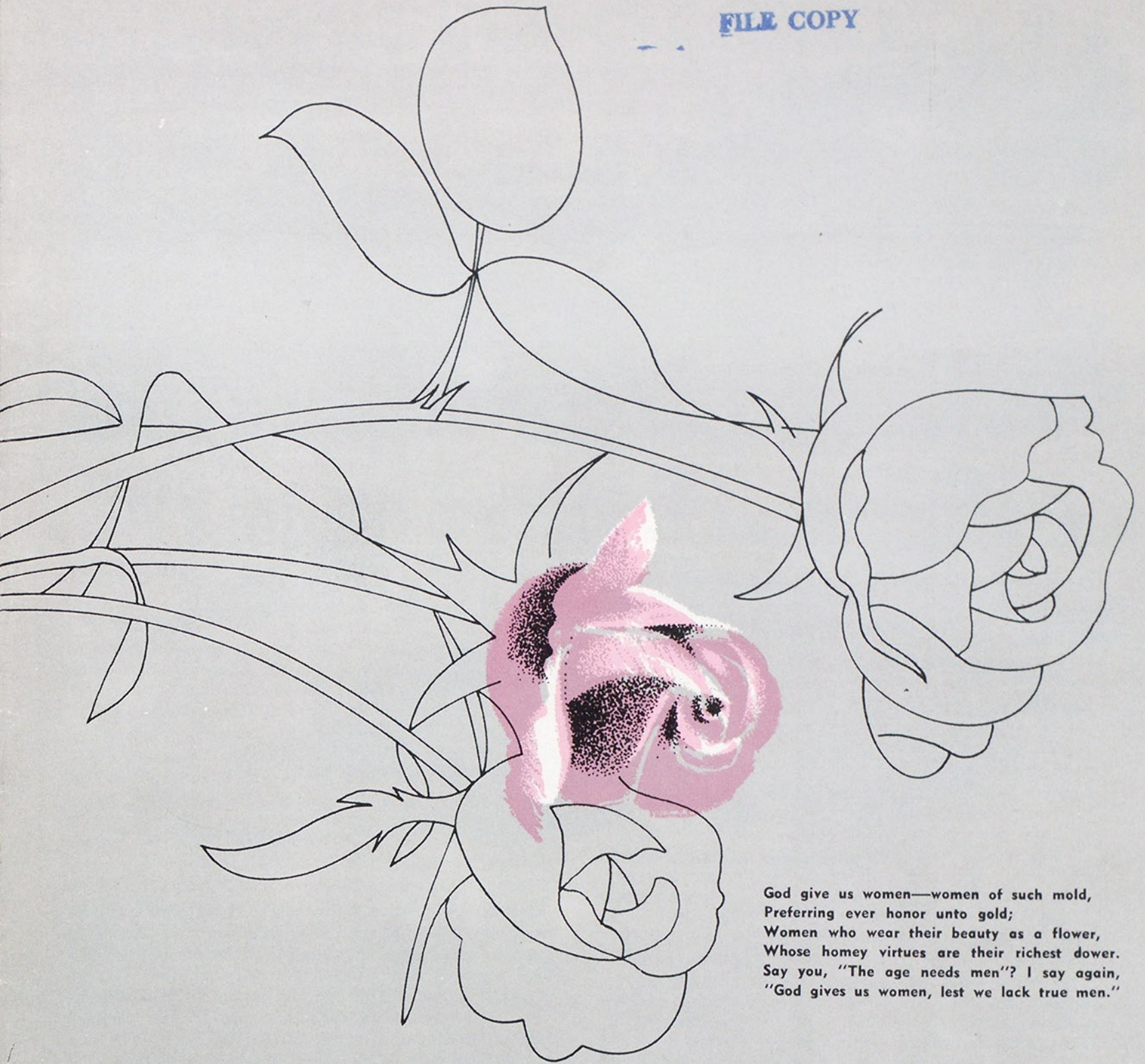


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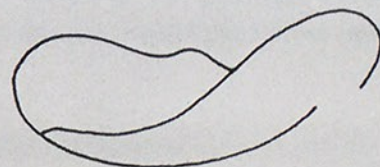
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Whose homey virtues are their richest dower.
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STREAMS HAVE THEIR BEGINNINGS IN THE heights. They result from springs or from the melting of the snow and the copious mountain showers. Each stream must have a source. Similarly, it has a destination; and if, in its course across the terrain, it becomes dammed up by debris or other foreign substance, it will change its course but retain its destiny.

A new course is cut, and a new bed is formed. The river flows on, and its movement keeps it pure. A flowing stream will filter itself every few hundred feet, depending upon the type of bed over which it flows.

The stream of Christianity had its beginnings in the heights. Whether we consider the beginning to have been the result of some kind of consultation held in heaven by the great Triune God about the predicament of man, or we think of it as having originated in the upper room on Zion's hill, Christianity had its beginning in the heights.

There is no question but that it was pure. Christ specified the requirements for admission when He said, "Ye must be born again." The apostle described the change involved in this new birth when he wrote, "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." To those who had this new birth he wrote, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith

the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters." All of these scriptures indicate a high degree of purity, cleanliness, and separation from defilement. There was no impurity in Christ. It is written, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he [the Son of God] is pure" (1 John 3:3). "The pure in heart" are promised that they shall see God.

The isolated leper was to cry out at the approach of another person, "Unclean, unclean!" Leprosy is largely a disease of uncleanness. It is hardly known in societies that observe proper rules of sanitation and sterilization. Sin is to the soul what leprosy is to the body. It must go. A fountain has been opened to the house of David for sin and for uncleanness (Zechariah 13:1). Jesus Christ, in His atoning sacrifice, by shedding His own uncontaminated blood, provided cleansing for all men. The song writer conveyed a true interpretation when he wrote, "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

As a boy (with seven brothers to help me) I learned some improper words and occasionally one would pass my lips. Someone was sure to hear, and Mother made me

wash out my mouth with "lye soap" and water. This did not cleanse away my sin of profanity, but it came to my remembrance the next time I was tempted to repeat that or any other forbidden word.

It was God's intention that the stream of Christianity remain pure. But like the natural streams, it has been stopped in its flow, or cluttered with the debris of selfishness, jealousy, fanaticism, commercialization, worldliness, and other things. And always the pure stream has found a new course, the destiny remaining unchanged, and the stream has flowed on.

Traditions, frills, and rituals have been added in an effort to make it appeal to men's physical senses. But these have not invited any greater favor of God. James said that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this . . . to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

Two polluted streams flowing together do not purify either one. The apostle James raised the question, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" (James 3:11).

The stream of Christianity has been colored down through the years with many interpretations and philosophies. Each succeeding generation has revised the dogmas and disciplines to suit its liking. Many churches today bear little or no resemblance to the church of the same name a century ago!

Following the descent of the Holy Spirit recorded in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, persecution arose against the Christians. Though this scattered the church, it contributed to keeping the stream pure; for its constituents, when driven from their homes and religious centers, were driven to their knees before God.

In many cases, splinter groups were formed combining part of the original stream of truth with part of the religious persuasion existing wherever believers went. The apostle Paul was greatly used of the Lord in keeping the stream of Christianity pure by his teaching ministry, both in person during his missionary travels and through the letters he wrote to the established churches. But time always has a way of bringing along self-styled religionists who, by intermingling truth and error, can gather a following and organize a new so-called church. These men of magnetic personalities "changed the truth of God into a lie" and men "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator . . ." (Romans 1:25).

A misinterpretation of the words of the Master caused the apostle Peter to be exalted to a place of preeminence never intended by our Lord. This misinterpretation of the statement, "Upon this rock I will build my church," was the basis of the formation of the Church of Rome.

The Reformation under Martin Luther was an attempt to bring the stream of Christianity back to a pure state. Though Luther's position was taken with much personal loss and suffering, he contributed greatly to a self-examination of the Church in relation to the original. New translations of the Scriptures appeared in an attempt to recapture the true teaching of the Bible.

John and Charles Wesley broke with the established Church of England that had become formal and cold. The Wesleyan revival was an attempt to recover the pure stream of Christianity. Their new position with regard to holiness of life and adherence to clear-cut scriptural interpretation did for England what Luther and "the

just shall live by faith" did for the continent of Europe. It changed the course of the dammed-up stream.

Thus it has always been. The purity of the stream of Christianity has not been maintained by federation, or by amalgamation, but by separation. The eminent London preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, saw the danger of a false ecumenicism in his day and he gave this warning:

"It now becomes a serious question how far those who abide by the faith once delivered to the saints should fraternize with those who have turned aside to another gospel. Christian love has its claims, and divisions are to be shunned as grievous evils; but how far are we justified in being in confederacy with those who are departing from the truth? It behooves believers to be cautious, lest they lend their support and countenance to the betrayers of the Lord."

The cry of today is for Christian unity, but this cannot be tolerated at the expense of Christian truth. Church purity is as vitally important as church unity. As Dr. G. Aiken Taylor said in an address delivered before one of the annual conventions of the National Association of Evangelicals:


"Jesus Christ prayed for the unity of His disciples but for a *discriminating* unity. Because of sin and human weakness, 'grievous wolves' would enter the flock, tares would spring up among the wheat, goats would infiltrate the sheep, bad fish would be caught in the net, while many would join in the cry, 'Lord, Lord!' who had no part in the Kingdom of Heaven. It was for the unity of His own in the midst of such circumstances that He prayed.

"It would be an absurd interpretation of His will to say that He wanted His disciples to embrace every man who cried 'Lord, Lord!' as a Christian brother, or that He wanted the wolves to be put in charge of the sheep. Every subsequent treatment of the theme of Christian unity in the Scriptures denies such an implication."

The Scriptures make it very clear that God wants the stream of Christianity to be kept pure. This stream has many tributaries and it has many branches. Often it has been kept pure by breaking out in new directions, cutting a new bed and thereby separating itself from the accumulated debris of erroneous teachings and iniquitous practices.

To retain its purity, the stream must flow. The apostle therefore requested prayer "that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified" (2 Thessalonians 3:1); for as the Psalmist said, the Word of the Lord "is very pure," and it has a purifying effect wherever it flows.

God's Spirit, too, is the Spirit of Holiness, and He is resident in the believer to make him a part of the pure stream of Christianity. It is through the Spirit that we are sanctified. "Not by might [of mergers] or by power [of human organizations] but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Here, then, is the secret of purity: be filled with God's Spirit and filled with God's Word. Christ prayed that His servants may be one in Him: "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." Notice that our unity as believers lies in our unity with Him. When we are joined to Him we are thereby joined to each other. This is the blessed unity of the Spirit. Where this unity prevails, the purity of the stream of Christianity can be preserved. 

Our Favorite Teacher

THERE ARE MANY excellent teachers in the schools and colleges who have dedicated themselves to training our youth in the best Christian tradition. The freethinkers, marijuana smokers, and fomenters of strikes seem to be in the minority in most, if not all, of our school systems and we thank God for this. Schoolteachers have a far-reaching influence upon the boys and girls in their classes. It is well that an increasing number of college graduates in the Assemblies of God fellowship are going into this important field of service and finding a rewarding ministry for Christ as elementary, high school, or college teachers.

Teachers of many kinds have affected our lives—music teachers, Sunday school teachers, VBS teachers, and others, including public school teachers—but our favorite teacher is the one who sat us on her knee or knelt by our bedside to give us our first lesson.

Have you noticed that in Proverbs 31:1 King Lemuel talks about “the prophecy that his *mother* taught him”? And have you wondered why Proverbs 29:15 says, “A child left to himself bringeth his *mother* to shame”? Is it not because a mother, more than any other person, molds the child’s mind and character?

Mothers, you don’t need a degree to become a teacher. Your every word and act is a lesson to the boy or girl who is watching you.

Someone has said that when the devil robs a man, the last thing he takes from him is what he learned at his mother’s knee.

Hers is the privilege—and the responsibility—of training the child in his tenderest, most impressionable years. She sets the pattern which usually lasts for life. Whatever the goals she sets before him, when he is grown he will not forget them.

Hannah only had little Samuel in her charge for a very short time before she placed him in Eli’s charge and left him to live at the temple, yet Samuel turned out much better than Eli’s own sons. Was it not the early training he received that made the difference?

Jochebed had to part with her baby Moses when he was still a young child; yet during all the following years he spent in Egypt’s halls of learning and the Pharaoh’s pagan court, Moses never forgot the lessons he learned from her.

When Paul analyzed the unfeigned faith that was in Timothy, he recalled that this same sincere faith was in Timothy’s mother and also in his grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5). He was heir to a rich spiritual legacy. No wonder he was an earnest young Christian.

The child copies his mother’s words. He learns her songs. He observes her habits. He adopts her attitudes. He gets from her his first concept of right and wrong. He learns from her the relative importance of the temporal and the eternal. He takes from her his first set of values.

On this 55th annual Mother’s Day it is fitting that we laud our favorite teacher, review the lessons she taught us, and give thanks for her wisdom, patience, and love. The 40-hour week meant nothing to her. She ran not only a school but also a restaurant, laundry, tailor shop, nursery, and hospital all at the same time. She never asked time and a half for overtime—nor double time for Sunday—and hardly ever took a holiday; but if her children grew up to serve the Lord and returned just a fraction of the love she poured into them, she could feel amply repaid.

And we laud those mothers of today who are following this same ancient and honorable profession—teaching children to serve the Lord.

—R.C.C.

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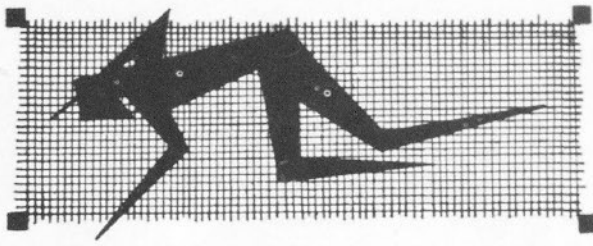
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FROM THE JEWISH PAIR THAT HOSTED THE APOSTLE AT CORINTH WE CAN LEARN SOME VALUABLE LESSONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN HOMES.

PAUL SLEPT HERE

By R. D. E. SMITH

EACH YEAR FURNISHES two pleasant occasions wherein we honor first Mother and then, somewhat later, Father. I suggest it might be more realistic and appropriate should we honor them both together. Even this would leave a significant gap in the roll of homemakers who should be thus honored, for how many couples must there be who, denied children of their own, have let their longing and love flow out to encompass the orphans, the lonely, and the homeless.

Such were Aquila and Priscilla. We read of them in Acts 18. They took Paul into their home and he abode with them for some time.

