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

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LINCOLN AT PRAYER

THIS BRONZE FIGURE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AT PRAYER IS AT THE NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IT IS THOUGHT TO BE THE ONLY STATUE EVER SCULPTED IN THIS ATTITUDE OF THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR WHOSE 160TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE IS MARKED FEBRUARY 12. THE FIGURE WAS EXECUTED BY HERBERT HOUCK WHOSE GRANDFATHER, WHILE WALKING THROUGH THE FIELDS NEAR GETTYSBURG, ONCE FOUND LINCOLN KNEELING IN PRAYER. THE GRANDFATHER'S OFT-TOLD STORY INSPIRED THE WORK.



CAN WE EXPECT REVIVAL IN THE CHURCHES? IS THERE SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT OUR HOPES AND PRAYERS FOR A GREAT OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? THE ANSWER IS YES. THE BIBLE FURNISHES EVIDENCES FOR BELIEVING THAT THERE WILL BE AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE REVIVAL. THERE ARE FIVE BIBLE PASSAGES IN PARTICULAR WHICH ARE BASES FOR EXPECTING REVIVAL WHEN CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

FIVE REASONS FOR EXPECTING REVIVAL

By W. J. ALLEN



THE COVENANT OF RAIN

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1).

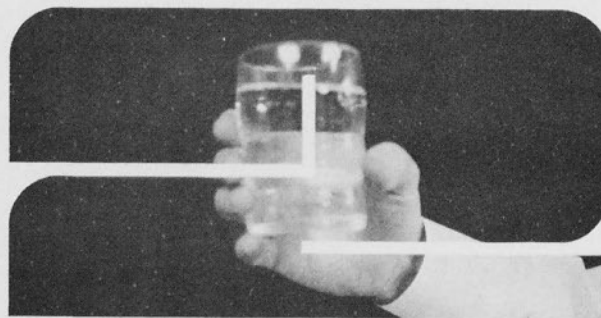
The periodic rains, in the natural, were so necessary to Israel; the former rain to start the crop, and the latter to swell the maturing grain. *Rains, too, represent all needful blessings.* And in the spiritual realm the term *rain* is considered to have reference to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

God has promised showers of rain "in the time of the latter rain" to those who will ask for the rain. Constantly a cry is going up to God for revival. Revival is as necessary to the Church today as the natural rains were to Israel. God will not fail to give revival in answer to prayer.

James reminds us that the *husbandman* expects to receive "the early and latter rain" (James 5:7). "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." Baron, commenting on James 5:7, indicated, "It will be a cloudburst, a deluge in a day of

storms, pouring rain." In answer to the prayer of faith undoubtedly there will be another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Lord Himself is concerned; the coming of the Lord is contingent upon the rain.

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (James 5:17, 18). We must pray for the spiritual outpouring. God has not changed; He is looking for those who will ask. It is in keeping with His character to reward those who ask.



THE COMMAND OF JESUS TO THIRSTY SOULS

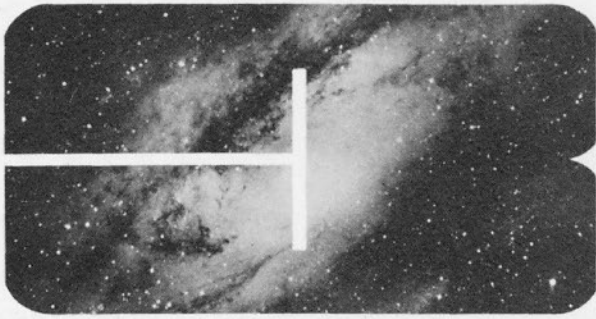
"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37, 38).

In the foregoing verses are found wonderful words of promise for the entire Church Age. Thirsty souls are to go to the Lord and drink. And from the very beings of such persons will "flow rivers of living water." They will be in a position to quicken others.

The tragedy in many quarters these days is that we are not thirsty enough.

In Jeremiah 2:13 God described the sins of Israel. "For my people," He said, "have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." In Jeremiah 5 further description of Israel was given: "But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest" (vv. 23, 24).

The cistern of our own making will never satisfy. Where there is a thirst, God meets the need of the individual or the church in the most unexpected way. We may draw from our risen, ascended Lord, the smitten Rock, "rivers of living water"! He will meet the need of the thirsty.



THE DISPENSATION OF THE SPIRIT

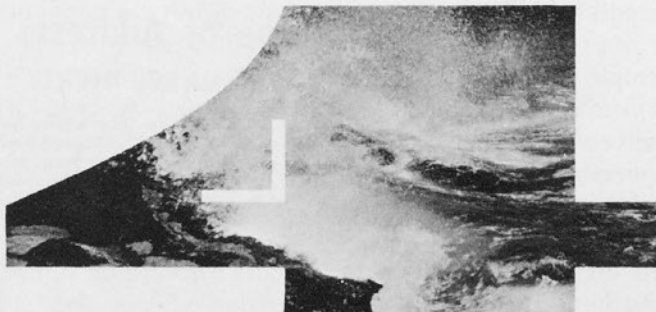
"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever" (John 14:16).

The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit was promised by Christ for this age. While organized Christianity seems to accept that truth, at the same time much of organized Christianity accepts Satan's lie that the manifestations of the Spirit were only for a transitory period. Consequently, every genuine movement of the Spirit, especially during the past 60 years, has been viewed with suspicion.

A sincere and thorough investigation into the subject would prove that the gifts of the Spirit have never been withdrawn. The usual argument to the contrary, drawn from 1 Corinthians 13, borders on the childish, for it is logical to affirm that if the gifts had ceased, knowledge would have ceased too. But knowledge within and without the Church is increasing; and so are the gifts in some places.

It can be stated that wherever and whenever true believers are right in heart and give the Holy Spirit His rightful place in their lives and in their assembly, there will be revival, accompanied by the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecostal fullness was not for just a few in the early days of the Church but for the entire Church Age. Almost the last words of F. B. Meyer were: "The Church needs another baptism in the Holy Ghost." Elder Cummin, in his book, *Through the Eternal Spirit*, states that God is willing to continue the miraculous gifts, but that in many places they have been lost because of a decay in the spiritual life of local churches. We must maintain the vision. The Holy Spirit is still with us; He waits to give blessing, joy, peace, and power.

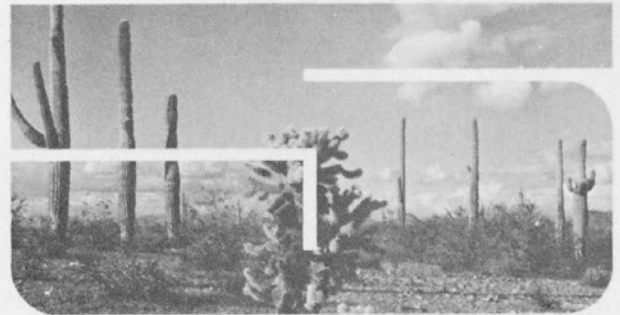


THE RISING TIDE OF INIQUITY

"So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).

The promise of God that, when the enemy comes in with overwhelming power, He will lift up a standard against the enemy is one of the great reasons for believing

in another revival. God has always intervened when His people have been weak and helpless. If, as we are led to believe, the present state of the world is a pointer to the near return of our Lord, how much more is it a pointer to the need for revival. God has done great things for His people these past 60 years. We must make the blessings of the past the platform from which to plead for the present and the future. In our petition we must remind God of the state of our land and that of our world, and we must tell Him that we expect Him to fulfill the promise of raising up a standard through the Spirit of the Lord. He will not fail the Blood-bought ones; He will be mindful of their needs and petitions.



GOD'S DESIRE FOR REVIVAL

"For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring" (Isaiah 44:3).

Here is another of those inspiring promises, revealing that God always is ready to send His blessing. He is the same God. The symbolic language of water, floods, blessing, saturated ground, and fruitful vegetation, used by the Holy Spirit in the Word of God, reflects God's deep desire to bless His people and the world. Has He not given us freely all things that pertain unto life and godliness; and has He not promised times of refreshing from His presence?

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The five passages from the Word are foundations for believing that there will be a mighty outpouring. Let us hold them before the throne of grace.

Whatever our interpretation of the Parable of the Ten Virgins, there is one outstanding thought to be observed: *they all arose and trimmed their lamps (Matthew 25:7).* We should suggest that *consciousness of deficiency comes with revival.* We dare not, we must not, wait until the Bridegroom is sighted; we must arise *now!*

If we are honest, we will admit that the Church has not entered fully into her possessions. When we read the standard of the Epistles and the provision made to maintain that standard and then survey the present condition, we feel like crying with Isaiah, "Woe is me!" Were it not for the fact that we firmly believe that God wishes to send us revival, our hearts would fail us. But, even as for Isaiah, the vision heavenward and the picture outward are the very reasons for believing in and seeking after another revival.

*"God's skies are full of Pentecost—
For you, for me, for all;
Then quickly, humbly, boldly press;
Your heritage in Christ possess,
And fire from heaven will fall."*

—Elim Evangel

At the Edge of the World

ONLY THREE MEN have ever gone out to the edge of the earth and come back to tell us what it's like. They are the crew of Apollo 8.

They tell us that, as they soared away, the view of the earth receding from their sight was a fascinating experience. "I could see all of Florida," Jim Lovell said. "As I watched, the entire east coast of the U.S. came into view, and the Caribbean, and Central America. I could see most of South America, almost to the South Pole. And there, as if I could put out my thumb and little finger to span the Atlantic Ocean, there was western Africa. All in one view."

Bill Anders, similarly, was "enthralled" by the sights as he looked down on Australia and other land masses.

The higher they soared, the fewer the geographic details they could see. Homes, factories, even the cities faded from sight. Finally only the mountain ranges, continents, and oceans stood out. "Some wayward stranger in a spacecraft, coming from some other part of the heavens, could look at the earth and never know that it was inhabited at all," said Frank Borman.

But the stars were still there—still in their fixed positions, no nearer than they were, and no farther away either. In such an awesome environment a person would feel very small and insignificant—and the words of Psalm 8:3, 4 would take on new meaning: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers . . . what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

Finally the astronauts reached the dividing point between the pull of earth and the pull of the moon. In a sense, their situation was comparable to that of all spiritually minded Christian believers. For spiritual people are those who live at the edge of the world. Their interests, affections, hopes, treasures, and eternal destinies lie beyond the frontiers of this material realm. They are people who feel a certain tug of earth, but to whom the pull of heaven is stronger.

The life of holiness and prayer is the life lived far out on the frontiers of earthly things, free from the drag of sin and the cloying attractions of a busy world.

Jesus knew this life. He went up into a mountain to pray, and the heavens were open before Him.

The prophets knew it too. Habakkuk had to get up into his watchtower and talk to God in order to understand the course of events among which he lived.

David ascended the hill of Zion and found himself, not in the temple made with hands, but in the secret place of the Most High.

These persons lived far out. They deliberately separated themselves from the love of those things to which the hearts of worldlings were attached, that they might have the life of God.

Let us be more like them. When we get a taste of that fuller, more satisfying life, we too will see that time is too short to be wasted on earthly pleasures. When we view the smallness of earthly things in comparison with the things which God has prepared for them that love Him, we will agree there is no profit in gaining the whole world if a man loses his soul.

The Bible says our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). We live in two worlds. While the body goes about its earthly business, the spirit can soar into the presence of God. This is the life that overcomes and the life that influences sinners toward Christ.

—r.c.c.

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DAN YELLED, "MOM! THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE." I THOUGHT IT WAS A BOYISH PRANK AND FINISHED THE GARMENT I WAS IRONING.

HERE IT WAS AGAIN! My daily devotions were in Ephesians, yet my Bible opened up several times to the same page in Isaiah. Each time my glance fell on the same verse: "For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward" (Isaiah 52:12).

I sought the Lord to find some meaning for the occurrence, but it seemed to have no significance. Later when I drew the verse from my promise box, I considered it only a coincidence. I taped it to the wall by the kitchen door for no particular reason except that we used this door more than any other, and the verse referred to *going*. After a few days I forgot about it.

We had two young children, so home, school, and church activities kept my days full and rewarding. However, I occasionally found myself yearning for just one free evening to do exactly what I wanted to do.

The day finally came. My husband was asked to work overtime, and each of the children had an after-school activity.

As the day wore on, I was aware that the hand of Another was carrying my every burden. Household tasks were completed with very little effort on my part. There would be ample time to read in our room upstairs before the family came home.

I was surprised to see the school bus stop at the usual time. Our son got off and came into the house. "Decided not to stay," he explained casually. "I just wanted to come home."

Well, I would still read after I had finished the ironing.

Suddenly his excited voice at the foot of the stairs claimed my attention. "Mom! Our house is on fire!"

I thought it was a boyish prank, so I finished pressing the last garment and carefully put it on a hanger. "Dan is lonely with part of the family gone," I thought. "It is awfully quiet. It doesn't seem right to me either."

I decided not to stay in my room. Perhaps I should go downstairs and chat with him about his day at school. I had not given him much of a homecoming. I could read another time.

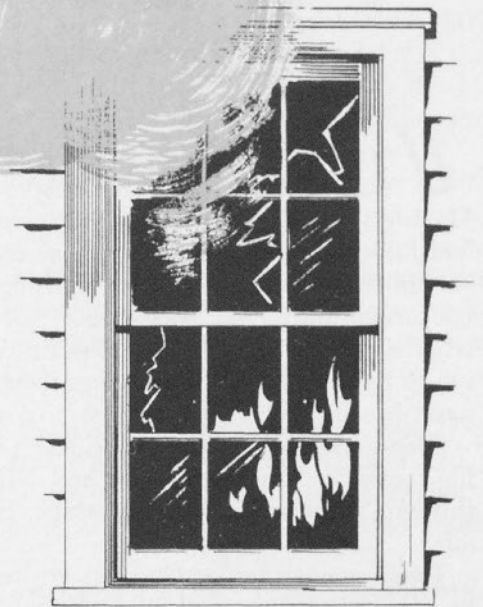
I was completely relaxed and unhurried as I went down to find him. He didn't answer my call so I decided he must be outside. I stepped through the kitchen door onto the back porch to call to him.

In shocked disbelief, I saw Dan frantically throwing water on our blazing home. As I watched, part of an outside wall fell away, revealing a solid mass of flames. I looked up and saw smoke curling from the eaves and the upstairs windows.

Ten or 15 minutes after I had emerged unaware, I tried to go back into the house to get my Bible and our daughter's mellophone. I opened the door to a roaring blaze and a room filled with thick smoke. A bleak shell of a house with gutted blackened walls bore silent witness to the headway the fire had made before the firemen arrived. They could do very little. They supposed that the fire had been burning slowly in the attic for several hours. The ceilings were almost ready to collapse when our son arrived home from school.

