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



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
 St. JOHN.

CHAPTER I.

*Testimony of John the Baptist.*

In the beginning was the Word,  
 and the Word was with God, and  
 the Word was God.

And the same was in the beginning  
 with him.

And all things were made by him;  
 and without him was not any thing  
 made.

And the life was life; and the life was  
 light.

And the light shineth in darkness;  
 and the darkness comprehended it  
 not.

There was a man sent from  
 God, whose name was John.

He came for a witness, to  
 bear witness of the Light, that all  
 might believe.

He himself had that Light, but  
 he did not witness of that Light.

He came to witness of the true Light,  
 that all might believe that cometh

17 For the law was given by Moses,  
 but grace and truth came by Jesus  
 Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any  
 time; the only begotten Son, who  
 is in the bosom of the Father, he

19 hath declared him.

20 And this is the Son of God,  
 who came in the flesh, and abode  
 with us, and we beheld his glory, as

21 the glory as of the only Son of the  
 Father, full of grace and truth.

22 And John testified of him, saying,  
 I saw the Light, and I have borne  
 witness, that I might tell you of that

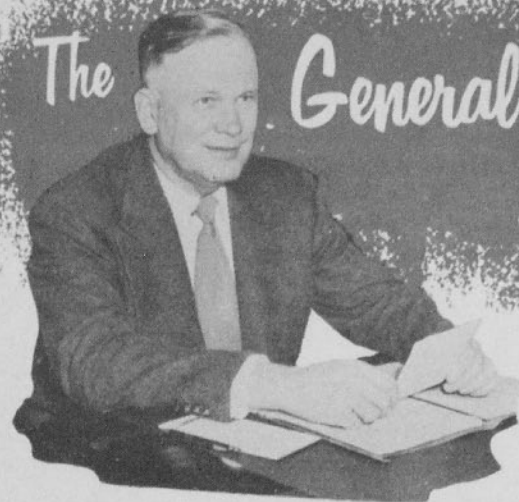
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# The General Superintendent SPEAKS

*This is the first of a series of monthly messages from the desk of Brother Rigg, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Watch for the next one in the issue of March 7, under this same heading.*

"The word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it" (Zechariah 4:6-7).

This scripture appeals to me as being richly significant and appropriate to us. The situation which Zerubbabel faced was his "mountain." The Jews had just returned from captivity in Babylon after a seventy-year absence from their homeland, to find Jerusalem and the temple in ruins. There were adversaries without and dissenters within. There was the physical task of rebuilding the temple and of rebuilding the city itself. There was the determined opposition of the neighboring heathen. Among themselves there were those who said, "The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built" (Haggai 1:2). And there were others who felt there was not sufficient money for the undertaking.

But God stood by. Through His obedient Spirit-filled prophet came the message, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). "Be strong... and work, for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.... My Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not" (Haggai 2:4,5).

Through Zechariah, another mouthpiece, God pronounced those never-to-be-forgotten words, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." And then with authority the Lord spoke to the "mountain." "... Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." How? By shouting "Grace, grace" unto it.

Brethren, I do not need to remind you there are "mountains" before us—before you and me as individuals and before us as a church. Our building program itself is tremendous; we need administration buildings for the head-quarter offices and for Central Bible In-

stitute, and a senior college for our lay young people.

But that is small compared to building our church: gaining new converts at home and abroad; promoting more and better Sunday Schools; organizing men's groups, women's groups, and young people's groups for gospel service. And more important still is the need of strengthening the spiritual life of our assemblies, our ministers, our missionaries, our members. Every cylinder of our fourfold message must be kept clean of carbon and smudge. We must have new spark plugs, as it were—new power—a full, powerful Pentecostal program. Flaming evangelism in every church, every department, every member, every mission station. Divine healing preached and practiced by every one of us. Prayer for the sick in every church every week. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in every service. Not a church or a revival campaign without people getting the Baptism in the Spirit. And with Christ's coming so very, very near, we must all give this "present truth" the full emphasis it deserves.

The opposition of hell is arrayed against us. Heathenism abroad, false religion and communism the world around. Modernism, infidelity, sin, worldliness and all the multifarious methods and means which Satan can invent, are before us and around us. And to complete the comparison to Zerubbabel's day are there those among us who say, "The time is not yet?"

Well, in this towering situation, in the face of this great naturally insuperable, unmovable mountain, our God says, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain!" We have the same almighty Jehovah, and we have our divine Zerubbabel as our King and Leader. It is not by any might or power of our own, but by His Spirit. Our part is to shout, "Grace, grace," to our mountain and see our God cast it into the sea.

*R. M. Rigg*

## THEY KEPT THEIR VOW

Some friends in an eastern state found it necessary to move, a few weeks ago, and were faced with the problem of selling their home. They described their experience in a letter addressed to Wilfred A. Brown, Executive Director of the Radio Department.

"We had a lovely six-room home with almost an acre of ground, a variety of fruit trees, with lawn. But," they relate, "real estate has not been moving very fast in our community, so we began to pray.

"Many of our friends advised us to put the selling of it in the hands of a real estate broker. His fee is five percent of the selling price. Our Jesus has done so many wonderful things for us in the twenty-five years we have served Him that we said, 'Lord, You sell our home and You shall receive the commission.'

"Faithful is our Jesus. He sold our home... and enclosed herewith, Brother Brown, you will find a check in the amount of five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00). We feel led of the Lord to send it to you for the promotion of the radio ministry in Alaska.

"No one knows of this 'business deal with the Lord,' but we felt we should tell you and encourage your heart as we know you are burdened for the radio work."

"A whole Bible for my staff, a whole Christ for my salvation, a whole church for my fellowship, and a whole world for my parish."—Augustine.

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# A MARVELOUS HEALING

**Raised from a death bed . . . missing organs restored . . . delivered from drug addiction . . . after twenty years of suffering had reduced her body to a helpless shell.**

On March 18, 1953, God miraculously raised me from a death bed, after I had been sick for over twenty years. I was completely without hope, without God, and in the darkest despair I had ever known.

