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TO HEAL



IF A NEED IS PRESENT  
AND FAITH IS PRESENT,  
THE MIRACLE-WORKING POWER  
OF THE LORD IS PRESENT TOO—  
EVEN TODAY.

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**A** MOST UNUSUAL STATEMENT concerning physical healing is found in Luke 5:17. Christ had just returned from a place of solitude in the wilderness where He had sought His Heavenly Father in prayer. "And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them."

The power of the Lord was present to heal! This statement intimates that the power of God to heal is more evident at some particular times than at others. We may be sure there are reasons for this. God's power is always present in proportion to the need. However, not only must the need be present but the needy must desire to receive healing.

Another indispensable factor is that faith must be present to appropriate the power of God to meet the physical need.

In the area where Christ was ministering at this time was a man with a desperate need. He was totally incapacitated by advanced palsy. Being bedfast and helpless, he could not possibly make his way to the house where Jesus was teaching.

Fortunately, the man had four friends; and these friends believed in the power of Jesus Christ to heal the most hopeless case. They decided to carry him to Jesus.

But the house was packed with people. It was impossible to press their way through the multitude that was thronging the Master. However, real faith is undeterred by anything, even stone walls and tile roofs. If they could not enter the door, they would enter through the roof! "And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus" (Luke 5:19).

Extraordinary needs require extraordinary means! Some might question the propriety of such an approach to

the Lord. Actually it does not matter so much how one finds an audience with the Lord; the important thing is to get into His presence!

The hand of faith has yet to knock in vain at the door of heaven. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto him, "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee" (Luke 5:20).

We would have expected Jesus to declare the man healed; but instead He said, "Thy sins are forgiven thee."

The religious leaders were shocked! "Who is this which speaketh blasphemies?" they demanded. "Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" There is always the danger of seeing blasphemy when we should see divinity.

"Whether is easier," asked Jesus, "to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?" Jesus always put first things first. Sin must first be mastered; healing will follow quite easily.

We must always keep our values straight. God often crosses a man's wants in order to meet his real needs. Many would wish to be healed of physical infirmities but they desire no spiritual responsibilities or discipleship. Despite all our modern-day medical advances, sickness still grips the human race; and many would like a miracle-working Christ to touch them and make them whole; but, at the same time, they would prefer to ignore the sin question in their lives.


The soul is more important than the body. It is possible to enter the kingdom of God lame, halt, and blind; but no man can enter with sin in his heart. That is why the apostle James, in his instructions to all who are sick, admonished them, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed . . ." (James 5:16).

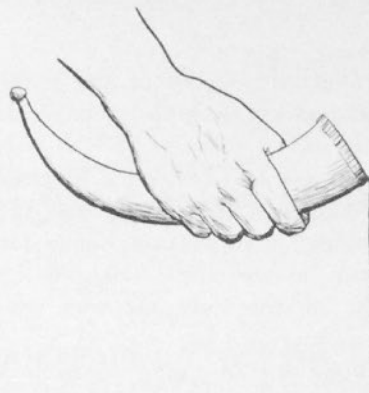
Addressing the palsied man, the Lord commanded, "Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." There was no hesitancy on the part of the sick man; he did not advance reasons as to why he could not comply. Rather, we read these words, "And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God" (Luke 5:25).

All the onlookers were amazed and filled with fear. They cried out, "We have seen strange things today!" And they had! They had seen the hidden thoughts of their hearts exposed. They had seen sins forgiven and the sinner justified. They had seen a heart renewed by grace. They had seen a hopeless cripple healed.

They had seen despair turned into delight. They had seen redemption in action. They had witnessed omnipotence at work. They had seen the Cross triumphing over the powers of Satan. They had seen evil principalities and powers spoiled. They had seen the power of death loose its hold. They had seen faith rewarded and obedience vindicated.

Faith in God still witnesses "strange things." The power of God is still present in this world. Jesus is still "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). There is still power present in this world to cleanse the leper, heal the lame, forgive the sinner, and deliver the oppressed.

Have you put first things first in your life? Have you settled the sin question? God is as big as you can believe Him to be. Whatever healing you need—be it physical or spiritual—the power of the Lord is present to heal you. Believe it! Receive it today! 



## WILL YOU BE AN OIL POURER?

By Evangelist ZELMA ARGUE

**F**ORTY YEARS AGO THE OIL—in one sense—flowed more freely than it does today.

All our ministers were likely to be carrying a small vial of oil in a vest pocket in order to be ready when anyone called or came with a need. Once the need was confessed, out came the bottle of oil; the supplicant was anointed, a prayer of faith offered, and everyone was happy. One of our cardinal foundations of faith and practice had been carried out according to James 5:14; "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

In fact, among our faith-rousing choruses was one with various versions, sung to the tune of, "Love Lifted Me." One of the verses would be, "John Three Sixteen, John Three Sixteen. When nothing else could help, John Three Sixteen." Another was "Acts Two and Four", then we could not omit "James Five Fourteen"! Anointing with oil was certainly taken literally.

In addition to pouring oil in that sense, there is a spiritual side to being an oil pourer.

"Take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him" (Exodus 29:7). This was literal oil, and Moses was to pour it upon the head of his brother Aaron and anoint him for the priesthood. But Moses' own life had been anointed with an unseen symbolic oil from his infancy.

His mother Jochebed and sister Miriam had poured upon him the oil of faith and prayer. Now he was to pass his blessings on to untold multitudes of others through Aaron.

An early camp meeting chorus went:

*"Oil in my vessel, and oil in my lamp;  
Filled with the Spirit,  
Sealed with His stamp.  
Jesus may come before another camp.  
Oil is what I need!"*

It was easy in those days to spot the ones who had an extra supply of spiritual oil. They had a "running over" abundance and were always sought out on the camp-grounds to pour out of their spiritual oil. So the oil flowed freely. Today we also need oil pourers—those with such an abundant supply of spiritual oil that it will overflow and anoint others.

The Bible records many instances of oil pourers. Samuel was one. He found David and poured oil upon his head. Through the anointed psalms of David the oil flows on to bless us today.

Samuel's mother Hannah was also an oil pourer. In the boy's early years his prayerful mother had poured

on him the spiritual oil of prayer and obedience and trust. Hannah's outpourings still live as an example to parents. So the oil flowed on.

When Ananias, a certain disciple at Damascus, listened attentively to the Lord, he was instructed to go into the street called Straight and inquire in a certain house for one called Saul of Tarsus, for he was told, "Behold, he prayeth." The recipient-to-be of the holy oil was preparing for it.

Overcoming his logical objections of going to such a man, Ananias obeyed the Lord. He entered the house and, putting his hands on this Jew from Tarsus, said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:17).

So this otherwise undistinguished disciple became an oil pourer to the one whom all ages would know as the great apostle Paul. The holy oil of Paul's mighty epistles continues to be poured upon us all. So the oil flows on.

How wonderful that we also are privileged to carry the oil of the Holy Spirit's anointing with us. As we prayerfully go to God's house, purposing in our hearts to keep the unity of the Spirit, we can be instruments in bringing the holy anointing of the Spirit upon the ministering servants of God. If our eyes are centered upon the Lord, others will center upon Him also. The precious anointing will flow down over the one bringing the Word of life, and the Lord will pour out His blessings.

More than once, praying friends helped a servant of God have the oil of the Holy Spirit on his ministry. Two godly women set themselves to pray for the anointing of the Spirit upon D. L. Moody.

Catherine Booth, rich in wisdom and spiritual power, prayed the anointing oil upon her husband's rugged ministry. Susanna Wesley's prayers brought holy power into the ministry of her two sons. Barnabas' well-anointed help oiled the difficult places many times for the newly commissioned Saul.

Tend your supply of oil. Jealously guard it so that it does not run low. Then pour it out freely. Pour some oil upon your pastor. Pour some oil upon your evangelist. Pour some oil upon visiting missionaries. These ministers give out so constantly, so freely. As you pour oil on them, the oil will flow on and on.

Tend your resources of oil by contemplating God's bounty and faithfulness. Meditate upon Him and His Word. Meditate on His mighty works. The Psalmist wrote, "I will meditate also of all thy work" (Psalm 77:12). "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all" (1 Timothy 4:15).

As you meditate on Him, your oil will constantly be replenished and will flow and flow. You will have oil to pour on others

—your Sunday school class, your women's group, your men's group, your youth group. Tend your own oil supply and you will always have some to pass on to others.

Be a Hannah, or an Ananias, or a Jochebed with a cherished pot of oil. You may pour some on a chosen vessel who will pass the oil on to future generations.

Be an oil pourer!



## THE \$6,000 PRAYER

ONE OF THE GREATEST PERSONAL EVANGELISM programs ever known was D. L. Moody's 1893 World's Fair Campaign in Chicago.

While 27,000,000 people flocked to the six-month fair on the far south side, nearly 2,000,000 were reached with the gospel in some 80 churches, tents, theaters, missions, and halls all over Chicago. Foreign-language services and other special features were held to attract visitors.

Headquarters for this great operation was the old 153 Building at the Bible Institute of the Chicago Evangelization Society (now Moody Bible Institute), which D. L. Moody had founded. There from his second-floor suite Moody directed the far-flung enterprise like a brilliant general planning an extensive military campaign.

One day Moody, Dr. R. A. Torrey (first superintendent of MBI and a great revivalist), and others met around the table in Room 9 to counsel together before the noon meal. Moody said, "I need \$7,000 for the work today. I have already received \$1,000. Let us kneel and ask God to send us that \$6,000."

So in that childlike manner so typical of him, Moody prayed something like this—as recalled later by Dr. Torrey: "Heavenly Father, we need \$6,000 right now to meet our honest obligations. Send us that \$6,000 today."

During the meal and discussion that followed, a telegram arrived at the 153 desk and was delivered to the room. Immediately it was read aloud to the group:

"D. L. MOODY: YOUR FRIENDS AT NORTHFIELD HAD A FEELING YOU NEEDED SOME MONEY FOR YOUR WORK IN CHICAGO. WE HAVE JUST PASSED THE BASKETS AND THERE IS \$6,000 IN THE BASKETS AND MORE TO FOLLOW.—H. M. MOORE, BOSTON."

As the morning session of the Northfield, Mass., summer conference (also founded by Moody) was closing that day, Dr. A. J. Gordon had felt led to ask for that special offering. "And so," Dr. Torrey noted, "a thousand miles away, just a few moments after the prayer had gone up, 3,000 people put into the baskets the exact sum that Mr. Moody had asked for!"

As the Bible says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24). —BERNARD R. DEREMER



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JOHN WROTE TO HIS FRIEND GAIVUS, saying, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2). If our friends wish good health for us, can our Heavenly Father wish us anything less?

There are many Scripture promises indicating that God wants His people to be well. If we are well, the Lord can keep us well; and if we are sick, the Lord can heal us. "I am the Lord that healeth thee," He said (Exodus 15:26). It is not "faith healing" but "divine healing." There is a difference. When people speak of "faith healing" they put the emphasis on the one who exercises faith; but when we talk about "divine healing" we are emphasizing the Faithful One who heals—the Lord Himself. To Him be the glory for all His healing mercies.

If God has blessed you with good health, you should thank Him for it and do all you can to preserve it for His glory. Here are some simple rules that will help.

1. *Obey the laws of health.* There are natural laws you cannot break without suffering a penalty. Proper food, pure air, sunshine, exercise, and sleep are basic requirements of the human body. Give reasonable attention to these and you will seldom be sick.

2. *Avoid strain and extreme fatigue.* Modern life sets a rapid pace. Strain and fatigue are causing heart failures and nervous breakdowns. Sometimes the cause is overwork. Sometimes it is worry. In either case it is displeasing to the Lord. If you will quit when you are tired, and pray when you are worried—and if you will set aside one day of the week to rest and worship—God will keep you well.

3. *Maintain a good conscience.* This is essential. You harm yourself when you sin. A guilty conscience will react upon the body and disturb its natural functions, producing disorders and even disease.

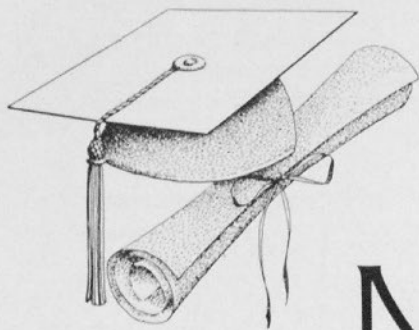
4. *Keep happy in the Lord.* The Bible says, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). A morbid disposition feeds physical breakdowns, whereas the singing of "psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs" fosters health.

5. *Have a sanctified tongue.* You can't afford to poison yourself by giving way to a bad temper. Malice is destructive. An eminent physician said, "There are diseases that originate from anger and anxiety that no medicine known to man can cure."

6. *Let brotherly love continue.* Love is a divine force emanating from God and bringing life and strength to everyone who lets it in. Be kind to all, tenderhearted, forgiving anyone who may have hurt you. Avoid self-pity. Think of other people's troubles and your own will vanish. Have an open heart and an open purse.

A generous, unselfish, outgoing attitude will contribute immeasurably to your physical health. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Proverbs 11:25). The reference here is not to obesity but to abounding in good things, one of which is health.

7. *Dwell in the secret place with God.* Live in the 91st Psalm. The promise is, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Under His wings you will be protected against every attack of the enemy. Here you will commune with your Lord and feed upon His Word. Here you will drink His life-giving Spirit and lay claim to the protection of the precious Blood. What a wonderful place to abide! And not only will your life be protected—it will also be prolonged, for God says, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation."



# NOT YOUR OWN...

By DOROTHY JOHNS

**I**F YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN at this time of your graduation from high school, it means you accepted Christ in early or late childhood. One of the things you learned as a Christian child or teen-ager is the emphasis the Bible places on obedience to parents. This has been a very important lesson during your time of dependence on adults.

In your growing-up years your economic needs have been met by adults. Most day-to-day decisions have been made for you. You have depended upon parents, teachers, relatives, and friends for your life-direction.

Now all these relationships will change. As you assume your place in the adult world, you will be faced with the necessity of finding resources for discipline, decision-making, and formation of life-patterns *within yourself* rather than from without.

At this transitional time, your relationship to Jesus Christ must deepen and grow stronger. You will begin to see that God's plan insisted on obedience to parents in order to prepare you for an adult life of obedience to God. This resource which you must find within yourself can only come from a close personal relationship with Christ, and this relationship begins with complete dedication of your life to Him. You need to settle questions like these:

*How much do I owe God? Isn't a tenth all God expects?*

*Can't I have a life of my own?*

*How can a person know the will of God for his life?*

If questions like these make you uneasy, maybe your spiritual life needs an overhaul. Perhaps you are afraid to yield yourself completely to God because you fear He will ask you to do something you do not want to do. This is a groundless fear.

God has a plan for every life. His plan may be more flexible than we sometimes think. Romans 8:28 indicates that as we love God and follow His purposes, He works in every circumstance we meet, bringing about good for us. In addition, we have the assurance that as we live in obedience to God, He plans the steps we take (Psalm 37:23).

Do not be afraid to yield yourself completely to God. It is the only road to real success and contentment. Jesus Christ is a Guide and Friend who can help you find a life of joy and satisfaction. He is anxious to unfold His plan for you, but you must want it.

Let's look at the questions:

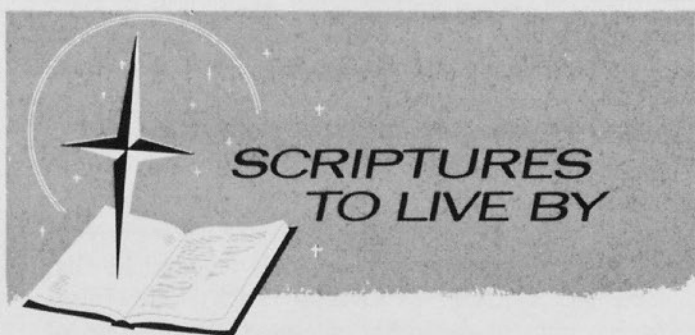
## HOW MUCH DO I OWE GOD? ISN'T A TENTH ALL GOD EXPECTS?

It is true the Bible mentions a tenth of a person's wealth as rightfully belonging to God. In a deeper sense, however, we owe God *everything*. Romans 12:1 tells us it is reasonable for God to expect us to present our physical bodies to Him (including the thoughts we think in these bodies), because that is the only way the will of God can possibly be worked out in our lives. God simply cannot work out His holy will in a person who is living for the devil!

You owe your talents and abilities to God; they have been given to you by Him for a purpose. Consider the Parable of the Talents Jesus told in Matthew 25:14. He illustrated the point that though not everyone has been given the same amount of talent or ability, it is the duty of every Christian to appreciate what he is given, to understand God will hold him responsible for the use of it, and to make the most of it.

