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

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# THE ALL-POWERFUL CHRIST

**F**ROM THE HEART AND LIPS of the crucified, risen, living Saviour came these words: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18).

These words fell on the ears of the 11 disciples in a mountain in Galilee—only 11 because Judas had already sold the Master for 30 pieces of silver (50 less than a donkey's head had sold for during a famine in Samaria) and had committed suicide.

The devil is mighty, but God is almighty. The devil is powerful, but Christ is all-powerful. A careful study of the Bible reveals that Christ defeated the devil on every inch of ground he contested.

Christ was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. After fasting 40 days and nights, He hungered. The devil came to him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:3).

Christ answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (v. 4).

When the devil tried to get Him to jump off the pinnacle of the temple, the Master told him, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (v. 7).

Then the devil took Him to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He offered these to Christ if He would fall down and worship him. This time the Master commanded the devil to depart, saying, "For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (v. 10).

This same threefold temptation—the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, and the lust of the eye—came to the first Adam in the Garden, and he failed. But, thank

God, the second Adam was triumphant. He is the all-powerful Christ.

## HE HAS POWER OVER DEMONS

One day Christ went over into the land of the Gadarenes. (See Matthew 8; Mark 5; Luke 8.) When He got out of the ship, He was met by a man possessed by a legion of evil spirits. This wild man lived among the tombs. He cut himself with rocks. He could break chains and fetters. He was naked.

The demons in this man recognized Christ and cried out loudly, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?" Matthew 8:29 records that the demons asked, "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"

The devil knows he is already defeated. I feel "the time" referred to in this question is predicted in Revelation 20. John saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He put Satan in the pit for a thousand years. After that, Satan will be let out to do his dirty work again. Then he will be taken again, put in the lake of fire, and the key be thrown away—he will be there forever.

It was not a question of whether the evil spirits in this man were going out—they knew they were going; it was a question of *where* they were going. They asked to go into some nearby hogs, and the Master granted them their request. The hogs plunged into the sea and drowned.

When the owner of the hogs came out of the city, he saw not only a lot of dead hogs; he saw a man de-

livered from demon power, now clothed and in his right mind. What a change! Christ is all-powerful.

#### HE HAS POWER OVER DISEASES

The people were more concerned about the hogs than the man so they asked Christ to leave their country. He did, because He will not stay where He isn't wanted. He went back to the other side of the sea. There a crowd of people waited for Him.

In this crowd was Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue. His young daughter was at the point of death. He believed that if the Master would lay His hands upon her, she would be healed. What faith!

Jesus started to where the little girl was, but the people thronged Him. And a certain woman, sick for 12 years, was in that throng. She had spent all she had on doctors, and instead of getting better was getting worse. Someone had told her about the Master. She believed that if she could just touch the hem of His garment, she would be healed.

That is the kind of faith that brings victory. For as she touched him, immediately she was healed.

The Master asked, "Who touched me?" He looked around and saw this little woman. As she fell down before Him, He said, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

#### HE HAS POWER OVER DEATH

A messenger told the Master, "No use going to the house of Jairus now. The little girl has passed on." But the Master is never late; He went anyway. He encouraged Jairus: "Be not afraid, only believe."

When Jesus got to the house of Jairus, he put the mourners out and with Peter, James, John, and the girl's parents He went into the presence of death. He took the girl by the hand and said: "Damsel, (I say unto thee,) arise." At His command death loosed its hold upon her; she got up and walked around.

It will be so for all those in Him when that "great getting up morning" comes. "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. . . . Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:51-54).

What a wonderful Christ we serve. He has power over demons, disease, and death. Surely He is the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning Star, the One who is altogether lovely, the Rose of Sharon—the all-powerful Christ.

**OUR SAVIOUR  
DEFEATED THE DEVIL  
ON EVERY INCH  
OF GROUND  
HE CONTESTED.**



## Former Jehovah's Witness Testifies

I CALLED MYSELF A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS FOR YEARS before I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. It was only after He healed my body that I realized my soul's great need.

From the age of eight I had suffered from severe nosebleeds, having as many as three a day. Our family doctor said surgery was the only remedy, but my parents were unable to afford this. They were also afraid I might need blood transfusions, which was contrary to their belief as Jehovah's Witnesses.

I married a boy from an Assemblies of God family. Although he was unsaved, through his family I was exposed to the true gospel of Christ. I still had nosebleeds, so severe that at times they would cause me to faint.

I was very contentious toward the gospel of Christ, but God mercifully used the pastors of the Spanish Assembly in Hollister, California, to prove His love for me.

One memorable October day in 1959 Pastor and Mrs. Manuel Ochoa invited us to their home for dinner. After the meal I had a nosebleed so severe that I felt faint. I resisted Brother Ochoa's offer of prayer for deliverance until I suddenly realized that only God could truly help.

The pastor's family had been trying by every available remedy to contain the bleeding. Nothing helped until Brother Ochoa anointed me with oil in the name of Jesus (see James 5:14) and rebuked the abnormality in my nose. The bleeding stopped immediately. That was over eight years ago, and I have not suffered a nosebleed since.

Through this healing, my heart was gripped with conviction. A month later Christ once more reached down, this time with healing for my soul. It was in my home at midnight that it happened. The Lord awakened me by a dream in which there were thunderings. In the silence of the room I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "You call yourself My witness, yet you refuse Me as your Lord and Master. How can you call yourself a witness of Mine when you refuse the redemption I have provided for your soul?"

This was truly God speaking to me. I began to weep and begged my husband to pray for me. But he couldn't, for he himself had never been saved. So he called his parents and his sister. Even though it was midnight, they gladly came, for they had been praying for us. And so on November 19, 1959, the Lord performed the second miracle in my life.

Now I can be a true witness for I have seen and experienced His love, His mercy, and His forgiveness.

I truly praise God for Calvary. My life has been completely changed by His grace.—Mrs. Samuel R. Gonzales, Gilroy, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Manuel Ochoa, El Sendero de la Cruz, Hollister, Calif.)*

# Praying for Peace

IF WE WOULD "PRAY ALWAYS," as we ought, we would be ready always to meet trouble when it comes. Our Lord said, in regard to the time of trouble which should precede His return: "Watch ye therefore, and *pray always*, that ye might be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

We read of a godly old minister in England whose home was bombed during the World War II "blitz." He and his wife said they just stood quietly together in their home holding hands, while a hundred or more Nazi bombs fell around them. Someone remarked, "I suppose you were praying hard." The old preacher replied, "Oh, no, I thatched my roof in the summertime."

That ought to be the normal experience of all God's children. We should be "prayed up" at all times and never wait for an emergency to arise before we begin calling on God. It is always our privilege to come boldly to the Throne of Grace in an emergency and there obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need; but if we would come before God more regularly and more frequently we would be kept from many of the predicaments that overtake us.

When the President proclaimed a national holiday for May 30 as a memorial to those who have given their lives for our country, he asked that all Americans should pray for divine intervention in the present emergency—that prayer be offered for our servicemen in Vietnam and for the peace talks in Paris. "Pray for peace." The appeal is often heard. This we should do; this we *must* do; but at the same time we are reminded of what a man of God once wrote concerning divine guidance. He said:

"The difficulty is that men imagine that their own wisdom is sufficient for their guidance in 99 cases out of 100; and only on extraordinary occasions do they need any counsel from on high. But the Lord will not counsel those who resort to Him only in times of great embarrassment. The great and the little are intimately connected together in our lives; and if we could know the truth it would be evident to us that our great difficulties are just the termini of slight divergences. There was but one way to be kept from them, and that was to be kept from the path that led to them. Taking no counsel from God, we entered that path and our present cry for deliverance comes too late. . . ."

We can apply this lesson to ourselves as individuals and also as a nation. It is indeed too late to undo the mistakes of the past. However, it is not too late to repent and ask God's forgiveness. Our wilfulness and disobedience have brought us to our present predicament, but if we sincerely repent God is ready to pardon our sins and to show us the way out.

We cannot pray effectually for peace until we do repent. God will not listen to our prayers until we confess our sins and turn our backs on them. All too often our praying is like that of the Pharisee, "Lord, we thank Thee that we are not atheistic or antireligious, like the nations which are against us"; when we ought to be offering the publican's prayer, "Lord, be merciful to us as a nation, for we have sinned." We are a secular, self-indulgent nation. We are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. We have forsaken His laws and deserted His house. Unless we return to the Lord we cannot expect the blessings of national unity and peace to return to us.

—R.C.C.

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**D**ON'T HIDE YOUR HANDS!" the photographer said. "They show character." I had looked at my hands, somewhat coarse from doing farm chores, and was trying to keep them out of the picture. Then he added, "Never be ashamed of your hands; they tell a story."

The hands of our Saviour tell a story too. We like to think of them lifted up in prayer or blessing. He touched the blind eyes, and they were opened; the lepers and the lame received healing from His hands. Everywhere Jesus went His hands expressed His goodness and His love.

We have a beautiful account of the man who painted the picture we call "Praying Hands." Albert Durer went to a large city as a young man to study art. There he became the roommate of a poor man with the same ambition, and they decided to take turns working and studying art.

Albert, the younger, had more talent, so it was agreed that he study first. The older man worked from daylight to dark to earn money for food.

When Albert's first picture was sold, they received enough money to keep them for many months. This was the opportunity the older man had waited for. But his fingers had become so stiff from manual labor that it was impossible for him to hold the brush with skill and produce fine work.

One day as Albert Durer saw his friend's workworn hands clasped in prayer for him, he was inspired to paint "Praying Hands."

Durer went on to become a famous artist whose works have uplifted many. But who can say that his friend has not blessed the world too by his example of prayerful submission in the face of keen disappointment.

*"What is in thine hand, Abel?"*

"Only a small lamb, O God, taken from my flock. I give it to Thee as a willing sacrifice." A perpetual sacrifice of praise has been going up to God ever since, for "he, being dead, yet speaketh."

*"What is in thine hand, Moses?"*



# DON'T HIDE YOUR HANDS!

By MRS. MAX JOHNSON

"Nothing but a staff, Lord; I use this to tend my sheep." That staff dedicated to God's purpose wrought many wondrous things in Egypt before the proud king and his court.

*"Mary, what is this in thine hands?"*

"Just a small vessel of sweet-smelling ointment, wherewith to anoint my Lord, Jesus." The perfume that filled the house that day flowed ever since into the hearts and minds of Bible-reading people; and the memory of this blessed act of love still speaks "for a memorial to her."

*"What is that in thine hand, poor widow woman?"*

"Only two mites, Lord. It is so little, but it is all I have and I give it." Her generous giving has prompted many others to give to the Lord.

*"Dorcas, what are you holding in your hand?"*

"Nothing much, Lord. It's only a needle." By her skillful use of what she had, many of the needy of Joppa were warmly clad. Her useful life has inspired

many who continue their mission to the poor, to call their societies by her name.

*"What is in thine hand, George Washington Carver?"*

"Only a sweet potato and peanut, Lord."

As he accepted the challenge to use what he had, Carver developed 119 ways to use the sweet potato and over 300 ways to use the peanut. His life has been an inspiration through the years.

"What is that in your hand?" Most of us would have to respond by admitting we had nothing of much importance. "A few coins, some paper, an instrument, a talent, book, etc." Yet God has made us stewards of all we possess. If we give as we are prospered, some needs will be met. If we serve as we are able, some lives will be blessed.

Don't hide your hands! Whatever skill is in them God can use. Whatever possessions they enclose, God can multiply if we surrender them to Him.

**P**ETER'S POWERFUL SERMON recorded in Acts 2 voices this piercing, penetrating heart-cry to the amazed multitude: "Save yourselves from this untoward generation."

What kind of a generation is "untoward"? Webster defines the word as "difficult to guide, manage, or work with; unruly; unfavorably disposed." In the modern idiom Peter would say, "Tear yourself loose!"

How fitting this is to people of our generation.

Many things are in juxtaposition—the tail wagging the dog, the cart pulling the horse. Criminals protected and glorified, police officers condemned and villified! Sympathy flowing to hoodlums and murderers, disregard to the plight of victims! The practice of immorality parading under the guise of the new morality! Children rebelling against parents; parents afraid to discipline children!

A sick society reels and rocks from moral disintegration—drug addiction; crime; violence; open rebellion; riots laying waste to big cities with shooting, looting, and burning; lawlessness; war; threat of nuclear destruction.

What has happened to the people of our generation? Why has this world gone haywire? Why are people casting off restraints, losing perspective and direction?

Lamentably, the masses are "alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts" (Ephesians 4:18). And men are "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy..." as predicted for the perilous last days (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

Disinterest in spiritual things often works hand-in-glove with godlessness. Preoccupation with material well-being negates concern for eternal values. The attraction of crumbling cities to a deteriorating civilization is greater than its interest in "the city which hath foundations."

A shocking trend toward disrespect for or rejection of the authority of the Word of God is evident. Many are throwing the Bible out the window. Man prefers to do that which is right in his own eyes, to follow the dictates of his sinful, unregenerate conscience.

Nonetheless, there is no good way to be evil, no

right way to be wrong, no honest way to be dishonest, no truthful way to lie, no straight way to be crooked.

Too, a lot of people look upon religion as a nebulous sort of thing, and consider specific religious beliefs relatively unimportant.

One day I saw these words on the back of a girl's sweater: "How can we lose when we're so sincere?"

I was reminded of a gospel radio program where many people were interviewed at random. The question asked was: "Will any religion do as long as a person is sincere?" Most participants indicated they felt that specific religious beliefs didn't matter; sincerity was the thing that counted. But children have been lost and have perished in the woods even though they were attempting very sincerely to find their way home!

