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SEEING GOD THROUGH DAD

By HOWARD C. OSGOOD

THE GREATEST HONOR ever bestowed on earthly fathers came when Jesus Christ explained man's relationship to God. He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father . . ." (Matthew 6:9). What a high place He gave to every father on earth!

To the child there are only two persons who can present a clear picture of what God is like: the Lord Jesus and the child's father. The likeness which he sees in Christ, of course, is the better, for He declared, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). In Jesus the child can see the Heavenly Father's care, His sinlessness, His mercy, and His love. And Christ is perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect.

Yet even in this marvelous portrait (if we may dare to say it) there may be two slight drawbacks as far as the child's comprehension is concerned. The first is that, to the child, it *is* a portrait; it is not flesh and blood. The second is that the Lord Jesus is not the Father but the **Son**. Though He portrayed God so perfectly, He is forever the *Son* of God.

This makes it of utmost importance for children to see a likeness of the Heavenly Father in their own fathers. Dads are imperfect, to be sure; Jesus even called them

evil. Yet He compared all fathers with God when He said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11). And dads are on the scene where children can look at them and learn from them.

There are many ways in which earthly fathers portray the Heavenly Father to their children. They want only what is good for them, and they work hard to get it for their children. The child needs food, clothing, and shelter—and the father provides it. The child needs an education, and most fathers are willing to "spend and be spent" to secure this for their children.

When I was but a small boy, my father often reminded me, "Son, you will need to go to college if you expect to amount to anything when you are a man." I believed him and accepted the goal my father had set for me.

But dads are like God in more ways than just being good providers. Like God, they are request-hearers. Every day they hear petitions such as, "Dad, I need a new pair of shoes"; "Dad, can I use the car tonight?" "Dad, will you show me how to work this math problem?" Yes, dads hear requests and often supply the answers. And their answers, like God's, are sometimes yes and sometimes no.

Like the Father in heaven, the earthly dad provides guidance for his child. When a father sees his son trying to make a boat or a kite he loves to help him by making

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suggestions and guiding the small fingers toward greater skill.

I still treasure the letters of advice my father sent me while I was away at college. How I needed those words of wisdom from one who loved me and desired only the best for me!

What a privilege Joseph had in being the foster-father of the lad Jesus! He must have been a good foster-father, for his Son surely learned from him and (may we say it reverently) came to understand from Joseph's teaching and example what His true Father was like.

Another important thing that dads do is defend their children from danger. This may mean putting up a gate so the little one can't fall down the stairs, or making certain the children are vaccinated against diseases, or cautioning them when they go swimming.

Dads set limits as to place, time, and choice of company for their children. Dads discipline their children by correcting, punishing, and rewarding them. And when children get into trouble, they call on dad to get them out of it. He may tell them where they were wrong but he will also comfort them—again like the Heavenly Father.

Every line of the prayer our Lord taught us seems to reflect homelife with a good father. I will mention but three.

"Hallowed be thy name." For the child there is one name which means almost everything to him. Whether it be Johnson, Brown, Smith, or Osgood, his family name fills each child with pride and confidence. It means he is a part of the clan, and it is to the clan that he feels the closest tie. The child who has been properly taught will think twice before he does anything that might bring shame on his family name.

Pride in a family name makes it easier for one to say to the Heavenly Father, *"Hallowed be thy name."* For we are a part of His family now and we want to hold the family Name in reverence.

"Thy kingdom come." Sooner or later the child will come to understand the purposes his family believes in and the goals toward which they strive.

My father was a minister and he made the ministry seem a wonderful thing to me. What could be more blessed than to help men find God? That was my father's business, and as I grew older I wanted his business to succeed. How well I remember the revival meetings we held together! I helped him draw charts for his sermons. I led the singing, played the organ, or helped him ring the church bell. In the final meeting we held together, I was the evangelist and my father stood by my

side with joy and in much prayer. With his help the revival became a great success.

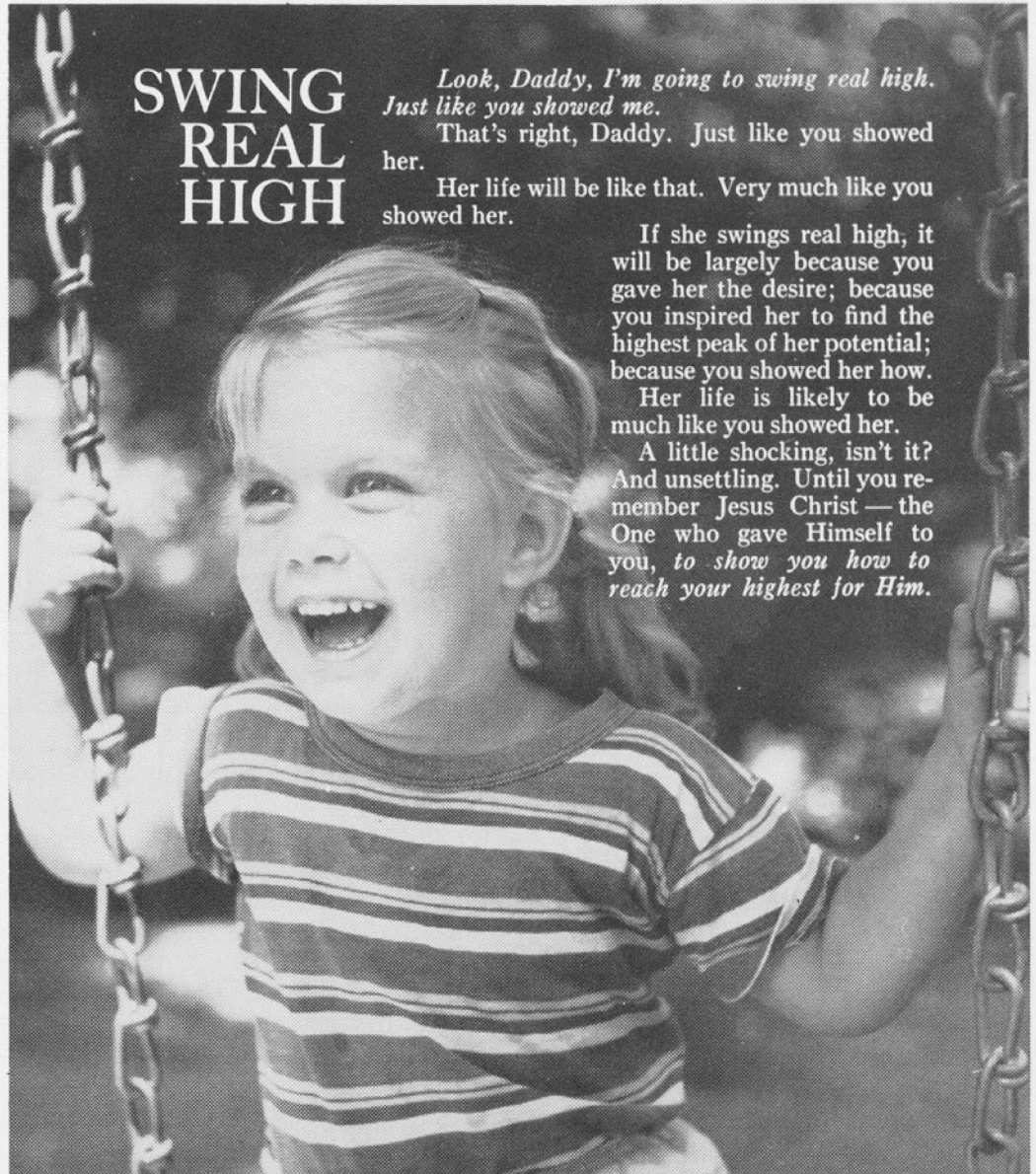
Our Heavenly Father is in business too, and as His children we want it to succeed. So we pray, *"Thy kingdom come."*

"Thy will be done." Not every son has learned to say, *"Dad, there's nothing I'd rather do than to obey you, to work with you, to try to please you."* But happy is the boy who has a father he can admire and safely follow.

Happy too is the father who has the confidence of a manly, obedient son. As he sees his son grow in skill and understanding and feels his loyalty, he finally does what the Heavenly Father did: he places the family business into his son's hands with full confidence. *"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand"* (John 3:35).

No earthly father can ever be perfect, but every dad has the privilege of living in such a way as to draw for his children a rough portrait of the Father in heaven.

Remember, Dad, how the Lord Jesus saw in one like you a picture that reminded Him of God. May your sons and daughters be able to see God in you. May that picture become more clear each day so that when your children pray, they may confidently say, *"Our Father which art in heaven!"*



SWING REAL HIGH

Look, Daddy, I'm going to swing real high. Just like you showed me.

That's right, Daddy. Just like you showed her.

Her life will be like that. Very much like you showed her.

If she swings real high, it will be largely because you gave her the desire; because you inspired her to find the highest peak of her potential; because you showed her how.

Her life is likely to be much like you showed her.

A little shocking, isn't it? And unsettling. Until you remember Jesus Christ—the One who gave Himself to you, to show you how to reach your highest for Him.

What Is a Father?

IN A LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN the question was asked, "What is a father?" The answer was given:

"He is the parent who has to endure childbirth without benefit of anesthetic.

"He is the one who stands at the bus station and waves good-bye to the uniform that climbs aboard, smiling on the outside while shedding tears within.

"He is the fellow who gives his daughter away to another man who isn't nearly good enough, so that he can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.

"He is the hero his little boy worships, the ideal his daughter admires; but in his heart he knows he is not quite all they think he is.

"This worries him sometimes, so he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those youngsters who will follow him.

"Some day he's bound to wear out and when he does he'll find the door of heaven open to give him an abundant entrance. What a great reward he'll have! But after he's rested awhile he won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore him. He'll be busy there too, repairing the stairs, oiling the gate, improving the streets, smoothing the way."

Dr. Grace Kettering of Kansas City spoke at the School of Missions a year ago on the subject, "What is a good father?" She brought out seven points from a clinical psychologist's viewpoint.

1. A father is a good provider. Not only does he bring home the bacon (and the eggs to go with it) but he also provides emotional security. If he has doubts or fears he keeps them to himself. He pours oil on troubled waters. When he comes home at night his unruffled spirit turns a hectic household into calm.

2. A father is a good disciplinarian. Man is not a flower that can develop by itself. If animals need discipline, so do children. Every kind of animal disciplines its youth, and the father who loves his children will chasten them when necessary.

3. A father is a good adviser. The lessons he has learned in life he shares with his children. They will look to him for guidance as long as he lives.

4. A father is a good confessor. A child needs someone in whom he can confide. It helps people if they can pour out their hearts and talk out their minds to someone who will listen to their troubles and resentments, as well as their hopes and wishes. (Sometimes it is well for a parent to confess to the child, too.)

5. A father is a good protector. He is guardian of the family's morals and of their spiritual as well as physical health.

6. A father is a good example. He knows the children will remember what he does much longer than what he says.

7. A father is a good leader, one who not only wields the gavel as head of the household but also motivates and directs by wise counsel and loving concern.

He spends enough time with his family for them to be well acquainted with him, and he with them. He takes the lead in spiritual as well as other matters.

Such a father is a rock of Gibraltar to his family. His loved ones depend on him and are not disappointed. He draws strength from God and shares it with his family. Because the Lord is his Helper, he can say to his children, "Follow me as I follow Christ." —r.c.c.

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MY FATHER'S DAY SERMON

BY A LAYMAN

I HAD BEEN INVITED to be guest speaker at a country church.

Several days before, the lay leader of the church had phoned me. "Paul, I know it's short notice," he began apologetically, "but would you speak for us this Sunday morning? It's Father's Day, and our pastor recently lost his dad. He is still taking it hard."

I had known the pastor for about seven years. A brawny, hard-working man, one would think from his appearance that his strength was unlimited—but he had worked too hard building a new church and attending college part time in addition to his regular duties. It was too much. The good pastor began to have terrific headaches. His sleep was disturbed. A physician persuaded him to "take it easier."

Then his father died—a suicide. The pastor was greatly shaken—and to intimate friends he was asking, "Why—why?"

I was happy to fill in and spare the pastor from preaching on Father's Day—although this occasion was about the last I would volunteer for if I had a choice.

My topic that Sunday morning was "The Average Father." I found him pictured in 2 Kings 4:8-37, the husband of the "great woman of Shunem." His wife had an eye for the niceties of hospitality. But he was head of the home; he made the decisions. This married couple "fit in with one another" (Ephesians 5:21, Phillips).

This average husband was quiet, approachable, kind, and generous. At his wife's suggestion he made an extra room in their home for the convenience of the prophet Elisha. Without this decision and deed of kindness, he would never have become a father.

This average father took time with his son; the boy felt free to visit him in the fields even during the busy harvest season. But when the little fellow complained of a headache, the father faced another decision. He knew every minute counted while gathering in the grain, and he knew only a mother can minister to a sick child. So he told a hired hand to take the boy to his mother.

Recently, my grandson Billy cut his leg severely. The pain and the sight of so much blood caused him to cry. But when his mother and several neighbor ladies gathered to try to stanch the flow of blood, he realized he was the center of attraction. The little five-year-old stopped

crying and looked upon the agitated women calmly. They took him to the hospital.

When Billy came home, his older brother began asking questions. Billy stopped him saying, "The doctor put seven clips in my leg with pinchers. He gave me a shot too. I didn't cry either—did I Mommy?"

"No, you didn't," she replied. "You were a little man. Little men don't cry."

Perhaps the "average father" of Shunem had heard this many times. He grew to manhood realizing a man doesn't cry. He suppresses his feelings and hides his hurts. If he makes a wrong decision, no one knows how it tortures him.