It is noticeable that couples who live agreeably together come to be very much alike—even to physical appearance. Such resemblance is more often the product of carriage, action, small personal habits and tricks of speech than it is physiognomy, but occasionally it is quite obvious.

Consider marriage in its highest potential. The scripture says, "... they twain shall be one flesh" (Mark 10: 8). Marriage brings into being a *new entity*, a *couple-personality*. Sometimes this new communal personality is strongly colored by the dominant partner but it always becomes something different than either of the associates would have been alone—or with someone else.

We congratulated a lady on her 25th wedding anniversary "especially," we said, "for having lived with one man so long." With a twinkle in her eye she looked her husband up and down and replied, "But he's not the same man he was when I first got my hands on him!" And she was right.

When two agree in the bonds of matrimony, vowing before God to love, honor, and defer to one another; when they covenant to live together in sickness and in health, for better or for worse; when they contract to share a common lot and to stand together in all life's varied fortunes—then there is created a composite personality which could not otherwise exist. Then, if this pact is honored in mutual love and respect, each enhancing the qualities of the other and tempering the weaknesses of the other; and, above all, should there be added to this the high Christian ideal of being companions in Christ, this union may truly be said to be "made in heaven."

This is a summary of a sermon preached on Mother's Day, 1967, at the First Assembly of God, Binghamton, New York, by the pastor, R. D. E. Smith.

Such, it seems, was the union of Aquila and Priscilla. They were not only wedded; they were *partners in purpose*. Aquila and Priscilla give us an example of marriage dedicated to the highest ideal of Christian service.

They were, so far as the record indicates, childless. They might easily have done as so many do, become overly absorbed in one another. All that love and compassion with which they were so bountifully endowed could have turned in upon itself and become sour, bitter, selfish and sterile. Christ saved them from this. All their devotion, denied an outlet to children of their own, sought its fulfillment in adopting the prophets of God.

When you pass their house say: "Paul slept here!"

Wise men often united to make common cause together in their life purpose and work. In contrast, psychology recognizes a hostility—a competitive spirit—existing between the sexes. "Competition," they tell us, "is the life of trade." But it is the death of many marriages.

Not so with Aquila and his wife Priscilla. The last chapter of the Proverbs tells us about the ideal woman in her relationship to her husband. This was that kind of woman. Aquila and Priscilla shared the whole of life together in a unique ministry.

Consider some of the things they shared.

First, they shared a common Christian experience. Theirs was a Christian home with all that such ought to mean. The motto, "Christ Is the Head of This House," could have hung on their wall in all truthfulness.

They also shared a common exile. They had been forced out of Italy under the edict of Claudius who felt that the Jews were a tempestuous people. He made no distinction between Orthodox and Christian Jew. They all must go. They came, therefore, to Corinth. Here they took up their profession of tent making, for they also shared a common skill (and Priscilla did her full share).

Had there been children it might have been different; but, as it was, her fingers were as busy with the canvas, the skins, the ropes, and the pegs as were his.

More than that, they shared a common sacrificial nature. Paul talks about them in Romans 16 where he says, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus." And then he adds: "Who have for my life laid down their own necks." They shared his persecutions and stood surety for him.

They also shared a common grace—hospitality. They
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AGAIN AND AGAIN I ASKED GOD WHY HE HAD TAKEN MY HUSBAND WHO WAS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED; BUT THERE WAS NO ANSWER.

THAT DESPERATE MOMENT

GOD HAD TO BRING ME to the end of my resources before I learned what it means to trust Him. All the years I talked of trusting God were just years of talk—doing Him lip service. I was going on my own strength and really hadn't trusted Him at all!

This truth was brought to me forcefully after my husband died suddenly of a heart attack. I found myself with three small children, no savings, and no work experience. I was faced with the immediate problem of finding employment to provide for our needs and a baby-sitter to care for the children.

Again and again I asked God why He had taken my husband who was so badly needed; but there was no answer, no comfort—just a gnawing, empty feeling and a vague restlessness.

I yearned for peace of mind, but for me there was no peace. It was something I was always searching for, but never finding.

I lived with this emptiness and came to think that perhaps the promises of "peace that passeth understanding" must be at least a little bit exaggerated. Yet I called myself a Christian, for I came from a Christian home, and had attended church and Sunday school for as long as I could remember.

I was fortunate in having my parents in the same city. They tried to encourage me and helped with the care of the children; but for the most part, the responsibility was mine alone.

Characteristically, I was a worrier. I worried about everything; made problems out of anything.

I still read my Bible and prayed before I went to sleep, but this didn't fill the emptiness or give me peace. It was more of a moral exercise I felt compelled to do, partly from years of habit, and partly from an honest desire to somehow touch God and get healing for my troubled spirit.

Some said I was being "tested," and there came a time when I wondered how much more testing I could stand. "Take your problems to the Lord," others said; and I answered, "But I do."

Slowly, steadily, and erosively the growing tensions and frustrations were affecting my health. Three years after my husband was taken so suddenly, I collapsed and spent several weeks in a hospital. My parents cared for the children while I lay in bed and took tranquilizers to induce rest. I felt guilty that my parents were doing my job. At the same time, I felt relief in just lying there—relieved, for the time being, of burdens which my mind



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had projected into mountainous proportions I could no longer cope with.

Suggestions came from various sources. Christian friends sent me cards; the pastor of my church prayed for my recovery; my doctor said, "You are working too hard; go out and have some fun."

I petitioned God daily about my health, my children, my financial problems, my inability to carry on alone the responsibilities I had once shared with a husband. Every day the same problems were there to be taken to the Lord again—and again—and again.

After a few weeks, with the help of the drugs, I recovered enough to go back to my job. I tried to find relaxing social activities as the doctor suggested, but mostly I was too tired; and besides, I felt guilty leaving the children at night when they had been with a sitter all day.

The pills and shots I received regularly from the doctor were a crutch which enabled me to do my work and to sleep at night. I hated to take them, to feel dependent on them. I hated myself for not being able to get along without them.

"But you need them," said the doctor when I complained. I knew he was right, for without them I cried a lot, was edgy, and couldn't sleep. Worst of all, I was afraid I would lose my mind because of the pressures I couldn't handle. What would happen to my children without me to care for them! I thought God knew I existed, but He certainly didn't show it.

At times I felt the confidence, peace, and joy expressed in the church hymns were only nice-sounding words that didn't really work; yet something within refuted my doubts by reminding me what I really be-

lieved—that the Bible was true and that if I believed it I could enjoy all that it promised, including peace.

One weekend, after a particularly worrisome week, I fell on my knees beside my bed and buried my face in my hands. As the tears seeped between my fingers, I told God I couldn't go on with this constant struggle. Earnestly I emptied my grief, my hopelessness, my inability to cope with the life I had been handed. I asked forgiveness for every wrong I had done. I told God I could no longer take care of things and I wasn't going to try. I reminded God that in His Word He told us to bring our burdens to Him, so here they were—all of them. I ended with the words, "Please help me."

That was the breakthrough—the beginning of my way back to mental and spiritual health. Kneeling there, prostrate before God, emptied of self, at last I gave God a chance to step in. A quietness came over me, erasing my fears, blotting out everything except the knowledge that I was experiencing the presence of God. This was truly what I had been searching for—what I had wanted for so long—this was the "peace that passeth understanding."

For a time I was afraid to move, afraid the wonder of this moment would leave and I would be back where I had been, still searching for this quietness and peace of spirit.


Since that time I have learned the truth of God's promise. When He says to bring our burdens to Him, He means just that. We must bring them and lay them at

His feet—and leave them there. The simpleness of it overwhelms me, yet my own stubbornness kept me from coming to this point of relinquishing my whole life, whatever was left of it, to Jesus.

I learned the secret of trust that day and I have trusted ever since. Jesus took my burden then and He is carrying it for me now. In return He filled my heart with joy—the joy a child must have when he feels his hand securely held in the hand of his father.

It took a long time for my stubborn will to break so Jesus could take over my life. All the time I thought God was unmindful of my need, when it was I who unknowingly had barred the door to my heart. As long as I determinedly insisted on trying to solve all my problems myself, God couldn't help me. My moment of desperation had to come before I was able to admit I couldn't handle my life myself.

Daily now I turn the cares of the day over to Him. I learned the hard way to trust Him and to know that no matter what the day holds—good or bad—Jesus is present to share it with me.

There are times when I find myself trying to carry the problems of the day again in my own strength. As soon as I realize this, I ask forgiveness. I find that God always keeps His promises, if I do my part. He has never failed me since that desperate moment which brought relinquishment to Him—and greater happiness and peace than I had ever known. 

WHAT
TO DO WHEN
DAYS
ARE JUST
A DAZE

JUST BETWEEN US MOTHERS

By JOYCE DeMENT
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RR-R-R-R-ING! An insistent alarm reminds you it's Monday morning. The morning sunlight reminds you you didn't reset the alarm after the weekend, and this is a school day! Leaping out of bed you grab your robe and smooth your hair a little on the way to the kitchen.

Start the coffee. Boil water for oatmeal. Butter bread for the boys' lunches. . . .

"Muth-err! Don won't give me back my library book." The twins are fighting again. *Why?*

"Time for breakfast," you call as cheerfully as possible.

Dear Lord, help me to be patient. It's not their fault I overslept.

"Mommy, I lost my blue mittens again," your six-year-old announces as she slides into her place at the table.

"Well, you're just going to have to learn—"

Please, Lord.

"Hurry, boys. It's getting late. I overslept this morning."

The hands of the clock sweep relentlessly on as you feed, dress, and finally rush the children out the door just in time for the bus. Lunch sacks, school books, even

the elusive blue mittens—they leave with everything they need. Everything, that is, but the strength of a quiet moment of prayer together—which was what you wanted most of all to give them before they finally sang out, "Good-bye, Mom."

Fortunately, not every day is like this, but most mothers recognize the potential. Once such an emergency arises, there really isn't much you can do about it except to take care of your family with all the efficiency and grace at your command. But don't let the crisis set the pace for your entire day.

With the children off to school, slow down. Get your Bible while you sip your coffee and spend some time with your Lord. A few moments with Him will give you the grace and strength you need for the day's activities.

Ideally, of course, we mothers should have our quiet time with the Lord before we join our families for the morning routine. It brings spiritual poise into our lives and a godly influence to our families.

Jesus grew up in a family with brothers and sisters and He experienced the normal family situations. I think He looks down on us with compassion and concern. At the same time, I believe He expects us to give our children more than food and clothing and a "good life" materially and culturally. We may miss devotions occasionally, but our children should be able to look upon this as a break in routine, not as the usual thing.

Mother's Day (when we receive more tributes than we deserve) is a good time for us to take stock of our overall pattern of living with our children. Let us determine that we shall so live by God's grace that if our children do indeed rise up to call us "blessed" (Proverbs 31:28), it will be with more than hollow sentiment.



THIS IS MISSIONETTES WEEK

MAY 12-18 IS DESIGNATED Missionettes Week this year—a time for the church to become better acquainted with Missionettes and their program.

Missionettes is for girls 7 through 15. By attending meetings the girls become familiar with the missions program of their church—both home and foreign missions—and learn how they can help the missionaries as well as their local church and community.

Missionettes is designed to help girls become better Christians, well adjusted to the life which lies ahead of them. Girls are taught things which will help them overcome temptations, be examples of true Christians, and witness to the unsaved. Junior and Senior Missionettes may participate in the Stairway to the Stars achievement program which gives them further training in God's Word and everyday living.

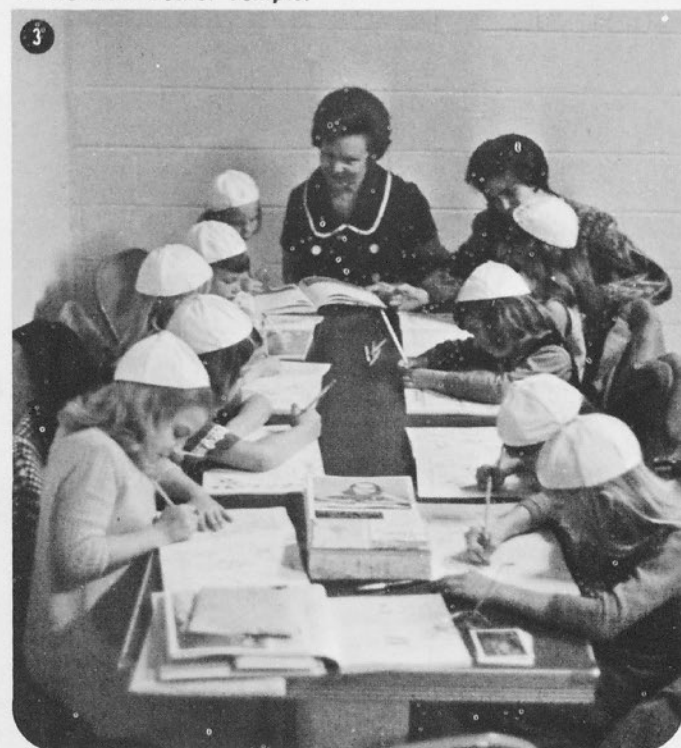
In the past year more than 500 new Missionettes clubs have been organized, bringing the total membership to over 60,000 girls in 5,100 clubs. Approximately 200 clubs for Prims (Primary Missionettes) have been organized since the first of this year.

Missionettes move ahead in this their 13th year of existence, blessed by God and a blessing to others.

(A planning guide for Missionettes Week is included in the May issue of *Advance* magazine.)



1. Mother-Daughter banquets in May have become synonymous with Missionettes. These Missionettes of First Assembly, Tucumcari, N. Mex., honored their mothers at such a banquet. Standing in the center are Pastor and Mrs. Roy H. Stewart. Betty Cohee, sponsor, is at the right. 2. These eight Missionettes of First Assembly, Topeka, Kans., were crowned Missionettes Honor Stars at a sectional rally. This is a record for a local church. Six of the girls are charter members of the club which was organized in 1964. Mrs. Paul Lowenberg (right), Kansas District WMC president, spoke at this event. Mrs. Deloris Weaver, sponsor, is at the left. 3. Mrs. Edith Little, director of children and Prims sponsor at Bethel Temple, Fort Worth, Tex., is shown with the Prims as they work on their handbooks. They received their charter certificate at a Sunday morning service conducted by Pastor Charles R. Jones. Recently, three of the girls went as delegates to the Daniels Childrens Home in Fairfield, Tex., to take 137 packages of Jello and cake mixes from Bethel Temple.



BUILDING A GIRLS PROGRAM

By **JIM McCORKLE** *Associate Pastor, First Assembly, Bartlesville, Oklahoma*

WHETHER ONE BUILDS A CITY WALL as Nehemiah did, a temple as Solomon, or a girls program as is being done at First Assembly, the requirements are the same—vision and dedicated effort. These elements have characterized the development of our total Missionettes program. As a result we are erecting a monument to God with the pliable clay of youth rather than of stone.