In early childhood I fell from a tree, striking the base of my skull against the trunk of the tree. The base of my spine was broken in four places. As I fell in a sitting position, the sprouts around the base of the tree pierced my bowel.

The vertebra at the base of the skull was shattered, and all my life (until last March) I remained in this condition. It necessitated frequent "spinal punctures."

After the injury, complications arose which made it necessary for me to undergo surgery, both major and minor, forty-six times. So many parts of my body were removed through the years that it was impossible for me to live a normal life. Life meant very little to me, since I had to depend wholly upon sedatives for any measure of relief, and had to take unnatural nourishment through my veins.

If only I had known God in His healing power, I would have been spared much suffering and heartache. But because of my lack of understanding and teaching concerning spiritual things I was destined to go through many years of torture.

Many operations were performed for the removal of obstructions, cancerous tissues, and intestines. After one such operation, I developed peritonitis in my stomach and gangrene in my bowel with complete obstruction, or locked bowel. I was sent home to die, but instead I entered another hospital and lay under oxygen and stomach suction pump for three weeks, until the poison was relieved and I was in condition to undergo another operation. I was given numerous blood and plasma transfusions and intravenous feedings.

My lower colon or bowel was removed during this operation, and a tube was inserted for elimination of waste. For eight and one-half years, until God healed me, I didn't have another normal elimination. This tube was not satisfactory because of the ulcerous and cancerous condition of the colon. The intestines and abdomen became infected, so the tube had to be removed. The colon was then brought down and a very small opening was

connected to the rectum for what the doctor termed a "fluid passage." No normal waste could pass, but would go as far as the colon and back up into the stomach and be eliminated by vomiting. The doctors gave me no hope and marveled that I continued to live in this condition. Many times I would be taken to doctors' conventions for examination, because of the unusual condition of my body. But, as I was to learn later when God healed me, man's extremity is God's opportunity. His power is unlimited.

For eight and one-half years I was able to retain only liquids, because the bowel had been removed. Then because of the ulcerous condition of my stomach and because bacteria were continually coming into my stomach, a gastrectomy became necessary. In this operation a portion of my stomach was removed, the natural opening of my stomach was closed, and the third loop of the small intestine was connected to the opposite side of the stomach, leaving two loops to form a pocket. Through severe vomiting and hemorrhaging attacks this original opening was torn open, and the liquid foods would enter this pocket. This could be relieved only by periodic use of a stomach suction pump.

Some months after the gastrectomy the doctors performed a vagotomy to relieve my intense pain. The nerve connecting the stomach and the brain was severed, and a portion of it was cut off. This vagus



**MRS. LEE JONES**

nerve, according to medical science, controls the functioning of the stomach and intestines and the undulations that press the food through the intestines. When this nerve was severed, my stomach and intestines became relaxed and lay dormant. The intestinal undulations ceased. I no longer had the gnawing pangs of hunger; my taste seemed to be completely gone. This gave me a measure of relief, because I had been depending almost wholly on intravenous feeding and blood transfusions. When I would attempt to eat solid food I would have violent cramps, and immediately it would be expelled by vomiting.

Sometimes I would go into a coma and lie for days without regaining consciousness. After extensive examinations it was found that the vagus nerve had withered to within a fraction of an inch of the brain. The doctor told my husband and me that if it withered a fraction of an inch more I would either die instantly or become totally insensible. Medical sources were unable to give me any help or relief.

Because I was unable to take solid foods I suffered malnutrition. In a very short time it developed into pellagra. I lay in the hospital for months between life and death. My average weight when feeling my best was around 112 pounds, but at this time I weighed scarcely 67. I was rolled into a private room to die, and the nurses even reported my death once during this time. God's mercy was extended to me and I began to mend; but I was an invalid, completely under the influence of pain-killing drugs. At regular intervals the doctors would hospitalize me to reduce the dosage of narcotics, but I was unable to stand the pain without the benefit of the relief obtained from drugs.

On the afternoon of March 12, 1953, I was lying in my bed in Ponca City, Oklahoma, reconciled to die and spend eternity in a devil's hell. I had sought help far and near. When I would hear of a healing service I would have my husband take me, in hope of receiving healing for my body. I was disappointed so many times that I had fallen into the most hopeless despair possible. Many times I had tried to take my own life, because I could not find any measure of peace or hope. God's face seemed to be turned away from me. Extreme fear and desperation enveloped me. I had endured the tortures of a mental hell so long that I was firmly determined that after one more effort I would take my life and end the heartaches of my loved ones. When a friend asked me if I would permit a minister to come to pray for me, I grudgingly consented. But I had already firmly decided to take my life within the hour.

R. L. Kinslow, an Assemblies of God evangelist, was conducting a revival in

one of the local churches. When he was brought to my bedside that afternoon, he found me dying, demon-possessed, and lost. He saw immediately that unless God did something for me I would die soon. I had known God and had enjoyed His blessings before I had become so desperately ill. But through the taking of narcotics I had become separated from God and demon-possessed. From the time I took the dose of narcotics which caused me to cross over the line of addiction, I never knew another moment's peace of mind or soul. I never felt the joy of salvation again. When I would try to pray I would become hysterical, and such fear would grip me that I avoided any attempt to pray. I also avoided any church program on the radio or even a conversation concerning spiritual things.

A tremendous force took possession of me. I was not my own. I had few thoughts that were not inspired by demons. My only aim was to take my life. If ever a soul was in torment on earth it was I. But when Brother Kinslow began to tell me that God loved me and had not forsaken me, a ray of hope sprang up in my soul. As he prayed for me I gave my heart to Jesus as best I could.

After the Sunday night service Brother Kinslow returned and sought God to know why my healing was being withheld. He seemed to be praying against a wall. God revealed to him that I was not obedient to a call of God that I had received several years previously.

On Monday morning, as Brother Kinslow dealt with me concerning the call I was rejecting, it seemed impossible for me to obey because of the condition of my body. I thought surely God would not require this of me now. But God spoke to me and told me that I had surrendered myself to death; therefore, my life did not belong to me any longer. If I would give my life wholly to Him He would heal me; but if I failed to consecrate my life to Him, I would die. I said an eternal "yes" to God and felt a weight lifted from my heart. God then told me that if I withdrew my consecration and failed to obey Him, the affliction would return and I would die. God deals with us in mercy, but He means what He says.