Yet there had been no smell of smoke nor any other

THE DAY I UNDERSTOOD GOD'S PROMISE



By MRS. H. L. CUTLER

warning until he had seen the fire burn through a wall at the rear of the house. Had I smelled smoke, I wouldn't have thought he was joking! The hungry flames had spread quickly once they had broken through the walls.

I had strolled from our room only minutes before the ceiling collapsed on the bed—where I would have been reading if Dan had not come home.

The charred kitchen door frame stood like a grotesque sentinel amid the smouldering ruins. Still attached to this blackened frame was a portion of the kitchen wall. Incredibly, a small area of this wall was untouched by the fire. I looked more closely. The promise that I had taped to the wall was still there!

I read it again, and this time with understanding: "For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward" (Isaiah 52:12).



CALLED TO BE EVANGELISTS

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

UNFORTUNATELY much of the professing church has turned from the true gospel to another gospel. Having lost sight of salvation from sin through repentance and faith, they have turned to a humanized religion based on human betterment—better housing, better jobs, better education, and better social uplift for the poor and those who have been denied what they call social justice. Pointing to the usual church, they say it has outlived its usefulness, has deteriorated into a sort of religious social club.

Jonah was called to go to Nineveh and cry out a warning message. "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown." It was a startling message. How could he deliver it?

Jonah was a man of God but got terribly tangled up as he considered the message. A devout Jew, he suffered, as many others of his race, from prejudice. God had called Israel to avoid contamination with evil such as was common among the Gentiles. But like many Christians of our day, he misread the divine meaning of separation.

"Be separate" does not mean to withdraw from all contact with those who know not the Lord. It means, Be not contaminated with evil.

Morally we are to be separate. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." "Touch not, taste not, handle not" that which would corrupt holiness of soul. Even the

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appearance of evil is to be avoided, and there is to be "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness."

But this does not mean we should live secluded lives. We are to be witnesses, carriers of the gospel, warning against sin, inviting sinners to change their ways, to accept the Lord Jesus that they might live for Him now and be prepared for the life which is to come. Jonah was to be pure in principles and habits, but free to reach needy men, a freedom which he came near throwing away.

Although Jonah was a prophet, the Book of Jonah is not a prophecy. It is the story of a man of God and some of his struggles.

Let us think of some of Jonah's possible reflections. What would his people think were he to defile his Jewish separation, as he understood it, by taking God's message to a heathen city? Then he feared that God, so tender of heart, might after all refuse to destroy the city. What would this mean to his reputation as a prophet? How distorted one's thoughts may become! What confusion wrongly directed thoughts may bring. Jonah so yielded to confusing thoughts that his soul sank into despair.

Jonah's message was a message of doom which God used to awaken the people of Nineveh to their need and peril. And when it was finally delivered, God was in it. It is not only what we preach, but how full of love and the Spirit we are. We have a message and a commission, "Go ye." If we have not been going, let us go.

Across the street from one of our older and well-attended churches lived a man. The church called a new pastor, and this pastor dropped in on this man, inviting him to the church, telling him about Jesus. The man said, "For twenty years I have lived in this home, and you are the first person who has spoken to me about church or Christ."

I wonder how many there are, right in our neighborhood to whom we have shown no interest? We let opportunity slip from our grasp.

Who can estimate the value of the personal touch? So much of the ministry of Jesus was personal. He touched the leper; He gave sight to the blind; He comforted a distressed woman. Over and over it was the personal touch. Let Him be our example.

When I was a lad, I was a sinner. I often attended Sunday evening services at a small church in the neighborhood. Thinking back, the minister was not a great preacher, but the warmth of his welcome endeared him to me. And in that church was an elderly man who sat on a side bench next to the wall. I do not recall ever hearing him testify, but there was something about him that impressed me as to his godliness. Later I worked with him for a time. He did not say much. From time to time he would speak a few words to me, telling me of Jesus and how I ought to give my life to Him. He may not have known it, yet his every word made its mark in my heart. We are to sow beside all waters.

Some years ago I met a minister in Iowa—an ordinary man who did not impress me in any unusual way. Then I was told that he pastored a rural church, visited among the people, looking on all the territory round about as his parish. And I was told that he had the most far-reaching ministry of any in the district. He loved and showed his love in the interest he showed for all. They called on him to pray for their sick, to bury their dead, and many gave their hearts to the Lord. He did not preach denomination, he preached Jesus.

We need a courage of faith. Jonah shrank—and when he shrank, he failed. It was when he obeyed the divine command that his message had success.

The world needs spiritual help. The Church needs fresh revival, a revival of divine power, of heart compassion, of unselfish zeal. Without this, men may be ever so learned, ever so naturally gifted, yet fail. We must remember the admonition of Jesus, "Without me ye can do nothing."

May God set our souls on fire and help us that we come not short in these days in which we live!



YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What does "the uncircumcision of your flesh" in Colossians 2:13 mean?

The believers at Colosse were Gentiles, having no claim on the Abrahamic Covenant which was sealed by circumcision (Genesis 17:10-14). They were saved by the grace of God. Redemption had come to them not through Old Testament ordinances, but through faith in Christ and His work on the cross and by the indwelling power of the Holy Ghost. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16).

Can you explain what Jesus meant when He said, "I am not come to destroy [the law or the prophets], but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17)?

Jesus perfectly fulfilled the Law and He fulfilled the prophecies that had foretold His coming. He must fulfill the Law, thus proving His sinlessness, before He could give His life as a ransom for you and me.

Since He fulfilled the righteousness of the Law, His crucifixion had power to save those who have violated the Law. Thus we are saved through faith in Christ, not by our merit. We are saved by His work, not by fulfilling the works of the Law ourselves.

But Christian believers are not lawless. They do right; the righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in them by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-4). Christ's atonement has made us dead to the Law as a means to righteousness, "that [we] should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4).


Can you correct the teaching that evil originated with God since He was the Creator of all things and the first Being to exist? Isaiah 45:7 says, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things."

If God were the source of all evil, would He not be a wicked God? Why then should we pray, "Deliver us from evil"?

The source of moral evil is shrouded in mystery, but if its source is shown in Isaiah 14:12-14, it developed out of the spiritual ambition of Lucifer who said, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High" (v. 14).

The word *evil* is found in a number of Scripture passages, especially in the Old Testament, usually referring to distressing circumstances. *Cruden's Concordance* gives the following categories of evil: (1) Sin, moral evil—1 Kings 16:25; Ecclesiastes 9:3; (2) injurious or mischievous beasts or men—Genesis 37:20; 44:5; and (3) calamity—Proverbs 22:3; Job 2:10. Probably it is this third category of evil that is indicated in Isaiah 45:7 rather than moral evil.

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.



**SCRIPTURES
TO LIVE BY**

DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 10-16

Theme of the Week: **CONFESSING OUR SINS**

Mon.	Judges 10:6-16	Thurs. ..	Proverbs 28:1-13
Tues.	Ezra 9:1-15	Fri.	Daniel 9:3-19
Wed.	Neh. 9:1-3, 32-37	Sat.	Luke 15:11-32
Sun.	Luke 18:9-14		

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

KOVILPATTY, A CITY of about 50,000, is located in Madras State in southern India. Several cotton mills provide the economic base for the city and the surrounding villages.

On November 28, 1959, Adam came to Kovilpatty! Pastor S. Adam with his wife Glory had moved to Kovilpatty to take up duties as pastor of the small Assemblies of God church in that city. From the beginning the work was difficult and discouraging. Started in 1951, the struggling young church had already had five pastors when the new couple arrived—and he found only five families with about 15 members.

For the first two years, it seemed to Brother Adam that his work was moving in reverse. Five adult members left his church to go to Bible school and enter the ministry, which meant a loss of two families. Another lady member and her children were lost when her unsaved husband transferred to North India. The pastor was happy to have some of his members enter the Lord's work, but he was sorely disappointed to see his small membership depleted.

It was during this time that he made a decision that was to prove a great blessing for his ministry in the following years. He began an increased emphasis on teaching the Word of God. He based his decision on God's promise, "My Word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where-



ADAM'S

to I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11), and he began to teach the Word of Truth each Wednesday and Sunday night. These Bible studies were balanced with a Saturday night prayer meeting.

Through the years he had written his own verse-by-verse commentary on the Bible. Each time he got a new thought from another preacher, from a book, or directly from the Lord he would add it to his commentary. Gradually, nominal Christians who were hungry for truth began to at-

tend these Bible studies, and one of them testified, "Because of Brother Adam's faithful teaching of the Word, we all receive a Bible school education right in our own church."

Brother Adam and his wife Glory also went into the homes of Bible-hungry families to teach and pray with them. In this way, a number of people were saved and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in their own homes. One recently transferred government agriculture officer said,

BELOW: Pastor Adam, his wife Glory, and their family.
RIGHT: Teaching a converts class in Kovilpatty.





SECRET FOR REVIVAL

"Pastor Adam tries to answer the questions and solve the problems of each individual member."

He has made a habit of visiting each week in the home of every family who attends his church.

As a result of this conscientious effort, the Kovilpatty church began to grow. By the end of 1967 his church roll showed 70 baptized members, most of whom had come one by one or two by two over the years.

But Brother Adam, not yet satisfied, continued to work and pray for true revival. God heard his prayers and saw his persistent dedication.

THE REVIVAL CAME!

Early in March, 1968, the church began a series of special meetings in a small, outdoor, bamboo-and-thatch, tentlike structure. By the third night they knew they had to enlarge the place, for God's Spirit had begun to move and the crowds packed into the semi-enclosed area. Many who had only attended the Bible studies came, and the Lord baptized numbers of them in the Holy Spirit. The days stretched into weeks, and still the fire of God fell.

One young man named Sekar, who had just been discharged from India's Air Force, came home while the revival meetings were in progress. Hearing of the campaign, he went with

other young men to ridicule and upset the meetings. But God had other plans for him. Sekar was convicted of his sins and fell on his face to accept Jesus as his Saviour.

As a bold new Christian, he went to visit a young communist friend. He said, "God sent me to talk to you." The young man laughingly replied, "For so long I have wanted to see God, but He has not dared to see me or even speak to me."

Quickly Sekar spoke, "God cannot speak to you because you are such a wicked sinner. That is why God has sent me to you." Hearing this, the communist began to tremble, and like the Philippian jailer cried, "What must I do to be saved?"

They knelt, and Sekar told him to confess his sins and plead for forgiveness. He accepted Christ, and within a few moments began to speak in other tongues as God filled him with His Spirit. Taking this new believer with him, Sekar ran to the pastor's house, both of them speaking in tongues as they ran.

The next night the same thing was repeated as Sekar brought to the pastor two more young men who had just been saved and filled with the Spirit.

During the first six days of revival, 23 people received the baptism in the

Holy Spirit, and Brother Adam baptized 26 in water.

Still the revival grew in intensity. Young men like Sekar continued to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit and to bring many more "sheep" into the fold.

In April, 1968, the Madras District Youth Camp was held in Madurai. Pastor Adam sent a group of his fiery young people to camp. God poured out His Spirit on the 200 young people in attendance. About 35 were saved, and 40 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sekar was among those who felt God calling them into full-time ministry.

In five months the Kovilpatty Assembly of God had doubled its membership. Nearly 70 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Since that time these have been baptized in water and joined the church.

We thank God for this mighty revival, and we are happy to report that the revival fire is still burning in Kovilpatty. Sekar is now studying in Bible school, and one of his former Hindu friends wants to go to Bible school next year.

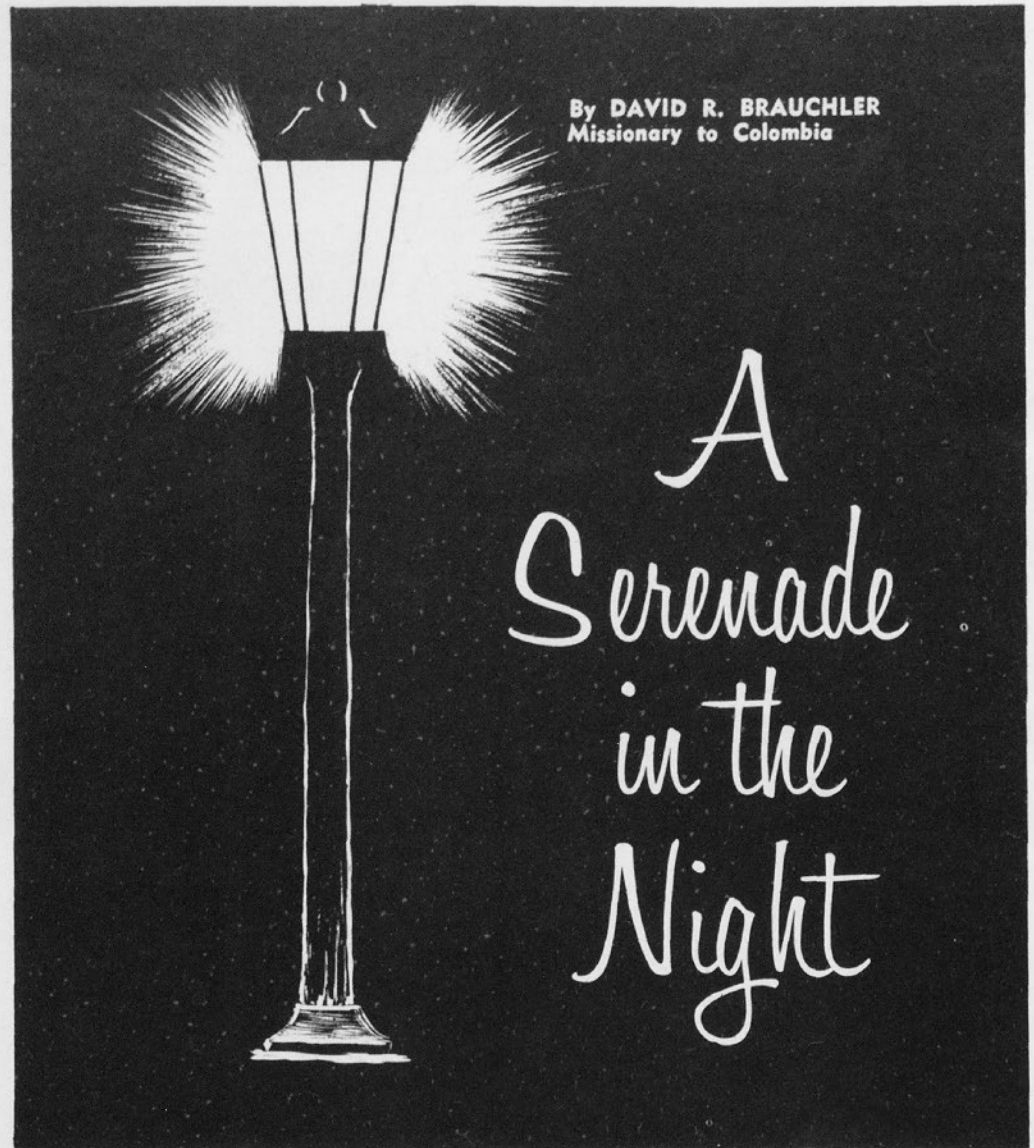
Praise God for prayerful, persistent pastors like Brother Adam. Please pray with us that this revival spirit will spread to all the churches of our Madras State District.

