



GOOD NEWS CRUSADE

THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

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

AUGUST 18, 1968 TEN CENTS



BRAZIL



PANAMA



TOGO

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES



TOGO



DON'T IGNORE GOD'S

STOP SIGNS ARE THERE TO PROTECT US. By obeying them we avoid accidents, injury, even death.

Frequent stopping may annoy us when we're in a hurry to get somewhere, but we must admit life would be awfully hazardous without stop signs!

In some places the right-of-way belongs to the first car reaching the intersection. Often this is a matter of opinion! Stop signs save us from many an argument and accident.

If anyone is foolhardy enough to run through a stop-light without stopping, he is the object of public contempt—for he is risking the lives of other motorists who have a green light.

What would you think of someone who comes to a sign, "Danger—Bridge Out," and continues on in spite of the warning?

It is just as foolish to ignore God's stop signs. To disregard spiritual warnings and persist in sin and disobedience to God is not only breaking the divine law; it is also self-destroying.

God has taken great care to place spiritual stop signs along the road of life. They should remind you of your Heavenly Father's tender concern, for He "is not willing that any should perish."

1. CONSCIENCE

One way God speaks to individuals is through the inner voice of conscience. Conscience is an instinctive

sense of right and wrong, based on your moral training. Jesus said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required" (Luke 12:48). If you have heard God's warning regarding sin, your conscience will repeat that warning to you in an attempt to protect you from the judgment to come.

Conscience will save you from many regrets and heartaches if you will heed its pricks and reminders. To silence the demands of conscience is to ride into the spiritual "danger zone," where you "travel at your own risk."

2. THE CHURCH

In His efforts to rescue men and women from the downward course, God has established that body of believers known as the Church. This group is more than a religious organization—it is actually referred to in Scripture as "the body of Christ." This group of Christians acts as a deterrent to sin. It is like a spiritual fortress in a community, standing as a rebuke to a sinful world.

Without the Church, sinners would see no contrast to their evil life. They would have no cause to question their eternal destiny. But the positive witness and holy living of genuine Christians are a call to repentance—to turn people away from sin and toward God.

The Church also provides good fellowship, an added safety measure in the journey to heaven. Many people have been induced to reject God's warnings through the taunts of nonspiritual associates. You can avoid this danger by staying close to Christian friends who are ready to help you walk in the paths of righteousness.



By ROBERTA LASHLEY BONNICI

STOP SIGNS

3. THE BIBLE

The psalmist David recognized the power and protection of Scripture for he declared, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

The teaching of God's Word has long been a beacon of warning and direction to the human race. Its message is timeless, its wisdom infallible.

The importance of memorizing Scripture cannot be overemphasized. In most cases these are the verses that prevent a wrong decision in times of temptation or stress.

If you know the Bible, and believe it, and act upon its clear-cut directives you will find easy access to the narrow way that leads to life everlasting.

4. PRAYER

The prayers of God's people are another agency He employs in His constant attempt to stop the flow of traffic into hell. There are many Christians who recognize that they were converted only because someone prayed for their salvation.

When you recall those who have prayed for you, I hope you discern the love that motivated it. Intercessory prayer requires a certain type of dedication. It is the heart-cry of God, through the Holy Spirit, in behalf of lost souls. It demands persistence, love for the sinner, and a deep desire to see lives changed.

You can be thankful there are loved ones or friends who pray for you. These prayers provide protection and wisdom when Satan would switch signs to deceive you into making the wrong turn.

Perhaps you think no one cares enough to pray for

you. Then read Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that cometh unto God by him, seeing *he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*" Jesus is praying for you!

What greater blessing is there than to know that God's own Son is praying for you this very hour. His prayers are a protective hedge, shielding you from the tempter.

5. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Nowhere is the love of God for humanity more vividly portrayed than at the cross of Calvary. Golgotha was the scene of an all-out effort to redeem men and women from their blind, misguided ways that lead to destruction. There Jesus laid down His life as a divine blockade; you must trample over Him if you insist on going your own way.

The blood of Christ is like a red stoplight, begging you to stop before you've gone too far. To disregard this stop sign is to push beyond the last and greatest of God's barriers. Beyond the Cross there are no more signals. Beyond this red light you have passed your last and only hope of salvation.

God has taken every means possible to warn you of spiritual dangers. One can only exclaim, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

If you are not converted, it's time you stopped to consider your eternal destiny. When God deals with you, don't brush aside His warnings; but STOP where you are, LOOK to the Saviour, and LISTEN to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit. It can mean the difference between eternal life and death.

Have Any Been Missed?

THE TIME FOR THE Communion service had come. The young pastor, who had prayed that God would give him just the right sermon for this sacred occasion, preached from an overflowing heart on the subject, "The Lamb of God." He extolled the Lord Jesus Christ as the wonderful Redeemer who shed His precious blood to save men from their sins.

With an eloquence inspired by the Holy Ghost he described the distant scene on Mount Moriah where Abraham was about to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac for a burnt offering to God. "Where is the lamb?" asked Isaac innocently. And the father bravely replied, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."

"And that is exactly what God did," the pastor said. "God provided Himself a Lamb. Many centuries later the cry was heard by Jordan's bank, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,' and it was Jesus, the man born to be the sacrificial Lamb. At Calvary the sinless Saviour let the soldiers pierce His body with thorns, nails, and spear in order that His blood might be spilled, for without the shedding of that precious Blood our sins could not be remitted."

The pastor went on to describe the scene in heaven as the throng of angels worship Christ, saying, "Worthy is the Lamb" (Revelation 5), and that morning the congregation joined with the angels in giving blessing and honor and glory to the Lamb of God.

During the Communion service the pastor's attention was drawn to two little words in the familiar Scripture reading. It seemed he could hear Jesus repeating the phrase, "Drink ye *all* of it," with special emphasis on the "all"; and in the remainder of His statement—"This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for *many* for the remission of sins"—it seemed the word "many" was especially emphasized. He wondered, "What does 'many' really mean? How many are 'all'?"

As the custom was, he said to the congregation, "Have any been missed? If you did not get the bread and the cup, please raise your hand and the elders will serve you." And as he looked out over the audience, suddenly it seemed the color of the people's skin had changed. So had their costumes. Sitting in the pews before him he no longer saw Americans, but instead he saw Africans, Chinese, Polynesians, Mexicans, people of every age and color, all sitting there in native costumes. All their eyes were fixed on him, and all their hands were raised. "Yes, we've been missed," they seemed to be saying. "No one has told us about the Lamb of God. We still worship idols. We offer sacrifices and do penance for our sins. We pour the blood of chickens on our wooden gods. No one ever told us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses people from all sins—no one ever passed the Communion cup to us."

The pastor began to weep, and when he told the congregation of his vision they too were broken up. The Communion service lasted longer than usual that day. It was turned into a prayer meeting—and neither the pastor nor that church has been quite the same since.

Next time you take Communion and your pastor asks, "Have any been missed?" think of the millions who have never heard the gospel, and pray that missionaries may reach them in time.

—r.c.c.

THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

August 18, 1968

Number 2832

Official Voice of the Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802

BERT WEBB, *Executive Director*

ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, *Editor*

R. G. CHAMPION, *Managing Editor*

NORMAN PEARSALL, *Art Editor*

W. F. MCPHERSON, *Circulation Manager*

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

David Womack, Foreign Missions; Ruth Lyon, Home Missions; E. S. Caldwell, Radio; C. W. Denton, Spiritual Life—Evangelism; F. Wildon Colbaugh, Men's Fellowship; Johnnie Barnes, Royal Rangers; Everett James, Light-for-the-Lost; Verne MacKinney, Speed-the-Light; Frances Foster, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade; Ann Ahlf, Women's Missionary Council; Charlotte Schumitsch, Missionettes.

EDITORIAL POLICY BOARD

Bert Webb (chairman), E. W. Bethany, G. R. Carlson, N. D. Davidson, Joseph R. Flower, G. W. Harcastle Sr., D. H. McLaughlin, Kermit Reneau, R. H. Wead.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent; Bert Webb, H. S. Bush, C. W. H. Scott, T. E. Gannon, and J. P. Hogan, assistant general superintendents; Bartlett Peterson, general secretary; M. B. Netzel, general treasurer; E. W. Bethany, G. R. Carlson, N. D. Davidson, Joseph R. Flower, G. W. Harcastle Sr., D. H. McLaughlin, Kermit Reneau, and R. H. Wead, nonresident executive presbyters.

Copyright 1968 by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Printed in U.S.A. Second-class postage paid at Springfield, Missouri.

WEEKLY SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Single subscription: U.S., its possessions, and U. S. servicemen abroad: \$3 a year; \$5.75 two years. Introductory offer: four months for \$1. Canada and PUAS countries: \$4.25 a year; \$8.25 two years. Foreign: \$5 a year; \$9.75 two years. Bundle subscription (minimum of four subscriptions, all mailed to one address; prices quoted are for each subscription): U.S.: 78c for 13 weeks; \$2.75 a year. Canada and PUAS countries: 96c for 13 weeks; \$3.50 a year. Foreign: \$1.05 for 13 weeks; \$3.75 a year.

INTERNATIONAL EDITION

Subscribers outside the U.S. only may receive the International Edition (one copy a month) for \$1 a year, postpaid.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Send both old and new addresses, including old address label if possible. Allow at least four weeks for change to become effective. The post office will not forward copies unless you provide extra postage with forwarding instructions.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

GOD IS SPEAKING TODAY, and in these times of crisis there is a tremendous need to hear His message. At every stage of history there have been a very few who spoke His truth; and, we might add, too few who heard and heeded.

There are many voices that speak, and the real problem is to sort out which are of God and worthy to be heard, and which must be disregarded. The prophecies that God has given this world are vitally important. They point out an "abounding revelation" of the Creator and His plans.

What has been revealed of God is still true. New revelations never detract from the old but rather enlarge our knowledge of His attributes. An illustration of this is the fact He has been revealed as Saviour and He still saves today.

The Bible gives us many, many prophecies that relate to today's troubled times. I would like to underline three given to various men of the past. All are in relation to the Person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, the living Word.

THE LORD IS COMING TO JUDGE THE WORLD

Notice first of all the message delivered by Enoch. We read in Jude 14, 15: "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all. . . ."

A portion of Psalm 96:12 declares: "He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." John also declares, in Revelation 19:11: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

The amazing fact about the prophecy of Enoch was the statement that the Lord was coming with ten thousands of His saints. At the time when Enoch lived there probably were not even that many people alive, and here he stated that the Lord would have that many saints. Preposterous! The percentage of God's saints in Enoch's time was very low. Beside himself we know only of Noah and his family. The result was that people did not believe Enoch when he spoke of ten thousands of godly people. But what he said was true.

THE LORD IS COMING TO REGATHER ISRAEL

Later in history we find another truth presented to mankind, this time by Moses. He prophesied that the Lord was coming to gather Israel. "That then the Lord thy God will . . . gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee" (Deuteronomy 30:3). Here again the truth was hard to believe, for the nation Israel was unified at that time and had been from the beginning. The prophecy that God would allow them to be scattered seemed unbelievable.

Men always find an excuse to doubt the truth. But Jesus added strength to this prophecy in Matthew 24:30, 31: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they

shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Israel was scattered indeed, and despite the partial regathering today in their own state in the Middle East, there are still millions of Jews dispersed throughout the earth. A greater regathering lies in the future and will occur when the Lord comes.


THE LORD IS COMING TO CATCH AWAY HIS CHURCH

The third prophecy was revealed through the apostle Paul. The Lord is coming for His Church. He will descend to meet us in the air! The dead in Christ and the living saints shall rise together to meet Him when He comes again. (See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.)

Today, as in the past, people find it hard to believe the words of truth. From the days of the apostles until now there have been scoffers who cry out, "Where is the promise of His coming?"

But history calls us to witness that those who refused to believe Enoch perished in the Flood. The doubters of Moses' day died in the wilderness. In our own time many, many people will not be ready for His coming.

Will you notice that these three tremendous prophetic events will occur in the reverse order of their being revealed. First of all, Jesus will come for His saints. Then during the period of intense trouble ("great tribulation") the Lord will complete the task which He has already started of regathering the nation Israel. Finally Enoch's prophecy will be fulfilled. Having come *for* His saints at the Rapture, He afterward will come *with* them to judge the world and set up His millennial reign.

Friend, within a very short time all these predicted events could take place. The Lord is coming! Be sure you are ready to meet Him! 

**FROM OUT OF THE PAST COME POWERFUL VOICES
CARRYING A PUNGENT MESSAGE
FOR THESE TIMES OF CRISIS.**

THE LORD IS COMING

By **VIRGIL L. CONGER**

Pastor, Assembly of God, Jefferson, Oregon

RHODESIA - Ready for Revival

By PAUL WRIGHT / *Missionary to Rhodesia*



GOOD NEWS CRUSADES

Within the last year the Assemblies of God has entered another foreign mission field, Rhodesia. This East African country has been on the hearts of missionaries for many years, and the entrance of veteran Missionaries Paul and Miriam Wright into that land is the fulfillment of many dreams and prayers.

The following is the latest report from our missionaries in Rhodesia.

THE HEART OF AFRICA'S city dweller is one of the most fertile soils in which to plant the Church today.

Like his American contemporary, the young African is inexorably drawn to the population centers, but by comparison with the boy from the farm, the boy from the bush experiences a much more drastic change.

He finds a vast difference between being an individual in a community where each person is vital to maintaining the life of the village and in becoming one of a mass of fellow laborers uniformly pounding, pushing, lifting, and turning in an industrialized society.

The new city dweller finds that his tribal obligations, his taboos, rituals, and traditions become progressively dimmer; and his ethical, moral, and social props become successively undermined.

He is left frustrated, confused—with a vacuum within. Thus there is an influx of substitutes: a hankering for the daily social session around the frothing beer pot, a craze to line his pockets with filthy lucre by means fair or foul, a moral looseness with its disease-riddled accouterments, and a strange syncretism of Christian and traditional religions. His heart becomes crowded with everything but God.

Because of these characteristics of today's Africans, the soil of the cities is particularly ready for the seed of the gospel.

Salisbury, capital of Rhodesia, has a population of 350,000. Its African segment is located in some nine high-density townships surrounding the city itself.

Recognizing the African's insatiable urge toward urbanization, the authorities have provided facilities to encourage his betterment, as well as to obviate

HELP OPEN THE NEWEST ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSION FIELD

the shanties that clutter most large cities. Housing has a monotonous sameness; yet the rent is kept at about 20 percent of the wage scale, and the water and electricity are most nominal. A three-bedroom house may cost only \$17 a month, all inclusive! Buses run to town for only a penny a mile.