On February 18, 1968, eight ladies met with the deliberateness of a board of directors to lay the groundwork for the program. As facts were presented and objective evaluations made, the unanimous consensus was that we could and should develop a girls program comparable to that enjoyed by the boys of our church through Royal Rangers.

Quickly these ladies donned the attire of female engineers and began poring over available Missionettes information in search of the proper architectural design.

The blueprints provided by the National Missionettes Division revealed that materials and tools were necessary. Orders for materials began flowing into our office. Manuals for sponsors, samples of achievement programs, beanies, badges, and books were found to be essentials to such a program.

Excitement began to filter through the ranks of our workers as these items were delivered to the job site. Tools that would help us mold human clay immediately came into view.

This phase of the project quickly gave way to the actual excavation. In other words we had to create a place for the program in the church schedule. Sponsors established prospective meeting places, timetables, and dates for their meetings. The church calendar was re-adjusted, and Missionettes became firmly established in our total church program.

It was a backbreaking and often difficult task to lay such a foundation, but the entire success of our program will rest solidly upon it. The plumbline has been dropped at each of the Missionettes walls—Prims, Juniors, Seniors—and the sponsors are mixing their mortar. Working beside them is the adviser of the Young Women's Missionary Council, placing into the fourth wall the girls who are beyond Missionettes age but not yet ready to become full-fledged WMC's.

As associate pastor I have observed this construction project with keen interest. These ladies are tenderly evaluating each life, coating it with the mortar of love and concern, and then by faith placing it solidly in the wall. The mortar of Christian love is strong. It will bind girls to Christ, the chief Cornerstone.

As the program remains captivating to them, we will be able to instill basic principles of Christianity. We are convinced that Missionettes programming provides us with one more golden opportunity to mold and shape the eternal destiny of our girls.



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Missionettes groups and sponsors of the First Assembly in Bartlesville. Shown counterclockwise are: Y's, seniors, juniors, and Prims.





Mother Ratcliff lovingly prepares a meal for her visiting children.

GRANDMA IS "IN" WITH THE TEENS

LOVE IS HER WAY

By MRS. WHEELER ANDERSON

Missionary to Liberia

SHE DOESN'T PLAY A GUITAR. She doesn't decorate her room with mod posters. But she is "in" with the young generation.

We had just returned from another term of missionary service in Africa. It was our first Sunday to attend our home church, Central Assembly in El Sobrante, California. We had taken her to church with us. After the service, we had greeted and hugged and been welcomed.

Then, as soon as I could, I looked around for her. She is small; isn't easily seen in a crowd.

I was hurrying through the church foyer meaning to look outside for her, when I noticed a circle of teen-agers. As I went past, I caught sight of a familiar hat. Sure enough—there she was in the middle of that group of young people.

Later in the day I asked her, "Why were all those teen-agers crowded around you this morning?"

"Teen-agers? Oh, they just wanted to say hello to me. They know I'm disappointed if I don't get a chance to speak to them."

"But why?"

"Why? Well, because they know I love them, I guess."

Yes, I should have known, for hers is a loving heart.

That's my mom. Mother of eight. Stepmother of three. Grandmother of 12. Six of her progeny are ministers of the gospel. Every one of her children and grandchildren, as far as I know, is living for the Lord Jesus Christ.

She's 87 now. Lives alone. Likes to have us all home for Christmas. Can still work circles around "us girls" sometimes. She's thrifty, but generous. She never complains, though we know she is often lonely. Always optimistic. She never pities herself, always thinks the best of people and circumstances.

We like to tease her a little occasionally just to hear her hearty laugh. She enjoys laughing at herself.

Cheerful. Constant. A daughter of the King, "all glorious within."

I'll never forget her standing on her little front porch waving a smiling good-bye to us after we have been there for a visit.

Life has not always been easy for Mom. Hers has been a colorful, checkered life of hope and joy, disappointments and setbacks.

She married my father after his first wife had died and left him with three half-grown children. My father was zealous for right, but he liked to move about. Mom counts over 50 houses she made into homes in her 33 years of marriage. Managing to feed the family, make clothes, alter hand-me-downs for the younger children, make a garden, can jars and jars of fruit and vegetables, help my father in his photographic business. Then, after my father's death, pay off the debts.

Death has taken four of her children.

Even today Mom knows if she did as she feels like doing, she would soon be incapable of enjoying life. Her arthritis and other physical conditions would incapacitate her. She forgets her feelings and keeps going.

In this youth-worshipping age, when stories of yesterday seem to have little or no relevance to today's living, Mom is an inspiration to all of us who are tempted to complain. Perhaps some elderly people do become testy and crotchety. Not Mom. The years have brought her to contentment and acceptance.

"Eileen," she says, "we can't change people. We have

Pastor Russell Griffin greets Mother Ratcliff at church.



to let them do as they will. Only the Lord can change them."

She had her part of the price to pay when she saw us leave for West Africa with two little ones in 1948.

"So many folks ask me whether you're planning to go back to Africa," she said to us a few weeks ago.

"Yes, Mom, we've accepted a new assignment in Liberia. We are to establish a printing press in Monrovia," I answered.

"In Liberia? That's where they're having so much trouble, isn't it? Well," she added with determined resignation, "as I have said so many times, I'd rather you'd be where God wants you than for you to be here near me and not be in God's will."

I shall never be able to praise God enough for my Christian parents, for a praying mother who sought patiently to direct me in the path of righteousness, who just went on loving me in spite of my repeated failures.

"I have faith in your prayers, Emma," one of her sisters said to her.

And so have we. We depend on her prayers. And pray for us she surely does.

Faithful to her Lord. Faithful to her family. Faithful to her church.

A youthful spirit; a faithful heart and mind; a loving way. But the greatest of these is her loving way.

That's my Jesus-loving, people-loving, ever-loving mom.

A mother's testimony

TRUST GOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN

I AM ALMOST 83 YEARS OLD and rejoicing in God's faithfulness to me and my family of nine children, all of whom are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

I had occasion to trust God for a special need during World War II. My son Elmo became ill with rheumatic fever while in the Army and was in critical condition for about eight months. Army doctors did all they could for him, and he was finally given an honorable discharge.

When he arrived home, he fell across the bed saying, "I'm so sick I don't know what to do." But he was a Christian, and I reminded him that the Great Physician had never failed us. According to Matthew 18:19, "If any two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven." My daughter-in-law was with us and that made three of us to agree. We prayed together, and the work was done.

Elmo slept all night and got up early the next morning completely well. The pastor of a church nearby, where some of his friends were conducting a revival, asked him to lead the song services and work around the altar. He did so and was up late every night for the next three weeks without ill effects. That was 24 years ago.

I write this to encourage other mothers to trust God with and for their children. Elmo now has five children, all of whom are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. How I do praise God that I found the Lord in time to lead my family to Him. He has never failed us.—Mrs. Eula Kendall, San Bernardino, Calif.

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YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



A minister says God reveals things to him before they happen—automobile accidents and many other things. Is this not bordering on spiritism?

The Holy Ghost has come, not to guide us in the field of novelties, but to take the things of Christ and reveal them unto us (John 16:7-16). He came to develop in us the Christ-life (Ephesians 3:17).

What does it mean to "pray through"?

To "pray through" is to pray until assurance comes that our prayers will be answered. We may have a desire to pray effectively and not be able. This is why we need the help of the Holy Spirit in our prayer life. "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27).

In James 4:3 we are warned, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." This refers to selfish praying, when the human spirit demands that God do what we want to have done. Praying in the Spirit, in contrast, is to commit ourselves to God and pray that His will, not ours, shall be done.

How do you interpret the words of Jesus to Peter: "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"? (Matthew 16:19).

The *Scofield Reference Bible* suggests that this promise to Peter was fulfilled (1) when he opened the door of the Christian church to the Jews at Pentecost, and (2) when he opened the door of the Church to the Gentiles at the home of Cornelius. This explanation has considerable merit.

A further thought: the Church has Christ's offer of salvation. Christ said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Paul said, "We are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life" (2 Corinthians 2:15, 16). Through the gospel we preach, men are loosed or bound.

Then there is Christian discipline. If a church has to discipline a member, "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." But I do not believe that any man on earth has the power to remit another's sin, thus saying who can be saved; or to retain sin, thus claiming power to damn.

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.



By RUTH COPELAND / Kansas City, Kansas

SHE WAS A WIDOW in times that provided no aid for mothers with dependent children. She carved out an existence for us by keeping a milk cow, raising a garden, and working at a 70-hour-a-week job for eight dollars a week.

She was plucky! By scheming and exercising thrift she saw to it that we started every winter with a barrel of apples, a bin of potatoes, a drum of lard, rows and rows of canned vegetables and fruits, and a sack each of sugar and flour.

Before the days of miracle drugs, and when doctoring or hospitalization were virtually unreachable for poor people, she nursed us through every illness with a shrewd combination of home remedies, the most effective ingredients of which were probably her prayers and great faith!

When I wanted to be saved, she was the personal worker who showed me the way, right in our home. She was my pastor and counselor, for we had no full gospel church. At times when she would sense I was growing careless and cold spiritually, she would suggest, "Ruth, let's pray!" When my dry prayers had run out, I would fall asleep on my knees, only to awaken an hour or so later to find Mother still praying and the glory and power of God literally flooding the room. I would plunge into that luxurious atmosphere of prayer and praise and find strength to go a little further in the Christian life. Thus she shepherded me through my teen years.

During the depression years she finally lost the struggle to keep up the interest on the mortgage and the taxes, and had to let her home go.

Yet her spiritual wealth continued to increase in lives into which she projected her love and her faith in God—young people, old people, neighbors, correspondents, her pastors and their families, and her grandchildren.

Now she is gone! Sometime after the funeral we found her will. She had titled it "My Legacy." With her own hand she had described the imperishable wealth she was leaving us, asked us not to be sad, and promised that she would wait and watch for us to join her. She said:

"Full well do I know, dear ones, how sad you may be when you come to realize that your mother is no more to meet you in this life.

"But I beg of you not to mourn, and may your hearts not be saddened. For I who have lived and loved you so much have passed on to be with the dear risen Lord and Saviour where there is no more sorrow and tears and where farewells are never spoken. And I will be watching and waiting for each one of you dear ones to meet me in Glory. I will expect you all in that heavenly home.

"So just be happy in your thoughts that I am safely at home after the storms of life and its tempest of many struggles and cares. . . .

"I am most glad to meet my Master and Lord. When He calls, just cast your burdens and cares on Him who is able and willing to bear them, and let Him have His way in your life and lean on the everlasting arms. The time won't be long. Soon we will all be reunited on the other shore with our robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

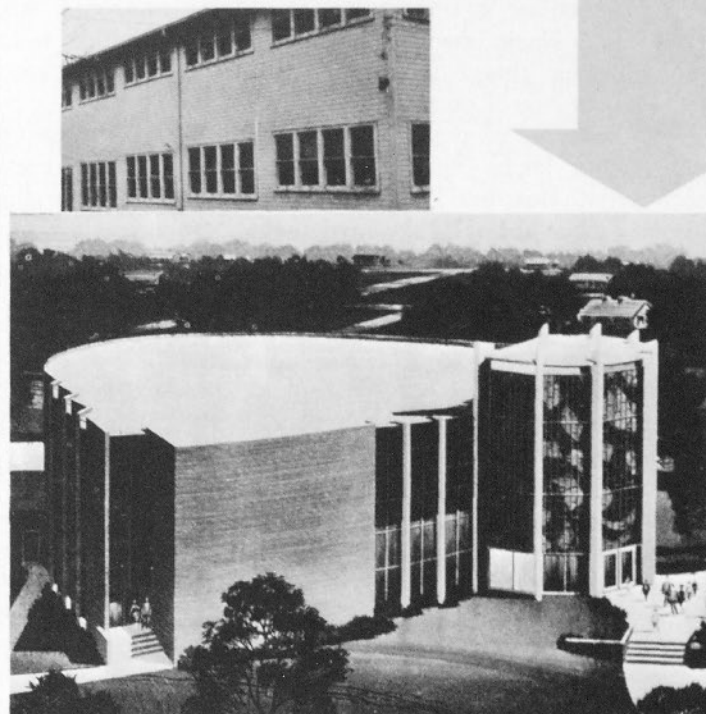
"Of this world's goods I have very little, as you know. But I leave you this legacy of my love.

"Now I commit you dear children and grandchildren to the Lord who can and will guide you with His light and love to the heavenly Home."

This legacy must have been why, when her Saviour called her and she was slipping out of her tired and worn body, her spirit could be so triumphant that it imprinted an expression of radiant joy and fulfillment on the lifeless features!

Mothers, are we preparing to leave such a legacy to our children?

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CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12-19

Sunday	Luke 3, 4	Thursday	Luke 11, 12
Monday	Luke 5, 6	Friday	Luke 13, 14
Tuesday	Luke 7, 8	Saturday	Luke 15, 16
Wednesday	Luke 9, 10	Sunday	Luke 17, 18

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

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COLONEL SANDERS BEGINS A NEW LIFE

Reported by LEE SHULTZ, National Secretary of Radio

DRESSED IN HIS TRADITIONAL WHITE FLANNEL SUIT and black bow tie, Colonel Harland Sanders, famous for his "finger lickin' good Kentucky fried chicken," met us at the Louisville, Kentucky, airport.

His schedule of personal appearances and business appointments keeps him crisscrossing the nation almost constantly. But into this overcrowded schedule he had injected time for C. M. Ward and me to interview him about his life experiences.

As he drove us the 29 miles from the airport to his home in Shelbyville, we began to sense the warmth, humor, and genial character of the Kentucky Colonel.

"I'm more of a Kentuckian than the Kentuckians. I was born just across the river in Indiana, but I became a Kentuckian by choice," chuckled our host.

Our interview took place in the parlor of his beautifully redecorated 95-year-old southern colonial home. As C. M. Ward led the interviewing, the Colonel responded by reminiscing about his early boyhood on the farm, his years as a railroad engineer, his first adventures into business, and even some of the gun-shooting skirmishes so typical of the early years in the Kentucky mountain areas.

His title of "Colonel" was conferred upon him by the governor. The appointment which reflects the colorful history of Kentucky, included the responsibility of commandeering the militia to "preserve the peace" in his area of the state.

As he relived events that stood out among others in his memory, he was even more convinced that, as he put it, "God was preserving me to bless me or punish me." Not knowing which for so many years became almost a torment of soul.

