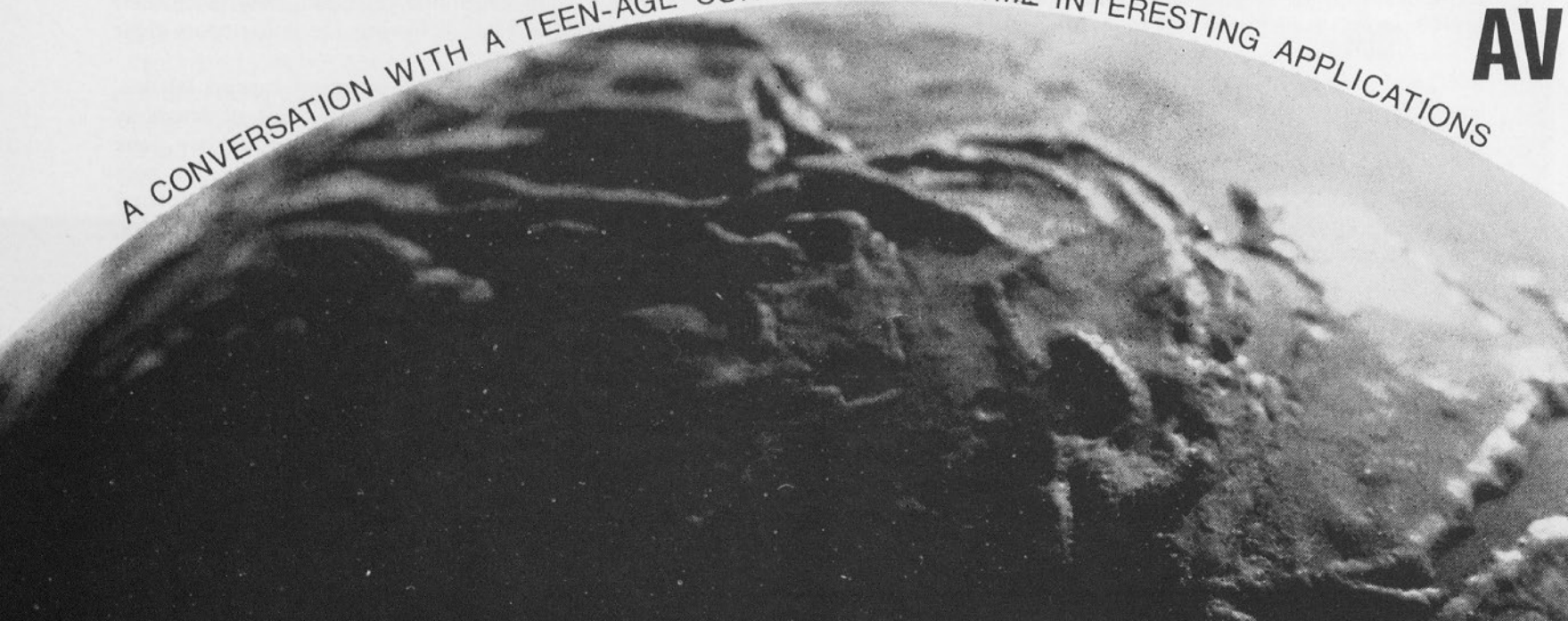
Schools are crowded as never before. My daughter, Linda, enters a state university this fall where the freshman class is larger than the entire student body of four years ago. Young people today are told that they cannot expect the golden glow of success without a degree. Desirable as it is, to many education has become a god. This god will never satisfy heaven's demands:

"When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:) then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea further; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it" (Ecclesiastes 8:16, 17).

God does not want us to remain uneducated, though, "for this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom

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and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9, 10).

#### *Have 100 Hours of Jet Piloting*

Nothing takes the place of experience. What a thrill to see the clouds from the sunny side of Mach I! The tremendous heights and speeds available to the jet jockey also make great demands upon him. He cannot depend on earth's atmosphere but must breathe oxygen to keep a clear head. Good as he may be in his aircraft, and good as we may be in shop, home, office, or wherever we work, this will never qualify us for heaven's space travel.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

There are qualifications for heaven's duties, and we must breathe its pure air. "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3).

#### *Be in Good Physical Condition*

As Tom Tiede says, "This one is the sleeper." Emotional soundness as well as physical superiority is demanded. Candidates for space flight have been dismissed for such things as irritability under stress. Deke Slayton's medically insignificant heart murmur ruled him out.

Aren't you glad that God accepts the maimed, the insecure, and the anxious as well as the whole and the healthy? Although heaven's invitation is still to "whosoever will," there are strong directions as to the care of our spiritual well-being. "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (1 Timothy 6:11).

Prerequisite: Sound in spiritual strength and self-control.

Just as Mr. Average Man is excluded from participation in the space program of the United States, so Mr. Average Citizen cannot take part in the "I'm going higher someday" program of God.

Unless he meets the requirements, the average man may reach for heaven...but he won't make it!

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**AVERAGE MAN  
REACHES FOR  
HEAVEN...  
HE WON'T  
MAKE IT!**

By HOWARD LANPHEAR

# NO OTHER GODS

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**T**HOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME" is one of the Ten Commandments which is consistently ignored or broken.

Americans do not like to think of themselves as idol worshipers. Even those who do not go to church do not consider themselves idol worshipers because of that. They may think of God as dead or nonexistent, but consciously at least they have "no other gods."

Of course, primitive people who endow the mountains and rivers and other things in nature with spirits have other gods. Those who carve their gods from wood or make them from sticks and stone surely have other gods before the God of the universe.

Do these have no American counterparts? Is the shrine of self any less a temple of idol worship than the heathen temple? There are many who no longer depend upon God, but rather upon their own abilities and efforts. A rancher in one of our western states decided that he no longer needed to pray for rain because he had an irrigation ditch in operation. He is not alone in this tendency to trust one's own ingenuity and resources.

Many in the affluent society have placed the acquisition of material things ahead of the eternal values of God and His kingdom. "Almighty Dollar" has become a substitute for Almighty God.

Little gods sometimes come between us and the great God. Trust in a rabbit's foot, a horseshoe, or a four-leaf clover for luck seems trivial—these are small things. Yet to the extent that these are important to us, they diminish our faith in the power of God. If we can trust them, why trust Him?

The most subtle form of idolatry is that which involves the substitution of our own wills for the will of God. When we put selfish ambitions above the revealed will of God, we have other gods before Him.

We may not always know what stands between us and Christ until we come into His presence. But then we shall know. The rich young ruler may have been surprised at his own reaction when he learned that for him the cost of following Jesus was to give up his wealth.

Many have since been surprised by the revelation of the "other gods" they had before the Almighty. But none has ever been disappointed who surrendered his heart's dearest treasure at the feet of the Master. You will not be disappointed either when you turn loose of the "other gods" and give your life to the eternal God for time and eternity. Trust Him and see for yourself.



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# HOW TO WALK WITH GOD

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**O**NE PROBLEM some new Christians face today is that of applying what Christ taught so long ago to contemporary living. Jesus never married. He did not face the problems of raising children in today's hectic world. Could He then advise us concerning some of the complex problems we face?

Again, Jesus did not have to decide whether to pay the dentist before He promised to meet installments on a new boat to make His summer vacations more pleasant. Such modern choices were unknown in Christ's day. How then can He help us?

But the real problem all of us face is that of human relations, and here is an area Jesus knew very well indeed. He is certainly able to interpret our problems with people and show us how to live victoriously, for after all human nature is the same as it was 2,000 years ago.

It was the power of changed lives that gave Christianity its vitality in the beginning. There were enough changed lives to make a difference in their world. Changed lives today can also change the world.

"Ye should walk worthily of God" (1 Thessalonians 2:12, ASV). This is the way our Bible challenges us. If this seems hard, we must remember God stands behind His Word. His commands are His enablements.

To walk worthily, we must be guided by the great godly principles of *faith, love, light, and wisdom.*

The principle of *faith* underlies the whole Christian idea of salvation. To become a Christian a man must move

toward God, believing that God will keep His promise of salvation. It is through trusting Him that the promise becomes fact in our lives.

Having begun our Christian lives in this way, we continue to "walk by faith, not by sight." Our attitude is not, "Seeing is believing," but, "Believing is seeing." The more we trust, the less we worry; for faith is a living principle that actually banishes worry.

The future no longer troubles us, for we "know who holds tomorrow." Jesus projected this principle when He taught, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34).

Faith works best when it works through *love*. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples," Jesus said, "if ye have love one to another." Christian love is inclusive and unselfish. Does it seem too big an order to love everyone? Then let us begin with those nearest us. Let us express love to members of our families. After we have learned the joy of having love within our homes, we can begin to include neighbors, fellow Christians, classmates, and others as opportunity affords.

To help us put this principle of love into action, let us ask ourselves often if our words and actions are prompted by love toward the person involved. Such self-questioning helps us to clarify our motives and purify our love.

Love also involves sacrifice. God so loved that He gave His Son. Christ so loved that He died for us. "Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us" (Ephesians 5:2).



## MARINE CORPORAL WRITES FROM VIETNAM

The actions and words of love are rooted in the heart, for love is an inner thing, a principle planted in our hearts by the Lord Himself.

There must be a moral quality about Christian faith and love. This is why God adds a third principle for Christian living; namely, *light*. "I am the light of the world," Jesus said. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." We walk by faith; we walk in love; and we walk in the light.

Light means, simply, right. The Christian does those things which will stand the strong light of God's righteousness. He refuses to do these things which are not right. Thus the Christian needs to have a Bible-trained conscience and live by it. A good test here is, "Is there anything about this act or this word of which I am ashamed?"

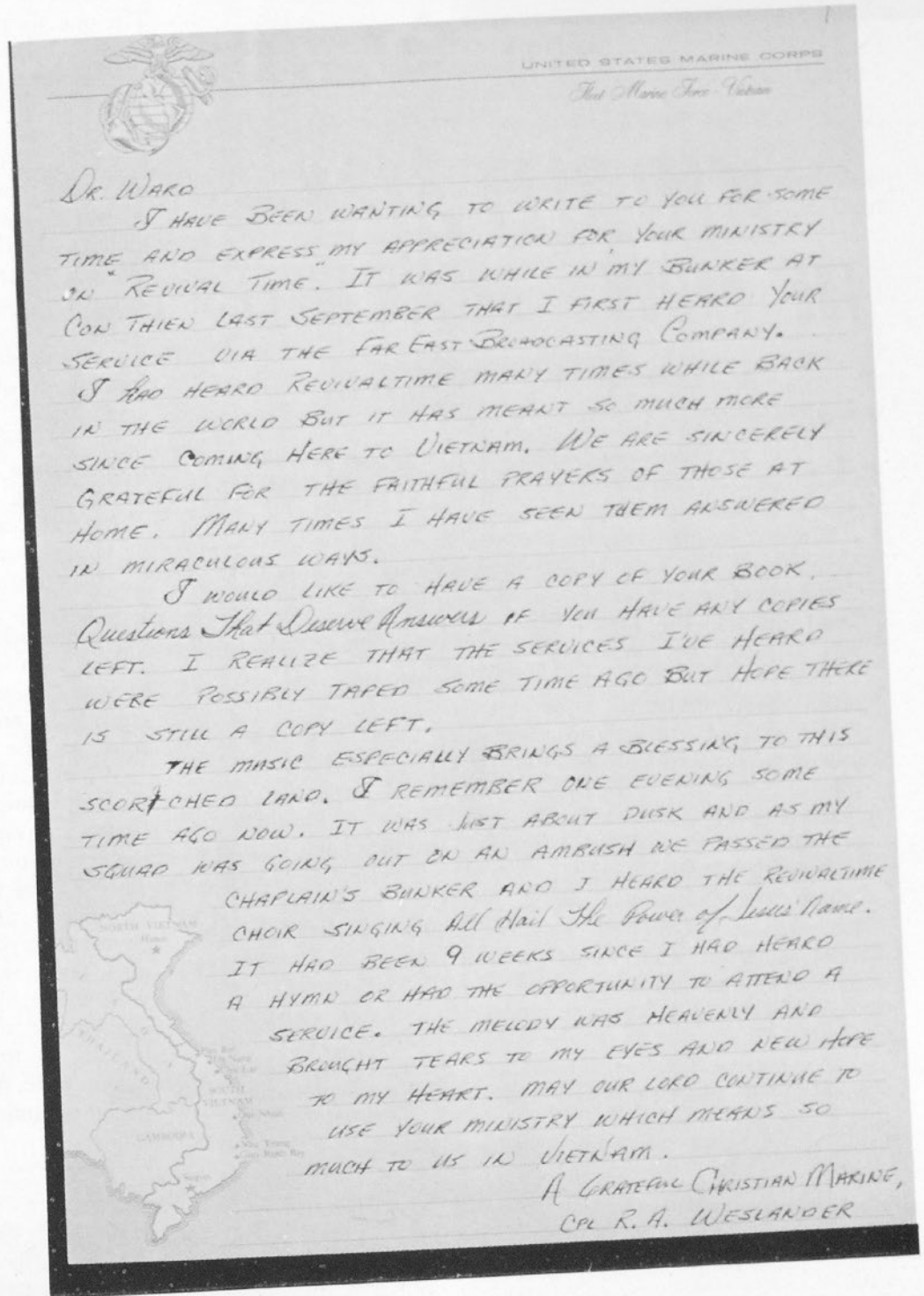
Finally, there is the principle of *wisdom*. "Look therefore carefully," says Paul, "how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15, ASV).

The wisdom we are to follow is different from the wisdom we thought we had when we were living in sin. We were canny then; we thought we knew how to get away with sinful acts; we were clever about covering up. But the new principle of wisdom is vastly different. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy" (James 3:17, ASV).

We have been discussing the thought that the worthy life needs to be guided by godly principles. It also needs to be guided by the Lord Jesus, our *divine Companion*, whose own life has put life into these principles. Jesus was the Word *made flesh*. In his own life He demonstrated the outworking of the principles of faith, love, light, and wisdom. His demonstration of faith and love give them meaning and substance.