While continuing in prayer for some time Tuesday night, Brother Kinslow revealed to me that I was demon-possessed, and that I would have to be delivered of a narcotic demon. I knew I was hopelessly addicted to narcotics but hadn't recognized that I had a demon. But immediately the demon twisted my body as one would wring out a rag. When he would say, "In the name of Jesus..." the demons would tear me until I became exhausted and was at the point of fainting.

It was at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 1953, that Jesus passed by! I fell to my knees at the side of my bed. Broth-

er and Sister Kinslow knelt beside me, laid hands on me, and commanded the demons to come out. Oh, what a blessed relief! What a peace came into my soul when the demons took their flight! The wall between me and God was broken down. The agonizing craving for narcotics was gone. I was free! free! free! When Jesus passed by and delivered me of over thirteen years of narcotic addiction, He performed a mighty miracle on my body. To God all my afflictions were no more than a simple headache. He reached down and connected the nerve which had been severed and withered. There have been no more comas. My taste has been restored, and I have a natural appetite. In fact, for several days after my healing I gained over three pounds a day. My stomach and intestines now function normally.

The Lord restored the organs which had been removed by surgery. He healed

my body completely. My collapsed veins and arteries He filled with blood. He caused five cancers and a tumor to pass from my body.

My blue fingernails turned to a natural pink. My complexion became a natural color. Within a few days I had grown new eyebrows and lashes. My wasted body began to fill out, and the change in my appearance was so marked that within a few weeks a number of my acquaintances did not recognize me. My doctors admitted that I was healed only by a miracle from God.

I was born without the sense of smell, but today I am enjoying the privilege of smelling the flowers and many other fragrant things God made. From my earliest memory I suffered from leakage of the heart. After years of strain from so much suffering, my heart became enlarged. Today my heart is normal and sound. The Lord healed me of arthritis,



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## What One Church Is Doing

The Pentecostal Assembly of God at Williamsport, Maryland, is making good use of the imprint space on the back page of the EVANGEL. The pastor, V. W. Miles, arranged with a print shop in his community to print a picture of his church and a schedule of his regular services in this space.

He has ordered 500 copies a week, to be given out from door to door. In addition to the people in the city Pastor Miles has the names of hundreds of people who listen to his radio programs. He wants them to have the EVANGEL, too, and eventually he would like to send the magazine to every boxholder on the rural routes. He knows from past experience that door-to-door visits pay big spiritual dividends. During the Enlargement Campaign his church distributed 1,500 copies of the EVANGEL with very good results, and they intend to make every month an Enlargement month.

"We are confident that this is our hour," he says. "It is so easy to win men

for the Lord now, and I believe we should strike while the iron is hot.... With the Lord's help we hope to take this area for God."

The Gospel Publishing House is co-operating by extending a 10 percent discount on this order for 500 EVANGELS a week. The net cost, at three cents a copy, less 10 percent discount, is \$13.50 for 500 copies, postpaid. (This discount is offered on any order for 500 or more copies of a regular issue.)

The print shop in Williamsport charges only \$4.95 per 500 copies for the cut and imprinting.

Other churches will find there is no better way to reach hungry souls and build up a congregation than to distribute the EVANGEL from door to door. We regret that we are not able to do the imprinting at the Gospel Publishing House. However, pastors may buy a rubber stamp or arrange with a printer to run a picture and ad on the back page with the assurance that the same amount of blank space will appear each week.



## LIMITING GOD

"Child of Mine," speaks the still small Voice, "I would have filled you with My own fullness, taken possession of you, used you to My praise, but you would not. It was not your littleness, your limited capacity that hindered Me, but that you did not turn your littleness over to Me as a channel through which My fullness could have reached other lives. That was all I asked of you, but you limited Me.

"You wanted to be a reservoir, where the water is stagnant and soon dries up. I wanted to make you a spring, overflowing constantly to others. You wanted to be blessed. I wanted to bless others through you. I wanted you to become a living prayer, releasing My power; you made prayer a duty. I would have made you My mouthpiece, speaking forth My searching, convicting, saving, enlightening, comforting words, but you limited Me. You dabbled in the philosophies of mortals, you cringed before the opinions of men, you bowed to the popular, and I could not use you. I would have made you a whirlwind to uproot and shake and sweep clean, and you preferred to be a nice little breeze that made people happy.

"My child, it is not too late. Much of your life has been wasted, but will you give Me what remains? 'Little is much, when God is in it.' Will you turn your ear from what men are saying and tune your heart to My message? You once said that you wanted My best at any price. Did you mean it, or was it only a well-sounding phrase of a public prayer? If you meant it, I will accept your challenge, for My power is limited for lack of people who want My best. Do you dare to be scorned, and misunderstood, and marked as a fanatic? Do you dare to risk your salary and your prestige among men? Do you dare to trust Me for the impossible? Then, O child of My infinite love, 'fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.'"

—Anna J. Lindgren, in *In His Presence*.

diabetes, anemia, hemorrhoids, adhesions, and many other afflictions at the same time. My healing was complete, as far as I know. It was a vast thing God did when He took a wasted shell of a body and made it into a normal human being. I suppose there could not have been a greater miracle performed on a human body.

I lay there weeping and rejoicing in the glorious presence of God. After resting a while, I got up, dressed, and went to the table for the evening meal. I ate a hearty meal of solid food and felt no ill effects. God poured strength into my body. Within a few days I was able to do my own housework.

Then God spoke to my husband and me, and at the same time to Brother Kinslow, revealing to us that it was His plan that we join the Kinslow Evangelistic Party. Up to the present time I have been with them in revivals constantly, and have seen the mighty power of God manifested in many ways. God is mightily using His servants in the deliverance of souls and the healing of sick bodies.