WHEN THE SPANISH CONQUERORS came to Latin America from the Old World, they brought with them the custom of the serenade. Here in Colombia the serenade is used in various ways, but most commonly it is a young man's way of doing something special for his *novia* (sweetheart). The real significance of the serenade is the surprise and joy it brings to the recipient.

True to reputation, the Latin Americans are great lovers of music, especially that of the guitar. The groups that specialize in the serenade generally consist of a male trio with at least two of them playing guitars. A young man who wishes to give a serenade to his *novia* will go to one of these groups, and after the customary haggling over the price, will set a date and time for the serenade—usually between midnight and three in the morning.

On the appointed night, the young man provides transportation for the group, and they approach the girl's house as quietly as possible. After they are as close to the girl's room as they can get, they begin to play and sing. If the girl is receptive to the serenade, she turns on her light to show that she is listening, and the music continues for about 30 minutes.

Not long ago the stillness of our night was interrupted by the strains of guitar music and a trio singing the traditional love songs. Rising out of curiosity, I noted that the serenading group was across the street under the glow of a street light. The young man was anxiously pacing up and



By DAVID R. BRAUCHLER
Missionary to Colombia

A Serenade in the Night

down the sidewalk while the songs filled the night. I looked up at the house and saw a light was burning behind the drawn blinds, telling the young man that his serenade was being received.

While the beautiful music still filled

the quiet night, I returned to bed and remarked at the skillfulness and harmony of the musicians. Then suddenly the Holy Spirit began to speak to my heart.

With the same unexpectedness as the serenade, one day the stillness



LEFT: Cloth sign advertising the campaign. This was later burned by vandals. BELOW: David Brauchler talks with some of the folks after the service.



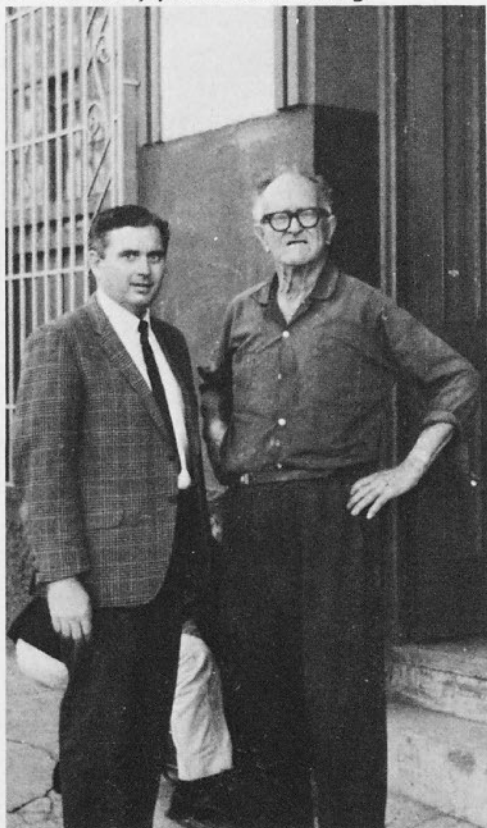
and tranquility of our lives will be changed by the sound of the trumpet of God. What a joy and privilege it is to know Jesus and to be ready for this event!

Yet, as I lay there meditating, my heart cried out for the thousands in this city of Medellín, Colombia, who have never heard the songs or the story of God's love. The sound of the trumpet will be a serenade in the night to the prepared, but what of those who have never had the opportunity to make their choice?

Medellín, the industrial capital of Colombia, is a spacious city nestled in a beautiful valley among the towering Andes Mountains. Its population is one million, and the vast majority of its people have never heard the gospel story.

It was to this city that my family and I had come in the first effort of the Assemblies of God to open this part of Colombia for God. We felt the leading of the Lord to go into a section of the city called Belén (Bethlehem), to begin the work of reaching this city. There are more than 50,000 people living within walking distance of our new location, and there is no other evangelical church in the entire area. So far this region had been untouched by the Word of God.

David R. Brauchler with the former owner of the newly-purchased building.



We were able to purchase property in the Belén section of the city through the kindness of the Alabama District. This district raised the money at its 1967 annual council, and a group of men from Alabama came to Medellín to help prepare the building for the opening GOOD NEWS CRUSADE.


During the first week of meetings, Missionary Robert Krist preached and presented the gospel through chalk drawings. We had 180 people present, and more than 125 of them made decisions to follow Christ.

But then the opposition began. People wrote on our walls: *Down with the Yankees... long live the Virgin... down with the Protestants...* and other unprintable things. They broke all the windows in the church, and burned the cloth sign we had hung on the front.

One night, a lady attempted to enter the church, but her husband would not permit her to come in. When she insisted on attending the service, he began to beat her, and continued striking her all the way up the street. Such is the resistance to the gospel in this city.

We believe that only a display of the power of God will convince the people of their spiritual need. All over Colombia God is pouring out His Spirit in a wonderful way, but apparently we are in a "drought" area here. Yet, we have the promise of God that if we continue faithfully, He will give us a harvest of souls.

With the pressures of the opposition, we have not been able to retain many of the converts from the original campaign. We are presently averaging 37 every Sunday morning; but we are praying to God for a real breakthrough in this city.

Please help us pray for people to be saved in Medellín. We know that those who receive the serenade of God's love will thank you during the ceaseless ages of eternity. 

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J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

'FOREIGN' MISSIONS


NOT EVERYTHING foreign nations are sending us these days is received without problems. American automobile manufacturers resent the Volkswagen. Farmers lobby against Argentine beef. And what can be said for Hong Kong flu?

However, when foreign churches begin to export their product, this makes us all happy here in the Foreign Missions Department. There is a growing incidence abroad of national groups forming their own missions departments. Though they themselves are still the recipients of many favors from abroad, they now are reaching out to more needy areas. How grateful we are that the incentive and motivation comes not from us but from the Holy Ghost.

The Japan Assemblies of God has its own missions department and is sending missionaries. The General Council of the Philippines is in the formative stages of an outreach department.

What we Westerners sometimes fail to realize is that in areas where tribal arrangements and fragmented cultures still exist, foreign missions work need not include an ocean or a continent. In many areas of Africa a next-door neighbor may be as foreign in language, culture, and practice as any advanced nation in the West.

We here in the Foreign Missions Department are going to fan this flame with every method we know how to use.

Should our Lord tarry, we expect that within five years the major developing nations where we are privileged to work will themselves be sending agencies. In fact, we are already talking about a day in the not-too-distant future when a vast, worldwide, simultaneous evangelism thrust, including not only American resources but those of every Assemblies of God church around the world, can be realized. 

THE UNPAID GROCERY BILL

IN 1959, I WAS CALLED to pastor a small church in North McAlester, Oklahoma. Since the congregation was small they were unable to support a pastor fully and it was necessary for me sometimes to secure employment as an auto painter.

In spite of this, however, it seemed almost impossible to make ends meet. Our grocery bill had reached the one-hundred-dollar mark and was due the following Monday. I had no money with which to pay this bill and was very concerned about what I would do.

Sunday morning came, and while in prayer for the services of the day, this grocery bill returned to my mind. I went to the church and again I prayed, "Lord, I've never asked You for money before, but please help me to pay that bill."

As I was praying and weeping, a knock came at the church door. I opened the door and a young truck driver was standing there. After discovering I was the pastor of the church he told me he was from the east and was passing through our town and had seen our church. He said he had some money that belonged to God and something had told him to stop and give it to the pastor of that church. He handed me \$35 and slipped out.

Soon after this, people began to gather for Sunday school. A building contractor in the church came up to me and handed me a check for \$65.

The church offerings were only a little over \$16 that Sunday—but with joy and gladness in my heart I went to the grocery store the following morning and paid the bill. The words of David rang again and again through my heart, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall *not* want" (Psalm 23:1).

—ALTON PARKER

STUCK IN THE MIRY CLAY

"MOM!" MY 11-YEAR-OLD SON was calling. His plaintive voice came through the kitchen window to where I was preparing the evening meal. "I'm stuck," he said.

He had been flying his kite, and it had come down in a field near our home. He was stuck all right, in the mud of the recently plowed field.

"Pull your feet from your boots and scoot to the house," I called to him.

Later I tried to get the boots loose, but they were held tightly in the mud. I dug the slimy muck from around them and pulled. As the suction was broken, they came free with a "slurp." At that moment the words of David's cry in Psalm 40:1, 2 came to my mind. "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."

I had heard the phrase "miry clay" many times, but not until that day in our oozing cornfield did I realize what the words really meant. The sticky mud clung to my hands. Soap and water had to be generously applied before they were clean again.

My son had gone into the mud to get his brightly

colored kite that had landed on the soft furrows. Without a second thought he started across the field to get it.

Often we may not be alert to the world's enticements, calling us into temptation. The Bible tells us to "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matthew 26:41). Without prayer and watchfulness we may find ourselves trapped in the slimy mud of sin. Only the love of Christ can loosen the grip of sin on our soul. It is the blood of Jesus alone that can wash our sins away.

Never again shall I read or hear the words "miry clay" without remembering the awful mud that trapped my son and stained my clothes. When I remember, I will shout in triumph with Paul, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

—SUSAN BRADLEY SNYDER

KEY TO REVIVAL

A REVIVAL WILL COME when the sinfulness of mankind grieves, humbles, and distresses Christians, and Christians will weep day and night over sinners instead of scolding them. Let hell boil over and spew out as many devils as there are stones in the pavements, if it only drives Christians to God in prayer, they cannot hinder a revival.

A revival will come when the Christians have a spirit of prayer for revival. A spirit of prayer is not merely many prayers and warm words, but it is a state of continual desire and anxiety of mind for the salvation of sinners. Sometimes this burden becomes so great that the saints can neither eat, sleep, nor live unless they see the salvation of sinners.

A revival may be expected when the preaching and various activities of the church are aimed for the conversion of sinners. A proper use of scriptural means always brings a revival.

—CHARLES G. FINNEY

GOD REVERSES EMPLOYER'S DECISION

MY OLDEST SON KEITH had become completely discouraged and disappointed because he was unable to find employment, but God showed us that prayer changes things.

Keith is deaf. He was graduated from the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Sulphur, in May 1966.

He tried unsuccessfully to get a job here. Then he took six weeks of training in an electronics company near Ardmore. But after completing it, his physical examination showed he has a heart condition and one eye is very weak. For this reason, the company did not wish to hire him even though the boss said his work was good and he was a fast worker.

In his discouragement Keith was ready to go anywhere to find a job. But I asked Pastor and Mrs. Richard Frye to pray that he would find work near home. The church and Sunday school joined in prayer for him.

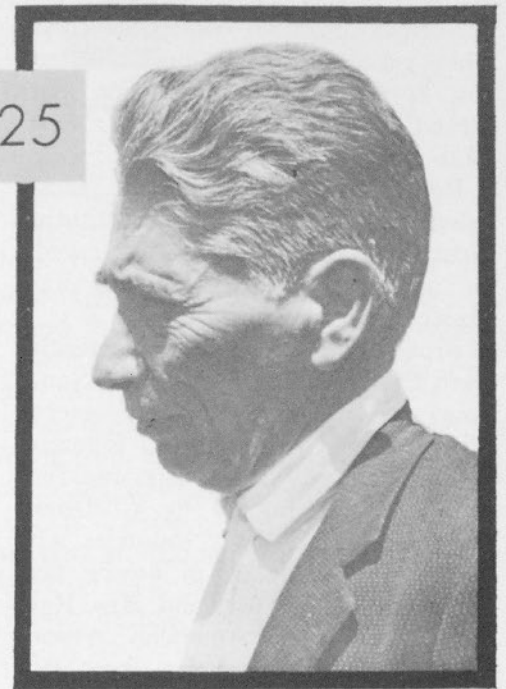
On the following Tuesday when my husband went to talk with Keith's boss, God had changed his mind. He said Keith could report for work the next day.

We are praising the Lord for this answer to prayer and hope this testimony will be a blessing to someone else.—Mrs. Willis Vandagriff, Sulphur, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Richard Frye, First Assembly, Sulphur, Okla.)

Paraguay

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



Atanasio Burgos, national pastor

PARAGUAY, roughly the size of California, has been described as "the most remote and picturesque state in the Americas." The republic has been endowed by nature with rich soil, hardwood forests, spectacular waterfalls, and excellent climate. Its eastern plains are admirably suited for agriculture and stockraising. The sparsely settled Gran Chaco region north and west of Asunción consists of grassy plains and dense forests,

laced with a network of rivers and swamps.

Although Paraguay is an inland country it is not landlocked, for the Paraná-Paraguay river system affords direct access to the Atlantic Ocean. Regular steamer service is maintained between Asunción, Paraguay, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Paraguay joins Argentina and Brazil at the famous Iguazú Falls.

Asunción, the capital, is the most

important city. This busy river port has 500,000 inhabitants. While it retains the Spanish flavor of colonial days, modern features, such as a new 15-story air-conditioned hotel, have been introduced.

Colonial history began in 1537 when the Spanish established a fort on the site of present-day Asunción. Paraguay won independence from Spain in 1811. Dictatorships followed, culminating in the disastrous Five-Year War (1865-1870) which decreased the country's male population and its natural resources.

Long stalled in the 19th century due to its geographical isolation and disruption by wars, Paraguay today is adopting modern health, welfare, and educational programs. Transportation modes in the cities are changing but many horse-drawn wagons are still used in rural areas.

Bilingual Paraguayans are for the most part descendants of Spanish settlers and Guaraní Indians. Spanish is the cultural and commercial language, but the softly accented Guaraní has been retained and is commonly used.

Paraguay's population is estimated at 2,094,000. To strengthen its economy the country has opened its doors to immigrants. Mennonites from various European countries have established attractive farming communities. The promise of land has brought thousands of people from Japan.

Paraguayan women sell fruits, vegetables, and handmade *nañduti* lace in the city markets. Not an unusual sight is black-shawled women content-



edly smoking crude homemade cigars while riding sidesaddle on small burros. A favorite drink is *yerba mate* served hot and sipped through a *bombilla*.

Roman Catholicism is the established religion, but the constitution guarantees full liberty to all creeds. In some areas Catholic religious practices verge on paganism.

Protestant missionary activities were begun in 1888 when the South American Missionary Society entered the country. Other societies followed.

The Pentecostal message was first brought to Paraguay by Christians from European Slavic countries who fled their homelands to escape persecution. In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stawinski, American Assemblies of God missionaries, were sent to Paraguay to help these groups of Slavic believers. The Stawinskis also extended their witness to Paraguayans. They established a church in Encarnación and also opened several outstations.