Sometimes we have abilities of which we are unaware. Sometimes God gives people opportunities which reveal hidden talents. Generally, the Lord leads people into opportunities which coincide with their abilities.

As a high school graduate, you should consider the pos-



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**DAILY READINGS FOR MAY 19-25**

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"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

sibility of full-time Christian service. You should offer yourself to God and be willing to train for such service if God so directs you. You should also realize that if God leads you into another vocation, you can still have a lively Christian witness.

#### CAN'T I HAVE A LIFE OF MY OWN?

No true believer could ever want a life of his own, a life apart from God. Such a life would not last long anyway, for apart from God there is no true life. Biological life—such as plants, animals, and unsaved people have—is quite temporary. It ends when biological functions cease. True life continues forever and is found only in a direct and constant relationship to Jesus Christ.

Christ is not a creed that one recites on Sunday, but a living Personality who comes to dwell within the individual. It is His presence and power that make all our activity meaningful. Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Read the 14th and 15th chapters of John's Gospel. As you do, sense the yearning of Jesus for your intimate friendship! He longs to be your closest companion. Yield your entire being completely to His control. "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

#### HOW CAN A PERSON KNOW THE WILL OF GOD FOR HIS LIFE?

By first yielding to God, and then learning to ask these important questions when facing a decision:

1. *Do I truly want God's will above all else?* If you can truthfully answer yes to this question, you can rest assured the Lord is now working in your behalf. He will make His way known to you. He will close some doors and open others to keep you from making wrong choices, and He will give you inner guidance to help you know the right thing to do. No opportunity would be in the will of God if it were not in line with the Word of God.

2. *What are the opportunities which seem to be open to me?* When one is seeking the will of God, it is sometimes necessary to inquire, to collect information, to seriously consider advantages and disadvantages. Often during our times of serious, quiet, prayerful thinking about a problem the Lord can impress us with His thoughts.

Almost every vocation, including full-time Christian service, requires a period of training, and often there are serious decisions to be made concerning this. It is important to have a goal in mind before training starts. Time, money, and skill are wasted if an individual trains for one vocation and later decides to enter another.


The Assemblies of God recognizes the importance of training and has established fine schools which provide Bible-centered education in many areas.

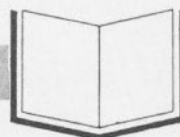
3. *Are there any (no matter how small) inner promptings that I feel concerning the decision to be made?* God has ordained that our walk on this earth is by faith rather than by sight. While we occasionally hear of a person being directed by an audible voice, this is not the normal guidance we can expect. Our basic direction must come

from the Word of God, and no "feeling" contrary to that Word is ever from God.

The Holy Spirit, however, does use "feelings" or inner promptings to direct His people. If a certain course of action is wrong for some reason unknown to us, we may have uncomfortable, negative feelings about it. It is usually wise to pay attention to these feelings—if one is pretty sure they are not from eating too much pie for dessert! A dedicated Christian can soon learn to know the difference!

Usually when we are on the right track in following the leading of the Holy Spirit, we have a comfortable, "right" feeling about it. If we are specific in asking the Lord to open opportunities He would have us enter and to close those He would not wish us to enter, we can have confidence He will not lead us astray.

Our God is really there, you know! Give Him all you have, and He will help you "glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 



## MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

# UNFAILING MERCY AND ABUNDANT PARDON

By D. V. HURST

*"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7)*

**T**HIS VERSE HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO ME, perhaps because I learned it early in life. I don't recall when or where; but it seems I've always known it. When asked to quote a verse in youth services, this is the one that always came to my mind.

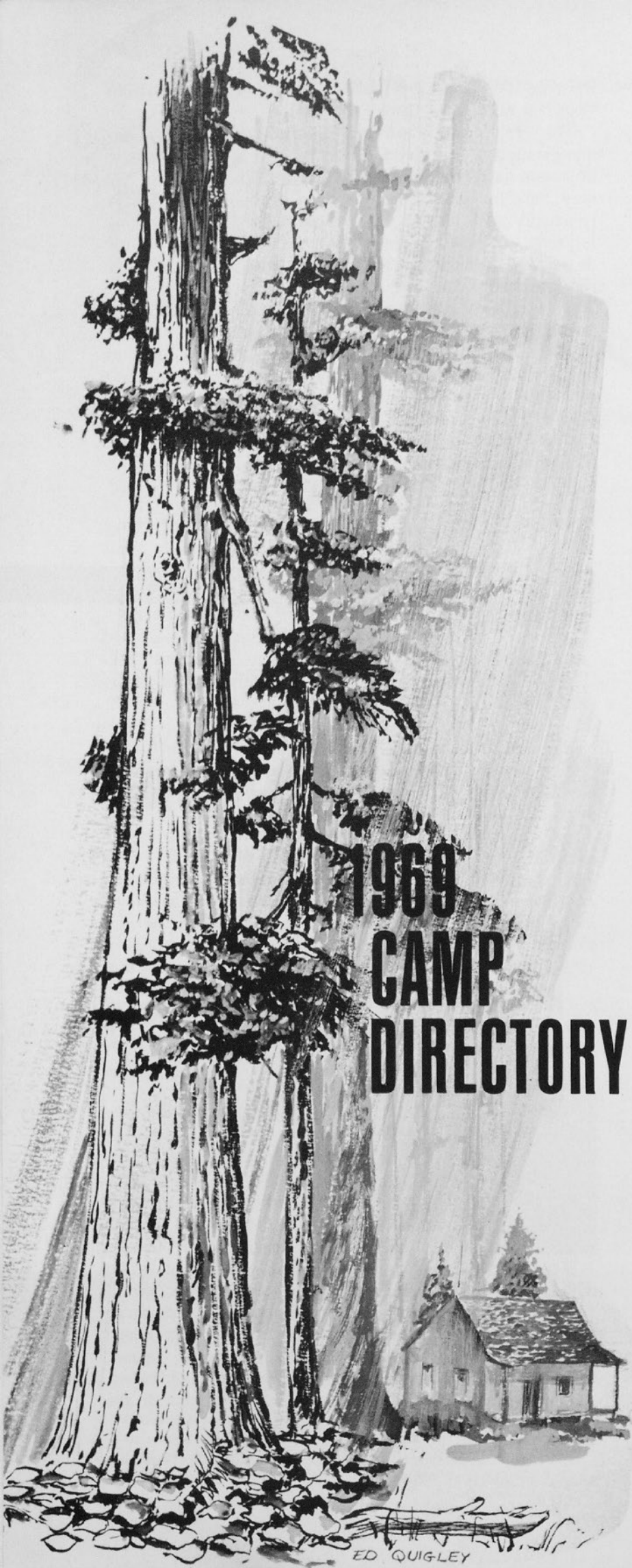


The constancy of divine mercy and God's abundant or multiplied pardon have therefore been a bulwark in my life. I always knew there need never be a sense of guilt or shame, for God would always show mercy, forgive, and pardon!

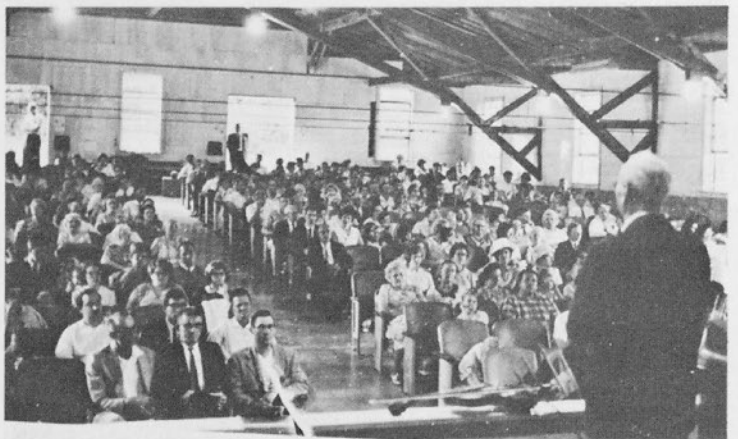
Now that I minister and share the word of salvation with others, I find great strength in knowing this "first" truth of redemption by rich experience. The assurance that no one is too far away from God, no one has sinned too much, no one is too vile for God to forgive and cleanse, makes giving the invitation for salvation a great blessing.

Oh, that God would revive within every church the joy of sharing His mercy and pardon!

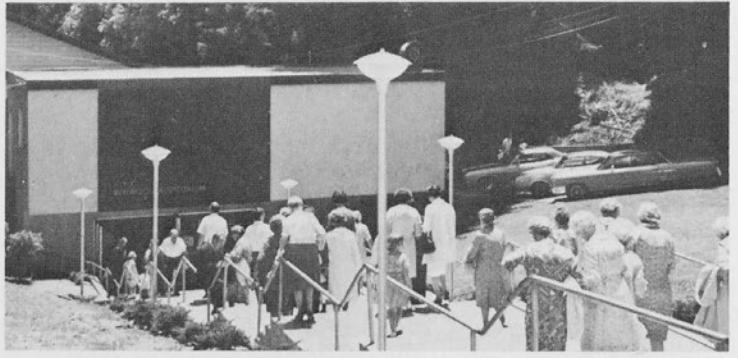
D. V. Hurst is president of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Washington.



# 1969 CAMP DIRECTORY



Camp meetings from New York to California are held in various facilities, but the Pentecostal blessings are the same. Two photos at top show views of Camp Mountainview near Sherburne, N. Y. The lower photos are of Bethany Park, Santa Cruz, Calif., in the redwood country.





ALASKA DISTRICT

**Family Camp and Servicemen's Retreat**  
Little Beaver Lake (15 miles west of Wasilla)  
July 3-6; July 12, 13  
Speaker to be announced  
For accommodations write to Robert E. Cousart, Box 306, Valdez, Alaska 99686

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

**Tri-State Camp**  
Mabe, Va.  
July 25-August 1  
James D. Brown, speaker  
For accommodations write to Jack M. Camley, P. O. Box 512, St. Paul, Va. 24283

ARIZONA DISTRICT

**District Camp**  
Prescott, Ariz. (1840 Iron Springs Rd.)  
July 25-August 3  
L. H. Hauff and O. Cope Budge, speakers  
For accommodations write to District Council, 2009 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85006

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

**Ozark-Lithia Camp**  
Hot Springs, Ark. (north on State Route 7)  
June 16-20  
Edgar Bethany, speaker  
For accommodations write to P. O. Box 2580, Little Rock, Ark. 72203

EASTERN DISTRICT

**Living Waters Camp**  
Cherry Tree, Pa.  
June 28-July 13  
Kroeze Brothers, speakers  
For accommodations write to Frank Yarnall, Box 12, Cherry Tree, Pa. 15724

**Maranatha Camp**  
Green Lane, Pa. (Maranatha Park)  
July 19-August 3  
Jack West, speaker  
For accommodations write to Mrs. John Tucker, Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa. 18054

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

**Lake Williamson Family Camp**  
Carlinville, Ill. (4 miles south)  
June 27-July 6  
G. W. Minton, morning speaker; Colman McDuff, afternoon speaker; C. C. Burnett, evening speaker  
For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 323, Carlinville, Ill. 62626

INDIANA DISTRICT

**Lake Placid Bible Camp**  
Hartford City, Ind. (Route 4)  
June 24-July 4  
James Eastman and John McDuff, speakers  
For accommodations write to Indiana District Office, 6065 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46208

IOWA DISTRICT

**Storm Lake Bible Camp**  
Storm Lake, Iowa  
June 27-July 6  
Obie L. Harrup Sr. and Howard Cummings, speakers  
For accommodations write to Stanton E. Johnson, 4512 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50310

KANSAS DISTRICT

**Woodston Family Camp**  
Woodston, Kans. (3 miles east on Highway 24)  
July 28-August 3  
Charles Duncombe and Joe Johnson, speakers

**Wheat State Family Camp**  
Augusta, Kans. (4 miles west and 1½ miles north, Santa Fe Lake Road; 15 miles east of Wichita, Highway 54, then north)  
June 23-29  
Cyril Homer and Harold Davis, speakers  
For accommodations for both camps write to District Office, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans. 67211

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

**Camp Crestwood**  
Crestwood, Ky., on Clore Lane (1 mile west on state Route 22—10 miles east of Louisville)  
July 2-10  
Donald Brankel, speaker  
For accommodations write to Carl E. Schmidt, 546 Mulberry St., Hartford, Ky. 42347

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

**Fa-Ho-Lo Park**  
Grass Lake, Mich. (10 miles east of Jackson)  
June 24-July 6  
Wesley Hurst and Paul Olson, speakers  
For accommodations write to Michigan District, 6053 Chase Road, Dearborn, Mich. 48126

**Lost Valley Camp**  
Gaylord, Mich. (8 miles west)  
July 13-27  
John Wilkerson, speaker  
For accommodations write to Truman Lowell, 164 N. Ripley Blvd., Alpena, Mich. 49707

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

**Lake Geneva Bible Camp**  
Alexandria, Minn. (1½ miles northeast)  
June 27-July 6  
Hardy Steinberg and Thomas F. Zimmerman, speakers  
For accommodations write to District Office, 820 E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

**Family Camp**  
Hurley, Miss. (Assembly of God Camp-ground)  
July 28-August 1  
T. E. Gannon, speaker  
For accommodations write to J. F. Patton Jr., P. O. Box 6568, Jackson, Miss. 39212

MONTANA DISTRICT

**Glacier Bible Camp**  
Hungry Horse, Mont.  
July 10-20  
Morning speaker to be announced; evening speaker, Richard Orchard  
For accommodations write to Carroll Peterson, Hungry Horse, Mont. 59919

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

**District Camp**  
Lexington, Nebr.  
August 1-10  
Klaude Kendrick and Wesley R. Hurst, speakers  
For accommodations write to District Office, 1503 W. 2nd, Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

**Family Camp**  
Mountainair, N. Mex. (District Camp-grounds—Highway 60, west edge of town)  
July 14-20  
C. M. Ward, speaker  
For accommodations write to District Office, 222 Alvarado Dr. N. E., Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87108

NEW YORK DISTRICT

**Camp Mountainview**  
Sherburne, N. Y. (Route 12B, one mile north)  
July 19-August 3  
George Holmes and Paul Olson, speakers  
For accommodations write to Mrs. Charles Flach, Registrar, Mountainview Camp, Sherburne, N. Y. 13460

**Camp Lakeview**  
On Lake Ontario at end of Route 272  
June 28-July 13  
George Holmes and Marvin Schmidt, speakers  
For accommodations write to Mrs. Pauline Moon, Registrar, County Line Road, Kendall, N. Y. 14476

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

**Eastern Camp**  
Windsor, N. C.  
June 17-29  
Paul Davidson and Hansel Vibbert, speakers  
For accommodations write to Carroll Daniels, P. O. Box 161, Colerain, N. C. 27924

**Western Camp**  
Franklin, N. C.  
July 1-13  
Arthur Graves and U. S. Grant, speakers  
For accommodations write to Fred Sorrells, Route 5, Franklin, N. C. 28734

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

**Lakewood Park Bible Camp**  
Devils Lake, N. Dak. (5 miles southwest)  
June 27-July 6  
Loyal Miller and Roy Wead, morning speakers; Lowell Lundstrom Team, evening speakers  
For accommodations write to Raymond Loven, Box 896, Bismarck, N. Dak. 58501

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

**District Family Camp**  
Bedford, Tex. (Bedford Ranch)  
July 21-26  
Speakers to be announced  
For accommodations write to Jake Tucker, P. O. Box 158, Bedford, Tex. 76021

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

**Bethany Park**  
Santa Cruz, Calif. (800 Bethany Drive)  
June 27-July 6  
Harry J. Steil and Eddie Washington, speakers  
For accommodations write to Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060

**Mt. Lassen Camp**  
Mineral, Calif. (40 miles east of Red Bluff, Calif., on Highway 40)  
June 27-July 6  
L. R. Keys and Herbert H. Davis, speakers  
For accommodations write to Kenneth D. Bird, P. O. Box 217, Live Oak, Calif. 95953

Camp meeting is in the Pentecostal tradition. You and your family will be blessed by attending one of these Assemblies of God camps. Your spiritual life may be revolutionized by the prayer meetings, Bible studies, and Christian fellowship you'll find at a Pentecostal camp meeting. Write to the camp nearest you for further information and for reservations.

*NORTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT*

**District Camp (Lake Maurer)**

Excelsior Springs, Mo. (Lake Maurer Road)

July 31-August 10

Kermit Reneau and Hal C. Noah, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, P. O. Box 6, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 64024

*NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT*

**Long Lake Bible Camp**

Naples, Me.