After ten months I am still completely healed, living a normal life for the first time in twenty years, and giving my testimony for the glory of God. Through all the years of suffering and despair I have been privileged to experience the mighty mercy of God, in a way which those living a normal life have not known. I know that God's mercy reaches to the very

brink of hell, because it reached me just thirty minutes before my planned suicide. I can never repay God for His mercy, but I intend to give my all to help rescue other souls who are bound as I was. —Mrs. Lee Jones.

(Endorsed by Evangelist Robert L. Kinslow, Box 404, Calimesa, Calif. Medical references available on request.)

## How to Live Forever

A minister relates the following experience that he had with a man of science upon his deathbed.

"I was called to his bedside, and a sense of duty impelled me to question him. Seldom have I seen a finer looking man, or felt a kinder grasp than he gave me. Seating myself by his bedside, I said, 'Sir, you seem quite ill.' Without apparent hesitation or concern, he said, 'Yes; I am going to die.'

"I said, 'Have you the consolation of religion to comfort you?' He replied, 'I do not believe in the Bible, nor the religion it teaches. Nature is the altar at which I have worshipped; she has been my guide and teacher.'

"'You speak of Nature as a guide,' I said. He replied, 'Yes; she is infallible.'

"Looking deep into his fine blue eyes,

I said to him, 'I too profess to have been educated in the same school. Is it not strange that, receiving our instruction from the same teacher, we should arrive at opposite conclusions? Certainly one of us has misinterpreted or the teacher has deceived us.'

"He said, 'It is not in the teacher.' I replied, 'The mistake, then, is in me or you. Now it is worth while to compare opinions. If I have misinterpreted, I know I have done it honestly, and desire to be corrected.'

"He said, 'That is right; I feel so too.' He looked very earnestly at me, and I asked, 'In all your researches have you ever found a creature whose nature was opposed to its appetite?'

"After some hesitation he said, 'No; such a creature cannot exist. With a carnivorous stomach and a herbivorous appetite, it would only live till it starved to death and propagation would be impossible.' 'Are there any exceptions to this rule?' He said, 'No; none in the animal or the vegetable world.'

"I said, 'You think you are going to die?' 'Yes.' 'And that death will terminate your existence?' 'Yes.' 'Now answer me—have you got an appetite for something you have not got?' 'Yes, I want to live.' 'How long do you want to live?' Looking confused, he said, 'I can't tell you.'

"I said, 'You must look to the utmost limit of desire, and tell me where it is.' With animation, he said, 'I can't.' 'May I assist you?' 'Yes.'

"Suppose you could now be assured that you shall live until an insect, by carrying a grain of sand every thousand years, should remove the earth, would you then be satisfied with life?' He said, 'No.' 'Do you know anything that would meet the desires of your nature?'

"In great bewilderment, he said, 'No.' 'And yet you say that everything in Nature teaches there must be. Now I am not going to say whether my Bible is true, or its religion true, but would this meet the demand of your appetite?'—and I quoted Christ's words in John 5:51—"I am the living Bread which came down from heaven; if a man eat of this Bread he shall LIVE FOR EVER."

"His eyes flashed fire, and he said: 'Yes, it would. I have misinterpreted Nature'; and he asked me to read the Bible and to pray with him. I stayed with him till late at night, and wonderful was the change. I never saw him again alive."

A teacher said to his followers, "Turn to God one day before your death."

"How can a man know the day of his death?" they asked.

"True," he said; "therefore you should turn to God today. Perhaps you may die tomorrow!"



# Report From EGYPT

**LILLIAN TRASHER'S ORPHANS  
ENJOY THE TOUCH OF LOVING  
HANDS BECAUSE YOU GAVE**

← Egypt's "Nile Mother" with a few of her orphan babies

To multitudes of people the world around, Miss Lillian Trasher is known as "The Nile Mother." For more than forty years she has carried on a remarkable orphanage work at Assiout, Egypt. She writes:

"How would you like to have a family of over fifty babies, as you see in the above photograph? Well, add 750 to that and you will realize how large our family is. You can readily understand how much it takes to keep the home going—to keep the children well and happy and properly educated.

"In three months' time we have as many as 75 new orphans added to the number. Of course, many of the older ones leave us when the new babies arrive. Some of our precious girls marry (we had a very nice wedding recently when one of the girls married a young preacher). Many of the boys leave the home to go to work; after they find employment they often come back and ask for the hand of one of the girls in marriage. Others of the children who have widowed mothers soon take their mothers and younger brothers and sisters to care for them. This makes room for new children who come to us for help.

"Some time ago we took in a very poor little boy. His arm and hand are badly shriveled and he does not walk correctly. Although he is not an orphan his parents are so very poor that he was sent to us. It was impossible to keep him in school any longer because he was such a laughing stock among the school children. We took the little fellow in and, of course, no one in the orphanage ever thinks of laughing at such cases. The children all like to help each other, and they certainly did help him.

"Some time ago a little boy from the district was struck by a train. He survived the tragedy but suffered the loss of both legs. We received him into the home and supplied him with artificial legs. However, he felt more comfortable without them and so the little orphan boys take him to school or church in his little wagon. They just love doing that for him. No one ever thinks of laughing at

the poor little legless boy.

"This reminds me of another crippled boy, Loundi Henain, who came to the home when but a little child. Loundi went through college and later became a preacher of the gospel.

"Then there is Lateefa Beshay, a blind girl, who is now one of my very best English teachers. Lateefa sits in the room listening to me read and explain the lessons. In a few minutes she understands them perfectly and is able to take the duller child in another room and teach him so that he comes to my classes later. This saves me a great deal of hard work in the school.

"We think of little Henanna Leas whom we snatched as a brand from the burning. When she came to us, the poor little girl had only stubs for hands. As a baby she had fallen into the fire and it left her maimed for life. After living in the home, little Henanna became a very sweet Christian girl. Under our care she grew in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus. Just recently she finished high school after consistently being at the head of her classes. Recently I sent her to the government hospital here in Assiout where the doctors performed a very wonderful operation on one of her hands.