We have both His challenge and His example as encouragements to walk worthily of God. Let us not excuse ourselves for careless living on the grounds that the times are worse now than they were in Christ's day. Unless we accept the truth that He can keep His own in *any* age and that His principles are universally workable, we limit our limitless God.

As a new convert you will grow in grace as you consciously follow Christ's principles for Christian living.



Make a definite break with the old life. Christ has given us the rite of baptism in water to help us at this point (Romans 6:4). Baptism marks the beginning of a new walk.

Jesus said, "All power is given unto me..." He also said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a baptism of power for witnessing and service. The Spirit within you will show you that the old life was unworthy of your newfound Saviour.

Your new daily schedule must contain a time for praying to our divine Companion and for reading His Word. The new believer will also be strengthened by the helpful companionship of Christian friends and by worshipping God with them in His house.

The Christian religion is more than a creed. It is a way of life, and men have an unusually keen eye for watching how we live. Guided by right principles, led by the divine Companion, we can walk in such a way as to be worthy of God.

ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE SERIES

## KIBBUTZIM— THE NATION'S BREADBASKET

By MAYME HAMILTON

UPON RETURNING FROM OUR VISIT TO ISRAEL last July, we were asked what had fascinated us the most. It was a difficult question.

We saw so many sacred places—the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Temple site—and had such a beautiful Communion service at the Garden Tomb. We saw the Dead Sea and the Jordan River; the spot where Jesus was baptized, not far from the Allenby Bridge (which was still in ruins from the fighting that had occurred just seven weeks earlier).

We walked the narrow streets of East Jerusalem; toured the modern metropolis of Tel Aviv; drove through the fruitful Plain of Sharon; visited the all-Arab city of Nazareth; had such a delightful boat ride on the blue Sea of Galilee. One could say so much about these and other fascinating places. . . .

But what impressed me as much as anything was Kibbutz Lavi. Our visit to this kibbutz was brief but memorable, for what we saw was a pattern of cooperative living unknown anywhere else in the world.

A kibbutz is a farming community (though some of

Mrs. Mayme Hamilton, former head of the art department at Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, Missouri, now retired, is a part-time instructor in art at Evangel College.

them have branched out into industry) whose members live and work together like a large family. *Kibbutz* is the Hebrew word for "group." The plural is *kibbutzim*. The one we visited was a religious *kibbutz* located inland between Nazareth and Jerusalem.

We were told over 100 persons live here having all things in common. Each works according to his individual capacity and shares in the fruits of labor according to his individual needs. None of them is paid a salary, for they never use money except for transactions with the outside. All the goods and services they need are provided by the kibbutz—food, clothing, housing, furniture, medical attention, education, entertainment, and worship facilities. All eat in a communal dining hall.

The kibbutzim occupy land which formerly was swampy desert or barren hillside. The Israelis have transformed it into green fields, orchards, and plantations. Over 10,000 acres are farmed at Kibbutz Lavi. In addition to feeding large herds of dairy and beef cattle, the people grow pears, plums, apricots, citrus fruits, corn, wheat, oats, beets, and sunflower seeds.

As our bus toured this kibbutz we saw the various buildings, including barns, school, and synagogue, and the playground. We stopped to admire their magnificent rose garden. Their roses are so large and beautiful. The sight reminded me of the prophet's words which have indeed been fulfilled: the dry, rocky country that formerly was barren and desertlike has been transformed by cultivation and irrigation so that now "the desert blossoms as the rose."

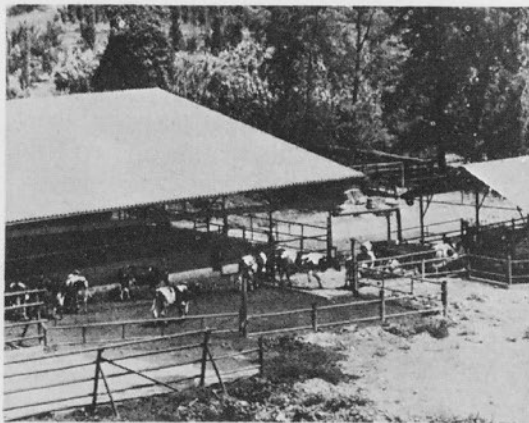
We saw the children in their kindergarten. They looked so happy, well nourished, and obviously brimming with health and vitality. The smaller children spend the day at the community nursery while their mothers are working. The mothers take them home when the day's work is done and spend their evening leisure hours with them. The boys and girls receive religious education in the synagogue. The one at Kibbutz Lavi is modern and attractive, with a fine library at one end. Each kibbutz has its own elementary school. Usually two or three neighboring kibbutzim go together to operate a high school.

We were made to understand that there are no privileged or underprivileged members in a kibbutz. All work

The residents live in modest apartments.



Fine cattle are raised in Israel's kibbutzim.



All eat family style in the communal dining room.



and all workers, both men and women, are considered equal. Tractor driver and doctor, cowhand and farm manager, teacher and cook have the same status and enjoy the same living standards. They eat similar food, dwell in similar apartments, and have an equal voice in running the kibbutz.


Pure democracy is practiced. Affairs are managed by an executive committee and subcommittees chosen at annual elections. Complaints are taken to the general assembly of all kibbutz residents which makes all major decisions.

The first *kibbutz* was established in 1909. Today there are 235 *kibbutzim* of various sizes. Some new ones may have as few as 30 residents; older settlements have as many as 2,000. Altogether there are over 80,000 persons living in *kibbutzim* and they produce 55 percent of the nation's food. They are Israel's breadbasket.

Kibbutz Lavi, which we visited, is one of 16 religious settlements. The people are very devout. They close down all operations on Friday evening to observe the Sabbath. On Saturday they do no work, except to feed the animals. They will not gather fruit or harvest crops on the seventh day.

Some *kibbutzim* have guest houses where tourists can stay overnight at very reasonable rates. There is none at Kibbutz Lavi. However, the residents were very kind to our party of tourists. They served us refreshments, and we thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

As on most farms, the schoolchildren have chores to do. Each boy or girl spends up to two or three hours a day, depending on age, doing domestic or farm work. When they become 18, they go into the army. The term of national service is 26 months for boys and 20 for girls.

Any youth can go to college. After completing military service or college training, 80 percent of the young people return to *kibbutz* life, for they are dedicated to the development of their country. Materialism does not tempt the *kibbutznik*, as these young people are dubbed. They prefer the austere life of the kibbutz to the comforts of urban living; for they have devoted themselves to high ideals. The public welfare means more to them than personal ambition. Nowhere is the pioneer spirit of Israel more evident than in the *kibbutzim*. 

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# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*How could Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead before He Himself had died and been resurrected?*

In raising Lazarus, Jesus manifested His deity and testified that He was the resurrection and the life. Jesus raised Lazarus, but not to immortality. Lazarus died again. He also raised the son of the widow of Nain, and the daughter of Jairus. (See Luke 7:11-15; 8:49-55.)

*Do you think ministers should tell the people who are seeking the Holy Ghost, "Just begin to speak in tongues"?*

The baptism with the Holy Ghost is the experience of being filled with the Spirit. Jesus is the Baptizer. Any method devised by man falls short of God's plan and may prove to be a delusion.

*Has Israel ever possessed all the land God promised to Abraham in Genesis 15:18-20?*

It is generally considered that the nation has never been in complete possession of all the land promised in God's covenant with Abraham. The nearest to full possession was achieved during the reigns of David and Solomon. The complete territory promised in the covenant with Abraham will be occupied under the reign of Christ (Psalm 72:8).

*According to Revelation 21:27, only "they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" may enter the holy city described in that chapter. Does this group include Old Testament believers?*

Since Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and many others of Old Testament times "looked for a city which hath foundations" (Hebrews 11:10), I see no reason why they would not be welcomed into the holy city. The names of the 12 tribes of Israel are inscribed at the gates. Christ is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," thus providing that all sinners since the day of Adam could be saved if they believed.

*My daughter asked our pastor to marry her to a Catholic young man, and he refused. Now neither my daughter nor her husband will attend any church. Did our pastor do right?*

The pastor no doubt felt he was doing your daughter a service in discouraging her from marrying one of a different belief. He probably quoted to her such passages as, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," and, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (2 Corinthians 6:14; Amos 3:3).

Both Protestant and Catholic clergymen generally discourage interfaith marriages because they recognize that nothing can be more unhappy than a home divided over religion. I appreciate the integrity of your pastor. Whether or not he should have performed the marriage after being faithful in advising her, I must leave to his judgment. But whether his performing the ceremony would have prevented their present aversion to the church is open to question.

*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.*

# SOUL WINNING IS WARFARE

It takes more than witnessing to win men for Christ

By VIOLA JACOBSON BERG

**W**E WHO ARE SAVED naturally want others to come to Christ, and sometimes we become so concerned about witnessing to them that we lose sight of the place of prayer in the ministry of soul winning.

Recently 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5 came to my attention in this connection: "(For 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, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

The fact of redemption is a solid basis for our prayers. The soul for whom we pray is God's purchased possession, even while he is held by the enemy. But with the mighty power of our spiritual weapons, we can claim that soul for God in the name of the Lord Jesus. This is not to say that the individual does not make the choice for himself, for God will never violate a man's will. But our intercession enables him to see that to which he had been blind before. Paul speaks of "the lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ . . . should shine unto him."

To pray in the name of Jesus is to pray for the things which the blood of Christ secured for all of us at Calvary. Basically, He purchased redemption; and the person for whom we are burdened should be mentioned by name in intercession on this basis. "He was not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Sometimes we find it impossible or imprudent to draw the attention of a lost person to those things which Satan has evidently planted in his life and mind. But in loving intercession we can claim the tearing down of all satanic influences, including unbelief, error, prejudice, indifference, so that his very thoughts can be brought to the place of obedience to Christ.

As we claim deliverance for him in the name of Jesus

from the subtle sins of the spirit and for the quickening of conscience, the Spirit of God can work in his heart to bring about repentance and a readiness to believe.

This kind of intercession involves real warfare in the spirit realm. It must be persistent—not because God needs persuading, but because of the adversary, against whom God saw fit to use such a powerful weapon as Calvary. It is our privilege as well as our responsibility to engage in compassionate intercession for the souls for whom Christ died and to force back the powers of evil on their behalf.

Once a soul has yielded to God, we must continue to hedge him about with prayer; for Satan will use every means to draw him back. But "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).

It is the Holy Spirit who quickens, both in the life of the intercessor and of the one for whom he prays. We are not left to do battle alone against the enemy, but we are advised to put on the whole armor of God "that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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."

Think back to your own conversion and to that of other Christians you know. More often than not, the dealing of God's Spirit can be traced to the intercession of one of God's children. If you are witnessing for Jesus to some friend or loved one, keep on witnessing; but back up your witness with intercession. They go together.

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# CIRCUMSTANCES

By CHARLES R. HEMBREE / Pastor, Hessville Assembly, Hammond, Indiana

SCIENTISTS TELL US that all living matter has the ability to adapt to its environment. A plant in a shady spot seeks the sun. The pupil of the eye contracts or expands according to the amount of light to which it is exposed. The desert rat survives in the arid regions of the United States because its body is adapted to its environment.

There is a spiritual adaptation to our environment that is necessary if we are to survive as victorious Christians. Some fight against their environment and circumstances; others not only adapt but they thrive as well.

Joseph was a man who had remarkable spiritual adaptability. When his brothers sold him into Egypt, they never expected to see him again. Had he reacted against his new environment with bitterness, they might have been right. But he never lost sight of God's hand in his affairs, and God never withdrew His hand.

After becoming established in Egypt, Joseph was falsely accused and cast into prison. At this point he might have said, "God, look what You got me into now." But he adapted well, even to this prison environment, and before long he was in charge of other prisoners. Two years passed, years in which injustice could have warped his whole outlook on life. But Joseph adapted to his situation, and in God's own time He moved him from the cell to become vice-president. When his brothers saw him again, he acknowledged the hand of God in all his circumstances.

Jacob, on his deathbed, paid tribute to Joseph's adaptability when he came to bless his son. He said: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob" (Genesis 49:22-24).

While some people merely *reflect* their environment, others in similar circumstances *affect* their situation. For instance, a Christian lady whose husband is an alcoholic struggles to raise the children, working long hours to earn a living. It is almost impossible for her husband to hold a job. Yet she never complains.

She attends every service in her church, regardless of how tired she is. Although she never mentions her own problem, she is concerned with the needs of others and always has a smile and a word of encouragement. Because her life is God-centered, she not only survives but thrives by His grace.

Another lady, who also has many problems, seems to reflect her environment rather than to affect it. One can

always tell how her day has gone by the expression on her face. People tend to avoid her because of her caustic attitude. Her attention is always on herself. She has never really adapted to her environment.

Helen Keller is one of the most outstanding examples of adaptation to environment. She determined not to go through life pitying herself, but rather to find a way to put into life more than she received.

Reaction is the key. Responding favorably to our environment is actually a vital part of Christ's teachings. All of us can *act* like Christians, but can we *react* like children of God? Jesus said emphatically, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). This is responding positively to our environment.

The key to victory is not in trial, but in our reaction to it. Our reactions indicate whether we affect or merely reflect our environment. If we only reflect our environment, then we have not adapted.

A lot of people excuse their failures by saying, "I could live for God if only my homelife were different." Some young people make similar statements regarding school or friends. Some feel the perfect city would be one in which all residents are required to pledge allegiance to the Bible, the church, and the flag. Some would go further, demanding strict allegiance to a church's standards of holiness. But experiments in our country with wholly Christian communities have never been completely successful.