July 4-13

Morris Plotts, speaker

For accommodations write to Camp Registrar, 283 Main St., Sanford, Me. 04073

*NORTHWEST DISTRICT*

**Singing Hills Ranch**

Ellensburg, Wash.

July 10-20

Joe Johnson, speaker

For accommodations write to Frank N. McAllister, P. O. Box B, Kirkland, Wash. 98033

**Cedar Springs Bible Camp**

Near Granite Falls, Wash.

July 10-20

Leland Keys, speaker

For accommodations write to Eugene Born, 5024 Dogwood Ave., Everett, Wash. 98201

**Silver Lake Camp**

Medical Lake, Wash. (near Spokane)

July 5-13

Wesley Morton, speaker

For accommodations write to Martin Haack, P. O. Box 044, Spokane, Wash. 99214



Scene during the missionary service at the Southern New England camp.



When crowds became too large for the tabernacle at the North Texas District Camp in Bedford, Tex., they moved out to the football field under the lights.

**Fruitland Bible Camp**

Fruitland, Wash.

June 20-July 4

Joe Johnson, speaker

For accommodations write to Lawrence D. Randall, P. O. Box 6, Kahlotus, Wash. 99335

*OHIO DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Big Prairie, Ohio

June 29-July 6

Robert Ashcroft and Jimmy Swaggart, speakers

For accommodations write to District Council, 3377 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43204

*OKLAHOMA DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Oklahoma City, Okla. (District Auditorium, 8108 N. Kelley)

July 7-13

Thomas F. Harrison and Marvin Schmidt, speakers

For accommodations write to Robert E. Goggin, P. O. Box 14466, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114

*OREGON DISTRICT*

**Bethel Park**

Brooks, Oreg.

June 23-July 6

Willard Cantelon, speaker

For accommodations write to Lester C. Young, P. O. Box 9038, Salem, Oreg. 97305

*POTOMAC DISTRICT*

**Potomac Park Camp**

Falling Waters, W. Va.

July 12-August 3

Morning speaker to be announced; J. B. Oaks, evening speaker

For accommodations write to G. R. Thomas, P. O. Box 144, Gerrardstown, W. Va. 25420

*ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Littleton, Colo. (District Headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway)

August 5-14

Hardy W. Steinberg, Bible teacher; John W. Everett, evangelist

For accommodations write to William W. Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo. 80120

**Utah State Camp**

Ogden, Utah (1390 Canyon Road)

June 24-July 2

William L. Stephens, speaker

For accommodations write to Peter Pilot, Presbyterian, 1209 E. Parkway, Salt Lake City, Utah 84016

**Western Slope Sectional Camp**

Cedaredge, Colo. (3 miles north on State Highway Route 65)

July 21-30

Thomas F. Lance, speaker

For accommodations write to Donald I. Farmer, Presbyterian, 150 Eaton St., Delta, Colo. 81416

## CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

By **JERRY STROUP** / *Child Evangelism Coordinator*

**L**AST SUMMER teen-agers and younger boys and girls attended more than 147 Assemblies of God camps. Statistics compiled by the Christ's Ambassadors Department reveal that in CA camps 1,531 were saved and 1,779 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Boys and girls camps reported 14,222 enrolled, of whom 2,714 were saved and 2,921 were filled with the Holy Spirit while camping.

As boys and girls come to camp for the first time, they often are wide-eyed at what they see. Perhaps they thought camp would be roughing it—sleeping on the ground, cooking their own meals, or doing whatever they liked. Although they soon learn camp is not sleeping on the ground

or cooking a meal over a campfire, they find each day is full of planned activities.

Camp is designed to meet every need—physical, mental, social, and spiritual—of a boy, girl, or teen-ager.

The Assemblies of God Youth Camp Commission sets forth these objectives for boys and girls and youth camps:

1. To provide learning opportunities which will lead the camper to the experience of accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord.
2. To promote the growth of Christian character; encourage Christian living and Christian service.
3. To give instruction concerning the Spirit-filled life and provide opportunities for prayer.
4. To present Bible-centered, life-related lessons.
5. To provide an opportunity to live in the out-of-doors, gain new knowledge of its resources, and develop skills in using these resources.
6. To enable campers to have a wholesome happy time.

*SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT*

**District Family Camp**

Rapid City, S. Dak. (Cedar Canyon Camp)

June 30-July 6

Richard Orchard and James Anderson, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 721 W. Havens, Mitchell, S. Dak. 57301

*SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT*

**Camp Pearl Wheat**

Kerrville, Tex. (Harper Star Route)

August 4-13

A. A. Wilson and Jimmy Swaggart, speakers

For accommodations write to W. J. Piersol, P. O. Box 9714, Houston, Tex. 77015

*SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT*

**Camp Pinecrest**

Twin Peaks, Calif.

June 26-July 4

Marcus Gaston and James Hamill, speakers  
For accommodations write to Shellie Miller, P. O. Box 157, Twin Peaks, Calif. 92391

*SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Nampa, Idaho (5 miles north on Franklin Road)

June 24-July 4

Bert Webb and A. N. Trotter, speakers  
For accommodations write to Martin Sumner Jr., P. O. Box 309, Nampa, Idaho 83651

*SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Eldon, Mo. (13 miles southwest)

June 24-July 4

H. B. Kelchner and C. M. Ward, speakers  
For accommodations write to District Office, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo. 65802

*SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Charlton, Mass.

June 25-July 6

G. Wilson, J. Barco, W. Daggett, Arne Vick, and Singing Lundsforths, speakers  
For accommodations write to District Office, Box A, Auburn, Mass. 01501

*WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Marianna, Fla. (Tallahassee Hwy.)

July 14-24

James D. Brown and Watson Argue, speakers

For accommodations write to G. H. Blair, P. O. Drawer E, Marianna, Fla. 32446

*WEST TEXAS DISTRICT*

**District Camp**

Lubbock, Tex. (3800 Avenue H)

July 28-August 4

John G. Hall and Jimmy L. Swaggart, speakers

For accommodations write to District Office, 3800 Avenue H, Lubbock, Tex. 79404

*WISCONSIN-N. MICHIGAN DISTRICT*

**Family Weekend Camp**

Lake Nebagamon, Wis. (Assembly Park)

August 1-3

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Charles E. Koeshall, 2211 Hughitt Ave., Superior, Wis. 54880

**Spencer Lake Bible Camp**

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south on County Trunk E)

June 25-July 6

Hal C. Noah and James D. Brown, speakers

For accommodations write to Harley Olson, Box 309, Waupaca, Wis. 54981

*WYOMING DISTRICT*

**Family Camp**

Casper, Wyo. (Mill Spring Campgrounds, located 10 miles south on Casper Mountain)

July 14-20

G. W. Hardcastle Sr., speaker

For accommodations write to H. W. Thiemann, P. O. Box 104, Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001

*GERMAN BRANCH*

**Bethel Park Camp**

Bridgman, Mich. (S. Church St.)

July 3-13

Jacob Heidt and Gerald E. Morgan, speakers

For accommodations write to Arthur Klaus, 4448 N. Richmond, Chicago, Ill. 60625

*ITALIAN BRANCH*

**Pine Grove Camp**

Malaga, N. J.

July 3-August 10

Thomas Grazioso, George Butrin, David Lewis, speakers

For accommodations write to Joseph Priore, 301 Holly, Glassboro, N. J. 08028

*LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH*

**Chama Camp**

Chama, N. Mex.

July 1-6

Speakers to be announced

For accommodations write to Nestor Bazan, 5805 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87110

**OTHER CAMPS**

*FLORIDA*

**Pleasant Grove Camp**

Durant, Fla. (10 miles south of Plant City and 18 miles east of Tampa)

October 9-19

A. A. Wilson and G. W. Hardcastle, speakers

For accommodations write to G. C. Stanaland, P. O. Box 43, Durant, Fla. 33530

*MARYLAND*

**George's Creek Camp**

Lonaconing, Md. (State Rt. 36 at Detmold)

August 3-17

Evangelist and Mrs. Joel R. Palmer, speakers

For accommodations write to W. W. Martin, State Rt. 36 S., Lonaconing, Md. 21539

*OKLAHOMA*

**Poteau Sectional Camp**

Poteau, Okla.

July 29-August 7

Charles Ogden, speaker

For accommodations write to Walter Swain, Box 361, Arkoma, Okla. 74901

*TEXAS*

**Austin Section Camp**

Driftwood, Tex. (12 miles off highway 290 between Austin and Fredericksburg, Tex.)

August 6-14

U. S. Grant, speaker

For accommodations write to W. W. Cothran, Box 7, Georgetown, Tex. 78626

Christian camps have been and are a major event in the lives of thousands of our boys and girls and youth. More time is spent in Bible study, prayer, and worship at a one-week camp than in a whole year at Sunday school. This is consecutive and consistent time, and the impact of these hours can be deep and lasting. Camp offers a priceless opportunity to show that Christ can be in every phase of living.

Some 150 boys and girls and youth camps will be conducted by the districts of the Assemblies of God in 1969. This year the youth camps are following the theme, "Let's Start a Revival"—in keeping with the year's emphasis on revival in the Assemblies of God.

Boys and girls camps will also keep a revival emphasis foremost with their theme, "Camping on the Circle S."

These camps are an important revival factor in our Movement. Boys, girls, and teens grow spiritually during their days at camp—and they bring rich blessings back to

their home churches—blessings which frequently ignite the spark of revival among the entire congregation.

No wonder pastors and parents want their youth to be among the more than 25,000 who attend these summer camps each year.

There may be a boy or girl or teen-ager in your church who cannot afford to go to camp. Perhaps his parents are not Christians and do not see that camp is worthwhile. Why not try the "adoption plan" and pay his way to camp? You'll be glad you did. The camper will always remember you. Camp leaves a lasting mark that he will carry through life.

There are Assemblies of God boys and girls and youth camps throughout the entire United States. For more information, interested persons can contact the national or district Christ's Ambassadors or Sunday School departments. A schedule of camps is included in the June issue of *Advance* magazine.

# YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*How were our fathers "baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea"? And how could they drink of that spiritual rock which was Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:2, 4).*

These are figurative expressions. "Baptized unto Moses" indicates that they made Moses their leader. The miracle of the smitten rock is an illustration to us that, as the rock was smitten to slake their natural thirst, Christ was smitten that we by the Spirit might have our spiritual thirst slaked.

*If the rider on the white horse in Revelation 19:11 is Christ, who is the rider on the white horse in Revelation 6:2? Is it Christ or Antichrist?*

I do not believe the rider on the white horse in Revelation 6:2 is Christ. The Lamb is seen in heaven where He breaks the seal out of which the rider on the white horse comes (Revelation 5 and 6:1).

Some believe this rider sets forth the earlier government of the man of sin, who will make a treaty of peace with the Jews as well as with others. It is when the dragon becomes incarnate in him, after the defeat of Satan in Revelation 12, that his great beast qualities become fully manifest (Revelation 13).

*The Galatians had been turned from Christ to another gospel (Galatians 1:6). What was that gospel?*

They had yielded to the influence of teachers who claimed that redemption could not be received through Christ alone; they said they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses to be saved. This teaching would make salvation depend partly on Christ and partly on human merit.

The question of dependence on obedience to the Law for salvation had been settled when the apostles and elders met in Jerusalem (Acts 15).

Paul would have the Galatians know that even if an angel from heaven preached to them anything other than full redemption through Christ, "let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8).

*Where can I find a Scripture verse that says astrology as a science is false?*

Astronomy is the scientific study of the stars. It is astrology the Bible condemns: "Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee" (Isaiah 47:12, 13).

Let us remember we live in a time of "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." Isaiah 8:20 admonishes, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

*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.*

WHAT'S IT TO ME?  
WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

# A CRY IN THE NIGHT

By HAZEL E. OPHEIM

I HEARD AN AWFUL SOUND from the apartment below ours in the dead of night. A girl's voice moaned over and over: "Help me; Oh, won't somebody please help me?" as she reacted to the LSD "trip" she was on.

She was a university student. Her cry is representative of people in search of reality.

Such cries come to us as the voice of human need in the blackness of our age. Indeed, they come as the voice of God to us to become involved in meeting that need.

The Middle East crisis shouts to us, "Behold, the Lord comes!" It is indeed now "high time to awake out of sleep."

Hear the voice of God calling to personal witnessing. A young man in California recently won a convert at a coffee counter. Some time later he again was successful in a witness over a cup of coffee. And would you believe it—both the men thus reached had stolen church equipment—and each made restitution to the astonished



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churches. Phenomenal! But only microscopic examples of God's ability to transform men and to lead us to human need.

Recently I prayed and watched while a young man kicked the heroin habit. But he needed deliverance that would last, power inside to withstand future temptation. Thank God he found it, or rather found *Him*—the Christ who opens the prison to them that are bound.

And, oh! won't somebody please hear the voice of God for the girls just out of prison! Doesn't any Christian woman care for the souls of such?

There she is, coming out from the grim doors of the correction institute, suitcase in hand, nowhere to go! Must she go back to the streets to get a meal, a not-too-clean bed, a night's shelter? If she succumbs to temptation (and how can she resist without God's help), she may sink lower than before, may again become a drug user. And after her long prison term without drugs, she may simply die as the deadly needle takes effect.

We sing so melodiously, "Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen." *Why don't we put these grand words into practice?*

Don't fool yourself. Things will get progressively worse. There will be more violence, more murders, more drug addiction. *Now* is the time to serve our generation. Hear God's call *now*. Tomorrow will certainly be too late.

Back in the dim past a boy sat up sleepily in the night. Someone was calling his name!

He ran into the next room where an old man slept, startling him into wakefulness with, "Did you call me?" He was bewildered by the answer, "I called not."

But on the third try God got His message through to that boy, and soon "all Israel knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord."

Multiplied years later a man who desperately felt his own unworthiness and the uncleanness of his generation listened with awe as Omnipotence asked, "Whom shall I send?"

A human channel was needed. A broken, emotion-choked Isaiah answered, "Here am I; send me." Another crisis in man's need was met. A volunteer was found.

And what of Ananias? An ordinary layman, his name was called in the night. He answered, "I am here, Lord"; he listened while God gave specifics—Paul's address, Paul's spiritual condition, Paul's future work. Ananias the next morning went against his so-called "better judgment," found the man, prayed with and for him, saw him healed, transformed, consecrated. Because Ananias had wax-free ears, God could get on with the job!

How about you? Have your ears been spiritually syringed lately? Or are you desperately stuffing them with cotton, pretending that if you can't hear the voice in the night, you will have no further responsibility?

God needs you. You cannot meet all the needs of the world, but He wants to send you to those with needs you can meet—those around you who need your help, and His.

Jesus said: "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matthew 21:44). Let us fall on that Rock—Christ Jesus. Let us be completely broken before Him. Let our selfish isolationism be smashed to nothingness! Let our hearts be humble and compassionate as we speak through our tears: "Send me, dear Lord; send *me!*"

# ARE YOU MISSING THE BOAT?

By E. C. LASWELL

**W**HEN MEN FAIL TO GRASP opportunities that come their way, we sometimes say they have "missed the boat." The Bible tells of a time when the whole world, with the exception of one man and his family, "missed the boat" and perished.

Noah and his family were saved because they obeyed God and prepared the ark. No doubt other men derided Noah, but he kept on building and preaching. He warned men of judgment to come, just as God's ministers are warning men today, "Come and be saved or face judgment."

What great opportunities are afforded men and women to accept Christ in these times! The Word of God is constantly preached, but many are still *missing the boat*.

Are you one of these? You may have a good job, a lovely home, a fine car, but an empty heart. You may have earned many of the material blessings of life; but when it comes to the most important thing that can ever happen to you, *are you missing the boat?*

God tells us that the ark was the means of saving Noah and his family from perishing. Today the Lord Jesus is the only means of saving us from everlasting loss. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Although you may have succeeded in obtaining those things which make life pleasant here, what is your hope for the future? There can be no real and lasting satisfaction in the mere possession of things. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," Jesus said.

The people in Noah's day enjoyed prosperity. They engaged in the normal pursuits of life. They ate, drank, married, raised families—but *they missed the boat* because they left God out of their thinking and planning. Are you doing the same thing? They ignored the warnings of God in that ancient time, "until the flood came and took them all away."

Jesus warned of this possibility in the story He told of the wealthy man in Luke 12. In the end, after this man had accumulated his riches, God said, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be?" He had gained riches, but still *he missed the boat*. When *you are* face-to-face with God, how will it be?

The Bible is full of God's invitations to you. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). How can God give such an invitation? Because Christ shed His precious blood as your sacrifice for sin. God says you can trust Him and be saved and kept safe for eternity. Noah was only safe in the ark. You can only be safe in Christ. If you reject Him, you will "miss the boat."