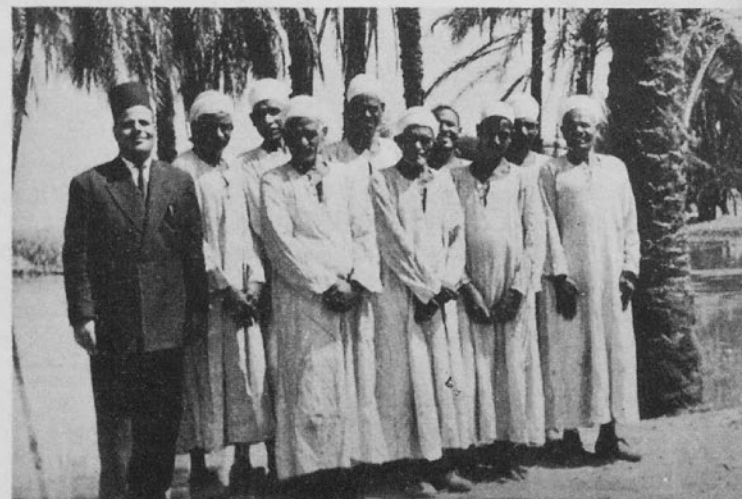
Because of this she is able at last to hold things in her hand—such as a spoon or a pen and even a needle. Henanna is now a teacher in our school and everyone loves her for her Christian grace.

"It has really been wonderful for me to have been able to help so many needy children in the past years. Most of you have heard how that on October 10, 1910, I left America for the land of my calling and my new work. Just as the ship was sailing away from the U.S.A. I opened my Bible and my eyes fell upon a certain verse for the first time: 'I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them, and now I will send thee into Egypt' (Acts 7:34).

"I thank God that I obeyed that call. How very real every word of that wonderful verse has come to pass in my life. I can only say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for YOUR help and prayers. Without you these things could never have come to pass. May God bless you for your part in this work which we have been able to carry on for the widows and orphans of Egypt. Please pray for us that we may be faithful until the end."

## EGYPTIAN CHRISTIANS

Wadeed Gubran (raised by Lillian Trasher at the Assiout Orphanage) is standing with nine of eleven candidates baptized recently. These men were converted in a revival which continued for some months. This Assemblies of God work in Tahta, Egypt, has recently opened its own new church building. Another of Miss Trasher's boys, Sabrey, is one of the teachers in the school. The villagers themselves wrote the deed for a piece of land in the name of the Assemblies of God. This is an indigenous work associated with the churches in Cairo and Assiout. There are sixty other converts worthy of church membership who will be baptized next Easter Sunday.







Carman Pulgar after healing

## MIRACULOUS HEALING AND CONVERSION

John C. Jackson, Chile

One Sunday night, a woman came in during our testimony service, and stood up in the congregation. She was unknown to us, but her appearance impressed us favorably and when she timidly asked, "May I tell you what God has done for me?" we urged her to speak.

With a radiant smile, she gave the following testimony, which stirred the hearts of all who were present.

"I suffered for eighteen years. I was full of tumors and the pain from this affliction was excruciating beyond description. I could not walk or stand for very long, because the pain would cause me to fall unexpectedly. Often my husband would come home from work and find me stretched out on the floor unable to move.

"For years I was a staunch Catholic with a firm faith in the Virgin Mary. In my despair I prayed to the Virgin and, to the amazement of my friends and relatives, I promised that if she would heal me I would wear her colors for the rest of my life. [In Latin America, people often make vows to dress in the colors of the saint of whom they are asking the favor—generally for a year or two, but seldom for a lifetime.] I wore the colors of the Virgin for one year, but it did not relieve my affliction in any way.

"Several doctors examined me. Twice they took me to an operating room, but in each instance the doctors were afraid to go ahead with such a delicate operation. Finally I went to another doctor, and insisted on an operation. At least there was hope that I might die on the operating table and be put out of my misery.

"They operated. I didn't die and I

didn't get better; but the unbearable pain that resulted from the operation almost drove me insane. There were times when I thought of suicide but I was afraid to do such a thing. I had been taught that those who take their own lives are condemned eternally. Although I planned several times to jump off high buildings, the fear of being condemned held me back.

"One day a friend came to see me, and told me about some religious services that were being held in the city. 'Why don't you go to the tent of Evangelist Erickson? Everyone says he is the Antichrist who heals the sick.'

"In my desperation I was willing to try anything—even the Antichrist! So I started looking for the tent, driving myself by sheer will power to keep going.

"One afternoon at three o'clock I found the tent, and upon arriving asked someone if it were the place where the Antichrist was healing the sick.

"A man answered me, 'No, this isn't the Antichrist but a man whom God uses to heal the sick.'

"In the tent, there was no place to sit down so I stood leaning on the back of a chair. When the singing started, those songs did something to my heart—already I began to feel different. Evangelist Erickson was not present that afternoon, but Brother Jackson was there to pray for the sick in his absence. When my turn came, he prayed that God would heal my tumors. Suddenly, I felt an immediate change in my body! And five minutes later I did not have a single pain—the excruciating pain had vanished instantly away!

"For the first time in eighteen years I was free of pain! A new-found joy flooded my soul. I was so happy I went home immediately and told my family, 'From now on I renounce the Catholic church and the Virgin. I have been faithful to it for years and it did not do me any good. From now on I am an evangelical.'

"My healing is so wonderfully complete that now I can do things which before were a torture to me. I can wear high-heeled shoes, whereas before they had to be flat. I can walk anywhere without suffering the least pain. I have been attending church since that glorious Monday when I was healed, and I give God all the glory.

"Whenever I have opportunity I tell people about my remarkable healing. My husband, though not yet converted, is convinced and is eager for me to attend church for fear I will become sick all over again if I don't attend. My gratitude to God is unbounded! He has been so marvelous to me beyond my expectations. I thank God that Jesus heals today!"

NOTE: This testimony is from Carman Pulgar. Brother Jackson has talked to her friends and relatives who freely admit (though yet Catholics) that God has performed a remarkable miracle in Carman's body.