To provide as many amenities as possible, the markets, stores, schools, and sports centers are located at strategic points throughout the townships. Free enterprise is encouraged. At any given area can be found tailors, carpenters, clothiers, grocers, tea rooms, dry cleaners, taxi stands, and gasoline stations. And such businessmen as hotel owners, bus company operators, or chain-store owners can be seen.

Most Rhodesian Africans are tri- or quadri-lingual, for they speak their home tongue, Shona; the trade lingo, Fanagalo; English; and some speak Sendebele, a dialect of Zulu to the south.

Ten percent of all government expenditure goes to African schooling. Hence of all African countries, Rhodesia is excelled in literacy only by South Africa. One in seven of all Rhodesia's African population is in school. By contrast, Algeria and Liberia have 1 in 12; Tanzania has 1 in 15; Mali, 1 in 42; and Ethiopia, 1 in 74.

Free or token-priced medical facilities are provided in hospitals, clinics, and dispensaries throughout the country. In Salisbury, the Harari Central Hospital for Africans is one of the best of its kind in the whole of Africa. A thousand outpatients are treated each day, and 3,000 Africans a month are X-rayed there free of charge. The African hospital in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, is one of three African centers north of the Limpopo River which offer radio-therapy for cancer sufferers.

Wages for Africans in Rhodesia are surpassed only by South Africa, and the principle of equal pay for equal work operates in government services and in industry.

Most of the nominal religious groups are represented in Rhodesia. There are also a large number of splinter movements and sects with beliefs ranging from fundamental to pseudo-Christian. Some have their own versions of the Scriptures and bearded prophets dressed in Old-Testament-type robes and carrying shepherds' crooks.

Over the years a number of Rhodesian Africans have been saved and trained in the Assemblies of God work in South Africa. When these born-again people returned to their country, there was no Assemblies of God church for them. These brethren made repeated appeals to the Foreign Mis-

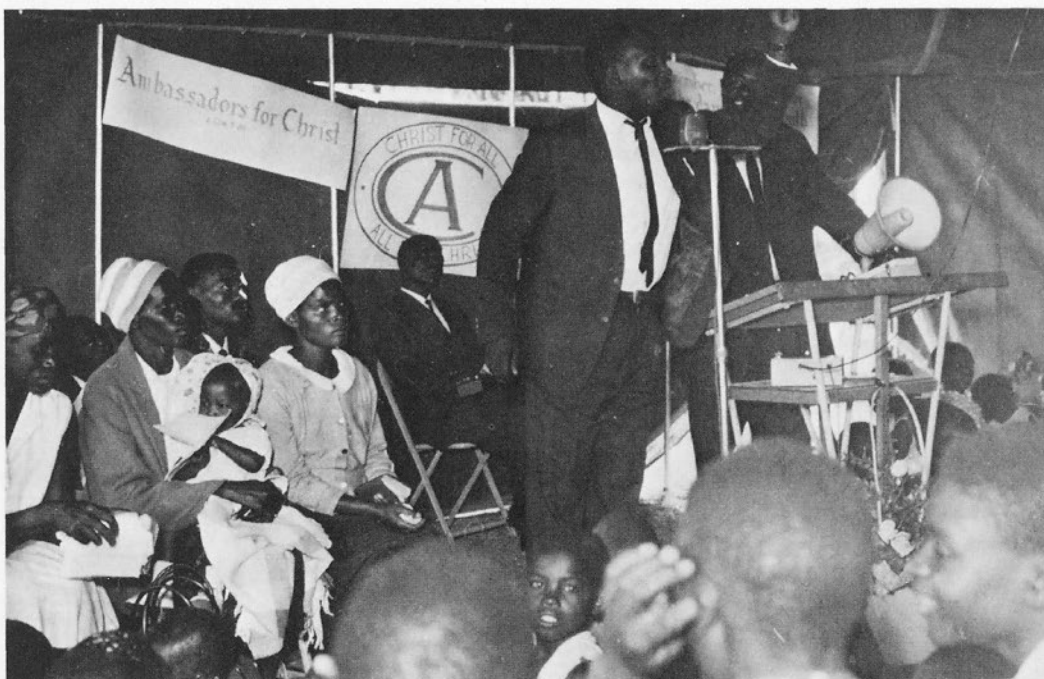
sions Department of the Assemblies of God to send someone to help them.

Truly the soil of Rhodesia has been showing numerous signs of being ready for the seed of the full-gospel message. When the brethren of the Foreign Missions Department saw the need and readiness of Rhodesia, they asked us to transfer from nearby Malawi to open this new field. We then responded to this great challenge and became the first resident missionaries of our church to this new field.

Utmost care was taken in analyzing the doctrines and practices of the nuclei of believers, and much teaching was given to establish a solid foundation. During this formative period all the necessary constitutions, forms, records, teaching courses, pastors' booklets, songbooks, tracts, and publicity pieces were compiled and printed.

An unshakable belief in the Seed, the Word of God, as having the intrinsic potential to germinate and produce life is a basic premise we held in this new venture.

After inspiring the small cells in Salisbury to ask God to show His



ABOVE: Harold Mononyane, assistant superintendent of the South Africa Assemblies of God, was evangelist for the crusade in Salisbury. RIGHT: Brother Mononyane is greeted by two local ministers at the airport.

SALISBURY AIRPORT



power in the city and training them in methods of preparation and visitation, we launched the first tent campaign.

A beautiful, strong, Rhodesian-made tent and sturdy benches were purchased with GOOD NEWS CRUSADES funds; Speed-the-Light gave us a public address system and light plant; and Light-for-the-Lost funds helped with Scripture-based publicity literature that we used in a saturation campaign.

Committees were formed; personal workers, song leaders, and ushers were instructed; and workers and watchmen organized. The press was used; business houses helped to publicize; women's groups performed tasks. Even the drums of the opposition were turned into an advertising media as people hearing the noise came to watch and turned aside to read our banner and attend our services!

The local assembly on occasion hired vans to bring isolated Christians in from neighboring suburbs. By and large, our program was total participation for total propaganda with the aim

of total production. And God gave the increase.

City evangelism, perhaps more than any other mission enterprise, requires an evangelist who is filled with the Spirit, positive on policy, solid in doc-

trine, fearless in the pulpit, and personable in his altar work. Such a one we found in Harold Mononyane, assistant superintendent of our work in South Africa.

Being raised in a big city, he brought a touch of both the Western and African worlds that appealed to the educated class. A converted Tsotsi leader (outlawed gangster) with a tremendous story of God's transforming power, his ministry greatly affected the youth of the community.

Time and again deep and meaningful consecrations were experienced around the altars. Besides that, 60 people came forward for salvation and signed decision cards; several testified to healing; and a number were filled with the Spirit. It was revival in depth—the type that does lasting good and has an unending potential of multiplication.

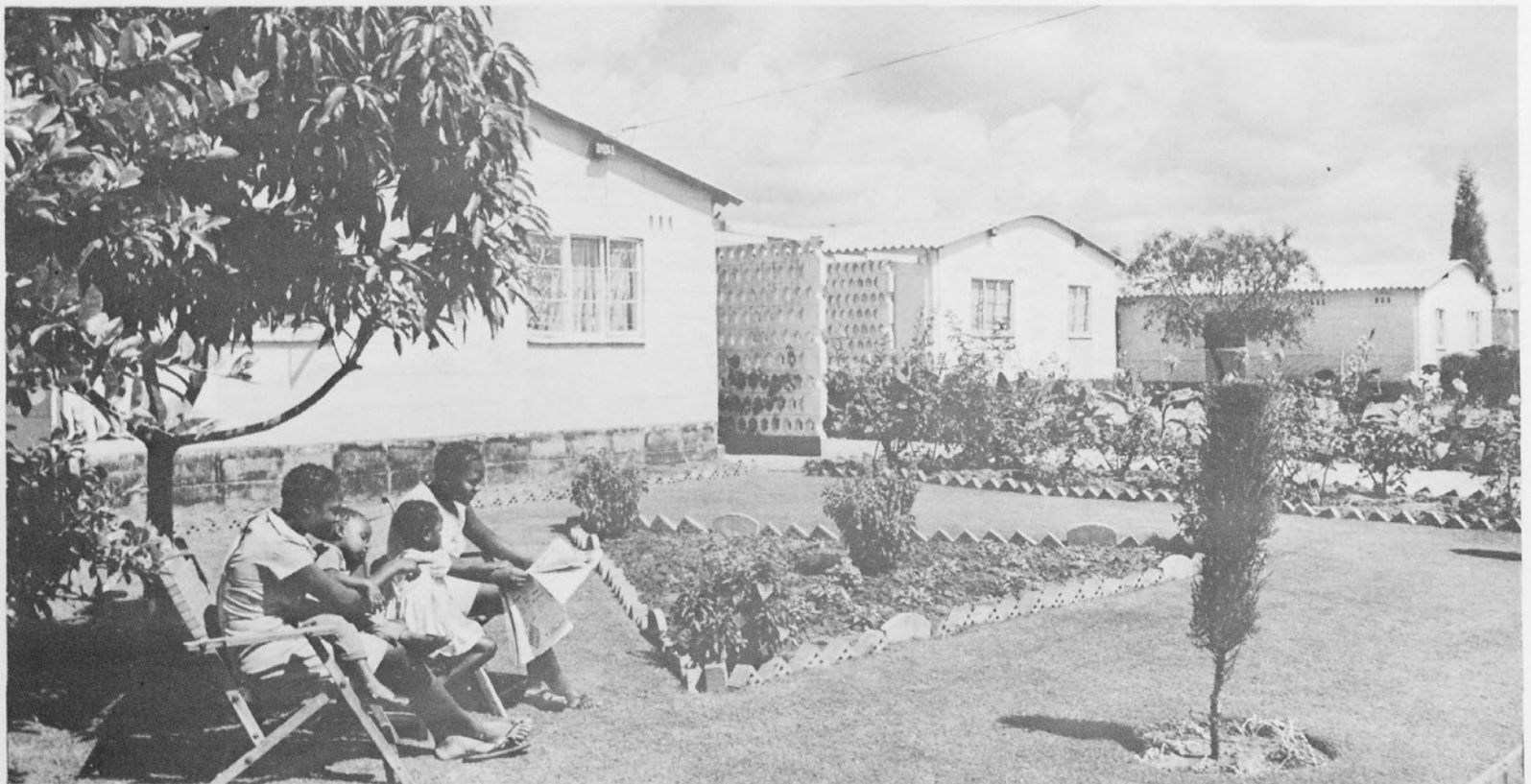
Now a centrifugal force has been set in motion—the kind that is directed outward. We are now encouraging an active follow-up campaign—by house-to-house visitation, street services, and cottage meetings—to consolidate the gains made.

So the Great Commission is ever before us, inspiring a witness until the indigenous church is established in every nation. The seed, the soil, and the harvest have been awaiting the fullness of time in a place of strategic importance—that is *Rhodesia . . . now*.



ABOVE: Salisbury, one of Africa's most modern cities, was the site of a Good News Crusade. BELOW: Housing projects provide comfortable living for about \$17 a month, all inclusive.

**Special Offerings for
GOOD NEWS CRUSADES**
should be sent to:
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Foreign Missions Department
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802





The soccer stadium in Uberlandia is the location of a current Good News Crusade. Inset, Missionary-Evangelist B. Johnson.

Soccer Stadium Site of GOOD NEWS CRUSADE

TOURISTS ON SIGHT-SEEING TRIPS around Rio de Janeiro never fail to be awed by the breath-taking view from the famous Statue of Christ that towers 2,800 feet above sea level on top of Hunchback Mountain.

Most of them are equally surprised to see a sprawling sister city with beautiful beaches and skyscrapers just across the bay from Rio. This other tourist city with a half million population is called Niteroi and serves as capital of Rio de Janeiro State.


The 40 Assemblies of God churches serving Niteroi recently invited Missionary-Evangelist Bernhard Johnson and a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE team to conduct a city-wide campaign September 15-22 in the Caio Martins Stadium located in the heart of the city. This soccer stadium, with stands and playing field, can accommodate 17,000 people.

Already prayer groups are being organized, and associate evangelists

are moving in to conduct precrusade rallies and daily radio broadcasts. Light-for-the-Lost is providing the funds for gospel literature to be distributed to 30,000 homes in a vast door-to-door visitation program.

The governor of Rio State, Dr. Jeremias Fontes, is a Christian and has promised his support in promoting this city-wide crusade.

Preceding the meetings in Niteroi, GOOD NEWS Evangelist Johnson will conduct an August crusade in the city of Uberlandia, State of Minas, Brazil. Uberlandia, a beautiful city located in the mountains of Minas, has a population of 90,000. The soccer stadium where the crusade is being held will accommodate 17,000.

Unite in prayer with GOOD NEWS Evangelist Bernhard Johnson for the cities of Uberlandia and Niteroi. These and many other cities will feel the impact of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES during the coming months. 



CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

POPULATION AND PRIORITY


WHERE WORLD OUTREACH is concerned, there are two magic words—population and priority. The raw material for the mill of gospel witness must always be unreached men—regardless of culture, civilization, or geographical habitat. It is the business of Christ's Church to seek and find these unreached ones.

Who can observe the lopsided distribution of gospel witness today and not feel appalled at our failure. I have been told that only nine percent of the world's population is English-speaking, yet 94 percent of all the ordained Christian preachers in the world minister weekly to this minority. Ninety-six percent of the finances of the Christian church worldwide goes to continue the witness to this often indifferent nine percent.

Somewhere before these revealing figures the Church stands condemned. We cannot plead misunderstanding of the orders. God's calls are global; and His harvest field is the whole world.

We engage in many projects, necessary and good, that demand our time and resources; but often they keep us from the whole will of God. We place ability above availability, and sometimes we mistake being active for being effective. The one thing Jesus asks us most urgently to do, we have not done.

Here in the United States there is one minister for every 514 people, while in the vast pagan world nearly two billion people have never had an adequate witness of Jesus Christ.

Certainly in this moment when most of the resources in both persons and finances are to be found here in the West, we must assume great responsibility. Perhaps God has vouchsafed to us the measure of freedom we still enjoy that we might be the final vehicle for the accomplishing of God's redemptive purposes in the world. 



THE COMFORTER ABIDES

By VERLA A. MOOTH.

MUCH OF THE PERSONAL MINISTRY of Jesus during the closing days of His sojourn on earth was spent in preparing His disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

There came a time in their association when Christ found it necessary to tell His friends He would have to leave them. Evidently it had never occurred to them that such separation would ever come.

Their lack of understanding was due in a measure perhaps to Jesus' love, which provided a sense of security and prevented them from thinking about the future—for

love provides security that is not always perceived by those who are loved until they are threatened by its loss.

When His followers began to understand the meaning of the announcement, they were filled with anxiety and fear; their visions for the future were clouded with despair. But Jesus told them He would not leave them comfortless: another Comforter would come to them bringing an endowment of power from on high. This Comforter, He said, would abide with them and never depart.