It does matter what one believes. The curse of God rests upon those who would pervert the gospel of Christ (Galatians 1:6-9). And the Bible instructs us to withdraw from men of corrupt minds, from those given to perverse disputings, those who do not consent to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine according to godliness (1 Timothy 6:3-5).

Let's face it! A person can be sincere and be sincerely wrong. If you live without Christ, expecting at death to slide into heaven automatically, you will land at the destination of lost souls.

No man will get into heaven until heaven gets into him. Take God's Word for it! Christ is the one and only door to heaven, the one and only way to God (John 14:6; 10:9). "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

Modern theorists would have us believe that the Christian religion must accommodate itself to 20th-century thinking. But Christianity is not something that can be changed to fit current fashions and customs.

There are some things which never change. Just as the trees, the grass, the flowers still bud forth from the soil as at the beginning; just as man is still being born the same way as in the early ages; so God's Word cannot change or be outgrown with the passing of time. God's Word is as eternal, enduring, unchangeable as God Himself.

Bible predictions are being fulfilled today by rapidly

**THERE IS NO GOOD WAY TO BE  
EVIL, NO HONEST WAY TO BE  
DISHONEST, NO TRUTHFUL WAY TO LIE.**

**TEAR YOURSELF  
LOOSE!**

By Evangelist LOUISE NANKIVELL

transpiring world events. The stage is being set for the final acts in the great drama of the ages. And a sinful, unbelieving generation is racing headlong into the end-time judgments.

The Lord has a controversy with the nations. Jesus told us that a period of tribulation is coming upon the world such as it has never known from the beginning. Except this period be shortened, He said, not a person would be left alive.

"Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of earth" (Revelation 8:13) as judgment strikes. Fire and brimstone shall rain from heaven. One third of the trees will become charred embers; all green grass will be burned up. Grain and foodstuffs will be ruined. Multiplied millions of human beings will be destroyed.

This is an hour of unprecedented crisis. The world is sitting upon a powder keg. One mismove of a crazed brain can bring about the annihilation of civilization.


"It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans

13:11). The return of the Lord must be very near.

Arise! Shake the dust of deadness from your soul! Save yourself from the entanglements and bondage of this wicked and adulterous generation! *Tear yourself loose* from its unbelief, its Christ-rejection, its spiritual indifference! *Tear yourself loose* from its vain philosophies, its winds of false doctrine produced by the sleight of man in cunning craftiness to seduce and ensnare!

"Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin" (Ezekiel 18:30).

Let God possess your entire being. The life overflowing with the supernatural power of the Spirit has the dynamic to face a mixed-up generation with divine strength, holy boldness, and a positive witness.

God wants sons who will be harmless, without rebuke, shining as lights in the world in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (Philippians 2:15). To be that kind of son you must tear yourself loose from "fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). 

I STOOD AT HEAVEN'S GATE last Sunday and held the hand of a saint. Not until death closed the door in my face did I bring myself back to the things of earth. Almost a week later I am still feeling the glorious assurance of heaven.

The earthly ties for this Christian were very strong. By her constant faith she had been given three years beyond what was humanly possible.

On Saturday as I made a hospital call I found her alert, praying and rejoicing in the Lord. Before I left we prayed together for her husband's salvation.

She evidently had a difficult night, and by morning all the family had been called.

The next day I returned to the hospital to see her. Dorothy knew God was calling her Home, and she asked the question so often asked the pastor's wife, "Sister Wead, will you stay with me?"

"I'll stay," I said.

There was only one very difficult moment—when she cried out with anguish, "Oh, Jesus, please don't let me die and leave my little girl; she needs me."

There wasn't a dry eye in that four-bed ward as we talked about heaven and the beautiful future Jesus is preparing for those who love Him.

Dorothy and I prayed and quoted verses of Scripture we had memorized in church. Sometimes I would quote a verse, and she would take it up. We sang, "Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace."

And she told me when Jesus came into that room. But she didn't need to tell me, for I felt Him too—and so did the entire hospital staff on her hall. Nurses, aides, supervisors, RN's, and her doctors were constantly coming in the room to feel this unusual Presence.

She was then moved to a private room where she could talk to her family and they could be with her. She never relaxed or let herself sleep from the medication given her until she saw her husband kneel to pray with

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# at Heaven's gate

By ROSA MAE WEAD

one of our young ministers. She shouted a little the praises of God; and then with a normal voice—although the doctor said she had no pressure or pulse—she sang,

*"It will be worth it all when we see Jesus,  
Life's trials will seem so small, when we see Christ;  
One glimpse of His dear face all sorrows will  
erase,  
So bravely run the race till we see Christ."\**

Just before she entered heaven the doctor stood beside me and said, "Everyone should go like this." A few moments later she opened her eyes and said, "Jesus, Jesus"—and left me standing, looking on an empty vessel.

This week as I looked at her still, cold form, the funeral director said, "You can't always erase the look of suffering this well." And I thought, *No, and you can't erase that little secret smile she has. You couldn't possibly know the joy that was hers, nor can I, but I stood very near last Sunday.*

And over again I felt the presence of the Father, the love of the Son, and the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

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# SIGNS OF LIFE



**T**HE SOUNDS OF LIFE are abstract concepts to deaf people. The noises and sounds of the hearing world have no meaning unless translated into a language of sight. The shades of tone and rhythm produce an abstract harmony that deaf people cannot enjoy. The silent world is a world all its own.

Deaf people depend upon sight as an important means of communication. Radio, with all its technology and many and varied breakthroughs in sound, offers nothing to the people of the silent world.

Television, on the other hand, offers many visual presentations through captioned news services, visual aid demonstrations, and other effects that catch and hold the attention of the deaf viewer.

This article is not an attempt to draw distinctive lines between sight and sound, but rather to cause us to think—to understand the deaf about us in their world of silence.

Language can be beautiful if properly understood and communicated. But idioms create problems. For example, the expression *abide by* really means “to accept and to obey, to be willing to follow.” But in interpreting the words *abide by* into the language of signs, the literal translation would be “endure near,” completely changing the meaning.

The language of signs is a picture language, a visual aid to communication. But it is not an *extra* commodity for deaf people to speak in the language of signs,

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gestures, or pantomime; it is a necessity for communication.

In the past century scientific advancements have exceeded the imagination of most of us. But education of deaf persons in residential schools, community adult education programs, and by other methods has failed to keep abreast of the fantastic advancement of communication in the hearing world.

However, there is a communication of the Spirit of God that has no physical barriers. The Spirit's call and conviction to the heart of man, whether he be deaf or hearing, is the same. What a privilege to proclaim the eternal riches of God's Word so the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit may be able to break through. The preaching needs to be in the “demonstration

**A northern California deaf group signs “Victory.”**





of the Spirit and of power" that deaf souls may be won to Christ.

Through the able and inspirational ministry of 50 appointed home missionaries of the deaf, more deaf souls are being reached today than ever before in the history of the Assemblies of God. Lay workers number about 63.

Some 116 of our churches throughout the United States are offering services for the deaf. Sunday school teachers and interpreters are participating and helping in this vital outreach ministry to the silent world. The deaf are hearing the gospel. They are seeing and believing. The gospel wedge is penetrating the world of 1,694,950 deaf people in the United States. (The ratio of deaf in the U.S. is 118 deaf to 100,000 hearing.)

Yet the urgent call for prepared and properly equipped ministers to the deaf comes from 22 states of our nation which still are without even one Assemblies of God minister who can reach the deaf.

The challenge is before us. We have equipment and we have a language of signs. Qualified, dedicated workers are needed *now* to enter many open doors of opportunity. When we receive calls for workers, often there is no one to send.

A ratio of one minister to every 1,000 deaf people immediately would require 1,000 ministers to the deaf in the U.S. Ministers to the deaf of all denominations number only 350. Sunday school teachers and interpreters are also needed. In some areas only one service a month is conducted for the deaf. Many times the gospel is not presented in its simplicity and purity. We have the full gospel; we have the Pentecostal power; we


have what it takes to win and train the lost. Let us redouble our efforts to win the deaf.

The Deaf and Blind Ministries Division of the Home Missions Department is reaching out to over 9,500 deaf people through gospel literature in the quarterly publication, *Silent Ambassador*. Each paper may be read by other deaf people after the person who receives a copy has finished reading it. This makes a potential reading audience of close to 28,500 readers, yet the masses are not reached. The gospel story has not yet been told to teeming thousands of deaf. They do not know the glorious truths of salvation, divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the promise of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our motto is: *One to one*. May we reach out as Jesus reached out, each winning at least one deaf soul to Christ that he in turn may win another. In many areas this is the only means of winning the deaf.

Those who know the language of signs should put their knowledge to work. The best way to learn to communicate in the language of signs is to do it. We cannot be good signers and acceptable workers for the Lord unless we get involved.

In the next two years the Home Missions Department hopes to place 22 missionaries to the deaf in the states that do not have a full-gospel witness. Through dedicated workers among the deaf and the prayerful support of God's people we *will* reach this goal.

Information concerning ministry opportunities for the deaf and the Deaf Training Fund is available from the Home Missions Department. 

## EVANGELICAL REFUGEE CENTER GETS NEW BUILDING

CUBAN REFUGEES in Iglesia Evangelica Pentecostal, Miami, Fla., have taken a step of faith. Gabriel Caride, pastor of the church and director of the center, reports:

"Finding ourselves in the critical situation of losing our hall, the congregation prayed for a new and better place. The Lord opened the door so we could buy a building. It cost \$65,000 with \$10,000 down and \$5,000 is to be paid in a year.

"We had only \$5,000 for a down payment; but God performed a miracle and provided the other \$5,000. It was marvelous how the brethren and even the unconverted gave sacrificial offerings to make the purchase possible.


"We are now in the building, and the glory of the Lord is manifested in each service.

"There is still much to be done: pave the parking lot, rebuild the stairs to give the proper incline for elderly members, renovate and adapt the interior, and provide for insurance. All of this will cost thousands of dollars, but we know God will supply our needs.

"God is adding new souls to our congregation. Converts give precious testimonies of what He is doing in their lives.

"The new facilities provide better accommodations for the Refugee Center since it now will have its own separate quarters on the first floor. This will make it possible for us to better serve the many new refugees who arrive daily from Cuba."

The central location is excellent. The address is: 90 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33127.

World Ministries credit will be given for offerings for the Evangelical Refugee Center sent through the Home Missions Department. 





This panoramic view of the east end of Banning, Calif., shows the buildings of the Riverside Road Camp correctional institution.

# 22 Years of Prison Ministry

**T**HE RIVERSIDE COUNTY ROAD CAMP has been one regular outreach of First Assembly in Banning, Calif., for 22 years.\* Although Banning has a resort-type population in general and has very poor payroll opportunities for men, the church has prospered through the years. Many are in the ministry today due to the "outreach" ministry of this assembly.


The boys and men in the Road Camp enjoy congregational singing. Talented men in the camp often present vocal trios, duets, solos.

It is sometimes hard to judge how deep an experience with Christ each man has since the workers are not permitted to conduct altar services. Men indicate acceptance of Jesus as their personal Saviour by show of hands or by standing. But when some of the men are released,

\*First Assembly in Banning is a working church. Other outreach ministries include a retirement hotel, a convalescent home, a job corps institution, and missions projects.

First Assembly receives encouraging reports of their loyalty and faithfulness in the churches of their communities. They have proved they really did find Christ as Saviour.

Pastor J. F. Walls, the C. E. Durkees, and other workers all have had the pleasant experience of meeting some of the men to whom they formerly ministered. They may be walking down the street while shopping in some nearby town when suddenly a nicely dressed, energetic person calls to them, "Do you remember me? I was saved during your services in the County Road Camp."

Workers have helped to unite broken homes while some of the men have been serving their sentences. Sometimes wives of inmates have been led to consecrate their lives to the Lord. Through this counseling ministry, many have found Christ the answer to all their needs. Squad members can testify to the truth of John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me." 

This is part of the congregation of First Assembly in Banning, Calif. Seated, left to right are: Pastor and Mrs. J. F. Walls and Brother and Sister C. E. Durkee, directors of the Road Camp prison ministry.



# A VBS FOR STONY RIVER

By KENNETH and ETHEL ANDRUS

**C**OULD A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL be conducted at Stony River, Alaska? we wondered. So many obstacles confronted us we were almost at the point of abandoning the urgently needed project.

Would a building be available? Would there be any place for the teachers to stay? Would parents permit their children to attend? Would a worthwhile work for God result? There has never been a church in this remote village to lay a foundation of Bible knowledge.

Stony River is an Athapaskan Indian community. Located about a hundred miles downstream from McGrath on the Kuskokwim River, it consists of small log cabin homes scattered about among the spruce and cottonwood trees—a picturesque scene. The residents still live mostly by hunting, fishing, and trapping and are very poor.

Prayerfully we ventured in faith and made plans to conduct a Bible school. God went before us. Mildred James, Murriel Cornelius, Pat Self, and Ethel Andrus made up the Bible school team.

In this part of Alaska nearly all travel is by small airplane. The nearest road to McGrath or Stony River is well over 200 miles across the mountains. The only way to go to Stony River was to fly. We are thankful for our little Piper Tripacrer.

We packed food, dishes, utensils, personal clothing, teaching supplies, and handwork materials. In these remote areas it is always necessary to take all items needed to work and live. Can you imagine the problem of limiting this baggage to what a small airplane could carry? But finally we were off.

*What experiences lay ahead? Would the people be friendly? Would the teachers be safe?* We were startled to see a large black bear scrambling off the airfield as we glided in to land. Undaunted, the ladies announced they would conduct Bible school anyway.

The former one-room log cabin school became available for classes. We were able to rent a small cabin for the teachers' living quarters.