## MONTHLY REPORT

### Foreign Missions Department

November 1953

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,295.83	Ohio .....	14,352.96
Appalachian .....	321.78	Oklahoma .....	6,762.92
Arizona .....	615.82	Oregon .....	9,377.90
Arkansas .....	2,381.39	Polish Br. ....	40.00
Eastern .....	12,958.86	Potomac .....	4,759.85
Georgia .....	1,873.35	Rocky Mtn. ....	3,496.86
German Br. ....	1,028.15	Russian Br. ....	53.52
Greek Br. ....	87.25	S. Calif. ....	19,054.82
Hungarian Br. ....	136.50	S. Car. ....	339.89
Illinois .....	10,876.05	South Dakota ..	1,621.11
Indiana Dis. ....	6,233.51	South Florida ..	4,185.77
Italian Br. ....	171.78	South Idaho ....	1,270.71
Kansas .....	5,744.36	S. Missouri ....	9,852.00
Kentucky .....	756.60	S. Texas .....	8,955.53
Lat. Amer. Br. ....	6.00	Tennessee Dis. ..	1,470.95
Louisiana .....	1,217.71	Texas .....	12,087.04
Michigan .....	9,116.23	Ukrainian Br. ....	198.64
Minnesota .....	9,273.41	West Central ..	5,710.60
Mississippi .....	1,116.45	West Florida ....	2616.08
Montana .....	2,860.34	West Texas .....	2,106.20
Nebraska .....	3,867.42	Wisc.-N. Mich. ..	4,732.69
New England .....	2,487.74	Wyoming .....	485.82
New Mexico ....	6,685.37	Alaska .....	185.74
N.Y.-N.J. ....	16,463.16	Canada .....	588.80
N. Calif.-Nev. ....	10,538.43	Foreign .....	389.19
N. Car. ....	1,114.16	Miscellaneous ....	112.00
North Dakota ....	3,149.77	Legacies .....	1,958.94
Northwest .....	22,115.99	Spanish Lit. ....	4,219.44

Total Amount Reported .....	\$256,479.38
District Fund .....	\$10,558.06
National Home Missions .....	2,187.44
Expense .....	3,299.64
Literature .....	251.99
Given Direct to Foreign	
Missionaries .....	44,550.09    60,847.22

Received for Council Foreign Missions .....	\$195,632.16
Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions .....	2,129.60
Missionary Offerings not Allocated	
to any State .....	29,655.76
	\$227,417.52

### DISBURSEMENTS

Basutoland .....	\$ 1,654.00	Bolivia .....	2,075.27
Belgian Congo .....	8,045.54	Brazil .....	5,509.19
Dahomey .....	2,329.70	Chile .....	2,136.17
French Togo .....	1,781.75	Colombia .....	819.00
Gold Coast .....	14,926.62	Guiana, Brit. ....	320.42
Liberia .....	6,380.21	Paraguay .....	512.00
Nigeria .....	4,159.66	Peru .....	3,845.78
Nyasaland .....	3,569.89	Uruguay .....	1,317.00
Sierra Leone .....	1,308.30	Venezuela .....	3,311.98
Tanganyika .....	2,901.92	West Indies .....	18,571.57
Union of S. Af. ....	9,104.30	Children's Educ.	
Upper Volta .....	7,463.40	in U.S. ....	1,954.94
China .....	248.00	Entertainment	
Fiji .....	633.80	of Mission-	
Formosa .....	2,825.52	aries .....	3,014.79
Hawaii .....	3,490.87	BGMC Mtl. &	
Hong Kong .....	2,031.02	Ship. Exp. ....	868.19
Indonesia .....	2,776.75	Deputational	
Japan .....	9,258.24	Exp. ....	1,070.64
Korea .....	2,552.54	Fld. Secretaries ..	2,662.11
Malaya .....	4,562.00	Literature .....	1,686.31
Philippines .....	13,319.16	Mission Cars .....	41.47
Samoa, Amer. ....	549.00	N. Y. Office	
Burma .....	691.92	Export Div. ....	1,200.00
Ceylon .....	2,964.69	N. Y. Office	
India .....	53,382.23	Pub. Rel. ....	874.42
Egypt .....	5,584.38	Refunds and	
Europe .....	8,846.02	Transfers to	
Iran .....	160.00	Other Dept. ....	796.29
Israel .....	2,037.09	Spanish Lit. ....	6,420.01
Syria .....	440.00	Speed-the Light,	
Sen. Amer. ....	13,425.33	C. A. Dept .....	11,842.99
Lat. Amer.		Miscellaneous ....	596.13
Work in U.S. ....	704.72	Retired Mis-	
Mexico .....	5,192.48	sionaries .....	2,803.54
Argentina .....	908.00		

Total Distr. to Council Foreign Missions .....	\$273,459.26
Non-Council Missionaries .....	2,699.01

Total Disbursements .....	\$276,158.27
Charge to Hold Accounts .....	48,740.52

Total Receipts .....	\$227,417.52
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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

## TOUCHING HIS GARMENT

Lesson for February 7

Mark 5:25-34; 6:54-56

When God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, He instructed them to "make them fringes in the borders of their garments," and to "put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue." The purpose of this requirement was that they might "remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them" (Num. 15:38, 39). Thus, the tasseled garment with its blue border was a sign of the covenant relation between God and His people. All boys began wearing this garment at the age of five.

In accordance with the practice commanded by God, Jesus Himself wore the tasseled blue-bordered garment. As a woman touched the hem of this garment one day, she was instantly made whole. When Jesus ministered in Gennesaret, the sick people crowded into the streets "and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole" (Mark 6:56).