Five years later, under the ministry of the Anthony Giordanos, a church was established in Asunción. When the Giordanos returned to the States for furlough the Paul Hutsells transferred from Argentina to help organize the work.

The Paraguay Assemblies of God was formed in 1958 with 11 congregations and five pastors. The work now includes 26 congregations and 37 national pastors. With the exception of a one-year furlough period, Paul Hutsell has served as field chairman.

Our missionaries recognized the importance of training nationals for effective witnessing to their people. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Emory were instrumental in opening Paraguay Bible Institute in Asunción in 1959. There



Pastor Pedro Warieczuk prepares to baptize a new convert in Asunción.

were only five students that first year, and the school functioned in temporary quarters. Now new buildings have been constructed, and between 20 and 30 students are expected for the next semester. Both day and night classes will be offered. The school's graduates are laying the foundation for an indigenous church. Stig Sundberg serves as principal.

The first *Concilio Misionero Femenil* (the equivalent of the American WMC) was organized in 1960 at Central Assembly in Asunción by Mrs. Stawinski. Since then many other groups have been organized. Ercilia Bogarín serves as national CMF president, Naomi Sundberg as vice-president, and Dreta Hutsell as secretary. Under the leadership of Mrs. Bogarín, Bible studies are conducted in the capital and surrounding area. Each year the CMF ladies prepare packages of food and clothing for the pastors. This year some of the women delivered the gifts to the pastors at the annual conference, carrying the baskets of gifts on their heads, Paraguayan style.

Literature is an integral part of Assemblies of God missionary enterprise in Paraguay. Light-for-the-Lost provided funds for an extensive literature coverage of three sections of the republic. The evangelistic campaign which followed literature distribution in Caaguazú brought in large numbers of converts. A new church, *Tabernáculo de la Fe*, came into existence in the capital area as the result of a five-month campaign and widespread use of literature.

A new bookstore, called *El Faro*, is operated in the capital under the direction of Sam Balias. Mr. Balias also serves as director of the correspondence school and radio ministry. Seven weekly programs are on the air—six are releases of Paul Finkenbinder's *La Voz de la Conciencia*, and one is a local broadcast prepared by Mr. Balias.

The Sunday school received new impetus during the visit of George Davis (coordinator of Sunday schools in Latin America) and Juan Romero. To further promote Sunday school evangelism, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Balias conduct workers training courses in various churches. Sunday school enrollment is about 1,300.

Asunción Christian Academy was founded by Assemblies of God, Mennonite, and Free Methodist missionaries to provide an education for English-speaking children, and missionaries' children in particular. Paul Hutsell is president of ACA. Several denominations provide teachers. Assemblies of God missionary-teachers assigned to the school are Doris McClain, Marion Foster, and Marjorie Champion. Besides their teaching responsibilities, these women render valuable help in the local churches.

Paraguay, "Land of the Guaraní," provides unique opportunities to challenge the faith, zeal, and consecration of our missionaries. In the Gran Chaco are unreached Indian tribes. Along Paraguay's rivers are scores of cities, towns, and villages without a Pentecostal witness. Most are without any Protestant witness whatever.

Missionaries and nationals work together in the power of the Holy Spirit to meet the emerging needs of the work. They look forward to reaching new areas with the gospel upon the arrival of two couples recently approved for foreign missionary service—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ward. 🕊

A group of Bible school students relaxes while dinner is being cooked.



SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE

Sunday School Lesson for February 16, 1969

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

LUKE 17:11-19

THERE IS AN OLD ENGLISH PROVERB, "Put a snake in your bosom, and when it is warm, it will sting you"—an example of base ingratitude. Yet that snake is no more base than the man who wounds the heart of God by failing to be truly appreciative of the innumerable blessings He bestows. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8).

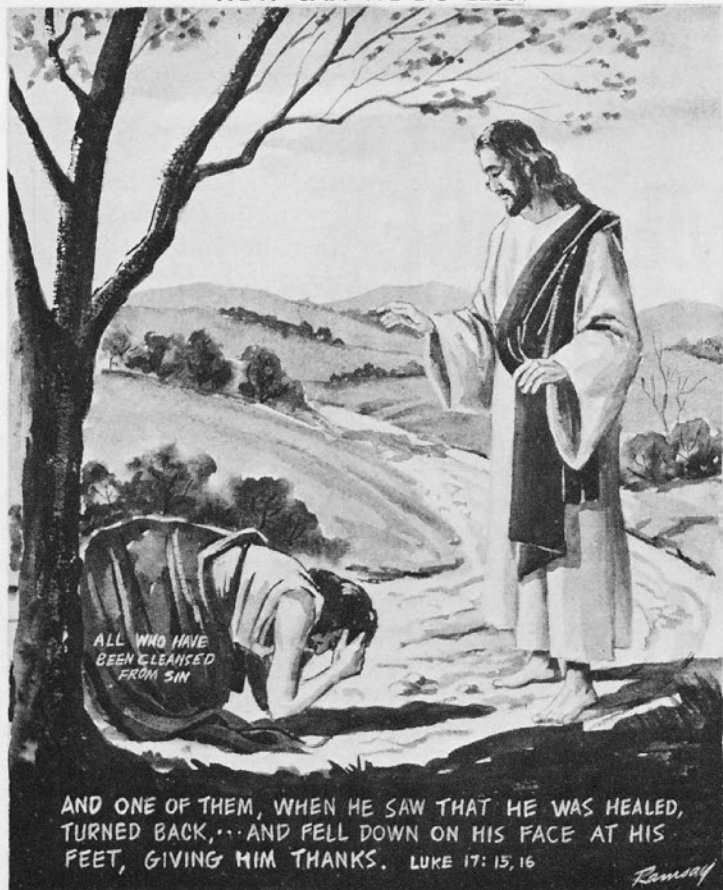
GREAT NEED

"There met him ten men who were lepers." Nine were undoubtedly Jews while one was a Samaritan. These ten were drawn together by their common misery which made them ignore the national enmity existing between them. How miserable was their plight! Cursed with an incurable and loathsome disease, they were separated according to Mosaic law (Leviticus 13:46) from the rest of society. Leprosy is symbolic of sin—the greatest of all diseases—which separates men from God, and from the society of the righteous. It is contagious, loathsome, and humanly incurable.

GREAT DELIVERANCE

The lepers cried aloud to Christ for mercy. "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests." There was great variety in the ways Jesus healed people. The healing of these men was not demon-

HOW CAN WE DO LESS?



strated instantly as was the case of the leper in Luke 5:12, 13. Instead, their faith was tested. Even though there was no visible change in their condition, *they were to act as if they were healed*, and to report to the priest whose duty was to examine lepers and to pronounce them cured if such were actually the case. (See Leviticus 14:2-32.)

"*And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.*" It is evident that these men had faith, because they obeyed. Let us learn from them! Many lose faith and think they are not healed if there is no immediate change. But God's order is, "Believe . . . [and] see" (John 11:40). "Believe that ye [do now] receive . . . and ye shall have" (Mark 11:24). Smith Wigglesworth said, "I am moved by what I believe, not by what I see."

GREAT INGRATITUDE

"Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Oh, the wistful sadness of the words of Jesus. Ten men had experienced His mighty healing power; only one returned to thank Him! So it often is today. For 20 years a certain minister kept an account of all the sick he visited. During this time he visited 2,000 people facing death, who supposedly gave themselves to Christ and were restored to health. But he knew of *only two* of these who proved by their future conduct that their repentance and gratitude were real!

GREAT THANKFULNESS

The Word significantly points out that the thankful leper was a Samaritan—a stranger to the covenant promises made to God's people. The lesson is evident. Recipients of the greatest spiritual blessings may take them for granted and be the most ungrateful. The Samaritan's healing accomplished its intended purpose: it drew him to the Healer. Thus it is God's intention that every blessing we receive shall bring us into more intimate relationship with Him and make us more useful in His service.

GREAT BLESSING

Jesus said, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." Unquestionably the Samaritan here received something additional. The other nine received healing for their bodies. The Samaritan received that into which the physical healing was intended to lead them all—the healing of the soul!

The Samaritan may never have read Psalm 103, but he certainly obeyed its exhortations: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Real gratitude for God's goodness, the kind of gratitude that really "blesses" God, is expressed with one's entire being. Someone has said, "Let your conscience bless the Lord by unvarying fidelity. Let your judgment bless Him by decisions in accordance with His Word. Let your imagination bless Him by pure and holy musings. Let your affections bless Him by loving whatever He loves. Let your desires bless Him by seeking only His glory. Let your memory bless Him by meditating on His excellencies. Let your every sense bless Him by its faithfulness, every word by its truth, and every act by its integrity." This is the mark of gratitude!

THE TURKISH PEOPLE have made us take all religious programs off the radio. We don't even hear gospel music on the local station now. As far as I know, the children of those on the base will not even be permitted to go from house to house singing Christmas carols this year."

This bleak report came from Mrs. Marvin Huckaby in Karamursel, Turkey, where her husband serves at the U.S. Air Base.

However, despite being unable to air the gospel from transmitters on Turkish soil, *Revivaltime* still manages to reach Americans stationed in that Muslim land. Every week the Radio Department mails a tape recording of the latest *Revivaltime* broadcast service to the Huckabys for use in the chapel. In a recent letter they shared the story of this lifeline ministry:

"For several weeks after your broadcast tapes began arriving, we used them in various homes on Friday evenings. Lately, however, we have grown so in numbers that we now gather in the base chapel on Monday and Friday nights. After use in the chapel meetings the tapes are passed from home to home and also to the fellows in barracks. This is the only preaching and gospel singing that we get here.

"One young couple living off base in Yalova, a small town near here, told me they play all the tapes five or six times before they pass them along to someone else. So you can see your recorded gospel services are like water in a parched land."

From the other side of the globe, *Revivaltime* received a similar enthusiastic report from Mrs. Joseph Fulford whose husband serves as an advisor to the Thailand Air Forces in Bangkok.

"The taped *Revivaltime* broadcast services mean so much to us who are serving our Lord and country here in Bangkok," she wrote:

"We have many activities at the Assemblies of God

HALF AN HOUR

Christian Servicemen's Home—outings, ping pong, gospel records, and so forth—but the arrival of a new *Revivaltime* tape brings children and adults alike around the recorder.



CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO CONDEMNED GENERATIONS

By HARLAN WARTENBEE / Pastor, Assembly of God, Hopkins, Minnesota

JESUS LEVELED A SERIOUS ACCUSATION against those of His generation when He stated, "This is an evil generation" (Luke 11:29). In fact, He felt their wickedness superseded that of the Old Testament Ninevites and the Queen of the South because "the men of Nineveh . . . repented at the preaching of Jonah" (verse 32), and "the queen of the south . . . came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon" (verse 31).

Yet the people of His day, although they had a greater than Jonah and a greater than Solomon in their midst, would not repent of their sins.

The Queen of the South who sought answers from Solomon stood to condemn those wicked generations who

put forth no effort to determine the truth. The Ninevites, who repented when they heard the truth, would condemn the wicked generations who hear the gospel but do not repent.

Today's generation is no different than the generation of Jesus' day. Unconcerned and unrepentant hearts, today as then, are under more severe condemnation because they are rejecting a greater preacher than Jonah and a wiser king than Solomon.

The illustrations Jesus used afford some enlightenment as to why generations are condemned.

The Queen of the South had some difficult questions she needed answered. This is nothing new. With today's

OUR OF HOME

"At the time of this writing there are three top-ranking noncommissioned officers and an Air Force captain listening to the latest broadcast. Many officers and enlisted



A group of servicemen and their families gather around a tape recorder to hear "Revivaltime" in the Christian Servicemen's Home in Bangkok, Thailand. Home Director Ervin E. Shaffer is at left, next to the recorder.

men hear *Revivaltime* for the first time when they visit here. For some, these tapes provide the first evangelistic sermon they have ever heard.


"While in America many were 'too busy' or 'had no time' to hear the Word of God. But here in Bangkok servicemen on 'R and R' (rest and relaxation) visit the Christian Servicemen's Home which is under the direction of the Ervin Shaffers. While the men have this extra time it gives the home an excellent opportunity to witness through *Revivaltime* tapes. These tapes can be heard anytime a serviceman turns on the tape recorder.

An Air Force captain, possibly the one Mrs. Fulford mentioned, wrote to the *Revivaltime* office in Springfield, Missouri. His letter arrived a few days after her report. He writes: "I was listening to your broadcast (Number 778) and was most impressed with the message, 'Why Is This Earth the Size It Is?' I would like to get three copies of that sermon. This is the first time I've heard *Revivaltime*. I heard it at Brother Ervin Shaffer's Christian Servicemen's Home in Bangkok while on permissive TDY (temporary duty)."

In addition to Turkey and Thailand, *Revivaltime* tapes are sent each week to similar servicemen's groups in Argentina, Newfoundland, Keflavik, Iceland, and the Azores in the North Atlantic. Some military chaplains also receive tapes regularly, and some Navy ships play *Revivaltime* through their public address systems.

"Your *Revivaltime* messages have really been a blessing to the ship here in Vietnam," wrote Harold Behr. "More than 950 people hear the taped broadcast each week."

The Radio Department's high-speed Ampex tape duplicating equipment makes it possible to provide *Revivaltime* tapes at a minimum cost. Letters of appreciation like those included here provide ample reward for this "by-product" ministry.

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increase in knowledge, inquisitive minds are bound to come up with questions.

But the questions that arise today are no harder for God to answer than were those of this queen! God's omniscience makes Him the only true source of knowledge for all of life's questions.

One thing we note regarding this queen was that she would not accept answers from a second-rate source. She had questions which must be answered by an authority. Her example is worth following. She sought wisdom and so went to the wisest person she knew.

Today men seek answers to their questions from those who know. For legal advice, one consults a lawyer; for medical advice, a physician; and for financial advice, an expert in that field. By the same measure, spiritual questions should be answered by a qualified source. If you desire to find answers to your questions about life, ask God who is the Giver and Creator of life. Don't accept second-rate answers to your questions.

A difficult question about life once confronted King David. The question was: "Why did the wicked seem to prosper more than the righteous?" He admitted, "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me" (Psalm

73:16). But he didn't settle for a second-rate answer. He sought the answer from God from within the sanctuary (Psalm 73:17).


The men of Nineveh, when faced with the truth of their wickedness, repented. When Jonah preached of impending doom, it wasn't he the Ninevites believed, but God. It wasn't Jonah they feared, but God.

The Ninevites didn't try to intellectually refute the preacher, but humbled themselves before God in sackcloth. They were not hypocritical in their repentance. Real repentance demanded the forsaking of sin, and this they did.

A generation stands condemned, not because it asks difficult questions, but because it fails to seek authoritative answers to those questions.

A generation stands condemned for accepting opinions of men, rather than the truths of God.

A generation stands condemned for failing to repent when confronted with its wickedness.

But on the other hand, a generation stands free from condemnation when it is willing to acknowledge and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. All questions find their solution in Christ—for He is Truth. All repentance begins with Christ—for He is the Door. 