On opening day an assorted group of little Indians pushed their way into the school. Ragged, shy, and curious, they noticed Pat playing an accordion. "Will you sing?" they asked.

"Do you know the song, 'Jesus Loves Me'?" Mrs. Cornelius asked. No one raised his hand. "Of course," she exclaimed. "You have never had a Sunday school. We will teach you."

Soon the cabin was ringing with youthful voices shouting the tunes to newly learned choruses.

Another worker put pictures on a flannelboard as she spoke. Every eye watched each move, for the lady was telling such an interesting story about the pictures. "Do you remember the story of Noah? Of course not. You've had no one to teach you! Let's read from the Bible about it." And all ears were attentive as Mildred continued.

Note: The Andruses were missionary-pastors at McGrath, Alaska, at the time they wrote this article. They are now pioneering at Emmonak, Alaska.


There was more too! Dividing into groups, the children worked on colorbooks and workbooks, painted plaques, and made other handwork items. What an exciting day it was!

The next day everyone who was able came: mothers with their babies, teen-agers, and all ages. Total enrollment reached 59.

Some of the older folk could remember hearing stories from the Bible a long time ago; but every one was new to the young people. *No one had a Bible.* Many of the adults could not read. Several young people received Bibles as awards at the close of the school. They proudly promised to read them to those who could not read.

When we were getting ready to leave, there was a chorus of pleas for us to stay longer—at least one week; but we had to go on to other places to minister.

Was this vacation Bible school worth the cost and effort? Mary, a teen-ager, accepted Christ; others heard the good news of salvation for the *very first time*. The boys and girls memorized a Scripture verse every day. God's Word has been planted in tender hearts.

These dividends are worth far more than the investment of time and money! The doors this school opened to reach hungry souls with the gospel make every sacrifice worthwhile. 



Three members of the VBS team, standing in front of the chapel in McGrath, Alaska, are (left to right): Pat Self, Murriel Cornelius, and Mildred James. The total VBS enrollment at Stony River, Alaska (lower photo), was 59 including adults, teen-agers, and children.





Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., site for Council on Evangelism, August 26-29.

You'll  
want to  
be there!

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS— COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM

**I**N JUST TWO MONTHS a meeting of historic importance to the Assemblies of God and to world evangelization will take place—the Council on Evangelism.

This meeting is an outgrowth of our Movement's desire to reevaluate its mission in today's world and to go forward in reaching the lost people in our generation.

St. Louis, Missouri, will be the site of this historic gathering August 26-29. All sessions are open to the public.

Program highlights include messages on the church's role, studies of Biblical revivals, seminars and discussions on various phases of evangelism. Overall will be a heart hunger for the direction of the Holy Spirit and a sense of mission in the midst of the lostness of the world.

Activities have been planned for the entire family; the Council on Evangelism will be a lively spiritual treat for all ages. Children, youth, men, and women will find answers to their question, "What can I do to more effectively serve my Lord?"

Afternoon and evening sessions will be held in St. Louis' large Kiel Auditorium.

Headquarters hotels for the Council are the St. Louis Gateway, Washington at 9th Street, and the Sheraton-Jefferson, Washington at 12th Street. Morning sessions will be held simultaneously in both hotels.

Here is a sketch of the Council's activities:

### *Monday, August 26*

- 8:00 a.m. Advance Registration
- 1:00 p.m. Registration opens, Kiel Auditorium
- 3:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 7:45 p.m. Keynote Rally, "The Mission of the Church"—T. F. Zimmerman
- 9:30 p.m. Communion Service

### *Tuesday, August 27*

- 7:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

- 8:30 a.m. Exposition on Biblical Revival, "The Place of the Word in Revival"—Hardy Steinberg (Sheraton), Donald Johns (Gateway)
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Seminars, eight at each headquarters hotel
- 2:00 p.m. United Session: "The Ministry of the Church to the Lord"—G. R. Carlson; The Five-Year Plan of Advance, first session
- 6:30 p.m. Seminars, four at Kiel Auditorium
- 7:45 p.m. Evening Rally, "The Mandate of the Church"—Paul Lowenberg

*Wednesday, August 28*

- 7:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Exposition on Biblical Revival, "The Place of Leadership in Revival"—Marcus Gaston (Sheraton), Arthur Graves (Gateway)
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Seminar, eight at each hotel
- 2:00 p.m. United Session: "The Ministry of the Church to the Saints"—D. V. Hurst; The Five-Year Plan of Advance, second session
- 6:30 p.m. Seminars, four at Kiel Auditorium
- 7:45 p.m. Evening Rally, "The Message of the Church"—W. Eugene Scott

*Thursday, August 29*

- 7:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 8:30 a.m. Exposition on Biblical Revival, "The Place of Obedience in Revival"—H. C. Noah (Sheraton), E. S. Williams (Gateway)
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Seminars, eight in each hotel
- 2:00 p.m. United Session: "The Ministry of the Church to the World"—Cyril Homer; The Five-Year Plan of Advance, open forum
- 6:30 p.m. Seminars, four at Kiel Auditorium
- 7:45 p.m. Concluding Rally, "The Motivation of the Church"—James Hamill

**ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Baby-care services will be provided for infants through three years of age at the hotels each morning and at Kiel Auditorium each afternoon and evening.


Graded activities will be provided daily for children ages 4 through 11. (Further information on children's activities will be carried in a future issue of the *Evangel*.)

Activities to interest teens are also planned.

**HOUSING RESERVATIONS**

The St. Louis Convention Reservation Bureau is handling housing requests. For information write them at 911 Locust Street, Room 406, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; or write to the Housing and Hospitality Committee, Council on Evangelism, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

**PLAN NOW!**

The Council on Evangelism is only two months away. It offers you an opportunity to participate in history in the making. Plan now to attend. 

# YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

*Please explain, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 10:38).*

The Book of Hebrews was written to encourage faith. At the same time it warned against apostasy, which means deserting the faith (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-31, 38, 39). We are saved by faith and kept by our faith in Christ. If we cease to trust Christ, we turn away from our only hope. The end of such a course is perdition, but if we keep our faith in Christ we shall be saved. "Therefore being *justified by faith*, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

*There are some in our church who oppose church membership. They say all we need is to have our names written in heaven; this makes us members of the "church of the firstborn" (Hebrews 12:23). Why should we join a church?*

All of God's saved people are members of the "church of the firstborn," but they do well also to become members of a local assembly. Without membership a person is really a guest. He has no part in choosing a pastor, electing church officers, or taking other action which is incumbent upon the membership. He is an outsider, a visitor, enjoying only the privileges of worship.

Some do not join a church because they do not wish to feel any responsibility toward financing or to assume other proper responsibilities. They have no real church home and often run here and there, letting others bear all the burdens.

*Is it not a form of idolatry to call Christian ministers "reverend"? The Bible uses this word only in reference to God: "Holy and reverend is his name" (Psalm 111:9).*

I am not impressed with titles. To avoid any appearance of such, the Assemblies of God many years ago adopted the policy of calling ministers "elders." Since the word *elder* has in it the thought of maturity, it hardly seemed applicable to young, inexperienced ministers; so gradually the commonly used term *reverend* came to be used among us to designate one who is a Christian minister.

When the Bible says God is "holy and reverend," this means he is worthy of reverence, honor, and respect. Gospel ministers ought to so live as to be worthy of honor and reverential respect. The word "reverence" is used in numerous scriptures, such as Leviticus 19:30 ("Reverence my sanctuary"). Children are commanded to reverence their parents (Hebrews 12:9); wives are to reverence their husbands (Ephesians 5:33). In both instances the implication is one of honor rather than of adoration or worship.

Let those opposed to designating ministers by the term *reverend* avoid its use, but not criticize those who use it.

*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.*



# WORSHIPING THE LORD

Sunday School Lesson for June 30, 1968

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

PSALM 84:1-12

ONE OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS about many Psalms is that they are capable of such a variety of interpretations. This is not strange if we consider that they are *poetry* and so yield different meanings to different and yet equally sincere hearts.

Psalm 84 is often seen as representing the thoughts and feelings of a godly Israelite who described his longing for God's house and presence, his journeying to the temple from a distant land, and finally his joy and privileges after he reached its sacred precincts.

### THE LONGING FOR GOD'S HOUSE (vv. 1-4).

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!" Or, "How lovely are thy dwellings!" It is difficult for a New Testament believer to understand the Israelite's devotion to the temple. It was more than a magnificent building. It was the place where God's presence was enthroned; this was its real "loveliness."

Though many Israelites came to have a superstitious, unspiritual trust in the building itself, this was not true of the real lover of God.

### ENJOYING THE GOOD LIFE



"My soul longeth . . . my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." The Psalmist's entire being sought after God. Those closest to God and to Christ are well acquainted with this "divine dissatisfaction." They have an insatiable desire for God. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matthew 5:6).

"Yea, the sparrow hath found an house." The thought may be that just as the sparrow finds a place of security and safety for building a nest in some protecting nook of the temple, so the Psalmist found his home in God's house. Thus he says, "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house." Dwelling in God's house can be interpreted as dwelling in God's presence.

### THE PILGRIMAGE TO GOD'S HOUSE (vv. 4-7)

Perowne says of the pilgrims to Zion, "Every spot of the familiar road, every station at which they have rested, lives in their hearts. The path may be dry and dusty, through a lonely and sorrowful valley . . . hope changes the waste into living fountains." As the travelers pass "through the valley of Baca" (which some scholars say means "weeping"), it becomes to them like an oasis. What an illustration we have here of the influence of a truly dedicated Christian life! It is possible to radiate the joy and peace of the Lord in such a way that other lives are touched and transformed. Instead of being victimized and altered adversely by his circumstances, a Christian "whose strength is in the Lord" changes those circumstances.

Phillips Brooks was one of America's greatest and most godly preachers. A leading New England newspaper one day published this item concerning him: "Yesterday opened cloudy and unpleasant; but about noon Phillips Brooks came downtown, and everything brightened up." Such may be the influence of a Christian's life!

### THE PRIVILEGES OF WORSHIP IN GOD'S HOUSE (vv. 9-12)

It is undoubtedly true that among the Israelites were those who tended to localize God, to think that His presence could be manifested only in the temple or in special places and circumstances. However, the Psalmist was not guilty of limiting God's presence for in this Psalm he spoke again and again in terms of his relationship with God, of God's strength being within him, of God's house as symbolizing God's presence.

"A day in thy courts is better than a thousand"—better than a thousand or any other number of days anywhere else. Observe that the Psalmist did not engage in worship as an escape from life's realities. The truth is that because of the reality of God's presence and God's grace which he found in worship, his religion proved to be an escape *into* life; that is, God delivered him from those things which would render him unfit to face life's issues and gave him power to overcome.

"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." He would rather have the most humble place in God's kingdom than any permanent place where wickedness abounded.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield." This entire verse is a favorite of many saints. The Psalmist concluded his meditation by endeavoring to describe all that God was to him as he met with Him in the hour of worship. And what God is to one worshiper, He is willing to be to all.



# THE SOUL-WINNING CHURCH

By RICHARD B. DOUGLASS

**A**FTER REVIVAL SERVICES a concerned pastor asked, "Why can't our church win lost people this way every week?"

Well, during a revival the church becomes more interested in winning the lost to Christ. During a revival we usually see more people saved because we pray for it, work for it, and expect it.

Many ask, "How can we have a soul-winning church?" I believe we find the formula in Acts 2:42-48. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Let's look at the program of the church that wins men day by day.

If a church is to win souls, its people must know the Bible and its doctrines. The Early Church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." This sounds strange in the age of filter-tipped sermons from flip-topped pulpits. Often Biblical and doctrinal sermons are scorned from the pew. Ministers give in to the temptation to become popular preachers even if their messages are void of "strong meat." And because preacherettes are preaching sermonettes, we are developing Christianettes. We need to remember that superficial church members are not soul winners.

"And fellowship." There must be a strong fellowship in the church too. These early Christians practiced a joyful fellowship and met in one home, then another.

Theirs was a fellowship of love. Their lives were bound together by a common faith, a mutual love, and an impelling task. Their fellowship was more than "meeting and eating." It was a matter of their lives being bound together in the Spirit.

Then there is the little phrase, "and in prayers." This tells us a lot about a church. If a church does not keep the line of communication open to God, they will not keep their hearts open to the lost. The soul-winning church is a prayerful church. In the words of Vance Havener, "The trouble with our churches today is they have too much supper room and too little upper room."


There will be clear evidence of the power of God at work in a soul-winning church. In the Early Church "many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." The Lord worked miracles. This caused those inside and outside the church to fear God. In our day of polished and proficient programs we are prone to depend too much on people and too little on God. Programs are merely instruments through which the power of God can operate. Our churches must allow God to work!

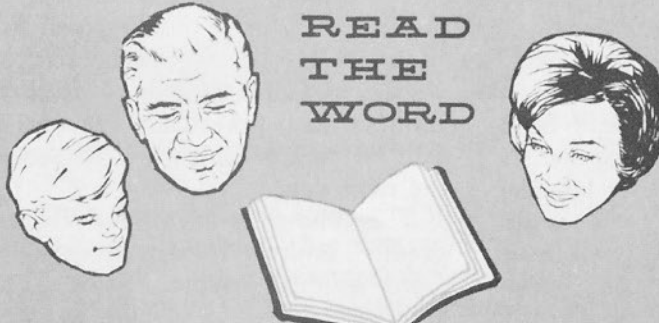
A readiness to share is also characteristic of the soul-winning church. What Christians these must have been! They "had all things common." They sold their possessions to share "as every man had need." Only a spirit of unselfishness shows the Spirit of Christ to a lost world.

A soul-winning church is a united church. The comparison to modern churches makes a person wonder! After all, who ever saw perfect agreement on anything in a modern church. In too many cases it's like tying two cats' tails together and hanging them over a clothesline. You have unity, but very little harmony. But in the Early Church the members acted "with one accord."