—Courtesy American Tract Society

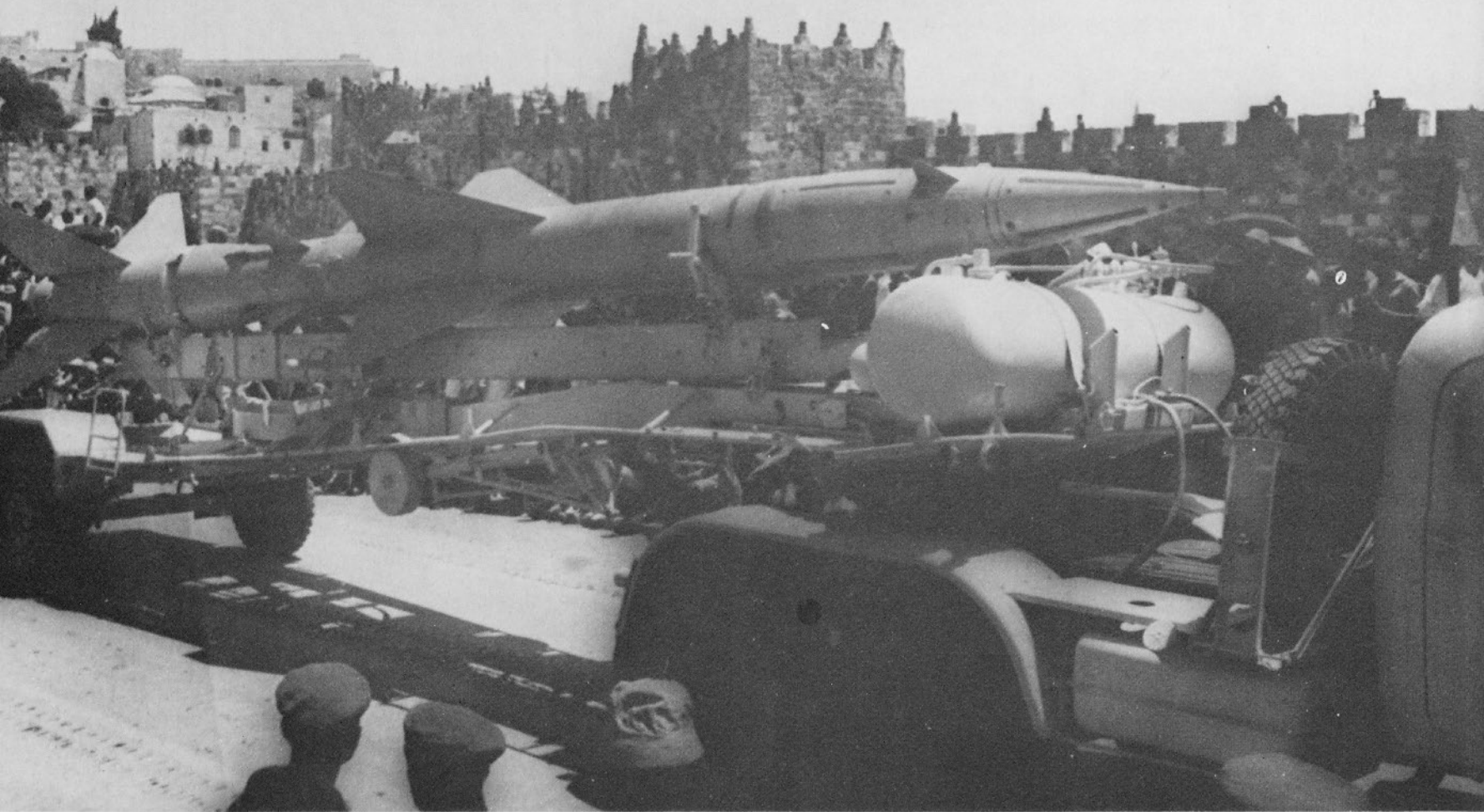


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THE WHOLE EARTH HAS A STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF THIS LIFE-AND-DEATH CONTEST . . .

# ...AND WORLD LEADERS TREMBLE

**W**ATCHING EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST is like watching a chess tournament. The Arabs make a move, Israel reacts with a countermove. Over and over the process repeats.

And the leaders of the world tremble, fearing the consequences of one wrong move. They know the whole earth has a stake in the outcome of this life-and-death contest.

This struggle is the focus of a special eight-page prophetic "newspaper" prepared by *Revivaltime*. Titled, 1969—*Not Many Moves Left*, it features several in-depth articles about the Middle East crisis by radio speaker C. M. Ward.

The following excerpts point up insights offered through the pages of this unique publication.

## HOW SOON THE "CONFESSION"?

"How often can Israel extricate herself as her enemies grow more numerous and more powerful?"

"That is the question that brings you straight to your

Bible. There is a God. And there is an eternal relationship between God and Israel. The one cannot exist without the other. They must come to terms."

## ISRAEL'S DESTINY

"Israel knows full well it cannot afford the Arab luxury of defeat. The United Arab Republic and the other Arab nations have survived several defeats. They can survive more. But Israel, because of its minute size, must always win to continue in existence. Its first defeat probably would be its last. . . .

"Israel has the capability to develop the atom bomb and may have nuclear warheads by 1970. When Israel announces its atomic bomb, it could cause the Soviets to rattle atomic weapons of its fleet in the Middle East, which in turn could bring a United States counter—a dangerous sequence."

## RUSSIA THREATENS TO TURN MEDITERRANEAN INTO RED SEA

"Today in case of Middle East belligerence that might

A Soviet-made rocket, captured from the Egyptians, was displayed during a parade in Israel last year. "Revivaltime's" new prophetic newspaper stresses that Russian involvement in the Middle East crisis heightens the gravity of the situation.

threaten a confrontation with the Soviets, Washington would have to ask, 'Is it worth it? Will the public permit another Vietnam?'

"This is the objective of growing Communist seapower in the Mediterranean."

**HOW CARNIVOROUS IS THE BEAR?**

"... A bear ... and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh' (Daniel 7:5) . . .

"The control of oil in the Middle East would give the Soviets a knife on the jugular of both Western Europe and Japan. Western Europeans get about four-fifths of their oil fuel from the Middle East; the Japanese, more than four-fifths. . . .

"The Bear plunders with uninhibited brutality. 'It had three ribs [stripped skeletons] in the mouth of it' (Daniel 7:5)."

**MOSCOW TESTING GOD'S WORD TO ISRAEL**

"It is a fact that every nation that has lifted its hand against Israel has gone down. So it was with Egypt (Ezekiel 29:15); Assyria (Nahum 2:10); Babylon (Isaiah 13:21); the Graeco-Syrian Empire; the Roman Empire; Spain; and Germany. In no instance have the Jews arisen against these nations in self-vindication, but to Abraham God said: 'I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse' (Genesis 13:3, ASV). Moscow is going to have an opportunity to prove this verse."

**THE BIG LIE**

"Hell won't listen to reason. It has one objective: spread the lie—destroy the Jew.

"'But their minds were blinded' (2 Corinthians 3:14).

"'By thy sorceries were all nations deceived' (Revelation 18:23).

"The same tragedy can happen to you. You can become as misguided. 'In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them' (2 Corinthians 4:4).

"That is the supreme goal of the devil—to make sure you are a lost, bankrupt, unrepentant, misdirected, deceived soul."

**ISRAEL WON'T GO AWAY**

"Hell is mobilizing its final efforts to pull down this flag of promise and hope to mankind and to raise its own banner of slavery.

"And you feel this tussle in your own soul.

"It is the titanic struggle between right and wrong. You are involved. It won't go away because you pursue a new morality. Israel should have to be destroyed first. God has made it His testimony. That is why it cannot be taken casually. The struggle you see among nations swirling around this geopolitical heartbeat is an open parable of what is happening inside yourself. One power wants to destroy you. The other power wants to save you."

In addition to the fascinating articles, the colorful pub-

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- Sat., May 24—Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
- Sun., a.m., May 25—Riverview Assembly, St. Louis, Mo.
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- Mon., May 26—First Assembly, Danville, Ill.
- Tues., May 27—First Assembly, Joliet, Ill.
- Wed., May 28—Assembly of God, Kenosha, Wis.
- Thurs., May 29—Assembly of God, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
- Fri., May 30—Spencer Lake Bible Camp, Waupaca, Wis.
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- Mon., June 2—Faith City Assembly, Michigan City, Ind.
- Tues., June 3—First Assembly, Benton Harbor, Mich.
- Wed., June 4—First Assembly, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Thurs., June 5—Assembly of God, Port Huron, Mich.
- Fri., June 6—Gospel Tabernacle, Dearborn, Mich.
- Sun., a.m., June 8—Revival Tabernacle, Detroit, Mich.
- Sun., p.m., June 8—First Assembly, Pontiac, Mich.
- Mon., June 9—Calvary Assembly, Toledo, Ohio
- Tues., June 10—First Assembly, Akron, Ohio
- Wed., June 11—Riverside Assembly, Buffalo, N.Y.
- Thurs., June 12—Glad Tidings Church, Rochester, N.Y.
- Fri., June 13—Bethany Assembly, Springfield, Mass.
- Sun., a.m., June 15—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Everett, Mass.
- Sun., p.m., June 15—Parkway Assembly, Revere, Mass.
- Mon., June 16—Assembly of God, Bethpage, N.Y.
- Tues., June 17—First Assembly, Harrisburg, Pa.
- Wed., June 18—Assembly of God, Irwin, Pa.
- Thurs., June 19—Bethel Temple Assembly, Dayton, Ohio
- Fri., June 20—Faith Assembly, Beech Grove, Ind.

lication includes a dozen significant photographs. Some of these pictures visualize the deep-seated antagonism existing between Arabs and Jews, others illustrate worldwide involvement in the Mideast crises.

Studded with prophetic Scriptures, the publication will prove a valuable aid in fitting contemporary headlines into Biblical predictions.

Like the unerring hands on a great clock, events surrounding Israel point to the late hour on God's prophetic timetable.

It is time to be awake!



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# THE SCHOOL THAT

**B**Y ANY STANDARDS Lesotho is a most unusual little country. A tiny African nation only slightly larger than Rhode Island, land-locked Lesotho is completely surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. It was formerly called Basutoland.

Nineteen years ago two single ladies—Hilda Olsen and Peggy Anderson—began the present Assemblies of God work in Lesotho. Their first missionary residence was a 12-foot trailer. Next came a more spacious 18-foot round native hut with a grass roof—an important little structure that also served as a clinic for sick bodies and a church for sick souls.

In those early years there was a service every morning, and two on Sunday. Every night there were classes to teach the four R's to herdsboys who watched cattle and sheep during the day. Through heat and cold, rain and scorching sunshine, this was their schedule seven days a week.

As the years went by the Lesotho church began to emerge. Eventually, the living quarters of these pioneering lady missionaries also improved, as the hut gave way to a conservative but comfortable mission bungalow.

Four years ago the Lesotho Bible school had its humble beginning. A converted cow shed became the girls' dormitory, and the men students lived in a native hut with a grass roof.

There Hilda Olsen and Peggy Anderson worked faithfully alone, 27 miles from the capital city of Maseru, out in the Basutoland hills. On Jan-

uary 1, 1968, the Lon Calloways arrived from America to relieve these heroic ladies so they could come home on furlough. Now, in 1969, the Calloways have become our first Assemblies of God missionaries to live in Maseru, the capital.

Also in 1969 our Bible school for Lesotho has moved into its permanent quarters at the edge of Maseru. The first two buildings are already completed, and the school is now in session. The change from the country to the city and the increase in the missionary staff has already brought the school from its 1968 enrollment of nine to its present 23 students. So much interest has developed for Bible school training that the missionaries will have to build one more dormitory for the 1970 term.

The first two graduates of the school received their diplomas at the old school in 1967. Last year two more graduated, and all four graduates have entered full-time Christian ministry. Their names—Solomon Ratsiu, Samuel Mekhetha, Nathanael Konono, and Agnes Mpahi—sound strangely foreign to American ears, but they represent the hope for the evangelization of Lesotho.

One of the major problems the Calloways now face is that they still owe \$6,000 on the present buildings—not a large amount for a construction project, unless you happen to be a missionary in semidesert Lesotho. Another \$17,000 will be needed to complete this training center for Af-



ABOVE: The Lon Calloways have enjoyed working with these Bible students. LEFT: The people of Lesotho need the gospel message. RIGHT: Assembly Bible Training Institute had a humble beginning.





# BEGAN IN A COW SHED

rican ministers. Students not only come from Lesotho, but from nearby Botswana (formerly Bechuanaland).

The work of teaching the Christian way to the people of Lesotho does not end with the main Bible school. Missionary Calloway says, "Our second Bible school is the correspondence school in both English and Sesuto. Students include postal and government employees, patients in hospitals and the leper settlement, prisoners, policemen, schoolteachers, and students.

"Our third Bible school will be our night Bible school. We have advertised night classes in Maseru, and already the response among shop and office workers has exceeded our fondest expectations. We now believe that attendance at our night classes may well double that of our resident school.

"We have every liberty and encouragement from the Lesotho government to carry on our work. We must reach the one million Basuto people while we have this opportunity. The training of national workers, combined with a literature ministry, is the most economical and effective means of reaching a nation for Christ."

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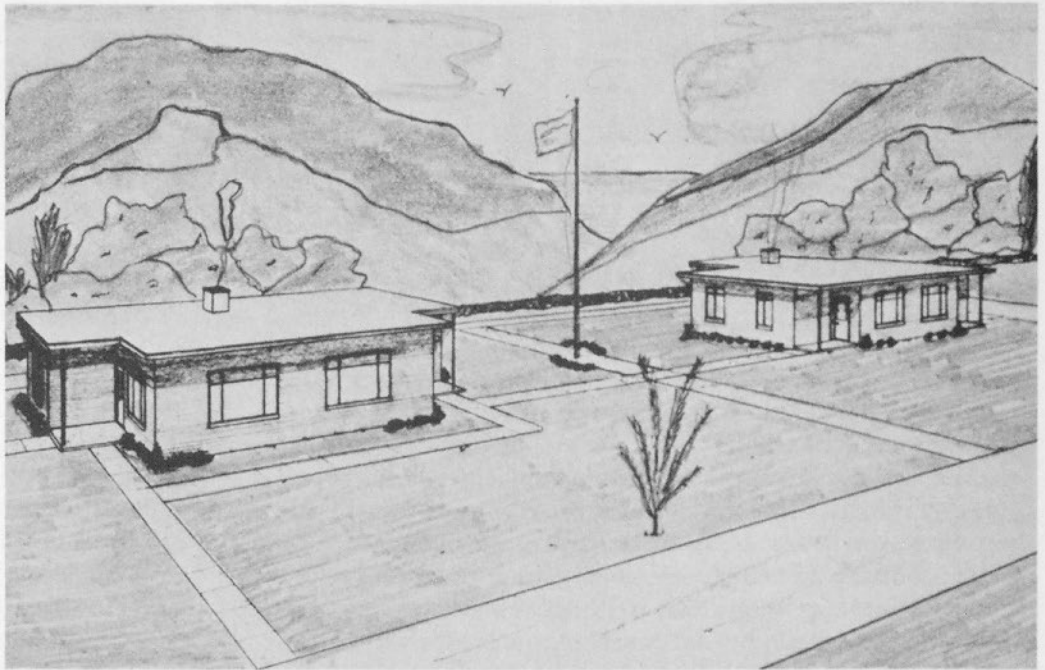
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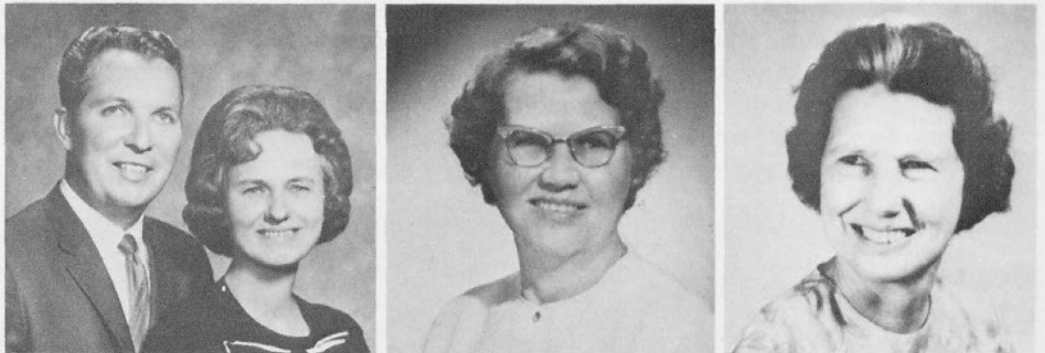
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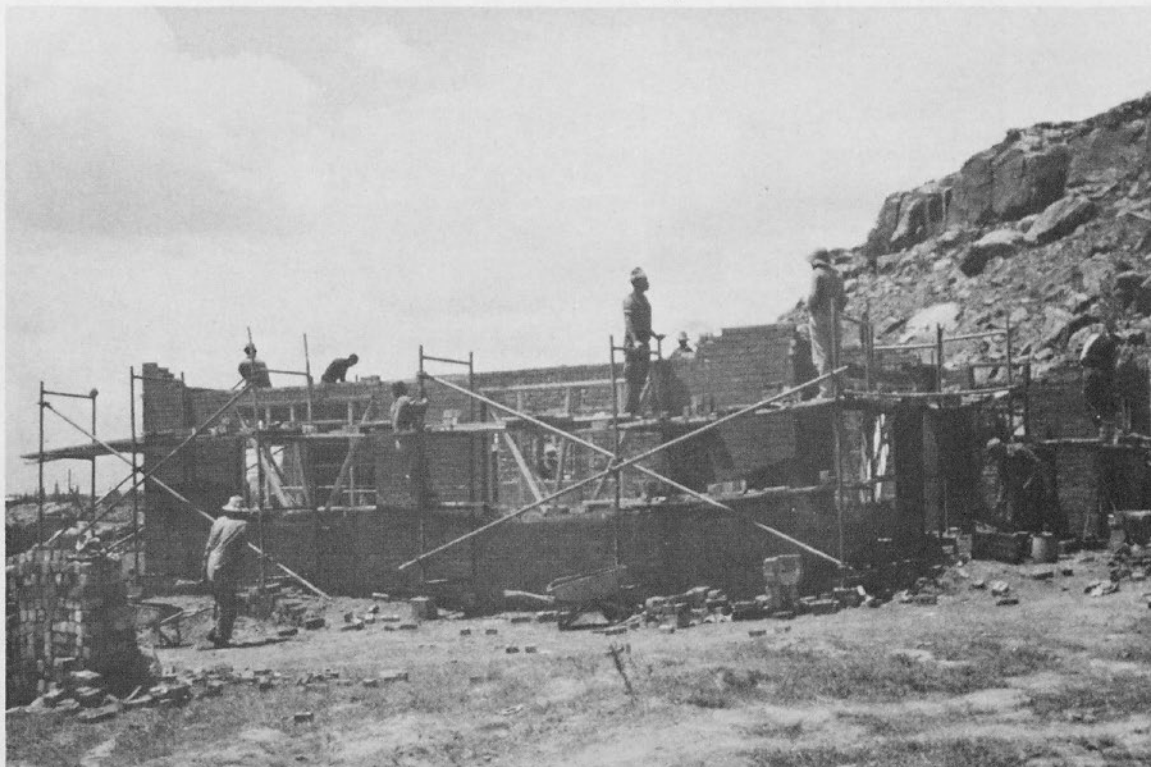
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ABOVE: The dining hall, left, and the dormitory are the first permanent school buildings.