Jesus did not promise primarily emotional security, although the disciples experienced terrifying anxiety and emotional insecurity at the prospect of His departure.

He did not promise an adequate supply of temporal and physical needs, although they had left all to follow Him.

His announcement did not promise social involvement, although they needed someone to whom they could relate and follow.

Jesus knew that His disciples' need for security and peace could be met only by the presence of God's Spirit giving them inner power. He promised the reality of a personal Presence who would satisfy all their needs for the present and future. For only the Spirit of God could comfort their troubled hearts!

These men were to experience a new life from God which would quicken their spirits with a larger vision of God's holiness. Despair of the future would be transformed into an awareness of a personal power which was to be continually with them, and their zeal for an earthly cause was redirected to a mission for spreading the gospel of redemption to all men.

In the Passover chamber He gave them this promise: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, *that he may abide with you for ever*" (John 14:16).

If Jesus had given no further instruction about the Holy Spirit, this one statement would have been sufficient to completely revolutionize the lives of the disciples. Here was a concept completely unfamiliar to these humble Jews.

Before Christ was born, God had appeared to man on many occasions. In Christ's earthly life and ministry God had dwelt *with* man. But now something new and unique was to take place. The Holy Spirit was to come and abide *in* man!

It happened on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came, and with Him came power to the waiting Church! When He came, purity came to those assembled in the Upper Room! When He came, a permanent presence of God came to the people of God! The Holy Spirit was to abide forever with His people.

Perhaps no truth regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit is more precious than this. No longer is He the occasional Visitor. No longer is He the One to supply temporary inspiration. His indwelling is to be permanent. "That he may *abide* with you for ever."


His permanent indwelling brings inner peace. His presence dispels fear, uncertainty, and needless anxiety. Paul prayed that the Ephesians might be "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." Here, then, are strength and inner peace because the Holy Spirit *abides*.

His permanent indwelling provides a constant Christ-likeness of spirit. Nowhere is this truth illustrated more vividly than in the lives of the disciples. Their cowardice, so much in evidence before Pentecost, was changed to courage after the Holy Spirit came. The significant thing was the permanent character of their love and unselfishness. What a promise Jesus made to those disciples that night! "That he may abide with you for ever." How incredible it must have seemed to them in their insecurity and fears.

And there is much in our day to cause disturbing anxiety and emotional insecurity. False prophets have arisen, and many people are being led astray; other Christians are turning from the path of righteousness because they are not willing to pay the price and make the sacrifices Christ asks of them. There are also reasons to despair about the future of human affairs. Because our well-being and energies depend upon how we cope with anxiety

and insecurity, it is critically important that we too have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit as a means of satisfying our deep needs.

It is essential that by faith in Jesus Christ we present to God a cleansed life into which the Holy Spirit may come with power to establish and sustain righteousness and holy living.

There is release from anxiety and insecurity when the Holy Spirit dwells in one's life. We dare not be confused about the appropriateness of God's Spirit for human need. The Holy Spirit is the divine Presence we sorely need, and through His power we must continually increase the breadth and depth of our lives. The coming of the Day of Pentecost brought the permanent abiding of the Holy Spirit to those who tarried. The baptism of the Holy Spirit today brings the same abiding Presence to all whose hearts are prepared and longing to receive this blessed Comforter. 

WHILE
JESUS IS PREPARING
US A PLACE
IN HEAVEN, THE
HOLY SPIRIT
IS PREPARING US FOR
THAT PLACE.

THE TWO COMFORTERS

By T. J. JONES

AT THE LAST TALK Jesus gave to His disciples in the Upper Room (John 13 to 16), He told them He was going away, but He said He would not leave them Comfortless (orphans). He told them it was expedient for them—actually to their advantage—that He go away and promised to send them another Comforter (*allos*, another of the same kind; not *heteros*, another of a different kind).

Jesus had been with them three and a half years. This other Comforter was to be His other self, to take His place. The Greek word translated "Comforter" occurs four times in John's Gospel (John 16:7; 14:6; 14:26; 15:26) and once in his epistle (1 John 2:1). In the first four references the word is translated "Comforter," referring to the Holy Spirit; and in the fifth it is translated "advocate," referring to the ministry of Jesus on high.

There are two Comforters, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus is in heaven, and the Holy Spirit on earth. When the one went up, the other came down; so that Jesus ministers for us on high by representing us before the throne of God, while the Holy Spirit ministers to us on earth by teaching, guiding, and giving us strength.

While Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven, the Holy Spirit is preparing us for that place.

The English word *Comforter* is translated from the Greek *paracletos* which means "one called alongside to help"—one who strengthens on the one hand and defends on the other. Moffatt translated it "Helper."

No single English word can translate *paracletos* completely. "Comforter" is a good translation if the word is properly understood. The word *Comforter* is from the Latin; *com* is "with" and *fort* is "strength." In 1611 when the Authorized Version was published, *comfort* did not mean to sing a lullaby, but "to make strong."


God's people are at war with the devil and at enmity with the Christ-rejecting world. Obedience to Christ will bring opposition from the world. We need the mighty Comforter. Godet says Comforter means "Support or Supporter in moments of weakness, the great Standby." The Comforter comes to undergird, to underpin; to prop up; to give strength, courage, boldness; not to soothe, but to strengthen. He comes to brace the moral nature to do and dare.

Comforter is not the sickroom word, but the tonic word; the word for him who climbs, toils, fights. It means the One called to our side to strengthen. Let us depend on Him for strength.

The word in 1 John 2:1 pictures Jesus to us as our Advocate. He is our *paracletos*—the One now on high to plead for us, to succor us as our High Priest.

We have a Paraclete with the Father. We are subject to slanderous attacks on high. Satan (*Diabolos*) is the accuser of the brethren. To offset his malicious attacks we have the Advocate on high. Think of Charles Wesley's song:

*"Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands."*

With a blessed Helper here indwelling us and a blessed Advocate on high, we can be more than conquerors in His name. 



THE VALUE OF WISDOM

Sunday School Lesson for August 25, 1968

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

PROVERBS 8:11-32

PROVERBS IS REGARDED BY MANY as a book containing ethical, philosophical, and practical considerations on merely a human level. It has been likened to a kind of how-to-win-friends-and-influence-people literature. Quite to the contrary, it is a book of moral instruction dealing with sin and holiness.

The key verse occurs at the beginning of the first section of the book and again near the end of the section (1:7; 9:10) and definitely describes and limits the wisdom spoken of throughout the book: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Thus wisdom in Proverbs is not natural wisdom but wisdom born out of relationship to God and obedience to His Word.

WISDOM'S CALL (8:1-6)

Wisdom in this chapter is personified as a virtuous woman in striking contrast to the "strange woman" or harlot of chapter seven. Whereas the harlot lurks in the shadows and seeks to seduce her victims at night, Wisdom, the virtuous woman, stands publicly "in the top of high places," by the paths where most people pass, and calls to men to listen to truth which alone can prepare them for life here and hereafter.

FRUIT OF WISDOM



Observe the ones addressed: "men"—those who are mature and already possess a degree of wisdom; "sons of man"—those of inferior rank; "ye simple"—the unsophisticated and easiest to be influenced for either good or evil; "ye fools"—not the foolish or stupid, but those who are rebellious in their attitude toward God. All classes of men are thus urged to receive wisdom from God.

In these verses are illustrated the zeal and earnestness which should characterize the evangelizing of the world with the good news concerning salvation through Christ. The gospel must be preached publicly, persistently, passionately, universally.

WISDOM'S NATURE (8:7-13)

How tragic that so many people think Christianity is an unnatural life and that God's Word is arbitrary and foolish. The truth is that to live as God's Word directs proves one to be wise, and that to live in defiance of His directions proves one unwise. This is the emphasis of Proverbs.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (v. 13), which means it is wisdom to hate evil and therefore folly to love it, practice it, or tolerate it in any manner.

"Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way [that is, evil conduct], and the froward mouth [perverted speech], do I hate" (v. 13). Compare these things with those the Lord specifically hates (Proverbs 6:16-19).

Having described herself negatively, Wisdom next describes herself positively.

"I am understanding." Just as holiness is part of wisdom's essential nature, so also is understanding. Understanding is a quality the value of which cannot be overestimated. Probably 90 percent of all trouble in human relations is due to misunderstanding. Understanding begets love and a host of other beneficial fruits. Thank God, it is available to us through Christ and through the Spirit of understanding (Isaiah 11:1-4).

WISDOM'S ORIGIN (8:22-36)

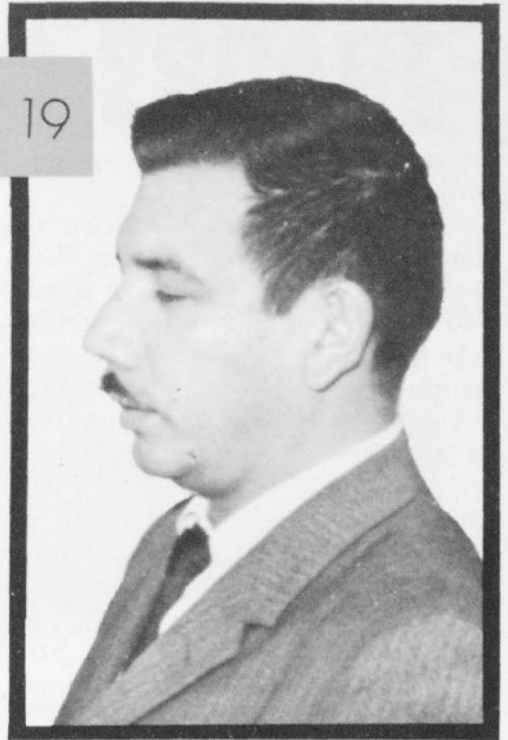
These remarkable verses have been the source of much bitter theological controversy, especially in the early ages of Christianity. In these verses Wisdom speaks of her origin—of existing before the worlds were formed; she speaks of her active part in creation and of her special relationship to God. While it is impossible to say just what the writer viewed or understood when he wrote, it must be admitted at least that we have here a picture of Christ, for Paul spoke of Him as "the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24), in His preincarnate state coequal with the Father in the beginning. (See also John 1:1-3.)

WISDOM'S VALUE (8:34-36)

Wisdom is more valuable than all material possessions. Happy is the man who makes wisdom his chief quest in life, who pursues it wholeheartedly, eagerly, sincerely.

"For whoso findeth me findeth life [real life and eternal life], and shall obtain favor of the Lord"—and His favor cannot be found in any other way.

"But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all that hate me love death" (v. 36). God made us for Himself, made us to "operate" according to specific laws. If we obey these laws, we are blessed; if we disobey them, we destroy ourselves.



El Salvador

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

EL SALVADOR, smallest geographically but most densely populated country of continental America, lies between Guatemala and Honduras facing the Pacific Ocean. Fourteen volcanic peaks stand like sentinels along the coast. Lakes Ilopango and Coatepeque both occupy extinct volcanic craters.

Between two mountain ranges lies a semi-tropical plateau broken by numerous fertile river valleys. El Salvador is essentially an agricultural country and ranks third among the world's coffee-producing nations.

Like other Central American countries, El Salvador was conquered by Spain shortly after Columbus discovered the New World. El Salvador declared independence from Spain in

1821 and was for a time governed by the Mexican Empire. It later became a member of the Federation of Central America. In 1841 El Salvador formally proclaimed its separation from this union.

About 92 percent of the Salvadorans are *mestizo*, a mixture of Indian and Spanish blood, with the Indian predominating. The official language is Spanish.

Roman Catholicism was imposed upon the country by the Spanish conquerors, and this domination was unchallenged for more than 300 years. In 1896 the Central American Mission sent workers to El Salvador, and their work prepared the way for other societies.

Before the Assemblies of God sent

its first resident missionaries to El Salvador in 1929, an evangelistic awakening had already taken place through the efforts of an independent Pentecostal missionary. Due to lack of proper teaching, some unscriptural tendencies and practices developed in the newly formed congregations. Because of these conditions, Francisco R. Arbizu, a national leader of the work sold his business to finance a trip to the United States to contact the Assemblies of God and request that a missionary be sent. In answer to this appeal Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Williams transferred from Mexico to El Salvador.

Soon after they arrived, a conference was called of the 12 workers who represented 12 churches. A national church organization was formed in which national leaders shared responsibilities with the missionaries.

Early in his ministry in the republic Ralph Williams recognized the need for trained workers, and in 1931 a Bible training program was begun with 20 students. For many years the school was operated in Santa Ana. *Instituto Biblico Betel* now occupies modern buildings in San Salvador with 90 students enrolled. Waldo Nicodemus is principal.

Students are expected to start new churches while in training and are helped in their ministry by a strong literature program and an efficient Sunday school organization. About 15 new churches are established each year through the efforts of the first-



year class. The Bible institute is, in fact, the hub of the work. As fast as workers are trained, there is a place of ministry for them, and thus the work has grown to 269 self-supporting churches.

A night Bible school directed by Harold Calkins at the Evangelistic Center is designed for young people who are prevented by circumstances from attending the regular Bible school.

To instruct and inspire lay members for effective witnessing, Glen Davenport has organized and promoted short-term Bible courses in various sections of the republic.

The San Salvador Evangelistic Center, with John Bueno as director, is located in the heart of the city. Services are held every night of the year. There are also 36 other Assemblies of God churches in the metropolitan area.

Radio evangelism is an important phase of church outreach in El Salvador. National workers sponsor 12 daily and four weekly programs. Paul Finkbinder, known as "Hermano Pablo," produces two programs—*La Iglesia del Aire* and *La Voz de la Conciencia*. These programs are prepared in California and released in El Salvador and a number of other Latin American countries.

With the cooperation of three other evangelical missions, radio station YSHQ was erected on the Assemblies of God Bible school property. This 10,000-watt station reaches into adjoining republics 16½ hours a day. Since its beginning the station has been financed largely by the members of the four leading evangelical church organizations in El Salvador.

A phenomenal Sunday school program, spearheaded by the Sterling



El Salvador is the world's third largest coffee producing nation. Photo shows harvested coffee in the drying process.

Stewarts, reaches nearly 25,000 children and adults in the republic. Each new Sunday school is a potential Assemblies of God church. Mrs. Waldo Nicodemus has been overseer of the Sunday school program for the past six years.

In conjunction with the work of the Evangelistic Center, John Bueno has directed the establishment of the Liceo Cristiano (Christian School), using the facilities of the center. The school includes kindergarten through junior college, with a current enrollment of 920. Another Christian school is oper-

ated in the old Bible school building in Santa Ana.


Arthur Lindvall was largely responsible for the growth and success of the Bible Bookroom in Santa Ana. Glen Davenport now supervises the literature program. The distribution of literature becomes an increasing asset to the work. More than \$1,000 worth of literature is handled by the bookroom each month.