Joyfulness and a desire to praise God are characteristic of the soul-winning church. Joyfulness attracts lost people. They see the abundant life and want it for themselves. God honors a church that honors Him. He blessed this church which was continually "praising God." When God is given the credit through praise, He rewards His people with further opportunities.

It is interesting to note that the Early Church had all these characteristics and they had "favor with all the people." When we neglect these characteristics, we are not respected, only tolerated.

Here is the formula for winning men day by day and making an impact on our community for Christ. Will we pay the price? 



**READ THE WORD**

**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23-30**

Sunday .....	Isaiah 63, 64	Thursday .....	Jeremiah 5, 6
Monday .....	Isaiah 65, 66	Friday .....	Jeremiah 7, 8
Tuesday .....	Jeremiah 1, 2	Saturday .....	Jeremiah 9, 10
Wednesday ..	Jeremiah 3, 4	Sunday .....	Jeremiah 11, 12

**"But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation" (Jeremiah 10:10).**

# WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING IN THE CONGO

By GAIL WINTERS / *Missionary to Congo*

WHEN OUR BIBLE STUDENTS returned from three weeks of preaching the gospel and doing personal evangelism in five widely separated areas, their reports sounded like accounts in the Book of Acts.

Some had gone to unevangelized areas; others to help establish new works; and still others to evangelize in territories surrounding some of our churches. The total number of persons attending their services or contacted personally by them was 10,987. They reported that 575 people made decisions to follow Christ.

We took three of these students to Bodi where the ministers welcomed them. Each student was to go to a different church to help the pastor in evangelism, then was to walk part way back, preaching as he came.

The local ministers informed us that it would be difficult to make that trip by foot; for since the recent trouble, no one trusted a stranger. In fact, the people didn't even want a stranger to sleep in their villages.

However, since the superintendent and another pastor had already traversed the area and our previous decision had been made in conference with them, I did not feel we should change our plans.

When we were getting ready to leave, I said to the students, "Go with the blessing and grace of the Lord!"

Evariste Alibe, one of the students, said later that their hearts had been heavy after hearing the discussion of the local ministers and also because there were so many miles to walk. They felt it would be really difficult as they were not accustomed to walking such long distances. But when I told them to go with the blessing of the Lord, he said their spirits were quickened by the Holy Spirit and they became anxious to get started in their ministry.

Evariste went to a village where the pastor had only recently begun his ministry. The pastor's wife was crippled and often would cry out in pain when she tried to limp about.

Evariste talked to her and told her to believe that she would be delivered from disease. He offered prayer, and she was instantly healed.

One woman who came to the services couldn't pick up or hold anything. Evariste asked what she had done to her hands. She admitted that she had a pot of witchcraft—a black brew with various leaves and other things in it. She would put her hands into this brew; and when people came to her with illnesses, she would sprinkle them with the water from this witchcraft pot, and they were supposed to be healed.

Evariste told her she must know she was only deceiving the people and that if any were healed, it was by the power of evil spirits. He told her he would pray for her healing if she would accept the Lord and give up her witchcraft. She agreed to do so and brought her witchcraft pot to be broken. He then prayed for her and told her to believe. The Lord healed her completely.

During his visits to the villages Evariste came upon a man who was lying helpless in his bed. He began to talk to the man about his condition and was told that the man had spent all he had on witchcraft, fetishes, and whistles. His relatives had also spent much money on him until no one could help him any more. Still the man had gotten no better. He was greatly emaciated and had been confined to his bed for three years.

Evariste told the man of the living God and said that if he were willing to give up all his witchcraft and fetishes, he would pray for him to be healed. The man agreed that the charms had availed nothing and finally had all sorts of witchcraft paraphernalia brought out to be destroyed. Evariste then prayed for the man and said he would come back to see him the next day.

The following day found the man greatly improved. He accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour, and Evariste prayed for him again. A

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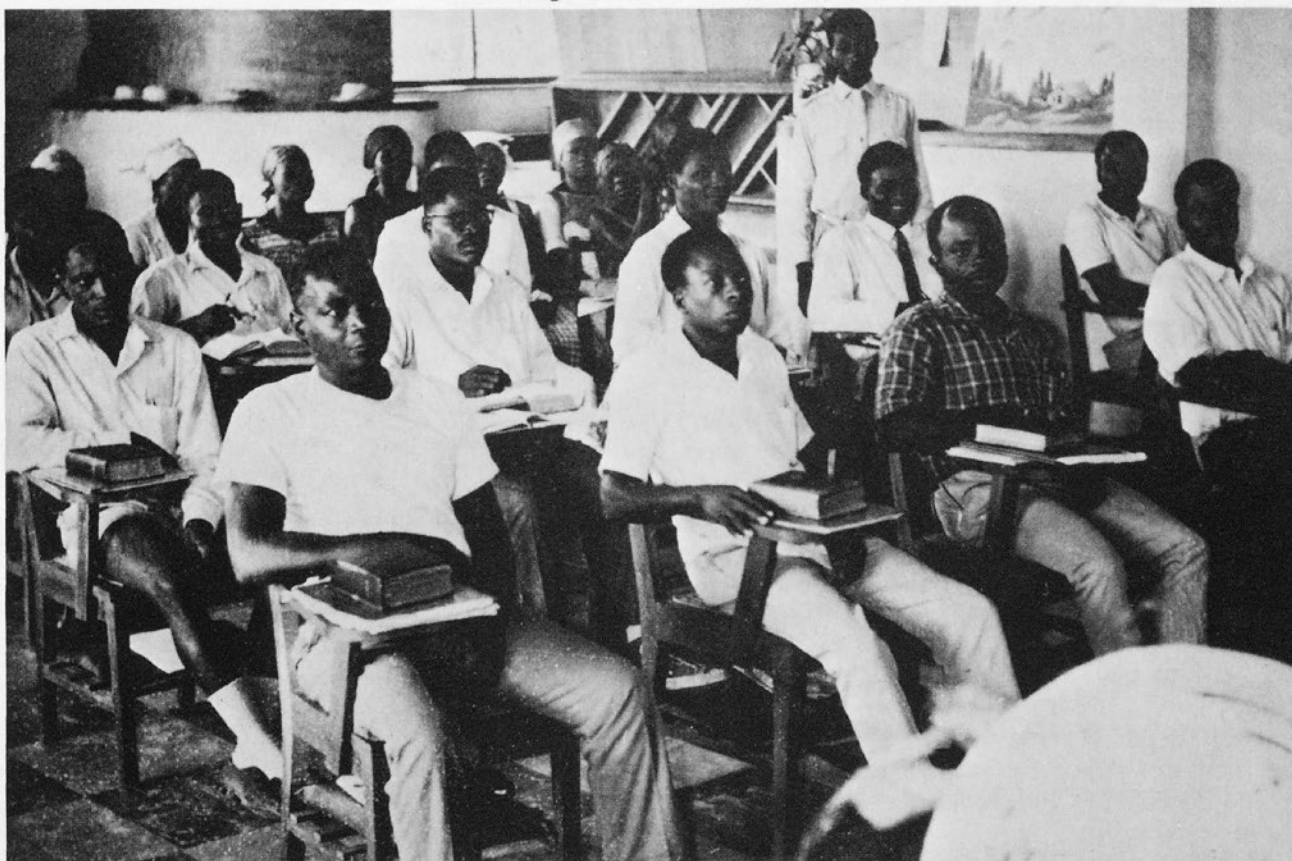
later visit proved that the man had been healed.

Another student, Corneille Bamba-ka, reported that he had been sent to a cold and indifferent church that had an average attendance of only 10. After he began traveling to the surrounding villages, the attendance increased until there were 40 or 50 in the services. Eighteen accepted the Lord there.

The third student, Jean Mukepande, went to a church where only two people besides the pastor's family attended. Although it was a sparsely settled village area, after Jean began visiting homes, the attendance of the church increased to 20 or more. He reported 40 conversions in that village and in the neighboring one. Many



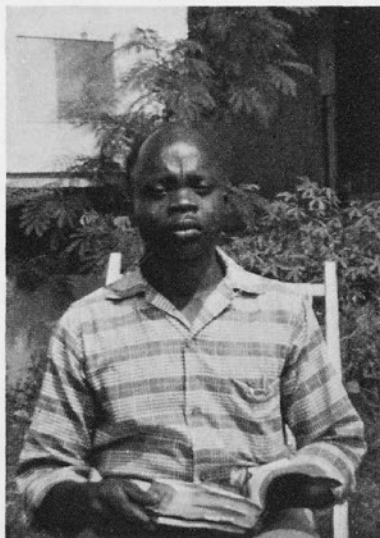
The Bible school in Congo meets a great need by training national workers. ABOVE: Missionaries Lillian Hogan and Gail Winters (back row) with the students and staff. BELOW: These students will take places of leadership in the Congo church.



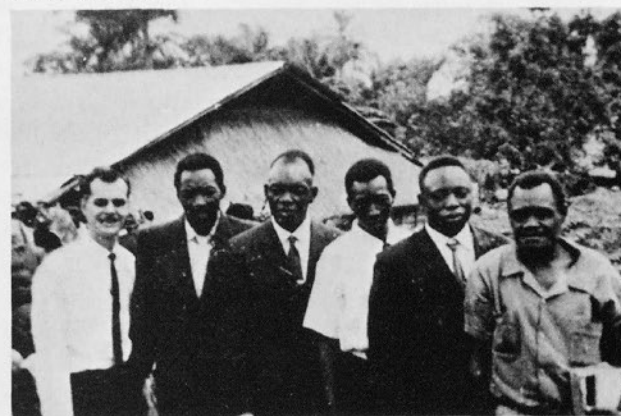
people brought charms and fetishes to be burned.

The three students who went to the Biodi area reported that contrary to the fears of the local pastors, the people of the villages had received them well. People would offer them water, would speak to them as they went by, and at night the people would offer them a place to stay.

One of the young men said, "Truly, it is a different affair when one is traveling with the gospel. The people greet us with, 'Teacher, it is good work that you are doing for God. We are happy to have you in our village.'"



LEFT: Evariste Alibe discovered that the Holy Spirit will minister through men who yield to Him. BELOW: The Congo A/G executive committee includes Philip Coch-rane, far left.



# I Found What I Wanted

By NICK SCHUBERT

Pastor, First Assembly, Edmond, Oklahoma

WHEN A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, I was not a Christian, though I'd attended church all my life. I went through the same motions others did at church. But though I had been exposed to it, the gospel had never reached me.

Was there really a God? Was there anything to this business of being a Christian? I had seen so much sham and pretense among professing Christians. I said to myself, "Christianity doesn't have anything for me!" My pals at school were not Christians. We were anything but godly in our conversation and conduct.

But I was miserable in this existence, and my heart longed for something meaningful. As I approached the conclusion of my high school days, I was seriously trying to discover a real purpose in life. What was worthwhile—worth giving my life to?

Such was the state of my mind and soul when Mrs. Baker, my neighbor, said to me, "I would like for you to come to my church tonight to hear the *Revivaltime* choir." She explained that the choir was made up of college students who sang on an international radio broadcast, and added, "Since you love music, you'll enjoy the service."

With some reluctance, I agreed to go.

When the service started at "North Hill" (First Assembly in Akron, Ohio) my attention was captured by the sharp-looking group of college choristers who sang with such beauty and conviction! Why, they were singing about the very questions that tortured my mind! They seemed convinced that Christ was the answer, that life in Him was wonderful, that carrying the message of the Cross was the greatest challenge—the greatest purpose.

I wondered if they had what I was looking for. "No," I argued with myself, "you're just getting carried away with this music. There's nothing to it."

The choir members introduced themselves one by one and they all said something about where they were from. Some remarks were rather funny, and there were a lot of laughs. Between songs some came forward to give a talk about their personal acquaintance with Christ and what He meant to them. I began to realize that they were not a bunch of "squares." They were red-blooded young people just like me and my friends, except they seemed to have something—something I didn't have.

About that time Lil Sundberg (Anderson), who was then the *Revivaltime* soloist, stepped to the mike and began to sing. Her face shone; the radiance was infectious, and she sang with such intense feeling that though she was smiling, tears were coursing down her cheeks. The words she and the choir sang pierced my heart:

*The Bible says, if I believe  
In Christ I shall be saved;  
Oh, it is wonderful,  
So marvelous, yet true!*



Pastor Nick Schubert beside his church in Edmond, Okla.

*I now believe the work is done  
I know I'm saved, 'tis heaven begun...  
Oh, it is wonderful,  
So marvelous, yet true.\**

I sensed the power and presence of Christ as never before. It was overwhelming. Could Christ mean so much? I decided I must give my life to Him.

As the choir sang, "There's Room at the Cross for You," I slipped out of my seat and headed for the altar. That's where I found the spiritual reality I wanted!

When I graduated from high school, I enrolled at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., intending to attend one semester for Bible training to substantiate my newfound faith. Shortly after school started I received the glorious baptism of the Holy Spirit and felt called of God to the ministry. One semester stretched into four years—the most wonderful years of my life. I learned more about God; I found Him in a more personal way and learned so many wonderful things in His Word.

I was privileged to sing in the *Revivaltime* choir for several years and even served as piano accompanist when the choir toured the Eastern states. Since then, for nine years I have been minister of music in several of our Assemblies of God churches and often used *Revivaltime* music arranged by Cyril McLellan. From time to time it was a thrill to have the *Revivaltime* choir visit churches I served.

In my present pastorate the church has supported the release of the *Revivaltime* broadcast on the local radio station, and it has been a great source of blessing to both church and community.