SHE HELD THE KEY

By HARRIETT FLEWELLING

THERE WAS NO QUESTION ABOUT it, Gonie Morter held the key! I can see her now, her hair piled softly on her head like new-fallen snow, dozing in the highbacked wicker rocker with her fingers clutching what I had come for—the key to our apartment.

Mother was working and had arranged for me to procure the key at Mrs. Morter's each day after school. This story might never have been written had the key been left at one of the other apartments, for I simply would have asked for the key and gone home.

But Mrs. Morter was different. As I tiptoed near her chair, hoping to take the key without waking her, her eyes would open like a sleeping doll held upright, and her ready smile would shine like the sun dispersing clouds.

"Hello, Harriett. How are you today? Do you remember the Scripture verses I quoted for you yesterday? God's Word hasn't changed, so I'll repeat them for you today." And before the key was mine, I had to endure all of John 14, in spite of my efforts to avoid it.

Mother resented the "Scripture lessons" as much as I, and we agreed that our visits to Mrs. Morter's would be as few as possible. Nevertheless, I had to have the key and it was still in her hands.

The Word of God is quick and powerful, unfailing

in the purpose to which it is sent, and gradually I found myself staying longer to listen—and liking it! How full of God this lady was! How refreshing and irrepressible her ready wit, in spite of days and nights of illness and pain. She told me that Jesus was the Son of God; that He was the only way to God and the only life in God. "And, if it were not so, He would have told us," she would always say.

One Sunday evening in April of 1942, I consented to attend church with her daughter, Blanche. On the way to the service, Blanche told me that when I became a child of God, the things of the world would lose their appeal. As a 14-year-old, I thought this sounded like a drab existence indeed. But later in church while the last verse of "I Am Coming, Lord" was being sung, I surrendered my life to Jesus at the altar.

It was then I discovered that Gonie Morter had held not only the key to my earthly home, but also the key to my heavenly home and eternal life through the Scripture portions she had quoted.

When heaven's awards are presented to the soul winners, I shall place my hand in Gonie Morter's and say, "Thank God, she held the key!"

SHE LOOKED LIKE A CHRISTIAN

By BETTY DAVIS

PENTECOST HAD COME to our small denominational church in a tiny town in Minnesota two years ago. Many lives were changed as they were filled with the Holy Spirit—mine included!

When my father died in Florida, I was led of the Lord to leave my church and join my mother in the South. This was no small decision, but after praying about it, I looked forward to the change in climate and vocation, but was somewhat worried about finding a new church.

The first Sunday in Tampa I attended the first church I could find near the busline. At that time I knew nothing of a Full Gospel or Assemblies of God church. I left the church that day empty and disappointed, knowing I would never return.

The following Monday morning, I began to work in a department store. As the girls came into the lounge to get

ready for their various departments, I appraised each one, hoping I would find among them a Christian girl.

Soon a young lady came into the lounge, neat and radiant, and minus the prevalent marks of the world. Under her arm she carried a manual the size of a Sunday school quarterly.

Immediately I introduced myself and asked if she knew of a spiritual church in Tampa. She said, "Tomorrow night two of us are going to walk from work to a tent tabernacle about a mile from here. If you wish to join us, we will be happy to have you."

I thought the next night would never come, but it finally did. What a wonderful service it was! I was invited to a Thursday afternoon Bible class which I attended for two years.

Mildred, the Christian girl I first met, and I won Ruth, another department store employee, to the Lord, and we each won our families. The church we attended later joined the Assemblies of God, and the three of us went to Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, for three grand years.

Mildred has been engaged in Christian work with her husband in Michigan for many years. Ruth and I have won others to the Lord both at home and abroad.

And these events all started with the girl who *looked* like a Christian!

AN URGENT CALL for concentrated prayer in the next seven months has been issued in behalf of the United States Congress on Evangelism by two key men mainly responsible for it.

Evangelist Billy Graham, honorary chairman, and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, St. Louis, Mo., chairman of the 52-member National Committee, joined in the call to American churches and Christians to undergird the Congress with intercession. It will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in September.

Graham and Hoffmann presented the call for prayer to the National Committee on December 21 at a meeting in Chicago where it was approved and heartily endorsed.

Quoting Christ's promise, "Whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be

PRAY FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM


glorified in the Son" (John 14:13), the call for prayer is as follows:

"The urgency and need for a mighty moving of the Spirit of God in our nation and across the world is impressed upon us in every newscast. Our daily papers compel us to realize that we are at a crossroads and that our choice is either Christ or chaos.

"To meet this emergency and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a U.S. Congress on Evangelism is called for September 8-13, 1969, to meet in Minneapolis. It is anticipated that 8,000 participants from more than 100 denominations will gather to pray and study. One-third will be laymen and laywomen, one-third parish pastors, and one-third evangelists, educators, theological students, church executives, etc.

"What assistance can be given to the American home? How can the local church be mobilized to reach the community for Christ? What is the scriptural answer to the cultural, social, and moral upheaval of our day? How can the needy individual be convinced that Jesus Christ is the answer? We must have answers in our generation.

"Of the Early Church it is recorded that 'When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled' (Acts 4:31). 2 Chronicles 7:14 states, 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

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WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE RURAL CHURCH?

By **FRANK LANGLEY** / *Superintendent of the Mississippi District*

EVERY MAN DESERVES A WITNESS, and the small rural communities are the grass roots of our nation. The manifold wisdom of God can only be expressed through the doctrines of Christ and will be effective only when motivated by the Holy Spirit. *It is our aim to develop a witness in every community of our district.*

The problem affecting us the most seems to be the lack of ministers with dedication, burden, and vision for the rural areas. Men without a burden and not willing to sacrifice—whether evangelist or pastor—will not succeed in evangelizing the rural communities of our land. The people must feel and know the minister has the love of Christ and has been compelled by God to come to their community.

It is said the rural parts of our nation are being abandoned, and that you cannot build without people. True, but we are finding in Mississippi that if we can maintain a strong rural church, people will commute many miles for employment, build nice homes, and support the church. But once they move to the city, many will not drive 10 blocks to attend church.

People in Mississippi are accustomed to rural church life. We are moving more and more toward rural sophistication, the one thing that largely separates city and county. We need to grasp our opportunity.

I kept searching for the solution to the rural church problem. Some might think it is mainly a financial matter. But a good salary is not a proper motivation for pastor and evangelists. There must be a spiritual burden

This is a condensation of the address given by Frank Langley on Thursday afternoon, August 22, at the Home Missions Leadership Seminar, Springfield, Mo.

—and a preacher with a burden seldom fails. This is why I preach missions as strongly as I do. Once a minister is moved by the Holy Spirit in this direction, he will evangelize an area and build a strong work. May God continue to give us such men.

In Mississippi we do not depend altogether on young ministers just out of Bible school, or retired ministers, yet we do use these where possible. We depend more on the mature ministers who are already pastoring or evangelizing.

Ezekiel 22:30 states, "I sought for a man among them." God still seeks for a man to make up the hedge and to stand in the gap. Jeremiah 5:1 reads, "Run ye . . . and see . . . if you can find a man." You may ask how we find this mature man who will move from a good pastorate to the rural church. We stir them up by presenting a challenge. We find this in 2 Peter 1:13, "Yea, I think it meet . . . to stir you up." We stress the situation as a missions need. I pray God to stir us even more.

Another problem is the lack of support where the communities are sparsely settled. This is the position many of our churches are in or will come to as the people continue to move into the cities. Yet, this does not excuse us from helping these churches to have an Assemblies of God witness. Only in rare cases are communities in Mississippi completely left without it.

Where necessary, services are so arranged that one minister can serve more than one church. At the present, we have two ministers each caring for two small works. We also have two laymen caring for two small churches. We find that time brings on changes. If we keep a work alive, in due time it will rise again.

Due to a lack of vision on the part of the established churches to see clearly the need, in Mississippi we have been compelled to move away from the mother-church plan. It just did not work for the rural area. We plan each new work on its own merits, moving away from patterns and methods as such. This has provided flexibility, allowing a work to be built where and when the interest is found and can be supported by a substantial number of people. This way, harmony and enthusiasm are better promoted with the pioneer pastor and local congregation.

Finance is a great factor with the rural church. Several pastors in Mississippi live on small salaries, \$65 per week and under. Some of these men eat from their own gardens. Congregations are faithful to bring the fruit of their labors. Without a genuine missionary call these men would fail and return to the city.

In our district we use all available help: BGMC literature, hints from *Advance* magazines, Home Missions monthly publications, and National Home Missions loans and grants, where possible. We start churches in storefronts, old homes, abandoned school buildings, VFW clubs, cottage prayer services, etc.

For example, in Silver Creek, Miss., we are now using an abandoned store building until the first unit of a new facility can be erected. We could cite other situations, such as Starkville, where the state college is located. We stayed out of Starkville too long because some said our church approach must be on a college level. We went in and used an old ten-room home for a year. We now have a lovely church and a fine congregation including college students. Build we must, so by faith we build and God honors.

I do not believe that I am an alarmist; neither do I believe in being a pessimist in God's work. Yet we must cry aloud and spare not, lest we miss the opportunity to win our generation and set the course for the future.

I will not soon forget a statement made by Arthur Graves at our District Council in 1966. After a Home Missions presentation, he remarked to the people that *the response of mature ministers to the Home Missions call, in his opinion, was the answer to the problem facing our Movement.*

At the same time, the *layman* is a great factor. This is his home. He knows better than outsiders what will be acceptable in his community. If the pioneer pastor is wise he will work very closely with the local laymen.

As already stated, the community must feel there is a compassion on the part of the pioneer pastor. Communities will help God's men evangelize and build. In our district we use laymen to the fullest degree feasible.

To evangelize our nation, we must use all means available. The *missions conventions* are instrumental in creating vision and burden. No longer can we afford to limit our witnessing. Missions conventions help give direction in this respect. Witnessing to *all* (at home, as well as abroad) is our commission.

We are all aware of the migration from rural areas to the larger cities and towns. Yet we cannot neglect the small towns and rural communities. They need churches, and a call to a small church is just as important in the eyes of God as a call to a larger church. Only God can reveal what has been accomplished in the small congregations of our movement.



A DREAM COME TRUE

WOULD^N'T IT BE GREAT if we could start a branch Sunday school?" was the question Everett Olp's assistant pastor, Ernie Rose, asked. Although it was at that moment only wishful thinking, God began to open the way for this dream to come true.

In June 1963 the Assembly of God in North Bend, Oregon, held a Kids Crusade with Mrs. Otis Triplett. The ladies of the church had canvassed the area and found a fertile field of prospects in Cooston, which is across the bay from North Bend. Before the crusade closed, 10 carloads of children from Cooston were attending. Not wanting to lose these prospects, the church established a bus route to bring children from Cooston to North Bend for Sunday school.

As the need for a branch Sunday school became more and more apparent, it came to Pastor Olp's attention that an old building and an acre of land belonging to the Cooston Community Club was falling into disrepair through lack of use. When the members of the club were approached by the Assemblies of God congregation, they agreed to sell the property for the amount owed in back taxes—\$172! The fact other churches had tried previously to purchase this same property and failed indicated that God's approval was on this project.

But that was only the beginning. When the community learned of the church's intention to renovate the old building and use it for a Sunday school, things really began to happen. Local lumber yards donated hundreds of dollars' worth of materials. Landscaping machinery and a backhoe were lent to the church. Eighty yards of gravel for the parking lot was given. The material that was purchased was bought at a discount from Christian businessmen. With donated labor of the men of the church the finished building, valued at \$45,000, had cost the congregation only \$12,000.

What began as a wishful thought in the heart of Ernie Rose is now a growing, thriving witness in this community. It is truly a dream come true.

—© Sunday School Counselor

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IS SEPARATION STILL RELEVANT?

By LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN / Pastor, Bethany Church, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

THE LINE OF DEMARCATION between the Christian and the unbeliever should be clearly perceptible, for separation is unmistakably commanded in the Scriptures.

This scriptural separation may be defined as Christians avoiding participation in anything the Bible indicates is sin. It means that believers should not be in close allegiance with people who would drag them down spiritually. Separation means that Christians must abandon ideas and philosophies that would corrupt their faith. It means that followers of Jesus should not affiliate with individuals or organizations that are avowedly hostile toward Christianity.

There are probably a number of reasons why some are afraid of the idea of separation. Without question some have heard presentations on the subject that have dismayed them. Others, almost intuitively, shy away from anything that speaks of negativism and are perplexed by Scripture that seems to encourage the direct opposite

of separation—such as Jesus' admonition to Christians to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). Some deem it permissible to purposely choose to live in an unspiritual environment in hopes of changing it, and there are those who insist that the practice of separation is impractical for today.

But separation is required of every Christian. We must not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. We dare not dilute the duty of separation by relating it only to the more evident forms of sin. May God give us the grace to eliminate from our lives anything that would cause people to stumble.

Wisdom must be used in practicing this separation. For one thing, we are not called to be hermits. In the complex world in which we live, it is inevitable that Christians will come in contact with the unsaved. And we dare not separate ourselves from the task of evangelism in our daily contacts. We must be in the company of people if we are going to win them.

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Perhaps soul winning was in the mind of Jesus when He prayed to the Father concerning His disciples: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17:15). We must show ourselves friendly toward those we would win to Christ. But it is possible to be a separated Christian and still have a good rapport with the unsaved.

In what sense, then, are we to be separate from the world? The words *fellowship* and *partakers* may serve as guidelines here.

There is a vast difference between *contact* with the world and *fellowship* with it. *Fellowship* implies a mutual sharing of activities and interests. But believers and unbelievers live in totally different realms. Therefore, for Christians to be *partakers* of the unfruitful works of darkness is even more inconceivable than for them to *fellowship* with the unsaved in such activities.

If we neglect the duty of separation, we will surely penalize ourselves and our usefulness. Our lives will not make an impact on unbelievers if we scorn separation. Our words will lack that keen edge that is so necessary if we would penetrate the sensibilities of the ungodly. If we discard separation, we may well become like the compromising Samson who went out to shake himself, "and he wist not that the Lord was departed from him" (Judges 16:20).

Some would object to the idea of separation because they feel such an emphasis would result in a loss of crowds.

When Israel left the land of Egypt in the days of the Exodus, a "mixed multitude" accompanied them. These were people who had no sympathy with the spiritual aims of the Israelites and who became the first ones to complain about God's provision of manna. Their presence was no boon to Israel. On the contrary, they were a constant hindrance to the welfare of God's people.

Because Israel joined with the mixed multitude in the murmuring against manna, God sent a plague which reduced their numbers. Israel's accommodation of the mixed multitude did not increase the crowd; instead there was a decrease.

Worldliness leaves the church vulnerable to decrease. Slack standards may often bring a mushroom growth, but such an unstable increase is often short-lived. Church history warns us that dissolution and division invariably follow compromise.