### 1. A SICK WOMAN TOUCHES JESUS

a. *The Woman.* Many came to Jesus because they had heard His fame as a healer. But some saw in Him more than a healer. This woman saw in Him the Messiah of Israel, the greater Son of David. She further realized the significance of the fringe around the hem of His garment; she knew that it represented the covenant between God and His people, Israel. All male Jews wore this fringe. Jesus was not an exception in this, for He was "a minister of the circumcision . . . to confirm the promise made unto the fathers." The woman believed that if she could only touch that fringe, she would receive the blessing of the covenant of God.

b. *The Disease.* The disease suffered by this unfortunate woman was not only annoying, but embarrassing as well. Being modest and sensitive and not wishing to attract attention, it was only natural for her to come up behind Jesus, unnoticed among the many others that thronged Him, and to touch the border of His garment.

c. *Many Physicians.* Since medical science was not very well developed in Jesus' day, many superstitious efforts might have been made in treating this woman. These treatments probably were valueless, yet embarrassing and costly. She had brought herself to poverty in

search of a cure, but she had received only disappointment.

d. *Her Faith.* Having largely lost faith in the healing arts of man, this woman now turned to Jesus. We do not believe she came to Jesus only because all others had failed, but because she saw in Him the long-promised Messiah. She had faith in God's covenant and believed Jesus to be the fulfillment of that covenant. She determined, therefore, to touch the sign which God had given between Him and His people. As she did so, in faith, she was immediately made whole. Many others were touching Jesus, but only in curiosity or excitement. Hers was a touch of faith.

### 2. JESUS HEALS HER

a. *The Outflow of Virtue.* Jesus knew that virtue had gone out from Him. The word translated "virtue" here comes from the Greek word *dunamis*, meaning "power." As this woman touched Jesus in faith, the power of God that was in Christ was released, and it flowed into her.

b. *The Seemingly Foolish Question.* When Jesus asked, "Who touched my clothes?" the question seemed foolish to the disciples. Was He not pressed on every side by the multitude? Yes, but there was a difference. The mere outward, accidental touch brought no supernatural results, but the touch of faith released the power of God.

c. *A Positive Healing.* Even before she testified, this woman knew that she was healed. The moment she touched the hem of His garment, she was completely healed. Her reaction was strange. Instead of leaping with joy, as some do, she was filled with awe and a holy fear as she appreciated her position before the worthy Son of God, the Messiah of Israel. Trembling, she prostrated herself before Jesus, telling Him "all the truth" about her disease and her healing. We feel that the action of this woman demonstrates a reverence and an appreciation which many lack. When our lives are touched with the power of Deity, it should beget humility as we consider our own unworthiness.

d. *Christ's Reassurance.* Possibly this woman was bewildered—who was she to receive such a blessing? But in one reassuring statement Jesus wiped away any misgiving or confusion: "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

### 3. JESUS HEALS IN GENNESARET

a. *Multitudes of Sick People Were Brought.* Some time later Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee in a boat with His disciples. As soon as the people on the other side knew that He was in their vicinity, they rushed to bring the sick and suffering, laying them in the streets and beseeching Him that He would heal them. They believed that if these sick ones could touch only the border of His garment they would be healed.

b. *Those Who Touched Him Were Made Whole.* It is true that many of these people did not recognize Jesus as Messiah, but though Him to be one of the ancient prophets returned to life (Matt. 16:14). They determined not to miss Jesus' blessing as He passed by. So they reached out to touch the hem of His garment, "and as many as touched him were made whole."

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Jesus Teaching by the Seaside (lesson for Sunday, January 31). Lesson text: Mark 4:1, 2, 26-34.

### LITERATURE NEEDED

Word comes from Brother and Sister Clyde Shields telling of the great need for used gospel literature. They could use PENTECOSTAL EVANGELS and other Christian literature. Please wrap up old literature, mark it as "Printed Matter—no value," and send same along at once to the Filipino people who are begging for the printed gospel. Address all mail to Clyde Shields, P. O. Box 2483, Manila, Philippines.

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C. M. WARD, Speaker

If the response had stopped at congratulations and best wishes, it would have been disappointing. It would have been Christian congratulating Christian—a sort of patting ourselves on the back. But already letters of another kind are mingling with the initial flood of well-wishing mail. They are letters from backsliders and sinners, newly converted, sending thanks for the message which brought them to their knees. These are the letters which, growing in volume, will prove the worth of this great venture for Christ. It is the vision of reaching these hungry thousands that inspire so many who write or telegraph to assure the Radio Department of continued support.

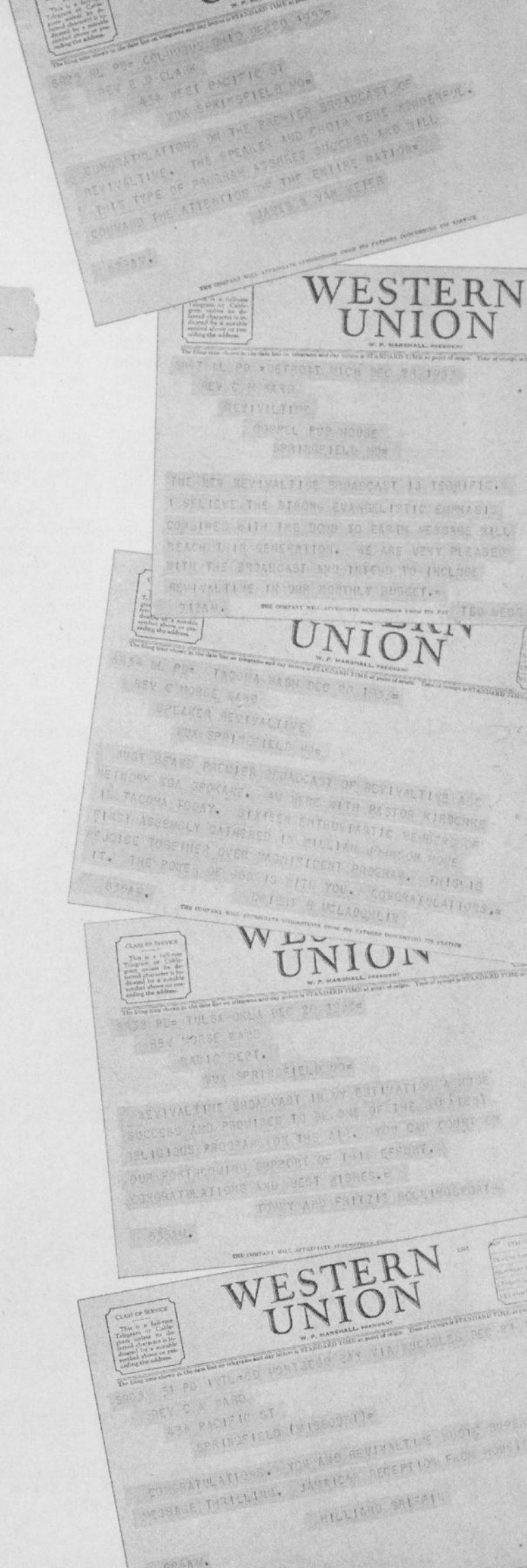
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## MISSIONS AT HOME

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### THEY EXIST TO EVANGELIZE!