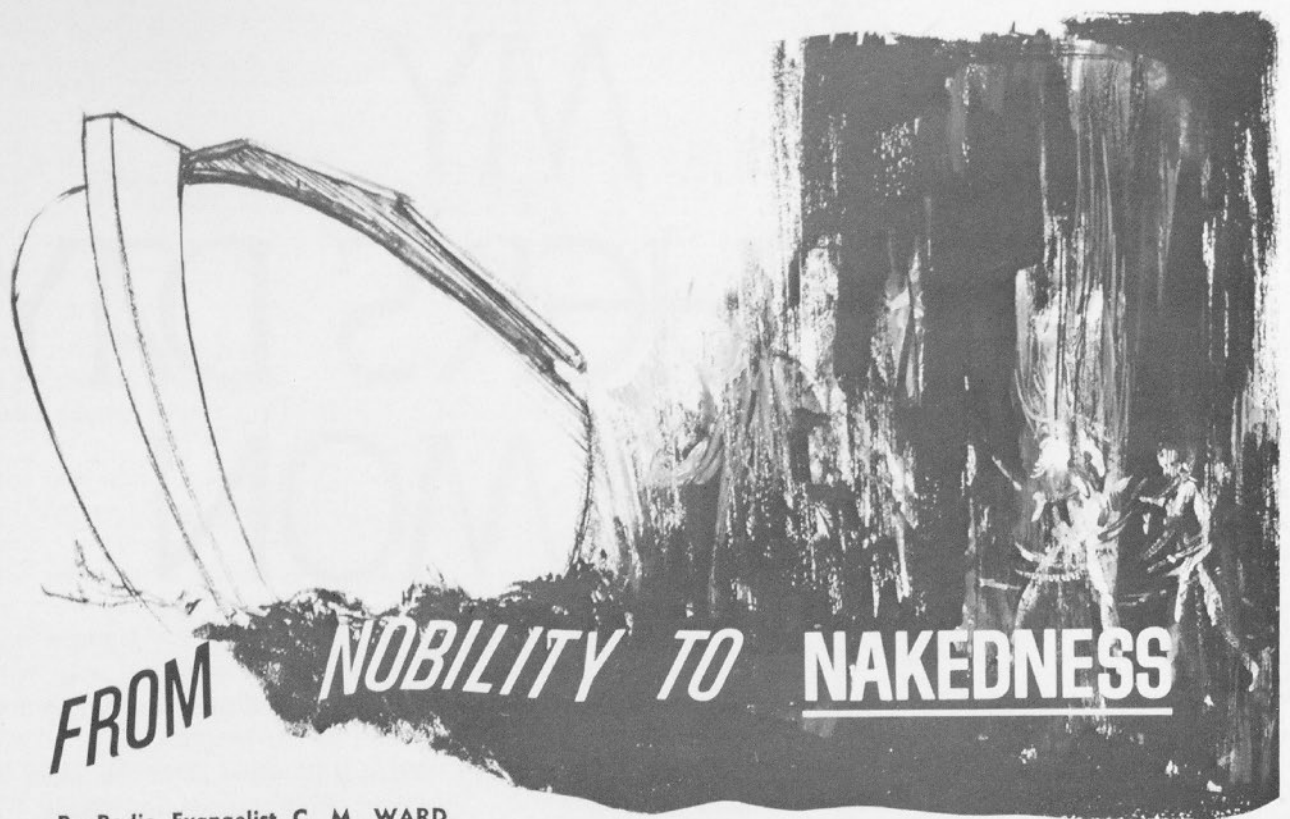
Whether the "great woman of Shunem" realized this or not, she decided to spare her husband the news that their son was dead. She simply asked that he have a donkey saddled so she could go to Elisha. As head of the home, he asked "why." She replied, "It shall be well." This average father asked no further question, for he had absolute confidence in his wife. When he came home from the fields, his son was alive.

To the modern average father who does not shirk responsibilities or avoid decisions, these are trying days. According to statistics the mother will probably outlive him. He doesn't give vent to his feelings. If he did, he would despise himself. Only God knows the pressures which are building in his soul. And he may not be spared that one tragic, crushing event.

I had reached the point in my talk that Sunday morning which still hurts after many years. Continuing, I said that the pressure was once too great for me. I prayed, read my Bible, and attended church faithfully, but the heavens were as brass. I felt a Christian could not have a nervous breakdown unless he somehow had failed God. I thought I was lost.

After three years of despondency I received word that my father had taken his own life. I had to reach up to touch bottom! Thousands of times I asked, "Why—why?" God never answered those "whys." But as I continued to avail myself of the means of grace, as I did whatever little ministries I could (regardless of feelings), God reached out and delivered me. He did not answer

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By Radio Evangelist C. M. WARD

"And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord" (Genesis 8:20).

"And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard" (Genesis 9:20).

A FRIEND BROUGHT these *contrasting* Scripture verses to my attention, and I have not been able to dismiss them from my mind. *What happened in Noah's home is happening in too many homes today.*

The one text says Noah built an altar and saved his family. The other says he planted a vineyard, turned toward financial success and earthly comfort, and fell into such disgusting sin that before the damage could be stopped, one son's view became irreparable. So these contrasting texts become a question to every parent. *What are you building?*

As far back as I can remember, my earthly father built an altar. It characterized our home. Every decision was made at that altar. He asked God about everything at the altar where he ministered as priest-husband of the home and family.

I remember when we lived in Pennsylvania. One day my oldest sister returned from public school to announce that she had taken her first dancing instruction under the guidance of one of the teachers. Lunch and everything else was postponed until that bit of business was brought to the family altar.

We knelt, and Father talked to God about it. When he had communed with God in our presence, he arose to say that it would be the first *and the last* dancing lesson any child of his would receive in a public school. Then he set off to see the principal.

The reception was not encouraging. He was told it was a part of the curriculum, and that his tiny minority (quite outdated, it was thought) was insufficient to

change the school program; and that his child was no better than other children and should not expect favored treatment.

Then Father went to the school board. He was told that no other member of the clergy had complained, and that several members from prominent clergy homes in the area were already studying for the professional stage. Who was he, the pastor of a rather minor congregation in the community, to offer a standard of morality for the public schools! Finally he was told that should he care to enroll his daughter in a school in a slum area, he might do so; that dancing had not been added to the curriculum of that school because of insufficient facilities.

My father let it be known in that community that either the school board would respect the conscientious convictions of the family and assign my sister to another study, excusing her from dancing lessons, or he would mortgage every stick of property he owned and move his family from such a godless community.

My father fought for his family. (He never ceased to do so until God took him home a few years ago.) My sister was excused from further dancing lessons, and our family stayed in that city until God indicated to my father that his ministry was finished there.

That is the way Noah saved his family. "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. . . . And God said unto Noah, . . . With thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. . . . Thus did Noah: according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Genesis 6:8-22).

That is what it takes to *save* your family, Dad!

It was not *easy* and it was not *popular*. His boys were marked lads in the community. It brings back memories. I was as *marked* in any school I attended as though I were under quarantine. When I was invited to hang around after school hours for some "innocent fun," I had to excuse myself.

This is the text of a sermon delivered on *Revivaltime*, international radio broadcast of the Assemblies of God, now heard over more than 600 stations each week.

My father believed at the altar he built that a young man's time was important and should be accounted for just as his grades were important. I was trained to report promptly for meals. I was to be called not more than once in the morning when it was time to get up. School lessons were to be prepared before any play was permitted. *The rules moved through the altar of the home.*

It was not any easier for Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Their father was thought to be crazy. He stood for, and practiced, an odd religion that believed dry land would be a sea. He spent his time building a boat. It was a real circus and would only be good for animals. People finally resigned themselves to the thought there is always some crank in the community, some sorehead, some reactionary, some person out of step with the times.

When someone builds an altar in his family, the public will know it. *That family will come under a divine contract.*

Noah's family benefited from the most valued of all possessions—a man's faith.

Ernest Cuneo, one of the highly regarded writers of this nation, recently had this to say:

"There is a new philosophy that the light which lit the lamps of science came from the spirit within and not from the universe without.

"This is regarded as the primary light; and since it had to penetrate the darkness even to light the light of science, it follows that it can pierce the darkness which science cannot.

Flight was sensed by da Vinci, Melville, and Tennyson long before Orville and Wilbur Wright validated their inner conviction at Kitty Hawk. Faith is the radar of the soul, searching out far more profound truths—only some of which science finds later.

"So, then, in scientific severity, what other source can empty hearts of sorrow of death and then flood those same hearts with the will to live? *What other power can consecrate death and reconsecrate life simultaneously?*"

Noah had that "radar of the soul." "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

He builded an altar, and his family felt it.

What happened to this man of faith? *What erosion of soul does history write?*

There is a powerful line in the memories of a French Armed Forces chaplain, Father Jeandel, who served as chaplain of the 6th BPC with the French in Vietnam, and who was taken prisoner by Ho Chi Minh in 1952. He said: "The worst wasn't to die, but to see one's soul change."

So what happened to a man who had seen and survived God's devastating judgment, who had experienced the rainbow, who had been an intimate of God's?

You would not think a man like that would change, but he did. "And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: and he drank . . . and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent" (Genesis 9:20, 21).

You would not think a man who had known the blessing of God would become a boozier, but he did. *His soul changed.*

He turned from altar building to vineyard planting. He

concerned himself with personal pleasure rather than the safety of his family.

What "vineyard" are you planting? When did it begin? When was the first time you said to your wife: "Honey, you go on to the Wednesday night service. I've got a business meeting I must attend. I'll be with you Sunday morning"? Where is that altar you once built?

I knew a man like that, an elder in my father's church. I saw him put his job and his business ambition ahead of his altar. I saw him eventually lead members of his family into sin and shame. Noah did. "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without" (Genesis 9:22).

He saw his father's carnality instead of his spirituality. He saw his father in a base moment of exposure, wallowing in the same moral senselessness out of which he had prayed his entire family to save them from judgment. It was too much for Ham. It left a curse that went on through generations.

That "vineyard" can get hold of you, sir! Before you know it you are intoxicated.

I have seen it with summer cottages. First, it was only planned to be an occasional hideaway, a very inexpensive and simple affair. Suddenly you were cultivating it. Money you had formerly invested in God's work was spent on that lakeshore cabin.

Then you decided to make it a modern showpiece. There had to be an all-weather dock. The boat had to have fittings that would make it an eye-catcher. Then the grounds were landscaped, a modern kitchen was installed, somebody sold you on the idea of a swimming pool, and the place became your master from May to September.

You never planned to succumb to its blandishments, but you did. *You lie there in its power.* It has stripped away your respectability. The Lord's Day is spent in steak fries and sunbathing and water skiing and lounging. *Someone in your household will bear the curse.*

Thank God, the major part of Noah's family preferred to remember their daddy as a man who sought God and His will for the family. "And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness" (Genesis 9:23).

The altar that had once been active in that home held these sons. The dad they had known, trusted, and respected, who had led them personally into their ark, was not this slobbering, vulgar, indecent drunk that stretched out helplessly on the floor. They "went backward." There had been better days, praiseworthy days. They remembered. They could never forget.

"And Noah awoke." There is always an awakening. "And he knew." That is the price of shame, of indulgence. It is to look in your child's face and read your personal guilt.

It all comes back like an avalanche, mister. There will be an awakening for you. There is a sober moment ahead for you. And you will know. No one will have to tell you. And with some child of yours cursed for life, you will ask: "Where did I lose my way? How did I get into this condition?"

It started when you quit building an altar and began to plant a vineyard. The one will save your family. The other will lead to shame.

I asked myself, "How did Dad do it? How did he transfer so strong a faith to this family which has six sons in the ministry, three grandsons serving as missionaries, and all 100 serving the Lord through the Assemblies of God?"

DAD'S FAITH

By MONROE D. GRAMS



Gottlieb Grams at age 82.

MY EYES BLURRED, then refocused as I peered across the floral sprays surrounding my dad's casket. As the youngest in the family of nine sons and three daughters, I had been chosen to read a special tribute to our father, Gottlieb Grams, at the funeral.

Sitting on the platform with the two officiating ministers, I looked out over the congregation. The central section of the church was filled with three generations of Gramses. I let my eyes rest on one family group after another. There was my wife Betty Jane sitting with our three teen-age children. We had been in Bolivia where we had served as missionaries for 16 years when suddenly we were called home for this funeral.

On the left were my brothers, Herman and Tom, both Assemblies of God ministers, with their children close beside them. And there was William, a pastor in Wisconsin. My eyes found Reinhold, Paul, and Arthur—all faithful Christian laymen—sitting next to sons now serving as deacons in our churches. Directly in front sat

Gottlieb and Augusta Grams in 1907 with sons William (left) and Ralph. Today William pastors the Assembly of God at Lake Geneva, Wis., and Ralph pastors the Assembly of God at St. Helena, Calif.



Charles, also an Assemblies of God minister; and next to him, my three sisters. Their eyes were momentarily wet with tears, but through this mist was shining the strength of a deep-rooted faith that had sustained this entire family for more than 60 years!

I asked myself: "How did Dad do it? How did he transfer so strong a faith to this family which has six sons in the ministry, three grandsons serving as missionaries, and all 100 serving the Lord through the Assemblies of God?"

Then my mind wandered back to the story we all knew. It had started in September 1907 when 24-year-old Gottlieb set his face toward America and a new life. Too poor to buy tickets for his wife and two small sons, he left them in poverty-stricken Eastern Europe with the promise that he would send them steamship passages very quickly from "the land of promise."

Three weeks later, unable to speak a word of English, he boarded a westbound train in Baltimore, Maryland. He had \$2.60 in his pocket and a sign on his back that read, *To Milwaukee*.

That first winter was an anxious one. There was no job in Milwaukee for the immigrant with the outlandish clothing, who couldn't speak the language. In desperation, he accepted the only job available—felling trees as a lumberjack in northern Wisconsin.