Salvadoran women joyously cooperate in the evangelization of their country. Some 250 *Concilio Misionero Femenil* (WMC) groups have been organized. Sharon Davenport is missionary adviser. One of the main projects is helping supply the needs of the Bible school. Eighty steel beds with mattresses were purchased for the school. A continuous project, the "Treasure Chest," provides at least 50 packages each year for needy pastors.

Lois Stewart organized the *Misioneritas* (Missionettes) program which is showing tremendous progress under the direction of Sharon Davenport and national counselors.

Often called the showcase of Assemblies of God missions in Latin America, El Salvador has demonstrated the virtues of indigenous policy. The Assemblies of God is today the strongest evangelical group in the country. Nearly 765 workers serve 269 organized churches and 860 outstations, with a total constituency of 12,794. The past year has been a period of extensive building activity in local churches.

It is harvesttime in El Salvador. A present and continuing need is for more trained national workers. This is the key to conserving the harvest.

The republic's dense population provides unusual opportunities for evangelism—people are everywhere! 



LEFT: A night Bible school is held at the Evangelistic Center for students who cannot attend the regular Bible institute. BELOW: Students study in the library.



A LONELY CABIN WAS NO ESCAPE



GEORGE WANTED TO
LIVE OUT HIS DAYS
UNMOLESTED
AND UNDISTURBED

By R. L. BRANDT / *Pastor, First Assembly, Billings, Montana*

SOME MEN SEE TO IT that they do not hear the gospel. They never enter a church. They avoid the preacher as if he were a plague. They shut their ears and hearts to anything that even hints at religion.

Such a man was George Russell. And there was good reason. His life was like a nightmare. Drinking, profanity, anger, self-will, divorce—these had been his lot.

His four sons had early reaped the fearful consequences of his sinful ways. They knew the profound depths of poverty and the anguish which springs from parental neglect. Ultimately they found refuge in an orphanage.

The years rolled by while George lived unto himself. He maintained his job despite his waywardness, but he was alone. He cared little for his family, and his friends were few.

Then came retirement. For some men solitude offers a way of escape, and this was the path the old man chose to follow.

George moved to a lonely cabin in the nearby Rockies. The only modern convenience was electricity. He loved fishing, and now he could get his fill of it. He would just live out his days unmolested and undisturbed.

But in George's soul there was a void. Reckless abandon to sin had only added to it. And solitude proved no escape.

Then came a notable day. George's only companion, besides his mute dog, was his radio. It alone dispelled the chilling silence of his little home. It was a Sunday morning. Perhaps George was oblivious to the day and was waiting to hear the latest news. At any rate he found himself captivated by the voice and the music—C. M. Ward and the *Revivaltime* choir.

How long and how often he listened we do not know.

In fact, we learned of his interest quite by accident. His son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Lois Russell, fine members of our church in Billings, had gone to visit him one weekend. In their own words, "We woke up that Sunday morning to hear *Revivaltime*. At first we thought he had it on by accident, as it wasn't like him to be interested in religion; however, he told us he listened every Sunday."

In November 1967 illness struck. Two years of solitude in the little cabin had given George opportunity to consider. And C. M. Ward's radio sermons had helped him realize he could not face eternity alone.

Tom and Lois talked to him about his soul's need, and he did not become angry as in the past. Now that he was ill, they took him into their home here in Billings and ministered ever so kindly to him. And all the while they prayed and anxiously awaited his personal confession of Christ.

I visited him several times and found him very much concerned over his spiritual condition. *Revivaltime* had planted well the eternal Word, and he could not escape—nor did he want to.

His condition worsened, and he was transferred to a local hospital. I called on him there, and he assured me he had confessed his sins and had settled his account with God. He seemed more pleased than usual with my visit. When I was leaving, he said, "God bless you. Come again soon."


That was the last time I saw George Russell alive. I had fully expected he would live two or three weeks more, but the next evening he suddenly slipped away—not into the solitude of the sinner's dark night, but into the presence of God and His holy angels. 



PHOTO BY DON PHILLIPS

Our People Are Dying In Biafra

By THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN

General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God

THOUSANDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BIAFRANS
WILL DIE OF STARVATION UNLESS WE HELP THEM

AHORRIFYING AND MOST URGENT appeal has just come to my desk. It comes from West Africa and is signed by Andrew W. Hargrave, Ralph Cimino, and G. L. Falley—three of our foreign missionaries who were driven out of Biafra by the civil war now raging in southeast Nigeria.

Dated July 10, their letter says: "Eight million Ibo people have been driven into an ever-decreasing and more restricted area of their homeland. Accounts of starvation, malnutrition, sickness, and urgent needs of relief of all kinds cannot but speak to our hearts.

"The International Red Cross has estimated that of six million refugees in that area, some 600,000 are on the verge of dying of starvation. The present death rate is 3,000 a day and is

accelerating quite rapidly. Medical supplies especially are so urgently needed that only massive airlifts can alleviate the physical suffering among so many people compressed into such a small area."

In recent radio broadcasts from Biafra, Nigeria, General Superintendent Matthew O. Ezeigbo and national pastors E. K. Ebere and John Nwakanma have made appeals "calling on the Assemblies of God everywhere" to help in this time of critical need.

Over the past year a savage civil war has been going on in the West African nation of Nigeria—one of the strongest mission fields of the Assemblies of God. The Ibo territory in the southeast part of the country has attempted to secede from the central

government of Nigeria; but now the federal troops have surrounded the secessionist area known as Biafra and have squeezed eight million people into what was already the most thickly populated part of Africa after the Nile Valley.

The English-language magazine *West Africa* (June 29, 1968) said: "Suddenly the world is alive to the horror of Biafra. Millions are suffering from hunger, thousands may die from starvation."

Also, *Life* magazine (July 12, 1968) reported: "In recent weeks, as federal troops tightened their strangle-hold on Biafra, the secessionist Ibos faced the possibility of mass starvation. Hundreds are dying daily of malnutrition, and relief experts fear that unless massive food shipments reach the be-



On receiving the news from Nigeria, General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman declared: "I am appealing to every Assemblies of God church in America to give an immediate response to this critical need."

When asked if donors should send food or medicines, Brother Zimmerman said, "No. What we need for this project is contributions of money. It will take thousands and thousands of dollars to give any meaningful help to our starving Christians in the land of Biafra."

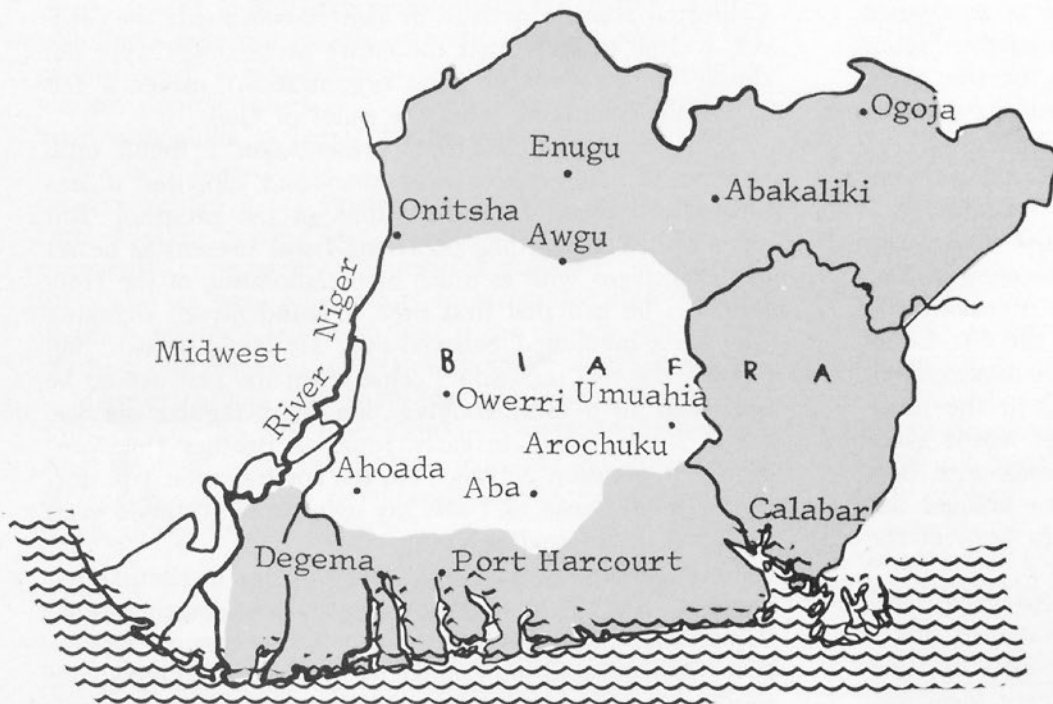
leaguered Biafrans soon, more than a million will die before summer's end."

With an active missionary work going on in most of the West African nations, as well as in much of Nigeria, we cannot and will not take any political position on the conflict. However, as God-fearing men and women we cannot stand idly by while thousands of Assemblies of God believers die of starvation in a land that for nearly 30 years we have tried to evangelize.

Everett L. Phillips, now our field secretary for Africa, began the Assemblies of God work in Nigeria in 1940. The last available statistics on our work in that land before the outbreak of civil war show that in 1967 there

were 541 organized churches in Nigeria and at least that many more regular outstations. There were more than 600 national pastors and nearly 50,000 members and adherents. Unfortunately, the present center of the conflict is in the very area where our work is the most concentrated.

Missionaries Hargrave, Cimino, and Falley discussed this great need with Clyde Taylor, Washington, D.C., executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), before sending us their appeal. Dr. Taylor has recently been in West Africa and has confirmed the reports of the terrible need for food and medicines for the Biafran people.



Shaded areas of Biafra indicate the territory presently held by federal Nigerian troops.

Our veteran missionaries said in their letter: "We do not feel that the Assemblies of God can close its eyes lest we shirk our responsibilities toward these people that we had once evangelized, and hope to continue to evangelize when conditions normalize."

After conferring with Foreign Missions Executive Director J. Philip Hogan and the Foreign Missions Board on this urgent matter, I am appealing to every Assemblies of God church in America to give an immediate response to this critical need.

I am asking each church in our Fellowship to receive a special missionary offering for relief for the Biafra Christians and to send it without delay to the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, Missouri. All such offerings should be designated: **BIAFRA EMERGENCY RELIEF.**

The Foreign Missions Board has sent to the U. S. State Department a telegram urging that appropriate action be taken to alleviate the suffering and starvation existing in Biafra. Also, we are taking the matter up with the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, of which Foreign Missions Secretary Robert T. McGlasson is an officer. We anticipate channeling our relief for Biafra through that organization. The World Relief Commission is an integral part of the NAE.

To make any meaningful contribution to the relief of the horrible situation in Biafra, we will need many thousands of dollars from our churches. Even \$100,000 will only meet the initial needs of the next few weeks.

For nearly 30 years we have told the Nigerian people that we love their souls; now we must show them that we love them enough to care about their present suffering.

Clip out this coupon and send it with your offering for

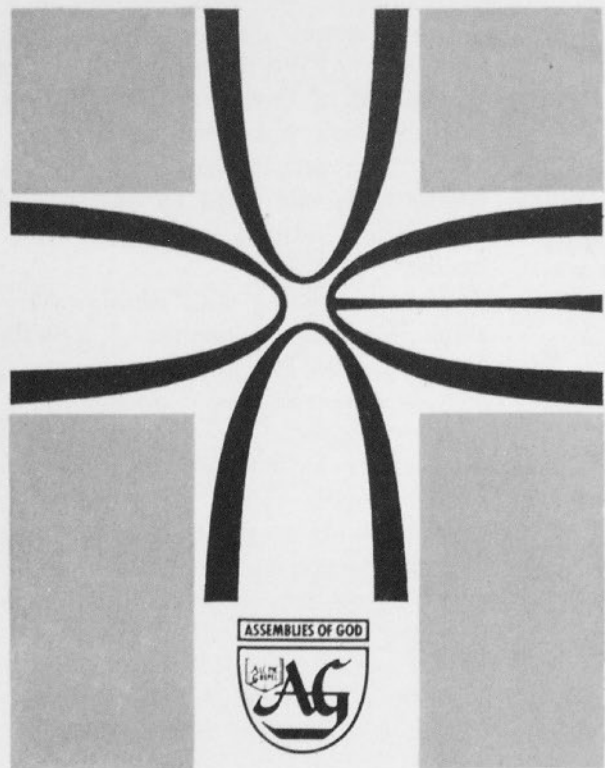
BIAFRA EMERGENCY RELIEF

NAME _____ CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAIL TO: **Assemblies of God
Foreign Missions Department
1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802**



SIGNIFICANCE OF A SYMBOL

By WARREN McPHERSON

Public Relations Secretary for the Assemblies of God

WHAT MEAN YE BY THESE STONES?" (Joshua 4:6). "What does it mean?" People have been asking that question ever since the Israelites entered the Promised Land.

As the Israelites crossed the flooding Jordan River, Joshua instructed them to place 12 stones in the middle of the river and to carry out 12 stones to be placed on the western bank of the river as a memorial.

Joshua knew future generations would want to know what the stones meant, so he told the people they should use such inquiries as opportunities to testify of the way

RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY

By M. A. GROFF / *Pastor, First Assembly, Granite City, Illinois*

WHEN I FINISHED a specialized course at an Armed Forces school 20 years ago, I delivered the closing address to the officers and enlisted men of the class. With enthusiasm born of youth I borrowed some words which had captured my imagination while in high school and elaborated with some passion on the idea that we had a "rendezvous with destiny."

Now exactly twice as old as I was then, I tossed late at night after an "Operation Advance" meeting I had attended. Assemblies of God pastors were preparing for simultaneous revivals in our churches in the St. Louis area during the week prior to the Council on Evangelism. We were charged with unusual excitement at the prospects of a tremendous opportunity, and the words came flooding back to me: "We have a rendezvous with destiny." This time, however, the words were kindled not by the flame of youthful hopes, but by faith born of the Holy Spirit.

Last November when the "Operation Advance" sessions for pastors were inaugurated, it all sounded like a good idea. In January the tempo was stepped up, and the plans coming off the drawing board were inspiring. When Ed Cole, Men's Fellowship director for Northern

California-Nevada, arrived in May to coordinate the project, I came to sense that the entire proceedings were not simply the product of good organization; rather I felt it was all emanating from the mind of God.

With Brother Cole's first presentation I found faith rising to a new peak of expectancy and supposed it was the natural result of the newness of the program. But when on five succeeding occasions I was present as he set forth the plans with as much of the anointing of the Holy Spirit as he had that first time, I found myself thanking God for something I believed only He could be working.

I felt the real test would come when the plan would be presented to a local congregation in a regular service. On a Sunday night in early June, as Brother Cole presented "Operation Advance" to the congregation I pastor, my faith quickened as I saw my own people respond even as I had done previously.