Until Jesus comes, the *Revivaltime* choir will always have a very warm place in my heart!

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# 'GLORYFAST'

By MAXINE WILLIAMS

**Y**EARS AGO my mother used to soak printed yard goods in a salt solution to make the colors set. Even then there might be disappointment.

I remember two dresses she made of a lovely soft material, in a blue and green and pink small-plaid design, trimmed with hand-sewn lace. But no matter how carefully she washed them, in a short time the color was gone.

There was a glory that faded too. "The administration of the law . . . was so magnificent that the Israelites were unable to look unflinchingly at Moses' face, for it was alight with heavenly splendor" (2 Corinthians 3:7, Phillips). But that glory could not last, for it represented the Law which was to pass away as a means of trying to attain to the righteousness of God.

The veil over Moses' face was not put there simply because of the intense brightness of the glory. It also hid the fact that the glory was fading away. The Weymouth translation of 2 Corinthians 3:13 reads: "Moses . . . put a veil over his face to hide from the gaze of the children of Israel the passing away of what was but transitory. . . ." Because they knew nothing of a lasting glory to come, how disappointed they would be to see this splendor fade.

Sadder yet is the knowledge that for the Jews and for many others, the veil is still there. They do not know that the glory is gone (v. 15). They cling to the Law as their revelation from God: for although they cannot see the glory of it because of the "veil upon their heart," they mistakenly suppose that the glory is still there.

Times have changed. Housewives no longer soak material in salt solution. Many colorfast materials now will even withstand the rays of the sun.

There is also a glory that will never fade. We first learn about it when we turn to the Lord (v. 16). There is no veil, and there need be none, for this glory not only does not fade, it increases more and more until that day when it reaches its fullness in His presence (v. 18).

The King James Version translates verse 18 so that it seems that both we and God are looking into a mirror: and as we see His reflected image, we are changed. Each person has to decide what the mirror is, and many have presented it as the Word of God; but that is an arbitrary

decision. The Bible does not say this mirror is the Word.

Many modern scholars paraphrase this in a precious way in which the meaning of the mirror is very clear. The Phillips version reads: "But all of us who are Christians have no veils on our faces, but reflect like mirrors the glory of the Lord." And *Living Letters* says: "We can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord."

How marvelous! This is no *reflected* glory that we look upon. *We* are the mirror! God shines His glory directly into our hearts, and we, like a mirror, reflect that glory. How much more satisfying to have His glory shine directly than to merely see its reflection!

There must not be a veil; for when there is something between, a mirror cannot reflect. "We all with open face. . . ." More than that there need be no veil, for the glory will not fade. "We are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."


People can gaze on us as much as they like; the glory will not fade. The more we let the glory of God shine into our hearts, the more of it we will reflect.

A mirror can reflect no more than is shining into it. Let anything other than the glory of God be before it, and that is what will be reflected. Moses' glory came from being in God's presence; we too can reflect His glory only when we have been in His presence.

The person who looks into a mirror is not thinking of the mirror; he is thinking of the image reflected there. The Christian with the "mirror ministry" of reflecting the glory of God will not be the center of attention; the glory of God as seen reflected in his life will be the focal point.

Paul told the Corinthians that "if that which was done away was glorious, that which remains is much more so" (v. 11).

Having such a glorious "mirror ministry" works a change in us. It enables us to speak plainly and fearlessly (v. 12). It keeps us from losing heart, from being despondent and discouraged (2 Corinthians 4:1). It makes us walk in honesty and carefulness in the sight of God (v. 2).

Praise God for His "gloryfast" gospel! 

NORMALLY WE RESERVE OUR COMPASSION FOR THOSE DEAREST TO US, BUT JESUS FELT DEEPLY FOR THE NAMELESS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CROWDS.

# COMPASSION MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

By VERLA A. MOOTH

**I**N THIS AGE OF INTERMINABLE OBLIGATION, it is possible for us to neglect the needs of others through lack of compassion.

But Paul exhorted, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). "This mind" was one of compassion and it motivated Christ's activities—even to the Cross where He freely shed His precious blood to redeem us from all iniquity.

The word *compassion* is formed from two Latin words—*com*, meaning "together," and *pati*, meaning "to bear or suffer." So the English word means "to bear or suffer together." It is to share with deep feeling the suffering of another.

Jesus knew this kind of suffering. When He "saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless." He felt the people's loss, their frustrations, their inadequacies.

He showed compassion when He forgave the woman taken in adultery; when He wept at the tomb of Lazarus and called him forth from the grave; when He grieved over Jerusalem's rejection of His salvation.

Christ was tempted in the wilderness, but perhaps He suffered a more powerful temptation in His crucifixion. For it would seem that as He hung there, cruelly wounded and dying, Satan said, "These men are not worth your sacrifice!" But Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven with unfaltering compassion and prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

The compassion of Jesus was more than condescension. It was deeper than kindness. It was identification with those He came to redeem.

Compassion is what we feel when a loved one is severely injured or is troubled or bereaved. Compassion divides the poignancy of pain as we suffer with one we love. It is the testament of a love that cares.

Normally we reserve our compassion for those nearest and dearest to us, but Jesus felt deeply for the nameless men and women in the crowds. He felt the isolation of the hated publicans, tax gatherers for the Roman government, and He scandalized His contemporaries when He sat down and ate with them. If we are the Master's followers and if His mind is in us, we cannot escape the summons to brotherly compassion for our fellowmen, whatever their status in society.

A truly compassionate heart is more rare than we sometimes imagine. For the compassion of Christ demands not only a generosity of heart—which, in some-

times be of heroic measure—but also and above all a clearness of mind sufficient to distinguish between the sin and the sinner. Judging of sin belongs to the true Judge who alone sees the hearts and reads the motives. To show compassionate mercy is to keep one's judgment of others untainted by his own passion and free from personal prejudice.

Such compassion is born of awareness of our own imperfection and of the compassion shown us by Christ's redeeming love. It is being able to put ourselves in the other's place; it is feeling the weight of his burdens and the guilt of his sins. Christian compassion is far more than humanitarianism. It is first and foremost a gift from above which transforms us into the likeness of Him whose name is Love. It consists of an acute sense of the spiritual distress of humanity, plunged into sin. It implies a communion with God which is made possible by His love toward us.

Love must be the quality of our lives too. It must be the essence of our personality and the fabric of our character. It is a solemn fact, and one which is being demonstrated in our generation, that a man can be self-deceived in his religious life. That man is deluded whose concept of love for God includes only religious feelings of awe, reverence, and adoration—without relating to the needs of others.


We may exhaust ourselves in pious acts of worship, prayer, and worthwhile activities, but if we have lost compassion for the souls of men we have lost Jesus. We cannot be ambassadors for Christ without compassion.

Had it not been for Christ's compassionate love we would all have been hopelessly lost. None of us had assets that would have attracted a security-seeking Lord. We had all sinned and come short of the glory of God. None of us was worthy of such a Friend. He was interested in finding people who were lost and undone and comfortless. In the light of this concept, He was looking for *us*.

This divine attitude toward us assures us of the merits of God's mercy and compassion. However, such grace brings with it certain responsibilities. If this is the way of Christ, it must be the way of His followers. If we received compassion, we owe it to others. If we are enriched through His unselfishness, we must enrich others by sharing His love.

We must be willing to help people, not according to their supply and our need, but rather according to their need and our supply. True compassion would challenge us to do something about our own social structure. It would involve us in the needs of the deprived and underprivileged—both materially and spiritually. No distress is too great, no sin too appalling to touch the hearts that are truly compassionate. This is how Jesus the Crucified was compassionate.

All about us are hearts in need of comfort. People are in misery, frustration, and sorrow. Even Christians endure the trial of faith, for consecration ever has had its price. And the degree of our compassion for others is the degree of our consecration to Christ.

Let us pray for a deeper, more compassionate love than we have ever known; a love that yearns over all He came to save; a compelling, searching, submissive love that puts God's will above our own. This is the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Let it be in us. 

**W**ALKING ALONG THE STREET I smiled at a stranger. He spoke. Then we chatted for a while.

He was tired of life and very discouraged. I invited him to church. He came, was later converted, and is now an active Christian and church member. He needed somebody; I smiled; he responded.

What the world needs today is smiling Christians. People are dying, starving for love. If you are a Christian, I dare you to try smiling at them.

A noted psychiatrist was asked by a newspaper man, "Suppose I thought I was heading for a nervous breakdown; what should I do?" The psychiatrist answered: "Go find someone who needs you and convince them that you care for them."

One of the better-known doctors in Dallas, Texas, told me that the failure to love and be loved is as fatal as failure to breathe. He said doctors in New York's Bellevue Hospital found some years ago that in the children's foundling ward they were losing 32 percent of the children under one year, mostly through minor ailments. The doctors were dumbfounded. They were giving the children scientific treatment, scientific feedings, sterile surroundings—and yet the infants died.

At last someone suggested that what the hospital was not supplying was *love*. So they sent out a call for "love" volunteers—women to come and love babies for so many hours a day. Hundreds of women responded—they had a need too, the need for someone to love—and the improvement in the health of the babies was astonishing.

A most dramatic moment in history occurred some 2,000 years ago as a little group of listeners leaned forward to hear Jesus' answer to a certain question. At that time there were 3,600 commandments in Jewish law. The question they put to Jesus was, "Which one is the greatest?"

His answer was not only a matter of great import to the Jews of those days; on His answer would depend the place He would hold in men's lives today. Would it be the answer of a man speaking to his moment in history? Or would it be God's answer, true for time and eternity? The Bible records Jesus' reply: "*Thou shalt love. . .*"

What kind of an answer is this for the world of 1968? It is as timely today as ever. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." And it is written, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Your life consists of what your heart is filled with; you become what your heart habitually gives out. If your heart gives out criticism, you become critical. If your heart gives out love, you become lovely. So be sure your heart is filled with love and only love.

I was once asked, "If I try to love someone and they reject my love, what shall I do?"

My answer: "Increase the dose."

And there is both glory and peril in Jesus' command to love. The glory of it is that we may finally learn enough simplicity to follow it. The peril is that we will try to expand on it.

Jesus reduced 3,600 commandments to one; soon the teachers must have been tempted to start putting others

back. They were tempted, but they didn't give in—not the great ones.

It might have looked for a while as though Paul were making faith as important as love. But there came a moment when Paul took the torch from his Master and wrote, "Now abideth faith, hope, love . . . but the *greatest* of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:11, ASV).

There may have been another perilous moment when it appeared as though the most important thing in John's theology was going to be knowledge. He was writing for a generation of gnostics, people who believed you didn't have to be born again—you could arrive at all truth within yourself.

John wrote a great deal about knowledge, but he wrote something else: "God is love." John was in that little group that heard that great commandment. And I like to think he puzzled over it, as we all do when we hear it for the first time. Is this what God requires of us? Is this the highest good on earth?

I like to think that later, when Jesus' earthly life was over, John awakened one night and said, "Of course! We are made in the image of God. If we could only see Him, we would know what we must be. I have seen Him—and I know."

It's that simple—and it needs to be shared. Somebody needs *you*.

**WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TODAY  
IS SMILING CHRISTIANS.**



**SOMEBODY  
NEEDS YOU**

By W. C. COLLINS



## RESCUER and RESCUED

By MORRIS CHALFANT

ONE SUMMER DAY more than 65 years ago a Scottish farm boy sprang into a lake to rescue a drowning youth. This brave act changed the whole course of his life—and the history of the world.

The parents of the rescued lad were wealthy. As a reward they arranged to send the farm boy to St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. He studied bacteriology and became a member of the faculty.

During World War I the doctor served with the Royal Medical Corps, later returning to the hospital to continue his search for better wound antiseptics. Nine years afterward, while working with a culture of staphylococci, he noticed one plate was contaminated by a mold that had drifted through an open laboratory window. He started to wash off the plate when he saw a halo of clear fluid around the mold growth.

His excitement grew as he found that juices from the mold were destroying the staphylococci. Dr. Alexander Fleming had discovered penicillin!

After his Teheran meeting with Stalin and Roosevelt, Winston Churchill became seriously ill with pneumonia. From Cairo an urgent call was sent to London for a supply of the new infection-killer, penicillin. Dr. Fleming accompanied the shipment and personally administered it to the British prime minister. Thus, for the second time, the life of Winston Churchill was saved—by the same farm boy who had dragged him from the lake 40 summers before.

When Churchill was saved from drowning, he was no doubt grateful; but as far as he or Fleming knew then, that was the end of their roles as rescuer and rescued. Only seemingly accidental circumstances brought them together again in the same roles.

How different from the relationship of the sinner and his Saviour! The Bible makes it clear that all Jesus did for us in entering our world once and saving us from destruction in the sea of our sin was but a prelude to His return and the future He has planned for us.

The promise of His return is interwoven like a thread of gold through the Bible. No accidental circumstance brought Him to our aid when we were "sinking deep in sin." He came to save us as part of His eternal plan. The purpose of His return is to take to His Father's house those He has already redeemed.

"The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour, wherein the Son of man cometh."

IN A LARGE CITY PARK some years ago a Christian stopped to listen to a man calling on workers to "arise and demand more from their employers." He challenged them, "What working man listening to me can honestly say he is satisfied with his lot in life?"

"I can," the Christian replied.

"Indeed!" The reply was scornful. "I doubt that you even own your own home."

"Not yet; but I have it in writing—signed and sealed by my employer—that I will have a lovely place of my own."

The speaker was amazed. "I haven't heard anything like this before. What's your employer's name?"

"His name is the Lord of Hosts," the Christian replied. "He is my Master."

Our hearts thrill at thoughts of home. That magic word will draw the traveler from the land afar. It will fortify the sailor, the soldier, the explorer with indomitable courage.