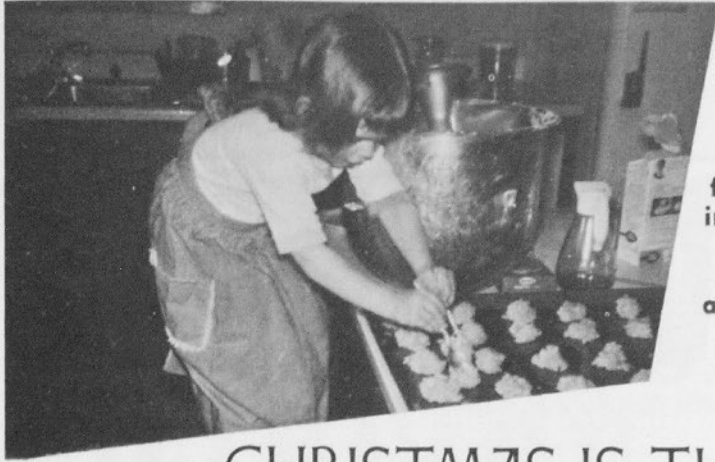
Christ did not teach that we are to isolate ourselves from the world, but to change it. The Christian needs to take his place in the mainstream of life, affecting, not reflecting or escaping, his environment.

God has placed you where you are so your light will shine before men. He wants to keep you there until His purpose is fulfilled. Some never get promoted from a situation because they have never adapted to it, to say nothing of affecting it for good.

Paul urged the affecting and adapting to environment when he said, "Be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Accept life, and be most patient and tolerant with one another" (Colossians 3:12, Phillips).

Whatever your situation, ask God for grace to react positively to it and to affect it for His glory. He wants you to do more than survive your circumstances! He wants you to thrive and to be a channel through which He can change them.

Little Christmas helper at the Juneau Children's Home, Alaska.

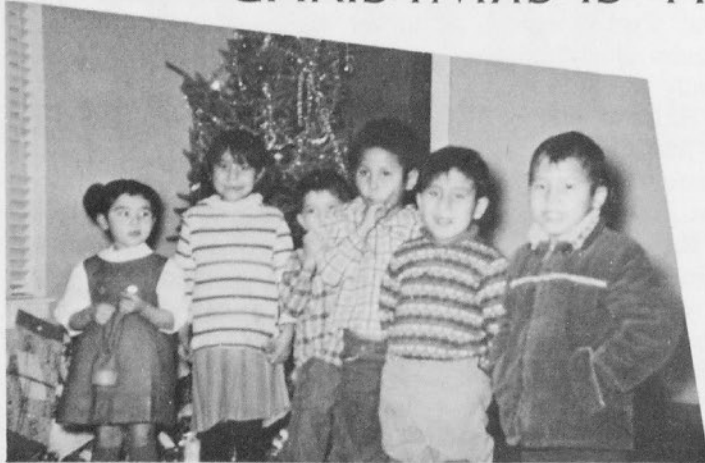


Alaska children at McGrath participate in Christmas program.



Home missionaries laboring faithfully in Special Ministry fields all believe that

## CHRISTMAS IS THE HAPPIEST SEASON



Indian children in Tokio, N. Dak., recite in the program.



Deaf friends of Rockford, Ill., enjoy Christmas banquet.

**C**Hristmas is a great time, one of the happiest seasons of the year on Special Ministry fields. Missionaries and their congregation are drawn closer together in bonds of fellowship, and often the workers make new contacts. Every year, numbers of people are saved as a direct result of the Christmas emphasis.

The hearts of our workers are cheered by the gifts of love they receive for themselves and their people. The givers would certainly feel "thanked" if they could see how happy the Eskimo and Indian people are with their "new clothes" for Christmas. The missionaries try to remember their people with a quilt or blanket for each family.

Christmas programs are a major event on Special Ministry fields. In one Eskimo church, a crowd of 240 people were packed in. There was hardly room for Mary and Joseph! The church was beautifully decorated, the program was simple—and the glory of the Lord was there! People talked about it for weeks.

The missionaries gave copies of the Gospel of Luke, small toys to the children, and candles and holders and a dish scraper to each family. (Candles are very welcome in Alaska where the nights are so long.) Even though the missionaries had 240 packages of candy to give out, the supply was exhausted too soon.

In some districts, such as Arizona and New Mexico, the Women's Missionary Councils have Christmas parties for home missionaries during their conventions early in December. Each worker receives an offering to help with his transportation to the party. The missionaries return home, their cars loaded with gifts and groceries for them-

selves and their people from the Sunday school groups of the district and WMC and Missionettes groups of the nation.

Once home, the workers begin wrapping gifts and candy for individual distribution. Sometimes WMC presidents give the missionaries a hand in these preparations.

On Christmas Eve, one Indian church in Arizona had a fellowship supper (as most do). About 180 people attended. The people readily helped with the cooking and serving. The children and young people presented a lovely Christmas program following the supper.

Many Indians knew nothing about Christmas and did not know the Christ of Christmas until our dedicated workers took the gospel to them where they lived. Christmas means so much to these who have been lifted so recently from darkness to light!

Some of our missionaries to the Jewish people have special Christmas dinners for Jewish converts and other Jews who have exhibited interest in the gospel.

Teen Challenge Centers also observe the holiday with special services and Christmas dinners. Churches and individuals help make these possible through gifts of food or money.

Members of our Assemblies of God deaf fellowship look forward to Christmas as a special occasion for fellowship. Most of the ministers to the deaf plan Christmas banquets for their congregations.

Home missionaries and the National Home Missions Department take this opportunity to thank all of you who have had a share in making Christmas a special time of blessing on home missions fields.

# Newcastle youth visit

# APACHES

By **SILAS REXROAT** / *San Carlos, Arizona*

**E**IGHT YOUNG PEOPLE—four fellows and four girls—of the Newcastle, Wyo., Assembly of God were involved in a brief, unusual missionary “internship” program at the Apache mission in San Carlos, Ariz., this summer. The group also visited Mexico briefly before returning to Newcastle.

Stephen Rexroat, pastor at Newcastle, accompanied these Christ’s Ambassadors on this “learn-as-you-go” trip. It originated a year ago when he had his young people write themes on why they should be selected to make this trip. The pastor observed each individual who exhibited interest in missions and explained to him the purpose of the program: to give young people a realistic idea of missionary work. Brother Rexroat also carefully checked on each C.A. for faithfulness. Then he selected the eight who most deserved the trip.

Arriving by Volkswagen bus after two hard days of travel, the team devoured the delicious stew and hot biscuits set before them. Then they “bedded down,” with the gear they had brought, in the places assigned to them by the missionary. The young folk had come to do a job and observe missionary work in action.

We had prepared a cooking place for the young people, and the next morning found them fixing their own breakfast over an open fire. Then they began the project preplanned with me for redecorating the interior of the church, painting the entrance and foundation, inside, etc. The students also assisted in our church services and in the Tucson, Ariz., All Tribes church.

The order and discipline with which this group worked and conducted themselves proved to our people they had come for our help and good. The spiritual tide rose high in our church services with them, and the bond of fellowship grew until our Apache people did not want them to leave.

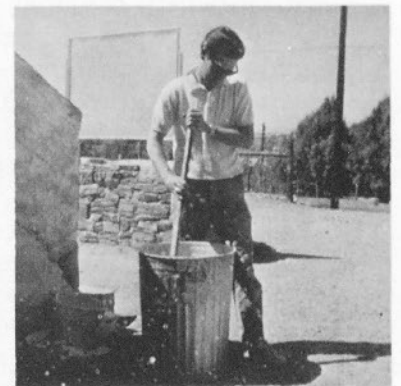
Pastor Stephen Rexroat gave an invitation for “internship in reverse” to our Apache young people for a June 1968 project. Our Apache C.A.’s are now writing their themes and applying themselves to training and discipline in anticipation of being one of the number chosen to go to Newcastle. Planning such a program is challenging, for we believe it will not only give our Indian youth courage, confidence, and responsibility, but will also inspire the church.

This church-sponsored trip of the Newcastle youth was financed by individual volunteer contributions. It marks the first time this type of project has been attempted by a Wyoming Assemblies of God church.



C.A.’s paint window casings of the Apache mission.

Pastor Stephen Rexroat (left) arrives with his young people at the San Carlos mission. (Two members are in the car.)



Paint is mixed for redecorating the Apache mission.

Visiting C.A.’s paint the interior of the Apache mission.

# A REVOLUTIONARY CONCE MISSION

By **BILLIE DAVIS** / *Missionary to Latin America*

**E**VEN A CASUAL GLANCE at history seems to lead to the conclusion that whatever progress man has made has not been accomplished in a gradual steady rhythm. Rather, it has been the result of a few dramatic spurts or revolutions which all together represent only a few years out of the thousands since man was created.

A more careful glance shows that most of these revolutions have not resulted from striking new inventions, but from new insights or the development of new points of view.

The Assemblies of God was born when a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit brought about new insights as to the purpose of the Church. Old knowledge became new, and dramatic forward steps were made in the wake of the Pentecostal revolution.

A new revolution now appears to be in progress. It is a change in the concept of world missionary endeavor and promises to be one of the most exciting moves of the Church in our times.

Almost suddenly, it seems, the foreign missionary has dropped his traditional image as a lonely, shabby, slightly - ineffectual - but - selflessly - determined preacher, translator, mechanic, teacher, puller of teeth, and builder of churches in practically inaccessible jungles.

The missionary has become, not a lonely prophet crying out to the heathen from his missionary pedestal, but rather a leader of men, a producer and distributor of materials, and a teacher of skills. He is not a director, but a

**Juan Romero (left) and George Davis travel extensively throughout Latin America promoting Sunday school work.**



colaborer. He is a sensitive discoverer of talents and coordinator of resources. He is part of a team, laboring with the home churches, other missionaries, and national believers.

One example of the practical operation of this new concept of missions is an outreach program for Latin America. Born out of the need to make missionary work truly effective in the midst of social and political revolution, it demonstrates how the Lord provides His people with insight and imagination to do the task of the hour.

Latin America offers the unique challenge of a tremendous geographical area represented by a single language. There is eagerness for the gospel in the midst of overwhelming obstacles, such as nationalism, communism, political unrest, geographical barriers, and religious opposition. Yet there has been overlapping and duplication of time and expense where several missionaries working in the same language produce materials and ideas, each for his own locality.

Our Latin American outreach is a concerted evangelistic thrust that proposes to meet this challenge head-on.

Its general aim is to drive through the open doors of Spanish-speaking Latin America with a complete and dynamic gospel ministry. Combining the efforts of missionaries who have callings and talents appropriate to the various needs, it strives to reach the greatest number of souls, in the shortest possible time, and at the lowest possible cost.

Such an aim demands a plan for total church building—making converts, training them, developing ministers and lay leaders, and providing materials and guidance to a vast army of national workers. In order to stimulate evangelistic activity and to conserve the results of revival, local missionaries and national churches need the help of three types of ministries—literature, Sunday schools, and Bible schools.

## THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

Where the newly literate millions cry for something to read, literature carries the gospel through many barriers, heedless of epidemics and without the need for passports or airline

**David Scott confers with one of the workers in Editorial Vida.**





# EPT IN NS



Billie Davis (left) talks with Louise Walker and Loren Triplett.

reservations. *Editorial Vida* (or Life Publishers, as it would be in English) is a missionary project responsible to produce and distribute millions of tracts, Sunday school materials, ministers' helps, hymnals for over 6,000 churches, Bible school textbooks for 26 countries, and correspondence courses for those who cannot attend Bible school.

In addition to these, the unique magazine *Poder* (Power) has no other purpose than to carry the gospel to the unsaved, and the new magazine *Advance* is a blueprint to guide nationals in church building and soul winning.

## THE MINISTRY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

No amount of evangelistic activity, such as mass revivals or tract distribution, will build a lasting Christian church unless it is supported by patient and skillful long-range plans for adequate conservation and organization of the results. No method has ever proved to be more rapid or more effective than to establish church schools where lay people are put to work and the

Bible is taught diligently to persons of all ages.

Sunday schools are especially significant in Latin America, where almost half the population is 15 years of age or younger.

## THE MINISTRY OF BIBLE SCHOOLS

The new concept of missions demands that the work be put into the hands of national believers as quickly as they are able to assume it, and that the missionary specialist be released to continue his ministry in other places where he is desperately needed.

The Bible school ministry has been enhanced and enlarged within this program. Currently 1,300 workers are being trained in 36 Bible schools in Latin America.

Obviously great savings in time and money can be effected if plans and materials for these schools are coordinated and ideas shared.

In addition to the regular Bible school program a new venture called *Advanced Ministerial Training* is being launched to prepare leaders on a higher level—Bible school teachers, presbyters, field superintendents, and others in national leadership.

## THE TEAM IDEA

A striking example of how new perspective may be brought to the old reliable methods is the team aspect that makes this program possible. Each of the ministries is the responsibility of one or more missionaries. These are mostly veterans with an average of over 16 years of experience in foreign missionary work.

Each of these missionaries is responsible for the support of the particular phase of the work that the Lord has laid upon his heart, as well as his own personal support. Thus the entire program is sustained.

This new concept in missions brings new meaning to one of the oldest of missionary principles: *We are laborers together with God.*



## CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

## EMERGENCY NEEDS

SINCE ITS BEGINNING the Foreign Missions Department has disbursed funds exactly as designated. If you stipulate money for a missionary and his project, your instructions will be carried out to the letter. We will not touch any designated money, even though we may face desperate circumstances requiring emergency funds for other missionary purposes.

In recent years the need for funds sent without designation has grown more and more acute. While we encourage every missionary to obtain pledges of support to cover his budget and project needs, it is impossible for us to anticipate all the needs of a family the size of our missionary force. This simply means that when emergencies arise, unless there are available funds that are not designated, we cannot meet the needs.

The next time you use a remittance form, you will notice that in the Foreign Missions section (10) there are three lines: UNDESIGNATED, WHERE MOST NEEDED, and FOREIGN SPECIAL NEEDS. These lines are placed in anticipation that there will be times when a donor does not have a special designation for his offering and will be happy to trust the experience and discretion of the Foreign Missions Department to place the money where the need is the greatest.

All of us who are heads of households today know how difficult it is to prepare a household budget and stay strictly within its limitations. No matter how carefully we plan, there are occasions which demand funds not planned for. Multiply your personal budget 800 times, spread it over 75 countries, and you get a little picture of the problems that face the Foreign Missions Department.

Your offering designated FOREIGN SPECIAL NEEDS, WHERE MOST NEEDED, or UNDESIGNATED will give us latitude to step into emergency situations with the necessary help.