Their dedication that night was not one of the passing moment. Since that time our prayer links have engaged themselves in daily intercession for the success of "Operation Advance" and the Council on Evangelism. Our young people meet for an hour of prayer together each Tuesday night.

God led His people through the wilderness and across the flooding river.

Man is still searching for meaning in all realms of life. The church is included and the Assemblies of God is not exempt. Many among us hear such terms as Azusa Street Mission, Topeka outpouring, Hot Springs Council; and they wonder, "What do they mean?"

Right now we are on the verge of an historic event. Even though it has not yet happened, many are asking what it means! The event is the Council on Evangelism to convene in St. Louis, Missouri, August 26-29.

One good way to explain it would be through the Council symbol. It contains the Assemblies of God emblem and four silhouettes of the famous St. Louis Arch, "Gateway to the West."

Forming the heart of the symbol are the two center arches. The one on the left forms a "C" looking backward while the one on the right forms an "E" looking forward. The two combine to make the initial letters for Council on Evangelism.

The positioning of the "C" speaks eloquently of looking back to the founding of the Assemblies of God and the 54 fruitful years God has given us. It also speaks of a time of conferring together; of mutual discussions and expressions of opinions. It is to be a "Council" in every sense of the word.

At the same time the "E" conveys a time of looking ahead in prospect. From this there is the sense of plan-


ning ahead for mobilizing and utilizing all our resources in fulfilling the mission God has given us.

The "E" contains three forward-moving prongs. These suggest the threefold mission we have in today's world—our mission to the Lord in worship, to the church in maturing of the believers, and to the lost in outreach.

The top arch is beautifully symbolic of an upturned vessel. It is not the upturned vessel of emptiness, but rather the upturned vessel of openness. The 54 years of the Assemblies of God have been full, fruitful, and exciting ones. But there is a growing awareness among us that God has a greater work for us to do.

The upturned vessel speaks of our openness and willingness, indeed a deep desire, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us! It speaks of the expectation and anticipation within our hearts.

The bottom arch symbolizes gateways to new frontiers—open doors to waiting opportunities. When the early pioneers reached the banks of the mighty Mississippi, they had behind them towering successes of carving a vibrant young nation from the eastern wilderness of North America. Before them was the vast unknown of western North America, and they faced it unafraid.

Just as the early settlers stood on the western bank of the Mississippi and set their faces toward the future, our church will stand at the edge of tomorrow in St. Louis and, together, determine to move into the challenges and opportunities which are ours. 

Recently on Wednesday evening, as the adult Bible study started its service with concerted prayer in their behalf, 20 youthful teams visited some 300 homes in an area surrounding the church, assured that God was with them as they issued invitations to be a part of the full-gospel message as proclaimed by the assembly. Reception by the citizens was marvelous.

Now arrangements have been made for AIM (Ambassadors in Mission) teams to join us for visitation work during "Operation Advance." Promotional materials are ready. Teams of literature distributors are organized, and volunteers schooled in soul winning. Each evangelist has given himself to concentrated preparation. And this week we are joining scores of Assemblies in simultaneous revival campaigns to reach the St. Louis area for Christ.

We have had clearly explained to us that the Council on Evangelism is not evangelistic as such, but is to concern itself in arming our constituency for the work of evangelism. Conversely, "Operation Advance" is evangelistic, and we have opportunity to prove that first-century methods will still reap a harvest if the church will realize that this day demands we get out where the people are.

Members of our church believe we have a rendezvous with destiny as we launch into "Operation Advance" August 18-25. And we further feel that the Assemblies of God has a similar rendezvous during the Council on Evangelism, August 26-29.

* * *

Editor's Note: Because of the important events transpiring in the St. Louis area this week and next, our people everywhere are urged to concentrate their prayer upon metropolitan St. Louis for the 11-day period, August 18-29. Even if you cannot attend the Council on Evangelism, you can participate in these momentous events through your prayers.

DRAWING POWER

IN MY OFFICE IS A VINE entwined around a four-foot artificial stalk. All the leaves grow on the side of the stalk facing the windows. Those leaves are lush and continue to grow as they reach out toward the life of the sun.

This is a beautiful illustration of the wonderful drawing power of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

The difference between mankind and plants is that man has a mind of his own. Jesus cannot draw man to Himself unless he moves within the range of His power.

This is where the believers come in. They must be the means of moving the lost within the range of the drawing power of Jesus. He cannot draw them unless they are influenced and come through the witnessing or testimony of His true followers.

As followers of Jesus Christ we must never let down in the great responsibility we have in guiding others to Him. We may be tithers, regularly attend all services of the church, be efficient in all areas of the church; but if we are careless in our witnessing and testifying, we will have missed a primary obligation.

If the 120 who received power in the Upper Room had stayed there to hold a protracted meeting, the church could not have grown. When we are endued with power from on high, we have assumed a responsibility which is unequalled. We must be the spiritual magnets that draw the unsaved into the beams of Christ's matchless saving and delivering power.

The drawing power of Christ depends on the drawing power of His dedicated followers who never lose sight of their responsibility to Him and to others.

—MONT HURST

A NIGHT OF VIOLENCE BECOMES A NIGHT OF HOPE



By MRS. W. C. LANGFORD, Nashville, Tennessee

S EVEN O'CLOCK CURFEW TONIGHT!

Could you believe it? We were under a curfew! The rioting had been all night Friday and all day Saturday. In an effort to control the situation this beautiful city was under a 7 o'clock curfew.

What about meeting the teen-agers at church? At 6:30 we were scheduled to give out tracts on the streets of Nashville and go from door to door. We already had the tracts; we had stamped them. We had planned where each group would go.

Suddenly, all activities stopped. Not a thing could be done. There would be no opportunity for this evangelistic outreach tonight. We were under a curfew.

A few minutes before 7, I was hurrying home from the grocery store. The lights in the business area started going off. The service station, the drugstore, and the open-air market were all dark. Almost all cars were off the streets.

My heart was pounding with such an anxious feeling, and at the same time it was breaking as I thought of the words of Jesus. "The night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Oh, no! Surely this wasn't really happening on this Saturday night! It didn't make any difference how badly we wanted to meet and give out tracts, we couldn't. The curfew applied to everyone. The night was coming—and we couldn't work for the Lord that night!

What about tomorrow and tomorrow night? We take

The author is the wife of William C. Langford, pastor of the Belmont Assembly of God, Nashville, Tennessee. A few years ago Mrs. Langford was elected to the Nashville City Council.

for granted that Sunday means church. But not so now. We would be told in the morning over the radio whether we could have services.

When we awoke Sunday, it was quite different around our house. Everyone was up early, awaiting the announcement concerning church.

It came. "Churches will be permitted to have services this morning, but the curfew is still on. Curfew begins at 7 o'clock tonight—and no one is excluded."

"The night cometh. . ."

The rebellion we are experiencing is not only among college students and other young people; there is something underneath—an inner disturbance.

We may be forced to close our church doors unless we Christian parents get a new touch of fire in our souls that will spread to the youth of our country. They want something worth fighting for—and our attitudes toward God and His Kingdom are reflected in their lives.

Rebellion can come to Christian homes. When we see it, we should pray very hard and not let it go unnoticed; for what we have in our homes is reflected in our society.

Be genuine in your beliefs, and the young people will see that you are alive. They want something alive, a reason to live. Jesus gives us life and life more abundantly.

My mind went back to Saturday night, April 8, last year. Some young people had come to our house for the evening. Our sons, Ronnie and Bob, were taking home some of the kids who lived across town. Bob said, "We'll be home by 11."

We walked upstairs and turned on the TV to get the news—and there was a bulletin! A riot had broken out in

a section of town the young people would have to go through. There was no way to get in touch with them, and we knew they had no idea of what they were running into. We earnestly prayed for their protection and committed them to the Lord.

Eleven o'clock came—and no word; 11:30—still no word.

At 12:05 the phone rang. Bob said, "Mother, there is a riot. I've been hit with a big rock, but I'm OK."

Rocks had been thrown. The car was all dented in. The windows were all broken except the windshield. One of these rocks had hit Bob in the shoulder. Ronnie hadn't been hit but he was very upset.

We took them to the hospital. The doctor said that if the rock had hit Bob any higher it could have paralyzed him or killed him instantly. He said it was a miracle he had not been permanently injured.

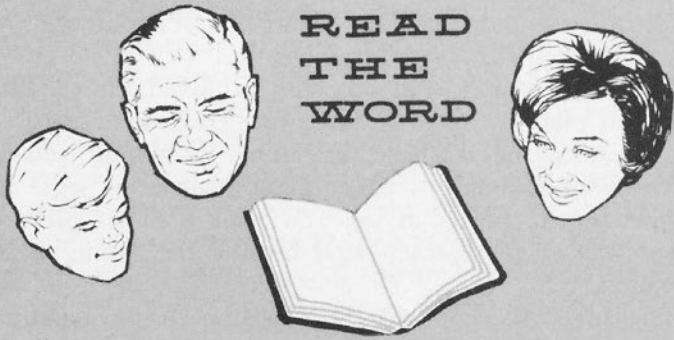
In an instant we had become part of a terrible riot—with no warning whatever.

Thinking upon these things—violence, rebellion, rioting, and crime so near us now—I was unable to sleep and had prayed until early morning. Then the Lord Jesus spoke so clearly to my heart: "As the clouds precede the storm, as the thunder precedes the rain, so this turmoil and violence precedes My coming. I am nearer than you think."

Then I saw the most beautiful table fully set. Of all the banquets I have attended never have I seen one so elaborate and beautiful. The Lord was walking by, making the final check. He was almost at the end of the long, long table. It was the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Oh, my heart is no longer heavy when I hear the announcement of violence or riotings, because I am looking just a few steps beyond this turmoil and rebellion. Just as quickly as the rain drops begin to fall after the thunder rolls, just that quickly our Saviour is coming.

"As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. . . . So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:27, 33).



**READ
THE
WORD**

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18-25

Sunday	Romans 3, 4	Thursday	Romans 11, 12
Monday	Romans 5, 6	Friday	Romans 13, 14
Tuesday	Romans 7, 8	Saturday	Romans 15, 16
Wednesday ..	Romans 9, 10	Sunday ..	1 Corinthians 1, 2

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Was the showbread which was offered in the sanctuary in the wilderness the same as the manna which the people of Israel ate?

This is a new question to me. The showbread was to be "of fine flour" (Leviticus 24:5-7). Evidently it was different in quality to the manna which was a special food provided day by day for the people. Concerning the manna read Exodus 16:13-24.

In 2 Samuel 7:10, God promised Israel that He would plant them and they would move no more, yet history shows them to have been victims of suffering and change repeatedly. How do you account for this?

The blessings promised by God were conditional. They will have fulfillment, but idolatry and other sin can hinder or delay that fulfillment. I believe there are precious promises which fall short of fulfillment, as we understand fulfillment, because of sin. If conditions have hindered fulfillment of God's promises thus far, it will yet take place when Jesus comes to reign.

Please explain 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.

These Scripture verses tell us that in the last days there will be a falling away, an apostasy from the true faith, even to denying the saving grace of Christ. Out of this will come a false Christ, spoken of by Paul as "that man of sin . . . the son of perdition." He will be either the beast of Revelation 13 or the false prophet who will give his power and authority to the beast.

We believe the manifestation or unveiling of this man of sin is now "let," meaning "restrained," by the Holy Spirit. When the Church is caught away, the restraint will be lifted, and "then shall that Wicked be revealed." All apostate Christendom which rejects Jesus as Saviour and Lord will worship this man of sin with the result that they will perish.

Do you encourage marriages between Negroes and whites?

I believe all men ought to have equal opportunity to develop and receive reward for the abilities they possess. This cannot be realized if opportunities for such development are withheld.

But I question very much the wisdom of intermarriage between persons of different cultures. The African, the Asian, and the European have different cultural backgrounds. In this we are not saying that one is better than another. But it means that if a white woman marries a black man, she must be prepared to adapt herself to his way of living and to his society. Children of such marriages are often handicapped in opportunities.

Racial and natural prejudices have existed as far back as history records, and it is doubtful if they can be successfully erased today.

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.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

By LOUISE CLARK

MY BROTHER, searching for a summer job, returned home dejected.

"Everyone wants someone with experience," he said. "But how will I ever get any experience if no one will hire me?"

Training a new employee is such an expensive procedure that we cannot blame the businessman for choosing applicants with experience. Trusting a portion of a business to an untrained person could be a costly mistake.

But God doesn't require us to reach a certain plateau of training and perfection before we begin our service to Him. He is willing to trust a portion of His work to each of us, inexperienced and timid though we be. As soon as you commit yourself to Christ, He has both a job and a blessing for you.

A seven-year-old boy in our church recently won his grandparents to Christ. He had no previous experience in this, no knowledge of doctrine; but his simple question, "Grandma, how can you live without Jesus?" haunted the grandparents' hearts. They couldn't rest until they began to live with Him.

A man had been an alcoholic for several years before he met Christ. He arose from the church altar with the strong conviction that with God's help he would live above drink.

He didn't postpone witnessing until he had more enlightenment or knowledge of God. Immediately he left the church and marched back to the local tavern. He put his arm around an old drinking buddy and shared with him the news of release. Because of the convert's enthusiasm and concern, this man too found Christ and freedom from addiction.

Christianity is on-the-job training. Your service to God begins where you are now with whatever knowledge, talents, or experiences you have. Inexperience or lack of ability is no excuse for withholding your talents from His service. As you exercise your present capabilities and spiritual knowledge, you will grow in wisdom and maturity.

God has a job for you right now. You needn't wait for further experience before accepting the position.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

EACH YEAR IN LATE SUMMER AND EARLY AUTUMN hundreds of barns throughout the land are destroyed by fire. Those whose business it is to know such details declare that 50 percent of these fires can be traced to spontaneous combustion in the haymow.

Not a great deal is known about this phenomenon, but most scientists and chemists agree that this spontaneous combustion is produced in a substance by the evolution of heat through the chemical action of its constituents.

Fires of this kind can result from materials where

chemical elements are of the proper ratio to ignite.

Spontaneous combustion is not reserved to material things either. How frequently men and women are destroyed by a similar phenomenon. Jealousy, hatred, lust, and envy lie hidden in their souls. There these passions are secretly nurtured and expanded until conditions or events are ideal for an explosion.

If combustible materials are exposed frequently to air and sunlight, the forces which cause the fire are eliminated.

The soul that relieves itself of all underground evils by exposing them to the sunlight of God's love will avoid a "spontaneous combustion" that could cause it eternal harm.

—GERALD V. FAULKNER

THE SPIRIT'S INTERCESSION

WE READ THAT "he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit." "He," of course, is God. He can read the groanings; He can interpret the sighings. He can tell what the tears mean, and He answers these groanings and sighings because they are in accord with His own mind and will. In this way the Spirit of God helps our infirmities.