There is a higher motive than these for observing separation, however. We should practice separation because it pleases the heart of Jesus. He wants us for Himself. He is our heavenly Bridegroom, and we are His Bride. When you look at it in that perspective, separation is not too big a price to pay. Is our love for Jesus so shallow that we hesitate to obey His call to separation?

In this day when so many are bowing at the shrine of conformity, a call to separation may come like an unwelcome voice in the wilderness. But if we presume to discard the truth of separation, we do so at our peril.

According to the apostle Paul, we have no alternative to separation. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," he wrote. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14, 17).

ELEPHANT IN THE MOON

SIR PAUL NEAL, a 17th-century amateur scientist, announced a startling discovery: he had seen an elephant in the moon. The idea of the "man in the moon" wasn't new. But an elephant in the moon—that was something else.

Then the amateur scientist made another discovery: the object he saw wasn't an elephant at all. It was a mouse that had crept into his telescope!

Our problems are often like this. We are so close to them we cannot see them objectively. We cannot get a proper perspective. The mouse becomes an elephant.

That is why it often helps to talk to someone who can look at the situation clearly: an earthly friend and also our Heavenly Father. God hasn't promised to provide a supernatural solution to all our problems. More often our talk with Him helps us get away from the situation far enough to begin to see it as God sees it—and to see how, with His help, a solution is possible.

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EYE STRAIGHTENED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

MY WIFE AND I are thankful for the miracle of healing God performed on our daughter's eyes.

For some time we had noticed that our three-year-old daughter's eyes didn't track properly. One eye focused outward. We took her to a competent eye specialist who told us surgery would be required if enough vision were present to warrant it. After surgery he said she would have to wear glasses. Cindy was so upset by the examination that the doctor wasn't able to determine if she had good vision in the eye. He suggested she re-



turn in about a week for more tests.

In one of the special meetings Evangelist Robert Watters was conducting at our church, my wife took Cindy forward for special prayer. We trusted the Lord, and He performed a miracle! Praise the Lord!

After a few days we returned to the doctor. In this examination he could find nothing wrong with her eyes; they tracked perfectly. He could not make them track improperly although he tried for about 10 minutes. The doctor stated that to the best of his ability to tell she had excellent vision in both eyes.—Charles W. Bower, Akron, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Pastor Richard D. Dobbins, Evangel Temple, Akron, Ohio.)

1954 HEALING STILL STANDS

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO the Lord healed my back. I have had no trouble with it since, although I am a plasterer by trade and also do finish cement.

In 1943 I had spinal meningitis while in the Army. This left me with a weak back which gradually grew worse. In the summer of 1954 I was unable to continue my work. X rays showed that five vertebrae in my lower back were deteriorating. The doctor said it might be necessary to fuse the bones but my back would probably be stiff. He didn't think I could work anymore at my trade or do any hard work. This was bad news for I knew nothing else I could do.

One day I was lying in bed reading the Bible when I came across the words in James 5:14, 15. After I read

them, I crawled out of bed with my wife's help and went to our church. Pastor Davis and his wife were there and he helped me out of the truck. I told them I had to have some help and asked them to pray for me.

We went into the church and Brother Davis anointed me with oil, laid his hands on me, and prayed. I felt the power of the Lord and I knew something had happened. We had a service that night (Tuesday) and again I was prayed for.

After church the plastering contractor called and asked me to come the following morning to work on a big job which was just starting—a ten-story hotel. I was afraid and asked him if I could wait until the next Monday. He said if I wanted the job I had to be there in the morning. So I agreed.

I went to work and to my surprise I never had a bit of trouble with my back. The Lord had done a good job of healing me. I give the Lord the credit for I never returned to the doctor or took any medicine for my back in all these years. I am now 55 years old. I work eight hours each day and do extra jobs at night when they are available. I thank the Lord for what He has done for me.—John D. Smith, Lawton, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. H. Davis, Bethel Assembly, Lawton, Okla.)

BECOMING PENTECOSTAL BROUGHT HEALING

EIGHT YEARS AGO the Lord healed me of rheumatism in my knees. It was the direct result of becoming Pentecostal.

I had been raised a Baptist and had never been taught about divine healing. For several years I was unable to attend the Baptist church as there was none nearby. I started going to an Assemblies of God church. At first I was not interested in the preaching but I really enjoyed the singing—it made me feel good.

When I left California and returned to Sikeston, I began to attend First Assembly. Brother James Smith, who was then the pastor, began to preach on divine healing. I became interested since the rheumatism in my knees was so bad I could hardly bend them and I could not kneel at all. I began to study my Bible more—especially about healing.

When I went to the altar to pray, I would sit with bowed head. I was miserable as I was afraid people would think I was too proud to kneel.

So I began to pray, "Lord, if you do still heal, please heal my knees." I mentioned this to no one. But one Sunday night as the congregation sang the invitation hymn, it was as though Someone spoke to me and said, "You can get down on your knees tonight." I could hardly wait to get to the altar. Sure enough, it was no trouble to get on

my knees—all the pain and stiffness were gone! Praise the Lord!

But my most recent healing came just a few months ago. I had a cancer on my nose. Although I had been prayed for several times, it continued to become worse. My doctor sent me to a radiologist for treatments. He said it would take at least six or eight treatments and it would leave a white scar.

I had had three treatments when they were interrupted to attend the funeral of one of my sons in California. While there, the cancer became a running sore and I also had nosebleeds from it.

After returning home, I felt led to ask for prayer one more time. When Brother McDonough anointed me with oil and prayed, I was prostrated under God's power. I do not know how long I remained on the floor but it was as if I had been in heaven with Jesus and He had laid His healing hand upon me. When I arose I was healed.

The following Tuesday I went to the doctor for a check-up. When he looked at me he told me I didn't need any more treatments. I told the doctor that I knew I was healed because the Lord had touched me. The small scab which remained dropped off before I got home. I do not have a scar or any trace of that sore. Praise His holy name!—Mrs. Lottie Minney, Sikeston, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor T. A. McDonough, First Assembly, Sikeston, Mo.)

NERVOUS CONDITION HEALED

LONG, WEARY, SLEEPLESS NIGHTS and days spent in crying are over for me since the Lord healed me. I am like a different person.

In 1966 I had a nervous breakdown. It came as a result of five years of difficult experiences in helping our son-in-law recuperate from a serious accident. He spent nine weeks in the hospital fighting for his life. For two years he underwent plastic surgery. During this same time I had major surgery three times. When the nervous breakdown came, I had to return to the hospital for about a month of shock treatments.

Upon returning home my nerves weren't much better. I was still under the care of a psychiatrist. For almost two years I lived with strong tranquilizers and sleeping pills. Our drug bills were never under \$40 a month. I was becoming quite a strain on my family. Many times my husband had to go to work, leaving me walking the floor crying. As sleepless nights continued, I became so depressed I prayed to die.

I had been prayed for so many times I was ashamed. Then one Thursday morning in the late summer of 1968, I asked for prayer in the Women's Missionary Council meeting. Pastor Joseph Hardt was there that morning. I told him and the WMC group that I just couldn't get victory over my nerves and they prayed for me again.

The following Sunday night the pastor had a prayer line for the sick. Again I went for prayer. When Brother Hardt came to me, he asked, "Is it your nerves again, Sister Palmer?" I told him it was. When he anointed me with oil and laid his hand on my head a warmth went slowly down over my body as if something were being poured over me.

In the days that followed I discovered I no longer needed tranquilizers. I was able to sleep without sleeping pills. The depression was gone. I was happy again.

Once more I was able to do my household chores and to work in the flower garden. Also, since then I have been working one day a week in the hospital as a volunteer Red Cross worker.

Thank God, the days of miracles are not past. Jesus is so wonderful to me. I shall always be grateful to Him, to my pastor and church, and to my family for standing with me.—Mrs. Lois Palmer, Brandon, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph R. Hardt, Brandon Assembly of God, Brandon, Fla.)

HEALED OF SEVERE KIDNEY ATTACKS

EVER SINCE GOD HEALED ME two years ago I have had no aches or pains and I work hard all the time. Praise His holy name.

My sickness began on Sunday, October 23, 1966. I was awakened at about 3:30 a.m. with extreme pain in the lower left side of my back. At first I thought I must have been lying in a twisted position; but after trying several positions and then walking and sitting, I still had the pain. It felt as if my flesh were being torn.

After suffering for two hours I called my son and asked him to bring my pastor to pray for me. When they anointed me and prayed, the pain left immediately.

But on Monday I had another attack so my son and daughter-in-law took me to their home. That night a much worse attack struck me. Again the minister came and prayed, but I had no relief. So early Tuesday morning I was taken to the hospital.

After taking X rays the doctor could not find anything. When he dismissed me from the hospital he gave me a prescription for capsules with the instruction, "Be sure to take all of them."

Because I was so weak I again went to my son's home. I took three capsules but then felt condemned because I was not fully trusting God. So I stopped taking them.

When I went to see the doctor for a checkup on Wednesday, November 2, he told me the X-ray specialist had discovered my left kidney was enlarged and it appeared there might be a growth in it. He scheduled me to return to the hospital in two weeks for more X rays. He also gave me a large box of a different kind of capsules to take. Each time I took one I would have a weak spell afterward.

On Friday morning, before I took a capsule, I prayed and asked the Lord to show me by letting it react if I was not supposed to take them. When I took it, I got so weak I could hardly stand. This convinced me it was not God's will to take them and I didn't take any more.

When the time came for me to return to the hospital, I was feeling well, eating anything I wanted, sleeping well, and working all the time. So I called the doctor and told him I would not have more X rays.

For the past two years I have felt real well, with no aches or pains of any kind, and I work hard all the time. I thank and praise God for His wonderful healing power and for the strength and good health I enjoy. He is my all in all.—Mrs. Irma L. Mull, Salem, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor Thomas A. Barden, Grace Assembly, Palmyra, Ind.)

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

Men in New Caledonia Being Reached for Christ

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—The Ronald Killingbecks are holding English services in the French-speaking island of New Caledonia. Jean Ledru and his family, missionaries from France, are conducting French-speaking services at the same location, but at a different time.

Mr. Killingbeck reports they have been having large numbers of men in their services each week. Most of the young men have accepted the Lord as their Saviour and are now taking an active part in the meetings.

The young men have come to New Caledonia from New Hebrides for temporary work. They have left their wives and families on their home islands while they

New Hebrides men working in New Caledonia are reached for Christ.



work for high wages at this mining center. Nearly a dozen men will rent one house so they can save money to take back to their islands.

The Killingbecks have shown love and concern for these men, and there has been a good response. About 60 men attend their services, half of which are in English and half in Pidgin English.

Missionary Lawrence Larson wrote, in a letter dated October 9: "Just this past weekend I was in Noumea for services. There were about a dozen decisions for Christ. One man said he feels he should go to Bible school in Fiji next year. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit—one was a man in the French Navy, and the other two were New Hebrides men. These are the first New Hebrides men to be filled with the Holy Spirit in the ministry of the Assemblies of God. Praise the Lord!"

The Killingbecks have also obtained permission to distribute literature and conduct services in the hospital. Brother Killingbeck says, "The hospital response has been very encouraging, and we thank the Lord for this another opportunity of spreading the gospel here in Noumea."

Prime Minister Attends Freetown Crusade

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone—The Assemblies of God churches here recently conducted a citywide GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in their largest Assemblies of God church. Evangelist W. L. Williams was the crusade speaker.

"We experienced a sweeping move of the Holy Spirit nightly as people from all walks of life came to hear the good news of Christ's saving power," reports Missionary James Berry.

The altars were filled with those seeking to follow Christ. Over 30 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. One of these was the wife of a retired judge. He attended the meetings with her.

The prime minister of Sierra Leone, Siaka Stevens, his wife, and the minister of information,

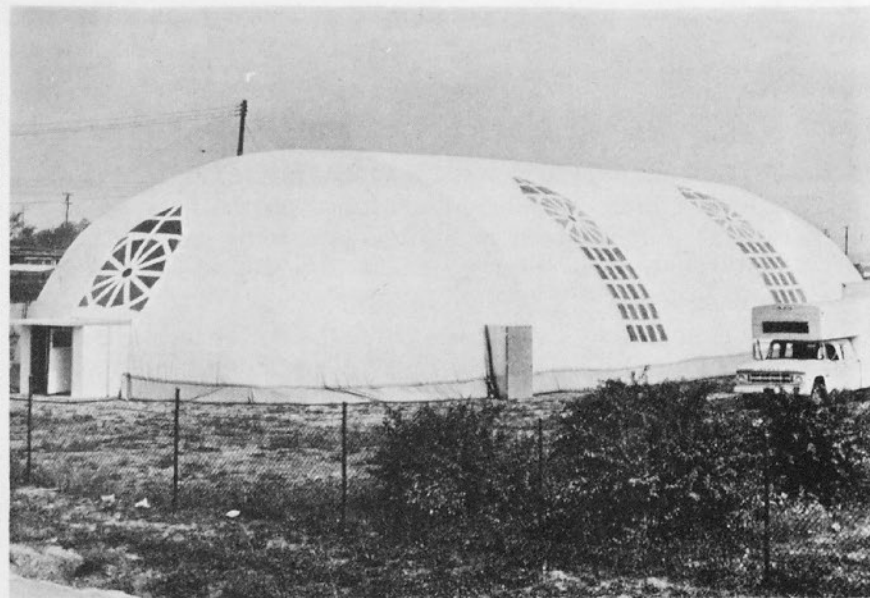
Mr. Hudson-Taylor, attended the crusade.

The governor general and his wife extended a personal invitation to Mr. Williams and the missionaries to visit the State House, where the ministers had an opportunity to witness for Christ. Before their departure, they had prayer together. The governor general's wife later expressed her interest in the Assemblies of God work in Sierra Leone.

Mr. Berry says, "This GOOD NEWS CRUSADE has brought glory and honor to God, as many lives were changed and moved into a personal relationship with His Son."



Crowd at Good News Crusade.



This "air cathedral," used in evangelism in San José, is 200 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 30 feet high. It can seat 3,500 persons. Of nylon-reinforced vinyl, it is inflated and ventilated by three squirrel-cage blowers.

Air Cathedral Used in Costa Rican Evangelism

AKRON, Ohio—Days of the traditional tent for evangelistic meetings may be numbered. The once-familiar tent may be replaced by an inflatable plastic fabric church.

The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God now has one of the inflatable churches in use at San José, Costa Rica, with Missionary-Evangelists Elmer and Lee Bueno.

This first "air cathedral" complete with "stained-glass windows" is 200 feet long, 60 feet wide, 30 feet high, and can seat 3,500 persons. The church is inflated and ventilated by three squirrel-cage blowers.

Regardless of whether doors are left open or if the structure were slashed allowing air to escape, it would take 30 minutes for the huge bag to deflate, explains Richard Headrick, a research consultant for the Firestone Coated Fabrics Company of Los Angeles, the manufacturer.