A  
CAROL  
HERALDED  
AROUND  
THE  
WORLD

**R**ESOUNDING ANGELIC VOICES sang that first carol proclaiming the birth of One who would bring peace. Far away on the hillside shepherds heard the message, left their flocks, and went to worship the newborn Babe.

Today we in the United States celebrate this great event on the day we call Christmas. Bells ring as a reminder to share with those less fortunate; the story of old is portrayed through the songs of the carolers; and children press their noses against store windows as they dream of cuddly dolls and electric trains.

It's all a part of our Christmas—the fragrance of pine or spruce; brightly wrapped packages and glittering cards; the festive air around the shopping centers; and the warmth of a kitchen filled with good things to eat.

Christmas—that time when families and friends exchange greetings and gifts in remembrance of that extraordinary Gift given by God.

When we think of the holiday season, these are the things that come to mind. But our Assemblies of God missionaries, who each spend an average of only one out of five Christmases in the United States, have found it necessary to learn different ways to make their adopted homelands echo with the carol of the holiday season.

In Africa, where witchcraft and idol worship have dominated for centuries, there is no Christmas celebration outside of the Christian influence.

Morris and Neva Plotts, working in Tanzania, write, "The people here know very little about Christmas. Only our Christians know what it even means, and they are new in the faith." The Plotts explain that the missionaries try to make Christmas as much like home as possible, and they gather for fellowship during that time.

Morris Williams, on furlough from South Africa, gives a little different picture. It is impossible for them to be together as a family at Christmas because it is convention time. The South African Christians feel that there is no better place to be on Christmas than in the house of God. The churches there usually have three- or four-day conventions, ending on Christmas Day.

Mr. Williams says, "There is nothing much nicer than hearing several hundred Zulus singing, 'Oh, come, let us adore Him!' In fact, there's no better way to get the Christmas spirit. Christ doesn't have to struggle to get

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Philippine children display their Christmas lanterns.

attention on Christmas Day in South Africa—the people really believe it is His birthday!”

In Latin America traditions from the Catholic background mingled with Indian customs give Christmas a rather unusual flavor. Firecrackers to celebrate Christ’s birth? It’s very common in some countries in Latin America.

Our missionaries certainly cannot approve of all the pagan festivities connected with Christmas, so they try to give the Christians meaningful traditions to observe at this holiday time.

In Bolivia, Monroe and Betty Jane Grams were asked by some new converts to have a special all-night festival—to keep them away from the secular celebration.

That year about 150 caroled at the main plazas where hundreds of people listened to the singing and received gospel literature; then they went back to the church for a fellowship supper.

In some countries there is a lack of Christmas trees. When the Gramses first went to the field, they solved their problem by making a broomstick tree with pine branches cut from a hedge. Now they are able to buy a tree, but it takes several tied together to actually give the appearance of a Christmas tree.

Betty Jane Grams writes, “Christmas is a time for tradition, so we have accepted some Spanish ones and woven in some of our own. Christmas is a time for caring and sharing wherever we are.”

The Gramses as well as Bryan and Cecil Mock in Venezuela, tell of the heavy emphasis placed on Christmas plays. The national young people are very expressive and work long and hard to produce almost professional programs.

The Mocks report that the national church in Venezuela has borrowed some customs from North America. Besides the Christmas play, they have copied the ideas of a lighted Christ-

mas tree and giving bags of candy and nuts to those who attend the program.

Some of the missionaries in Latin America have adopted the tradition of eating the special Spanish foods prepared for the holiday season. They also have special programs on Christmas Eve when everyone stays up past midnight.

The Mocks write, “In our homes we carry out the custom of a tree with lights and American-style decorations. This reminds us of home and friends. Most missionaries make it a point to bring a few good Christmas records to the field, otherwise the evangelical Christmas atmosphere is at a minimum.”

The people of India, another land where there are few secular Christmas celebrations, refer to this holiday as the *Big Day*, because there is no Hindi word for Christmas. The Christians attend church twice that day, so it seems much like Sunday.

Harry and Lois Shumway Jr., missionaries to North India, say, “Since our children are with us for the Christmas season, we decorate our mission house as much as possible like we would in the States. If possible we get together with other missionaries to celebrate.”

They also mentioned that many Indian churches have an outdoor Christmas dinner for all the Christians. The nationals also have adopted the American customs of a Christmas play, carol singing, and exchanging gifts.

Last year the Assemblies of God in the Philippines held a children’s camp during the Christmas holidays. This was a first for them. It worked out so well that they held another children’s camp the following May.

Typical Philippine Christmas decorations are lanterns made by the Filipinos. These are often made like a three-dimensional star and are very intricate and beautiful.

According to Phyllis Bakke, missionary to the Philippines, an important part of their Christmas celebration is caroling. Any group—secular or religious—may participate, and it has proved to be a special ministry for the Pentecostal Christians.

She writes, “While I was in Iloilo, we sang both Christmas carols and many of our choir numbers. Each Christmas the gospel was sung into the hearts of many people in Iloilo. We would come home night after night so tired, but the next night we would go out again.”

On one such night the Christians received permission to carol in a public official’s compound. At the close they prayed for him and his work.

Christmas away from home can be a very lonely time. Our missionaries are human and they too would like to be with their families during the holiday season. In spite of natural feelings, they help make Christmas a special time for their adopted people.

As you celebrate this joyous season, remember the missionaries in prayer that God will especially bless them and their ministries.

As in many other lands, the Christmas play is the center of holiday celebrations throughout Latin America.



Betty Jane Grams and her children enjoyed their broomstick tree in 1960.

# CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday School Lesson for December 31, 1967

1 PETER 3:8-18

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

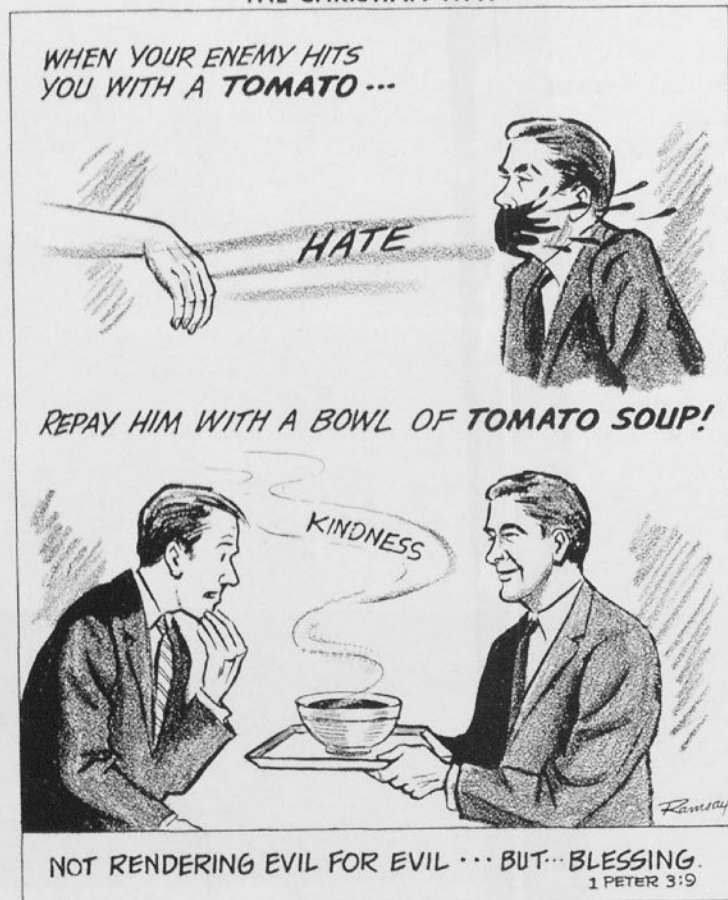
PETER'S FIRST EPISTLE is intensely practical. Peter knew from experience the bitterness of failure, the blessedness of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit. This epistle contains more than 30 imperatives which begin in 1:13 and form a chain of exhortations throughout the book. Our text contains a number of these.

## THE DUTY OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (vv. 8-12)

"Finally, be ye all of one mind." Peter was thus bringing to a close his exhortations concerning submission begun in 2:13. He had pointed out Christian responsibility in specific relationships; now he turned to responsibilities toward the entire Christian community.

One-mindedness does not mean that Christians are all to think alike; the unity enjoined here is unity of heart and purpose, unity in devotion to Christ which, incidentally, is the strongest and deepest unifying power in the universe.

### THE CHRISTIAN WAY



"Having compassion" means sympathizing, feeling with others. This is the ability to put one's self in the other person's place.

"Love as brethren," that is, possessing brotherly love. How important it is for a Christian to view his brother Christian not simply as Mr. Jones but as one of God's other children, as his brother in the Lord, as belonging to the same family.

"Be pitiful." This word has undergone considerable change over the years and perhaps is best translated as the quality of tenderheartedness.

To "be courteous" is to be humble-minded. This is what Paul had in mind when he said a man ought "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Romans 12:3).

"Not rendering evil for evil." In other words, "Do not repay wrong with wrong, or abuse with abuse" (v. 8, NEB). One often recalls the adage, "Two wrongs never make a right." And dear old J. W. "Daddy" Welch, a former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God and a president of Central Bible Institute, used to tell the students, "If you want to win over your enemy, hit him with a piece of humble pie."

"But contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing" (v. 9). Peter was not telling us to bless others so we might inherit blessing, but *because* we have inherited blessing from a gracious God.

Verses 10-12 are a quotation of Psalm 34:12-16, though Peter deviates slightly in his quotation. Peter was pointing out the relationship between true enjoyment of life as God intended it to be enjoyed and the use of the tongue. Ill-advised use of the tongue will very efficiently and rapidly rob a Christian of the joy of the Lord and enjoyment of His presence which makes life so rich and full. Thus the wisdom of the Psalmist's prayer, "Keep [my] tongue from evil, and [my] lips from speaking guile."

## THE DUTY OF PATIENCE IN SUFFERING (vv. 13-18)

Peter knew persecutions would come to these Christians to whom he addressed his letter. Therefore, he wished to prepare them for it.

First, he recalled Christ's words in the eighth beatitude (Matthew 5:10). Persecution would do them no real harm but would, in fact, bring them divine blessing.

Second, he pointed out their responsibility when either opposed or challenged by others concerning their Christian faith and profession. "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." In other words when opposed, "honor and hold sacred the indwelling Christ by your attitude."

"Be ready always to give an answer." Here is the opportunity for Christian testimony to their persecutors or opposers. They must not argue. They are to speak in a spirit of meekness, in such a Christlike spirit that their opponents will be "ashamed."

Finally, Peter specifically declared that just as Christ suffered as a result of fulfilling the will of God and gave up His life, so the Christian, in the will of God, may be called upon to suffer for righteous living and doing. "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye." Throughout eternity the Christian will enjoy the ceaseless unfolding of God's grace and love, and will enjoy God's eternal blessings; but only in this life is the privilege granted him to suffer for Christ's sake.

# Sierra Leone



By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

SIERRA LEONE occupies a roughly circular area between Guinea and Liberia on the west coast of Africa. Its name, meaning "Lion Mountain," was given by Pedro de Cintra, an early Portuguese mariner. The country was originally settled by Portuguese, but little today remains of that early venture except its name.

Sierra Leone's early history resembles that neighboring Liberia. The British Sierra Leone Company, founded in 1787, sponsored a colony for destitute freed slaves and discharged Negro soldiers who fought on the side of Great Britain in the Revolutionary War. British administration of the colony began in 1808. On April 27, 1961, Sierra Leone emerged into nationhood

and became fully independent within the British Commonwealth.

Two-thirds of Sierra Leone's estimated 2,290,000 people are members of the Mende and Temne tribes. There are also other tribal groups, and a small group of nontribal Africans known as Creoles, descendants of freed slaves.

English is the official language. The people also speak various tribal tongues and an English-based dialect called Krio—a combination of English and West African languages.

Freetown, the capital, got its name with the arrival of the first freed slaves in 1787. One of the finest seaports in West Africa, Freetown is a traditional port of call for ships of

many nations. Consequently its population of 128,000 is quite cosmopolitan.

The majority of the people are animists. Each tribe has its secret societies and fetishes. Well over 30 percent of Sierra Leonians are Muslims.

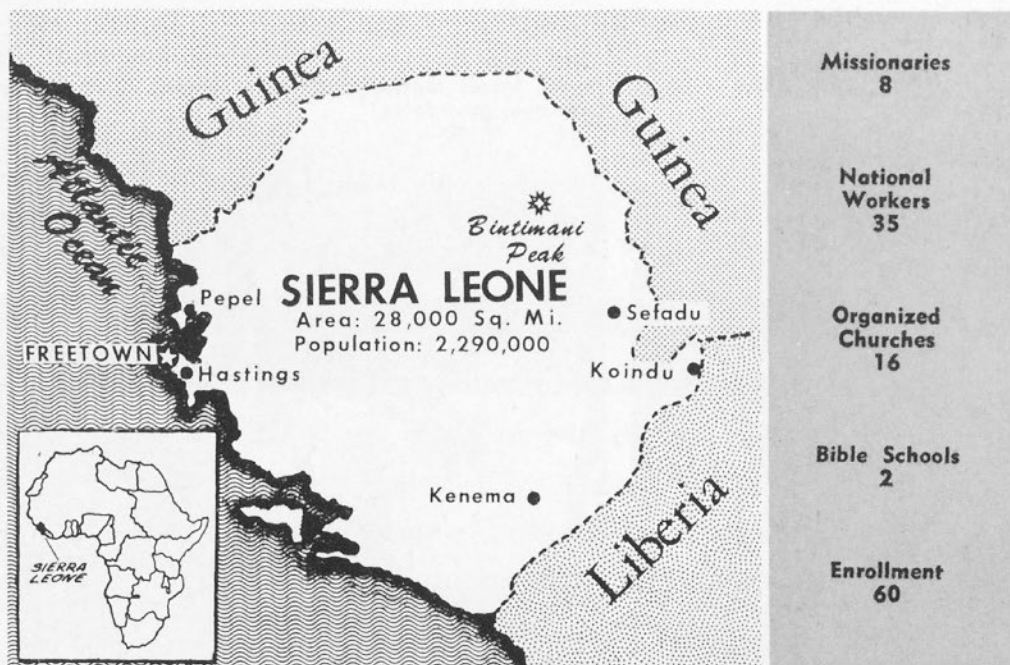
Sierra Leone was the first Protestant mission field in West Africa, for the Church Missionary Society sent missionaries in 1804. Death claimed 53 missionaries during the first 20 years; but replacements were sent, and the work continued. English Methodists arrived in 1811, United Evangelical Brethren in 1855, and Wesleyan Methodists in 1889. Other mission boards sent representatives after the turn of the century.