ABOVE: Left to right, Lon and Stella Calloway, Hilda Olsen, and Peggy Anderson are our missionaries to Lesotho. BELOW: Basuto workers faithfully labored on the dining room.



# Serengeti ADVENTURE

By JERRY SPAIN / *Missionary to Tanzania*

**O**H, NO! Not in this place! How many miles do you think it is to the next village?"

My words poured out as I hastily sought information from my companion. Our car had just hit a rock, and we had discovered a leak in the gasoline tank of our Speed-the-Light vehicle.

We had just started across the rugged Serengeti plateau of Northwest Tanzania, and I was afraid his answer would only serve to confirm my suspicion.

"It must be 75 miles to Seronera where gasoline might be available," he said, "but it is certainly over 200 miles to the nearest welding machine." A quick analysis of the circumstances, including the amount of gasoline in the tank and a reserve container, told us we needed supernatural assistance.

Earlier, with the thought of saving time, we had decided to take a seldom-traveled road. We soon discovered it should have been called a trail. The alternate, more widely used route was 200 miles farther. The prospect of hiking

for miles to obtain help or possibly even spending the night in one of the most dangerous wildlife areas of the world was not at all consoling.

After making some temporary repairs and prayerfully resuming the journey, my initial response of bewilderment gave way to a peaceful confidence in the leading of the Lord. I began reflecting upon the events of the preceding few days.

It had all started with a letter from Elisa, a man living in a distant, rural area of the extreme northwest corner of Tanzania, about 50 miles from the Uganda border. He told of attending one year of our Bible school at Arusha and how the Lord had led him to begin a church near his home village. He wanted to know if we would visit the work and minister to the people.

It meant a trip of 1,500 miles over indescribably rough roads, eating unfamiliar African food, sleeping in the car, conquering the crafty assaults of tsetse flies and malaria-carrying mosquitoes; but the Macedonian-like



**LEFT:** Mt. Kilimanjaro, highest African mountain, is in northeast Tanzania. **BELOW:** People usually walk to church.





Tanzania is noted for wildlife, such as this rhinoceros.

call sparked a positive response, and Immanuel Lazaro, the national superintendent, and I decided to go.

After two days of travel we arrived in the beautiful lakeshore town of Bukoba. From there we proceeded by means of the oldest directional system in the world—word of mouth—to a certain previously designated tree where we found the pastor waiting patiently near a path leading to his home.

I marveled at the African's concept of time, as he had waited for five hours and yet remarked, "I've been here but a short time."

After the customary family greetings and while drinking a cup of specially prepared African coffee, Elisa excitedly told us what the Lord had done the past few years. In an area of strong Muslim and Roman Catholic influence, God had helped him to witness, distribute literature, and preach—and now a church and two preaching points existed. Healthy signs pointed to further expansion as three students had already been sent to Bible school from these churches.


The following morning we personally witnessed this work of grace. Arriving at a small, mud-walled, thatch-roofed sanctuary in a remote rural area, we found a group of Christians prepared for the first visit of a missionary to their church. Freshly cut grass on the dirt floor where the faithful were comfortably seated in typical African style, and a sweet smelling bouquet of flowers, gave indications of an impending important event.

Conspicuously absent that morning were stained-glass windows, robed choir, or veneered furnishings, but the songs and testimonies in a peculiar tribal tongue were as Biblical as any ever rendered on the face of the earth. These were the redeemed offering praise to their redeemer—a more beautiful sight one could never behold.

After visiting the other preaching points, distributing some literature, and conducting a special dedication service for the newly born baby of one of the Bible school students, we assured Elisa of our prayers and concern and started our long trek homeward.

The collision of our gasoline tank with a rock and the subsequent seepage had occurred on the way home.

As I related the incident to an older missionary later, he asked if I had used soap to stop the leak. I am sure a smile was evident as I confessed to the first-term-missionary learning process. The soap technique was unknown to me, but the Lord had inspired us to use a combination of unique African red dirt and gasoline to form a gummy substance which slowed down the leakage.

We had made it to the gasoline station and the welding machine—but most important to another corner of the country in fulfillment of our great commission. 



## CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### EDITORIAL VIDA CONTINUES TO GROW

EDITORIAL VIDA (Life Publishers), the Spanish Literature Division of the Foreign Missions Department, is located in Miami, Florida. This city has the newest and most complete Latin community in the United States—made up of Cuban refugees who have come by the scores of thousands and are still coming to Miami's shores.

For a number of years Editorial Vida was based at headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; but the editors and teachers found it difficult to publish literature in another language when there was no culture of that language to feed on and find resources in. There was not a Spanish-speaking church within miles of Springfield, and of course a similar dearth of Spanish-speaking people.


The move to Miami was therefore accomplished partly because we had to get closer to the culture we were producing for. Second, while we must produce in the United States, in order to have shipping, postage, and customs advantages, we wanted to get as close as possible to the areas we serve. The Lord opened to us an excellent real estate opportunity in Miami. We now occupy a commodious building, well suited for our publishing, and have a staff of persons all resident there but remaining on the Foreign Missions Department payroll.

This ministry to the Spanish-speaking world has experienced very encouraging acceleration during the past year. We printed more than 110,000,000 pages of Spanish literature during 1968. Our pace is now approximately one ton per day for every day of the week.

Our Spanish adult Sunday school student quarterly is the largest evangelical periodical in the Spanish language. We are printing in excess of 100,000 copies each quarter. Last year we printed and distributed 125,000 copies of the special Mexican Olympic edition of *Poder*, our evangelism magazine.

Indeed the response in Latin America is so great that in some areas it is already taxing our staff and physical facilities—and we have just started. Besides the publishing interests we have also made space available for a Special Ministries section. This involves Sunday school promotions and an area of development for the whole complex of Christian education in Latin America.

The operation in Miami is dedicated to furnishing the tools for evangelism and backing up the rapidly growing church with teaching and whatever else we can offer for maturing the body of Christ in these lands.

When you are in Miami, visit the premises at 9405 Northeast Park Drive. There you will glimpse what goes on behind the scenes in a volume Protestant missionary publishing ministry to Latin America. 



# THE SECRET OF SPIRITUAL POWER

Sunday School Lesson for May 25, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

2 KINGS 2:6-15

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST will not collapse when its leaders are removed. While they are drawing near to the end of their course, God is preparing others to take their places.

Elijah's ministry had been spectacular. He had demonstrated the power of the living God to his erring nation. Now he was about to be taken up into heaven, but Elisha stood ready to carry on the work of God to which Elijah had been so devoted.

Observe Elijah and Elisha at the edge of the Jordan River. We may think of them as illustrating two generations of Pentecostal ministry. Elijah, like our forefathers in the Pentecostal fellowship, had set a wonderful example for Elisha, who symbolized our present generation. Elijah's rugged consecration, his complete detachment from things earthly, his courage, his faith, his prayers had their effect on the younger man who walked beside him.

## TO WHICH GROUP DO YOU BELONG?



Elisha, by his actions, suggested how our generation may receive the same Spirit and minister in the same power.

### ELISHA'S FAITHFULNESS IN OBSCURITY

From 1 Kings 19:21 to 2 Kings 1:18 we find no mention of Elisha. Twelve years he spent in obscurity, known only as "Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah" (2 Kings 3:11). He was no more than Elijah's errand boy, pupil, understudy. How very humbling!

God may call us and then subject us to an ordinary life for years. Before a man is fit to be a leader he must know how to follow; before he can command others, he must know how to take orders.

### ELISHA'S DEVOTION TO ELIJAH

Why did Elijah at each point in the journey try to get Elisha to stay behind? Was it not to test him? And Elisha stood the test! His devotion to Elijah—and to Elijah's God—was no fickle emotion. He had followed too long and loved too deeply to turn aside now in the crucial hour.

By the peculiar difficulties of the day in which we live—by privations, afflictions, and opportunities to do humble service—in these and other ways Christ daily tests the depth of our spiritual purposes and our devotion to Him.

### ELISHA'S REFUSAL TO BECOME DISCOURAGED

At Bethel and Jericho were "Bible schools." These institutions, opened in Samuel's day, were places where young men called to the ministry received their training. The remarks of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, who probably had received no scholastic training, seem to indicate resentment, criticism, and perhaps ridicule. But their words did not alter his purpose.

There is a danger, as we grow older spiritually, to allow opinions of others to become wet blankets which cause us to lower our ideals and give up spiritual aspirations and objectives which might have been realized. If the world's great inventors, scientists, explorers, and navigators had allowed ridicule and lack of sympathy to dim their vision, we would still be living in a primitive world! If we feel an objective is God-given, we must not allow the finest saint to cause us to give it up!

### ELISHA'S FULFILLMENT OF THE DIVINE REQUIREMENT

"Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee," said Elijah (v. 9). Elisha, like Solomon (1 Kings 3:5), was on trial. He must choose between the temporal and eternal, between earthly ambition and the unselfish promptings of sacrificial service. What would he choose?

"Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me," was Elisha's ready reply. He had appreciated the spiritual contribution made by his master and desired to render similar service to his own generation.

"Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee." This requirement tested Elisha's powers of concentration. And is not concentration upon Christ—complete absorption with Him, uninterrupted communion with Him—still the price of power today? Elisha met the condition, received the anointing, and served Israel well!

# Senegal

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

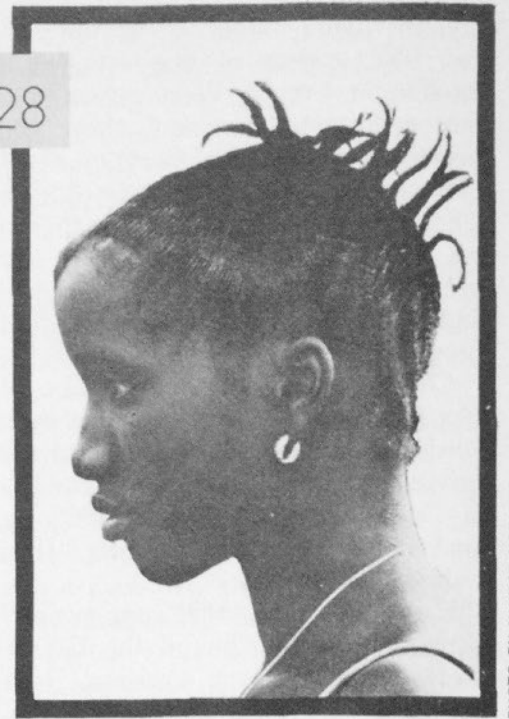


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**T**HE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL lies in the westernmost portion of Africa's Atlantic bulge. The republic was the earliest point of French penetration in Africa. Senegal became a member of the Mali Federation in 1958 but withdrew in 1960 to become an independent republic.

Dakar, the capital, known as "The Queen City of West Africa," is the gateway to Senegal's interior. Fourteen thousand planes each year take off from Dakar's Yoff International Airport, and 5,000 ships each year dock in Dakar's fine harbor. This modern city of more than 500,000 in-

habitants has enjoyed phenomenal growth; its population quintupled in 20 years.

Senegal's 76,000-square-mile area is mostly flat, semidesert country. The Ferlo Desert is an immense arid tract. The only fertile regions are along the Senegal River and its tributaries.

The country has a hot, dry climate, except in Dakar where it is cool nine months of the year. During the rainy season in Senegal the wind blows inland from the sea. In the dry season the oven-hot *Harmattan* blows seaward from the Sahara.

Agriculture engages 90 percent of the people. In 1841 the French introduced the cultivation of peanuts, and this revolutionized the economy of the country. Today the peanut and its by-products provide 90 percent of the country's export earnings.

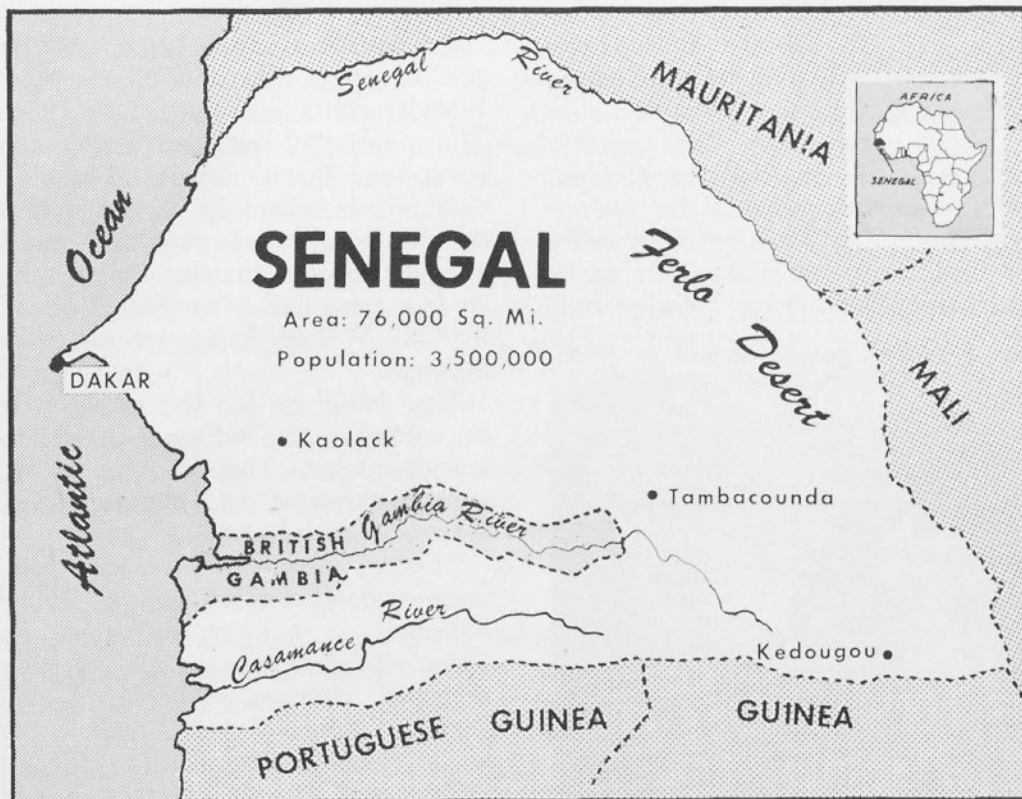
Senegal has an estimated population of 3,500,000. The majority are Negroes of whom there are 25 tribes. The largest is the Wolof tribe with more than 800,000 members.