It does not mean that the Spirit intercedes up in heaven; Christ is doing that. But in this body of ours, the temple of the Holy Ghost, He makes intercession, creates desires, and inspires prayers and petitions.

—GEORGE GOODMAN

RETURN OF THE TRACT

"TAKE THESE TRACTS, SON. When you get to India, distribute them for me."

The young officer was leaving for a long term of service in India. He promised his mother he would distribute the tracts.

It wasn't until he was about to return home from India that he thought of the tracts again. Remembering the promise he went to the seashore. There he threw the tracts into the air, watching them be scattered by the breeze. He went back to his quarters feeling rather guilty—but telling himself that he had "distributed" the tracts.

Over the years this officer fell into deep sin. But one day on a ship he heard the story of the conversion of another officer—and something about that story touched his heart.

The other officer told how he had lived for self and sin until one day he was bankrupt. He took a revolver and went to the seashore, intending to commit suicide. As he walked along, a paper blew against his legs. He stooped down, picked it up, and read it. That piece of paper was a gospel tract—and became the means of his salvation.

The first officer asked the Christian if he could remember the date and place—and discovered it undoubtedly was one of those tracts that he had "distributed" to keep a promise to his mother.

This incident—a remarkable testimony to the grace of God—and subsequent conversations between the two officers led to the conversion of the one who had "distributed the tracts."

Surely God's Word does not return to Him void—but accomplishes that for which He sends it forth.

—Adapted from *Log of the Good Ship Grace*

INSIGHTS INTO PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES

NO ONE I KNOW is better qualified to write a book on the story of the future than Ralph M. Riggs. A lifelong student of the Scriptures, he has a thorough understanding of eschatology and he also possesses an outstanding gift for teaching it. Literally thousands like myself have sat in his classes at various Bible colleges through the years and have gained valuable insights into the prophetic Scriptures through his ministry.

THE STORY OF THE FUTURE

To prepare this study, Brother Riggs assembled more than a thousand Scripture passages pertaining to unfulfilled prophecies and arranged them in apparent chronological sequence. Step by step he takes the reader through the eventful "last days" from the present world dilemma and the Rapture of the Church to the glorious climax when time shall be no more and the eternal state shall have set in. The 15 chapters, such as "The Antichrist and the False Prophet," "The Tribulation Climax," "The Millennium Begins," "The Jews in the Millennium," contain the answers to many questions that arise today.

The value of this book lies in the fact it is not an expression of an author's opinions but a setting forth of what the Bible actually says on these subjects.

Over 30 years ago Brother Riggs wrote a book entitled, *The Path of Prophecy*. Though it is now out of print, it had a wide circulation and was highly acclaimed in its day. To an amazing degree the content of that book is still valid after all these years, showing the scriptural soundness of its position as well as the wisdom of its author. It is remarkable, in view of the everchanging world situation, how relevant that 1937 book still remains in its references to Rome, Greece, Russia, and other countries now prominent in the news.

In his latest book Brother Riggs has taken one section of the former work and enlarged it, including much new material on current signs of the times, adding considerable data about Israel, and drawing upon 30 more years of Bible study and mature reflection—all of which gives the volume a new dimension of usefulness.

Its 174 pages, bound in beautiful cloth covers, are thoroughly outlined in topical form. It is not only pleasant to read but also easy to study. *The Story of the Future* fills a great need in these days of spiritual darkness and perplexity.

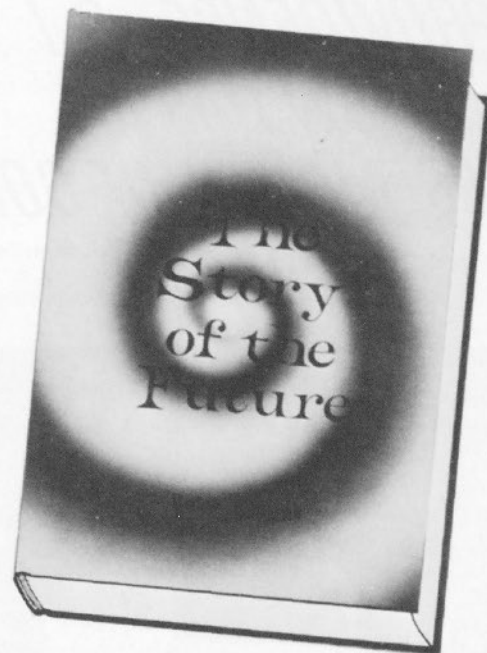
—Robert C. Cunningham

SATAN DREADS NOTHING BUT PRAYER. The church that lost its Christ was full of good works. Activities are multiplied that meditation may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in good works as surely as in evil ways.

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

—SAMUEL CHADWICK

NEW! UP-TO-DATE!



The Story of the Future

by Ralph M. Riggs

To literally thousands of Pentecostal believers around the world, Ralph Riggs is a household name as preacher, leader, and writer. Among his written works—sermons, books, and tracts—none gives the reader more insight into God's Word than this latest book, **The Story of the Future**. This is considered by scholars, reviewers, and friends, one of the most enlightening volumes on prophecy produced today. It is not only easy to read, but it is pointed at the significance of events in the **now** generation—the nuclear age as they relate to Biblical prophecy. Do you want clear and straight-from-the-shoulder convincing truth concerning the signs of the times? Then read this outstanding book soon.

Cloth 2 EV 742 \$2.95

POSTPAID IN U.S.A.

GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

1445 BOONVILLE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65802

GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE BOOKSTORE

1514 SECOND AVE., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101

WORD OF LIFE BOOKSTORE

415 N. SYCAMORE ST., SANTA ANA, CALIF. 92701

Prices outside the continental U.S. slightly higher

BUT THERE
IS STILL MUCH WORK TO
BE DONE

PROVIDENCE, R. I., NOW HAS AN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH



These people became charter members of Trinity Assembly, Providence, R. I., on Home Missions Day. Pastor and Mrs. Larry McNeill are on the front row at right.



Pastor Taylor H. Davis and members of the board of Bethel Temple, Tulsa, Okla., present a check to Pastor Larry McNeill.

District Superintendent David W. Flower (right) presents check for pastoral support to Larry McNeill, Pioneer Pastor of the Year in the Southern New England District.



THE COVER OF THE JULY 28, 1963, issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* carried a photograph of Providence with the caption: "Something Missing in Providence, R. I." It was the only state capital that did not have an Assemblies of God church.

That situation has now been changed through the dedicated labors of three young ministers and their families. And this year an Assemblies of God church—Trinity Assembly—was dedicated in Providence.

Roger Williams founded Providence 140 years before the Declaration of Independence. He named it "in commemoration of God's providence" and founded it as a refuge for religious freedom.

Yet today Providence is one of the nation's 10 major centers of organized crime.

Metropolitan Providence has a population in excess of 600,000. Evangelicals are a very small minority. Two out of every three persons are Roman Catholics. The 12 percent Protestant population is composed largely of those of liberal theology.

Our work in the capital started when the Wayne Snyders began services in a rented school auditorium in the suburbs and the Paul Kinneys began services in the city. After a few months the two groups were combined. That was in July 1965. The Larry McNeills soon joined the Snyders in pastoring the small congregation. Brother McNeill is the present pastor.

After two years of services in five different rented buildings, Trinity Assembly purchased for about one-half its value a lovely 15-room home in a fine location. It serves as a church and a parsonage. Church facilities include a chapel, classrooms, a nursery, and a pastor's study. The pastor lives on the second floor.

The district WMC's made the purchase possible by a gift of \$1,000 for a partial down payment. They also have supplied groceries and Christmas gifts for the pastor's family.

Since occupying the building the congregation has doubled, and a revival spirit has been evident. Four non-Protestant families, who had never heard the plan of salvation before, have recently accepted Christ as Saviour.

On National Home Missions Day, February 11, 1968, Southern New England District Superintendent David W. Flower dedicated the building to the Lord in a service attended by 100 members and friends. On that day 10 charter members were received into the assembly.

Brother McNeill became a full-time pastor in January of this year. This was made possible by the burden and combined efforts of the district, a concerned assembly in Oklahoma, and the local congregation.

The pastor was selected by the district home missions committee as *Pioneer Pastor of the Year*. The pastor selected for this title receives regular monthly support so he can leave secular employment to devote full time to the ministry. He also presents his home missions effort in other churches.

Pastor Taylor H. Davis of Bethel Temple, Tulsa, Okla., presented the home missions challenge of Providence to his congregation. They responded by adopting this as their home missions project for 1968 and pledged \$100 monthly support to Pastor McNeill.

The Providence congregation took a step of faith in its

first business meeting and is assuming the responsibility for a part of the pastor's salary.

The national home missions goal is one Assemblies of God church for every 10,000 people. This goal has been surpassed in many areas of the United States. *To meet the goal in its area metropolitan Providence needs 59 more assemblies to join the existing one!* This is one of the greatest mission fields in America.


Because Trinity Assembly is the only Assemblies of God church in the area, this congregation has no other church to sponsor it and supply workers. The new church needs consecrated volunteers who will labor under difficult but rewarding circumstances to present the gospel in Providence.

There are thousands of people in Rhode Island's capital who have never heard the plan of salvation. Recently a



The statue of Roger Williams overlooks the city of Providence, R. I.

new convert in Providence said, "I was 28 years old before I heard the story of salvation. Do you think if I had been born in another part of the country I would have heard it sooner?" Thinking of the many churches and gospel radio programs in other parts of our nation, the answer would likely be affirmative!

The new church is praying that God will send them reinforcements. Will you be one? 



DELIVERED FROM DOPE

WASUL TSCHINIAK was born in Russia in 1941 and came to America from Germany in 1950. He was raised in Chicago. There he became hooked on dope at the age of 14.

Wasul started using marijuana. He soon found himself a slave to pills, morphine, heroin, and any other drugs he was able to obtain. He was a "dope fiend." (A "junkie" uses only one kind of drug but a "dope fiend" uses every kind.)

When Wasul realized his need to be delivered from this debilitating habit, he attempted to kick the habit by himself; but the desire for dope was too great. Then Wasul voluntarily entered the Federal Narcotics Institution in Lexington, Ky. The doctors informed him and the other drug addicts they must have the willpower to get off drugs. But Wasul found although he had the *will*, he had *no power*.

Wasul was miserable. He began to realize his life was evil. He was obeying the voice of the devil who wanted to destroy his life and his soul. Wasul had begun to steal, and now this also had become a habit.

But Wasul had one important factor in his favor. He had a mother who prayed for him, a mother whose heart he had broken. God heard her prayers.

Two workers from the Teen Challenge Center in Chicago visited an area which Wasul frequented. These workers were allowed to show the film, "Teen Revolt,"

in a poolroom. A friend told Wasul these men wanted to help people like him and introduced him to the workers.

Wasul said to the men, "You cannot help. Only God can help me."

They replied, "Well, brother, that's who we work with!" A little ray of hope sprang up in the boy's heart at these words. He had nothing to lose but evil habits so he decided to go to Teen Challenge and see if God could help him.

Wasul went to the Teen Challenge Center the next day. There he heard the gospel. Someone told him the angels in heaven rejoice over *one* sinner who repents. This statement especially impressed him, and he asked the Lord to save him from his sins.


Wasul knew when Jesus had come into his heart. He found he now loved the Lord and the things of God.

Doctors had been unable to do anything for Wasul after his 11 years on dope. But God did what no one else could do. Wasul soon received the baptism in the Holy Spirit which helped him be a strong witness for Christ.

The new convert stayed in the Chicago Center for three weeks and then entered the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, Pa., where he could study God's Word and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. He spent eight months there, studying approximately four hours a day and working several hours a day.

Next, God made it possible for Wasul to attend the Teen Challenge Institute of Missions in Rhinebeck, N. Y. He was one of the first nine students to attend this school. (The school grew in a year's time from nine to 20 students, and it continues to grow.)

Wasul and numbers of other converts of Teen Challenge Centers in the U. S. are preparing themselves for ministry to other young people who need salvation and deliverance from degrading habits. So great has been the influence of Teen Challenge ministry that judges, police, probation officers, and prison officials are greatly impressed by the accomplishments. Some centers now serve as referral agencies for young delinquents. The National Home Missions Department provides free correspondence courses in Bible studies for those in prison.

Teen Challenge workers often risk their lives to pursue their ministry of deliverance. They desire your prayerful support for them, their work, and their converts. 

Enlargement Campaign Helps Sunday School Grow

THE 1967 ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN contributed to a 16 percent attendance increase over October 1966 for First Assembly, Bartlesville, Okla., Pastor H. Paul Holdridge reported in his enthusiastic endorsement of the attendance building ideas presented by the National Sunday School Department.

"The 1967 theme, *I'll Tell the World*, captivated my attention as soon as I saw it," Pastor Holdridge exclaimed. "It fitted right in with our year's emphasis."

Enlargement campaigns have been a part of the annual Sunday school calendar for more than 18 years. They provide an ideal point

for launching the Sunday school year each October.

Under the direction of Associate Pastor Jim McCorkle, the Bartlesville Sunday school got busy with the campaign designed to invite families, friends, neighbors, and other community members to Sunday school.

The Sunday school members counted 954 potential contacts and were able to give invitations to 528 of them. Out of this group, 109 persons attended the Sunday school. Several immediately became permanent members, and a substantial number were added to the Sunday school prospect list.

The 1968 Enlargement Cam-



Two workers conferences were used to help the staff members put the campaign into action. Part of the staff is shown seated in the front of a 14- by 7-foot enlargement of the campaign poster. On the front row are (left to right): Mark Bailey, assistant superintendent; George Cederberg, superintendent; Jim McCorkle, director of Christian education; and H. Paul Holdridge, pastor. The other two men are not identified. Mrs. John Cowan, secretary-treasurer, is seated on the back row at the right.

FOR YOUR 1968 Enlargement Campaign



(OR ANY EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS)

THE 1968 Outreach Issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* is geared to today's evangelism—through the "Speak Out, America" Enlargement Campaign, through the Men's Fellowship Action Crusades, through mass distribution at fair booths, through church-sponsored visitation efforts, and through personal witnessing at any time and place.

The colorful issue presents Christ as the answer to men's problems in these troubled times. The issue is interesting, relevant to our age, and carries a spiritual impact to the heart of the reader.

Our huge printing order makes it possible for you to order this 16-page magazine at far less than you would pay for comparable gospel literature or tracts—just \$3.50 for 100 copies,* postpaid in the U.S. Place your order now. (Ready for shipment about August 20.)

The Pentecostal Evangel

1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802

Please send copies of the Outreach "Evangel" (issue no. 2834) at the special rate of \$3.50 for 100 copies.*

Payment enclosed Please bill Account number

Send to

Address

City State Zip

If this is a church order, please give name of church:

*Minimum order: 100 copies at this special rate. Please send payment on personal orders.

campaign employs a different approach to reach those not attending Sunday school. The campaign with the theme, *Speak Out, America*, is designed to include a community poll conducted at a booth in a shopping center or other busy place. The poll asks 10 questions related to vital areas of patriotism, morality, and religion facing our nation today.