Pentecostal work dates from 1905 when Genie Fuller and Grace Belshar opened a station in Freetown. The late Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shakley began their work in 1916.

The oldest Assemblies of God work is among the Krio tribe. The superintendent of the Sierra Leone Assemblies of God, Simon Grant, is a Krio and has been pastor of one of the Freetown churches for more than 35 years.

Our witness next was extended to members of the Temne tribe in Freetown. Preaching services were conducted on a chief's veranda until a building was remodeled to serve the growing congregation. A new church was built in 1946. Mr. and Mrs. George Hemminger became leaders of that work.

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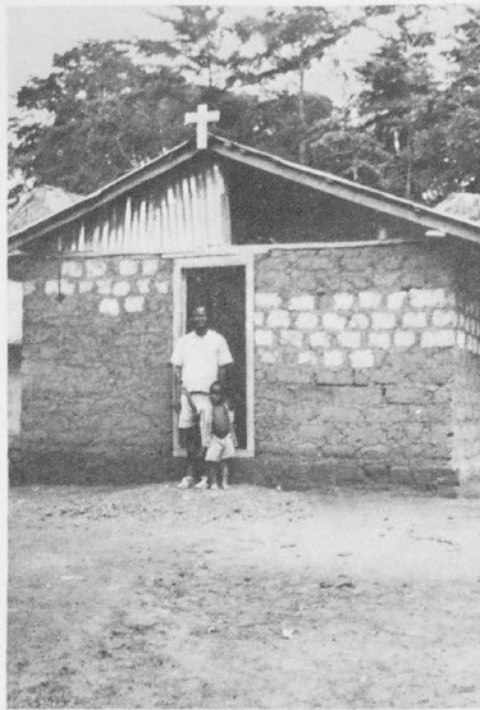
Our work in the Limba tribe dates from the conversion of Daniel Conteh, son of a paramount chief. "Life really began for me," he recalls, "when in October 1948 I was born again."

Under his ministry people were stirred to repentance and faith in Christ. Today there are three Limba churches in Freetown. A beautiful new church, dedicated in 1963, cost \$30,000 and was paid for entirely by the Limbas. A Limba church costing \$15,000 was dedicated debt-free in 1966. Another Limba church has been established at Kissy, four miles from the city.

In recent years many Loko tribespeople have been converted in the Temne and Limba churches. When these Christians organized a church in 1966, they secured the old building that the Limbas first used.

A revival, which came to the Kissi tribe in western Liberia in 1956, spread to Sierra Leone when one of the Liberian Christians crossed the border to Koindu and won Moses Fayiah to Christ. Hungry to know more of the gospel, Moses and another young man visited the Liberian revival and returned home with a burden to win their own people. As they witnessed, many were converted and brought their idols and fetishes to be burned. Severe persecution followed, but the converts remained true.

Feeling the need of spiritual guidance, the converts sent Moses to Freetown, 325 miles away, to talk to our missionaries. George Hemminger returned with him to Koindu and was amazed at the large group of Christians. A new church has been constructed in Koindu through local



Three miles from Koindu, a Bible school student pastors this church at Konyumodu.

funds, and 300 are enrolled in the Sunday school. Today there are seven organized churches in the area and 29 other preaching points.

In 1961 a group of Kissi people started services in Freetown. Tamba Peters pastors this congregation, which also is reaching nearby villages.

Katie Jean Jones and Betty Savage are pioneering in Kenema, a strong Muslim center and third-largest town in Sierra Leone. They have four services and Sunday school each week in their home, besides services in three villages.

"Christ Is the Answer" was proclaimed to the people of Sierra Leone when Light-for-the-Lost and Global Conquest teamed up with the Paul Ol-

son Evangelistic Party and Missionary James Berry in a five-week GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in Freetown.

Although we had seven churches in Freetown, all of them made up of people from the various tribes, Creoles had been virtually untouched by the Pentecostal message. During the crusade, Creoles came by the scores to give their hearts to the Lord. As a result, a new English-speaking Assemblies of God church was organized under the leadership of Missionary James Berry and Sierra Leonean John Davies.

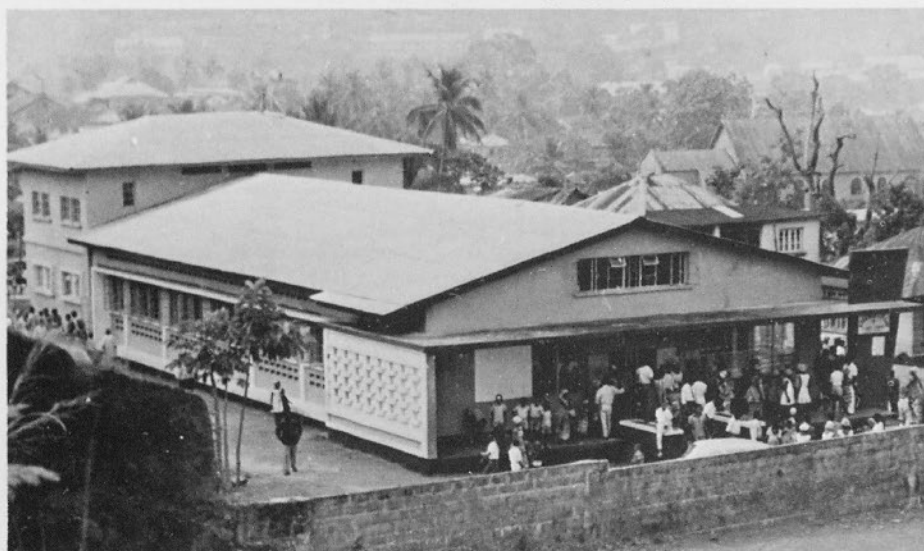
For many years Sierra Leone was our only African field without a Bible school. In 1963 the Jonathan Glovers began classes in temporary quarters in Koindu. New buildings now house Eastern Bible Institute of Sierra Leone with 40 enthusiastic young men enrolled. Several nights a week students preach in surrounding villages. Almost every Sunday there are new people in the Koindu church as a result of this evangelistic outreach.

Bethany Training Center, an evening Bible school with 20 students enrolled, is conducted in Freetown by James Berry.

The Sierra Leone Assemblies of God consists of 16 organized churches, 35 other preaching points, and 35 national workers. The fellowship includes the Kroo, Temne, Limba, Loko, and Kissi tribes. All pastors are supported by their congregations.

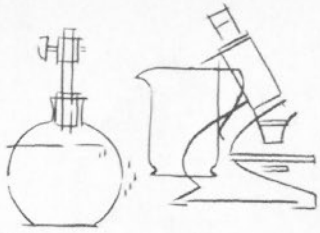
Eight missionaries are under appointment to Sierra Leone. Their goal is to train Sierra Leoneans to take the gospel to the hinterland where thousands of villages await the message of a living Christ.

This Assembly of God in Freetown serves the people from the Limba tribe. There are four churches in Freetown for this language group.



Pastor Moses teaches doctrine to these baptismal candidates.





# STAY IN THE LABORATORY

By DAN HARMAN

WHEN DOCTORS, admitting the Lord's help, managed to save Marie Curie from blindness, her friends advised the aging scientist to "slow down."

"Leave the laboratory," they urged. "Stick to writing; make a few speeches. You have made your contribution. Your health is worth more than the long hours you spend in that laboratory."

Madame Curie listened patiently as they recounted her achievements, then looked up with tired, pain-filled eyes. "I don't know whether I could live without the laboratory," she mused, and quietly returned to her work.

The Christian cannot retreat from his laboratory either and still accomplish his work in the world. "The field is the world." Here is where he has opportunity to prove the gospel he believes.

The message of the church must be proved in the laboratory of the world or it remains theory. Whatever we teach and believe and plan for within the walls of the church is incomplete until it is tested in the lives of men and women outside those walls. Christ commanded us to "Go." Out there is our laboratory.

You and I are not Curies. We are not Pauls or Peters or Andrews. But there is a world around each one of us a laboratory where we are given the opportunity to prove the power of the gospel in human experience. Whatever our past exploits; whatever our successes as witnesses; whatever our sacrifices or those of our loved ones; if we leave the laboratory, something in us dies.

Paul knew about this when he said, "Behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there. . . . But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy" (Acts 20:22, 24).

Peter understood it when he said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Satan could neither frighten such men with death nor flatter them with honor. They refused to leave the laboratory where God was using them for His glory. Neither could Satan keep Jesus from accomplishing His Father's purpose at Calvary.

The temptation to "slow down and leave the laboratory" of God's work comes in different forms today, but it does come. Be on guard. Stay in your laboratory. Keep

working for Jesus where He places you, for He has promised, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

## DISTORTIONS

COMMON DISTORTIONS are easily recognized. You are not alarmed when the highway far ahead of your car shimmers and twists on a summer day. You know it is a result of heat waves. You are not surprised if the view through a certain window produces unnatural and irregular forms. You know it is due to a poor grade of window glass.

Remember your amusement when you beheld your "deformities" in a trick mirror? The distortions were deliberate and easily recognized.

There are other distortions, however, that may not be so apparent and which have vastly more significance. Think how easily a lack of adequate information can produce a distorted viewpoint and produce seriously twisted misunderstandings. People are estranged and nations are at war because of twisted meanings and false interpretations. Distortions of reality are the real problems of the day.

Most destructive are those distorted ideas we have of ourselves. Out of our sense of inadequacy and our failure to see clearly who we are and what we are, we build up false impressions of ourselves. We become defensive and belligerent. It is then we are not careful to see others in true perspective. There is great concern over the "mote" in another's eye while we ignore the distorting "beam" in our own.

We shall never see ourselves as we are, free of twisted distortion, until we see clearly who Christ is and what He is and see ourselves "in Him." The function of faith is to enable us to look "as into a mirror" and to behold ourselves reflected in the splendor and glory of the perfect Christ. The appropriation by faith of such reality and grace is the very process by which we are transformed into that same likeness—that of a son of God!

We look into the undistorting mirror of God's Word and see the glory of the Lord and are thereby changed into the same image "from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

—ELDRED NELSON



The Executive Presbyters, departmental leaders, and other members of the Assemblies of God staff serving at headquarters extend warm greetings to every reader of The Pentecostal Evangel. We pray that you and your loved ones may have great joy at Christmas and abiding peace from heaven throughout 1968. May God's richest blessing rest upon all our brothers and sisters in Christ wherever they may be.

# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## BABY HEALED OF HEART DEFECT

WHEN OUR BABY DAUGHTER was born, the doctor found she had a heart defect. He assured us that surgery would be necessary to close the hole in her heart. We immediately took this to the Lord in prayer, and others prayed with us.



Brenda was eight months old when the doctor arranged for her to be admitted to a Little Rock hospital to begin tests in preparation for heart surgery. The day before we were to take her, we took Brenda to our church, and Pastor J. R. Adams and the congregation united in prayer for her.

We took her to the hospital as scheduled, but the tests showed her heart was normal. The doctors were amazed and said they had never seen anything like this before. Brenda did not have to have surgery, and now at the age of 18 months she is still well and normal in every way.—Mr. and Mrs. Oid Roberson, Clinton, Ark.

*(Endorsed by Pastor J. R. Adams, Assembly of God, Clinton, Ark.)*

## HEALED OF BLOOD DEFICIENCY

I WAS BORN WITH A DEFICIENCY of red corpuscles; and until the Lord healed me, the complications arising from this condition limited my activities in many ways.

From the time I was a small child I had severe nosebleeds, which sometimes required hospitalization and transfusions. At the age of 9 I began having regular plasma transfusions, and when I was 11 I was sent to the Children's Hospital in Little Rock where I spent nearly 10 months. When medication and transfusions still did not help, the doctors decided to operate. After surgery I was started on medication the doctor said I would have to take for the rest of my life.

In 1960 when I was 17 years old, an evangelist at our church prayed for my healing. After the service when I went home, I started to take the medicine as usual, but the Lord checked me. I have not taken one of those pills in the seven years since that time.

One evidence of the great improvement that has come since I trusted the Lord for my healing is the fact that

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

I could have teeth pulled without complications. When I was 13, there was so much bleeding from the extraction of two teeth that I had to have two transfusions. In 1965 I had several other teeth pulled, three at one time, without excessive bleeding.

In March 1967 I became ill with flu and anemia. About that time a revival started in our church with Evangelist Clymena Bowling of Springfield, Mo. She prayed for me, and I began to gain strength. Now I am well and stronger than I have ever been.

I can't praise the Lord enough for all the wonderful things He has done for me. I want to live for Him and be a witness for Him.—Mrs. Harold Fortenberry, Gentry, Ark.

*(Endorsed by Pastor John L. Clayton, Assembly of God, Gentry, Ark.)*

## A DOUBLE HEALING

EVERY DAY I thank God for healing me of diabetes, but most of all I thank Him for healing my sin-sick soul.

My husband and I were brought up in Assemblies of God homes, but we had drifted away from God by the time I learned I had diabetes. During the months that followed I lost weight, and the diabetes became more serious. It seemed God had forsaken me. When I did go to church, I hardly felt His moving any more because of my stubbornness and disobedience.

Both my physical and spiritual condition continued to deteriorate. Because of the diabetes I had sores that would not heal. I slept a lot; time and events blurred together; and I feared darkness and death.

During a revival in the church we occasionally attended, our pastor came to see us every day inviting us to attend. We told him we'd try to come, hoping he would quit "bothering" us, but he was faithful. Even as I resisted, I knew I had better get help both for my physical and spiritual needs.