Having gone the gamut of church activities—having served on the church board, committees, as Sunday school superintendent, as a delegate to national church conventions and numerous church functions—yet there was lurking inside a sense of guilt a question of not knowing. No amount of church attendance or faithful stewardship brought the desired peace of soul.

Venturing into Evangel Tabernacle in Louisville and talking to Pastor Waymon Rogers he was like Nicodemus who asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?"

Colonel Sanders was 75. "I've heard all my life, pastor, that a man can know he is saved; can I really know?"

That very night Colonel Harland Sanders came to really know and he began a new life.

Meeting crises, beginning over again, was not new for him. At 65, after having accepted his first Social Security check, he began the road back up in building his business. Today the Colonel's picture on billboards, Kentucky fried chicken stores, and television commercials is a familiar sight to millions of people.

As Mr. Sanders showed us through his spacious home, he took us into the kitchen, his "laboratory," equipped with fine commercial stoves. Here he still experiments with tasty recipes, meticulously measuring and weighing each ingredient to capture the exotic taste he desires. Soon he will be "beginning again" a new Colonel Sanders' food specialty.

That experience at Evangel Tabernacle, however, was the big "beginning again." It has brought new dimensions to his life. Life now has a greater purpose—to do the will of God.

Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life is the title of the new *Revivaltime* summer soul-winning miniature, containing the highlights, moments of humor, heartache, and victory in the life of Colonel Sanders.

This is another in the series of life experiences shared from great men in America, who have been willing to let their Christian testimony speak as loudly as their success and affluence in the scientific and business world.

In the past three years J. C. Penney, the businessman; Dr. Wernher von Braun, world's greatest rocket scientist; and Wallace Johnson, founder and president of Holiday Inns of America, have shared their testimonies in *Revivaltime* miniatures. More than a million copies of these miniatures have circled the world.

Here is another real "door opener," a "conversation starter" for easy and effective witnessing.

If Colonel Sanders at 75 could start a new life, the friends to whom you give his testimony will know they too can start again, as the Holy Spirit uses it to bring them to a born-again experience.

Yes, there is a real Colonel Sanders—now a new man, beginning a new life!

National Secretary of Radio Lee Shultz (left), Colonel Harland Sanders, and "Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. Ward (right) share a time of prayer. Colonel Sanders is the subject of the latest miniature booklet now being prepared by the radio speaker. Titled, "Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life," the miniature relates the incidents leading to the Colonel's salvation at the age of 75 and will be distributed during this summer's annual "Revivaltime" summer soul-winning crusade.





BGMC's of Skyview Assembly, Sand Springs, Okla., display their ribbons. Each button on ribbons represents a barrel returned.



BGMC ushers prepare to take an offering on BGMC Day at Lighthouse Assembly, Ardmore, Okla.

BGMC TURNS THE KEY

BGMC DAY OFFERINGS for 1968 reached a record high of \$74,305.51, far exceeding the goal of \$51,000.

Across the nation boys and girls who had faithfully given all year long were joined by their parents and others in this annual Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade Day offering in February.

"Reading Is the Key" was the theme; and, thanks to those who shared in this offering, that key will open many doors of learning about God's Word in Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. Hundreds of students in our 15 Bible schools in these areas will enjoy the use of textbooks furnished through this offering. Correspondence courses, for which there is great need, will carry God's Word into many homes because BGMC helped provide them. Translation and printing projects will go forward. Many tracts and other literature will be printed and distributed this year through BGMC.

Not only on BGMC Day, but all through the year, the boys and girls in our churches bring in their offerings to help provide "the Word for the world." Last year BGMC Day offerings accounted for approximately 25 percent of the entire year's offering of \$239,545.95. Year-round giving under the leadership of faithful pastors and workers is the backbone of the BGMC program.

Throughout the years the national BGMC office is in touch with local leaders, providing suggested program materials and other helps. An example of the dedicated

work that goes on in local churches under faithful leaders is that done in Skyview Assembly, Sand Springs, Okla., where L. M. Reed is pastor. Carolyn Gaines, BGMC secretary, wrote recently:

"Last January (1967) our BGMC offering was \$10 for the month, and by December the monthly offering had tripled.

"Each child was given a BGMC button each time he returned a barrel. On the last Sunday of the year they returned all the buttons. We attached these to black ribbon which they wore (see accompanying picture). Those who returned their barrels all 12 months were awarded gold barrel pins.

"Out of 65 members in the junior department, 42 boys and girls returned all their offering barrels."

Eleven trophies were presented this year for BGMC Day. Most of the winners have received trophies before.

Fair Ridge Pentecostal Assembly, Shade Gap, Pa., gave \$3,800 in the 1968 BGMC Day offering, receiving the grand award for highest giving in the nation for the fourth consecutive year.

Runner-up award for highest giving was Pentecostal Tabernacle, Elmira, N. Y., with an offering of \$2,294. This is Elmira's fourth year as runner-up.

The top district in February giving was Eastern, with \$11,464.34. New York was second, with \$55,719.24.

Seven trophies were presented to churches which gave the largest offerings in their attendance categories. These divisional award winners were:

601 and over—*First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn.*—\$715.09 (two years);

451-600—*Gospel Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn.*—\$925.79 (charter BGMC group, organized in 1949; has received trophies every year except two; and top award four years);

301-450—*Grace Pentecostal Church, Johnstown, Pa.*—\$900 (four years);

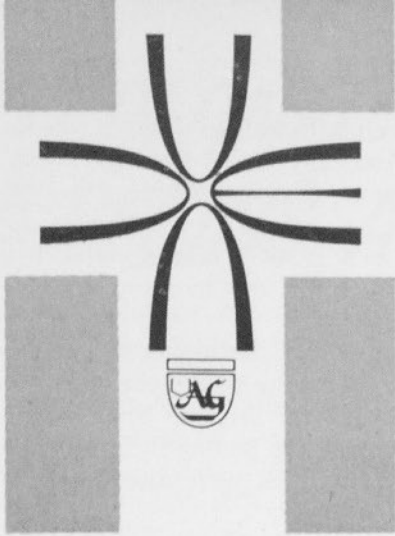
201-300—*Trinity Tabernacle, Baytown, Tex.*—\$1,081.78 (trophy eight years; top award five years);

126-200—*Central Assembly, Baytown, Tex.*—\$660.27;
76-125—*Assembly of God, Wentzville, Mo.*—\$737.34 (two years);

75 and under—*Calvary Assembly of God, Clairton, Pa.*—\$229.62 (two years).

The Assembly of God Sunday school at Union Grove, Wis., features "Buddy Barrel" to promote BGMC all year long.





SOMETHING DIFFERENT IS PLANNED!

COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM-SEMINARS

By MEL DeVRIES / *Chairman, Seminars Committee*

THE SEMINARS of the Council on Evangelism, conducted August 26-29, in St. Louis, Missouri, will be different from the usual workshops and conferences of previous national and regional conventions. Delegates will be invited to interact with the seminar speaker and with other delegates on topics of importance to the future of the Pentecostal movement.

INTERACTION FORMAT

Each seminar will feature a speaker, moderator, and three-member panel. The speaker will present a 20-minute message on the seminar topic. Panel members will follow this with spontaneous comments which enlarge upon or clarify the message. They will also ask questions of the speaker.

The moderator will provide opportunity for all delegates to contribute through additional questions and expressions. He may also divide the delegates into smaller groups for more intense discussion on specific phases of the seminar topic as the need arises. When smaller groups are used, a spokesman for each group will be asked to report the findings to the entire seminar.

A recording secretary will be present in each seminar to summarize the discussion and ultimate findings on each topic. This information will be given to the Committee on Advance for guidance in their continuing evaluation of the Assemblies of God. Thus each delegate, through his contribution in the seminar, will help the Assemblies of God chart a course for fulfilling its mission in today's world.

TIME AND PLACE

Each morning from 10 to 11:55 and each evening from 6:30 to 7:25 (August 27, 28, and 29) the seminars will be the basic feature of the Council on Evangelism.

The Sheraton-Jefferson and Gateway Hotels will be the sites for the 24 morning topics. Every morning, eight different topical discussions will be conducted concurrently in each hotel. Each topic will be presented by the same speaker and moderator in each hotel, but on

different days. This will give delegates two opportunities to choose each morning topic.

The 12 vesper topics will be presented in the Kiel Auditorium. Every evening there will be a choice of four different topics to attend. The format for these will be basically the same but will be modified to fit the shorter time period.

Be sure to watch for a schedule for each seminar in a later *Evangel*. Information on speakers and moderators for the seminars will also be released later.

TOPICS

Topics for the seminars have been carefully chosen to be sure every delegate finds several that interest him. These sessions on important facets of our mission in today's world will be beamed to district officers; pastors and associate ministers; evangelists; missionaries; educators; department leaders and workers in local churches; laymen and women; and college, career, and high school youth.

Following is a list of seminar topics with brief information about each:

MORNING TOPICS:

THE BIBLE BASIS FOR EVANGELISM

Defining evangelism according to the Biblical pattern; including the work of the Holy Spirit; the forgiveness of God; and the destiny of the lost; also the application of these truths.

COOPERATING IN MASS EVANGELISM

The Biblical basis for this type of evangelism; planning for effective citywide efforts; how local churches can benefit from this kind of evangelism.

EVANGELISM IN A CHANGING SOCIETY

The message of Pentecost to a changing and troubled society—secularism, materialism, moral revolution, and urbanization. Opportunities for inner-city evangelism will be highlighted.

EVANGELISM THROUGH PASTORAL COUNSELING

How to help people with specific problems: marital relationships, alcoholism, dope addiction, financial, and mental difficulties. When to refer problems to a specialist.

THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
Determining the thrust (salvation, deeper life, etc.) and age level (e.g., youth or children); developing proper relationships between the church and the evangelist; considering the changing patterns of campaign evangelism.

THE FOCUS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The broad scope of Christian education in the local church and its relationship to evangelism.

GIRLS—OPPORTUNITY FOR EVANGELISM
Knowing girls, understanding their spiritual needs, and using that knowledge to reach them for Christ. (Girls through age 11.)

HELPING NEW CONVERTS GROW
How to conserve the results of the evangelistic outreach; the importance of follow-up.

LEADING A SOUL TO CHRIST
How to bring a person to a decision for Christ. How to use the Bible in accomplishing this.

THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH MUSIC
An evaluation of Pentecostal music; its place in the fulfillment of our mission as a Movement.

THE MIRACULOUS IN EVANGELISM
Comparing the miraculous element in New Testament evangelism with modern-day counterparts. Encouraging expectancy for a miraculous ministry in the local church.

OPENING NEW CHURCHES
A study of ways a local church can start an outreach ministry in a neighboring community. Such means as open-air meetings, drive-in churches, surveys, branch Sunday schools, etc., will be discussed.

OUR MISSION TO YOUTH
Considering the needs of the college and career young people. Discussing opportunities for reaching them. Includes gospel witness on campus and evangelizing foreign students in the United States.

OUR WORLDWIDE RESPONSIBILITY
Fulfilling the Great Commission in foreign evangelism. How each church and each member can become involved.

OUTREACH THROUGH TV AND RADIO
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HOW A MISSIONARY CHILD FEELS ABOUT GROWING UP ON THE MISSION FIELD

Mothers' Day 1968

Dear Mom and Dad,

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE a regular letter of newsy tidbits and ordinary questions. Instead, I just wanted to write a little love letter to the most wonderful parents in the whole world.

I have been worried recently by the number of kids my age who are rebelling against their parents and who don't appreciate or love them.

Here in my first year of college—my first year of a life of my own—I want to thank you for what you are and what you have done for me. I just want you to know how very much I love you and the life that we have led together.

I'm sure there were moments when you doubted the wisdom of taking four small children to Africa. I am sure there were moments when common sense told you to settle down to a "normal" life for your children's sake. How glad I am that you didn't!

I cannot imagine a better setting for the scenes of childhood than the mango groves of the Livingston Mountains in which to play Tarzan, or the elephant grass of the Rift Valley in which to "hunt" wild game just like Daddy did. Where in the United States could I have had Swahili playmates who knew games played with rocks, string, and bamboo—games that had been handed down century after century by bush Africans?

Where else could I have learned

to plait short, fuzzy hair in intricate designs—an art that didn't work on fine, brown hair? I think nowhere but in East Africa, where life was great!

School life, 360 miles from home, was great too. I suppose boarding school was the best thing that could have happened to me. Even though I was only eight, you were wise to send me away so I could have children my age with whom to compete and form lasting friendships. The rudiments of life—how to take care of myself and how to get along with others—were taught to me at that point, also. More important in my growth, however, was the fact that I learned a real appreciation for my family and home.

The times I spent at home, though they were few, are still treasures in my memory. I remember reading by the fireplace or pumped-up kerosene lamps that were so dim I felt like Lincoln in his log cabin; I remember camping by the Ruaha River, miles from any settlement; hearing for the first time the laugh of the hyena, the bellow of water buffalo, and the eerie cry of wild birds; tasting for the first time a savory slice of zebra, juicy steak of eland, and roasted deiker; and enjoying the many hours of play with my brothers and sister in the mission compound.

Yes, how fortunate I was to have the opportunity to travel the conti-

nents with you and gain a storehouse of knowledge and experiences. More than the thrill of seeing the beauties and wonders of the world, and more than the surge of adventure in traveling, I am glad for the aesthetic appreciation, the feeling of the vastness of the world, and the broad horizons of outlook that have been instilled in me.

I am glad that because I lived my formative years with you, I, too, feel the burden of lost souls, and hear the cries of the multitude pleading for a Saviour they know not.

It was because of you, Mom and Dad—because you took time to explain things, time to understand my problems, time just to be with me even with your busy schedule, and time to point me to Jesus—just because of you that I am a "well-adjusted college freshman" considered to be psychologically and emotionally sound. I don't have to look to the world's commodities and enticements to find peace and security.

It means so much to know that I have two wonderful people who never forget to call my name in prayer every day. I have a wonderful family behind me and with that knowledge and the help of Christ, I know I can attain the high calling of my life: service to Christ in mission work.

In simple language, Mom and Dad, I sure love you.

Becky

BECKY HARRIS IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. CHARITY HARRIS, FORMER MISSIONARIES TO TANZANIA, NOW PASTORING IN SAND SPRINGS, OKLAHOMA. SHE IS A STUDENT AT CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE.

LEADERS MEET AT

Lima

IN ONE YEAR'S TIME the number of Latin American people in Assemblies of God churches has grown from 1,247,896 to 1,798,439—an increase of 550,543 new converts!

To discuss this phenomenal growth and many other important matters, the Fellowship of the Assemblies of God in South America (CADSA) met in Lima, Peru, January 15-19.