Aboriginal customs have undergone the changing effects of contact with Western culture. Economic progress is largely the result of French initiative and supervision. Within the past decade rapid strides have been made in the construction of schools and hospitals. The University of Dakar was opened in 1957. French is the official language of Senegal, but many tribal languages are also used.

Approximately 90 percent of the Senegalese are Muslims. Islam often is superimposed upon pagan religions. Roman Catholicism, first introduced by French priests, is strong in some areas.

The first and for many years the only Protestant society in Senegal was the Paris Evangelical Mission which began its work in 1862. Other missions were restricted from entering. Seventy years passed before the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade sent its first missionary to this needy land.

In 1949 Assemblies of God missionaries from Upper Volta made a survey trip to Senegal and found vast



areas virtually untouched by the gospel. The leaders of one evangelical mission in French West Africa told our representatives that they had hoped to send a missionary to Senegal but had been unable to do so. They urged our missionaries to enter Senegal for Christ. As they expressed it, "A generation has died and gone into eternity since we first proposed to enter the country."

Charles Greenaway, missionary to Upper Volta and Dahomey, had been burdened for Senegal and desired the privilege of being the first Assemblies of God missionary to the land. He applied for permission to enter—then waited and prayed.

Early in 1956 the long-awaited permit was granted, and the Greenaways made the long overland journey from Dahomey to Senegal. In July they arrived at Tambacounda, the city selected as the site of the first Assemblies of God mission station.

"Before long we saw the firstfruits of a national church—a nucleus around which to build our future efforts in Senegal," wrote Mr. Greenaway. "We were able to dedicate our church on November 2, 1957."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Creel, now stationed at Tambacounda, carry on an extensive program of village evangelism. This ministry is continuing to bear fruit. In one of the villages in one week 11 people took their stand and signed publicly that they had accepted Christ. The Creels have also started a branch church in Tambacounda. This church in the heart of the town's population is a means of reaching those who would not attend the regular church. Samba Cissokku, a Bible school student, assists the Creels.

Kedougou in the southeast corner of Senegal was the next city



Women grinding grain is a familiar sight in the villages of Senegal, West Africa.

entered. The late Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Butler pioneered the work in this area. Buildings were completed in 1959. A technical school was started by the Butlers to train Africans for various trades. In recognition of this program the government gave the Assemblies of God two pieces of property to enlarge the facilities. The Kedougou station is now supervised by the Bobby Herndons.

In Kaolack property was purchased and a third mission station opened. Kaolack is being served by the Dakar church during the extended furlough of the Homer Specters. Don Corbin takes groups of Christ's Ambassadors or Bible school students to Kaolack each week to conduct services.

While opening the three mission stations in the interior our missionaries were ever watchful for an opportunity to establish an Assemblies of God church in Dakar. In God's providence, Missionary Talmage But-

ler and a Speed-the-Light plane were used to unlock the door. While flying Senegalese officers on government business, the missionary won their confidence. They in turn arranged a grant of land for the erection of an evangelistic center on one of the main thoroughfares of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wakefield, former missionaries to Nigeria and Togo, supervised this new project. To their amazement they found in the city a nucleus of spiritually hungry people of Portuguese descent who were already meeting together and led by a youthful evangelist. These people became the nucleus of the Assemblies of God church which was opened in December 1963. Directly behind the church auditorium is the educational building and youth center. Don Corbin is pastor of the church.

Each week workers from the church conduct open-air meetings throughout the city and in neighboring villages. Several hundred hear the Word of God through these efforts.

Predominantly Muslim countries have a peculiar and significant need for gospel literature. Personal witness to Muslims is difficult, but they will read well-prepared literature. George Flattery Sr. first started a literature program when he was stationed in Tambacounda. He later translated the Gospel of Mark into Wolof, a language spoken by 85 percent of Senegal's people. BGMC financed the printing of 5,000 copies.

To prepare workers "who shall be able to teach others also," Senegal Bible Institute was opened in 1964. The facilities of the youth center are being used for the classes. The students are in school for three months, then in active ministry for three months before returning for further studies. John Hall is serving as director until William Lasley returns from furlough.

New buildings for the school will be erected near Rufisque, 20 miles outside Dakar. This training center will be known as the Talmage Butler Memorial Bible School.

Thirteen missionaries are currently under appointment to Senegal. Mary Ballenger is our representative at Dakar Academy, a school for missionaries' children. Others are the Donald Corbins, Robert Creels, John Halls, Bobby Herndons, William Lasleys, and Homer Specters.

Temple Evangelique in Dakar has been a center of activity since it opened in 1963.





# Her Sons Led Her to Christ

By MARIE DISSMORE

As CECIL LABINE viewed the body of a dear Christian lady in the funeral home, he couldn't help but notice an inner happiness on the faces of her children. Intermingled with their sadness was a deep sense of thankfulness and joy because their mother had gone to be with Jesus.

Cecil's heart was grieved as he thought of his own mother who wasn't saved. When Cecil and his brother Forrest were small, they often had to go to a tavern when they wanted to see their mother.

How the boys had prayed that their Mom would accept the Lord before it was too late. Often they asked her to come to church, only to hear her say, "It's too late! I've gone too far," or, "I have to stay home and make dinner on Sundays."

However, it had been Mom LaBine's mother who held some of the first prayer meetings in Trout Creek, Michigan, and these had resulted in the beginning of a Pentecostal work in that community. As a result of this godly influence, Cecil and Forrest had accepted Christ as their Saviour, and with their families served faithfully in the Trout Creek Assembly.

It was two years ago during revival meetings that Mom LaBine finally attended church. One night at the close of the service Cecil could sense that the Spirit of God was dealing with his mother. He felt led to talk with her, but was hesitant to do so. He then remembered a previous time when he had felt compelled to witness to a young man at work and had not obeyed. A few days later this man had been killed in an automobile accident.

As he went to his mother, Cecil prayed, "Lord, don't

let this happen again." As he put his arms around his mother, she wept on his shoulder and he asked, "Mom, would you like to give your heart to the Lord?"

"Not now," she replied, "I want to be sure. I don't want to backslide."

The following day was the final night of the revival. Although Cecil wanted to talk to his mother again it was not convenient since she was seated in the middle of a pew. So he decided to go to the altar and pray for her.

While kneeling at the altar, Cecil felt a hand on his shoulder. It was his mother—she had come to receive Christ. Words cannot express the thrill he felt as he prayed with his mother for her salvation. All he could do was praise God and thank Him for answering prayer.

Mom LaBine later related that she felt if she hadn't gone to the altar that night, she never would have had another chance to become a Christian.

Recently she talked with a man who thought she had passed away because he hadn't seen her in a tavern for two years. She was able to tell him of the wonderful change that had taken place in her life.

"It's so wonderful to wake up in the morning with a clear head and no headache or hangover," she says.

It was a day of rejoicing when Mom LaBine was baptized in water. Her son, Cecil, assisted Pastor Roger Dissmore in baptizing his mother. Included in the group baptized that day were two of her grandsons.

Mom LaBine often has her children and grandchildren over for Sunday dinner, but she doesn't miss church to prepare the meal. Truly, Jesus Christ changes homes and lives when He comes in to dwell.

Many wanted last year's evangelism issue of TEAM for distribution at fairs and conventions. This year it will be ready for August and the fall months.

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## WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

AN AFRICAN CHRISTIAN REPORTED that when a heathen is dying, the witch doctors put in his hand a dead bone—a sort of passport into the world beyond. But, he said, the Christian does not grasp a dead bone as he passes through the veil of death; he grasps the hand of his living Lord!



# THE JEW, THE BIBLE AND YOU

By CURTIS W. RINGNESS  
*National Home Missions Secretary*



**T**HE BIBLE MAKES IT CLEAR that Jewish evangelism is an obligation of the Christian church. The New Testament teaches that God intends for the Church to be made up of both Jew and Gentile, bond and free, male and female. Paul proclaimed that "the gospel . . . is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

But to many Christians and churches it is to the Jew last—or not at all. A reason for this obvious neglect of Jewish evangelism may be a lack of understanding both of the people and of the Scriptures. Because of this neglect and failure to understand, the Church has lost much of the blessing of God (see Genesis 12:2, 3).

*It is essential that Christians know and understand the Jew himself.* He lives in our country; he is a part of the society of which we are a part; he is our neighbor; but few people know him and accept him as he is. The word *Jewish* carries a theological connotation. Jewish people are a cultural group having a common religious tradition, an equally common sacred language, and a variety of common customs. There are facial features, traits, interests, abilities, and occupations that set these remarkable people apart and make them recognizable as Jews.

*There is a need to understand Jewish history.* One of the most amazing and dramatic stories in all history is how the Jew has survived the rise and fall of successive civilizations. He has faced the challenge of paganism, the rigors of the Greco-Roman world, the Dispersion, Islam, the Middle Ages and the ghetto. Now he must face modern secularism.

His history is filled with persecution. This persecution, often at the hands of Christians, has erected a barrier that has kept him from accepting the gospel of Christ.

*Christians should understand what the Bible tells us about the Jews.* God's Word relates how Abraham, a man whose father worshiped idols, was chosen to become the

father of a great people. When God changed the name of Jacob, Abraham's grandson, to Israel, Jacob's descendants became known as Israelites.

In Egypt these descendants settled down and prospered. But with their material affluence and political influence they forgot God and became disobedient, rebellious, and stiffnecked. The wages of their disobedience was Egyptian bondage for many, many years. Then God used Moses to deliver His people from slavery; and later He gave them the Law.

The Bible tells us that as long as they obeyed the Law, they prospered. When they began to make a mockery of the Law, God became angry and punished His people. Despite His anger, He loved Israel. He sent prophets to minister and to warn, but many still would not listen. Then the Father sent His only begotten Son to Israel and to the world.

*Christians must understand the gospel if we are to evangelize the Jews.* Some people actually believe all Jews are going to be saved. Therefore, they reason, the Jews need no one to proclaim the gospel to them because they are God's redeemed, His chosen people. Nothing is further from the truth. When a person thoroughly understands Romans 9-11, he will overcome these misconceptions.

The Jews boasted of this false security nearly two thousand years ago. Therefore John the Baptist said to them, "And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" (Matthew 3:9).

God's plan of salvation includes both Jew and Gentile, and both must come the same way—the way of the cross of Jesus Christ, the way of faith.

*Christians must understand their responsibility to evangelize the Jew.* If they have any prejudice against the Jew they cannot point him to Christ. It is easy to condemn the Jew and point an accusing finger at him. Where is there anyone without fault? We too have been guilty of sin, prejudice, pride, and disobedience.



Christians should not fear witnessing to a Jew any more than to any other person. The Jew is a sinner in need of a Saviour. How will he know the Saviour unless he is introduced to Christ?

The following 10 points relating to Jewish evangelism were suggested in a Seelisberg, Switzerland, convention representing many churches:

1. Remember that it is the same living God who speaks to all, in the Old Testament as well as in the New.
2. Remember that Jesus was born of a Jewish virgin of the lineage of David, of the people of Israel, and that His eternal love and pardon embrace His own people and the entire world.
3. Remember that the first disciples of Jesus, the apostles, and the first martyrs were Jewish.
4. Remember that the basic precept of Christianity—love of God and neighbor, promulgated in the Old Testament and confirmed afterwards by Jesus—obligates Christians as well as Jews in all their human dealings without exception.
5. Avoid debasing Biblical or post-Biblical Judaism in order to elevate Christianity.

6. Avoid using the word *Jew* in the exclusive sense of "enemy of Jesus," or using the expression "enemies of Jesus" to designate Jewish people.


7. Avoid presenting the Passion in such a way that the odium of the condemnation of Jesus falls only on the Jews. The death of Christ, which saves all, was caused by the sins of *all*, and not by those of one portion of mankind.

8. Avoid referring to the maledictions of Scripture and to the shout of the excited crowd, "May His blood be upon us and upon our children," without recalling that this shout could not prevail against the infinitely more powerful prayer of Jesus, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

9. Do not give credence to the opinion that Jewish people are reprobate, cursed, or destined to suffer.

10. Avoid speaking of the Jews as if they were not the first faithful leaders and charter members of the Church.

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Jewish evangelism is an important ministry in which all local churches and individual believers should become involved. 

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD JEWISH EVANGELISM AT A GLANCE

**A**BOUT HALF of the world's more than 12,000,000 Jews live in the United States. The major portion of those residing in our country live in New York City. Israel has only 2,400,000 Jews (1968 figure).

One appointed home missionary has accepted the Jewish challenge of New York City. Mrs. Gertrude Clonce has established a mission, the "Assemblies of God Jewish Center," at 1027 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., and is contacting many Jews of that area.

Four other Hebrew Centers are being operated under the supervision of the Home Missions Department, as follows: Messiah Mission to the Jews (Monty Garfield, director), 1223 Princeton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Shalom Center (Ernest Kalapathy, director), 4505 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; Friendship Center (Harvey A. Smith, director), 1144 Backer Street, University City, Mo.; and Stewards of Israel, 7270½ Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. In addition, there are a number of ministers and laymen engaged in this ministry, but they do not have

missionary appointment with the Department.

Some of our eight appointed missionaries do not have Hebrew centers, but engage in personal evangelism and hold Bible studies for Jews. They are: Mrs. Louise Kaufman, 455 S. W. 16th Avenue, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Frieda Neuhaus, P.O. Box 224, Hemet, Calif.; and Mrs. Alice Tan-Ditter, 50 Franklin Street, Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Ruth W. Toczek assists in the work of Shalom Center in Chicago (address listed above).

The Home Missions Department publishes a quarterly magazine, *The Jewish Witness*, to encourage interest in the needy Jewish field and individual personal witnessing to Jewish people in the United States. This periodical contains news articles from our missionaries and other special features. It is distributed without charge.

Jewish evangelism is one of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department. It is supported by contributions of interested churches and individuals. All offerings for Special Ministry fields receive World Ministries credit.

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## NEWS OF OUR TIMES

BUT INTEREST IN CHRISTIANITY IS INCREASING

### LACK OF HYMNALS, BIBLES, LITERATURE IS CHIEF PROBLEM OF RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—Hymnbooks have not been published in Russia for 40 years, and Bibles, when printed, cost over \$50 in U.S. money.

A chemical plant worker living in Kiev, Ukraine, Soviet Union, wrote this information to a preacher in Manila who broadcasts in the Russian language through the facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Company.

The worker in Kiev, son of a well-known Russian hymnwriter, said he spends his free time copying hymns and anthems by hand so that the choir master of his church will have music for the choir.

He said that interest in Christianity has increased in Russia and in Kiev one can attend a service of worship with evangelical

Christians almost every day of the week. In his own group of believers there are four services a week, and in the past year 30 people were baptized. He credits some of the increased interest in Christianity to the gospel broadcasts beamed into Russia.

According to his letter, living

conditions in Russia are good except for high rental costs. The one great harassment to Christian believers, he says, is the lack of Bibles, hymnbooks, and Christian literature. Often an entire church will have only a portion of the Bible, no hymnbooks, and no literature.

### RUSSIAN PAPER PROTESTS CHURCH ATTENDANCE

MOSCOW—Too many people—including some Communist party members—are still going to church, a Red newspaper protests.

*Sovetskaya Rossiya*, published by the Central Committee, stated in a front-page editorial that officials are ignoring the fact that many party members are having their children baptized.

"All this is going on despite the fact that K. Marx says religion is the opiate of the people, a reactionary force, and holds back the development of society," the editorial said.

Communists were advised to substitute civil rituals for the religious rites that accompany baptism, marriage, and birthdays.

### 'Psychological Horrors' Involved in Organ Transplants?

CHICAGO, ILL.—Efforts to gain authorization for human transplants by telling next of kin that "a part" of their loved one will live on, are "unethical and probably immoral," in the opinion of Virginia's medical examiner.

Dr. Geoffrey T. Mann, speaking to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, said such state-

ments open a Pandora's box of psychological horrors for the survivors.

But he said forensic pathologists have a duty to help suppress no-

tions that the organs of a donor are removed prior to the donor's death—a fantasy that arose in one of the Houston, Tex., transplant cases.