Every school, whatever its size,

can have an Enlargement Campaign. Bartlesville First Assembly had an average attendance of 292 in 1966-67. The church has since added new facilities to accommodate greater numbers in Sunday school.

Pastor Holdridge and his Sunday school staff have found the Enlargement Campaign a valuable help in reaching new members.

LEFT: George Cederberg, superintendent, displays the materials used in the 1967 campaign. **RIGHT:** Pastor Holdridge holds one of the silhouette figures used to display the campaign progress. The number represents the total projected contacts for the campaign.



HOUSING STILL AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL ON EVANGELISM

Thanks to the planning committee's foresight many rooms are still available for those attending the Council on Evangelism in St. Louis, August 26-29. August 1 was the deadline for sending housing requests to the St. Louis Housing Bureau. In case you failed to make a reservation, or if you do not receive confirmation before you begin your journey, inquire at the information desk in the lobby of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel located at 12th and Locust, St. Louis, Mo.



evangeletters

READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

Salvation at Communion?

In "Healing at the Communion Table" (February 18 *Evangel*), John W. Everett states, "Every Communion service should minister to both our souls and bodies."

I am not quite sure what he may be inferring. Surely Communion is not for sinners; it is for the saints of God, according to 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. If we as Christians have sin in our lives, we need to repent of our sin first before we take Communion.

I am aware that some take Communion with the false idea that their sins are remitted, but that certainly is not implied in the Scriptures. I believe Communion is a command of our Lord to be taken in remembrance of His death till He comes again.

HAROLD WELKER
Lansdale, Pa.

Editor's Note: Brother Everett's point is that there are both spiritual and physical benefits for the Christian from the Communion service. Sins can be remitted only by our asking God to forgive our sins.

A Unique Idea

I appreciate the article, "Have I Not Chosen You," by Herbert Buffum Jr. in the June 23 *Evangel*.

I remember a revival I attended in the winter of 1935. An evan-

gelist sang this song, and it was the first time in my life that I actually witnessed heaven come down in a service.

Perhaps it would be worthwhile if you asked all your readers who had ever been blessed in any special way by this song to write to you. Then you could present the letters to Brother Buffum as a token of the deep appreciation for his father's blessed song. I wouldn't be surprised if the letters numbered in the thousands.

THEODORE E. ANDERSON
Barnesboro, Pa.

Wants to See More Prayer

Why don't our churches pray for the present war where many of our finest young men are fighting? Our nation needs prayer too, with all the troubles we have at home.

We talk a lot but pray little. God may have mercy on our nation if we pray more.

LOTTIE WRIGHT
Tampa, Fla.

Correct Address of Christian Center in Thailand

The interesting article entitled, "A Home Away from Home," was much appreciated (issue of June 30, page 17). Thank you for including the center in Thailand along with the other servicemen's homes. As the article stated, this

is the newest of the Assemblies of God servicemen's centers.

However, the address given in the article was incorrect. The proper address is: Areesamphan, Soi 10, 70/7, Bangkok (telephone Bangkok 76209).

The location is just off the main street and is near the Capitol Hotel. This hotel is used by the military and is well known.

Please pray for our gospel work here.

E. E. SHAFFER
P. O. Box 4/146
Bangkok 4, Thailand

Healing Testimonies

You'll never know how much I appreciate the *Evangel*. The testimonies of healings are an inspiration.

DOROTHY CUMMINGS
Dallas, Oreg.

Thanksgiving in August

Thank you for the *Evangel*. It is wonderful reading material for our home, and it seems to be getting better and better.

We would also like to thank Norman Pearsall for his artwork and we hope the Lord will give R.C.C. a long life. We appreciate so much his "Editorial Comment."

SISTER NORMAN
Modesto, Calif.

Thankful for Awakening

Having seen and heard Mrs. Lillian Trasher, former superintendent of the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage in Assiout, Egypt, my heart was tremendously stirred as I read the account of the "Awakening in Assiout" (June 9 *Evangel*).

The spontaneity of the revival impressed my mind. Then I thought of the years of faithful service rendered there and the verse, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:5).

By the help of the blessed Holy Spirit she and others sowed the precious seed. Now the time of reaping has thrilled our hearts; it should inspire us all to greater diligence in witnessing for Christ.

MRS. IDA GRAHAM
Hutchinson, Kans.

Uses Bible Reading Schedules

I have wanted for some time to express my appreciation for the *Evangel*. My wife and I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit about four years ago, but we have not had active fellowship in a Pentecostal church.

My main reason for writing is to tell you what precious blessing I have received from the weekly Bible reading schedules. We have followed them for more than a year.

When *The Pentecostal Evangel* gets to our home, it is the first piece of mail opened. The articles are read and reread and loaned to others.

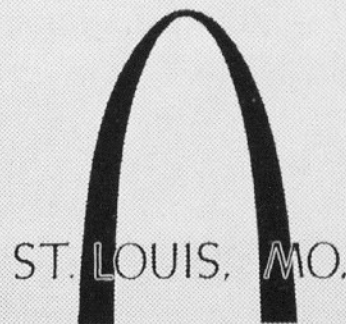
CLYDE SPITLER
Melrose Park, Ill.

You'll want to
be there-



COUNCIL ON

EVANGELISM,

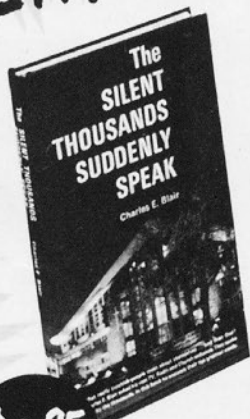


ST. LOUIS, MO.



AUGUST 26-29

NEW! The Silent Thousands Suddenly Speak



\$3.95

ORDER NO. 3 EV 2503

"A book that ministers dream about having. . . Provides a wealth of information."

—J. Sidlow Baxter

by Charles E. Blair

Here are the kind of sermons congregations dream about hearing. The author, realizing that he and other ministers were answering questions no one was asking, set about to determine what people really wanted to hear from the pulpit.

After polling large audiences from both inside and outside the church, the written requests of 5,000 respondents were analyzed and arranged in order of the ten subjects people wanted most to hear discussed. Armed with this information, the author prepared and delivered a series of "The Ten Most-Asked-For Sermons of Our Day." Here they are, in this amazing book, for all to read and enjoy. 150 pages. Cloth bound.

POSTPAID IN U.S.A.
GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE
1445 BOONVILLE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65802
GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE BOOKSTORE
1514 SECOND AVE., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101
WORD OF LIFE BOOKSTORE
415 N. SYCAMORE ST., SANTA ANA, CALIF. 92701
Prices outside the continental U.S. slightly higher

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

DONATED LABOR CUTS BUILDING COSTS IN HALF

PEDLEY, CALIF.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord.

W. H. Robertson, now superintendent of the Southern California District, was the dedicatory speaker.

The building plus furnishings and land is valued at \$125,000. Cost, however, was only \$61,000 because of donated labor.

The structure was built under the supervision of A. C. Pettit, a member of the congregation. Bennie Franklin, then pastor of the church, supervised the entire building program. He recently resigned after pastoring the church for six years. O. D. Burkett is now the pastor.

Facilities include a sanctuary seating 350, with additional room for 75 on the platform. There is



wall-to-wall carpeting and air conditioning. The church office, rest rooms, and nursery are on the main floor; the pastor's study is upstairs.

The educational unit is attached to the structure with a large entryway. A youth chapel seats 100 and has a fireplace and kitchen

equipment. There are 13 Sunday school rooms and a WMC work-room.

The assembly has progressed spiritually in the past few months. Ten or 12 persons have been saved; some have been baptized in the Holy Spirit; and new families are coming to the church regularly.

MILLERSBURG, OHIO—God poured out His Spirit during nine weeks of services at the Assembly of God here. Larry Anslow of Dover, Ohio, was the evangelist.

Several persons were saved, including two families who attended a denominational church. A lady from one of these families was baptized in the Holy Spirit on her way home. A soldier just back from Germany was also baptized in the Spirit. A couple addicted to alcohol was saved, and the husband was healed of back trouble.

Flood waters threatened the building, and then the building was sold with only two days' notice. They began using another building, and the furnace exploded—but no one was injured.

A man who had never been to the church gave \$300 to help purchase lots for a new building.

—Bessie Shaffer, pastor

* * *

CLEARLAKE HIGHLANDS, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here recently held special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul A. Hill.

Attendance was very good. Several were saved, and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit. All were blessed in a wonderful way.

—Wm. C. McPheeters, pastor

* * *

ADRIAN, MICH.—Bethany Assembly here just closed one of the most successful meetings in its history. Crowds of over 300 each week-night and 600 on Sunday evenings sat under the ministry of Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. There were men, women, young persons, and even entire families at the altar every night seeking salvation. In all, 247 families (over 600 persons) attended the church for the first time.

The crusade had an impact on the entire county. Local businessmen financed radio time for the evangelist. Every department of the church has been strengthened through these meetings.

—Arthur G. Clay, pastor

* * *

LIVINGSTON, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here continues to enjoy the blessing of the Lord after a three-week campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Erxleben Sr. of Fresno, Calif.

Five persons were saved, three were reclaimed, 12 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled with the Spirit.

One young man had backslidden



Governor Proclaims "Royal Rangers Day"

ROYAL RANGERS VISIT HEMISFAIR

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Royal Rangers from the South Texas District gathered at HemisFair here Saturday, June 22, to distribute Christian literature and to publicize their activities.

Several outposts camped out at Covington Park in San Antonio the evening before. Alan E. Gell, Royal Rangers national aide-de-camp, South Texas District, was in charge of the weekend activities.

Brother Gell received a proclamation from Governor John Connally declaring June 22 "Royal Rangers Day" in Texas.

The Royal Rangers set up two booths to pass out the literature.

One was at the base of the Tower of the Americas, the exposition's 622-foot observation tower-restaurant. This booth consisted of a pup tent and flagpole.

The other exhibit, a multi-colored camping trailer from Gulfgate Assembly in Houston, was at the Special Events Plaza.

By 6 p.m. the Royal Rangers had exhausted their supply of literature, having distributed 20,000 Royal Rangers promotional leaflets; 1,000 *Exploradores del Rey* leaflets; 200 copies of *Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life*, *Revivaltime's* summer witnessing miniature; 1,000 copies of the 1968 Spiritual Life edition of *The Pen-*

tecostal Evangel; 1,000 miniature Bibles in English and 300 in Spanish; and about 50 pieces of Men's Fellowship material.

Throughout the day local radio stations made announcements about Royal Rangers being at HemisFair, and stories appeared in local newspapers.

The Royal Rangers also presented two 30-minute demonstrations at the Western Village. Brother Gell gave a short talk on the Royal Rangers program and beliefs.

At 2:30 each day there is a parade with the HemisFair band and other groups. About 30 boys in their Royal Rangers uniforms marched in the parade around the entire fairgrounds. Some played instruments and were joined by other boys from local high schools.

Teen Talent and Bible Quiz Finals Slated

CAN YOU IMAGINE being in the midst of hundreds of voices singing praises to God and honoring God's Word together in a glorious symphony of words and melodies?

You say you think that's what heaven will be like? You're right, of course; but not everyone has to wait to experience that sensation. It will happen this week (August 19, 20) for hundreds of people at Springfield, Mo., when over 500 disciplined young musicians and Bible scholars converge on the city for the National Teen Talent Search and Bible Quiz Finals.

The event is the climax of a year of practice, study, and competition for thousands of Assemblies of God youth. And if the eight regional competitions just completed were any indication of what is to come at the national

finals, it looks as if this will be one thrilling year for hundreds of C.A.'s and the National Christ's Ambassadors Department, which organizes and promotes the programs.

The contestants entering this national competition were judged best in their sections, districts, and finally in their regions. They represent over 50 churches and 35 districts of the Assemblies of God.

Charles Reed, promotions coordinator for the National C. A. Department, was present at most of the regional playoffs, and shares here a foretaste of the national finals from his tour report: "Approximately 2,250 have attended the eight regional finals. It was a thrilling time for me.

"But what excited me most was to see the keen spiritual insights these kids got from studying the prison and pastoral epistles for

the Bible quiz competition. Even the losers are real winners.

"And the anointing which accompanied the musical talent was edifying, to say the least.

"The moving of the Holy Spirit was sensed in these contests too. Ask the young Bible quiz team member who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in his motel room the night before competition!

"In one meeting, as the Talent Search contestants performed, the entire congregation was moved spontaneously to audible praise as the teens ministered in music.

"The climax of one regional final came when two teen-age boys found Christ as their Saviour in the evening rally.

"Dedication and involvement have been quite evident too. One team (from Alaska) traveled 3,200 miles one way to attend the Northwestern Regional finals.

"Another group chartered a plane to attend the Great Lakes Regional finals. Other groups chartered buses, bringing not only contestants but other interested teens as well.

"The competition was tight. In one region only three points separated a talent search winner from the other five contestants.

"In another region three Bible quiz teams tied after round-robin play. Both rounds to determine the winner were decided on the last question!

"The spirit of enthusiasm of these dedicated teen-agers can be summed up in the words of one team member from Alaska, who lost after making a 3,200-mile trip: 'We'll see you next year!'"

Does it sound exciting? It is. How about breathing a prayer for these young people right now? Pray that God will use this study of His Word and the dedicated musical talent to His glory.

And then believe that God will direct them into fruitful lives of consecrated service and ministry.

while attending college. He was reclaimed and refilled with the Spirit and is trusting the Lord for healing from emphysema.

Attendance was good. Four people have expressed a desire to join the church.

—E. N. Michaelson, pastor

* * *

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—The Jack Martz Team conducted a very successful two-week crusade at First Assembly here recently.

Attendance was excellent throughout the meeting, gathering momentum each night. A fine attendance was registered the final night in response to a "pew-packing" contest.

During the meeting, the evangelists were invited to visit a large Roman Catholic school for boys in St. Louis where they sang, ministered, and answered questions from an enthusiastic audience.

—M. Allen Groff, pastor

FORT WAYNE, IND.—An average of 337 children attended each service of a four-night "All Kids Roundup" conducted by Evangelist Paul Hild at First Assembly here.

Registration reached a total of 625 with children from 88 churches in the Fort Wayne area attending.

Brother Hild also brought a stirring evangelistic message to the adults on Sunday, and two persons found Christ as their Saviour.

—D. Fred Leader, pastor

* * *

SANTA ROSA, N. MEX.—The Lord began to move at the Assembly of God here even before special meetings began. Three persons were saved and seven were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Then after Evangelist B. S. Bates of Tempe, Ariz., came one more was saved and two were baptized in the Spirit.