His frugality and determination made it possible to send for his wife and sons before the year was over. Employment in the Milwaukee carshops soon made it possible for the family to begin a new life in America.

They made many friends in the German community, and soon the Grams' apartment became the meeting place for the weekly beer fests.

But for Gottlieb, something was lacking. He had expected more than this in the new life. He longed for God. He could not put it from his mind. He purchased a Bible—the first one he had ever owned—and doggedly, night after night, he read it. He struggled on in his search for God until one night a load lifted. He was a new person—born again—just as he had read in the Scriptures!

With the simple authority of the unquestioned head of the household he told his wife, "From today on we will live a different life for God." She agreed.

Meanwhile the family was growing. Living conditions in the city were difficult for a large family, and Gottlieb decided to take up farming in central Wisconsin.

After sharecropping for several years he began paying for a farm of his own. And then the Depression struck. All efforts to save the farm failed, and the family had to go back to sharecropping.

It was during this time that I arrived. Number 12 and another boy! When my older brothers went to school the next day, they were ashamed to tell their teacher the news of my arrival. Another baby brother—and in depression days!

But we managed. The faith that had been born 20 years earlier was strong enough.

My earliest remembrance is of our large family seated around a breakfast table that extended to its full length with three extra boards. Dad was at the head of the table. I remember the clink of the knife on the edge of his plate as he rapped for silence, then the deep voice giving thanks for the food—plain food, but nourishing and plentiful.

After breakfast there was always Bible-reading and prayer. Always. I can still hear the scraping of chairs as we got on our knees. On school days we were up at 5:30 to do the farm chores, and there was still a mile and a half to walk to school, so we often tried to get Dad to shorten the prayers so we could be off. He never did. "The Bible and prayer are more important than school," he'd say. "You'll be in time for classes if you run."


And grabbing our little Karo syrup pails packed with lunch, run we would. At such times, if rebellion flared in our young hearts, it was quickly quenched by the knowledge that Dad's religion was *real*.

He believed so implicitly in prayer that it never occurred to us to doubt. I remember awakening one night with frightful pains wracking my body. My only thought was to awaken Dad for prayer. He came, along with two of my oldest brothers. They laid their hands on my writhing body and prayed. Then Dad said, "Go back to sleep now; you'll be all right in the morning." And I was. We believed in miracles and saw them happen.

When Dad stood to testify in the Sunday evening church service, we all knew that the faith he spoke about was real. There was no embarrassment on our part, for there was no hypocrisy on his. He practiced what he preached. At home, with Mother's faithful help, we were *shown* the power of the gospel in daily demonstration. So when Dad finished his testimony with his favorite Scripture verse, "I am not ashamed of the power of the gospel . . .," something clicked within us. "Yes," we agreed, "it's real."

In later years Dad was a licensed preacher in the German Branch of the Assemblies of God. He pastored churches in Wisconsin and Michigan.

My thoughts were suddenly drawn back to the present. As my eyes focused again on the funeral flowers, I thought, "This is my dad. Eighty-five years old, and faithful to the end! He passed his faith on to me and my brothers and sisters because he *lived* it!

"Dad is gone," I mused. "Gone to be with Ma and with the God he served. But he is not really gone—not as long as there are those living to whom he made the word *Dad* such a blessing and trust." 

THE TWINKLE IN HIS EYE

By EVANGELINE FAGERSTROM

REMEMBER MY EARTHLY FATHER as a hard-working farmer, quiet and reserved, with a full-bearded face topped by a bald head and eyes of intense blue. Only on rare occasions was his reserve broken to express either displeasure or affection for his children.

One of these occasions stands out in my memory because of two factors—the hay-leaves and the twinkle in his eyes.

I was the only girl in the family, and the baby. Although I never got very close to my dad until I was grown, I always had a shadowy little feeling that I was something special to him.


So one day in my early teens, having a small need in my school world that my mother couldn't help me with, I decided to ask my father for the amount I needed. The time of the evening meal seemed most propitious, as he sat in his old armchair at the head of the table. I had made his favorite pudding; and now as I filled his teacup, I said, "Papa, I need so-and-so for something at school."

He looked up as if in surprise, then dug his hand into his overall pocket and emptied it out before me on the table. Hay-leaves, nails, washers, nuts and bolts, and more hay-leaves; he kept digging until there was no more. But from among the various items I was able to retrieve a few dimes and a quarter or two—enough to meet my need. As I thanked him, I caught the twinkle in his eye; and my heart was warmed with the certainty that my dad loved me enough to give me all he had.

Jesus' one great concern for His followers was that they should know His Father. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God," He prayed in the Upper Room.

So intimate and all-absorbing was the love between His Father and Himself that He often spent whole nights in His presence. And as He continually received from Him grace and power and winsomeness, He was able to challenge those to whom He spoke: "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."

If they had really known that the words He spoke were the Father's, that the deeds of mercy which He did were expressions of the Father's love, that the power He displayed was the creative force of the infinite; if they could have realized the tremendous import of the message of John the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God"; then perhaps they could have believed that God the Father had, as it were, emptied His pockets for them that they might choose the silver of redemption for their greatest need.

And perhaps if they had opened their hearts to be warmed by His loving presence, they might have caught the twinkle in His eye. 



FATHER'S DAY WITHOUT DAD

Nick Timko in 1954 when he served on the National Advisory Committee of Men's Fellowship.

By Pastor WM. M. SHARP / Englewood Assembly, Independence, Missouri

THE EDITOR HAS ASKED ME to write a few lines for the Father's Day issue of the *Evangel* concerning my father-in-law, the late Nick Timko. I am glad to do this—not to eulogize him, for he would not have it this way at all, but rather to show what God can do for any person who will walk with Him.

For it truly can be said of Dad Timko, as it was said of Enoch long ago, that "he walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." Man was made to walk and talk with his Creator. Dad Timko found his greatest happiness in doing this. Although he achieved unusual success in business, becoming wealthy while still a young man, he testified the most satisfying sense of achievement in his life was in knowing the Lord and serving Him.

EARLY LIFE

Dad Timko often related to me how that, when he was just 12 years old, he first felt the hand of God on his life. He was born of Ukrainian parents in Minnesota and reared an Eastern Orthodox. When he was just a boy, his mother used to get him picture books about Jesus and the apostles. These Bible stories would thrill him. He found in his heart a growing hunger to know God.

One day when he was playing in the woods near his home, he heard a wind approaching—a rustling in the leaves of the trees—voices in the wind, as he explained it. The voices seemed to be calling to him. When he ran home later, his mother noticed he was breathless and excited. She questioned him as to what was wrong, but he replied, "Nothing," for he felt that if he told her what he had heard she would think him irrational. Later, as he pondered this incident, he realized it was God's first calling to him. It had an impact upon his life which was to affect him for many years to come.

CONVERSION

One evening he met a young lady named Sallie Davis, fell in love with her, and they were married. Her religious background was different, but they agreed that neither would require the other to change churches.

When the Lord gave them two daughters, Mother Timko took them to church. Her husband did not object to this but he was not interested in going himself.

One day she came home from church and somehow seemed different. "I got saved today," she said. He noticed

she was very happy and he was glad to see this. He agreed to go to church with her—just once. When he did, he found the form of worship very strange. "However, I found myself remembering the little Bible storybooks of my childhood," he said. "As well as I could recall them, the preacher didn't say one thing that was contrary to what was in those books. This rather surprised me. Actually I enjoyed the service, but thought that ended the matter. I had gone once to please my wife, and that should be enough."

But about two months later he went again, and this time the Holy Spirit showed him he was a sinner lost and undone. "Recalling God's goodness to me in my childhood and youth, I knew I owed Him something and could offer him nothing less than my whole life. Thank God, He saved me. At last I could see how He had led me step by step and protected me. It was apparent there was something He wanted me to do for Him.

"Not long after He saved me, the Lord showed me I could serve Him by tithing. As I did this, God continued to prosper me; I took in a partner; the business grew until we had an investment of nearly four and one-half million dollars in our two plants, and employed 300 people.

"I have found, as so many others who have obeyed the Lord have found, that you can't, you just can't, outgive God."

DAILY WALK

Dad Timko began each morning with prayer. He walked on the Highway of Holiness that became more real and more wonderful to him as the years went by. He was a humble man, a quiet man, who realized that the materialistic world with all its honors and rewards could not bring the deep peace and joy that he had found in this walk with God. He was involved in many business and charitable enterprises, but the most important to him was the Christian enterprise of witnessing and winning souls for the kingdom of God.

For example, his private pilot, who for seven years flew him to various business functions as well as gospel conventions, related that many times after working all day Saturday and flying several hundreds of miles on Saturday night to address businessmen's meetings or church services, he sometimes would return home early Sunday

morning and go straight to church to teach his Sunday school class at Berea Tabernacle. His Sunday school classes were nothing short of a modern-day healing campaign. It was the norm each Sunday for him to pray for those who were sick and afflicted. He was in tune with God. He walked daily with God.

Howard Hodgson, who was involved in an automobile accident and suffered brain damage, gives a marvelous testimony. He was in a critical condition. Two nurses were at his side night and day. Mother Timko asked her husband whether he had visited Howard. He replied, "Not yet." Later the Lord witnessed to him that he should go, and at the hospital Dad Timko read to Howard from James 5; then he proceeded to anoint him with oil from a little bottle that he always carried with him. As they prayed, Dad compelled Howard to raise himself up on the bed. Altogether he anointed the patient three times. After each anointing and prayer, Howard's condition grew better, until finally he was able to step from the bed! For over two hours they walked back and forth in that hospital room, praising God! This dear brother was a pallbearer at Dad Timko's funeral.

TESTIMONY

Yes, he was a man who walked with God. Brother Demos Shakarian often referred to Nick Timko as a "peacemaker," for he always projected that warm, inner glow of the Holy Spirit that so filled his life.

He was a man of many credits. He was founder and director of the largest independent tool and die company in the industry. He served on many boards, was involved in many religious projects, helped countless numbers of causes—it seems he could never say no—but his greatest testimony was the life he lived and shared with others.

His influence was felt even after his passing. As his body lay in state for some three days, businessmen, ministers, and friends came from all parts of the United States at their own expense to pay tribute to the one they loved.

During the hours that followed, there was a constant flow of humanity passing by to pay their respects. Again and again his influence upon the members of his family was evident. Mother Timko and their two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Sharp and Mrs. Patricia Quinn, are living testimonies to his faith. So often, instead of receiving encouragement from those passing by, they were encouraging others with the Blessed Hope that lives in them as it lived in him.

A MAN OF PRAYER

Dad Timko loved to pray. He loved to praise and worship God. It was our privilege to be with him the last Sunday he was alive. How heaven seemed to reach down that day, December 29, at the services in Berea Tabernacle, his home church in Detroit, Michigan.

One of my last recollections of Brother Timko was that glorious day. At the conclusion of both church services, he and the other members of the church board stood around a great host of people, laying hands upon them and praying over them and watching God move in a mighty way. Oh, how he loved this! I can see him still, standing there with both hands outstretched toward heaven, with his eyes closed—praising God with that perpetual, kind smile on his face!

The next day, as we left for home and said our good-byes for the last time, he said, "Well, I am going away to rest." On Thursday, January 2, 1969, he did just that. "He was not, for God took him." He walked with God.

BORN FREE

By T. ALEX STRONG

A BOY! A BOY!" exclaimed the North Bay, Canada, nurse with a smile as I walked into the maternity ward.

I was elated by the news. *A boy, my first son. . . . It was a boy—born free. Free to choose . . .*, I thought, looking through the glass panel separating his hand from mine.

His hand will soon be smeared with chocolate ice cream or be grimy from petting a dog. There might be a wart under the right thumb and a bandage around the little finger. His hands are the hands of the future. This is the most important thing.

These hands someday may hold either a Bible or a revolver; play the church piano or spin the gambling wheel; gently dress a leper's wound or tremble, uncontrolled by an alcoholic mind.

Right now, these hands are *mine*. They ask for help and guidance in this lawless, revolting generation.

Five hours ago my son came into a world full of cares and responsibilities. Peacefully he slumbers. He is indifferent toward the problems of bloodshed in Vietnam, the conflict in the Middle East, student rebellion, and parental delinquency that plague our society. Tomorrow my boy will be a man; sensitive to world, domestic, and individual needs. Will he become a demonstrator in a protest march against authority? Will my boy help to bring a *solution* or will he *add to* society's problems?

Soon a reply came to my questions. *It depends on you, Mother and Dad.* The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world. "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest" (Proverbs 29:17).

"A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15). Left to himself he will do what comes naturally—sin; and "the wages of sin is death." Brought to a decision to serve Jesus Christ, he will be enabled by the Spirit to live a holy, "more abundant," and eternal life.

My boy . . . born free to serve self or Christ—to walk "after the flesh" or "after the Spirit"; born free to live—"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12); born free to choose between the good and the evil—"Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15).

I prayed, "Lord, let me help him choose Thee. . . ."



Evangelism efforts on the plantation began near where this church on Camp No. 5 is located.

LIBERIA'S RUBBER PLANTATIONS—

UNIQUE EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITY

By JUDITH BACON

FLYING DUE EAST from Monrovia, Liberia, a person views a spectacular sight. Stretching for miles in all directions are thousands of rubber trees, some reaching 60 to 70 feet in the air, all slanting in one direction—as prevailing winds determine their degree of leaning. From the air one might think that the plane was tipping, but the pattern is occasionally broken by the plantation villages located every few miles.

This vast complex provides a unique opportunity for evangelism among most of Liberia's indigenous tribes and among tribes from neighboring countries.

Each settlement houses from 100 to 200 families representing different tribes scattered throughout the bush. These workers, often illiterate, bring their heathen customs and juju gods with them.