### BILL APPROVES ELECTION DAY LIQUOR SALES

CONCORD, N.H.—The House of Representatives here approved Senate Bill 68 which permits State Liquor Commission stores to operate on election days. Previously all liquor stores were closed during city, state, and national elections.

The chairman of the Liquor Laws Committee reported there was no opposition to the bill during

legislative hearings. A Liquor Commission spokesman estimated the bill would produce an additional \$150,000 a year in tax revenue.

The measure was passed in time to assure that no voters at New Hampshire's statewide "town meeting day," March 11, would have to go dry.

### Biblical City Unearthed

PESSATH BARADON, ISRAEL—Archaeologists working here announced the discovery of an ancient city which they believe to be the "salt city" mentioned in Joshua 15.

Located 10 miles south of the ruins of Qumran, the city must have been the center of the desert sect whose scribes penned the Dead Sea scrolls, the announcement said.

In one of the 20 tombs nearby the team found a jar with the Hebrew inscription "Yohanan" written in a script similar to that of the famous scrolls.

Reuters News Service said one building is believed to have been the community hall of the sect where the people gathered for meetings and meals.

### 'SIMPLE' FUNERAL PLEA CREATES CONTROVERSY

MILLIS, MASS.—A plea by local Catholic and Protestant clergymen for "simplification" of funeral rites, especially in the donation of floral tributes and the selection of expensive caskets, has caused some controversy.

The clergy issued a statement asking for "moderation" of floral tributes "in this time of great human need among God's people throughout the world."

To insure a move toward that end, the clergy said that in their respective churches "all caskets henceforth will be draped with an appropriate covering—a funeral pall furnished by the church or an American flag."

According to Crawford F. Coombes, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, the reaction has been much greater than the clergy expected.

"This is a hot issue that has met with a concerted drive on the part of local undertakers and florists to try to tone this down," he said.

### Seeks National Support

### High Schooler Launches Voluntary Prayer Campaign

ALTOONA, PA.—A 16-year-old high school student here has launched a national campaign for Congressional action which would allow voluntary Bible reading and prayers in public schools.

Richard Stiffler hopes to go to Bible school eventually and become a minister, but for the present he is aiming at getting one-third of the nation's citizens to sign a petition which would return Bible-reading and prayer to the schools on a voluntary basis.

He recently received permission from local school authorities to circulate his petition among fellow pupils. It blames a "serious setback in (the nation's) moral, religious and academic freedom" on the U.S. Supreme Court's pronouncements concerning prayers and Bible reading.

"This country was God's before it was ever America or the United States," he argues, "and if it doesn't turn back to God, it will fall the way every other great country has."

## ... at a glance

- • • A bill outlawing capital punishment in almost all cases in New Mexico has passed the state senate. The bill would eliminate capital punishment except for the crimes of killing police officers or jail or prison guards in the performance of their duties.
- • • An enthusiastic crowd of some 30,000 people gathered at the Orange Bowl to support a teen-agers' crusade for decency in entertainment. "Down with Obscenity," was the collective cheer as teens and adults rallied to the cause.



PRECOUNCIL WITNESSING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10-16

# 'IMPACT' TO STAGE EVANGELISTIC EFFORT IN METROPOLITAN AREA

## Simultaneous Revivals In 215 Area Churches

DALLAS, TEX.—“To reach the more than one million people in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton area with the good news that Christ is the answer to every situation”—this is the goal of a gigantic evangelistic effort known as *Impact*.

*Impact* will occur August 10-16, immediately prior to the 33rd General Council of the Assemblies of God scheduled for Dallas on August 21-26.

Assemblies of God churches throughout the area will participate in this extensive outreach program designed to complement the General Council theme “Go and Tell.”

*Impact* participants will converge in Dallas-Fort Worth on August 9 for a kick-off rally and orientation. In addition to hundreds of local laymen and ministers, it is expected that 1,000 people from outside the area will take part in the week-long program.

Simultaneous revivals beginning August 10 in the participating churches, door-to-door witnessing, and literature distribution at shopping centers, industrial complexes, jails, and nursing

homes are part of the outreach activities scheduled for each day. Radio and TV will also be used in reaching people with the gospel.

*Impact* will climax with a giant youth rally on August 16 in Fort Worth's new convention center.

Ed Cole, pastor of Calvary Temple, Concord, Calif., and formerly director of Northern California-Nevada District, and Evangelist Don Cox, working in cooperation with the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission, are coordinating preparations and orientation sessions for *Impact*.

All arrangements for *Impact* are under the direction of an administrative committee headed by E. R. Anderson, superintendent of the North Texas District, and the presbyters of the five participating sections.

Enlistment and training of witnessing groups is being handled by the pastors. A careful follow-up program will be carried out by the churches after the crusade.

A similar effort held prior to the St. Louis Council on Evangelism last August resulted in hundreds of conversions and prospects for the churches in that area.

General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman states, “As we approach the 33rd General Council

in Dallas, we do so with a greater sense of direction for the Movement as well as an increased burden for the souls of men. It is our hope and prayer that together we will make an impact on our society. We mean to go on with a new impetus in making the gospel relevant in a rapidly changing world and to reach men everywhere with the unchanging message of God's love and mercy.”

This sums up the purpose and goal of *Impact*. All readers are requested to pray and believe God that this effort will indeed make an impact on these great cities—an impact that will be felt across the nation.

Groups and individuals interested in participating in *Impact* may receive further information from the Spiritual Life—Evangelism office.

## For Interdenominational Home Bible Study

### EDITORIAL VIDA TO PRODUCE SPANISH TEXTS

MIAMI, FLA.—Editorial Vida, the Spanish-language publishing arm of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department, has been selected by the Latin American Committee on Theological Textbooks (CLATT) to produce the first of 15 proposed textbooks for a new approach to Christian education in Latin America.

The committee, composed of missionaries from several evangelical organizations, has recommended that 10,000 copies of each text be produced in the original printing.

Although it is basically an interdenominational home Bible study course, the project also offers training in language, reading, writing, geography, and national

history. The course is specifically designed for training lay ministers who are not financially able to attend Bible school but who are needed to serve the rapidly developing churches in Latin America. The new courses are original Spanish-language works rather than translations.

The Assemblies of God has published Spanish-language literature for nearly a quarter of a century, first at its headquarters in Springfield, Mo., and since 1966, in Miami.

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## A.C.T.S. Plans Simultaneous Programs in Three Regions

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—For the first time in the history of the Advanced Christian Training School, the districts will join the National Sunday School Department as cosponsors. This year's program is scheduled for June 9-13.

"Prepare... a Sunday School to Grow On" is the theme for the three schools to be held simultaneously on the Assemblies of God college campuses in Green Lane, Pa.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Waxahachie, Tex.

A.C.T.S. is heralded by many Sunday school workers as the most important activity of the year.

"I recommend A.C.T.S. to all Sunday school workers," states Pastor D. J. Henderson of Kansas City, Mo. "I feel it has helped to enlarge my ministry. I appreciate the touch of God in every class, the anointed teaching, and the wonderful fellowship throughout."

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Each day of A.C.T.S. will feature a morning devotional and an evening service. In keeping with the theme, the morning sessions will center on: "Prayer: Our Access to God"; "Praise: Our Approach to God"; "Worship: Our Attitude Toward God"; and "Dedication: Our Separation to God."

Topics for evening speakers will be: "Prepare to Lead"; "Prepare to Teach"; "Prepare to Reach"; and "Prepared to Grow."

Featured evening speakers will be: Waxahachie—T. E. Gannon, executive director of the National

Sunday School Department; Minneapolis—Ivar Frick, pastor of Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, Mich-

igan; Green Lane—W. E. Kirschke, secretary of the National Sunday School Department.

Information on registration and housing is available from the district Sunday school office or the National Sunday School Department.

### WITH CHRIST

**William E. Gunter**, 55, of Jonesboro, La., went to be with Christ on January 6, 1969. Ordained in 1944 by the Louisiana District, Brother Gunter served the Lord as a pastor in Hodge, Goldonna, and Jonesboro, La. He is survived by his wife Thelma and four children.

**Harry A. Myers**, 71, of Puyallup, Wash., went to his eternal reward on February 24, 1969. Brother Myers was ordained in 1956 by the Southern California District and held pastorates in Murrieta, Calif., and Puyallup, Wash. He is survived by his wife Jewel, two daughters, and one son.

**June V. Cook**, 53, of Huntsville, Ala., finished her earthly course on February 19, 1969. Sister Cook, ordained in 1944, was a member of the Ohio District and served as an evangelist. She also pastored in Rosedale, Ind., and Cass City, Mich. She is survived by a brother and a sister.

**Bertha Gilbert**, 74, of West Hyattsville, Md., went to be with Jesus on February 16, 1969. She was a licensed minister in the Peninsular Florida District. With her husband she pastored several churches and traveled extensively in evangelistic work. She is survived by her husband Albert, an ordained minister who is superannuated, and one daughter.

**Vallon W. Buckner**, 56, of Houston, Tex., went to be with Christ on January 25, 1969. He was licensed in 1960 by the South Texas District.

**Tomie M. Vicars**, 73, of Mineola, Tex., went to his eternal reward on December 25, 1968. Ordained by the North Texas District in 1956, he served as pastor in Mineola.

**Joseph J. Selness**, 60, of Denver, Colo., went to be with Christ on January 5, 1969. While returning from Christmas holidays spent in Wisconsin and Minnesota he and his wife were involved in a head-on collision which claimed his life.

Brother Selness was ordained by the North Central District in 1934 after ministering in another denomination. He pastored Assemblies of God churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North and South Dakota, and Colorado. While in South Dakota he held a district office and built two churches.

He is survived by his wife Bernice and three sons.

**Darold L. Peters**, 33, of Riverbank, Calif., was called into the presence of the Lord on March 13, 1969. Brother Peters was ordained in 1967 by the Northern California-Nevada District and served as a pastor in Macdoel and Riverbank. He is survived by his wife Vivian and three children.

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## EVANGEL COLLEGE

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## Executive Presbyters Approve Increase in AMA Allotment

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—An increase of 15 percent in the allotment to all recipients of Aged Ministers Assistance will become effective July 1, according to Stanley V. Michael, national secretary of the Department of Benevolences. This increase was approved by the Executive Presbytery at its April meeting.

For the 150 members of the AMA family, the average monthly increase will amount to approximately \$6.50.

For the remainder of 1969, a combined total of \$5,000 will be given each month in emergency and monthly assistance to needy retired ministers.

In announcing the modest increase, Brother Michael told of an aged couple who recently asked for assistance. After 50 years in the ministry, they found that illness had depleted their savings;

there were no funds to purchase food or pay for their utilities.

"I cannot help but feel that we as a church have an obligation not only to this couple but to the many others as well who have given years of sacrifice and dedication to the Lord and for our Movement," Brother Michael stated.

Sunday, May 25, is AMA Day in Assemblies of God churches. This day honors our retired ministers and gives our churches an opportunity to assist with special offering for the Aged Ministers Assistance program.

In these days when the cost of living is steadily increasing, this minimal assistance program is all the more urgent. Only as churches respond with financial support for AMA can this assistance and the new increase be given to our retired ministers.

## Executive Vacancy to Be Filled At General Council in Dallas

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The vacancy created by the death of Assistant General Superintendent Howard S. Bush will not be filled until the General Council meets at Dallas, Tex., August 21-26, 1969. This decision was reached by the Executive Presbytery in session in April.

For the present, the responsibil-

ities carried by Brother Bush have been assigned to other executives as follows: Chairman, Ministers' Benefit Association, C. W. H. Scott; Executive Director, Men's Fellowship Department, T. E. Gannon; Director of General Services, M. B. Netzel; Chairman, Commission on Chaplains, Bert Webb.

## A/G Chaplains Named to Commission

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—For the first time, two active-duty chaplains have been named members of the Assemblies of God Commission on Chaplains.

New commission members are Chaplain (Col.) John A. Lindvall and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Orville L. McCormack.

Chaplain Lindvall is staff chaplain of the Army Munitions Command with headquarters at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. He is responsible for the religious welfare of military personnel assigned to the 35 munitions command installations in 20 states.

Chaplain McCormack is Protestant chaplain at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Commission on Chaplains serves as the endorsing agency for Assemblies of God ministers desiring to enter the chaplaincy. It also deals with other important relationships between the church and the military.

At its March 26 meeting here, the commission interviewed two candidates for the chaplaincy. Thirty-eight ordained Assemblies of God ministers are presently active-duty chaplains.



J. Lindvall O. McCormack

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Ariz.	San Manuel	A/G	May 21-June 4	Darrell & Barbara Logue	D. E. Gribling
	Wilcox	A/G	May 21-June 1	Douglas Jones	Ray Murrell
Ark.	West Helena	First	May 20-June 1	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	B. M. Richmond
Calif.	Bakersfield	Rexland Acres	May 21-	Barry & Nancy Weddle	George James
	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	May 25-June 8	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Clyde Henson
Ga.	Adel	First	May 19-25	Randall Walker	Lamar Woodham
	Dallas	<sup>1</sup> First	May 19-25	Carl E. Gammel	Freddie C. Goss
	Warner Robins	First	May 20-30	Nettie Parham	Charles Morris
Idaho	Jerome	A/G	May 13-25	Layman & Miessner Tm.	Sheldon Slagel
Ill.	Mattoon	First	May 13-18	Paul Clark Team	Truman Smith
	Rockford	First	May 21-25	Sunshine Evang. Party	E. H. Whitcomb
Ind.	Bedford	First	May 20-June 1	Walter Kronberg	E. J. Bruton
	Ellettsville	A/G	May 20-25	Doug & Judy Maners	William Albertson
	Muncie	Northside	May 21-June 1	W. Glenn West	Marvin L. Fulks
Iowa	Belle Plaine	First	May 14-25	Ken Krivohlavek	David Hamilton
	Bettendorf	First	May 7-18	Singing Lunsfords	O. H. Hamilton
	Le Claire	Full Gospel Tab.	May 21-June 1	Singing Lunsfords	William Lane
	Shenandoah	Full Gospel Tab.	May 11-25	Wesley & Gladys Morton	Arthur R. Sorenson
Kans.	El Dorado	A/G	May 7-18	I. D. Rayborn	Anthony Benigas
	Topeka	First	May 21-25	Roy Tregenza	Clare Rose
La.	Lake Charles	Calvary	May 25-	Doyle Jones	Nelson Woodcock
	St. Landry	Lone Pine	May 18-23	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	Gerald E. Davis
	West Monroe	First	May 21-June 2	Ernie Eskelin	L. C. Ashbrook
Me.	Springvale	Sanford Full Gospel	May 22-25	Harold Davis	George P. Hendrickson
Md.	Hyattsville	Faith Tabernacle	May 21-June 1	Don & Sharon Parker	B. M. Slye
Mass.	Brockton	A/G	May 7-18	W. Glenn West	Earl Sherrick
Mich.	Benton Harbor	Fairplain	May 20-June 1	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Ernest W. Zilch
	Columbiaville	Lakeville	May 20-25	Fairfield Evang. Party	Levernon Davis
	Grand Rapids	Woodmere Gardens	May 18-25	Ray C. Eskelin	Duane Wessman
	Iron Mountain	A/G	June 1-	Mike Murdock	L. P. Farina
	Livonia	A/G	May 25-June 8	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Michael DeKonty
Miss.	Waynesboro	Little Rock	May 25-June 6	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	William E. Frasier
Mo.	Arnold	<sup>1</sup> A/G	May 18-23	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Gene T. Canter
	Fredericktown	<sup>1</sup> First	May 25-30	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Max Francis
	Salem	Grace Temple	May 13-25	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Marvin Ivie
	Springfield	Bethel	May 20-25	Dave & Jan Olshevski	D. W. Wartenbee
Nebr.	Maxwell	A/G	May 18-23	Kathleen Jennings	John Stocker
N. J.	Hammonton	A/G	May 14-18	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Leland Paris
N. Y.	Adams	A/G	May 18-June 1	James L. Snyder	Douglas R. Johnson
	Bellerose	A/G	May 20-25	Roy & Mildred Johnson	Robert Burgess
N. C.	Fayetteville	Calvary	May 18-23	Woodrow Oxner	Gardner H. Altman
Ohio	Cincinnati	First Christian	May 21-June 1	Gene & Heather Burgess	Clyde C. Miller
	Dayton	Northridge	May 20-June 1	R. J. Pasquale	Allen Trimble
	Hamilton	Holy Temple	May 18-	Donnell-Holler Team	Vernon Wright
Okla.	Tulsa	New Hope	May 13-	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Lee Butcher
	Vinita	First	May 20-June 1	Lee & Bonnie J. Krupnick	Jerry Shoemaker
Oreg.	Portland	<sup>2</sup> Civic Auditorium	May 18-25	E. T. Quanabush	Joseph Dunets, Chm.
	Springfield	<sup>1</sup> First	May 18-23	L. O. & Mrs. Triplett	Bert Allbritton
Pa.	Coalport	A/G	May 20-	Clara A. Peters	Elmer Hosband
	Philadelphia	Full Gospel Tab.	May 18-23	Hilda Simokat	Larry Albanese
	Philadelphia	Northeast	May 22-25	Mary E. Hudson	Gordon J. White
Tex.	Brazoria	A/G	May 18-25	Doyle Jones	Dan Norman
	Corpus Christi	Bethel	May 25-June 1	E. R. Winter	J. W. Nash
	Dallas	Maplewood	May 21-June 1	Keetah Jones	Ronald Hastie
	Duncanville	First	May 18-June 1	Sara Sharp	H. S. Cowart
	Ft. Worth	Victory	May 20-25	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Charles Jones
	Refugio	First	May 11-18	E. R. Winter	V. D. Grumbles
Va.	Norfolk	Calvary	May 18-June 1	Tommy Godfrey	Nelson E. Brenner
	Norfolk	Glad Tidings	May 20-June 1	Ben & Joye Brumback	David A. Berquest
Wash.	Wapato	A/G	May 14-25	Roy & Arlene Brewer	W. A. Gamlen
W. Va.	Romney	A/G	May 20-June 1	Charles S. Morris	Norman Landis
	Wheeling	First	May 21-June 1	Paul E. Boyce	E. M. Meekins
Wis.	Waukesha	First	May 20-25	Paul Clark Team	Jerry King
	Whitewater	A/G	May 14-	Mike & Linda Murdock	Rocky Farina

<sup>1</sup> Children's Revival

<sup>2</sup> Union Meeting

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## REVIVAL LINGERS AT ASSIOUT ORPHANAGE

ASSIOUT, EGYPT—The spirit of revival continues to be manifest at the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage months after the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The revival which began in February 1968 (see June 9, 1968, *Evangel*) has had lasting results in the lives of the children and the workers, according to B. W. and Carol Corpany, missionaries to Egypt.