And Jesus is preparing for us a heavenly home. "In

## A HOME

By GORDON CHILVERS

my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

What a glorious home it will be! Paul said: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10).

The Book of Revelation gives a vivid description of this wonderful place. The city will be of pure gold and, because pure, it will be clear as glass.

The walls of our home will not be of dull materials such as brick or stone, but of jasper, which can reflect the light of the city.

Its foundations will be adorned with precious stones.

The gates are not of iron or brass, but each is a single, flawless pearl—tough enough to bear the writing of the names of the 12 tribes of Israel.

The street of the city will not be of concrete, but (like the city itself) of pure gold.

For lighting, neither sun nor moon—let alone electricity—will be necessary because the brilliance of the glory of God and of the Lamb will be its light.

This splendor will never fail. Peter said this home

will be "incorruptible" (1 Peter 1:4)—and thus immortal—as will also be the people who dwell there. "For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 15:52). Our home will never know death.

Further, Peter said our home will be "undefiled." Nothing can pollute it, for it is fashioned and preserved by a holy God. The devil will never enter our heavenly home. No sinful thought will ever be suggested to us. Our home will always be holy because "there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth" (Revelation 21:27).

Again, it "fadeth not away" (1 Peter 1:4). Its beauty will never lose its luster. What a contrast to earthly joys! The most permanent of them fade. But the beauty of our eternal home will be as fresh forever as when we first see it.

Taking those three qualities together we learn that our eternal home will be in substance incorruptible, in purity undefiled, and in beauty unfailing.

The place Jesus is preparing for us will be our per-

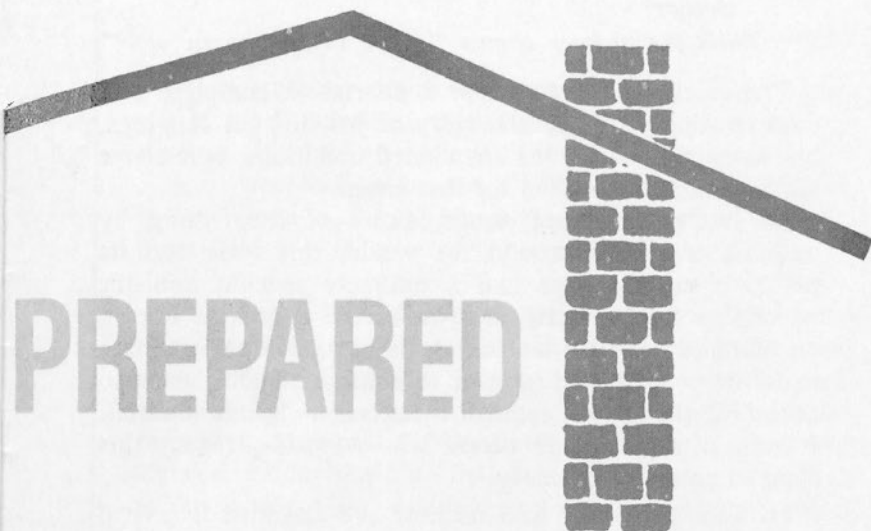
home. The fellowship of saints on earth is one of the great joys we know now. How much greater will be the joy that comes from being not only with perfected saints, but also with our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. "I will... receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

A man built a new home and furnished it grandly, sparing no expense that the furniture and paintings should be the finest. One day he took a friend upstairs and told him: "This room is for our daughter. She is in Europe now. She knows we are expecting her to come home, but she doesn't know how much we are doing for her enjoyment. Her mother and I are fixing up everything we can think of to please her and make her home all she would wish. When she arrives, we shall bring her up here and say, 'Daughter, all this is yours.'"

*What a lovely surprise that would be,* the visitor thought. But as he turned away, another thought filled his mind. He remembered what Jesus was doing for him at that very moment—preparing an eternal home.

Now we are pilgrims and strangers on the earth. We are journeying on, waiting for our Lord to come and take us to that place He is preparing.

That home is the best one our Lord's limitless love, wisdom, and power can fashion for us. What a happy prospect lies ahead!



manent home. Eviction will be impossible. Martin Luther put it: "If the devil with his tyrants hunts you out of this world, you still have room enough. All heaven is beyond."

When a person buys a house, he carefully examines the abstract to see that the title is clear. The title to our heavenly mansion is clear and sure. Its certainty is based on the Word of our Lord, whose promises never fail. David Livingstone once said of those promises: "It is the word of a gentleman, and that is the end of it."

Our homes here may be damaged by weather or by war. But our eternal home cannot be harmed. The home the Lord is preparing for us will be impervious to bombs and satellites, storms and earthquakes.

How shall we enter this wonderful home? Jesus will return to conduct us there personally. He promised: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself." Christ's return is the bright hope before every Christian. Not only will it bring such blessings as cessation of temptation and sorrow and loss, but it also will enable us to see our Saviour face to face—to see the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

What happy and holy fellowship we shall enjoy in that

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THE STORY OF AN IMPELLING  
SONG THAT HAS LED MEN AND  
WOMEN TO CONSECRATE THEIR  
LIVES TO THE LORD'S SERVICE.

# Have I Not Chosen You?

By HERBERT BUFFUM JR.  
San Francisco, California

**T**OPEKA BUSTLED WITH ACTIVITY. Shoppers and business people hurried along the streets, visiting and smiling at friends. Model T Fords chugged along, streetcars clanged, and an occasional clack-clack of a horse-drawn delivery wagon added to the medley.

My father, Herbert Buffum, walked briskly down Kansas Avenue, happy to once again be back in "civilization," away from the dusty, dead quiet of the dinkey, one-horse towns where he spent most of his time conducting revivals.

*Yes, it's good to be back where there's some life again, he thought. How I despise those sleepy villages. Jumping off places from the world, that's what they are. But we did have a wonderful revival, that last one.*

This started a train of thought: How many people found God? How many were filled with the Spirit? Yes, and what a lot of healings this time.

Presently the lively city didn't appear so attractive. Herbert Buffum began to feel restless and uneasy as he observed a young couple walk past, holding hands. *I wonder if they are Christians, he thought. He looked at others and wondered the same thing.*

A distant roll of thunder sounded as a cloud swept over the sky before a fall wind; he could smell rain in

the air. *Well, he thought, no meeting and no tent to worry about tonight anyway.*

But he wished there were, for that familiar longing was back again in his heart; that impelling desire to be back in the small towns he disliked, preaching the gospel, seeing men and women, young and old, making their way to the altar.

As he walked on, oblivious of the sights and sounds of the city, a song began to take shape in his mind:

*Why can't I be like other people, Lord? so oft I cry;  
I see the careless multitude, go laughing, passing by.  
Why must I bear this burden 'til it seems that I  
must die?*

*Then the answer comes, "Have I not chosen you?"\**

He strolled on, and another verse came:

*Why can't I rest without this fearful tugging at my  
heart?*

*Why must I always feel the pain, from other sufferers smart?*

*Why is it that where'er I go, the burden won't  
depart?*

*Then the answer comes, "Have I not chosen you?"*

Five verses altogether and a chorus—a complete sermon in song that told the story of his life, his longings, his discouragements, his abandoned ambitions, and above all, his incessant burden for lost souls.

Of his hundreds of songs, many of them sung by millions of people around the world, this lyric and its plaintive melody have had a uniquely specific ministry which has had directly and indirectly a greater impact on more people than any other. It has an impelling force to influence men and women to consecrate their lives to preaching the gospel, some of them becoming missionaries. I know of six different people who were inspired by this song to enter the ministry.

In Chicago a lady told us how she attended a revival conducted by some evangelists who had been headliners in vaudeville. Every night, this lady reported, they would tell the same story after preaching—how they had dropped into a mission one night and heard this song sung, and how it broke their hearts, and they surrendered to God. They quit show business and began singing and preaching the gospel. Every night the same story and the same song—and several people would come to the altar.

This song was directly responsible for ministers of other churches entering the ministry. One lady told me how she had held out against God's calling for over a year. When she heard this song, it broke her stubborn will. She later became their leading missionary to the Philippine Islands.

A preacher told me how, when he was first called to preach, he had an impediment in his speech. It was so bad he could hardly testify. But as he clung to his faith and insisted he was going to preach, he heard the song, "Have I Not Chosen You?" and God healed his affliction.

In 1965 I held a service in Sumner, Washington, for Robert Ashworth, now deceased. His daughter, Mar-laine Teeters, told me this story:


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"Last year we received a letter from one of our converts who had gone to the Far East as a missionary many years before. He wrote that he and his family were on furlough and wanted to visit their home church. He asked if my father and I would sing a song we used to sing, and said he would tell us why when we sang it that night.

"So when the time came, Dad and I got up and sang, 'Have I Not Chosen You?' As we finished, Foster Wood stepped beside my father and told the people, 'This is the song and these are the singers who sang it over 20 years ago when I was a young man sitting in the audience. It was this song, and the way these dear people sang it, that God used to speak to my heart, calling me to the mission field.'"

*And some day when I'm crowned within that home  
beyond the sky,  
I'll ask why am I honored thus, while endless ages fly.  
He'll smile and answer sweetly, with the love light in  
His eye,  
"My child, it is because I've chosen you."*

How many times I have wondered about the stories I haven't heard—but know there must be many. And what a joy to realize that souls which have been led to God by those we know of are saved as a definite result (although a secondary result) of this simple, irresistible song. I like to think of each of these conversions as a musical miracle brought about by the power of a gospel song—an instrument of the Holy Spirit. 

#### HELPFUL HINTS FOR RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT ONE

# falling in love?

By MARGARET N. FREEMAN

A NUMBER OF GIRLS sat around talking. There wasn't much spark in their conversation until one remarked, "I've fallen in love again."

A 17-year-old spoke out. "I don't believe a girl falls in love," she said. She was already the mother of a six-month-old boy in spite of her youthfulness.

"What do you mean?" they demanded.

"Oh, I used to think there was something magic, something overpowering about love. But I've decided the thing some people call love is just an attraction, just a crush. Real honest-to-goodness love is something that grows. It isn't instantaneous. You don't fall in love. You meet someone. You like him—a lot maybe—but it takes time to know for sure whether you've got anything worth building on."

This girl obviously learned the hard way. She and the boy she married both quit high school. The boy still runs with his crowd of unmarried friends several evenings a week. He works when he feels like it. The girl works most of the time, leaving her baby with a sitter.

A funny little poem by an unknown author goes like this:

*I'm falling in and out of love,  
My fancies come and go;  
It's not so pleasant when I'm out—  
It's very restful though!*

Falling in love may not see beyond the fellow's broad shoulders, height, wavy hair, curly eyelashes, magnetic grin, or snapping dark eyes. The girl may look right out of *Seventeen*, smooth, assured, lovely.

But *growing* in love ferrets out the real person—qualities of humor or ego; tenderheartedness or intolerance; longsuffering or impatience. Taking time to really know a person may save months, years, even a lifetime of heartache.

Going steady is always a temptation when an attractive new star flames on the horizon! But a variety of dates

may bring wiser, surer realization as to which is *the* special one.

For some this takes many dates with several people. Others settle quickly on their lifetime choice.

There are many points to ponder before becoming too serious. Here might be a few of them:


*Do you think together?* This does not mean you must be in complete agreement on every current event, on every candidate that runs for public office, or on something as personal as a hairstyle or a favorite color. Do you, however, see eye-to-eye on the basic issues of morals, religion, and integrity?

*Can you talk together?* Are you able to air your own ideas and accept the other's views without a flare-up or revulsion at the lack of good taste? Do you enjoy the conversational trends and habits of your special someone? Find it out before you're stuck for life! Don't shut your ears to profanity, dirty stories, or lack of good taste. Don't consider reforms for after marriage. It will not work!

Do you like the way problems are attacked? Is it comfortable to be together? Are long stretches of silence equally compatible?

*Do you play well together?* Do you enjoy doing many of the same things, or is there gritting of teeth and pretense in order to show you're a good sport?

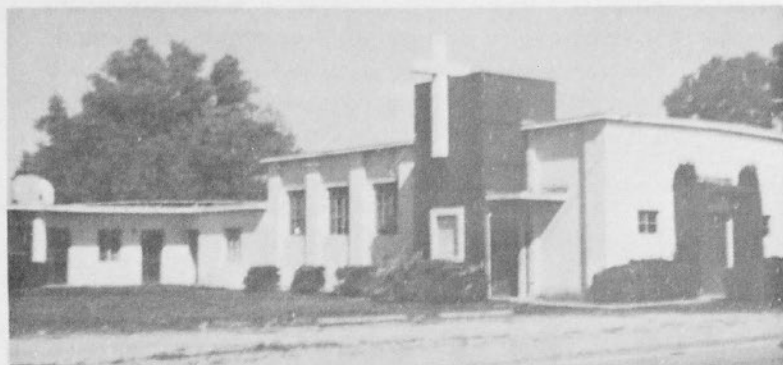
Most important—*do you worship together?* Are you united in what you believe? "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" is a most important qualification for future happiness. This is why it is so important to date Christians. Do you both love the Lord? Are your lives committed to Him? Is the church important so it always comes first when there are conflicts in schedule?

When you think you've met *the* one, talk it over with God until with certainty and peace you feel that this is *the* one God means for you. Then you have a solid foundation upon which to build an enduring love. 



GLIMPSES OF SPECIAL MINISTRY FIELDS OF THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS



The All Tribes Indian Assembly is located in the heart of the Indian population in Phoenix, Ariz. Fourteen tribes live in the city.

## INDIAN ASSEMBLY HAS WIDE OUTREACH

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—The All Tribes Indian Mission here, pastored by Mrs. Alta Washburn, has an active ministry to students at the Phoenix Indian boarding school.