Finally, my husband insisted that we go. On the third night we attended, April 20, 1966, I went to the altar after a message in tongues and interpretation which seemed directed to my heart.

I sobbed out my sin to God, and He forgave me. Then as my pastor and the evangelist laid hands on me and prayed for my healing, I felt the power of God surge through my body. My life was literally transformed.

Gradually I found I could eat, without ill effect, some of the foods I had been unable to eat for over a year. I had several tests run to confirm what God had done for me. There is still no sign of diabetes or that I ever had it.

But the thing for which I am most grateful to God is that His Spirit has not left me. He dwells within



my life, and I walk and talk with Him daily in prayer and the study of His Word. I am not afraid of death anymore. I look on the past with its failures and sickness only long enough to thank God for what He has done for me.—Barbara Holden, Sapulpa, Okla.

*(Endorsed by Pastor B. W. Orf, Glenwood Assembly, Sapulpa, Okla.)*

## HEALED OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE

I WANT TO PRAISE GOD for healing me of Bright's disease in January 1951.

While on an errand in downtown Fresno, I was stricken with a violent pain in my hip. The doctor checked me over carefully that day and asked me to bring a specimen back to him. Upon examining it he became concerned and asked me to repeat the procedure for the next two days.

The next day was Tuesday, and our pastor prayed for me in the evening prayer service. On Thursday, when I was tested again, the doctor was amazed at the results. He asked me what treatment I had taken. I told him I had had no treatment, but that I had been prayed for. He then informed me that my tests had shown that I had Bright's disease, but that the test he had just completed showed no indication of the trouble.

"I have not suffered from a recurrence in the almost 17 years since that time. My praise to the Lord who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. Anna M. Nygren, Fresno, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Donald K. Skaggs, pastor of Bethel Temple, Fresno, Calif. who states: "This healing occurred before I became pastor here, but I am happy to endorse this testimony. Sister Nygren is an outstanding Christian and highly respected in this community.")*

## ARTHRITIS DISAPPEARS

TWO YEARS AGO I suffered from arthritis to the extent that I had to walk with a cane. A crutch would have been better. Today, thanks to God, I am completely free of arthritic pain or crippling effects.

After Evangelist Janice Embry prayed for me on August 27, 1965, God began to heal my body of this

crippling disease. I had been taking from 16 to 25 aspirins a day for the pain. My left shoulder was so badly affected I could not get my arm above my head. I had to walk up steps one at a time. I was in great pain most of the time.

Now I can raise my arm freely and walk normally. Praise God, He is wonderful, and I give Him all the glory. I am 69 years old and enjoy serving the Lord.—A. V. Cummings, Whitesboro, Okla.

*(Endorsed by Pastor H. D. Warren, Assembly of God, Talihina, Okla.)*

## STILL HEALED OF MALIGNANCY AFTER FOUR YEARS

IN LATE 1963 God healed me of a malignant brain tumor when doctors gave me little hope.

After weeks of severe headaches which pills and shots eased only temporarily, I was hospitalized for tests and X rays.

Doctors found a tumor in the right side of my brain and prepared for surgery. I was five months' pregnant and had two children at home. The doctor told us he could not save both my unborn child and me, but I prayed to God to help; and others were also praying.

I spent almost eight hours in the operating room and was unconscious for some time after that. My pastor and his wife and my brother waited with my husband. At 3 a.m. while I was still in the recovery room, the neurosurgeon let my pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister William H. Hays, come in and pray for me. The doctor explained that the tumor was malignant and had spread throughout the brain. He had been unable to remove all of it and gave little hope for my recovery.

The prayers of my pastor and others who were praying with me were answered at that time and four months later when my baby girl was born. She is normal and healthy.

I am now the mother of four children and do my own housework. God healed me, and I am very thankful for everything He has done for me.—Thelma J. Brown, Colton, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor William H. Hays, Grand Terrace Assembly, Colton, Calif.)*

### HOME



# Thank You

We of the Foreign Missions and Home Missions Departments extend our sincere wishes that you will have a wonderful Christmas season and a blessed New Year.

We appreciate your faithful support which has enabled our missionaries to gain valuable ground in their battle against the blinding darkness of sin. Because of you, there are many precious people who made personal commitments to Christ during 1967.

Over the past year *The Pentecostal Evangel* has carried articles each week to keep you informed of the progress of missions both here in the United States and in the 75 foreign countries where our missionaries are laboring. Your continued prayers and support will mean much to our dedicated missionary family.

### FOREIGN



# QUOTES

## EVANGEL READERS WRITE

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

### "I Love the Church"

I felt like a verbal bouquet was in order after reading your editorial entitled, "I Love the Church."

One of the first things I turn to when I receive my *Evangel* is the editorial comment. I consider it perhaps the highlight of the entire magazine.

I am not a member of the Assemblies of God (I happen to be a Baptist) but I certainly do enjoy your articles.

EZ LIECHTY  
Jonestown, N. Dak.

I just had to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the article, "I Love the Church." It expressed just how I felt in my heart.

I cut it out and sent it to some unsaved friends, hoping they might realize what they miss when they do not come to church. I also copied it and sent it to our local newspaper, and they printed it in part. I just wanted as many as possible to read it.

I love the *Evangel*. Many times it has encouraged me and made my life richer. I look forward to it each Sunday.

MRS. JEAN ALTIS  
Cabool, Mo.

### "Something New on TV"

I thank God for the article you published November 12, entitled, "Something New on TV." It's the best article I've seen in the *Evangel* on worldliness for some time.

If only the Christian people would turn from the paralyzing effects that TV has on their lives and begin to spend all that time in prayer and Bible reading instead of watching worldly TV movies, we would see the glory of God in our churches.

JERRY SHIPMAN  
Pastor, Oak Grove Assembly  
Gilmer, Tex.

I thought the article, "Something New on TV," was very timely. I am sure many other families must have appreciated it, as ours did.

If individuals and church groups would tell the TV stations how they feel about the garbage that is being dumped into homes on

the TV screen, perhaps there would be a change.

The article mentioned one former movie star who does not want her children to see the new movies because of the effect they might have on them. Another star, Ginger Rogers, when interviewed by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, said she deplored what is happening to the movies.

Mrs. Black, the former Shirley Temple, said she wants to see the laws strengthened to protect children from pornography. She is concerned because she has three children. The newspaper said that last year she caused a furor at the San Francisco film festival by denouncing the film "Night Games" as "pornography for profit."

MRS. IVAN BATES  
House Springs, Mo.

### Visit to Greenland

How we would appreciate the prayers of the *Evangel* readers for Greenland which I recently visited. Of the 40,000 native population we know only two persons who profess salvation.

While in Greenland I ministered the Word and prayed with these two believers. I am now ministering in Europe.

The three Scandinavian missionary families in Greenland are struggling against odds and need our prayers.

VICTOR G. GREISEN  
Denmark

### Prayer in a Wheelchair

Ever since I was saved the burden for souls has always been heavy on my heart. From the age of 17, when I first started to work, I supported two girls in the Hardoi Bible School in North India under the supervision of Marguerite Flint, and when Anne Eberhardt took charge after the Homegoing of Sister Flint I continued to do this. When these girls in India grew up and went into the ministry, I was privileged to send their children to the Bible School.

I can no longer do this, as I am confined to a wheelchair with rheumatoid arthritis, but I am glad I can still pray. It troubles me, however, to see how extravagant we are becoming when we could be cutting expenses and doing more for Missions.

I just received from our Foreign Missions Department a booklet *Facts and Figures of World Need* which says 96 percent of the church's income is spent among the 9 percent who speak English. The question that immediately came to mind was, Why do our congregations invest so much money in church buildings for their own pleasure, when there are so many needs in the world?

Why do the congregations indulge in building such expensive

edifices? We seem to be competing to see who can erect the biggest and most beautiful church. The Lord only needed one Solomon's Temple. Shouldn't we be more concerned with dying souls?

If we lose our vision for the lost, we cannot expect to have the Holy Spirit evident in our services.

IRENE EDITH GOUNDER  
Miami, Florida

### Sequel to the News

I enjoyed the article, "Having What It Takes," which told about a man with no legs who was being pushed across the country to California in a wheelchair. Do you know if he is still traveling?

L. J. ANDERSON  
Seattle, Washington

*Editor's Note:* The legless man only traveled as far as Tulsa in the wheelchair. Someone at Tulsa befriended him by paying for a new pair of artificial legs. This was the purpose of his "California or Bust" mission—to get new legs—so he abandoned his trip and returned to his family. He is preparing to open a service station, and the unemployed man who pushed the wheelchair nearly 200 miles will have a job at the service station.

### No Altar in New Church

We have a beautiful new church, but there is no public altar such as we had in the old one. We have a wonderful pastor whose sermons are anointed by the Holy Spirit; and we have a lovely prayer room. The Lord does bless those who go to the prayer room and seek Him, but very few sinners have gone through that door into the prayer room.

Once we had a little church and a big altar. The attendance ran from 180 to 250. Now we have a big church and no altar, but only 100 to 120 attend.

Maybe I'm too old-fashioned but I think it's good to have an altar at the front where people can kneel for salvation or seek to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, or just pray and worship the Lord.

A READER IN WASHINGTON

### "Meditation" Helps Family

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the article, "Meditation in the Seventh Pew," in a recent *Evangel*.

At the beginning of one day, it was quite a boisterous morning. So I called our three sons to the family altar and asked the eldest to read the article aloud. After prayer, I saw tears in the eyes of my boys. Thus my thanks again for the article.

TRAVIS FREEMAN  
Pastor, Highway Tabernacle  
Assembly of God  
Cleveland, Tex.

### Denies Bigotry

That was a good sermon preached by Robert E. Harrison at the General Council in Long Beach. I was blessed when reading it in the *Evangel*. I must admit, however, that Brother Harrison's statement about bigotry among Christians bothered me, and also his reference to discriminating against people because of the color of their skin.

Christians should not be bigots. I believe the majority of born-again Christians think kindly of the colored race as a whole, but here in Chicago we frankly are afraid of Negroes because of the crime rate among them. We are afraid to walk to church at night because of the danger of being attacked or robbed. It is unsafe to ride in subways even in the daytime. If we seem to discriminate, it is only because we do not know whom we can trust and whom we cannot.

Please publish this letter in the *Evangel* so the situation the white people are facing will be made clear.

A READER IN CHICAGO, ILL.

### Adulterous Act?

In the article, "The Arab and the Jew" (issue of July 30, 1967) the statement was made that "Abraham was the father of the Arabs through his adulterous act with Hagar, a handmaiden of Sarah his wife, who gave birth to Ishmael." This was not adultery. Abraham was married to Hagar. It is unfortunate this mistake appeared in our *Evangel*.

A READER IN WASHINGTON

*Editor's Note:* This was an unfortunate error. Genesis 16:3 states that "Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid... and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife." Polygamy was common in those days.

### Watching the Signs

I enjoy reading the *Evangel*. My neighbor loans it to me.

Your articles on the "signs of the times" are especially good. I think more pastors ought to preach on this subject, for it is the message of the hour.

MRS. EDNA VAN VALKENBURG  
New York

### Likes Personal Testimonies

Although not a member of an Assemblies of God church, I am a regular subscriber to *The Pentecostal Evangel*. I find it to be by far the best of any religious magazines I have seen, and I constantly refer to it when in need of material for devotions or Sunday school lessons.

The personal testimonies which appear in the magazine have been a continual inspiration to me.

READER IN CARTHAGE, ILLINOIS

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHURCH COMPLETED

DOVER, N.H.—Plans begun in 1961 came to fruition recently when the Assembly of God here dedicated a new building to the Lord. Carl O. Lindberg, Northern New England District superintendent, was the dedicatory speaker.

The 40- by 60-foot modified colonial structure is valued at over \$90,000. Facilities include 14 Sunday school class areas, a pastor's study, church offices, a sanctuary seating nearly 300, and a parking area. Members of the assembly volunteered labor.

Delbert J. Pickens has been the pastor since 1961.



New home of the Dover Assembly of God. Pastor D. J. Pickens, inset.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J.—The Assembly of God here recently participated in a Deeper Life Crusade with Paul Emery, president of Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa. The Evangelaire Concert Choir from NBI sang.

Nine persons were saved during the week. Attendance the closing night was 250.

This crusade was a union meeting with five other evangelical

churches in the area. God blessed the services and the Assemblies' witness in the community has become more influential as a result.

James Occhipinti, pastor of the Assembly of God, was the crusade chairman.

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MERIDEN, CONN.—First Assembly here thanks God for those persons who were saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Holy

Spirit during a recent meeting with Evangelist Eddie Cooper.

Children's story hours were held each Saturday. More than 25 of the 114 children who attended raised their hands for salvation.

The Sunday school attendance of 111 broke all previous records.

—Thomas R. Brubaker Jr., pastor

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HOUSTON, MO.—The Assembly of God here just closed three

weeks of special services with Evangelist Ruth E. Reece of Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Sixteen persons came to the altar for salvation, and an equal number were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed.

Attendance at the services was very good, and several new families have started coming to the church.

—Clyde Davis, pastor

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TYLER, TEX.—Evangelist Bob Larson of McCook, Nebr., recently conducted a three-week meeting at First Assembly here. During the meeting he gave his testimony to some 6,000 teen-agers at assemblies in local high schools. Because of this contact, many of the young people attended the services. Several came to the altar for salvation.

—B. L. Greene, pastor

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CHICO, TEX.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of services with Evangelist and Mrs. Garry Smith of Fort Worth, Tex. Hearts were blessed through the ministry of the Word. Attendance was good.

—Melvin Gipson, pastor

## Opportunity for a Pentecostal Witness

SUPPLYING ADEQUATE PROVISION at the point of demand—that's perfect timing! Watching the Lord develop such opportunities is exciting too.

It is certainly not by accident that we have been afforded the privilege of providing literature on the Holy Spirit where more than 5,000 Christian collegians will congregate. The occasion: the eighth triennial Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention, December 27-31, 1967, at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Youth in the college are interested as never before in the Person and manifestations of the Holy Spirit. From campus after campus come the reports of God's outpouring in Pentecostal demonstration.