Each Sunday our missionaries, Bible school students, and other Liberian believers travel to as many different camps as possible to hold gospel services for the workers. The true span of the Assemblies of God work in the plantations may never be known until Jesus comes. Workers who find Christ

in a plantation church often go back to their tribes and establish nuclei of believers.

Even in the neighboring country of Ivory Coast, Missionary John Mattox is discovering small churches started by people returning from Liberia. The leaders had once gone into Liberia to work on the plantations or to receive medical help from New Hope leper colony. There they experienced salvation and returned home to witness for Christ and establish churches. We do not know how many similar groups have been founded in other areas of Ivory Coast and in the bush areas of Liberia.

Firestone Plantations Company, which operates plantations at Harbel near Monrovia, and in eastern Liberia near Pleebo, has cooperated with our missionaries as they endeavor to organize groups of believers and establish churches.

Firestone has done much for Liberia. Its establishment of rubber plantations was the salvation of Liberia in its fledgling state when it faced economic disaster. Today rubber ranks second in Liberia's important exports, being exceeded by iron ore only in recent years.

The Firestone Plantations Company added further to the economy of Liberia by building highways and an airport. The company trains thousands of skilled workers and provides educational and medical facilities free to its workers and families.

The first to recognize the unique situation the plantations offered for evangelism was Missionary C. J. Crabaugh who started evangelizing the Firestone camps in 1946. The workers did not welcome Brother Crabaugh, for they were a troublesome lot who fought among themselves and often refused to work. It was not safe for a woman to walk alone in the plantation.

The people mocked and laughed as Brother Crabaugh preached, and sometimes they would hurl rocks at him. Struggling against such odds, he persisted in preaching Christ, and soon the influence of the gospel was seen as the lives and attitudes of the people changed. The workers became less troublesome and were working better. The overseers, wondering about the change, asked the workers what was happening. They replied, "We are God's people now."

As groups of Christians were estab-



LEFT: Nancy Dweh teaches Sunday school. BELOW: A worker taps a rubber tree. In a few hours he will return to collect a teacupful of latex. LOWER LEFT: Daniel Gepley teaches in a Firestone school. LOWER RIGHT: Plantation workers begin at dawn.

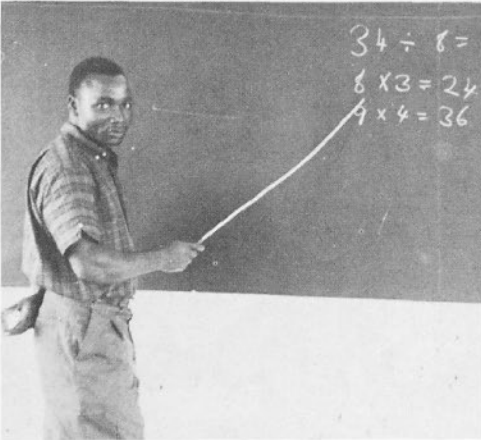


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lished in the camps, prayer leaders were appointed. The first plantation church was built in 1951, and the company officials, recognizing the change in the workers, gave permission for churches to be built in each camp.

Many young people reached for Christ in these plantation meetings are now faithful ministers or layworkers. One of these was Daniel Gepley, who was present at one of the early, hostile meetings in which the crowd threw rocks at Brother Crabaugh. Though interest sprang in his heart, Daniel left the plantation before he took a definite step to follow Christ. In 1951 he returned to work for Firestone and for Christ.

His assistance to Brother Crabaugh proved him a faithful worker, and Daniel became prayer leader in Camp No. 5, where he had first heard the gospel message.

The church in Camp No. 5 grew until in 1958 the congregation could no longer meet in a house. Permission was granted, and a nice church was built. Today Daniel, an ordained minister, pastors this church. He is also employed by Firestone as a school-teacher and has served as a sectional

presbyter of the Liberia Assemblies of God.

Nancy Dweh loved to participate in the devil dancing that went on continually at Camp No. 4. Her anger flared whenever Brother Crabaugh came and preached in the place where she danced. One night during the heathen celebrations, Nancy heard the song, "Come to Jesus."

Conviction filled her heart, and after hearing the gospel she surrendered her life to Christ. Today Nancy teaches a Sunday school class in one of the Firestone churches, is vice-president of the local Women's Missionary Council and treasurer of the WMC's of her section.

Assemblies of God people are found everywhere among the 25,000 Firestone workers. The company operates three schools for children of plantation employees. Of the 13 teachers employed, six are Assemblies of God.

Sammy Jah, one of the teachers, attended school on the Firestone Plantation when he was a child. He gave his heart to the Lord in one of the plantation churches. Sammy is an active Christian who serves as Sunday school superintendent in his church

and is secretary of the Cape Palmas division of Christ's Ambassadors.

Samuel Julius helped open the gospel work on the plantation. Today he is an ordained minister who pastors, teaches Bible school, and who serves as presbyter and divisional CA president. He was the first national to be elected secretary of the Liberia Assemblies of God.

Among the plantation workers, who must rise very early, are students from the nearby Pleebo Bible School. Work on the plantation begins at 5 a.m. and continues until 3 in the afternoon. The students hurry from the plantation to attend school from 4 to 8 p.m.

Many of these Bible students must learn to read and write before they can study the more advanced doctrinal lessons. Their dedication is seen in their willingness to work, attend school, and minister to their fellow plantation workers on Sunday. These students have unlimited opportunity to witness for Christ in the hundreds of camps scattered throughout the plantations. The gospel message they take to others will eventually be spread across Liberia and into neighboring countries.





Grand Bahama Success Story




ABOVE: J. Philip Hogan, executive director of Foreign Missions, delivered a challenging message at the dedication of Calvary Temple on Grand Bahama Island. LEFT: Brother Hogan and his wife Virginia (right) were guests of Brother and Sister R. E. Ferguson, who established the church on Grand Bahama Island and who will continue to pastor it.



TOP: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Piersol (left) from South Texas District, shown with the Fergusons, held the first revival in Calvary Temple. **CENTER:** On the last Sunday 114 people attended the revival. **BELOW:** Brother Ferguson ministered at the dedication.



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CALL TO ACTION
J. PHILIP HOGAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

DEDICATION OF GRAND BAHAMA CHURCH

ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES of what can be accomplished with vision and money in modern times is Freeport—the new deluxe community located on Grand Bahama Island of the Bahamas chain. This secular complex was built to attract the tourist and the industrialist and has caused a real estate boom. With its unparalleled throbbing momentum it reveals what men with big ideas and big money can produce.

But Freeport is by no means the only success story on this island. With a vision in their hearts, Brother and Sister Robert Ferguson began the new Assemblies of God venture of building a church on Grand Bahama Island. People prayed for them; the Foreign Missions Department encouraged them; and many churches and individuals, especially from the South Texas District and Freeport, responded to the need.

The church was a joint project of the Foreign Missions Department and the Mobilization and Placement Service (MAPS) of the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission of the Assemblies of God. The Foreign Missions Department appointed the Fergusons who traveled extensively in the United States to represent the project. MAPS recruited laymen with special skills and a willingness to devote some time who shuttled back and forth to Grand Bahama to help with construction. Missionary-builder Gordon Weden acted as contractor.

On Sunday, January 12, 1969, it was my privilege to dedicate the new facility which rose out of the limestone and palmetto landscape of Grand Bahama Island. A faithful and growing nucleus of Freeport believers of Pentecostal persuasion was present for the occasion. Since the only quick transportation in the islands is by air, delegations from various islands chartered planes to bring them to the dedication.

I had traveled to and from the Bahamas for some years and I had not yet seen the enthusiasm, the faith, and the joy that was manifested when the new facility was dedicated. The finished structure is both beautiful and functional. It already houses a growing Sunday school, youth program, and congregation.

The Port Authority has been most cooperative and is encouraging us to take the next step and develop a Christian day school program.

Friends across the nation who have given to and prayed for this project will be delighted to learn that here in the Foreign Missions office we consider this almost a classic in planning and developing a church in a virgin area. What has been done in Freeport can be repeated again and again. Indeed it must be.





ROYAL RANGERS— A NEW DIMENSION IN EVANGELISM

By **JOHNNIE BARNES**
National Royal Rangers Commander

LAST YEAR over 10,000 boys were won to Christ through Royal Rangers, and over 4,000 were filled with the Spirit.

What has caused our boys program to become such an outstanding evangelistic outreach? Most leaders agree it is because Royal Rangers presents a new and unique approach to winning boys for Christ. One commander expressed it this way:

"The attractive uniform, the colorful badges, and the exciting activities of the program capture the attention of many unsaved boys. These items become the 'bait' on our evangelistic hook. Because a boy is attracted by these things, he will join the group.

"After attending the meetings and participating in the activities, he then discovers the spiritual aspect of the program and is given the opportunity to accept Christ. When an evangelistic appeal is given to a boy against a backdrop as colorful and exciting as Royal Rangers, Christianity takes on a new dimension. To accept Christ becomes an exciting adventure. This is one of the reasons many boys are won to Christ through Royal Rangers."

David Robinson, senior commander of Outpost 34, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, is another leader who has seen tremendous results through Royal Rangers. He writes:

"The spiritual blessings are many among our boys. Some are so outstanding it's almost unbelievable. The many different occasions in which the Lord has blessed would be too numerous to mention, but there are two or three I would like to mention.

"About six weeks ago the juvenile officer for McKeesport called and asked if we took an interest in boys in trouble with the law. We said we most certainly did and explained our Rangers program.

"George, the boy the officer referred to us, was only 12 years old and was already in court for vandalism, burglarizing homes, truancy from school, and much more.

"George came to our meetings and soon was part of the group. He gave us no trouble whatsoever and was even showing an effort to set the example of what a Ranger should be. George went with us on the next camp-out and had a grand time.



Don Bixler, Powwow coordinator, and District Commander James Griggs review the camp schedule for the day.

"Up until this time George had not really given his heart to the Lord. But this past Wednesday night was the beginning of a new life. On that night George came to the meeting and brought his whole family with him. I was asked to go to the pastor's study and there I met George's mother. It seemed that George liked coming to Rangers more than any one thing, and she wanted to know why. After I explained the program and her son's interest in it, she returned to the main service. We called George into the office and talked to him about Jesus. After about 15 minutes George knelt and asked Jesus to come into his heart. Unknown to us, his mother was doing the very same thing in the main prayer service. Praise God, what a time of rejoicing!

"Many families are coming to our church as a result of Royal Rangers. Just this past week a family of eight started attending our assembly through the efforts of a nine-year-old Pioneer. I could go on and on.

"We had been praying many months for an opportunity to minister in a home for boys here in McKeesport. A few weeks ago that opportunity came. Two of our Royal Rangers called on the priest in charge of the home. He

Instructors and trainees at the National Training Camp near Marshfield, Mo., march to a worship service. National Commander Johnnie Barnes (lower photo) leads a campfire devotional.



welcomed them with open arms. He said he had tried for a long time to get the boys interested in religion but had failed. He gave us the opportunity to hold an informal service for them.

"After singing some songs, playing the guitar, and giving some simple testimonies, we showed them the plan of salvation. When the call was given, the response was tremendous. Forty-four boys stood and gave their hearts to the Lord. Praise God!

"In the very near future we will have half an hour to explain our program to the administrative staff of the home. The boys may be permitted to attend our services and our Rangers program. Please pray with us about this very important matter."

Another occasion that commanders are successfully using for evangelism is the council fire service during overnight camp-outs. Here is one leader's description of such a council fire:

"Twilight was falling when we finished cleaning up. Fireflies fluttered about as we made our way to the council fire. There is something almost magic in the atmosphere of a campfire. The flickering flame, the crackling wood, the crickets in the background—we seem to be in a different world. There is a bond of fellowship here that only the camper knows.

"How boys can sing around a campfire! It matters little if they are off key; it's volume that counts as they give vent to inner contentment and joy.

"A few stunts, more songs, then devotions. The devotional was very simple. We told them how Christ changed a certain boy's life. We explained the simple plan of salvation.

"As the invitation was given to the boys who wanted to accept Christ, we were unprepared for the response. Suddenly several boys were standing before me. There was Jimmy, our biggest discipline problem; Gary, whose father was a drunk; Ben, the sarcastic 'wise guy'; Tim, the quiet, shy boy; and others. They stood looking up at me with searching, questioning eyes. I felt very humble when I prayed for Christ to come into their hearts.

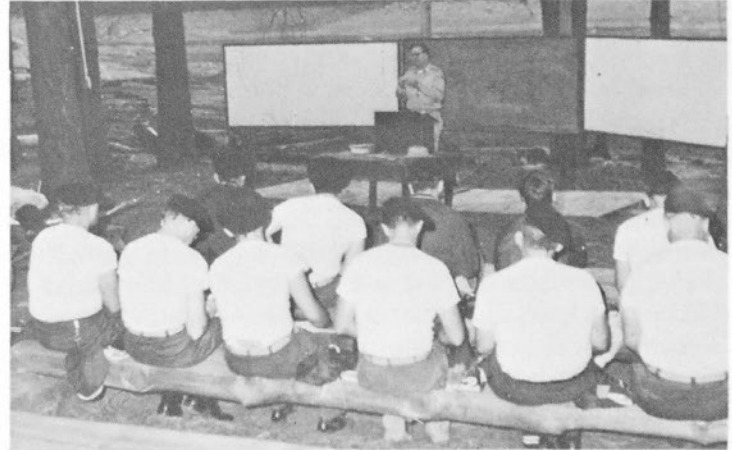
"A leader who has looked into the shining face of a boy who is accepting Christ for the first time will never be the same. I was no exception. Suddenly all the work, time, and effort invested in Royal Rangers paid off.

District-wide powwows are also proving to be an ideal

opportunity for fellowship, campercraft training, inter-outpost competition, and a fruitful evangelistic outreach. Thirty districts conducted powwows this past year and reported over 600 boys won to Christ during these events.