This international fellowship covers the southern zone of Latin America and was attended by missionaries and national leaders from Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil, as well as foreign missions personnel from the United States and representatives from Colombia, Venezuela, and Mexico.

Melvin L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America and the West Indies, said concerning the triennial gathering, "The first CADSA conference was held in Santiago, Chile, in 1961, and the second was in Buenos Aires in 1964. This third conference, held in Lima, was without question the best and most fruitful we have held to date. The attendance was good, and the spiritual tide was high."

The main speaker for the conference was Foreign Missions Executive Director J. Philip Hogan. He pre-

sented three messages on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Others attending from the United States were Loren Triplett, Verne Warner, George Davis, Juan Romero, and Alva and Louise Walker—all from the Spanish Literature Division—as well as Mrs. Lois Hodges, wife of the field secretary.

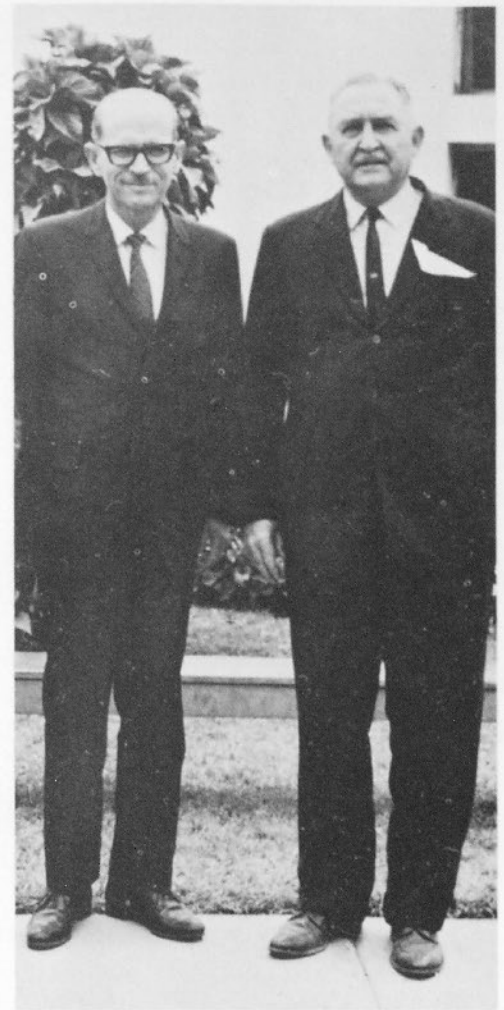
The new CADSA committee members are: Louie Stokes (Argentina), president; Monroe D. Grams (Bolivia), vice-president; and Eduardo Rios (Peru), secretary-treasurer. The committee will serve until the next conference is held in Bolivia in 1971.

On his return to Springfield, Missouri, Brother Hogan said:

"Since these regional conferences meet every three years, they give me an opportunity to observe the national church from a vantage point that the missionary perhaps does not enjoy. You never know how fast your own children are growing until somebody who hasn't seen them regularly comments on their growth.

"By seeing these national leaders every three years and hearing them preach and carry on business sessions, I am able to see what the Spirit of God is doing among them.

"The Lima conference was a good example of this. In these meetings



Field Secretary Melvin L. Hodges (left) stands with Louie Stokes, new president of CADSA.

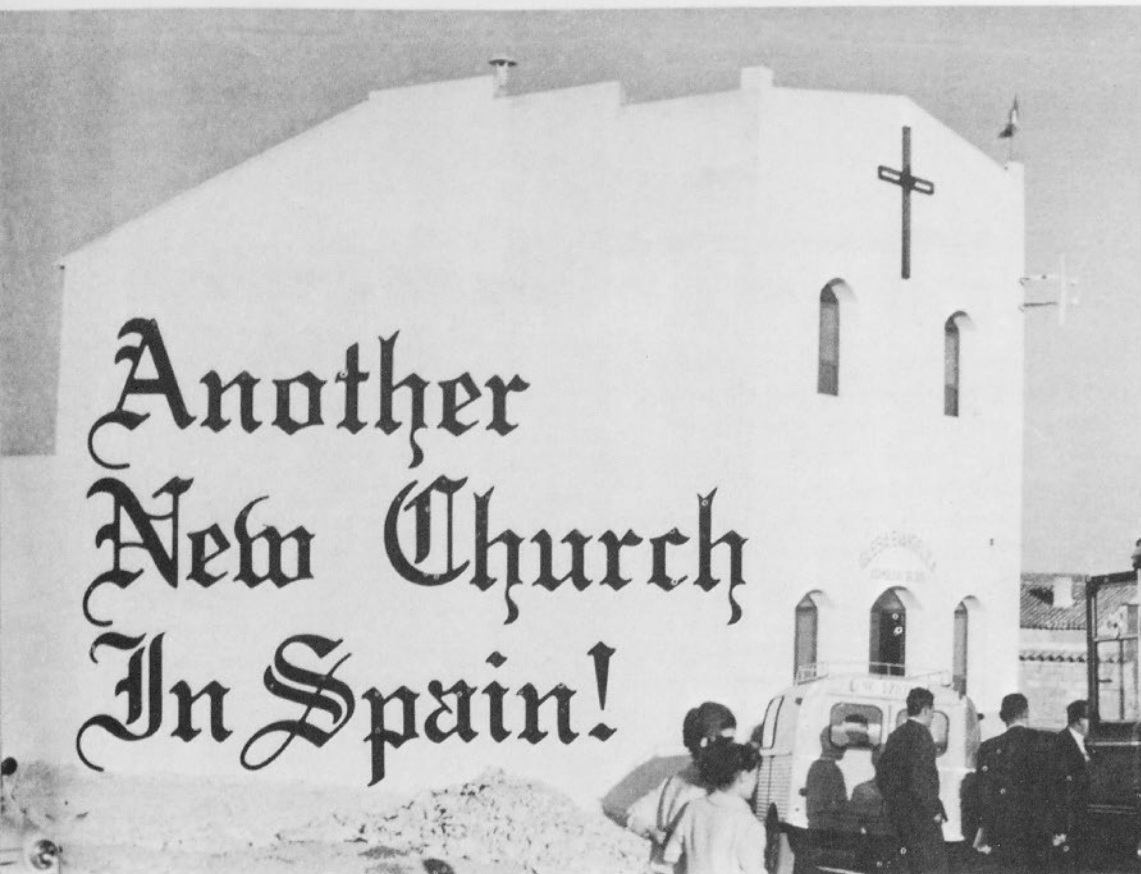
there were devotional messages, presentations of stated themes, and discussion on related topics that would have graced any such meeting anywhere in the world."

CADSA is one of a number of international fellowships of Assemblies of God leaders that are developing around the world.

Delegates and guests attending CADSA in Lima, Peru.



Another New Church In Spain!



By W. KENNETH McINTYRE / *Missionary to Spain*

A NEW CONGREGATION in the town of Villargordo, Spain, was pioneered and established this past year by José Palma, national pastor of the Assembly of God in Madrid.

It was in May a year ago that he

began driving 180 miles one way to Villargordo to minister to a small group of Christians who met in the home of a believer. There were decisions for Christ in almost every service, and soon the small group grew



ABOVE: Pastor José Palma leads a testimony service during the dedication. **RIGHT:** Kenneth McIntyre, superintendent of the Spain Assemblies of God, brought the dedicatory message for the Villargordo church. Seated are Kerry Gonzalez (left) and José Palma (right).

into a nice-sized congregation that needed a public place of worship.

The Christ's Ambassadors of the Madrid church rallied to this need. They took up special offerings and last July purchased a plot of ground in a central location of Villargordo. Shortly after that time construction was begun on another "lighthouse" in Spain.

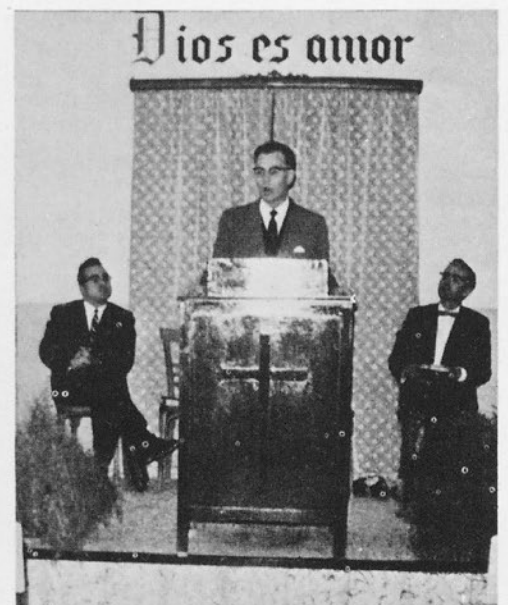
When other Christians heard of the sacrificial giving and the work being done by the C.A.'s, they too sent offerings to hasten completion of the project.

This new structure includes a sanctuary, pastor's quarters, and terrace. Appropriate furniture—platform, pulpit, and simple pews—was made and installed; and well-chosen Bible texts were lettered on the walls in black and red.

November was a great day of victory and rejoicing. A busload of believers came from Madrid, and others traveled from different points of Spain to join the Villargordo congregation and pastor in dedicating their new church building.

Missionaries participating with me in the dedication service were Kerry Gonzalez, pastor of the Evangelistic Center in Barcelona; and Anthony Giordano. The Spirit of God moved upon the congregation as they dedicated the church to God and themselves to greater service for the Lord.

One year after its beginning, the Villargordo church is progressing well. Our prayer and vision is that God may grant the salvation of many in this new and lovely place of worship, and that the seed sown in Villargordo will produce much fruit to the glory of God.



OUR FIRST CONSTRUCTION MISSIONARY



By DAVID A. WOMACK / *Foreign Missions Editor*

GORDON WEDEN is a new kind of missionary. He is the first Assemblies of God foreign missionary ever appointed for construction work.

Over the last few months he has been supervising the building of the new church on Grand Bahama Island and he has helped substantially with the construction of Bible school buildings in Costa Rica.

It may seem strange to some that the Foreign Missions Department would appoint a person to put up buildings; yet constructing churches and Bible schools is a necessary part of our foreign work. Sending an experienced builder can free the hands of the other missionaries for direct evangelism. A preparation in carpentry is not required of missionary candidates nor is it a part of missionary orientation. We can save time and money on the mission field and do a better job by sending an experienced builder.

R. E. Ferguson, missionary to Grand Bahama Island, said recently, "When I saw Gordon Weden working on the foundation of our Freeport church, I knew God had called him to this work. He labored so hard for so many hours that I was almost afraid for him, and yet his eyes lit up with joy to see the church building progressing. As a missionary, I am grateful to God for the help of such a man."

Gordon Weden and his wife Bernice have felt this calling of God for a number of years. Fourteen years ago they invested in a 20-acre piece of property, and a year and a half later the Lord began to deal with them about going to Central America to preach the gospel. Three days after they decided to obey the voice of the Lord, a realtor called to ask about their property. They were able to sell at enough profit to finance the Central American trip.

"Little did I realize," says Gordon Weden, "that this was the opening of a door for service on the mission field

in evangelism and in construction. It was the first evangelistic campaign ever to be conducted in that part of Costa Rica. I can remember leaving the San Jose airfield a few weeks later with my heart torn between going home to my family and remaining on the mission field.

"I had seen the poor condition of the Bible school buildings and realized how I could use my years of general contracting experience and carpenter training for God, and I prayed, 'Lord, make it possible for me to return!'"

God answered his prayer. While Gordon Weden was pastoring a pioneer church in East Wenatchee, Washington, he was asked to go to Costa Rica to supervise the building of the new Bible school. He carried out that project and has returned several times to help with additional buildings, churches, and a missionary residence.

Now that their five children are grown, the Wedens are dedicating themselves to full-time missionary service, not only in Costa Rica but throughout Latin America. They are currently involved with the Mobilization and Placement Service (MAPS) project on Grand Bahama Island and will be supervising other such construction projects.

Most missionaries are given ample time to itinerate among the churches and raise their support, but the Wedens are urgently needed right now on the mission field. The Foreign Missions Department is appealing to interested churches and individuals to send cash offerings and pledge monthly support for these dedicated missionaries.

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KEEP INFORMED

THE FUEL THAT FEEDS THE FIRE of faith and vision are facts. If you want to be more interested in an enterprise, educate yourself with all the available information on the subject.

A recent statistical review of Assemblies of God foreign missions indicates a wide disparity across this Fellowship with respect to knowledge of and response to the foreign missionary appeal. Three districts own the proud record of supporting one missionary for every three churches. An alarming number of large districts support only one missionary (on an average) for every 40 churches!

Here in the Foreign Missions Department office we have learned that missionary response is directly related to knowledge about missions. For this reason we publish all the material we can in an effort to keep timely news before the constituency.

The Pentecostal Evangel makes available choice space every week and allows our editorial staff to fill this with information on missions. Our department also publishes *Good News Crusades* and mails it free to any person who sends us his name and address.

Other Assemblies of God Departments also make space available for world missions features in their publications. Jointly with the Home Missions Department we produce *Call to Prayer*, a free monthly bulletin that gives pictures and birthdays of missionaries and presents special requests.

In addition we publish biographical material. There is a series called *Heroes of the Conquest* which highlights the pioneer efforts of many of our missionaries.

Any sincere person who desires information concerning the foreign missions program should always feel free to write directly to the Foreign Missions Department or to his district missionary secretary.



THE REBELLIOUS ABSALOM

Sunday School Lesson for May 19, 1968
2 SAMUEL 15:1-10

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

DAVID HAD BEEN GUILTY OF MURDER AND ADULTERY; and to his horror he saw his own sons commit these same crimes. Amnon, his eldest son, violated Tamar, sister of Absalom. Then in revenge Absalom murdered Amnon and fled to Geshur in Syria. After spending five years in exile, Absalom was reconciled to his father David.

However, the events of our lesson prove David had nursed a viper in his bosom, for Absalom set up a plot to dethrone him.

POPULARITY DISHONESTLY GAINED

Absalom conducted an electioneering program in which he used almost every trick of unscrupulous politicians. David had won the hearts of the people by his sincere love for them and by noble and courageous deeds in their behalf. Now, in contrast, Absalom "stole the hearts of the men of Israel" by methods which found their origin in the pit of hell. Notice how he persuaded them.

1. *Outward show* (v. 1). Absalom was determined to dazzle the people with his splendor and magnificence, and thus blind them into following him. In order to attract the people to himself, he put on a big front.

PROGRESS OF SIN



What a far cry from the old days when Samuel, a truly great man of God, walked on foot—driving a heifer before him—to anoint Absalom's father!

(a) True nobility does not need to advertise itself; it shines with its own glory!