The huge structure is made primarily of nylon-reinforced vinyl equipped with gold and white plastic panels designed like stained-glass windows.

The building incorporates four emergency booth or air locking

doors plus an air locking revolving door assembly as the main entrance.

As it is now used, the cathedral is equipped with two direct gasoline engine generator/alternators to provide electricity, five mercury-vapor light assemblies, a sound system with tape playback and stereo capabilities, a 16mm sound movie projector, a slide projector, and a backlit semiopaque screen projection.

The church is secured to the ground by water bags in two rows around its base, and also by 60 ground augers. The entire structure will withstand winds up to 110 miles per hour. Weight of the total package is 17,000 pounds.

Richard Headrick and Merritt Yancey, chief engineer for Firestone Coated Fabrics, directed the building and testing of the structure as a volunteer project for the Assemblies of God.

"While all the work was done in our spare time, the project had the full support of Firestone," Headrick said.

The entire project cost approximately \$40,000. The cathedral is now being used for a citywide evangelistic crusade in San José.



Outdoor Campaign Held in Naranjos

NARANJOS, Veracruz, Mexico—Missionary Fernando Nieto and family recently conducted an outdoor crusade in Naranjos. It was the first time this city had witnessed an outdoor evangelistic meeting. Many came forward to accept Christ. Brother Nieto also prayed for the sick.



ABOVE: Brother Nieto prays for the sick. LEFT: The smallest crowd of the outdoor campaign was that of the Sunday afternoon service. The sun was too hot for most people to stay outside. BELOW: Many people bowed their knees as Brother Nieto led them in the sinner's prayer.



Good News Crusade Conducted in Siracusa

SIRACUSA, Italy—A GOOD NEWS CRUSADE was conducted in the Cinema Ambra here. This was the first time in Siracusa's history that a Protestant evangelistic campaign had been held.

Missionary-Evangelist Anthony Piraino organized the campaign and for the first five nights was the main speaker. Roberto Bracco spoke for the remainder of the crusade.

Each night people came forward to ask the Lord to forgive their sins, and many requested prayer for healing.

One lady testified that her 10-year-old boy had suffered from an enlarged heart for some time. He was prayed for during the meetings, and the next morning the mother took him to the doctor for a scheduled visit. After carefully examining the boy, the doctor said, "Your boy's heart is fine and perfectly normal."

One man testified, "I have heard your messages every night, and tonight I want you to know that I abandon my old religion to embrace your faith and accept salvation through Jesus Christ."

The congregation in Siracusa has raised the sum of two million lire (\$3,300) toward a building fund. Their hall is now inadequate, and funds are needed to purchase or build a church.

New Bible School Open in Spain

RONDA, Spain—Missionary Sam Johnson reports that Spain has its first Assemblies of God Bible school located here. In December 1967 Missionary Kerry González was appointed director of the school when the Assemblies of God missionaries in Spain voted unanimously to establish the school by faith.

The organization purchased property in Ronda, where the Roy Daltons lived until Brother Dalton's death. In 1968 the Bible school board of directors met to draw up the constitution and by-laws for the school.

Mr. Johnson, who arrived on the field in January 1968, informed the missionaries that people in America were interested in the project and had given \$4,500 to help repair and remodel the existing buildings.

The small chapel was made into living quarters for the director and his family. A former two-story chicken barn located on the property was transformed—the upstairs into dormitory rooms, the downstairs into classrooms.

The inauguration service was held on September 19, 1968. Near-



ABOVE: School board (left to right): Sam Johnson, Steve Norman, Trella Hall, Kenneth McIntyre, Anthony Giordano, and Kerry González. BELOW: Crowd at dedication.



ly 100 people from representative churches met for this momentous occasion. "Four bright young people were introduced as the first students. What a thrill!" Brother Johnson says.

The Bible school will operate in Ronda for at least two years. Future plans are to move it to Madrid in 1970 to capitalize on the many unique advantages of that metropolis.

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



David Duncan family



The Al Pernas



The Donald McMurrays



The P. Henry Halls



Delbert Tarr family



Mike Wright family

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the Mike Wrights (British Honduras); the Delbert Tarrs (Upper Volta); the P. Henry Halls (Peru); the Clyde Bradburns (Japan); the Donald McMurrays (Thailand); Sarah Johnston (Hong Kong); and Alfred Perna, Sr., (Italy).

Newly appointed missionaries going to their fields are: the David Duncans (Marshall Islands); and the Bernhard Johnsons (Brazil).

Missionaries returning to the States on furlough are: the Walter Hayduses (Guatemala); the B. W. Corpanys (Egypt); the Hazen Wolvertons (South Africa); and (for medical reasons) the Bennie Tiptons (Dahomey).

The Dale Barbers have transferred from the Philippines to Hong Kong.



Clyde Bradburn family

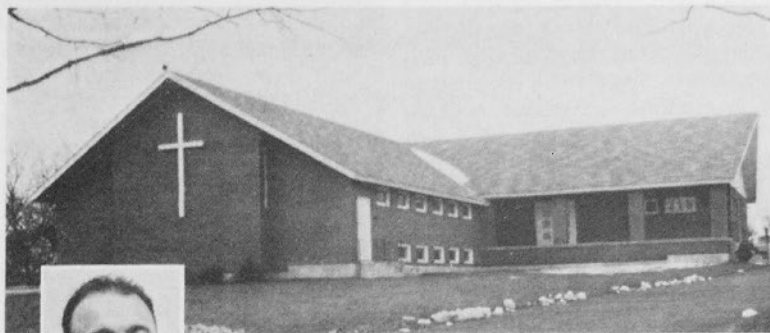


Bernhard Johnson family



Sarah Johnston

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



The congregation of the Leominster, Mass., Assembly of God recently dedicated its new building with Pastor Gerald E. Wilson (inset) leading the congregation in the dedicatory services.

LOVELY NEW CHURCH DEDICATED BY GROUP IN MASSACHUSETTS

LEOMINSTER, MASS.—Pastor Gerald E. Wilson recently led the congregation of the Assembly of God here in dedicating its new facilities to the Lord.

Located on three and one-half acres, the new brick building contains 10,000 square feet of floor space. All of the interior finish work was donated by members and friends.

The sanctuary, seating 220, can be expanded to seat 320 through

use of the Bible study area at the back of the auditorium. The first floor contains the pastor's study, rest rooms and the sanctuary. The lower level contains a fellowship hall, space for 10 classrooms, a nursery, and Sunday school office.

The property is valued in excess of \$150,000 but construction costs were \$93,000.

The Assembly had its beginnings in 1906 with prayer meetings held in a home.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—The Spirit of God moved upon hearts during special services at Chamberlain's Chapel (Assembly of God) here. "Little Joe" and Cathy Peterson of Portsmouth, Va., were the evangelists.

People were saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed. The entire church was strengthened by these services.

—James A. West pastor
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NICOMA PARK, OKLA.—Evangelist Billy Raiford of Tulsa, Okla., recently concluded a successful three-week crusade at the Assembly of God here.

Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance has increased, and the church is still enjoying the revival atmosphere.

—Gene A. Anotubby, pastor
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FRANKCLAY, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Duard Baldwin in recent special services.

Eight persons were saved, six were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled.

Attendance has increased, and the whole church has been revitalized.

—J. Dan Groves, pastor

WITH CHRIST

OTTO H. FELDMAN, 81, was called into the presence of the Lord on August 16, 1968. Ordained by the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District in 1953, Brother Feldman served the Lord as a pastor in Augusta, Wisconsin. He is survived by two daughters and one son.

CHARLES E. MAINS, 62, went to be with the Lord on June 13, 1968. Ordained in 1957 by the Oklahoma District, Brother Mains served the

Lord as pastor and evangelist. He pastored in Coyle, Asphaltum, Gage, Frederick, and Hennessey, Okla. He is survived by his wife Ovah and four children.

BERTHA E. McBRIDE, 67, of Tulsa, Okla., was called into the presence of the Lord on Aug. 27, 1968. Sister McBride was ordained in 1938 by the Oklahoma District. She served the Lord as an evangelist for many years. She is survived by her husband Nathaniel.

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The Mississippi District of the Assemblies of God has dedicated its new headquarters to the Lord. District officials and General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman (right) participated in the dedication.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT DEDICATES NEW HEADQUARTERS

JACKSON, MISS.—The Mississippi District headquarters, located for many years in Meridian, has been relocated on a seven-acre site on Interstate Highway 55 in the capital city here.

A headquarters building and three district parsonages were constructed. The headquarters building contains five offices, a bookstore, a conference room, and storage rooms.

The parsonages are occupied by the district superintendent, secre-

tary-treasurer, and Christ's Ambassadors president.

All of the buildings are of colonial type with pink rock-faced brick walls, white shutters, and round white porch posts.

The new headquarters was designed by J. F. Patton Jr., district secretary-treasurer. The property was appraised conservatively at \$105,000. Due to Brother Patton's supervision and the donated labor of ministers and laymen, the entire project was completed for

\$75,000 including \$15,000 for the land.

Dedication services were held in October. T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, brought the dedicatory message to a large crowd assembled in front of the new office building.

The Mississippi District officers are: F. L. Langley, superintendent; C. S. Craighead, assistant superintendent; J. F. Patton Jr., secretary-treasurer; and L. C. Cunningham, CA president.



This is the new parsonage for the district superintendent which was also dedicated.



The district secretary's home is located on the same seven-acre tract as the other district buildings.



Part of the congregation attending the dedicatory ceremonies is shown above.



A new colonial-style home for the district CA president was among the buildings dedicated.



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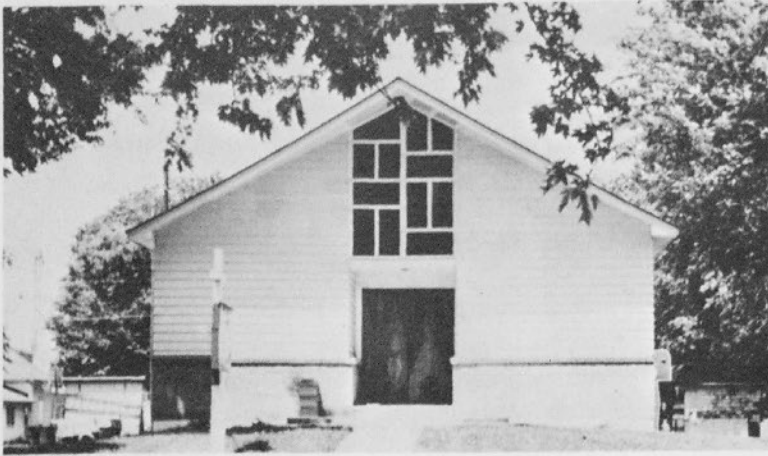
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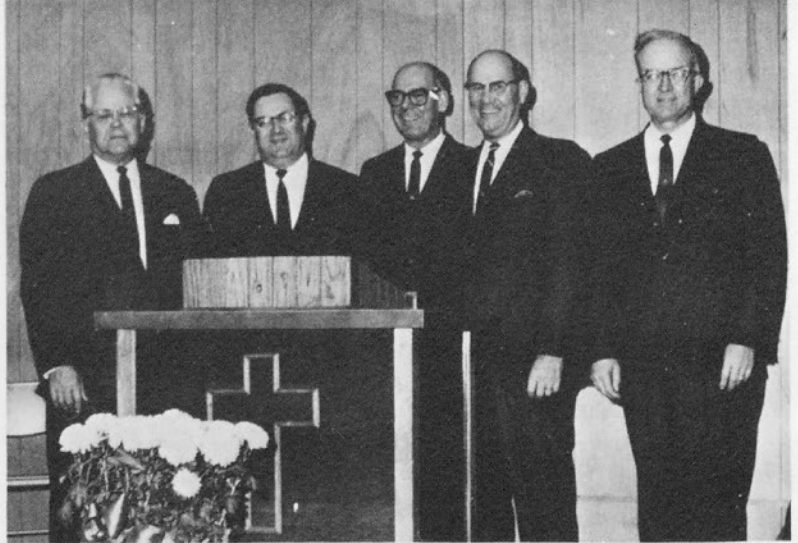
NEW BUILDING DEDICATED BY NORTHERN MISSOURI CONGREGATION

ORRICK, MO.—The new Assembly of God here has been dedicated to the Lord. W. B. Friend, superintendent of the Northern Missouri District, brought the dedicatory message. C. A. Parker, assistant district superintendent, spoke in the afternoon service.

The building, with seating for 125, has a full basement which contains classrooms and a large fellowship hall.

The church was started in 1938 in what had been an old chicken house. It changed locations several times until 1962 when construction was begun on the new building.

Pastor J. W. Whitlock states, "God has been blessing the church in a marvelous way the past two years, and attendance has more than doubled. We are looking forward to an extension program in the near future."