The National Royal Rangers office is endeavoring to train outpost leaders in the techniques for winning boys to Christ so they can take advantage of the unusual opportunity of reaching boys through the program. One section of the Royal Rangers leadership training course is devoted to instructions on winning boys to Christ. Over 9,000 leaders are presently enrolled in this correspondence course.

Another opportunity for Royal Rangers leaders to receive training in soul winning is during National Training Camps. One evening service is designed to teach men the art of leading boys to Christ. After receiving special instructions the men are divided into teams of

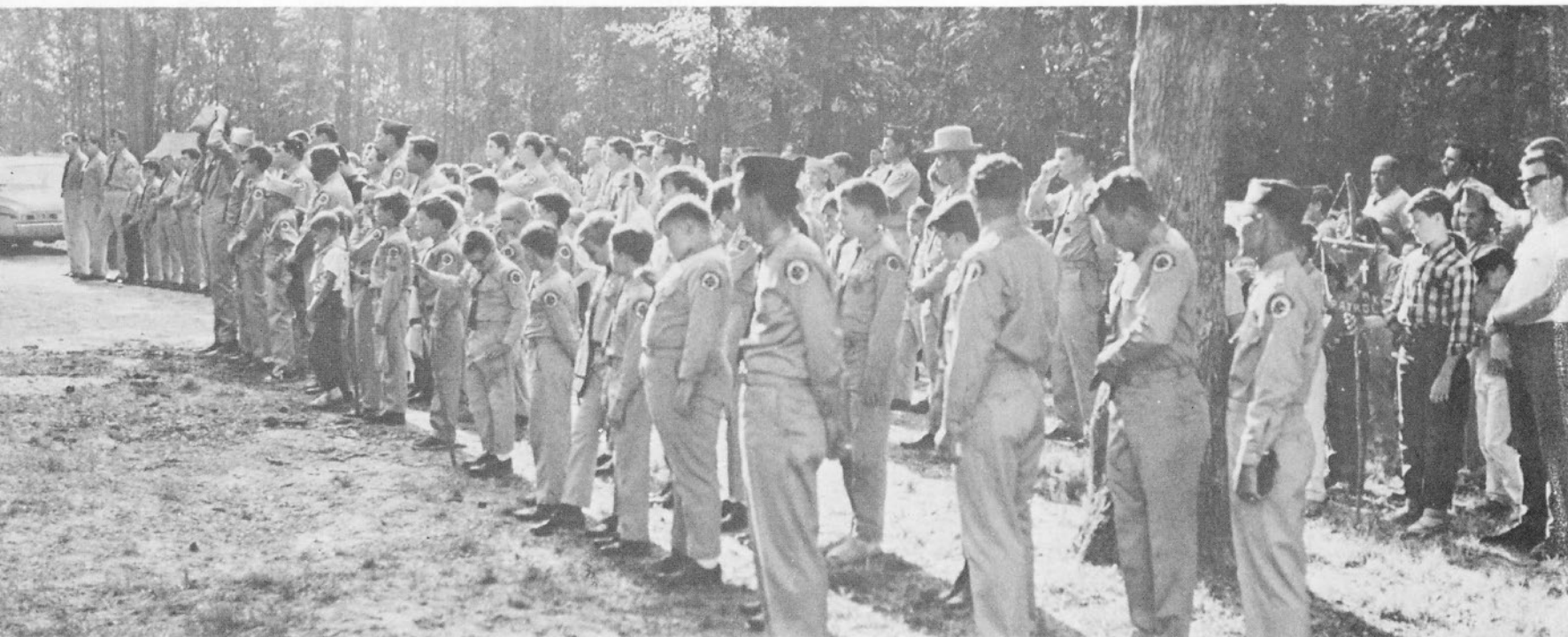


Johnnie Barnes teaches a class on evangelism at the National Training Camp at Shaver Lake, Calif.

twos. Using marked New Testaments, they practice these techniques on each other. Last year leaders from 25 districts attended these National Training Camps which were located in Missouri, Colorado, California, and New York. Five more National Training Camps will be held in 1969 and will be located in Texas, Missouri, California, New York, and Florida.

Many Royal Rangers leaders are experiencing the thrill of winning boys to Christ. Together they are making the slogan, "To reach, to teach, and to keep boys for Christ," a reality in the Royal Rangers program. 

Leaders and boys from the St. Louis area gather for morning assembly at a Southern Missouri Regional Powwow.



HOSEA PLEADS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Sunday School Lesson for June 22, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

HOSEA 6:1-11

INSTEAD OF DEVELOPING the selected lesson text, we will present a brief synopsis of the entire Book of Hosea.

THE TIMES OF HOSEA

Outwardly the nation of Israel was still prosperous but spiritually she was destitute. Sin was universal.

Kings and princes were amused at the sins of the people, rather than grief-stricken. The princes had plunged into unparalleled debauchery. A corrupt priesthood rejoiced in the sins of the people because their sin offerings increased the priests' income (Hosea 4:8). And "there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out" (4:1, 2). Such were the conditions under which Hosea began to preach.

THE STORY OF HOSEA

(Read chapters 1-3.) Moved by a love as pure as

heaven, and definitely directed by the guidance of God, young and godly Hosea wooed and won a wife. Her name was Gomer. Hosea's joys increased when his wife bore him two sons and a daughter.

Then tragedy struck. Hosea's wife proved unfaithful. She deserted her husband and sank so low in moral degradation that she wound up in a slave market. Yet Hosea loved her still.

Oblivious to the scorn and misunderstanding which arose from others, Hosea sought out his wife and paid 15 pieces of silver to redeem her and restore her to his home. There he kept her in stern seclusion. He did not restore her full rights of a wife immediately, but tenderly watched and waited until once again true love sprang up in her heart.

GOD INTERPRETS HIMSELF TO US THROUGH OUR OWN EXPERIENCES

1. *Hosea learned that his sorrow was God's sorrow.* As he sorrowed over his unfaithful wife, so God sorrowed over unfaithful Israel.

2. *Hosea learned a great deal about the nature of sin.* Sin is an unspeakably horrible thing. It ruins lives, breaks up homes, crashes the hearts of men and women, sends multitudes to hell. Worst of all, it breaks the heart of God!

Why was Gomer what she was? Why did she choose evil when she had every reason to choose good? The lure of sin, the love of things, the love of pleasure—these undoubtedly influenced her. But the basic reason for her choice was the depravity of her own heart. She was what she was for the same reason that each of us turned to his own willful way and chose sin.

3. *Hosea's domestic tragedy became the occasion for a great ministry.* His heartbreaking experience enabled him to enter into the suffering and love of God, and to present that love to Israel in his passionate pleadings with them to return to Jehovah.

Tragedy can have a like effect on all of us. Instead of hardening our hearts or making us bitter and full of self-pity, every trial can be the occasion for a fresh revelation of the depth of God's love, of His ability to meet every need, and of His willingness to cause "all things" to "work together" not only for our own good but for the good of others as well!

HOSEA'S STORY IS A STORY OF REDEMPTION

As it applied to Israel, the story of Hosea was the story of God's calling Israel out of Egypt, of Israel's marriage contract with Jehovah at Sinai, of the tender "honeymoon days" when God led Israel through the desert, of their settling in their home in the Promised Land, of their persistent unfaithfulness to Jehovah, of their consequent exile to Babylon, of their dispersion, and finally of God's provision of redemption through Christ, and of Israel's ultimate salvation and restoration to her land at Christ's second coming.

As applied to us today, Hosea represents Jesus Christ. Gomer represents you and me. The marketplace where Hosea redeemed Gomer stands for Calvary. The home to which Hosea brought his wife, whom he had reconciled to himself, speaks of heaven.

Are you away from God today? Do not longer destroy yourself! Yield to His mighty love. He longs to redeem and save you!

LET'S GET RID OF THE SMOG!



COME, LET US RETURN UNTO THE LORD. HOSEA 6:1

Colombia

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

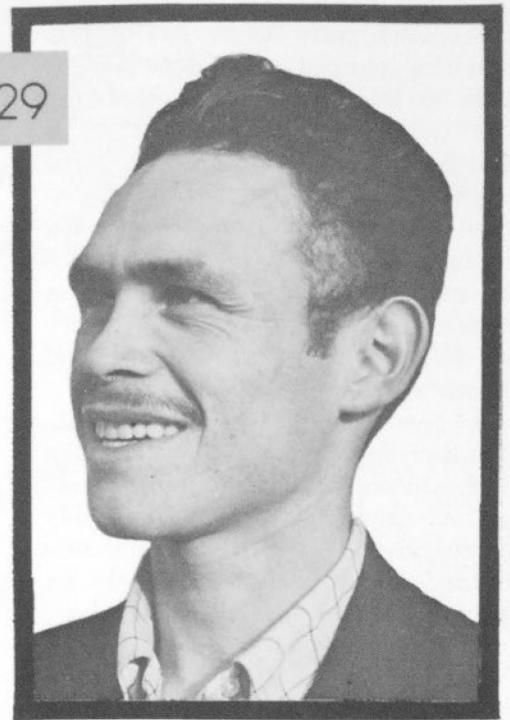
COLOMBIA, the only country in the New World named for Christopher Columbus, lies in the northwest corner of South America. It is the only South American country facing two oceans—the Caribbean on the north and the Pacific to the west.

In their diligent search for wealth Spanish *Conquistadores* conquered and possessed Colombia in the name of Spain. After 300 years of Spanish rule Colombia won her freedom in the revolt of the Spanish-American colonies. The great liberator, Simón Bolívar, established the Republic of Greater Colombia in 1819. Venezuela and Ecuador withdrew from this union in

1830, leaving Colombia to begin her own political growth.

Extremes in altitude divide the country into three distinct geographical sections: the Andes Mountains with peaks rising to 19,000 feet, the coastal lowlands, and the plains and jungles.

The coffee bean is the cornerstone of Colombia's economy, supplying 70 percent of the nation's export earnings. Colombia is also a land of vast unexplored forests and valuable deposits of gold, oil, silver, platinum, and emeralds. The world's finest emeralds come from the heart of ancient Muzo, an extinct volcano.



More than 22 million people live in the republic. Spanish influence pervades the culture, language, and religion of the people.

Bogotá, the capital, a modern city situated at 8,600 feet above sea level, has a population of two million. This mile-and-a-half high city, settled by Spanish explorers in 1538, is known as "The Athens of the Americas." *Bogotanos* are justly proud of the cultural tradition of their city.

The first Protestant efforts in Colombia were by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1825. Today many missions have established centers of operation in the republic.

The Roman Catholic Church has been more tenacious in its hold upon Colombia than on any other Latin American country. Evangelicals have suffered notorious persecutions, particularly during the 10-year period (1946-56) known as "the reign of violence" when many churches were destroyed and people martyred. Although the political-religious persecution has subsided, there still are occasional reports of stonings when evangelizing new areas.

The Assemblies of God of Colombia is the outgrowth of the pioneer efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wegner, independent missionaries who settled in Sogamoso in 1932. Eleven years later this work became affiliated with the Assemblies of God. A number of other missionaries later served in this city.

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For some years Assemblies of God activities centered in Sogamoso. Our work in Bogotá had its inception in 1956 when Harry Bartel started a church, now known as *Templo Betel* (Bethel Temple) and currently pastored by Octavio Moreno, a national brother. When *Templo Betel* became self-supporting, the Bartels opened a church in north Bogotá. Today there are 18 organized Assemblies of God churches in the city.

A new technique of evangelism, "Invasion by Bus," was introduced in 1965. On one occasion four full buses and six cars took a town completely by surprise. Christian workers distributed literature and later held an open-air service in the marketplace.

Foreign Missions Editor David A. Womack, who served as a missionary in Colombia, reported, "The amazing thing is that Protestants are respected more in the 'invaded areas' than in places where the gospel has been slowly and cautiously presented."

The Assemblies of God of Colombia is experiencing phenomenal growth, and there is a serious lack of trained national workers to guide the emerging indigenous church. To help meet this need a Bible school program was launched in Bogotá in 1960. Now the facilities are over-crowded, and our missionaries hope that funds will become available to buy an adjacent building or other property to enlarge the school. This past year 62 students were enrolled in the regular Bible school and 60 in the night school.

Floyd Woodworth is director of the

school, and Glen Kramar is business manager.

Students are required to spend one year as interns in full-time, soul-winning ministry before returning for their fourth year. Many students are pastoring churches or outstations.

There are hundreds of towns where no evangelical church has been established. A plan of evangelism for new areas has been launched by means of literature distribution and house-to-house visitation, followed by a protracted evangelistic campaign and the ultimate establishment of a church. Robert Krist devotes most of his time to this evangelistic program.

Churches have been started in seven new state capital cities in the past three years. Already five of these churches are centers of evangelistic outreach to surrounding areas.

The Everett Devines are stationed in Cali in the western region. In this city of more than a million they are opening new churches and helping those already established in the area.

The David Brauchlers are opening a new work in Medellín, Colombia's second largest city. David Williams is working in Barranquilla on the north coast.

In December 1966 a demonstration of Protestant strength in the traditionally Roman Catholic country was a joint effort of nearly all the Protestant churches in the Bogotá area. Newspapers reported, "For the first time in Colombia there took place an evangelical service in the *Plaza de Bolivar* with some 20,000 persons con-

gregated. Argentine evangelist, Luis Palaú, gave a stirring message on the text, 'And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"


Missionary Verlin Stewart said, "There were multitudes of conversions, and we are looking forward to even greater liberties in Colombia."

Paul Finkenbinder was in Colombia during December 1968 as evangelist for a national campaign under the direction of Evangelism-in-Depth. During this 15-day crusade over 1,300 accepted Christ as Saviour.