(b) Success in the realm of politics may come by outward show, but this is not so in spiritual matters. "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17; also see Luke 17:20).

2. *Diligence* (v. 2). "Absalom rose up early." Because he had a fixed purpose and driving ambition, he worked steadily toward his goal.

If only God's children were as wise in their work for the Lord as some men are in their work for the world! The intelligence, energy, ambition, and perseverance of worldly businessmen is a stern rebuke to the feeble, half-hearted way some Christians carry on their service for the Lord.

3. *Courtesy* (v. 2). Absalom made a point of arising early to intercept those who would go to the king for help and advice. He was especially courteous to each person who came along and pretended to take a personal interest in his welfare.

4. *Flattery* (v. 3). Here Absalom resorted to a very successful method of baiting human nature. Nothing appeals so strongly to human pride and self-love as flattery. Many are led astray thereby!

5. *Criticism* (v. 3). "But there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee." Absalom insinuated that David's administration was not as efficient as it should be.

6. *Promises* (v. 4). We read nothing of Absalom's virtue, wisdom, or spirituality. There is nothing to indicate he possessed outstanding qualities, yet he wanted to be king! Like many a modern politician, Absalom was lavish with campaign promises.

REBELLION SUCCESSFULLY RAISED

1. *Rebellion carefully planned* (vv. 7-10).

(a) Absalom carefully chose Hebron, David's former capital, as the place to begin his revolt. Possibly this was calculated to take advantage of the jealousy of its people toward the new capital in Jerusalem.

(b) He concealed his wicked purposes in a religious cloak.

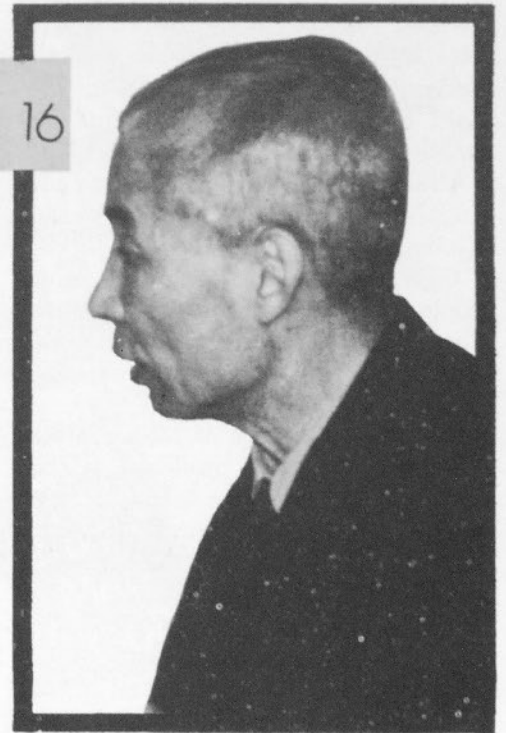
(c) He persuaded Ahithophel, David's trusted counselor and friend, to betray the king and act as the "brains" of the plot.

2. *Rebellion perpetrated* (2 Samuel 15:13-15). Absalom's clever conspiracy succeeded, and David was forced to flee from his own son whom he loved and trusted! Absalom's whole life purpose seems to have been to attract people to himself and to use them to serve his purposes.

This same motive has caused so much strife and heartache in many churches. Thus we will do well to examine our motives. Are we seeking in our church work to attract attention to ourselves and to secure public recognition and glory? Whatsoever we do is to be done "as unto the Lord." This means we must do it for His glory and out of a love for Him. Only works motivated by love will pass the fiery test of the Judgment Seat of Christ. May we live and labor so as to stand before Him unashamed!

MALAYSIA and SINGAPORE

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



MALAYSIA, formed in 1963 by the merger of four former British colonies, occupies two distinct regions separated by 500 miles of the South China Sea. The new nation included Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, and North Borneo, now called Sabah. In 1965 Singapore seceded from Malaysia to become an independent island nation. It now is a nation-city with no hinterland.

A granite range of mountains forms the backbone of the Malay Peninsula. Tropical forests cover four-fifths of the country. Through the forests run countless streams—one of the most lavish water systems in the world. The Malay Peninsula is the world's largest producer of rubber and tin. Malaya's wealth in natural resources has given it one of the highest standards of living in the Far East.

Separated from Malaya's southern tip by the Straits of Johore, but joined by a 1,000-yard causeway, is

the island of Singapore with its great city and bustling seaport. The island owes its wealth and continued prosperity to its strategic location on international air and sea routes.

Malaysia is inhabited by a multi-racial society—a mosaic of culture and religions. More than half of the 11,000,000 inhabitants are Malays. The Chinese are second in number. The Malays are largely landowners; the Chinese are business people. The rest of the population are mainly Indians, Eurasians, Europeans, and the indigenous tribes of Sarawak and Sabah. Eighty percent of Singapore's population (1,755,000) is Chinese. Malaysia's main languages are Malay, Chinese, Tamil, English, and the various tongues in Sarawak and Sabah.

The early inhabitants were animists. In the 12th century Arab traders entered Malaya and today, constitutionally, Islam is the state religion. To satisfy the Muslims, the British govern-

ment agreed that the traditional culture and religion of the Muslim Malays would not be disturbed. For this reason the Malays are almost wholly untouched by the gospel, and the work of missions is confined mainly to non-Muslim minorities, particularly Chinese and Tamils, who are either Buddhists or Hindus.

Protestant missionaries entered the area more than 100 years ago. The transfer of missionaries from China in 1949 expanded missionary efforts, and many societies now maintain mission stations in Malaysia and Singapore.

Some 40 years ago the first Assemblies of God missionaries went to Singapore, and later to Malaya.

During World War II all missionary work came to a standstill. The congregation in Kuala Lumpur, the capital, was sorely tested during the war years, but a nucleus of believers was preserved.

After the war, Mrs. Lula Baird was instrumental in reorganizing the work. A new church for the Cantonese-speaking congregation in the city was dedicated in 1955 under the leadership of David Nyien. Missionary Jim Jones is currently guiding the construction of a new evangelistic center in the capital for the English-speaking congregation.

Singapore has a number of Assemblies of God churches. Stevens Nolin, Frederick Seaward, and David Baker are the resident missionaries. Early evangelistic efforts were conducted in



Chinese. Recent years have seen a great influx of young people, and the main services are conducted in English. Elim Church is the oldest Assemblies of God work on the island.

Although the work in Malaysia and Singapore has been greatly blessed in many areas, we had been lacking in the development of qualified young people to take over churches established by missionaries. However, much progress has been made in recent years.

The Bible Institute of Malaysia and Singapore has now produced several graduating classes. The school, located in Petaling Jaya, a suburb of Kuala Lumpur, has one of the finest physical plants of any training centers in the Orient. Lester Kenney assumed oversight of the school in April 1968.

David Nyien has established a Chi-

nese section of the school for young people not sufficiently versed in English to attend English-speaking classes. This Chinese section should have a large outreach.

In Malaysia and Singapore the emphasis is on youth. The youth camps are the most significant in the Orient. Hundreds of young people gather every year, and scores receive the in-filling of the Spirit.

An outstanding literature crusade was launched in Kuala Lumpur in 1965. Throughout a month more than 50 people systematically visited the densely crowded streets on Saturday nights and the mammoth apartment units on Sunday afternoons. Every gospel packet contained a mail-back postcard for those desiring to enroll in the New Life Correspondence Course.

The results were overwhelming. The

zealous youth of Calvary Assembly distributed a quarter million tracts. "I have never seen such enthusiasm and willingness to work for Christ," said Missionary Jim Jones. "Nearly 2,000 people returned the postcards and are enrolled in the correspondence course." R. B. Cavaness, who served in Singapore for many years, will now engage in full-time literature ministry in Malaysia.

The late Evelyn Hatchett was instrumental in bringing the Pentecostal message to the island of Penang. The Donald McMurrays recently served there. Now Chris Thomas from India is serving as temporary pastor and plans to initiate a correspondence course in Tamil.

The church opened by the Vallance Bairds in Ipoh, a city of 185,000, is now under national leadership.

Plans are currently being made to enter considerable territory in the Malay Peninsula where there are no Pentecostal works. Churches have recently been opened in Johore State at the southern tip of the peninsula and Kedah State in the north. Richard Hammersla is establishing a church in Malacca.

Sarawak and Sabah are open doors of ministry for the Assemblies of God. Glenn Stafford, former missionary to Burma, will seek to pioneer Pentecostal churches in these areas.

Graduates of Malaysia Bible Institute face the challenge of establishing churches throughout their land.

Fourteen missionaries are currently under appointment to Malaysia and six to Singapore.



LEFT: Siu Wai Pun is superintendent of the Malaysia Assemblies of God. RIGHT: Christian believers counsel with inquirers at a Good News Crusade. BELOW: Nationals such as these graduates of the Bible school (front row) will be the means of spreading the gospel.



PAUL SLEPT HERE

(Continued from page 5)

did not entertain to bask in the reflected glory of some prominent minister. Had that been so, Paul might have given them occasion to complain. I note in the story which we are following that Paul shortened his stay with them to move into the house of Justus. Possibly he did this to spare them, for the Jews were rising up against Paul, and his hosts (for they were Jewish) might have suffered on his account. But by changing his residence it would seem he violated a principle of hospitality laid down by Jesus Himself. Jesus had said *not* to go from house to house but remain with those who first invited them. He meant, I suppose, that they were not to give their hosts cause to feel slighted as though their home was beneath the expectations of their guest. But on the contrary, we may assume Aquila and Priscilla may even have recommended the change as an opportunity for an enlarged ministry among the Gentiles. At least it brought no friction in their friendship, for when Paul later moved to another field this couple went with him.

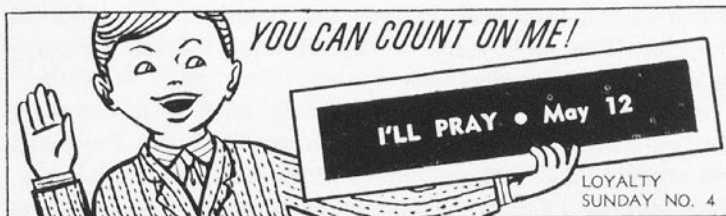
I don't know what kind of sign identified their little shop, if any. It might have said: "AQUILA AND PRISCILLA—TENTMAKERS." I can suggest a better one. When they chose to diversify their product, so to speak, their sign should have recognized their common gift and read: "AQUILA AND PRISCILLA—TENT MAKING AND PREACHER RENOVATION."

It was to this psychological oasis that Paul came. Here, long before manual therapy was ever defined, they put him to work. And here, while his fingers were busy, his mind had a chance to rest. This was home—the home he did not otherwise have.

Had it been Paul alone who enjoyed the fellowship and comfort of this home we might be accused of stretching our point. But, with the going of Paul, they found another young preacher by the name of Apollos. This young Alexandrian, eloquent and mighty in the Scriptures but with no Pentecostal experience, was at a turning point in his life. Aquila and Priscilla, recognizing both his potential and his deficiency, took him into their home and led him into the realization of a full Christian experience.

Mark you, Priscilla was in this "preacher renovation" business as much as Aquila. Their names are coupled together wherever you find them. It may be that they had no public ministry—although we cannot be sure of that—but if not, their ministry was reflected from the pulpit of every man who ever stayed in their home.

This is why we put the two together on Mother's Day, as it is written, "They twain shall be one flesh," and, "Neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord" (Matthew 19:5 and 1 Corinthians 11:11).



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Students from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., have had a vital part in establishing Calvary Temple in Naperville, Ill. Pastor Robert Schmidgall at right.



'INVADE' CONCEPT COMPOUNDS

By ROBERT SCHMIDGALL / Naperville, Illinois

IN THE SUMMER OF 1966 I served with R. Dale Coffman as cofounder of Calvary Temple in De Kalb, Ill. We developed and used what has since become known as the *Invalidate* concept. At the heart of this contemporary, practical approach to church extension is a group of Bible college students who dedicate themselves to a summer of New Testament evangelism to reach a community for Christ.

The *Invalidate* concept incorporates the following ideas: *potential*, to go where the need is greatest; *resources*, to secure finances to support the thrust; *building*, to have a physical structure with which people can identify the new assembly; *personnel*, to have a pastor with a burden and student with vision; and *New Testament principles*, to apply in a contemporary way the successful methods used in the Book of Acts to establish bodies of believers.

With the support and approval of the Illinois District presbytery, we purchased a used building and began services immediately to provide a place of fellowship for new converts. God blessed these efforts. At the end of the summer, there was a nucleus of people who formed the new church.

One of the evidences of the success of the De Kalb thrust is the missionary vision of the growing young congregation. In 1967 they raised \$800 in three days to send Pastor Coffman and Phil Breithaupt, tenor soloist and minister of music at Calvary Temple, on a brief evangelistic crusade to Tok, Alaska, to assist Patrick Donadio, the missionary-pastor. (During the eight ser-

vices at which Brother Coffman preached, 28 souls accepted Christ.)

Following the De Kalb project, the Lord began to lead me into the same type of ministry for the next summer. A neighboring pastor challenged me with the need in Naperville, Ill., so I drove there one fall afternoon to investigate.

In many ways the city could be likened to those which sprang up during gold-rush days. Naperville had grown from a town of 5,000 to a city of approximately 23,000 in 10 years. Illinois Bell Telephone had recently built its newest laboratory there. Nine miles away is the site chosen for the nation's new nuclear reactor. Experts project a possible growth to more than 50,000 in another 10 years. The mushrooming community is located on the East-West Tollway, 40 minutes from Chicago's Loop.

Here was a city throbbing with life. But it was a city largely untouched by the gospel or the Pentecostal message. Into this spiritual vacuum, I felt God was sending my fiancée Karen Fast and me.

We made several trips to Naperville. God confirmed His will to us, and, after our marriage in February 1967, we launched into preparations for a summer invasion of the city. The presbytery of the Illinois District gave approval to the project.

Soon I located a church building with adjacent parsonage. Although the asking price was \$65,000, the owners accepted \$45,000 and included most of the furnishings. The Illinois District Women's Missionary Council gave

\$1,000, and the National Home Missions Department granted \$2,000 toward the purchase of the property. The district cosigned for the church loan; upon its recommendation another institution granted a loan on the parsonage.

Several Illinois churches invited me to come and share with them our burden for the city of Naperville. This resulted in offerings for the project; several churches made three-month pledges, and others pledged for a longer period.

The project officially started on June 1. A team of nine students from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., came to work with us during the summer months. The eight-room parsonage provided housing for the team members, my wife, and me. We had taken a step of faith, believing God would meet us. We experienced an early miracle when this group raised \$800 so the last team member could join us.