More than 1,000 students are on the campus. The T. L. Johnsons minister in released-time religious education classes.

To supplement this on-campus ministry, each week Brother Johnson drives the Speed-the-Light bus to transport 30 to 40 students to the All Tribes Mission for the Sunday evening service. A number of these students have been converted.

The church is strategic since many of the students have an Assemblies of God background. Sister Washburn reports that during the summer they visit some of the students who live in remote areas.

According to Sister Washburn, once a church selection has been

made the students are not permitted to change during the school term. But at the close of school pastors and parents can guide students in making such choices.

Students who have passed through the school serve today in many responsible positions as pastors, pastor's wives, nurses, policemen, secretaries, etc. Others actively participate in their home churches.

The Johnsons also conduct a regular visitation program at the government Indian hospital. They see good results from this ministry. Brother Johnson affirms, "God still answers prayer and saves and heals people."

Once a week the Johnsons visit the camp of field workers on the west side of Phoenix. There they minister to Navaho and Mexican children. They distribute much literature; not a piece of it falls to the ground.

In the past year the All Tribes congregation remodeled the auditorium and classrooms and repaired the ceiling. Now attention must be given to the parsonage. The men of the church are supplying the labor; but finances are needed for tile, glass, roofing, paint, blinds, and bathroom fixtures.

Sister Washburn states that a young couple is needed to assist in the work. They should be able to play the piano and direct youth activities. The church is unable to provide support, but an apartment is available.

## PRISON CHAPLAIN HAS NEW DUTIES



SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Paul R. Markstrom, national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God, was recently elected to the planning board of the Midwestern American Correctional Association at its annual meeting in Chicago.

Two weeks earlier he was named chairman of the newly created Institutional Chaplains Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Mr. Markstrom's new responsibilities with the NAE include a chaplaincy thrust in correctional facilities, general and mental hospitals, TB sanatoriums, exceptional schools, and industrial areas.

Qualified ministers interested in serving as chaplains may contact the chairman of the new commission at 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



## SPIRIT OUTPOURED IN ALASKA

NOME, ALASKA—From March 11 to 17 the assembly here enjoyed special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Franke, Dayville, Oreg. The well-attended meetings produced gratifying results.

One evening an Episcopal clergyman was with us. His presentation of the revival in his church and other churches was thrilling.

The next morning he spoke to local missionaries of other denominations on the subject of the Holy Spirit outpouring. As a result, some of them are now seeking the experience.

Recently it was my privilege to address a group of Eskimo pastors of the Mission Covenant Church. One of the pastors has received the Baptism.

A former Baptist minister, who recently attended our church, wrote from Kotzebue that he too had received the Holy Spirit. And I have just learned that more than a score have received the Pentecostal blessing at Point Hope.

Thank God for the outpouring of His Spirit that is coming upon all flesh these days.

—Paul E. Bills, missionary-pastor

LOWER LEFT: Mrs. Alta Washburn and her foster daughters stand beside the Speed-the-Light bus which is so important to the outreach of the church. LOWER RIGHT: The T. L. Johnsons are

shown with two Navaho students from the boarding school. Both students attend the Indian Assembly. ABOVE: The men of the church are supplying labor to remodel the parsonage.



## HAWAIIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BECOMES CHURCH

KANEOHE, HI.—In November 1967 First Assembly here, pastored by David Paco, turned its branch Sunday school to Missionary Bernice Procter. She became the first full-time pastor of the new church named Glad Tidings Assembly.

Presently Sunday services are held in the community hall of Kam IV Housing (the name given to this Federal housing area). A Christian man and his family opened their apartment, located above the hall, for Wednesday and Friday night services. One Sunday school class also meets there.

Sister Procter writes: "I am told there are 7,000 children under the age of 18, plus adults, in this one housing development. It is a tremendous challenge.

"At first the children were unruly. The community hall had always been a place for them to play; it was difficult to teach them to be reverent. But now they are learning to worship.

**These children represent the thousands who need Christ in the housing area where Missionary Bernice Procter is pastoring.**



## SILENT ASSEMBLY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Silent Assembly presented certificates of recognition for 25 years of service.



**The pastors who have served Silent Assembly are (left to right): Edsel Jones, Harry Brotzman Jr., and Lloyd Couch.**

to four of its members during its 25th-anniversary celebration March 8-10.

Mrs. Loretta Baity began teaching a Sunday school class for the deaf at Bethel Temple on January

"There are many encouraging results. A Filipino couple, 99 and 89 years of age, have accepted Christ. They faithfully attend Sunday school. A Puerto Rican family recently moved here from New York. The mother and three teenage sons have been saved.

"God has sent two servicemen to assist me; they are zealous for souls. The Lord has blessed them too; one has received the Baptism.

"A young woman who recently accepted Christ received the Baptism in March. Her unsaved husband has just given permission to her to teach a Sunday school class.

"Two teen-agers have been saved and filled with the Spirit, and a number of children have accepted Christ.

"This outreach began as a ministry to the children here. But through personal work and Bible studies I am now beginning to reach adults."

Sister Procter indicates there is much opposition. As a result the group of children often changes. Pray there will be an abundant harvest from sowing the gospel.

15, 1942. Her sons Ronald and Lawrence were the first students. Mrs. Gladys Hambecker was the next teacher. The class continued until now it is a church.

Brother and Sister Lloyd Couch, the first pastors, spoke at the Friday and Saturday rallies. During their ministry the group moved from Bethel to Berea Temple. (Bethel Temple had relocated in an area inconvenient for many of the deaf.)

Harry Brotzman Jr., the second pastor (now national coordinator for the deaf and blind ministries of the Home Missions Department), ministered at the Sunday evening service. Five people responded to the call to receive Christ as Saviour.

The Silent Assembly now worships in a beautiful second-floor chapel at Berea Temple. Recently the group added a new altar, pews, platform steps, and curtains to their auditorium.

—EDEL JONES  
Minister to the Deaf

## GOSPEL TAPES BRING JOY

WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.—When Daulton Short, blind minister of the Church of God, receives a gospel tape, he listens to it immediately on his tape recorder. As he says, "It is more than enjoyment; these tapes are a great blessing to me.

"Sometimes I cry as I listen to the recorded *Evangel* articles; other times I sit quietly or I walk the floor and praise the Lord for His goodness to me."

Brother Short lost his eyesight in a coal mine accident.

After that incident, he recalls, "Apart from the Lord life did not seem worth much, but in Him I have found all I need."

Recently Brother Short visited the Fred Sweeneys in Janesville, Wis. Both blind also, they operate a circulating library of tapes for and underwritten by the Home Missions Department. Interested friends contribute their time to read selected articles into the Sweeneys' recording equipment. From the three-hour-long masters the Sweeneys make duplicates at a cost of \$5 each.

Brother Short suggests it would be helpful if those who receive the gospel tapes would listen to them and return them promptly so others also may receive benefit.

The latest figures released by the Vocational Rehabilitation Ad-

ministration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare set the number of blind in the United States at 435,000. This includes those who have become blind in their old age. Twenty-



**Daulton Short listens to taped "Evangel" articles.**

two thousand are under the age of 12.

Harry Brotzman, Jr. coordinator for the deaf and blind ministries of the Home Missions Department, states "Only 20 percent of the blind in the United States have learned braille. This places a direct responsibility upon Christians to expose their blind friends to the gospel. Take them to church and include them in every evangelistic outreach."

World Ministries credit will be given for offerings for this ministry.

## HOME MISSIONS NEWS

### New Appointees

*J. W. Eaves*, Juneau, Alaska, has received home missions appointment. He plans to pioneer a church in Hoonah, a village of approximately 650.

*Irvin Rutherford*, San Antonio, Tex., recently received appointment to Teen Challenge ministry. Prior to his appointment he was associated with the centers in Dallas and Fort Worth.

*Michael J. Sah Soucie*, Oswego, N.Y., has received home missions appointment for Alaska. He will pastor the church in Tok while the Patrick Donadios take their furlough.

### Notes of Victory

Robert D. Umphrey, missionary-pastor at Fairbanks, Alaska, re-

ports the Graehl Assembly recently had a 10-day revival. Six were saved, one was filled with the Holy Spirit, and two were reclaimed. The congregation raised money to send the Umphreys as evangelists to Stevens Village (the church there is presently without a pastor) and to Beaver where Ambrose Leavitt, an Eskimo, is the pastor.

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God's blessing has been upon the services of the Skokomish Indian Assembly, Potlatch, Wash., according to Mrs. Mildred Schultz, missionary-pastor. The Sunday school attendance has doubled. Recently two young people were saved and one filled with the Spirit.



**Irvin Rutherford M. J. San Soucie**



**J. W. Eaves family**



# evangeletters

READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

### "My Heart Is His"

I was so thrilled when I read "My Heart Is His," the editorial comment in the February 4 *Evangel*. I cut it out and pasted it on cardboard to save. Several of my friends are keeping theirs too. One mother is sending a copy to her son in Vietnam. It is a real blessing.

MRS. M. CHRISTIANSEN  
*Van Nuys, Calif.*

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### Wants More News

We are living in perilous times, and there are so many things happening we need to know. I would appreciate having "This Present World" in every issue of the *Evangel*.

Also, would it be possible to have more articles of interest to children? I read "Nineteen Cents Upon the Water" (February 25 issue) to a little girl in my care and she enjoyed it very much. When I finished she said, "Now

don't lose it. I will want you to read it to me again."

We are giving out the *Evangel* in Sunday school, thinking that it will help increase the spiritual awareness of the church.

I am so hungry for more of God. A real Pentecostal revival is what this generation desperately needs.

PASTOR CAMILLE BISHOP  
*Assembly of God  
Camargo, Okla.*

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### Let's Clean Up TV

Some television programs are becoming vulgar, sacrilegious, and disrespectful toward the better things of life. They have no regard for those who revere our Lord and decency.

Why don't churches combine forces and put pressure on the various companies that sponsor these programs?

Our nation is letting down morally more and more. If Chris-

tians would rise up unitedly we could stop this downward trend.

C. W. GILL  
*Roseville, Calif.*

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### Like Reunion in Heaven

The Kansas District had a great Golden Jubilee in Wichita this May. It reminded me of what the reunion will be when all God's children are gathered Home.

Here at Scott City we celebrated the 30th anniversary and we are so grateful to A. R. Farley and V. G. Greisen for starting this Assembly. I was the first one converted in the church here.

Thank God for all His blessings in the past, but I feel privileged to be living in this day when so many Biblical prophecies are coming to pass. There is much darkness, misery, and heartache (particularly in Vietnam—I have two sons in the war) but I know God is getting the Lamb's Bride ready for that great day of rapture by pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:17, 18).

EDNA ANDRASEK  
*Scott City, Kansas*

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### Quote Unclear

I love your magazine and believe in the truth it stands for. I do not criticize the content in any way. However, the Scripture verse (Zechariah 4:6) under the title

on page one always seems to be a little blurred. Is it possible for this verse to be made larger and more clear? It is a mighty message.

HUBERT FOSTER  
*Vinita, Okla.*

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### Finding God Faithful

I was very much inspired and helped by your recent editorial, "Hold God's Faithfulness" (March 3, 1968). How encouraging such an article is to us who struggle to have faith.

I am making copies of this article to distribute to each member of the adult Sunday school class which I teach. It really should be in tract form.

The secret to having faith, I believe, is found in getting our eyes off ourselves and our troubles, and looking to the Lord. When we look to Him and His promises, faith automatically springs up.

Recently the Lord has been coming to me in a most wonderful way as I realize how simple He wants this life to be. "Thou of life the Fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee." As I have been partaking of Him by simple acts of faith, He has been manifesting Himself to me in a new and glorious way. How abundant is His supply—and how accessible!

ANNE SANDBERG  
*Blue Island, Ill.*



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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

WINDSOR, N. C.—Askewville Bethel Assembly here recently held an "oldtimers" day to honor Evangelist Elizabeth Snow White, now 72.

Sister White began her ministry in this area in the early 1930's. She helped pioneer this church, the Assembly of God in Sandy Point (Windsor), and Mt. Olivet Assembly in Perrytown.

Of the many people who sat under her ministry as a pastor or evangelist, several have gone into the active ministry. Among them is Carl Conner, former public relations director at Assemblies of God Headquarters, Springfield, Mo., and now pastor of First Assembly, Winston-Salem, N. C.

—R. O. Denton, pastor

Evangelist Elizabeth Snow White and Pastor R. O. Denton at "oldtimers" day held at the Askewville Bethel Assembly in Windsor.



MOUNT HOLLY, N. J.—The Assembly of God here recently held an evangelistic crusade with Jesse Owens, pastor of Trinity Pentecostal Church in Elizabeth, N. J., as the visiting evangelist.

Nine persons were saved, six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, several others were refilled, and one was called into full-time Christian service.

God also healed several people, and the entire church has been revitalized.

—James Occhipinti, pastor

STONEHAM, COLO.—The Assembly of God here just completed a successful meeting with Evangelist Paul Morris of Hutchinson, Kans. Fourteen were saved, one was reclaimed, and several were refilled with the Spirit.

From a small beginning attendance grew every night of the 12-day meeting. Over 110 visitors came out to the services. Attendance on the concluding day was 94, an increase of 43 over the average number.

God helped the church's vision for the community to grow. Many are continuing to believe for yet greater results.

—Paul Wheeler, pastor

SPIRO, OKLA.—God blessed the first evangelistic meetings in Race-track Assembly's new building here. Beechley S. Bates of Tempe, Ariz., was the evangelist.

Five persons were saved, four

were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and several were either reclaimed or refilled with the Spirit. Ten have been saved since the congregation entered the new structure last February, and many have been healed.