Paul Finkenbinder's daily radio program, *Mensaje a la Conciencia*, is being transmitted over 19 local radio stations, covering the entire nation of Colombia. (Just one year ago evangelicals could not as much as buy even one spot announcement on any radio station.)

Colombia's evangelicals now number 250,000 and are increasing more rapidly than the country's population. Evangelicals fearlessly conduct large campaigns, often accompanied by parades.

When the Colombia Assemblies of God was organized as a national church in 1958, there were only three churches represented. Today the work includes 53 organized churches, 163 other preaching points, 89 national workers, and 7,000 constituents. Glen Kramar currently serves as field superintendent.

The years of violence and persecution only serve to unify and give new vitality to the work. "Out of great tribulation" is coming Christ's church in Colombia. 

RIGHT: In the bleakness of the landscape, these workers will find some of the world's finest emeralds. **BELOW:** Students study at Central Bible Institute in Bogotá.



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YOUTH CAMP: SYNONYM FOR REVIVAL



By ROBERT PAGETT

WITH THIS SUMMER'S YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM underway, this question comes to my mind: Can youth camping contribute to revival among Assemblies of God youth in this "Year of Revival"? To me the answer to this question is as obvious as, "Did Jonah have a 'whale of an experience'?" Or, "Was Moses changed when he saw the burning bush?"

If youth camping is at all what it is supposed to be, then it will generate revival in the lives of our young people.

That leads me to another very important question: What is youth camping supposed to accomplish?

If youth camp is a big social extravaganza with hikes and games and programs but no specific goals for revival, then there will be no revival. But if youth camp is a *place* where campers become aware of the presence of their Creator in a new and beautiful way as they see Him in the beauty of His creation, and if its *plan* is to bring Christ to the forefront in every element of the program, and if it is an *experience* where old lives are made new by the power of the Lord as His Holy Spirit works in the lives of the campers, then you cannot help but see revival.

Take another look at Jonah. It is a fact that Jonah (who was as human as any of us) was self-willed, somewhat bigoted, and selfish. He felt his own reputation was at stake. But after his experience with the "great fish" his life was dramatically changed. He became an instrument for revival.

I have seen carnal, selfish, shy, awkward, and bumbling teen-agers attend our youth camps, and I have wondered if God could ever speak to their happy-go-lucky hearts. I must admit I have often been ashamed at my own wonderment as I have seen God powerfully answer heart-cries of these teen-agers when they simply and without guile reached out to God and asked to be made flames of fire.

You know how kids are. As the flames of revival begin to sweep a youth camp, the poor guy or gal who holds back from the evident moving of the Spirit is bombarded

by revived peers who are determined that all their friends must meet God before the camp is over.

Two summers ago a fellow came to our youth camp from a Christian home. He had known God at one time, but it was evident by his actions and attitude that he was no longer interested in spiritual things. He came to the camp for one reason—to try and break it up! He brought some cigarettes, cigars, beer, sacks, and glue. His purposes were anything but holy.

But God moved in convicting power the first night of that camp. Practically every young sinner and backslider got back to the Lord. All except this one fellow.

The next night this young man—in about as uncomfortable a surrounding as Jonah found himself—surrendered his life to God, and a dramatic change came over his life. Cigarettes and cigars were discarded, beer and glue were tossed into the garbage can. The boy bent on disruption was changed by the revival spirit of the camp and he became a spiritual dynamo. He also was chosen camp king before the week ended.

This is but one story of the many that can be related by every district CA president across our nation who has seen revival come to a youth camp. And the thrilling thing is that revival does not stop at youth camp. Many a youth group has witnessed the dramatic change of a wishy-washy young person who found God at a youth camp and who sparked a revival back home, much as transformed Jonah did when he went to Nineveh.

After one of our youth camps last year, a fellow went home and began an FBI (Faithful Bible Investigators) club at his high school. It drew more attendance than any Christian club on campus. This was a result of a revival encounter at youth camp.

Other young people have changed their education plans and have enrolled in Bible college to study for the ministry after receiving the call of God at youth camp. I recently visited one of our colleges, and for a moment I almost felt as if I were back at youth camp because I saw so many there who had experienced revival fires at camp.

Yes, youth camp and revival should be synonymous, and I believe young people can help lead our Movement to revival in this "Year of Revival" if we plan and pray and purpose to have revival at this summer's youth camps.

This is another article in a series appearing in the *Evangel* this year showing the role of youth in revival. Robert Pagett is the Oregon District Christ's Ambassadors president.



Barbara (left) and Judy Slye, blind twins, bless many with their ministry in song. They are gospel recording artists. Pictured with them is their father.

BLIND TWIN HAVE MINISTRY IN SONG

BARBARA AND JUDY SLYE, 18-year-old blind twins, are finding a rewarding ministry in song throughout the southern and eastern parts of our country. They have recorded albums of their sacred vocal numbers.

The girls, blind since shortly after birth, are the daughters of Pastor and Mrs. David E. Slye Sr., of the Assembly of God in Purcellville, Va. The Slyes are the parents of seven other perfectly normal children.

The twins were saved during their early childhood and

The Irving Howards (the Harvesttime Gospel Team) present a recording of the New Testament to the Slye twins during the Howard's meeting in the assembly in Purcellville, Va.



have lived exemplary Christian lives, exhibiting a great love for the Lord. Both received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the summer of 1967.

God has blessed their ministry in song at youth camps and in various services. Many hearts have yielded to God as they sang His praises.

When Barbara and Judy were born prematurely on May 5, 1950, they appeared to be healthy and normal, except for size. Because of their size it was necessary to put them in an incubator. While there, retrolental fibroplasia ensued as a result of the improper administration of oxygen. Although every effort was made to save the babies' sight, by the time they were three months old, blindness appeared to be permanent.

While the children were in John Hopkins Hospital, the attending physician stated they had three strikes against them. They were blind and had spastic palsy and pernicious anemia. God saw fit to heal them of the anemia and spastic palsy. Though it seems impossible they will ever see, as far as the natural is concerned, their spiritual sight is keen. They look forward to the day they will see Christ face-to-face.

Barbara and Judy attended the Overly School for the Deaf and the Blind in Baltimore, Md., and the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in Staunton, Va. To other students, their lives were a living testimony; they were witnesses for Him at every opportunity. The girls mastered the language of signs while attending school and are able to "converse" with the deaf.

The twins enjoy reading the full-gospel braille literature provided for the blind without charge by the Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God. They especially appreciate the *Teen Student* and *Adult Student* quarterlies and *The Pentecostal Digest* (a compilation of articles from *The Pentecostal Evangel*). The girls hunger to know more of God, and these braille publications are a tremendous blessing, bringing them many happy hours.

Wallace P. Odum, superintendent of the Potomac District, writes: "I am acquainted with the Slye family. The two blind girls, Barbara and Judy, are dedicated Christians. We have had them sing in various district events, and they have been a blessing. It certainly is challenging to us to know there are those who, in spite of their handi-

Barbara and Judy, surrounded by members of their Sunday school class, exhibit the braille quarterlies provided for them by the National Home Missions Department.



caps, can give their whole lives in absolute dedication to the service of the Lord.

"During the time of Brother Slye's ministry in the Purcellville Assembly, the church, which had been a basement for many years, was completed. These folk have been a blessing to the kingdom of God."

Editor's note: There are 435,000 blind in USA like Barbara and Judy who need full-gospel literature. The cost of producing braille literature for one person for a year is about \$20. At present 1,000 blind are receiving Assemblies of God braille literature. Contributions from churches and individuals enable the Home Missions Department to provide this service to the blind.

David Slye Sr. and Mrs. Slye, parents of the twins and seven other children, are pastors of this attractive and progressive Assembly of God in Purcellville, Va.



The Jack Brutons are happy for the new Indian church near the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico.

REVIVAL Among Jemez and Navahos

IN TWO YEARS OF MINISTRY, the Jack Brutons have seen excellent progress at the Jemez Pueblo Indian Mission (some distance from San Ysidro, N. Mex.). Recently several Indian people came back to God, several were saved in regular services, and some were saved later during special meetings.

The Brutons also report attendance in the new church numbers in the 60's and the Sunday school is in the 30's. There are 13 pueblos in this one county, and each speaks a different language.

Brother Bruton recently wrote:

"Since the dedication of our new building, our Indian people have been hungry for God. The 26- by 30-foot building is filled to capacity at each service. We have had a series of revivals since opening day. When B. E. Conley, assistant pastor of Faith Tabernacle, Fort Worth, held a revival at our mission, an Indian medicine man

was saved in one of the services. The entire church was revived.

"The first week in February Fred Johnson of Albuquerque was the evangelist for a good revival at our Jemez church. Later in February we had a fine revival at the Ojo Encino church, where we also minister, with Charles Plunkett of Post, Tex. The house was packed each night in spite of the cold weather.

"I have seen God bless our ministry at Ojo Encino and can report there were some nights when as many as 20 Indian men—not counting youth and children—lined the altar. This was wonderful because in this revival I had to preach with an interpreter.

"The average attendance for the 11 nights of revival was 137; and some of the Navahos walked four miles nightly to the services! There were at least six genuine conversions, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. . . . My Jemez people were blessed to see what God did for their Navaho friends.

"It will be essential to have the electrical installations right away at Ojo Encino. The power line will stretch about one mile from the church. The inside wiring of the church I will do myself. It will cost roughly about \$150. We must have a water well without delay. By faith I have already signed a contract for the electric line and have asked for bids for drilling the well."

This article is not about some far-off field across the seas. It is from a long-neglected minority group, the American Indians, who wait to hear the only message that can set men free from sin.

These two urgent needs would make fine projects for some established church or some Christ's Ambassadors or Men's Fellowship group.

Brother Bruton has already built a parsonage, with only \$700 indebtedness remaining on it.

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LIVING IS CHRIST

By G. RAYMOND CARLSON

"For to me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

THE PHILLIPS TRANSLATION OF THIS VERSE IS, "For living to me means simply 'Christ.'" And that is what life is to me. It is Christ.



The poet has said, "Jesus is the joy of living." These are not mere words, nor pious platitudes. Life in Christ, with Him and for Him, is an exciting adventure.

To some people, God is a far-off Being to whom we come when adversity strikes. I have found our Lord to be an intimate companion in every part of life. To be able to talk with Him, at any time and about everything, is the great continuing experience of my life.

As a boy I discovered this rich experience through my

godly mother who taught her children to bring everything to the Lord. Childlike trust and implicit faith was learned at her knees. This carried over through all my school days and is the focal point of my adult life.

Life is not dull and days are not drab—because Christ brings joy. His joy does not depend on outward circumstances. He shares with us so that His joy might remain in us and our joy might be full. The joy He gives is not spasmodic; it *remains*. As we appropriate and receive, our joy is *full*.

When tragedy strikes—and it comes in one way or another to all of us—Christ is always there to meet our need. Whatever life brings, we will find strength and help to meet the challenge if we will but make Christ not only Saviour but also Lord. Then "living . . . means simply 'Christ.'"

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MY FATHER'S DAY SERMON

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my questions. But today I am free. I know that my Redeemer liveth!

I concluded my talk on "The Average Father" with this appeal: Fathers, sons—you may never get the bright ideas in your home. In comparison to others in your



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home and church, you may always be average—your life may be ordinary. But in being head of the home, in refusing to evade the decisions, you can be assured of reward now and hereafter. Keep your heart open to God; keep yourself available to Him. God still makes average fathers a great blessing.

The benediction was pronounced, and the people departed. I shook hands with that big man of God at the door, the pastor in the throes of affliction and despondency as I once had been. We did not speak; no words were necessary. He knew I understood and sympathized. I could see in his eyes that this layman, this average father, had ministered to his need.

The following week a number of the people said God had sent me to them. The church treasurer summed it up in these words: "This Father's Day message has been good for the entire church. Everybody is encouraged."

Why do the righteous suffer? To be able to sympathize with and minister to people in a similar trial of their faith. And to encourage others to keep praying till God delivers the afflicted one! 

I WAS VERY CONCERNED about the spiritual condition of my friend Mary Dorr. She wasn't a Christian, and I desperately wanted to see her come to Christ.


As a means of witnessing, my husband and I took our copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel* to Mary each time we went for a visit.

We soon noticed that Mary was becoming more open to spiritual matters, and we often had prayer with her at the end of a visit.

After reading the *Evangel* for a month or six weeks, she called one day and said she had learned more about Jesus from reading this paper than she ever had known before. She then asked if I would come and pray with her.

When I arrived, we knelt for prayer. Suddenly Mary said, "Hallelujah! I'm saved! I feel so different!" That was in July 1968.

Mary began reading her Bible—something she had never done before—and always looked forward to copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* I gave her. She was so hungry to know more about the Lord that she read the *Evangel*



**SCRIPTURES
TO LIVE BY**

DAILY READINGS FOR JUNE 16-22

Theme of the Week: **GIVING GOD REVERENCE**

Monday	Exodus 3:1-6	Thursday ..	Psalm 111:1-10
Tuesday	Joshua 5:10-15	Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24
Wednesday ..	Psalm 89:1-18	Saturday	John 2:13-22
Sunday	Hebrews 12:18-29		

"Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28).

**"WE SEE MORE THAN EVER
THE VALUE OF USING THE EVANGEL
IN WITNESSING."**

TIME WAS SHORT FOR MARY


By **ETHEL McCLELLAN**

over and over, sometimes until 3 in the morning. Mary also read the magazines and the Bible to her two teenage daughters, and soon they both accepted Christ.

It was Thursday, March 13, 1969, at 6:50 p.m. that I received the tragic news. Mary, her daughter, and a neighbor had been in an automobile accident. Mary was killed instantly.

Although I lost a wonderful friend, her Homegoing was so much easier for me because I knew she was a Christian.

On Sunday, March 9, Mary had been baptized in water. I rejoiced as her family told me they found her baptismal certificate on her dresser. Little did she realize on the day of her baptism—as she testified of her death to sin and her rise to walk in the newness of life in Christ—that in just four days she would meet her Saviour face-to-face.