We had no prior knowledge of any family who would be coming to the church; but in the same month we moved into the city, three Assemblies of God families also moved into the area from other states.

Besides the team, three people attended the first service on Sunday night, June 18. The second service featured the *Revivaltime* Choir which was on its summer tour. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the choir ministered to a capacity crowd of 340.

The students actively joined this venture of faith; none took jobs. Daily they engaged in door-to-door witnessing as in the Book of Acts. Once a week in different neighborhoods members of the team conducted children's meetings.

We frequently held youth meetings. In one such meeting Navy Chaplain Harold Christmann shared outstanding incidents of the Holy Spirit's ministry among the servicemen in Vietnam, and showed his slides.

Evangelist E. A. Manley, Belvidere, Ill., held a one-week gospel crusade.

The student team played an important part in the church activities also. They taught Sunday school classes, sang specials, preached, and prayed.

By the time most of the team left at the end of the summer, we had a solid nucleus for our congregation. Two girls, who were graduates, stayed in the city and took jobs. Arland Dwelle, also a member of the original *Invade* team in De Kalb, remained as assistant pastor.

Following some remodeling of the building, we had a series of services on Thanksgiving weekend. *Revivaltime* Speaker C. M. Ward was with us for two evening services; God blessed his ministry. On Sunday afternoon, November 26, many friends from neighboring churches attended the dedication service. Illinois District Superintendent E. M. Clark brought the message.

Also in November we had our first missions convention. Pastor John Wilkerson and the congregation of the Assembly of God in Kenosha, Wis., shared their missionary team members so our church could be enriched by their ministry. The people pledged \$1,372 for missions for the ensuing year.


Recently the congregation made additional monthly pledges of \$38 to underwrite the cost of a *Dial-A-Devotion* telephone ministry.

It has been my privilege to minister through the religious education program at the nearby Boys Reform

School. Another opportunity to reach young people is through the after-game activity on Friday nights which we call "Overtime."

God's blessing has been manifested in many ways. A lady in the church was healed of a cyst larger than a tangerine. Several people have accepted Christ, and several have been filled with the Holy Spirit. God supplied a church financial need the day after we prayed concerning it. Four of our young people have received calls to the ministry. And the growing Sunday school averaged 41 in March.

Superintendent Clark and Richard W. Dortch, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois District, have given invaluable encouragement. And a host of churches and individuals selflessly contributed to make the vision and venture in Naperville a success.

A number of CBC students are planning to converge on La Grange, Ill., this summer. Students from North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., also are engaging in *Invade* projects. 



ABOVE: This chief of the isolated Athapascan Indian village of Tetlin, Alaska, accepted Christ in one of the services Dale Coffman (right) of DeKalb, Ill., held there. Missionary-pastor Patrick Donadio states the chief is growing in the Lord.

BELOW: Many of these Athapascan Indians received healing during the crusade.



FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

Christians Survive Earthquakes

SICILY—Recently earthquakes struck the western part of Sicily in the provinces of Agrigento, Trapani, and Palermo. The disaster zone has a circumference of 78 miles with the towns of Gibellina, Salaparuta, and Montevago reduced to rubble.

Approximately 60 Pentecostal families were affected by the quakes, but reported no loss of life among them. The brethren fled their homes, terrorized by moving pavements. One believer and his family fled from their home in Gibellina only instants before it crumbled behind them.

Missionary funds from Italy were forwarded to a committee of Italian believers in Sicily, so that the most urgent needs of the victims could be met. These funds were distributed to each family affected so that food and necessary clothing could be purchased in nearby towns.

Those who lost all personal possessions had to live in tents for several weeks. Food, medicines, blankets, and other supplies from many nations of the world were flown in and then delivered by truck to the disaster area.

An appeal went out to all the

local Italian assemblies to help the stricken by sending emergency offerings to the general office in Rome. Local churches responded nobly and with Christian solidarity.

The Italian government has allocated about four million dollars for the construction of prefabricated, furnished houses for the homeless families. Until these are available, many are still living in temporary quarters.

Missionary Joseph Vitello says, "These tragic events speak to us of the uncertainty of tomorrow. The brethren of the disaster zone had met together on Sunday, January 14, to celebrate the Lord's Supper. They had enjoyed several hours of Christian joy and fellowship, never imagining for a moment that many of them were to find themselves face to face with death—stripped of all personal possessions and exposed to the inclement elements—within a relatively short period of time. Undoubtedly God had prepared their hearts for such a trial as this."



Luzon Prayer Group at AGBIM.

Students Start New Works

COTABATO, Philippines—Students of Assemblies of God Bible Institute in Mindanao (AGBIM) engage in active ministry among various tribes on their island of the Philippines.

They conduct Sunday schools in the lowlands and they also preach to the primitive mountain tribes. One Bilaan work started a year ago has become a church with 30 members baptized in water. Two new Bilaan congregations are growing.

Luis, from the class of '67, started a new work in the Kalagan tribe. The converts gather each Wednesday to build their church, which is the first among their tribe.

AGBIM enrolled 43 students for its first semester of the 1967-68 school year. In the opening meetings several students were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Good News for Ghana

BOLGATANGA, Ghana—During a one-week GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in this city 47 came forward for salvation, reports Missionary David Vespa.

The attendance at the meetings increased nightly until it reached 400 for one service. Besides those who came forward in the crusade, another 8 made decisions for Christ in their homes through a program of personal witnessing and literature distribution. The new Assemblies of God was also dedicated at this time of special meetings.

David Vespa further reports that throughout Ghana the Assemblies of God churches had a month of emphasis on evangelism. Hundreds of sinners repented, and many believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Two chiefs were among those who turned to Christ for salvation.

Four Missionary Ladies Go to Be with the Lord

AGNES BECKDAHL, 91, superannuated missionary to North India, went to her eternal reward January 17, 1968, in Lakeland, Fla.



Mrs. Beckdahl was born in Norway. On May 14, 1957, she received American citizenship.

She and her husband, the late Christian Beckdahl, spent five terms in India as Assemblies of God missionaries during the period between February 1910 and September 1951. After Mr. Beckdahl's death in 1951, Mrs. Beckdahl returned to the States and resided at Bethany Retirement Home in Lakeland.

CHRISTINE BENDER, 92, superannuated missionary to Venezuela, went to be with the Lord January 5, 1968, in Toledo, Ohio.



Mrs. Bender with her husband the late G. F. Bender, first sailed for the field in October 1918. Their active missionary career ended in 1949 when they returned to the U.S. for retirement. Mr. Bender passed away in 1961 in Toledo, where Mrs. Bender continued to reside until her decease.

VIOLA CLIFFORD, 79, superannuated missionary to British Honduras, passed away on February 11, 1968, in Sherburn, Minn.



Appointed as a missionary nurse to India, Mrs. Clifford worked in this capacity until her marriage to Mr. Clifford in 1927. The couple later worked in Ceylon and British Honduras until they returned to the U.S. in 1955. At that time they worked with the Oriental Relief Agency in Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Clifford is survived by her husband and children. One son, David, is an Assemblies of God missionary in Menado, Indonesia.

MARTINA KVAMME, 84, went to her eternal reward February 29, 1968, in Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Kvamme was the widow of the late Martin Kvamme, missionary to China. Mr. and Mrs. Kvamme, both born in Norway, served three



missionary terms in China between 1922 and 1946. They ministered in that country during the difficult years of World War II.

Later the couple organized the Oriental Relief Agency in Tacoma, Wash., and for many years supervised the shipping of supplies to the Far East. Mrs. Kvamme continued to reside in Tacoma after her husband's death in 1966.

NBI Students Give to Missions

GREEN LANE, Pa.—During a missionary service on March 8, 1968, in the chapel of Northeast Bible Institute, Michael Garland, student missionary society president, presented a check for \$800 to Harold Kohl, missionary to the Philippines. The money was designated for the building fund of the Far East Advance School of Theology (FEAST), Manila, where Brother Kohl serves as president.

FEAST is an advanced training school designed to prepare nationals for teaching in Bible schools and assuming administrative and other advanced ministries. Over \$7,000 is still needed to complete the FEAST administration building.

Missionary Kohl says, "The missionary burden of NBI is evident in its enthusiastic prayer-band ministries and in the continual missions emphasis in chapel services."

Faith promises received from the approximately 300 students and faculty of NBI totaled over \$6,000 for the 1967-68 school year.

SABC Graduates Eighteen

BANGALORE, India—The 15th commencement service of the Southern Asia Bible College was held here on March 10, 1968.

Mark Buntain, missionary in Calcutta, brought an inspiring and challenging baccalaureate message. Nine students completed the graduate in theology (four-year) course; and nine finished the certificate in theology (three-year) course. These will enter Christian service in Southern Asia as Bible school teachers, pastors, or evangelists.

Missionary Carl D. Holleman, principal of SABC, states, "The greatest joy the faculty and administration have experienced was in seeing spiritual development and maturity in the lives of young people as they imbibed a knowledge of God's Word. It has been a blessed year."

Preceding graduation week, the college welcomed Foreign Missions Secretary R. T. McGlasson and Field Secretary C. E. Greenaway from Springfield, Missouri. During the week before graduation, missionaries and national

ministers of the South India Assemblies of God met for conferences.

Principal Carl D. Holleman says, "Southern Asia Bible College will faithfully seek to fulfill her responsibility as a training institution for Assemblies of God ministers."

Falcón Sunday Schools Grow

FALCÓN, Venezuela—The Assemblies of God in the Falcón District recently held its trimonthly council meeting.

Delegates noted that the average weekly attendance in the Sunday schools of the 16 district churches was 1,250, and there were 1,086 enrolled in extension classes outside the churches.

The central Sunday school in one Punta Cardón church had increased from 110 to 190 in six months' time with an additional 450 people attending extension classes and outstations.

Missionary Bryan Mock says, "This is a marvelous victory! Besides increased numbers there is a notable improvement in organization, efficiency, and spirituality in the central Sunday school."

More Gypsies

Attend Bible School

ST. DENIS, France—In 1967 there were 18 full-time students and many part-time students in the Gypsy Bible School. Now in 1968 the student body has grown to 30 plus those attending part time.

This year the students provided \$800 toward their own expenses, and the French believers made a contribution of \$1,200. Missionary Kenneth Ware says another \$1,000 is needed to provide food for the students until the end of the school year.

1967 a Fruitful Year in Peru

AREQUIPA, Peru—Missionaries Henry and Rosalyn Mock are rejoicing over the blessings of God during the past year. Several new churches were established in Arequipa; new workers were thrust into the vineyard; and victories were won in the lives of many.

Each of the four churches in Arequipa has its own pastor, and only two of the 11 regional churches lack pastors.

The Mocks also report that Fernando Moroco, a national pastor, is back home after over four months of treatments. Mr. Moroco is confident that God healed him of a condition which was possibly cancer.

He said, "We tried to get a loan from the only American bank we have in Paris, but without success. The Lord miraculously provided last year from the United States." He indicated that those interested in giving for this project may send their offerings through the Foreign Missions Department.

Missionary Family Resituated

IBADAN, Nigeria—The Gerald Falley, formerly missionaries to Eastern Nigeria, are now stationed at Ibadan in Western Nigeria.

In their new area of service the Falleys will work with literature distribution and supplying Sunday school and church literature for the churches in the western area. They will also help open a bookstore in conjunction with the Assemblies of God Bible school in the west.

The churches in Western Nigeria have suffered greatly as a result of the crisis. The largest and most established churches were made up primarily of easterners who fled at the outbreak of the war. One church, which had an attendance of nearly 600 before the trouble, now is below 50.

The largest nucleus of believers and Assemblies of God churches in all Africa is in Eastern Nigeria. These need the prayers of believers throughout the world.

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **James Stewart** family (S. Africa), Mr. and Mrs. **John Richards** (Botswana), the **Harold Lehmanns** (Ghana), Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Richards** (transferred from Korea to Hong Kong), and the **Lester Kennys** (transferred from Philippines to Malaysia). The **Paul Coopers** have transferred from Ecuador to Mexico and will be leaving for the field soon.

The **Larry Howells**, newly appointed missionaries to Indonesia, are leaving for the field. The **Ralph Leslie** family (Peru) and the **Joseph Register** family (Chile) will be attending language school in Mexico before taking up residence on their respective fields of service.

Missionaries returning to the

United States for furlough are: **Arline Crompton** (N. India), the **Kenneth Wares** (France), the **Howard Hawkes** (E. Pakistan), the **Paul Davis** family (Liberia), the **Curtis Deans** (Upper Volta), the **David McCulleys** (Nigeria), the **William Lovicks** (Togo), the **Henry Mocks** (Peru), and the **Lloyd Marsh** family (Peru).



Larry Howell family



Mr. and Mrs. J. Richards



Mr. and Mrs. L. Richards



James Stewart family



Lester Kenney family



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lehmann



Ralph Leslie family



Paul Cooper family



Joseph Register family

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

ELLISVILLE, FLA.—Everybody's Tabernacle here recently concluded a meeting with Evangelist Manfred Polk of Plant City, Fla. More than 10 persons came forward for salvation during the one-week meeting. The altars were filled several nights with believers seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—E. E. Hayes, pastor

MODESTO, CALIF.—Calvary Temple here just concluded an outstanding meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Tom Ming. Attendance was far above average with several hundred attending nightly.

More than 40 persons were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were healed, including Pastor Jesse Wilkinson. Brother Wilkinson broke his foot during

the crusade. The doctor was going to put it in a cast, but X rays showed the bones had set themselves after the church prayed.

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ELGIN, ILL.—First Assembly here praises God for the 30 persons who professed Jesus as Saviour during a recent meeting with Evangelists Bob Watters and Art Perri.

About 200 people attended the services nightly. Many are seeking a closer walk with God.

Attendance in Sunday school and church has increased, as have the offerings. Several new families have made First Assembly their church home since the crusade. —Coy R. Cleghorn, pastor

SEDAN, KANS.—Nightly many people sought the Lord during special meetings at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Paul Morris of Hutchinson, Kans.

Two persons were saved, four were reclaimed, two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two were refilled with the Spirit.

There was a great freedom in the Spirit as the congregation and visitors from other churches worshiped together. Attendance was good. A spirit of expectancy for greater things from God remains at the assembly.

—Peter Stetz, pastor

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Rose-dale Assembly here praises God

for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit in a recent week-long meeting with Evangelist L. Q. Suggs. Everyone enjoyed the presence of the Spirit and the good Bible preaching of the evangelist.

—Audrey C. Booher, pastor

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DELTA JUNCTION, ALASKA—The Lord has poured out His Spirit and is blessing the Christians of this northern community in a mighty way.