A new Sunday school record of 80 was reached. God continues to move the church with a spirit of revival. —James Carrell, pastor

STEELVILLE, MO.—Not a night passed without someone being either saved or baptized in the Holy Spirit during a recent two-week meeting at First Assembly here. Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo., was the evangelist.

There were 12 persons saved, 11 reclaimed, 14 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and nine refilled with the Spirit. Large crowds attended every night.

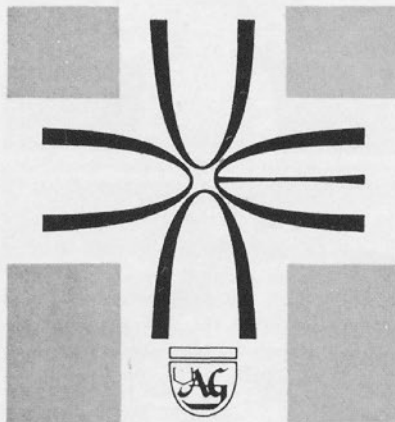
—Joe R. Massey, pastor

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Grace Assembly here enjoyed a successful 19-day meeting with Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman. Several were saved, and many persons were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

Attendance was excellent with over 250 first-time guests attending. The entire church was blessed by the moving of the Holy Spirit.

—J. D. Keen, pastor

Mrs. Arnold Segesman presents one of her oil paintings to Alvin Caraway for bringing the most first-time visitors to the crusade at Grace Assembly in Oklahoma City, Okla. At the left is Pastor J. D. Keen. Evangelist Arnold Segesman is at the right.



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## KANSAS CHURCH GROWS IN NEW BUILDING

CANEY, KANS.—Brother and Sister Ray F. Hollis recently celebrated their 10th anniversary as pastors of First Assembly here.

The church has experienced a good growth lately. Whereas Sunday school attendance during 1957-1958 averaged 96, the average for a recent two-month period was 154.

First Assembly had its origin in 1942 when the Pentecostal message was preached in an old frame building. The growing congregation soon moved into a tent and then into a theater for worship services.

About 1945 Earl Goodman became pastor. He led the congregation to purchase an old hospital

site and erect a new brick building.

When W. C. Crowder became pastor in 1947, the congregation sold their building, then purchased and remodeled an old school.

This building burned in 1964, six years after Brother Hollis became pastor. The congregation once again worshiped in a theater until a new structure could be built. It was completed in 1965 and is valued at between \$85,000 and \$100,000. Because of much donated labor, however, actual cost was only \$50,000.

First Assembly's sanctuary seats 240. There are 12 Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, and a nursery.



"Revivaltime" Evangelist C. M. Ward (holding a Bible) appeared on a TV program hosted by James Bakker (at the right). Pastor David Berquist, pastor of Glad Tidings Church, Norfolk, Va., is at the left.

NORFOLK, VA.—During a recent series of meetings at Glad Tidings Church here, *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward visited the studios of WYAH-TV to appear on an unusual interview program, hosted by James Bakker, an Assemblies of God minister and vice-president of the Christian Broadcasting Network. Approximately 200 telephone calls were received during the telecast.

The Christian Broadcasting Network is the world's only television facility devoted entirely to Christian programming.

There was strong response to

the meetings with Brother Ward. Attendance was strengthened by the large listening audience *Revivaltime* has acquired throughout the community.

—David Berquist, pastor

### ANNOUNCEMENT

HOMEcomings (June 23) and DEDICATION (June 24)—First Assembly, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman and Assistant General Superintendent T. E. Gannon, speakers.

—by Fred R. Gottwald, pastor.

Some of the new converts present for a service in the revival at Bethel Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., with the Musical Vanns. Clyde B. Wasdin is pastor.



HAMBURG, ARK.—First Assembly here recently closed a very successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. G. Calaway of Newton, Tex. The Lord's presence was felt nightly. Nine young people were saved, and several were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—Earl Davis, pastor

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CHELSEA, OKLA.—For three weeks God manifested His glory and power in services at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Tom Ogdon and family. There were 27 persons saved and 34 baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Lord also touched those who were sick in body. Attendance was large each night.

—C. F. Cates, pastor

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FREDERICKTOWN, MO.—The Assembly of God here witnessed a great moving of the Holy Spirit during a two-week meeting with Evangelist Ruth E. Reece of Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Nine persons were saved, five were baptized in the Holy Spirit, some were refilled with the Spirit, and several were healed. One young man received a call to full-time gospel service as a missionary.

—Max Francis, pastor

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Over 100 persons were saved or reclaimed during a recent meeting at

Bethel Temple here with the Musical Vanns.

The services were originally scheduled for two weeks but continued for five because of the outstanding results.

The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was evident, even away from the worship services. Three people found Christ as Saviour at a social gathering for new converts.

A large number of those who were saved were also baptized in the Holy Spirit.

There were two water baptismal services in which 35 followed the Lord in this ordinance.

—Clyde B. Wasdin, pastor

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bessemer	First	June 26-July 7	R. C. "Keetah" Jones	Lamar LeCompte
Calif.	Eureka	Redwood Camp	July 10-July 21	Howard Bush & L. J. Choate	N. Calif.-Nev. Dist.
Colo.	Akron	<sup>1</sup> A/G	June 23-28	Victor Etienne Team	D. E. Rudnick
	Yuma	<sup>2</sup> A/G	June 23-28	Victor Etienne Team	Forrest Hines
Fla.	Greensboro	A/G	June 24-July 5	Nettie Parham	A. Z. Futch
Ga.	Riverdale	A/G	June 26-July 7	Kenneth & Mrs. Wright	W. H. Fisher
Minn.	Paynesville	A/G	June 23-28	Larson-Stiver Team	Wilbert Remus
Mont.	Sidney	A/G	July 2-14	Ernie Eskelin	Dean Rohner
N. Y.	Endicott	A/G	June 26-July 7	George & Mrs. Butrin	Robert W. Bressette
Tex.	Houston	Northside	June 27-July 7	Doyle Jones	Ray Pinson
Va.	Bentonville	Community Tab.	June 18-July 7	R. L. Beavers	J. R. Robbins
	Roanoke	First	June 23-July 7	Fred Carrington	J. Vernon Cardiff
W. Va.	Dorothy	A/G	July 2-14	Don & Mrs. Parker	N. Victor Gillam
Wyo.	Green River	A/G	June 16-July 7	Fairfield Evang. Party	Robert C. Ingle

<sup>1</sup>A.M. Youth Crusade

<sup>2</sup>P.M. Youth Crusade

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

## MISSIONARIES GO BACK TO WORK IN VIETNAM

WASHINGTON, D.C.—“Among the very first American civilians to return to Hue were Paul Kennel and Ken Keefer, World Relief Commission personnel,” said Wesley W. Schelander reporting from Vietnam. The WRC is the relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

A report early in March said that while fighting continued around the city, the men “immediately launched an urgently needed relief program for helping the thousands of destitute and homeless refugees throughout the city.”

Schelander, loaned by the Christian and Missionary Alliance to the World Relief Commission, estimated that 95 percent of the city was destroyed and that in some places 40 percent of the civilian population lost their lives during the heat of the conflict.

Kennel and Keefer, with five other members of the WRC team who had been loaned by Vietnam Christian Service, were pinned to their basement bunker during the battle of Hue. After a terrifying nine-day ordeal, they were rescued by U.S. Marines.

Schelander reports that work at the World Relief Commission's Vocational Training Center has been suspended temporarily while the entire WRC staff rallies to the cause of relief throughout the city.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance, which temporarily withdrew some missionary dependents after the late January Tet offensive, reports that in addition to the loss by death of six missionaries, its property damage was extremely high.

In five cities the churches of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam (C&MA) were destroyed. Four others were heavily damaged.

Missionaries who were evacuated from their homes suffered the loss of most of their personal property. Damage to mission properties which were attacked during the fighting is estimated at more than \$150,000.

A prisoner released recently by the Viet Cong reported that the two American missionaries captured during the attack on Banmethuot are still alive though far behind Communist lines.

The missionaries, Betty Olsen, a nurse from Nyack, N.Y., and Henry Blood of Portland, Oreg., have been in Viet Cong hands since Banmethuot was overrun and the six missionaries were murdered.

The Pocket Testament League reports that although its normal missionary program in Vietnam has been seriously disrupted, work is still being carried on. Scripture distribution continues in refugee camps, prisons, hospitals, and military installations.

Larry Ward, vice-president of World Vision Inc., writing from Saigon, declared that the Viet Cong overplayed their hand in the Tet offensive, giving the people of South Vietnam a needed rallying point.

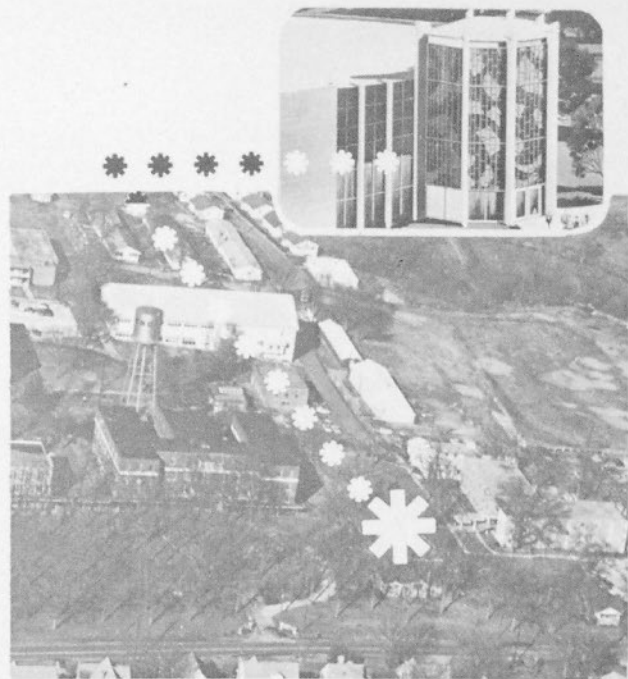
The violation of the truce was one thing, Ward pointed out, but the violation of Tet itself and of the unique spirit of the Chinese New Year as the people observe it, was something infinitely deeper.

“I am convinced the Tet offensive was somehow a Pearl Harbor type of experience for the people of South Vietnam,” Ward said. “At first they were shaken that other Vietnamese could do this. Now they are angry and determined.”

*The New York Times* reported that about 40,000 Catholics lived at Hue, mostly in the southern part of the city. The Viet Cong executed a number of them.

Four South Vietnamese priests were taken away, and three foreign priests were killed, according to the *Times* (March 28, 1968). Two French priests were given permission by the Viet Cong to return to Phucan and help the sisters—and were shot on the way back. Another French priest, a Benedictine, was executed.

## A PLACE OF HONOR FOR WILLIAMS CHAPEL



***Don't you agree God's House should be situated in a place of honor on the CBC Campus?***

This is the exact spot we've chosen for the new E. S. Williams Chapel. (The old tabernacle can be seen in the center background.)

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# a wedding and a miracle

By IDA M. CLARK

ANNE STOOD THERE BEFORE ME, almost 18, blonde, blue-eyed, eagerly hoping I would be happy over the news that she and Gary planned to be married.

"Mom, he's the greatest!" she exclaimed and then plopped herself down on my lap as she used to do when she was much younger.

This outburst of happiness made me remember a time almost nine years ago when it seemed doubtful that any such announcement would ever be made.

It was a rainy night, a Thursday to be exact. Three girls, Anne included, had donned raincoats and borrowed umbrellas to keep dry for the short trip to the church for a special meeting.

They were laughing and talking as they walked along the side of the road. Cars whizzed by, some going south and others north. Suddenly one of the cars attempted to pass a bus. There was another car coming toward it. The driver tried to steer clear, but two of the girls were hit as the car swerved from the left lane and plowed into a cement fence.

I hardly noticed the boy who had driven the car. All I could see was the inert body of Anne as she lay in a crumpled heap at the side of the road. Kind neighbors had covered her with a blanket and were standing there holding a tarpaulin over her when I arrived. Soon the emergency cars came. I rode in the ambulance with her, praying silently all the way.

When Anne was settled in the hospital, the doctor suggested that I go home and get some sleep. Assuring him that I had faith in my God and trusted the doctor's medical skill, I went home and tumbled into bed.

I was awakened in the morning by the sound of the telephone.

"Your daughter is awake and asking for you." Those were the sweetest words the nurse could have said.

Anne was lying so still in that big white bed. Her eyes were like two black coals in the pasty whiteness of her face. She smiled slightly as I approached her bed.

"I'll be all right, Mother," she said softly. "God's taking care of me."

Indeed He was! I didn't know at that time that the pastor had called a special prayer meeting at our church that night. Neither did I know the doctors hadn't thought she would live through the night.

The details—of her partial paralysis, of infection that set up in her broken leg, discovery of a broken neck, so many things that were wrong—would take pages and pages. There was very little chance that Anne would live. However, it was during a prayer meeting that the crisis was passed, unknown to me at the time. The doctors told me later.

What joy we all had when the cast was removed and the collar was taken off her neck. She walked, then ran, swam, and played tennis. Only neckaches caused by changes in the weather remind her of the near tragedy.

Each Christmas a card has come from the driver of the car that hit her. Through that experience he too drew closer to God and became active in his church.

It has been years since we have heard from the other girl in the accident. Her bruises too have healed. Now Anne is grown and attending college. Her announcement of marriage plans was certainly no surprise. Her impulsive lap-sitting will perhaps be her last attempt to be Mamma's little girl before she will leave to make her own home wherever Gary will be based.

"Are you sad to lose your youngest daughter?" she asked teasingly as she jumped off my lap.

"No, dear; I'm glad that another son is being added to my family," I replied. And under my breath I added, "My cup runneth over. Thank you, God." 