These officials of the Northern Missouri District were present for the dedication of the new church in Orrick, Missouri. (Left to right): T. W. Starks, presbyter; Abraham Solomon, district secretary-treasurer; J. W. Whitlock, pastor; W. B. Friend, district superintendent; and C. A. Parker, assistant district superintendent.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	St. Stephens	Midway	Feb. 14-23	S. P. Bostic Jr.	Hubert Loper
Ariz.	Phoenix	South Mountain	Feb. 9-16	Charles O. Hudspeth	Lester Gundlach
Ark.	Rogers	First	Feb. 12-23	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Dennis Jech
Calif.	Bakersfield	Bethel Temple	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	E. T. Quanabush Team	Harry Hodge
	Bakersfield	Full Gospel Tab.	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	J. Boyd Wolverton
	Ceres	1 Glad Tidings	Feb. 16-21	Charles Senechal	David F. Hood
	Dinuba	A/G Tab.	Feb. 2-16	Jim Mackey	John W. Owen
	Glendale	Bethel	Feb. 9-23	Ernie Rogers	Arthur Slater
	Kingsburg	Full Gospel	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Lee Roy Rogers
	Lakeport	1 Full Gospel	Feb. 9-14	Charles Senechal	Oscar Arnesen
	Los Banos	A/G	Feb. 11-23	James & Beulah Pepper	Leonard Couchman
	San Jose	Evangel	Jan. 29-Feb. 9	Keetah Jones	David Stephens
	Shafter	A/G	Jan. 26—	H. A. Fowler	J. W. Dollins
Fla.	Aubumdale	First	Feb. 2-9	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	H. T. Pumphrey
	Holly Hill	Holly Heights	Feb. 16—	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	James Galligan
	Miami	Central Bible Ch.	Jan. 29-Feb. 9	The Singing Lunsfords	Rex Anspaugh
	Panama City	Dirego Park	Jan. 29-Feb. 9	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	James H. Shelley
	Pensacola	Brownsville	Feb. 2—	Christian Hild	Carl Arnold
Ga.	Sanford	Pinecrest	Feb. 11-23	Dave & Jan Olshovski	Hubert Wilder
	Tampa	Sulphur Springs	Feb. 2-7	Ernie Eskelin	Wayne Pitts
	Dublin	First	Feb. 10-23	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Cecil Gray
Ill.	Tifton	First	Jan. 29-Feb. 9	Musical Vanderploegs	O. L. Stokes
	Robinson	First	Feb. 11-23	Wallace & Carol Joice	Harry Melvin Jr.
Ind.	Virginia	First	Feb. 4-16	G. L. & Mrs. McKinney	Cox-Brown
	Hobart	Calvary Temple	Feb. 12-23	Charles E. Crank	F. J. Fortier
Iowa	Muscataine	First	Feb. 11-23	Larry & Coleen Griswold	Donald Crawford
	Sioux City	Morningside	Jan. 28-Feb. 9	Larry & Coleen Griswold	Bob Claycomb
Kans.	Baxter Spgs.	First	Feb. 4-16	Bobby & Sharon Jones	Ted Gianopolos
	Great Bend	Crescent Park	Feb. 4-16	Arnold & Anita Segesman	C. Dean McCormick
	Hutchinson	First	Feb. 4-9	Ben & Joye Brumback	Russell Rexroat
	Kansas City	Gospel Temple	Jan. 29-Feb. 9	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Burl Rogers
	Phillipsburg	First	Feb. 11-23	Ben & Joye Brumback	Jesse Shaw
La.	Sulphur	Southside	Feb. 5-16	Charles McKnight	D. W. Fontenot
	Baltimore	Eastern	Feb. 11-23	John & Esther Hamercheck	George Raduano
Md.	Gaithersburg	New Hope	Feb. 2-16	Tommy Godfrey	A. B. Marks
	Pocomoke City	A/G	Feb. 4-16	H. B. Kelchner	H. W. Fry
Mich.	Bay City	First	Feb. 16-Mar. 2	Matschulat Party	Daniel Kolenda
	Wadena	A/G	Feb. 4—	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	Lloyd Stormoen
Minn.	Arnold	First	Jan. 29-Feb. 9	Phil Hastie Team	Kenneth Brown
	Marshall	First	Feb. 4-9	J. B. Woolums	Warren LaRose
Mo.	O'Fallon	First	Feb. 1-9	Eddie H. Swartout	Thomas E. Jackson
	Orrick	Arnold	Feb. 3-21	Knott-Olson Team	J. W. Whitlock
Mont.	Steelville	A/G	Feb. 2-16	Glenna Byard	Joe Massey
	Sidney	A/G	Feb. 10-23	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Dean A. Rohner
Nebr.	Lexington	A/G	Feb. 9-16	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	Clinton Thompson
	Bridgeton	Community Memorial	Feb. 7-16	George DeTellis	Mabele Snyder
Ohio	Glassboro	Christ Pentecostal	Feb. 4-9	John & Esther Hamercheck	Samuel Totaro
	Cecil	A/G	Feb. 4-9	R. J. Pasquale	Roy Swearingen
Okla.	Tiffin	First	Feb. 11-23	R. J. Pasquale	Orville Whitacre
	Commerce	First	Feb. 11-23	Richard Field	D. G. Gunter
Okla.	Minco	A/G	Feb. 9-23	Fred Carrington	Ralph McDaniel
	Morrison	A/G	Feb. 2—	Branham & Steele	J. Ruel Baxter
Oreg.	Ringling	A/G	Feb. 9-23	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Calvin Newton
	Tishomingo	A/G	Feb. 9-16	Ada E. Lear	D. R. Pettey
Pa.	Forest Grove	A/G	Feb. 4-16	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Thurman Yaws
	Waynesboro	Calvary	Feb. 11-23	Lindell & Mrs. Lummer	A. A. Marinacci
Tex.	Bridge City	First	Feb. 9—	E. R. Winter	C. J. Shields
	Bryan	Bethel Temple	Feb. 2-16	James & Peggy Hazelton	Comer Baker
Tex.	Burkburnett	A/G	Feb. 2—	Hazel Burns	John W. Hocker Jr.
	Corpus Christi	Glad Tidings	Feb. 4-16	Mike & Linda Murdock	Bythel Hagee
Wash.	Diboll	A/G	Feb. 9-21	Darrell & Mrs. Pilcher	James H. Hood
	Freeport	Velasco	Feb. 12-23	Ervin Asiatico	O. H. Dockray
Wis.	Medical Lake	A/G	Feb. 12-16	Roy & Arlene Brewer	James P. Terry
	Madison	First	Feb. 5-16	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	H. Ray Colver
Wyo.	Newcastle	First	Feb. 12-16	Phil Hastie Team	Steve Rexroat

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Pastor Helped

All too often we let blessings from others go by unmentioned. I hereby turn from my thanklessness to express thanks for the many good articles in the *Evangel*.

I am grateful to the authors, the editors, and all who produce the magazine. So very often I have been blessed by their ministry.

This morning my soul has been touched by a particular article. It was just what I needed. It was as if God had spoken to me audibly.

How good it is to be partners in the Master's vineyard. Thank God for the fellowship we enjoy in Him.

—WESLEY E. BUTLER
Pastor, Bethel Assembly
Elmhurst, Ill.

Year of Revival

As we enter the first year of the Five-Year Plan of Advance, I am praying it will be truly a Year of Revival, as designated.

I have not forgotten the challenge that was presented to us at the Council on Evangelism. I thank God for realistic leaders in our Movement who are not mesmerized by the numerical advance and popular acceptability we enjoy, but are concerned lest we be reduced to a lifeless religious machine that operates but has no soul or breath.

The Assemblies of God is much like other denominations in doctrinal beliefs and administrative procedures. But there is a difference—a big one. Our mission, which is to minister to God, to the saints, and to the world (which incidentally is the scriptural mission of the whole Church) is not to be implemented by human ways and means alone but by the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit in the life and practice of each believer.

We need a revival—not merely in the sense of protracted meetings or evangelistic crusades, important as these are—but particularly in a personal sense—a renewal, an awakening of our love and devotion to the Saviour. This is to be evidenced by our humility, our obedience, and our love for His Word and for His presence.

We need to confess our cooling off. We need to recognize and admit our materialistic attitudes. We

need to return to our "first love" and the works such a love is capable of.

Revival will not come without our desire nor without our involvement.

—FRED SMOLCHUCK
Michigan District Secretary
Detroit, Mich.

Scriptures Most Appropriate

Our church in Gilmer commends the editorial staff for the selection of scriptures given on the cover pages of the August International Edition and the August 11 issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Both of those scriptures (Zechariah 4:6 and 2 Chronicles 7:14) were very appropriate. The bold letters were very impressive.

Give us more scriptures on the covers of our *Evangels*, as God leads you.

JERRY SHIPMAN, Pastor
Oak Grove Assembly of God
Gilmer, Texas

"Thanks" from Evangelists

We were evangelists for 17 years, ministering in 38 states. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the hospitality, kindnesses, and cordiality we received from pastors and church folks.

An evangelist meets new faces constantly. It is amazing how even small kindnesses cheer him and help him to feel "at home."

—THE BOB McCUTCHENS
Fort Worth, Tex.

"Five Dimensions of Prayer"

Have read and reread the article, "Five Dimensions of Prayer," by Wm. L. Thornton in the September 22 issue of our splendid *Evangel*. It has given me more light on the true meaning of prayer than I have heretofore known.

Coming from a man who, in his youth, along with other young people from Central Assembly, Tulsa, Oklahoma, often assisted in our services at the Mission of Redeeming Love, the article had special significance for me. Quite a few of those Tulsa young men, like Bill, are now in full-time ministry and many of them preached their first sermon in the Mission. May God richly bless them all!

MRS. IDA GRAHAM
Hutchinson, Kansas

Family Filled with the Spirit

Last year I was discouraged and depressed. As I leafed through my *Evangel*, I saw the invitation to send prayer requests to *Revival-time* for the World Prayermeeting and I felt impelled to respond.

My request was for prayer for our entire family to have a closer walk with the Lord, and for all that were ready, including my husband, to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Since that time my husband and all our children except two little ones (six out of eight) have been gloriously filled with the Spirit.

I know it is not the prayers, but the God who answers prayers, who is to be praised—man could not do this—but I wanted to give this testimony. Since the Bible tells us to bear one another's burdens, I believe it helps when we share the blessing that comes from these prayers.

—MRS. SARAH VOLTZ
Necedah, Wis.

Appreciates "Evangel"

I hope you will publish this letter. I want to thank all who take part in the publishing of the *Evangel*. I praise God for such a fine magazine.

I am renewing my subscriptions—one is to my mother. I get the *Evangel* at the Assembly of God which my son David and I attend. David is only three, but he enjoys the beginner class very much.

—ROLLAND L. SHAW
Canton, Ill.

Can a Born-again Christian Be Demon-possessed?

There was an article in the *Evangel* concerning a woman who was delivered from a condition of violent emotional torment. It stated that the pastor anointed her with oil, prayed for her, and commanded the tormenting spirit to come out of her.

If this woman were a Christian believer, how could she be demon-possessed?

—FLORIDA READER

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The article in question stated this woman formerly was a member of a denominational church, but it did not state that she was a born-again Christian. We find no basis in the Scriptures for teaching that a person who has been born again and who is serving the Lord can be demon-possessed. There can be demon-oppression, but demons or evil spirits cannot gain control of a person in whom the Spirit of Christ dwells unless that person chooses to yield to temptations to sin or falls into apostasy, false doctrine, hypocrisy, uncleanness, or worldliness, thus willfully exposing himself to Satan.*



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OVER 400 members of our Benevolences family—homeless children and aged ministers—are looking to you for help. Many churches also will be needing the help you can give. (Fifty received disaster relief assistance in the last three years.) You can offer the gift of help through these ministries of the Department of Benevolences:

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WAS LINCOLN A CHRISTIAN?

ABRAMHAM LINCOLN never joined a church, yet he privately professed to be a Christian. Contrary to the position of some professing Christians, he based his spiritual standing on his personal relationship to Christ, rather than on such things as charity, good conduct, or church attendance.

The great emancipator, born 160 years ago this month, had some misgivings about churches and clergymen. When he debated Stephen A. Douglas in 1858 on the issue of human slavery, there were many church members and clergymen in Illinois who refused to side with him. A close friend of his recorded a conversation he had with Lincoln on the matter. Newton Bateman, Illinois superintendent of public instruction, said his conversation with the Senatorial candidate took place in the State House at Springfield.

Taking a New Testament from his pocket, Lincoln said, "Mr. Bateman, these men well know that I am for freedom everywhere, as free as the Constitution and the law will permit, and that my opponents are for slavery. They know this; and yet with this Book in their hands, in the light of which human bondage cannot live for a moment, they are going to vote against me. I do not understand it."

Bateman said that Lincoln paused for a long minute, his features charged with emotion. He arose and walked up and down the room. Tears filled his eyes. With a trembling voice, he continued, "I know there is a God and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm com-

ing and I know that His hand is in it. If He has a place for me, I believe I am ready. I am nothing, but truth is everything. I know I am right because I know liberty is right, for Christ teaches it, and Christ is God. I have told them that a house divided against itself cannot stand; and Christ and reason say the same and they will find it so.

"Douglas does not care whether slavery is voted up or down, but God cares and humanity cares and I care. With God's help I shall not fail. I may not see the end, but it will come, and I shall be vindicated; and these men will find that they have not read their Bibles aright."

In his early days Lincoln reportedly held skeptical views concerning Christianity. But after he became president his heart was changed and, according to friends who knew him well, he came to believe in Christ as his personal Saviour.

His impeccable character won him the name "Honest Abe." His courtesy and compassion are well known. He loved the Bible, which he called "God's best gift to man," and quoted from it freely in public speeches. And yet, for many years he knew he was not a Christian.

He had great faith in the power of prayer. He confided to friends that after moving into the White House he continued his habit of praying every day. During the dark days of his administration he proclaimed days of fasting and prayer for divine intervention to save America.

"I have been driven many times to my knees," he said, "by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." But a man may believe in prayer without being a Christian.

Though he never joined a church, he attended Presbyterian services regularly while living in Springfield and continued to do so after moving to Washington. He had a growing appreciation for the church. In fact, Edginton's history of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington discloses that Lincoln planned to become a member of the church on Easter and was assassinated four days before that Sunday.

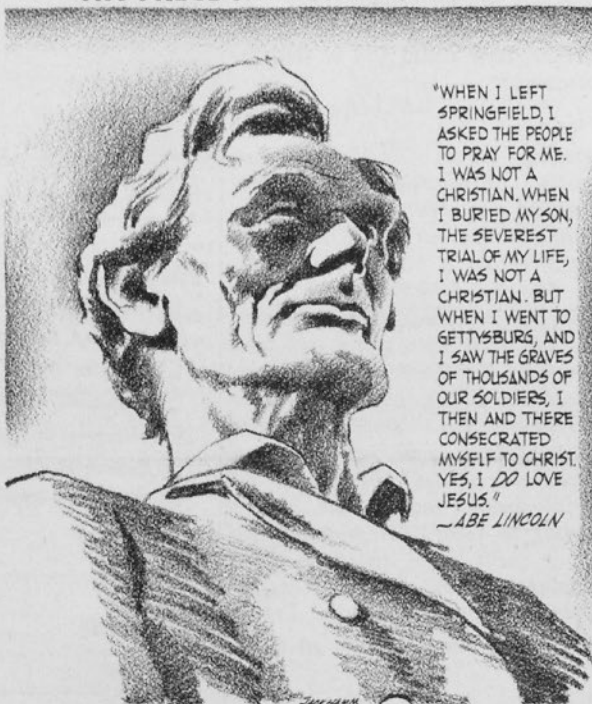
But a man may attend church regularly—may even be a member—and not be a true Christian.

Historians are divided over the question of whether Lincoln was a Christian or not. They cannot find any public confession to this effect, either in his writings or in the records of his public speeches. But numerous friends of Lincoln have testified that as he matured he definitely embraced the Christian faith. Noah Brooks, for one, said President Lincoln had "a hope of blessed immortality through Jesus Christ," a fact made clear in private conversations he had with him.

His pastor, Dr. Phineas D. Gurley, also said he had frequent private conversations with the President in which the subjects of the Bible and Christian faith were discussed. "I considered him sound, not only on the truth of the Christian religion, but on all its fundamental doctrines," the pastor said. "And more than that, in the latter days of his chastened and weary life, after the death of his son Willie and his visit to the battlefield of Gettysburg, he said, with tears in his eyes, that he had lost confidence in everything but God, and that he now believed his heart was changed, and that he loved the Saviour."

A Christian is one who knows Christ as personal Saviour and who trusts in Him alone for cleansing from sin and for the gift of eternal life. Are *you* a Christian?

HIS FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE



The quotation in Jack Hamm's cartoon is in "The Lincoln Memorial: Album-Immortelles," p. 336. Collected and edited by Osborn H. Oldroyd. (G. W. Carleton & Co., New York, 1883.)