I am so thrilled that Mary found Christ! I'm also thankful for *The Pentecostal Evangel*. I am more determined than ever before to pass on my copies of this magazine to those who are unsaved. 

Mr. and Mrs. James McClellan and Pastor H. J. Morris (center) of Evangel Assembly of God, Washington, D.C. The McClellans use the *Evangel* in witnessing for Christ.



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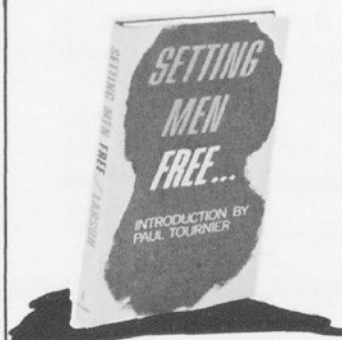


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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

STATE AID VIOLATES FIRST AMENDMENT?

Private College Finance Plan Awaits Court Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments on whether state-furnished low-cost financing to a sectarian college violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment. A case dealing with this issue has not heretofore been decided by the Court.

Currently under discussion is the Educational Buildings Financing Agency Act of the State of Vermont. This act created the Educational Buildings Financing Agency "to finance buildings and associated facilities for any non-profit university, college, or secondary school in the state."

The case now before the U.S. Supreme Court arose when Daulton Mann, head of the Vermont Financing Agency, refused to execute a plan approved by the agency to aid a building program of the College of St. Joseph the Provider (a Roman Catholic school), at Rutland, Vt.

MINISKIRTS MUST GO, SAYS ANGLICAN RECTOR

Won't Start Services Until Women Comply

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—Pastor Arthur Sexby of St. Paul's Church raised a small storm in his Anglican

congregation—considered avant-garde among South African churches—when he refused to begin services until all women wearing short skirts left the premises.

Mr. Sexby announced that in

the future only women with skirts below the knee would be allowed inside his church.

Anglican Bishop Leslie Stradling of this city commented later that he personally has no objection to miniskirts, but said Mr. Sexby was within his rights in banning short dresses at services.

Public Demand Is Key to Teaching 'About' Religion

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The public should demand objective teaching about religion in the public schools, and the schools should provide special training for teachers of the subject, an institute sponsored by the University of Minnesota was told.

Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of Macalester College, said the U.S. Supreme Court has given the green light for such teaching.

"Religious illiteracy," he told the institute, is "one of the very serious problems confronting our nation at the present time."

There is a need for teacher-training institutions to prepare instructors for classes about religion, he continued, but because of their cost they will not be provided unless there is a grass-roots demand.

... at a glance

• • • Narcotics-related diseases cause more deaths among New Yorkers in the 15-35 age bracket than murder, suicide, or accidents. Narcotics deaths totaled 450 in the first six months of 1968, compared with 670 for all of 1967.

• • • The offering may no longer be a part of the church worship service when the "checkless, cashless society" becomes established by the early 1980's, Warren Winsness of First Computer Corporation recently predicted. Most church members will simply make their contributions through the electronic fund transfer system of preauthorized withdrawals from their accounts, he indicated.

• • • Top prize of \$5,000 in the 1969 Disneyland Community Service Awards was given to the Dave Wilkerson Youth Rallies of Anaheim, Calif. This countywide, teen-oriented program deals with the problems of youth and presents Christ as the answer. It marked the first time for any Christian organization to receive one of the annual awards.

• • • Reinforced by the formal addition of the Church of the Nazarene to its ranks, the National Holiness Association is making plans to expand its program throughout the United States. The ceremony in which the 465,000-member Nazarene church was admitted to membership in the NHA was the highlight of the 101st annual convention.

• • • Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston, has given his official approval to Today's English Version of the New Testament, published by the American Bible Society. A general secretary of the Bible Society told Cardinal Cushing that his imprimatur "will enable a great number of new readers throughout the world, particularly in Asia and Africa, to become familiar for the first time with the printed Word of God."

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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Prison Inmates Tell Teens**

PARCHMAN, MISS.—“My home is in Miami, Florida, but for the next seven years my home is the Mississippi State Penitentiary,” 18-year-old James Bennett recently told a group of high school students.

Bennett and two other inmates are part of a speaking team from the state prison here who are appearing throughout the state, attempting to warn teen-agers not to be lured into a life of crime. The speaking team was organized about six months ago by prison superintendent Thomas Cook.

Traveling with the inmates are State Representative Tommy Gallott and Prison Chaplain S. F. McManus Jr., an ordained Assemblies of God minister.

“We’ve been doing this all over the state,” explains Chaplain McManus. “These inmates are not proud of anything they’ve done,” he added, “but they’re trying to keep teen-agers from ending up in Parchman. It’s a very serious matter with them.”

Each of the three speakers tells students why he ended up behind bars. All said that bad company, dope, and alcohol were the chief factors which led them down the road to prison.

All three men say they have found Christ in prison and they hope that by telling their stories they might at least prevent one teen-ager from going wrong.

WITH CHRIST

Everette Ewing, 55, of Federal Way, Wash., went to be with Christ after a heart attack on April 18, 1969.

Ordained in 1942 by the Kansas District, Brother Ewing pastored in Osborne, Chanute, and Coffeyville, Kans., and served for some time as the district CA president and Sunday school representative in that state. He also held pastorates in Springfield, Mo.; and Tacoma, and Des Moines, Wash. He was a presbyter in the Kansas and Northwest Districts.

He is survived by his wife Viola and four children. One daughter Joyce and her husband, John Burnett, are under appointment as missionaries to the Philippines.

Agustin Aviles, 82, of Wellington, Ohio, was called into the presence of the Lord on April 5, 1969. A member of the Latin American District, Brother Aviles was ordained in 1943. He served the Lord as an evangelist. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

The Hillcrest Story, written by Anne Baar, was published by the Department of Benevolences to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of Hillcrest Children’s Home, Hot Springs, Ark. Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, is presented a copy of the book by Charles W. H. Scott, Executive Director of Benevolences. Other resident executive directors from left to right are: Bartlett Peterson, Bert Webb, M. B. Netzel, J. P. Hogan, and T. E. Gannon.


EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	¹ Moffatt Road	June 22-27	Larry Summers	Henry Thomas
	Montgomery	First	June 18-29	Gene & Heather Burgess	Charles Wilson
Ariz.	Benson	A/G	June 16-22	Charles O. Hudspeth	Bill Laney
	Tucson	First	June 15-29	Dan Womack	L. C. Gilmore
Ark.	N. Little Rock	First	June 22-29	Singing Kolenda Family	David Hastie
	Oak Grove	Joy Tabernacle	June 16-22	Glenna Byard	Ray H. Shelton
	Poyen	A/G	June 17-29	Wallace & Carol Joice	Eugene Dunn
Calif.	San Bernardino	First	June 22-27	John G. Hall	Louis H. Hauff
	Stockton	Faith Tabernacle	June 16-21	Youngman-Howard Team	Wilbur Ogilvie
Colo.	Denver	East Denver	June 17-29	I. D. Rayborn	Paul McGechie
	Florence	First	June 22-July 6	Jim Mackey	Merle Headding
Fla.	Pensacola	Ensley	June 15-22	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	George Green
	Richland	¹ A/G	June 22-27	Musical Wellards	G. M. Osborne
Ga.	Columbus	¹ North Highland	June 16-20	Larry Summers	C. O. Cope
	Douglasville	First	June 22—	Nettie Parham	Esmond McPherson
Ill.	Peoria	² First	June 22-July 3	Victor Etienne	Bobby Ray
Ind.	Highland	¹ A/G	June 16—	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Jimmie R. Johnson
Kans.	Kansas City	¹ Bethel	June 22-27	Christian Hild	Paul Johnson
Ky.	Louisville	Evangel Tab.	June 14—	Hargis Bros. Team	W. L. Rodgers
	Mayfield	First	June 15-29	E. A. Manley	Carey Puckett
Mich.	Boyer City	¹ A/G	June 22-27	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Larry Frick
	Farmington	Trinity	June 17-22	Bobby & Sharon Jones	John Winn
	Rochester	Bethany Tab.	June 18-29	Wesley Wibley	Frank Racine
Minn.	Dodge Center	² A/G	June 15-20	Victor Etienne	H. L. Hagemeister
	Monticello	A/G	June 15-27	B. C. & Mrs. Heinze	Wesley Glennen
Miss.	Ellisville	Glad Tidings	June 17—	M. L. Cunningham	James Irby
Mo.	Florissant	Evangelistic	June 15-20	Gladys Voight	Vern Stoughton
	Irontale	A/G	June 16-22	Howard & Barbara Young	Luther Davis
	Maplewood	¹ Revival Tab.	June 15-20	Earl & Arlene Stubbs	A. L. Burnett
	St. Louis	¹ Friendly	June 22-27	Gladys Voight	N. D. Hale
	Springfield	¹ Bethel	June 15-20	Christian Hild	D. W. Wartenbee
Mont.	Great Falls	Central	June 15-20	Larson-Stiver Team	Erwin Rohde
	Kalispell	A/G	June 22-29	Robert Summers	Ellwood Grissom
N. J.	Mt. Holly	³ A/G	June 15-29	James & Mrs. Occhipinti	James Occhipinti
N. Dak.	Jamestown	¹ A/G	June 15-22	Thom & Carolyn Loven	Leo Miller
Ohio	Perrysburg	¹ Bethel	June 16-22	Paul & Donna Wright	William Helton
	Ravenna	A/G	June 22-27	Paul Hild Family	L. V. Lebsack
	Wilmington	First	June 17-29	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Raymond Umstead
Okla.	Alex	A/G	June 17—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. C. Venable
	Battiest	First	June 11-22	Fisher-Cheek Team	Fred Myrick
	Claremore	Verdigris	June 22-July 6	Henry A. Fowler	Royce Peterson
	Guymon	First	June 15-29	Stewart B. Douglass	B. W. Orf
	Velma	² A/G	June 16-29	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Harold J. Baker
Oreg.	Beaverton	¹ A/G	June 16-20	L. O. & Gladys Triplett	A. C. Grimes
Pa.	Lancaster	¹ First Pent.	June 16-22	Mrs. Robert S. Beisel	James E. Morris
	Poland Mines	A/G	June 4-15	Irving & Mary Howard	J. Cecil Hicks
	Shrewsbury	Full Gospel	June 18-29	George & Evelyn Butrin	Alfred Boyd
Tenn.	LaFollette	First	June 16-29	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Robert Holland
	Memphis	Central	June 22-29	Howard H. Jones	Joe Dee Kelley
	Sidonia	A/G	June 15—	Lynn Drumwright	A. L. Land
Tex.	Aransas Pass	First	June 22—	E. R. Winter	Bob White
	Crosbyton	First	June 18-29	“Danny” & Patsy Rogers	Floyd Schaeffer
	Dayton	First	June 22—	Don & Iris Campbell	H. J. Weaver
	Greenville	First	June 22-29	Thomas R. Calk	Gerald A. Griffin
	Houston	Greens Bayou	June 22-29	John & Jan Haydel	Lester P. Summers
	Houston	Shady Oaks	June 22—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Billy Sanders
	Jefferson	A/G	June 22-29	Joe & Judy McCutchen	Lloyd McCutchen
	Madisonville	A/G	June 8-15	John & Jan Haydel	E. R. Mason
Va.	Fairfax	A/G	June 8-22	Keetah Jones	Walter J. Keller
	Winchester	Full Gospel	June 22-29	Earl & Arlene Stubbs	I. L. Stonesifer
Wash.	Buckley	¹ A/G	June 22-27	L. O. & Gladys Triplett	Bob Unruh
	Hartline	¹ A/G	June 16-20	Irish Gospelsaires	David Eide
	Seattle	¹ Calvary Temple	June 22-27	Kathleen Jennings	Marcus Gaston
	Shelton	¹ A/G	June 22-27	Irish Gospelsaires	Mason A. Younglund
	Tacoma	¹ First	June 15-20	Kathleen Jennings	Fulton Buntain
Wis.	Couderay	A/G Camp	June 15-22	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Duane B. Hammond, Chm.
Wyo.	Glenrock	A/G	June 22-27	Larson-Stiver Team	David L. Garrett
Canada	Sarnia, Ont.	Bethel Pent.	June 18-22	Sunshine Evang. Party	T. E. Richardson

¹Children’s Revival

²Youth Crusade

³Children’s & Youth Revival

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Dedicates New Facilities

Arkansas Congregation Reports Spiritual, Numerical Growth

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Don McKinney has been named pastor of Central Assembly here. He succeeds Bird Campbell who resigned to enter the evangelistic ministry.

Brother Campbell came to Central Assembly in 1958. Since that time the church has grown and in January 1968 the congregation dedicated a lovely new building to the Lord.

The building contains a fellowship hall with a kitchen, 20 classrooms, CA chapel, rest rooms,

teen hall, nursery, and church offices.

The 120- by 60-foot sanctuary seats 478. Peacock color carpeting and opera seats set off the white brick walls of the sanctuary. Gold-colored windows and a cathedral ceiling complete the interior design.

In 1968 the CA's placed seventh in the nation in Speed-the-Light giving. The Sunday school has earned the Gold Crown award for 14 consecutive years.



The sanctuary of Central Assembly in Little Rock will seat 478. Don McKinney has recently been named pastor of this church.

MARSHALL, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Womack of Springfield, Mo., held a successful series of meetings at First Assembly recently.

God began to move a month before these services, and 24 young people were saved. Thirty more were saved during the special meetings. Forty-two were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 37 were baptized in water.

Large crowds attended most of the services, and 385 were in Sunday school on Easter.

The Womacks' appeal to the youth of the community was outstanding. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit on their first visit to the church.