Attendance was very good with visitors present each night. Several

persons were healed, including the pastor.

—Virginia Shiple, pastor

* * *

WEST BEND, WIS.—For two weeks preceding the special meetings at the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Bill and Naomi Hayes of Kilgore, Tex., the congregation prayed that the Lord would move. He did, saving five persons, reclaiming another, baptizing three in His Spirit, and refilling several.

Attendance was good each night with visitors from numerous churches present.

Although the church was in a building program effort, this did not detract but rather the faith of the people was built to believe God for great things in days to come. The evangelistic thrust strengthened the church's forward move for God.

—Corwin G. Lowe, pastor

TRONA, CALIF.—The Varner Team of Springfield, Mo., conducted a three-week meeting at the Assembly of God here in which the Lord moved in revival power. The congregation rejoiced over those who were saved and stirred to a deeper life in Christ. Three persons joined the church, and a revival spirit continues in every service. —Michael Lasky, pastor

* * *

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Calvary Temple here had a very successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. John Hamercheck of Philadelphia, Pa.

The services were marked with the presence of God from the beginning. Nineteen persons were saved, six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many others received a healing touch.

Attendance was gratifying, with many visitors present.

—John Deegan, pastor



Evangelist Jack Martz (left) and Pastor Allen Groff stand in the midst of the "pew-packers" on the final night of the crusade held in First Assembly in Granite City, Ill. Signs mark seats of the pew captains.



Pastor Groff and Evangelist Martz were invited to visit a large Roman Catholic school for boys. Here they talk with Sister Mary Christopher in one of the classrooms.

NORMAN CORRELL NAMED NATIONAL C. A. SECRETARY

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Norman L. Correll is the new national Christ's Ambassadors secretary, according to T. E. Gannon, executive director of the department.



Brother Correll, who has served as field representative for the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission since December 1966, succeeds Russell Cox. Brother Cox resigned the position after three years to become pastor of a new church near Philadelphia, Pa.

A missionary to Tanzania, East Africa, from 1958 to 1966, Brother Correll has been involved in developing the Mobilization and Placement Service (MAPS) under the Spiritual Life—Evangelism office.

He also has participated in Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) which sends scores of Assemblies

youth overseas each year to assist missionaries in special evangelism programs.

Responsibilities of his new position will include coordination and promotion of the national youth program. He will assist in developing district programs for more than 5,300 local C. A. groups representing 108,000 young people and will head up the youth camp program, Bible quiz, and Talent Search activities.

Brother Correll will oversee the Servicemen's Division of the National C. A. Department which corresponds with over 15,000 men in the Armed Forces; and supervise the College Youth Division which maintains contact with A/G youth in secular colleges.

Publications of the department to come under his supervision include *C. A. Herald*, *C. A. Guide*, and *Campus Ambassador*.

Since 1944 Christ's Ambassadors have given \$7.5 million to Speed-the-Light, the C. A. Department's program to supply missionaries with vehicles and other equipment and services. He will supervise this program.

A native of Nebraska, Brother Correll attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis and served in several district posts, including district C. A. president of Nebraska, prior to his missionary appointment.



300 ATTEND SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT

ERZHAUSEN, GERMANY—Military personnel and their dependents, missionaries, and visitors from the U.S. turned out 300 strong for the May 30 Memorial Day retreat for servicemen at the German Bible school here.

Richard Fulmer, servicemen's representative for Europe, and Missionary Eddie Washington directed this retreat. Similar retreats are held on each American holiday.

Speakers for Memorial Day

were Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Watters, Springfield, Mo.; and Missionary Robert Crabtree, Munich, Germany.

The annual Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat will convene November 4-8 at the General Walker Hotel; Berchtesgaden, Germany. Speakers will be Howard S. Bush, chairman of the Assemblies' Commission on Chaplains; and James Hamill, pastor of First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—The Assembly of God here just closed a good meeting with Evangelist Homer Peterson Sr. of Portsmouth, Va.

Many persons were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were several healings.

Attendance was the largest in many years.

—Victor Gillam, pastor

* * *

ST. CLAIR, MO.—First Assembly here just concluded four weeks of glorious revival meetings with Evangelist Al D. Hewison. Thirty-three persons were saved, and 45 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Eleven were refilled.

Many of those saved or baptized were members of other denominations. The local Episcopal priest's wife was one of those baptized in the Spirit.

There were also several outstanding miracles of healing. A little girl's leg was lengthened, and a lady scheduled for major

surgery was instantly healed and spared the operation.

—Lyll Parsons, pastor

* * *

CLEVELAND, TEX.—Hi-Way Tabernacle here recently had a wonderful youth meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Danny Richard of Grand Prairie, Tex.

Several persons were saved, and others sought the Lord around the altar each night. Many of the C.A.'s caught fire for God. A wonderful revival atmosphere is now present in the services.

—Travis Freeman, pastor

* * *

MADISON, WIS.—The Singing Lunsfords of Metropolis, Ill., held a successful crusade at Evangel Temple here recently. Twenty persons were saved, and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Attendance was excellent with some 180 visitors present. The congregation was blessed by the good ministry of the Word.

—Mark R. Carter, pastor



FIRST ESKIMO ORDAINED—Among those ministers ordained at the recent Alaska District Council in Fairbanks was Ned Nusunginya, far left, the first Eskimo to be ordained by the Assemblies of God. Other ordination candidates were, from the left, Roy Randall, Jack Warden, Robert Lantz, and Richard Rutledge. Gayle Lewis, former assistant general superintendent, and D. V. Hurst, president of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash., were council speakers.

Council on Evangelism Delegates—

ARRIVING IN ST. LOUIS BY AIR?

SPECIAL LIMOUSINE RATES have been arranged for Council on Evangelism delegates arriving by air, beginning Monday morning, August 26. When you get to St. Louis' Lambert Airport, call for Council on Evangelism limousine service: CH 1-9223. This limousine service will take you to your downtown hotel for \$1.50—a special rate for Council on Evangelism delegates only. The same limousine service will also be available from the hotel to the airport following the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMECOMING AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY—Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at First Pentecostal Tabernacle, Peckville, Pa.—By Ernest B. Drost, pastor.

HOMECOMING AND 42ND ANNIVERSARY—Aug. 25-26 at Assembly of God, Maxwell, Nebr. Former pastors and members invited.—by John F. Stocker, pastor.

HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION—Aug. 18 at First Assembly, Baxter Springs, Kans. Speaker: Paul E. Lowenberg, district superintendent. Program includes Communion in morning, open house in afternoon, and dedication of new educational annex at night.—by T. A. Gianopoulos,

WITH CHRIST

J. DANIEL COURTNEY, 69, of Tallahassee, Fla., went into the presence of the King on April 3, 1968, after a heart attack.



Ordained to the ministry in 1920, Brother Courtney was a member of the Peninsular Florida District. He served as an evangelist

and as a pastor of 11 churches in Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

Brother Courtney also held offices in several districts. He was secretary of the old Southeastern District 1923-1926. He was district superintendent of Mississippi 1932-1934; of South Carolina 1942-1944; and of Peninsular Florida 1960-1966.

He is survived by his wife Addie and four children. Two daughters are married to Assemblies of God ministers. Melba is the wife of Carl Perry, pastor of First Assembly in Missoula, Mont., and Geraldine is the wife of Bill Land, pastor of First Assembly in Key West, Fla. Another daughter Joye (Mrs. Jim Bruce) lives in Tallahassee, Fla. A son Daniel lives in Columbus, Ga.

BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOME

PROPHETIC LIGHT

ALSO 10 OTHER COURSES

WRITE TO

BEREAN SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

1445 BOONVILLE AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65802

OPERATION ADVANCE August 18-25, 1968

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Mo.	Arnold	First	John Walker	Kenneth Brown	
		Meramec Hgts.	Bill Lewis	Donald Golden	
		*First	Inez Smith	David Comfort	
	Berkeley	Fenton	Evangel Temple	C. M. Ward	A. K. Turnbough
			Grace	Jack Evans	J. C. Washburn
			A/G	O. N. Montgomery	Lester Shockley
			Revival Tab.	Watters-Perri	A. L. Burnett
			First	Colman McDuff	Thomas Wiltshire
			Calvary Tab.	Don Morgan	C. Fred Hembree
			First	Lloyd & Rebecca Middleton	Aubrey Grindstaff
			**Friendship	Musical Messengers	Harold Heady
			**Glad Tidings	Howard Young	E. P. Wright
Lindberg			Stephens Brothers	R. Gene Putnam	
Northside	Ernie Eskelin	Sherman Cunningham			
Ill.	St. Louis	St. John	Manfred Polk	I. R. Hibdon	
		St. Louis	Franklyn Murray	Manuel Shoults	
		St. Louis	Joe Williams	Owen Carr	
	Alton	Belleville	South Side	James Kofahl	Ronald Loy
			Edwards Street	Robert Schmidgall	C. J. Lance
			First	J. M. Jalkanavich	H. E. Thrasher
			Emmanuel	Marvin Tochtrop	Otis Runyon
			Calvary	Ken Stottlemeyer	Lloyd Shoemaker
			State Street	Sam Jordan	G. O. Ankarlo
			Tri-City Tab.	Gerald Wills	
			First		

*August 25 only

**August 14-25

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Chickasaw	First	Aug. 19-25	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Wm. David Thomas
Ark.	Phenix City	Rolph Survey	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	Jerry & Ann Johnson	J. T. Herring
		First	Aug. 19-Sept. 1	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Jackie V. Nichols
		A/G	Aug. 8-Sept. 1	Dennis Thrasher	Buford Dorsey
Calif.	Little Rock	Cloverdale	Aug. 25-Sept. 8	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Alvin Hicks
		A/G	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Loyd & Patsy Singley	Johnny L. Storz
		A/G	Aug. 18-Sept. 1	Fisher-Cheek Team	W. C. Ross
Fla.	Sand Hill	Valley	Aug. 20-Sept. 1	Claude O. Wood	David English
		Bethel	Aug. 19-23	Irene Abrahamson	Leland Keys
		First	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	William Kautz	D. N. Asbury
Ga.	San Jose	Eastport	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	H. A. Strange	Tempie Reeves
		Southside	Aug. 20-25	Paul Hild Family	Dale Zink
		First	Aug. 19-25	Randall & Mrs. Walker	J. L. Creel
Hawaii	Macon	Bouldercrest	Aug. 21-25	Kenneth Wright Tm.	Edgar Bethany
		First	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Barry & Charlene Bugala	M. G. Barfield
		A/G	Aug. 18-25	Arthur & Anna Berg	Edward Decker
Ind.	Wahiawa, Oahu	First	Aug. 20-25	Doug & Judy Maners	Dave Clark
		First	Aug. 20-Sept. 1	Ada E. Lear	Basil Stephens
		A/G	Aug. 18-23	Kathleen Jennings	Oscar Hamilton
Iowa	Caney	Wellington	Aug. 25-30	Victor Etienne	Ray F. Hollis
		First	Aug. 18—	Branham & Steele	Oscar H. Bolen
		A/G	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	Dave & Jan Olsheski	Gary M. Kroah
Kans.	Wellington	A/G	Aug. 19-25	Carl E. Gammel	J. E. Allen
		1A/G	Aug. 13-25	Ray Eskelin	E. Glenn Snook
		Trinity	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	Basell-Brown Party	Everett Jones
Mo.	Iron Mountain	A/G	Aug. 20-Sept. 1	Arnold & Anita Segesman	M. Dale Barton
		First	Aug. 19-25	Tom & Mrs. Waggoner	Herbert Albright
		1A/G	Aug. 25-30	Charles Senechal	W. R. Leisy
Mont.	Havre	A/G	Aug. 20-25	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Duane Palser
		A/G	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	T. J. Kerfoot	Bernard Rossier
		1Gospel Tab.	Aug. 19-23	Daniel Dugan	Donald Lacey
N. Mex.	Alamogordo	First	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Winferd Mack	Tommy Crider
		Pentecostal Tab.	Aug. 20-Sept. 2	Chief Thum-Sunshine Pty.	John Bedzyk
		1A/G	Aug. 19-25	Paul & Donna Wright	Paul W. Parsons
Ohio	Niles	First	Aug. 21-25	J. Don George Tm.	H. Paul Holdridge
		Tuxedo	Aug. 18-23	Victor Etienne	Joe Calabrese
		First	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Jack Martz Tm.	B. R. Brummett
Okla.	Bartlesville	Capitol Hill	Aug. 18—	N. B. Rayburn	H. A. Burmnett
		First	Aug. 21-Sept. 1	Thomas Ming Sr.	Lloyd Fosner
		1A/G	Aug. 18-23	Phil Young	Les Binkley
Oreg.	Klamath Falls	First	Aug. 19-25	Buchwalter-Brosey	Frank Swartz
		1Rock Full Gospel	Aug. 23—	The Tanner Team	Andrew Teuber
		Gospel Tab.	Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Phil & Dave Hastie	Billy R. Moore
Pa.	Sidonia	A/G	Aug. 20-25	Marion & Sandra Beach	A. L. Land
		First	Aug. 25-31	John McPherson	E. R. Foster
		First	Aug. 25-Sept. 4	James & Peggy Hazelton	Nolan Akers
S.Dak.	Sioux Falls	First	Aug. 11—	Jerry "Danny" Rogers	W. M. Harry
		First	Aug. 18—	Patsy Ruth Allen	Ben J. Mikulek
		Rose Center	Aug. 20-Sept. 1	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Clyde N. Lee
Tenn.	Nashville	Faith Tab.	Aug. 19-23	Jim & Karen Boreland	Edwin Jorstad
		1A/G	Aug. 19-23	Bill & Myrna Laney	Wilfred Gamlen
		Pentecostal	Aug. 19-23		
Tex.	Amarillo	First	Aug. 19-23		
		Freer			
		First			
Va.	Hopewell	Rose Center			
		First			
		Rose Center			
Wash.	Pt. Orchard	Faith Tab.			
		1A/G			
		Pentecostal			
Wash.	Wapato	First			
		First			
		First			

¹Children's Revival

²Youth Crusade

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

NEXT SUNDAY IS

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES DAY

AUGUST 25



GOOD NEWS
...buy the hour



Your Christian influence can reach to Rio de Janeiro, Calcutta, Singapore, Seoul, or Manila. Or perhaps you would be interested in having an effective witness in smaller communities such as Teneke, Tanzania; Armenia, Colombia; Pago Pago, Samoa; or San Giovanni in Fiore, Italy. These are just a few of the places around the world where Good News CRUSADES have brought the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your offering on Good NEWS CRUSADES Day will have results that only eternity can reveal.

**Foreign Missions Department • Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue • Springfield, Missouri 65802**

You can buy an hour of worldwide Good News Crusades for \$13.77