The daily religious activities for various groups are well attended, even though attendance is not required. Besides three weekly services, there are times when the groups may meet with their leaders for prayer.

There are also a general prayer meeting, Sunday school, and a Bible study each week.

"The revival has brought a greater awareness of the spiritual resources available to those who need and ask," states Mrs. Corpany. "It has also brought an awareness to the staff of the ministry they can have through personal work with the children."

Many who were filled with the Spirit have experienced a greater sensitivity to life itself, and per-

sonalities have blossomed more fully.

One of the high school boys, a fine student and a leader during the revival, has begun to participate in more activities of life, such as sports. His testimony is that he has experienced a feeling of wholeness to life.

Personalities of many show a marked change. Three older girls, who seemed bitter toward life and

immune to the preaching of the gospel, now have such sweet spirits and joyful faces.

Former residents visiting the orphanage have been instrumental in carrying the revival to churches elsewhere in Egypt. Revival continues in village churches nearby.

This spiritual outpouring is more than anyone could have hoped for, and God is to be praised for this visitation.

### Present Personnel to Continue

## INDIA'S MISSIONARY POLICY IS EXPLAINED

By E. A. SORBO / Missionary to South India

THE AIR IS THICK these days with rumors and opinions concerning India and its attitude toward foreign missionaries. The fact that several Assemblies of God missionaries returned to India in the late summer of 1968 proves many of the stories false.

The Ovid Dillinghams, Andrew McDearmids, Sydney Bryants, and Mrs. Doris Edwards have made their way back to India.

Although the door is not wide open, present personnel can continue. In special cases, where need demands, it may be possible to get

replacements.

As of now, India's policy is that present missionaries will be permitted to remain or return to their work after furlough. Additional members or replacements may be granted if the applicants have outstanding qualifications and if it is felt there is no national qualified to fill the post for which they are applying.

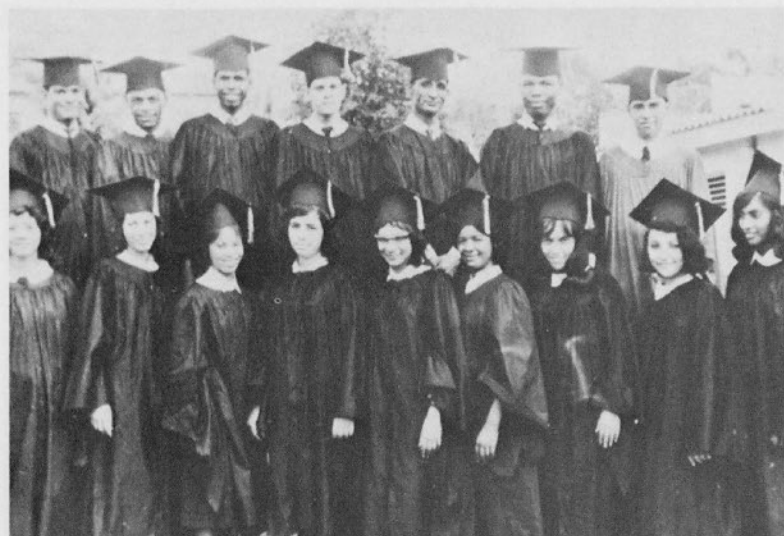
It is gratifying to know that India still recognizes the worth of missionaries and the contribution they make toward the moral and spiritual uplift of its people.

Felipe, the student council president, said, "I was just a rough piece of lumber cut from the forest when Jesus saved me. But the Holy Spirit has patiently planed and sanded me so that I could be useful in His work. Usually the process has been painful, but I thank Him for it all. Here in the Bible school I have learned so many things that I little dreamed existed—including how proud I was!"

Felipe has now gone into a north-coast city where the full gospel had never been preached.

Angel Martinez, another graduate, was one of the least promising students his first year of school. He learned to read after becoming an adult, and the classes were very difficult for him. But Angel loved the Lord and his hunger to learn paid off as his grades slowly began to improve. His testimonies were nearly always a choice verse of Scripture which the Holy Spirit had made real to him. Now Angel is happy to teach the Word to others.

"We thank God for these lives which are yielded to Him," says Mrs. Peterson. "Many of their contemporaries are seeking a university education in order to earn money and live better, but these young people have found that working for God is the highest and most satisfying vocation of all."



These graduates of the Dominican Bible Institute will take the gospel into many new areas of the Dominican Republic.

### 17 Complete Three-Year Course

## Bible School Graduates Largest Class

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—This past year the Dominican Bible Institute graduated 17 young people. This was the largest graduating class in the school's history.

Missionary Rachel Peterson says, "The caliber of these young people is outstanding, especially when one remembers what they were, or were not, when they entered school three years ago. They

are living miracles of what God can do."

Two of the graduating girls, Bienvenida and Irma, went to a northern city which is predominately Catholic. They have a nucleus of believers and are trusting God for greater victories.

A married couple is working in another north-coast city. They have declared they will not leave until they establish a sound work.

## MISSIONARY TOPS GOAL, WINS 2,010 TO CHRIST

MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA—Missionary Ellis J. Stone set a goal of reaching 2,000 people for Christ during 1968. His last campaign of the year, his 48th, brought the number of dedications for Christ to 2,010!

In a little over two years. Mr. Stone has witnessed 3,152 people make public confessions to follow Christ.

Churches have not been the only places where he has ministered. During 1968 he held services in national institutes and schools, hospitals, jails, a town theater, and in the open air.

Mr. Stone says, "This year I am anticipating even more and greater opportunities."

## MANY SAVED, FILLED, IN COMBINATION MEETINGS

SUMATRA, INDONESIA—Missionary Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley W. Weekley held a 10-day revival and teaching campaign here.

In the mornings Brother Weekley spoke about the Spirit-filled life and its importance in the life of a pastor or Christian worker. The afternoons were devoted to studies on how to plan and prepare for evangelistic meetings. Brother Weekley used his booklet *Revival Campaigns* as a text. An evangelistic service was conducted each evening.

Several testified that God had healed them, fifteen were filled with the Holy Spirit, and about thirty went forward for salvation during the campaign.

"Indonesia's population is next to the United States in number, so we have a great many people to reach before the coming of the Lord," says Missionary Elbert W. Brown. "We appreciate men like Brother Weekley who come and help us from time to time."

On the last night of the meeting, Brother and Sister Weekley dressed in native costume. Pastor Tobing is on the right, and Eli Pesolima, newly elected presbyter, at left.





Christians gathered to say good-bye to Margaret Carlow.

## Koreans Bid Farewell to Homebound Missionary

IRI CITY, KOREA—Korean believers, dressed in their best brocades and school uniforms, met to bid farewell to Missionary Margaret Carlow who was returning to the United States for furlough. Miss Carlow supervised the missions work in this city.

The work began in August 1965 when Pastor Tae Kwan Kwon left his home in Seoul to start meetings in Iri. He began the services in a Korean Army squad tent, and within a month's time thirty people had denounced sin to follow Christ.

The believers made mud bricks and built a three-foot wall at the base of the tent. A pulpit was built and rice straw mats, placed on the hardpacked earth floor, became the first pews of the new assembly. Two years later the church consisted of over 200 members.

The congregation moved from the tent to a shack located on a piece of land they had obtained. Within five months they moved into their new church building, complete with wooden pews and oil stoves for heating.

## OVER 450 FIND CHRIST DURING TENT CRUSADES

KOREA—Missionary Louis P. Richards held tent crusades last fall in Seoul, Masan, Taegu, Pusan, Taejon, Choong-Ju and Won-Ju.

The seven weeks of campaigns throughout Korea brought 476 decisions for Christ.

In the Seoul meetings, Evangelist So Kyo Min taught lessons on the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the mornings and Brother Richards preached each night. Many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 172 filled out decision cards.

Missionaries John Stetz and John Hurston, with the cooperation of the national ministers, made all the preparations for the tent revivals. Brother Richards and his wife will return to Korea in July 1969 for additional evangelistic meetings.

So Kyo Min, assisted by John Hurston, pioneered a work in the city of Incheon as a result of a tent campaign. So Kyo Min now serves as pastor of this assembly.

# Short-Term Schools May Be Answer In Training Peruvian Ministers

AREQUIPA, PERU—Training workers to carry the gospel of Christ to their people has long been a major concern of missionaries everywhere.

Short-term Bible Schools, a new concept in training ministers, may be the answer for Southern Peru, according to Missionary Henry Mock.

The three-year Bible school in Lima is training effective ministers. However, it is limited to single students who are without financial responsibilities and who have some financial backing.

A larger group, called to preach but with family responsibilities that hinder them from attending a day Bible school, is trained in a night Bible school which offers five or six years of classes. But even this is limited to those living in Arequipa.

This leaves those in smaller cities, villages, and rural areas without training.

It was with this group in mind that Missionary Mock planned the first short-term Bible school in 1966. He extended invitations to the workers and churches in five of the southern provinces.

Although only three men responded for this first school, they

were taught six hours a day for 10 days. These three had been pastoring small groups prior to attending the school, and their ministry quickly improved after the 10-day training.

In April 1968 the second short-term school was held. Preparations were made for 10 students but 23 enrolled!

Most of these students traveled eight hours or more in order to attend the school. Classes were held in the main assembly hall seven hours a day for eight days, and the most basic studies were

taught. Local churches and missionaries provided rooms and meals for the students.

Good reports have been arriving from these students along with inquiries on when the next school will be held.

Missionary Mock states, "The raising up of indigenous initiative on the part of the national believers seems to be God's solution for the evangelization of the vast areas of southern Peru. Please pray that a longer and larger short-term school will be possible in the near future."

Twenty-three students, including some wives, enrolled for the second short-term school in Arequipa, Peru.



John Mazurek Family



Mr. and Mrs. W. Denton



Eva Davison



Ann Symonds

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **John Mazureks** (Chile); the **Glenn Dunns** (Philippines); **Wayne Shaneyfelt** (Philippines); the **Harland Parks** (Hong Kong); **Eva Davison** (Ghana); **Ann Symonds** (Ghana); and the **Warren Dentons** (Philippines).

The **Victor Hedmans**, newly appointed to Argentina, are leav-

ing for language study.

Missionaries returning to the States on furlough are: **Bernice Albers** (Mexico); the **Frank McCorkles** (Ghana); the **W. C. Willises** (Indonesia); the **David Bakers** (Singapore); the **Ralph Hiatts** (Argentina); the **William Farrands** (Philippines); the **David Guenthers** (Guyana); the **Stephen Normans** (Spain); and the **An-**

**drew McCabes** (North India).

The following missionaries have transferred to new fields: the **Edward Fairbanks** (from Haiti to Nicaragua); the **Delbert Tarrs** (from Upper Volta to Togo); the **Harold Carpenters** (from Bolivia to French Guiana); the **Russell Schirmans** (from British Honduras to Haiti); the **Fredolf Sondenos** and the **Jimmie Davises** (from Japan to Okinawa); and the **Waldo Nicodemuses** (from El Salvador to Mexico).



Mr. and Mrs. H. Park



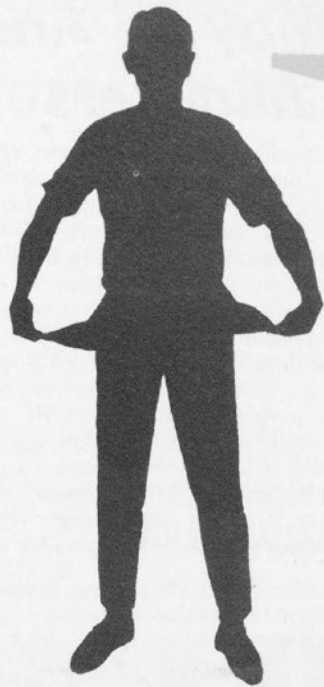
Mr. and Mrs. G. Dunn



Wayne Shaneyfelt



Victor Hedman Family



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By BEVERLY ANN HOFFEDITZ

**T**HE COMMUNITY WAS SHOCKED! According to the newspaper announcement; a very popular local businessman was pleading bankruptcy. To all outward appearance, he was well off financially. In fact, he was known for his generosity to his family and community. But he couldn't bring himself to say four words: "I can't afford it." He didn't limit his spending to his income, and he went bankrupt.

"I can't afford it" are difficult words to say these days. Credit cards come unbidden in the mail. Stores urge us to buy now, pay later. Never has it been so easy to get things without having the money to pay for them. It's a time of self-indulgence.

And the self-indulgence isn't confined to worldly goods. Society seems to be saying that "anything goes." Some churches are relaxing their standards and rules.

Surrounded by all of this, Christians must be very watchful and not head for spiritual bankruptcy by yielding to the pressures of the times. We can't afford it! Let me mention some items that will get us in trouble if we are careless.

**Item: DECEIT**

I do not infer that we will deceive others! I am thinking of self-deceit. If we are tired and tell ourselves that missing church one Sunday won't hurt anything, we are being deceitful. Or if we skip a hospital visit we ought to make, by saying, "Oh, they will have so many visitors, I won't be missed," we are being deceitful.

We may fool ourselves for a while, but not for long. The time of accounting will come. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). We can't afford to be deceived.

**Item: CONTENTION**

This is something we certainly can't afford in our churches. Yet it seems to be always lurking nearby. One committee member thinks a new furnace is needed. Another thinks a used one will do. One teacher wants blue curtains in the Sunday school rooms; another wants green.

Paul wrote to Titus, concerning the church in Crete,

"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain" (Titus 3:9). We are told to contend for the faith—not for our own way.

**Item: ARROGANCE**

First, let's make a distinction between arrogance and self-respect. God is not displeased if a congregation builds a new church and feels a sense of gratification. God wants us to enjoy nice things. He wants us to be happy over our son's success in winning a scholarship too—but not to be conceited or to look down the nose at other students as though they were inferior.

When you come right down to it, we never have any reason to be arrogant; for all good things come from God, including nice churches, intelligent children, and every other privilege. God said, "I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible" (Isaiah 13:11). We can't afford to be arrogant.

**Item: GRUDGING**

It is wrong to harbor a grudge. Some people say, "I will forgive, but I can't forget." It is hard to overcome that nagging feeling of resentment.

But we can't afford even a small grudge. The price is too high. "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door" (James 5:9).

**Item: ENVY**

We may not envy worldly goods, such as our neighbor's new house or our brother-in-law's new car—but perhaps we harbor a small, quiet envy for an associate's promotion or a friend's popularity.

We cannot afford the smallest envy. "Envyings . . . of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:21).

Do not be lulled into the indulgence of sins that are palatable to the conscience of the times in which we live. Learn to say, "I can't afford it." Or on judgment day you may find you are spiritually bankrupt—to your eternal regret.