One young man was healed instantly of broken ribs.

—Warren LaRose, pastor

GRIDLEY, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here has just concluded a three-week crusade led by Evangelist Robert L. Stephens from Oklahoma. The services were unusually well attended.

Fourteen were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified of definite healings.

Brother Stephens had gospel singing programs at three high schools during the meeting. He was also given an hour and a half to appear on TV.

—Louis L. Roggow, pastor

INDEPENDENCE, IOWA.—People all over town heard about the special meetings being held by Evangelist Ken Krivohlavak at the Assembly of God not long ago. Members of the congregation had spread the news to their friends and explained what God was doing.

Fourteen people were saved, and 20 were reclaimed. The pastor and evangelist were called out at night and in the morning to lead husbands to Christ—and reunite homes about to split up.

Sixteen persons were filled with the Holy Spirit; 19 were refilled.

Seventeen followed the Lord in water baptism.

Nearly 30 people testified to definite healings. One woman read a long list of specific prayers that had been answered in her family during the meeting.

Many visitors attended the services. From these there are about 50 who are prospects for this home missions work.

—William F. Hill, pastor

BUCKEYE, ARIZ.—The Assembly of God here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. John Kimzey of Willcox, Ariz., in a successful four-week meeting.

Twelve persons were saved, and 11 were baptized in water. Four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many were refilled and blessed.

The average nightly attendance was 90. Sunday school attendance increased 20 percent during the meeting.

—LeRoy Owens, pastor

MARTINEZ, CALIF.—Evangel Temple recently enjoyed a wonderful move of God in revival services with Evangelist and Mrs. M. M. Otwell of Dallas, Tex.

The meeting was scheduled for 10 nights, but continued for three and one-half weeks. The morning prayer meetings were especially blessed—and have been continued since the revival.

Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Some were refilled. The entire church was moved to a greater consecration to God's service.

Ten people were taken into membership on the closing night.

—J. W. Sandlin, pastor

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HOMECOMING—June 22. First Assembly, Alpena, Mich.—Truman Lowell, pastor.

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AS THEY INFLUENCE GIVING, INTEREST

CONVENTIONS GIVE IMPETUS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS PROGRAM

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—For years the Foreign Missions Department has encouraged pastors in the U.S. to promote missions through an annual convention. Much of the increased interest in missions can be attributed to the influence of such conventions.

The success of a missions convention does not depend on the size of a church. Rather, it rests upon the vision and imagination of the pastor and congregation—as evidenced in the following.

Long Beach, Calif.

First Assembly held its third annual World Missions Convention from January 8-12, 1969. In 1964 the church gave \$9,895.22 to missions. This missions budget increased to \$27,236.81 in 1968 and ranked them the 28th church in Assemblies of God foreign missions giving in the nation. Wesley P. Steelberg, pastor, expects the 1969 giving to exceed last year's.

Ohio

Three Assemblies of God churches

in Ohio united in a three-day missions convention. The pastors, Mrs. Delcie Stewart of Rogers, Vernon Griffin of Lisbon, and Glen Gray of Carrollton, cooperated in this venture.

Each church hosted the convention for one night. It began with a "Safari into Africa" at the Carrollton church where newly appointed missionary James Bryant represented West Africa. Interesting and novel displays presented the Women's Missionary Council, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and Speed-the-Light programs of the Carrollton Assembly.

The second service, held at the Rogers Assembly, centered on an "Expedition into Exotic Central America." An offering was received toward building a youth camp and tabernacle in Guatemala. A corn-stalk hut, straw hats, and sacks of "coffee" provided a Guatemalan atmosphere.

On the third night the three churches gathered in the Lisbon

Assembly where a rubber tree and bright colored birds set the scene for a "Trek to Tanzania" with missionary Charles Petroskey presenting the needs of East Africa.

The three churches, which each average under 80 in Sunday school, gave over \$180 for the African and Guatemalan works during the three-day convention. The three cities are located within a 40-mile radius, and travel between the churches enhanced the missionary flavor and gave each church the opportunity to focus on one field.

Mrs. Delcie Stewart, pastor of Rogers Assembly, says, "The fellowship between the congregations and the sharing of the services were as beneficial as the convention itself. We recommend this for churches who feel they cannot launch out into a full-scale convention of their own."

Pastor Gray reported that many young people responded to calls into God's service and everyone was challenged to do more for missions in his home church.

Olympia, Wash.

The second annual missions convention at the Assembly of God here exceeded all expectations for spiritual and numerical impact, according to Pastor Glen D. Cole.

The church was inspired to a new missions commitment by the convention team: the Otis Keeners, missionary evangelists; the Leonard Lanphears, Indonesia; the Waldo Nicodemuses, El Salvador; the Paul Pomervilles, newly appointed to Indonesia; and a local girl, Rose Dobson, who works

with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil.

In its first missions convention the church pledged \$14,805 for world ministries, which helped bring its 1968 giving to slightly over \$20,000. The church ranked 35th in foreign missions giving in the nation for that year.

Faith Promises in the second convention amounted to \$21,403, and the church expects another record year in 1969. Since the Olympia Assembly of God held its first missions convention, support for 10 new missionary families has been included in the church budget.

A unique story that had an impact upon the youth attending the convention involved the Leonard Lanphears and the Paul Pomervilles. The Lanphears had conducted a missionary service for the Pomervilles when the latter were pastoring Beacon-Rainier Assembly in Seattle. During that service the Lord had called the Pomervilles to be missionaries in Indonesia.

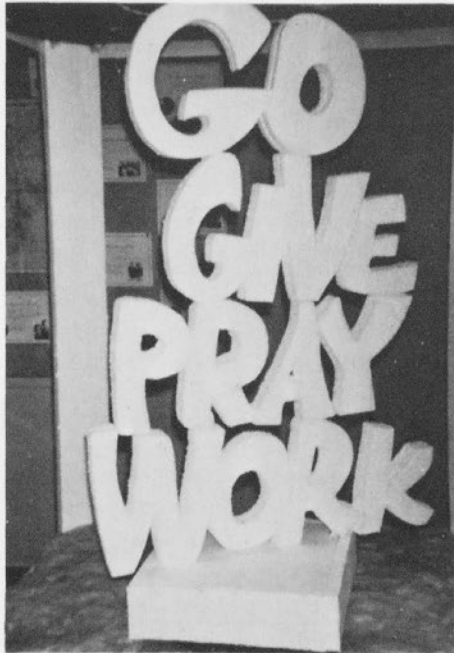
The theme of the Olympia convention was "Send Forth Laborers." Glen LaMar, a member of the church missionary committee, created some unusual visuals to portray this theme. Figures were cut from styrofoam depicting the planting of seed, watering of soil, praying for yield, and the results of all three. A mobile in the back of the auditorium said, "GO, GIVE, PRAY, WORK."

A plastic world globe filled with 200 pounds of grain was placed in front of the pulpit. Everyone making a Faith Promise received a small vial of grain to remind him throughout the year of his covenant with the Lord.

A display area where sample foreign foods were served was a highlight in the basement area.

During the week of convention,

First Assembly, Long Beach, Calif., had worldwide representation at its third annual missions convention. Back row left to right: Floyd Woodworth, Colombia; Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg; and William Lovick, Congo. Front row left to right: The Harland Parks, Hong Kong; the Morris Plotts, Middle East; and the Everett Stenhouses, Greece.



Left: This styrofoam mobile in the sanctuary of the Assembly of God in Olympia, Wash., challenged the people to action during their second annual missions convention.

Below: This Guatemalan scene added atmosphere to the tri-church missions convention in Ohio. The second night of the convention featured Guatemala and a special offering was taken to apply toward the building of a youth camp and tabernacle in that country.



several of the young people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

St. Louis, Mo.

Manuel Shoultz, pastor, reported that South Side Assembly held its second annual missions convention recently.

The convention featured the film, "Europe on the Anvil." Samuel Beckdahl, former missionary to North India and Tanzania, was guest speaker. David Womack, foreign missions editor, spoke at

the banquet, which featured a harvest theme.

Various departments of the church represented different home and foreign missionary themes: Alaska, Hawaii, French Gypsy work, South America, Spain, Holland Bible schools, India, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, Light-for-the-Lost, and foreign language Bible schools.

Approximately \$8,000 in Faith Promises was received for 1969. The world missions giving for the church totaled \$11,826 in 1968.



The missions committee of South Side Assembly in St. Louis views the progress of the 1968 missionary giving.

Return by October or Lose Visas

SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THAI MISSIONARIES

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Loren and Donna McRae, veteran missionaries to Thailand who recently affiliated with the Assemblies of God, must be back in Thailand before midnight October 15, 1969, or they will lose their visas.

Thai laws require that new workers coming into the country must leave every 10 weeks and renew their visas. This is time-consuming, exhaustive, and expensive. On their present visas the McRaes would not be required to do this. They have all their equipment in Thailand and they know the language, but pledged support must be raised before they can return to the mission field.

MISSIONARY FINDS USE FOR EMPTY BARRELS

KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN—Missionary James Andrews solved the problem of what to do with empty barrels and where to store the goods shipped in them.

He divided the empty barrels with removable shelves that were recessed enough so the lids fit on tightly. Each shelf was supported by runners held in place by screws. He then made wooden braces to hold the barrels in place. Nine barrels stacked three deep take up 6½ feet of floor space and provide storage that is in easy reach. The cost is minimal.

These barrels serve as handy storage bins for the Jim Andrews.



The Assemblies of God began its mission work in Thailand when the Ervin Shaffers opened an American Servicemen's Center in Bangkok last year. The Don McMurrays, first-term missionaries, arrived in Thailand last

January and are now studying the language.

Loren and Donna McRae are a valuable addition to our staff in that Asian country. They have ten years' experience ministering to the Thai people under the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. In the summer of 1967, broken health caused the McRaes to desperately seek the Lord. It was at this time that they both received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

After this Pentecostal experi-

ence, the McRaes felt that they could best serve the Lord under the Assemblies of God. In December 1968 they became members of the Michigan District Council, and by motion of the Foreign Missions Board in its Fall meeting were approved for missionary service with the Movement.

The balance of powers in the Far East makes it extremely urgent that everything possible is done to give the Asian peoples a chance to hear the gospel.

Evangelistic Center, Bible School to Be Built in Iran

TEHRAN, IRAN—Missionary Morris Plotts is presently raising funds for an Evangelistic Center and Bible school to be built here.

Iran, with a current population of 26 million, was once the ancient country of Persia. Ninety-eight percent of the country's population is of the Islamic faith.

Mark and Gladys Bliss direct the first Bible school to be established in this country. The school has eight students and a correspondence division which enrolls 6,000 from 130 of Iran's 180 cities.

B. H. Clendennen of Beaumont, Tex., has assisted Brother Plotts in promoting this project, and a

total of \$47,000 has been raised to date. Brother Plotts is responsible for raising an additional \$70,000 for the center and school.

"We have sent the money to buy the land; the plans will be drawn soon, and the groundbreaking will follow," says Brother Plotts.



Everett Ward Family



Mr. and Mrs. G. Weden



Donald Jenkins Family



Mr. and Mrs. H. Hawkes

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **Howard Hawkeses** (Pakistan); the **Harold Kohls** (Philippines); and the **Bryan Mocks** (Venezuela).

Newly appointed missionaries

leaving for the field are: the **Gordon Wedens** (Costa Rica); and the **John Burnetts** (Philippines). The **Everett Wards** and **Donald Jenkinses** (Paraguay) are leaving for language study.

Missionaries returning to the

States for furlough are: the **Wesley Weekleys** (Philippines); the **Vernon Metz family** (Nigeria); the **Lewie Spencers** (Nicaragua); the **Henry Swains** (Korea); the **David Kensingers** (Costa Rica); and the **John Buenos** (El Salvador).

The **Howard Foxes** have transferred from Upper Volta to the new field of French Polynesia.



Bryan Mock Family



John Burnett Family



Harold Kohl Family



WILL GOD FORGIVE HOMICIDE?

By A. L. TODD / Pastor, Imperial Valley Assembly of God, Houston, Texas

SOME YEARS AGO, while pastoring in a southeastern state, I was strolling in our small but beautiful park. As I walked among the trees, I saw a man stretched upon the ground. He had his shoes off—his feet were so swollen he could not get them back on. His eyes were red, and his face was twisted. He was a pitiful sight! Strong drink had become his master. I knew him and so did most everyone in town.

I began to talk to him about God and his need of a Saviour. He looked up and asked, very seriously, "Will God forgive a man who has taken the life of another?"

Some years ago he had killed a man. He was tried and set free. Though he was not guilty as far as man was concerned, yet there was God. He realized it was one thing to get by man but another thing to face God, the Great Judge.

I took my little Testament out of my pocket, turned to 1 John 1:9, and read him these words: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

This answered his question: God will forgive *all* sin, including murder.

When he heard what the Word of God said, with tears streaming down his face he said, "I believe it; I accept His forgiveness." We had prayer, and I went my way.

The next time I saw him, he did not look like the same man! He was all dressed up and looked like a suc-

cessful businessman instead of the town drunk. The Word of God had answered his question—as it has for so many thousands of others.

But you don't have to take a man's life to be a sinner. Today many respected individuals are just as lost as this man was. Though they may be nice people, good neighbors, honest in paying their debts, they are lost because they have not confessed their sins to God and accepted His forgiveness. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

There is only one remedy for sin, and that is the blood of Christ shed at Calvary. Whether you are like this man or are a good moral person, God will forgive you, cleanse you, put you on the road to heaven, and make you a blessing to others as you go there.

Why delay? Why turn a deaf ear to His call? "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

"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).

It is so simple, yet so sublime, to confess your sins to Him and then to receive His forgiveness, His rest, and eternal life. This is the greatest bargain I know of—to exchange one's sins for these blessings.