Pastors in the Pittsburg, Pa., area are discussing recent Book-of-Acts occurrences in faculty lounges at Duquesne University, a Roman Catholic school.

Current publications—both Roman Catholic and Protestant—tell of the Spirit's work at Notre Dame.

The flame spreads: Columbia Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), Harvard, Arkansas University, Memphis State University, University of California at Berkeley—each of these campuses has witnessed the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecostals who attended the Urbana conference three years ago discovered that the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues was a prime topic of conversation.

Inter-Varsity missionary conventions minister to members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, and Nurses Christian Fellowship. The conference agenda includes in-depth searching of the Word, exposure to committed

Christian discipleship, pointed challenges to youth to fulfill God's will, and abandonment to God for direction. This atmosphere makes fertile soil for the Spirit's work.

So much for the need. What about the provision?

The January 1967 issue of *CAM* (Assemblies of God Campus Ambassador Magazine for collegians) has been much in demand. It is a reference issue on the Holy Spirit and His work. The initial run, including extra copies, was exhausted in days. A subsequent reprint has been totally used up.

By faith we have reprinted this issue of *CAM* for the eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention. It will be the Assemblies of God contribution to the hunger of more than 5,000 youth searching for the will of God for their lives.

An Assemblies of God literature fund, ELA (Evangelism Literature for America), has stepped forward to help. You can help too with an offering to ELA as it continues to reach America with evangelistic literature.

(Evangelism Literature for America is coordinated through the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission and has provided literature

for witnessing efforts in many parts of the country.)

You may also receive a copy of this *CAM* reprint to be used in Urbana by completing the coupon below and sending it with your offering.

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## OKLAHOMA CHURCH QUINTUPLES MEMBERSHIP

IDABEL, OKLA.—The congregation of First Assembly here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. Participating in the service were Robert Goggin, Oklahoma District superintendent, the mayor of Idabel, and the president of the local ministerial alliance. The Harvester Choir of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., provided special music.

The new structure, located on a four-acre lot, is constructed of blond brick and native rock.

Facilities include a sanctuary seating 300, an overflow for 150 people, 15 classrooms, a fellowship hall and complete kitchen, and a carport. The nursery and church offices are located on a second level above the overflow at the rear of the auditorium.

The church has central heating and air conditioning. The auditorium has six antique brass chandeliers and indirect lighting.

Reuben Ruiz has pastored First Assembly for five years. In that

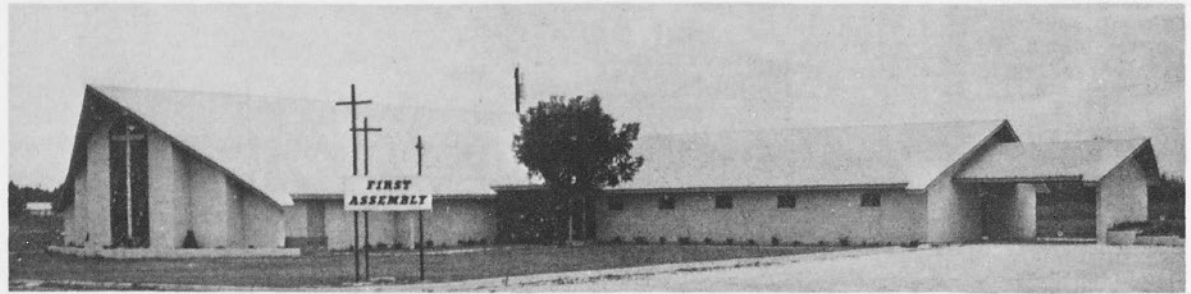
time the church has experienced substantial growth. The membership has increased nearly five times, and the Sunday school record has been broken three times—twice in one month (after moving into the new building).

Five years ago the estimated value of the church property was \$43,000. The value today is over \$100,000 with the total debt just over \$40,000.

Thirteen persons were baptized in the new baptistry following an outdoor crusade. First to be baptized was the plumber who worked on the church.



The new home of First Assembly in Idabel, Okla., is constructed of blond brick and native rock. The sanctuary seats 300. Pastor and Mrs. Reuben Ruiz at right.



FOREST GROVE, OREG.—The Assembly of God here is still rejoicing over the results of a two-week meeting with Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey of Santa Rosa, Calif. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service, and the Bible preaching was enjoyed by all.

—T. R. Yawes, pastor

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SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—The Pioneer Fellowship, a group of

ministers and laymen in the Northern California-Nevada District who were saved before 1940, held their third annual rally at Bethel Temple here. Clyde Henson was the host pastor. About 100 persons attended.

—L. A. Harris, secretary-treasurer

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PIQUA, OHIO—The Assembly of God here recently concluded

a series of meetings with R. J. Pasquale, pastor of the Assembly of God in West Carrollton, Ohio.

One lady was delivered of smoking, and others were healed and touched in various ways.

The meeting drew members of the congregation closer to the Lord.

—Raymond L. Zents Jr., pastor

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DOE RUN, MO.—The Assembly of God here is still reaping benefits from recent services with

Evangelists Tom and Helen Waggoner. Seven persons were saved, one was reclaimed, three were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled. In addition, four joined the church.

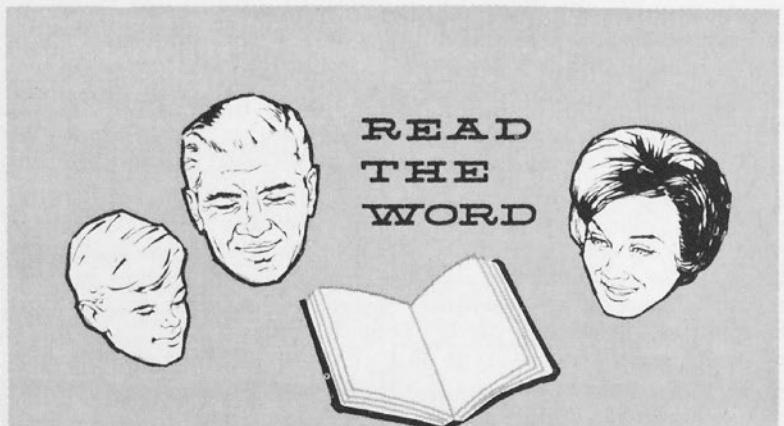
—Homer Smith, pastor

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OAKLAND, OREG.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded services with Evangelist Elizabeth Foster. Four were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.—Therman Scevers, pastor



NAPLES, ITALY—Assemblies of God Chaplain Stanford E. Linzey Jr., USN, baptizes Fireman Roger L. Courtney, Orlando, Fla., at the Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica (Italian Assemblies of God church) here. Brother Linzey is the chaplain of the "USS Galveston" now serving with the Sixth Fleet.



### CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24-31

Sunday .....	Psalms 4-6	Thursday .....	Psalms 14-16
Monday .....	Psalms 7, 8	Friday .....	Psalms 17, 18
Tuesday .....	Psalms 9, 10	Saturday .....	Psalms 19, 20
Wednesday ..	Psalms 11-13	Sunday .....	Psalms 21, 22

"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalm 7:11).



A skit was presented at First Assembly in Bakersfield, Calif., to demonstrate the distribution of tracts to youngsters on Halloween trick or treat.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—The youngsters who came to the homes of the congregation of First Assembly here on Halloween received more than a treat. The church made available to the people some 5,000 Halloween tracts stamped with the church name, address, and schedule of services.

One member reported that some children came to the door and asked only for tracts after their friends had received them. Another member handed out 80 tracts.

—J. Boyd Wolverton, pastor  
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WAYNESBORO, MISS.—Antioch Assembly here praises the Lord for wonderful services with Evangelist Freddy Clark of Winter Haven, Fla. Three persons were saved, and a great number

received healing from the Lord. One couple was healed the first night of the meeting. After prayer the husband was freed of pain of a back injury and his wife could kneel down, something she had not been able to do in four years.

The revival spirit still prevails at the church.

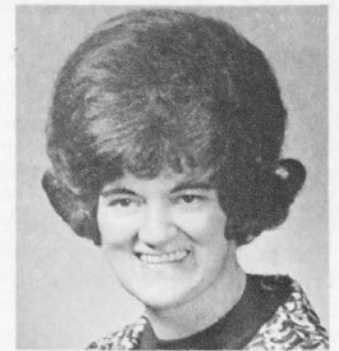
—E. L. Greenhaw, pastor  
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WELLINGTON, OHIO—The Assembly of God here thanks God for the moving of His Spirit during two weeks of services with Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Martin. Six persons were saved, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. One young man who had suffered for years with back trouble was miraculously healed.

—A. P. Hinton, pastor

## MARY TREGENZA NAMED EDITOR OF "C. A. HERALD"

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Mrs. Mary Tregenza has been promoted to editor of the *C. A. Herald*, monthly youth magazine with a circulation of more than 28,000. She succeeds A. Glenroy Shedd who is now promotions co-



ordinator of the Sunday School Department.

Besides the *Herald*, she will continue to edit *C. A. Guide*, the quarterly *C. A.* leadership publication. She also serves as associate editor of *Campus Ambassador Magazine*, the periodical published six times during the academic year for Assemblies students on non-Assemblies of God campuses.

Sister Tregenza, a native of Baden, Ontario, Canada, was an editorial assistant on *The Pentecostal Testimony*, published by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. From 1956 to 1960 she was editor of *The New Zealand Evangel*, the official publication of the New Zealand Assemblies of God.

While serving in that post, she was dean of women at the Assemblies Bible college in Auckland.

Before joining the Christ's Ambassadors Department in 1965, Sister Tregenza was an editorial assistant on *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

A 1947 graduate of Central Bible College here, Sister Tregenza is the wife of Evangelist Roy Tregenza. They have twin children, Robby and Becky, 16.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER CONFERENCE—Jan. 2-7 at First Assembly, Newton, Iowa. Speaker: Paul Sandgren.—by Hilton Griswold, pastor.

### WITH CHRIST

ROBERTO REYES-GARCIA, 62, of San Antonio, Tex., went Home to be with Jesus October 24, 1967. Brother Reyes-Garcia was ordained to the ministry in 1949 by the Latin American District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in San Antonio. He is survived by his wife Florinda and two children.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Tuscaloosa	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Joel Palmer	Robert Spence
Ariz.	Douglas	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 13	Tom & Helen Waggoner	Mark Popejoy
	Mesa	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	The Ellison Family	Kenneth Swenson
	Prescott	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Charles O. Hudspeth	Leonard Owens
Ark.	Jonesboro	First	Dec. 27-31	Jim Mackey	E. Joe Wilmoth
	Marianna	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Donald Nye
Calif.	Carmichael	First	Dec. 31—	Johnny Barton	L. W. Suter
	Garberville	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Charles Senechal	Robert Parkinson
	Lodi	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Wesley Morton	Gene Forrest
	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	Dec. 31-Jan. 21	Star Thomas	Clyde A. Henson
	San Bernardino	First	Dec. 31—	Thomas Hernandez Family	Louis H. Hauff
Calif.	Santa Ana	New Hope	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Wm. T. Holcomb	J. R. Daily
	Ventura	Central	Dec. 31—	Neville & Mrs. Carlson	Sheldon L. Simmons
	Walnut Creek	Bethel Temple	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Marvin Schmidt	George W. McNeven
	Commerce City	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	I. D. Rayborn	R. D. Emerson
Fla.	Bartow	First	Dec. 31—	R. S. Peterson	D. N. Asbury Jr.
	Bonifay	Mt. Carmel	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Jerry & Ann Johnson	J. H. Lee
Fla.	Clearwater	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	H. B. Kelchner	Arthur Shell Jr.
	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Stanley & Ethel MacPherson	Paul Goodwin
	Atlanta	A/G Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Winferd Mack	Jimmy Mayo
Ga.	Riverdale	A/G	Dec. 31—	Nettie Parham	W. H. Fisher
	Wilder	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Cecil Welch	John O. Anderson
Ill.	Bethalto	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Dan Johnson	Billy P. Bell
	Carthage	Calvary	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	DeGreef-Cooper Team	Donald E. Skiles
	Danville	First	Dec. 27-Jan. 7	William Caldwell	James Hyllberg
Ill.	Renault	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Glenna Byard	Clifford Gerard
	Indianapolis	Lighthouse Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Homer Peterson	William Totman
Ind.	Attica	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Knott-Olson Team	Pete Ratzlaff
	Kansas City	Gospel Temple	Dec. 27-Jan. 14	Ernie Rogers	Burl Rogers
Ky.	Newton	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	The Singing Stottlemeyers	W. R. Boyd
	Owensboro	Calvary Temple	Dec. 31—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Dwight Edwards
Md.	Hyattsville	Faith	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Charles S. Morris	B. M. Slye
Minn.	Minneapolis	Fremont Tab.	Dec. 31—	Paul Hild Family	Ed Lothar
Mo.	Sedalia	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	Keetah Jones	Floyd Buntenbach
Nebr.	Long Pine	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	Ken Krivohlavek	Dennis Pigman
N. H.	Rochester	A/G	Dec. 31—	Delbert Pickens	A. S. Davis
N. J.	Bridgeton	Full Gospel Ch.	Dec. 27-Jan. 7	George & Evelyn Butrin	Donald Veater
N. Mex.	Truth or Consequences	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	L. T. Bates	Harold Hill
N. Dak.	Williston	*Lutheran Bible Camp	Dec. 29-Jan. 1	Paul Sandgren	Don E. Wileman, Dir.
Ohio	Hamilton	Holy Temple	Dec. 31-Jan. 5	W. Glenn West	Vernon D. Wright
	Rogers	A/G	Dec. 12-24	James & Beulah Pepper	Delcie Stewart
	Willoughby	A/G	Dec. 27-Jan. 14	L. Wayne Pitts	Lloyd Luithle
Okla.	Youngstown	Highway Tab.	Dec. 31—	The Tanner Team	E. J. Schlossmacher
	Dustin	A/G	Dec. 31—	Hoyt Ming Family	James L. Dodd Jr.
	Jones	A/G	Dec. 31—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. R. Wyatt
Okla.	Muldrow	First	Dec. 31—	Larry Hatfield	Ray Hood
	Nash	Eagle Grove	Dec. 27—	Dave & Brenda Kelly	Ethel B. Stevens
	Salem	Keizer	Dec. 3-Jan. 7	Paul Clark Team	Ken Grant
Pa.	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	John & Esther Hamercheck	Asa C. Martin
	Tyrone	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 14	James L. Snyder	William Kyler
Tex.	Dallas	Grace	Dec. 27-Jan. 7	Samuel & Patricia Calk	S. Fred Davis
	Littlefield	A/G	Dec. 31—	T. M. & Mrs. Barrett	J. Floyd Schaeffer
	Longview	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Bill & Naomi Hayes	D. E. Ferguson
Wis.	Tyler	Victory	Dec. 31-Jan. 7	James & LaVerne Sartor	Thurman Boatright
	Wautoma	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Fairfield Evang. Party	John K. Wibley

\* Youth Retreat

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

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

## Man Guided By a Star

DAKAR, Senegal—Missionary John Hall reports an unusual circumstance which led to the salvation of a Muslim.