The local Assembly of God reports that people have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Others have been healed by the power of the Lord.

Many of those saved are young people. One young couple were

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	First	May 7-19	Stephens Brothers	Paul Hartherm
	Clanton	Lomax	May 12-19	Bill Strickland	Thomas A. Ball
	Dothan	Grandview	May 15-26	David & Trig Scruggs	W. T. Meadows
Ariz.	Gilbert	¹ A/G	May 12-26	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Chas. Kirkpatrick
Ark.	Mountain View	Levecy Flat	May 12—	Arlis & Mrs. Thrasher	T. H. Griffin
	Vendor	Big Creek	May 12—	Dennis Thrasher	Bobby Gasaway
Calif.	Brawley	A/G	May 14-19	J. B. Woolums	Bryon Owens
	Long Beach	Evangel	May 5-12	Erick Kaiser	Marles Moore
	Sacramento	² Bethel Temple	May 12-17	Christian Hild	Clyde Henson
	Santa Ana	First	May 19-26	H. Syvelle Phillips	E. T. Quanabush
	Shafter	A/G	May 19-26	Ruth E. Jackson	J. W. Dollins
	Turlock	Bethel Temple	May 15—	Singing Kolenda Family	Robert Carrington
	Visalia	First	May 8—	Marvin Schmidt	Harvey Mitchell
Colo.	Calhan	Stem	May 5-19	J. O. Savell	Billy R. Long
	New Britain	First	May 14-19	George DeTellis	Wilbur Schuessler
Conn.	Stamford	Calvary	May 15-26	Walter Schell	Paul W. Kinney
	Bartow	First	May 12-26	Edgar M. Davis	D. N. Asbury
Fla.	Pensacola	Brownsville	May 15-26	Woodrow Oxner	Carl Arnold
	Augusta	First	May 19-June 2	Barry & Mrs. Bugala	John Moore
Ga.	Columbus	Beallwood	May 19-June 2	Musical Vanderploegs	Eugene Gustafson
	Dallas	First	May 19-June 2	Nettie Parham	Freddie Goss
	³ Alton	Gospel Tab.	May 14-19	Sunshine Party (Thum)	James E. Smith
Ill.	Coffeen	A/G	May 12-24	Manfred Polk	Michael L. Collins
	Cottage Hills	Forrest Mission	May 19—	L. L. Ferguson	Louis Estes
	Rochelle	Hillcrest	May 5-19	Salisbury-Secrese Tm.	Noah McDermott
	Taylorville	A/G	May 15-26	F. R. McAdams	Kenneth File
	Ft. Wayne	First	May 14-19	Paul Hild	Fred Leader
Ind.	Indianapolis	West Side GT	May 12—	Barton-Martinez Team	Thomas Paino Jr.
	Plymouth	First	May 7-19	Wallace & Mrs. Joice	W. R. Wainscott
	Bettendorf	First	May 12-19	Doug & Judy Maners	O. H. Hamilton
Iowa	Maquoketa	First	May 12-26	Matschulat Party	Jack Paget
	Garden City	Faith Tab.	May 15—	J. S. McMullen Team	Paul F. Bryant
Kans.	Hill City	A/G	May 14-26	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Dan McGraw
	Hodge	First	May 15-19	Don & Dixie Cox	Kelso Allen
	Baltimore	Middle River	May 15-26	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Clyde Oliver
La.	Baltimore	Trinity	May 14-26	Keetah Jones	Alexander Clattenburg
	Crellin	A/G	May 15-26	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Hugh L. Porter
	Deale	A/G	May 14-26	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	A. J. Moses
Md.	Berkley	A/G	May 7-12	Fairfield Party	Clarence Hanson
	Detroit	Evangel	May 12-19	Ray C. Eskelin	Joseph Lukowski
	Petoskey	A/G	May 15-26	John & Faith Stallings	Henry Rose
	Shelby	A/G	May 14-26	Fairfield Party	G. T. Amrozowicz
Minn.	Barnesville	A/G	May 7-12	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	Richard Babcock
	Brainerd	A/G Tab.	May 14-26	James & Beulah Pepper	Melford Olson
	Rochester	A/G	May 15-26	Singing Lunsfords	O. E. Carter
	St. Peter	A/G	May 10—	The Tanner Team	Dean Gross
Mo.	Belton	A/G	May 19-June 2	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Ray Thomas
	Kansas City	Blenheim	May 14-26	Ruth E. Reece	Milton Beckett
	Kansas City	Northeast FG	May 19-June 2	Doyle H. Thompson	Jack L. McIntosh
	St. Louis	Trinity Tab.	May 14-26	C. W. & Mrs. Quattlebaum	J. A. Drysdale
Mont.	Sparta	A/G	May 15—	Tom & Helen Waggoner	Harry Cole
	Laurel	A/G	May 19-31	Charles Senechal	Lonnie Peterson

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The Assembly has active outreach ministries. The Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Madeline Sager, started a weekly Bible Story Hour which grew until it had to be divided into two classes.

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in the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled with the Spirit.

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—D. E. Massey, pastor

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	Ainsworth	A/G	May 24-26	Ken Krivohlavek	Elmer Craver	
	Maxwell	A/G	May 19-24	Larson-Stiver Team	John F. Stocker	
	Sidney	A/G	May 12-19	Merle & Mrs. Roll	Harvey Herman	
N. J.	Camden	Pent. Christian	May 14-19	Roy & Mildred Johnson	A. G. Maselli	
	Pennsauken	Calvary	May 15-26	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Domenick C. Ezzo	
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	First	May 8-19	Charles Ogdon	James Brankel	
	Santa Rosa	A/G	May 12—	Beechley S. Bates	Virginia Shiplet	
N. Y.	New York	Glad Tidings Tab.	May 12—	Arne Vick	Marie Brown	
	Cleveland	Berea Park	May 21-June 2	Paul & Donna Wright	M. M. Brandebura	
Ohio	Cleveland	Calvary	May 2-12	John Hamercheck Jr.	Richard L. Barth	
	Lima	Calvary Temple	May 19-June 2	Daena Cargnel	Vernon Wells	
	Mansfield	First	May 19-June 2	Bob Larson	Clinton Vanzent	
	Medina	Pentecostal	May 21-26	Wayne & Vi Marshall	N. B. Nethers	
	New Philadelphia	First	May 8-19	Geo. & Evelyn Butrin	Kenneth Shaffer	
	Salineville	A/G	May 7-19	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Daniel W. Barth	
	Okla.	Harrah	A/G	May 14-28	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	L. A. Ingram
		Muskogee	Second	May 19—	N. B. Rayburn	Clyde Powell Jr.
	Oreg.	Reedsport	First	May 12—	Hazel Burns	Bob L. Benson
		Dickson City	A/G	May 7-12	Ellis & Shirley Parker	E. G. Wellman
Pa.	Lewistown	First	May 5-12	James L. Snyder	Peter Bedzyk	
	Littlestown	Bethel	May 21-June 2	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Earl H. Ford	
	Pottstown	Calvary Pent.	May 7-19	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Samuel A. Garrett	
	Newberry	First	Apr. 30-May 12	Walter Schell	E. A. Farrell	
	S. C.	Alice	First	May 12-26	Martin & Mrs. Kershman	Charles Clinton
		Crowell	First	May 14-26	Mike & Linda Murdock	B. F. Flowers
	Tex.	Dallas	First	May 8-12	Calvin Durham	A. L. Stanley
		Dallas	Lakewood	May 12-19	Bob McCutchen	Everett Fjordback
		Dallas	Memorial	May 5—	M. C. Allen	Derwood Dubose
		Dallas	Oak Cliff	May 19-26	Wesley F. Morton	H. C. Noah
Katy		¹ A/G	May 5—	Patsy Ruth Allen	Glenn Montgomery	
Linden		First	May 19-June 2	Doyle Jones	Carl McCormick	
Monahans		First	May 14-26	Winfred Mack	Sherman Davis	
Pearland		² Bethany	May 12-19	Lloyd Bates	Jerry Laird	
Saint Jo		First	May 13-24	Calvin Durham	Clyde L. Bell	
Utah		Tooele	First	May 5—	Jim Mackey	James Mayfield
Va.	Brentsville	A/G	May 14-26	R. L. Beavers	C. M. McGlothlin	
	Leesburg	Full Gospel	May 1-12	R. L. Beavers	George Gowans	
	Stanley	Hillard Chapel	May 14-19	R. S. Peterson	H. H. Jenkins	
Wis.	Kenosha	A/G	May 12—	Howard Rusthoi	John M. Wilkerson	
	Monroe	A/G	May 7-19	E. A. Manley	Robert Olson	
Wyo.	Richland Cntr.	¹ First	May 19-24	Victor Etienne	James F. Wolf	
	West Bend	A/G	May 14-26	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Corwin Lowe	
Canada	Casper	² Faith	May 12-17	Larson-Stiver Team	H. R. Kennedy	
	Dawson City, Y.T.	Pent. Chapel	May 19-31	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	Jonathan Wood	
	Windsor, Ont.	Riverside ET	May 12-26	Arthur & Anna Berg	James Pierce	

¹Youth Crusade

²Children's Revival

³Union Meeting

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

'MOTHERS IN ISRAEL'

WE SPEAK MUCH about the fathers of the Church and the fathers of the nation and are apt to forget that the "mothers in Israel" have often been more heroic than the fathers, and that their very gentleness has become their strength in time of danger. . . .

Every woman can at least be a "mother in Israel" within the limits of her own family. . . . She is not called upon to be a theologian, a scholar, a pedant, a source of alarm to the ignorant and incompetent; but she is called upon to be compassionate, sympathetic, and encouraging. . . .

It is a mistake to suppose that the Church is either a drill ground or a school alone. . . . It is a house, a home, a nursery; it is a place of healing, education, and comfort. . . .

Beautiful is the service of mothers in the church of Christ. . . . They know how to whisper to sorrow, how to touch weakness without burdening it, how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

—JOSEPH PARKER, in *The People's Bible*

MOTHER'S TRANSLATION

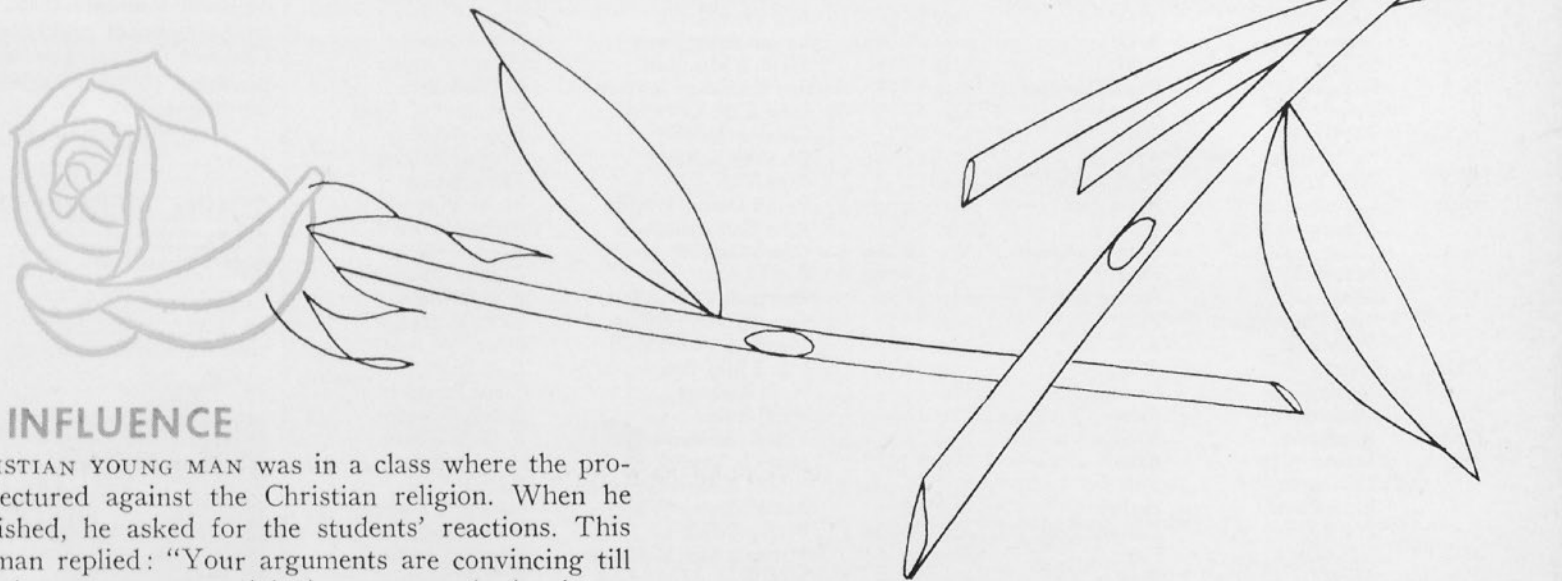
A TEACHER TOLD THE BIBLE CLASS of the various translations of the Bible. That evening a young man was telling a friend about it: "I think I prefer the King James Version for my part—though, of course, the Revised is more scholarly."

His friend smiled. "I prefer my mother's translation of the Bible to any other version."

"Your mother's? What do you mean, Fred?"

"I mean that my mother has translated the Bible into the language of daily life for me ever since I was old enough to understand it. She translates it straight too and gives its full meaning. There has never been obscurity about her version. Her everyday life is a translation of God's Word that a child can read. Whatever printed version of the Bible I may study, my mother's is always the one that clears up my difficulties!"

—S. C. BREDBENNER, in *Gospel Herald*



HER INFLUENCE

A CHRISTIAN YOUNG MAN was in a class where the professor lectured against the Christian religion. When he had finished, he asked for the students' reactions. This young man replied: "Your arguments are convincing till I go back to my room and look at my mother's picture and remember her godly life; then they fade into insignificance."

—M. N. AMSTUTZ, in *Missionary Worker*

OH, GIVE ME—

Oh, give me patience when the little hands
Tug at me with their ceaseless small demands.
Oh, give me gentle words and smiling eyes,
And keep my lips from hasty, harsh replies.
Let not confusion, weariness, and noise
Obscure my vision of life's fleeting joys;
That when, in years to come, my house is still,
No bitter memories its rooms may fill.

INEZ BARCLAY KIRBY

GREAT GIFTS, SERVICE, PRAYER

THE BEST EXAMPLE of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of a woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of a woman. The best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of a woman. It was no great gift, no great service, no great prayer. The gift was a widow's mite. The service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment. The prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. The gift and service and prayer were in self-denial and love and faith; and so in the sight of God they were of great value.

—HERRICK JOHNSON, in *Log of the Good Ship Grace*