While the pastor of the church in Dakar was preaching, a tall, heavysset man with a full beard, long flowing robes and sandals, marched down the center aisle and knelt before the pulpit.

One of the elders showed him to a seat, and after the service several believers gathered around

him to witness. Eventually he consented to kneel and pray. A different expression shone on his face as he arose.

He told how he had come from the Republic of Mauritania, north of Senegal. He had grown tired of religious routine and sought the truth. An angel had told him that the Koran was not true and that he should follow a star to Dakar. He claimed that the star guided him to the Assembly of God.

This converted Muslim now goes when possible to the Sunday services and listens attentively as the interpreter attempts to translate the French messages into Wolof.

## Fiji Feels Impact of Good News Crusades

FIJI ISLANDS—GOOD NEWS Evangelist and Mrs. C. W. Quattlebaum conducted two months of meetings in the Fiji Islands, in the heart of the South Pacific.

The meetings resulted in several hundred people making decisions for Christ, scores of believers receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many others being healed.

Fear and superstition have controlled the lives of many islanders. One Indian woman, bound by fear and disease, came forward and accepted Christ as her Saviour. When she came for healing, the Lord revealed to the evangelist that she was wearing a charm to keep evil spirits away. She confessed this and removed the hidden charm, and the Lord delivered her.

Missionary Orville H. Carlson states, "All of the churches benefited immensely from these meetings, and the work of the Lord has been moving at an increased tempo."

## Churches Combine for Christmas Pageant

MANILA, Philippines—The Assemblies of God churches in this area are combining their efforts for the presentation of a Christmas pageant featuring a 100-voice choir.

Missionary Paul Pipkin is supervising the endeavor, a Filipino lady is directing the choir, and Missionary Claude Rediger is assisting.



## Churches Cooperate in Billy Graham's Tokyo Crusade

TOKYO, Japan—The Billy Graham Crusade here was held in the Budo Kan Auditorium which seats 15,000. The auditorium was filled to capacity every night, and thousands were turned away for lack of room.

At the first Saturday afternoon of the crusade the building was packed with teen-agers, and about 3,000 were turned away.

The closing meeting was held at an outdoor stadium which seats 35,000. This was packed to capacity. Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham team led a 1,500-voice choir at this service.

Missionary Harry J. Petersen, chairman of the Assemblies of God Japan Field Fellowship, says that reports coming in from the churches show an increase in attendance as a result of the crusade.

Mr. Petersen says, "The splendid cooperation of all the churches was largely the key to the success of the crusade."



Singing time at the Christian Servicemen's Home in Seoul.

## Christmas in Korea

By ERVIN E. SHAFFER / Missionary to Korea

IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE 1966. Nostalgic anxiety hovered over the frozen demilitarized zone. An American patrol miscalculated, wandered through the zone into North Korea, and found itself near a Communist observation post. They slipped away as quietly as they had come.

Another patrol found itself facing an enemy patrol that had infiltrated the front lines. The American tank operator turned on the lights and for a few minutes held one man motionless in the glare; but it was Christmas Eve, and the American officer in charge of the patrol declined to give the order to fire.

Other American patrols carried on normal activities hoping there would be no clash like the recent one when a U. S. patrol was ambushed by Communist infiltrators and everyone killed except one man who was badly wounded and left for dead.

Other American soldiers stood guard in near zero weather on lonely outposts, mountain peaks, and scattered military installations throughout South Korea. Many of these men were seasoned veterans of combat with long periods of overseas duty; but for many of the younger men it was their first time overseas, and perhaps the first Christmas away from home.

Some of the men received passes to nearby villages, others went to Seoul for the Christmas weekend. Many of them stayed at the Christian Servicemen's Home in Seoul. This center is a "home away from home" for American servicemen in Korea. Food, lodging, refresh-

ments, games, stereo music, tape recordings, films, and a reading library are provided free to all servicemen. The Home is owned and operated by the Assemblies of God, and Mrs. Shaffer and I, along with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mincey, are the directors.

Two days before Christmas, some of us composed a singing group and visited isolated camps and forward missile sites overlooking North Korea.

We passed frozen rivers, frozen water falls, and ice-covered roads on mountain peaks to sing Christmas carols, distribute gifts, and share a short church service with the men in these isolated areas. We extended to them an invitation to spend their passes or furlough time in the Servicemen's Home in Seoul.

Christmas Day was cold with temperatures around 10 degrees. Many servicemen were on hand at the Home to attend church services and enjoy a homecooked dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. There were Christmas gifts for everyone.

We endeavor to be "Mom" and "Pop" to the thousands of men who visit the Home, and we count it a great privilege to serve our men in Korea.



## Bete Language Book Completed

OGOJA, Nigeria—Missionaries Ruby Peterson and Irene Crane report that their first book, *Reading and Writing Bete*, was finished early this year.

The book was prepared for Bete-speaking Nigerians who also know English. Many of the educated Bete have been trying to write in their own language, but have had difficulties. The book

will enable them to be consistent in their writing.

Several Nigerian teachers helped with the preparation of the book. Paul Ukah wrote the proverbs; Jerome Ugbe served as chairman of the orthography committee; and Joseph Ogar did the artwork.

The pages for 1,000 copies were mimeographed, and the Assemblies of God press in Aba printed the covers and finished the book.

"Primers look so simple when they are completed. We only wish they were as simple to write!" state the two missionary ladies.

## Radio and Literature Penetrate Closed Doors

BEIRUT, Lebanon—There is an increased interest in the literature program sponsored by Middle East Outreach, according to Missionary Bob Hoskins.

Presently MEO prints 10,000 copies of an Arabic *Evangel* which is being circulated in 23 countries. More than 6,000 students are enrolled in the Way to Life correspondence course.

Along with the literature ministry, Middle East Outreach is producing 11 radio programs a week. The morning broadcasts are beamed toward the east and the afternoon ones are beamed toward

the west. They have had response from as far as Tashkent, Russia.

Mr. Hoskins reports of receiving a letter from an oasis in the Sahara. The man said, "When I heard the words of the Way to Life program, I felt sad because of my sins and asked Jesus Christ to take them away!"

Through a miracle of God, Middle East Outreach pays only the production cost of about \$600 a month for this radio time worth over \$125,000 per year. The programs, coupled with the literature, outreach, are penetrating closed doors.

## Work Progresses in Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador—A few weeks after Missionaries Jose and Judy Santiago arrived in Ecuador, they started a branch Sunday school in a nearby village. The attendance has been over 125 since the first Sunday.

The Santiagos also report that they held a one-week revival in the Assembly of God in Ambato. Thirty people came forward to accept Christ as their Saviour, and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Along with the evangelistic outreach, the Santiagos are teaching in an evening Bible school which has an enrollment of about 40 students.

## Orphanage in Dire Financial Need

ASSIOUT, Egypt—The Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage here is continuing operations under trained national leadership. Everything was well organized before Missionaries B. W. and Carol Corpany were evacuated at the time of the Arab-Israeli war. An Egyptian, Dr. Habib Iskander and his family, appointed Assemblies of God missionaries, are now in Egypt.

The greatest need for the orphanage is emergency financial help. Cut off from its usual source of American surplus, the orphanage must now purchase all its food.

This means paying out \$600 a month for flour alone. Other costs have risen, causing great financial difficulties for this Assemblies of God institute.

The Corpany's hope to return to the orphanage soon. Other missionaries assigned to Egypt are either in language study outside the country or temporarily engaged in other types of work.

## Literature Travels Where Missionaries Cannot Go

KATHMANDU, Nepal—Ronald and Montiel Peck, missionaries to East Pakistan, spent some time in Nepal for vacationing and a much-needed rest. While at the hotel Mr. Peck spoke to one of the boys who worked there. The boy said he was a Christian and showed Mr. Peck a tract that he was reading.

Then the boy said, "Oh, I have another book! Please wait here, for I want to show it to you."

He proudly brought down an Assemblies of God beginner teacher quarterly from the spring of 1962.

Mrs. Peck remarks, "Now how do you suppose that got in Kathmandu, Nepal? I say that it is another good push for literature and its ability to go where missionaries cannot."

## First Missions Convention Held

DANBURY, CONN.—G. Jack Provard, pastor of First Assembly of God here, reports that they held their first missions convention October 6-8. Guest speakers included Missionaries William Stepp and Josephine Spina.

Mr. Stepp showed colored slides and told of his missionary work in Venezuela.

Miss Spina, missionary to East Pakistan, showed colored slides of that field and told of the mission work there.

All goals for the convention were far surpassed, and the church increased its missionary support to both the Stepps and Miss Spina. Plans are already underway for next year's missions convention.

## Youngster Remembers

POSTFACH, Germany—Almost two years ago at a meeting in Paris, Missionary Rosa M. Reineker spoke about Elijah. Little Mark, son of Missionaries Joe and Charlotte Mazzu, was present.

This past Labor Day weekend at a servicemen's retreat, Mark attended some classes for children 4

to 7 years old which Miss Reineker taught.

After the first class he went to his mother and said, "Guess who my teacher is?" Mrs. Mazzu didn't know, so Mark informed her, "Well, Mrs. Elijah!"

Perhaps others had forgotten about the subject of that past sermon, but Mark, in his own way, remembered.

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **Frederic Burkes** (S. Africa), **Adeline Wichman** and **Pauline Smith** (Ghana), the **Roy Daltons** (Spain), the **Harry Shumways Jr.** (N. India), the **William Brookes** (Costa Rica) and the **Ray Trasks** (Indonesia.) **Maxine Strobbridge** has left for Korea.

Missionaries returning to the States for furlough are: the **Finis Bradshaws** (Bahamas), **Hilda Palenius** (Ghana), the **Warren Dentons** (Philippines), and **Mr. Clyde Bradburn** (Japan).

The **Elmer Hetzels** (Germany) are transferring to the ministerial list, and **Miss Inez Kreiss** (N. India) is retiring.



William Brooke family



Harry Shumway Jr. family



The Roy Daltons



The Frederic Burkes



Ray Trask family



Adeline Wichman



Maxine Strobbridge



Pauline Smith

# A STAR IN THE NIGHT

By ROSE MEYER

A STAR IN THE NIGHT—an upward gaze—a journey—the final scene of worship, adoration, and the bestowal of gifts. These are the principal factors in the drama enacted by Wise Men centuries ago. So familiar is the story that preschoolers can fill in the details to make the picture live again each Christmas.

What is more fascinating or mysterious than a star in the night! Even the tiniest toddlers gaze upward in wide-eyed wonder and lisp, "Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are!" Older mortals, children of a larger growth, peer into the great firmament of humanity in which God's stars sparkle.

John the Baptist was one who shone in the night. Other great luminaries were Paul and the other apostles, followed by an innumerable host of witnesses. God always has His stars, no matter how dark the night. Even the martyr Stephen, victim of pelting stones and curses, shone brilliantly as he knelt before his murderers. While death rained upon his head, his face glowed with a heavenly light; and one standing by, Saul by name, caught the beams of that star.

God's stars shine upon all alike—on hovels of the poor and palaces of the rich. They gleam like diamonds against night's black velvet, high above the city ghettos, peaceful farmlands, bloody battlefields, and deep, dark seas. Some are stars of the first magnitude; others shine with lesser strength. Similarly God's spiritual stars differ in their power. Some shine more brightly than others, but all lead unerringly to the Saviour born in Bethlehem. Always the same factors are present: a star in the night

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Rose Meyer, who was associated for many years with the late Anna C. Reiff, Chicago, in publication ministry, has been very sick. Friends wishing to send cards should address her at Spotswood Memorial Convalescent Hospital, 16412 San Jose-Los Gatos Road, Los Gatos, California 95030.

—an upward gaze—a journey—then a worshiper bowing before the Saviour and offering Him the gifts of a repentant spirit and a grateful heart.

One of His stars appeared years ago in a particularly vile part of South London. There is a slum section where men and women lived more like animals than humans, groping for light they could not find, the star began to shine. A little mission opened and the messenger of light began pointing souls to Christ. Few persons looked up even to see the star, but there was one who caught its beams. The darkness in his heart began to scatter. Scarcely realizing what it was all about, he followed the star; and in his quest for better things his evil habits dropped off one by one. Gambling and drink lost their grip on him. On and on he journeyed, guided by the star, until eventually he too bowed in adoration at the feet of Jesus.

His former companions were looking on. They knew something was happening to Bill but somehow they couldn't see the star. One day they tried to lure Bill back into the old familiar places of sin and vice, and he answered, "I can't; I've Somebody with me."

"Fetch Him in too," they said.

But Bill replied, "Oh, He wouldn't come. They call Him Jesus Christ. He sticks by me, and I'm going to stick by Him."

Someone has said that "in God's guidebook for human life, the stars often point to queer places—a manger, a cross, and a deserted grave—and only the people who have been there know why."

Have you seen the star? Gaze upon it. Follow it. Let it lead you to Him who was born in Bethlehem to save you from your sins. Then you will be among the wise men who say, "We have seen his star . . . and are come to worship him."