The National Home Missions Department is happy to present the story of another one of our established Assemblies of God churches which has proved the worth of the "Mother Church" plan as an effective means of evangelization and establishing new churches.

The Central Assembly of God in Cumberland, Maryland, is not a new church, having been established in 1915. Until recently when the church moved into its new building near the central part of the city, it was known as the North Cumberland Assembly of God. In 1939 L. Stewart became pastor of the church and the Lord sent a gracious revival. Through this revival the young people of the church were stirred to action and under the supervision of the pastor, they started holding cottage prayer meetings in various neighboring communities. This resulted

in the establishing of an outstation program.

In 1944, Frank J. Fratto came to Cumberland as assistant to Brother Stewart. The two men worked together to enlarge and forward the outstation work. In 1948 Brother Stewart resigned as pastor of the church, and Brother Fratto continued on with the church. Brother Fratto, now the pastor, writes the following account of the activity of Central Assembly as a Mother Church:

"Cumberland is located near the states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Twenty miles from Cumberland in Pennsylvania is a rural area called Bedford Valley. Several years ago cottage prayer meetings were held in some of the homes until a few folk had been gathered as believers. In 1945 a basement church was erected. It was our privilege to start services and Sunday School in this basement church, and today the attendance is 140.

"Seeing the need to reach out, two busses were purchased to bring in children and other folk from the outlying areas. The Sunday School grew to a place where we had to complete the church. In 1949 Hugh Mason, deacon and treasurer of the 'Mother Church,' felt the call of God upon his heart, and took charge of the outstation in Bedford Valley. Under his ministry dozens of children and young

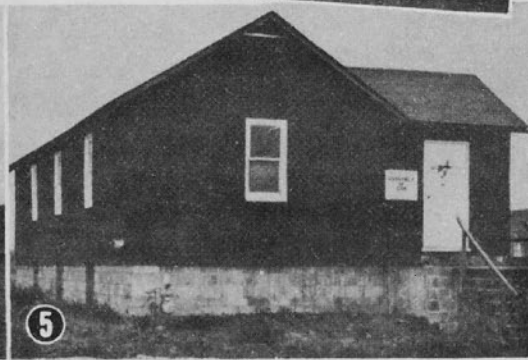
folk who had been taught the Word through the Sunday School were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

"Brother Mason and the Bedford Valley folk began to hold street meetings in a little village called Rainesburg, in Pennsylvania also. God blessed these efforts and cottage prayer meetings were started. Later a building was purchased for \$1,100 and paid for on the day of dedication. Now regular services are being held in Rainesburg, which makes the 'Mother Church' a grandparent!

"Several years ago we obtained a deserted little school building near Fort Ashley, West Virginia. We began by holding one service each week. This outstation progressed slowly, but with a good interest shown on the part of those who came. Raymond Kirby, one of our own deacons, took charge of this work about three years ago. God blessed his efforts; Sunday School was started, and there are approximately 80 in average attendance now. The little building was outgrown, and a new and larger building was annexed to the rear of the original little chapel as may be seen in the picture of the church elsewhere on this page. They are now having their own regular services.

"Another outstation was started only three miles from Cumberland, across the Potomac River in West Virginia. This is a new community called Carpenter's Ad-

### A MOTHER CHURCH AND FOUR OF HER SPIRITUAL OFFSPRING



1. This Mother Church (Central Assembly of God in Cumberland, Maryland) has been responsible for the opening of the other churches pictured on this page, and three other outstations are also under its supervision at present.

2. Bedford Valley Assembly, mothered by the Cumberland Central Assembly. This church has an average attendance of 140 and is pastored by a former deacon and treasurer in the Mother Church.

3. The Rainesburg, Pa., Assembly of God, was mothered by the Bedford Valley Assembly.

4. A deserted school building became the home of the Fort Ashby, West Virginia, Assembly of God church, mothered by the Cumberland Central Assembly, and now pastored by a deacon from the Mother Church.

5. This Assembly in Carpenter's Addition, West Virginia, was mothered by the Cumberland Central Assembly. It has an average of 35 in Sunday School at present.



## HOME MISSIONARY INSTANTLY HEALED

Since so many EVANGEL readers have prayed with us concerning Sister Laverne Stellrecht's serious illness, we are happy to share with you the following night letter from Brother Stellrecht (Bylas, Arizona):

MRS. STELLRECHT SUDDENLY HEALED. SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, HAS TOUCHED THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT FOR HER. FOR NO APPARENT REASON WHATEVER SHE IS SUDDENLY WELL. ALL PAIN IS GONE. ALL DRAINAGE FROM INTERNAL BREAK STOPPED. OPENING IS HEALED. GREATEST MIRACLE I HAVE EVER SEEN. SHE IS UP AND ABOUT HER WORK. DOCTORS ARE ASTONISHED. I AM ALMOST OVERCOME WITH JOY. REJOICE WITH ME PLEASE.

L. STELLRECHT

dition. A building was erected and is used for services including Sunday School with an average attendance of 35. At present Anna M. Wilson has charge of this work.

"Another of our outstations is located in Morantown. Services are being held there once weekly. From this outstation we have reaped some good young talent, especially one young man, 17 years of age, who feels the call of God on his life and is preparing for Bible School. Brother and Sister W. Filer have charge of this outstation.

"Another outstation is located in Greenspring, West Virginia, about 15 miles from Cumberland. Here we have been holding cottage prayer meetings weekly. A nucleus has been gathered with the thought of establishing a permanent work in the area. Wilbur Bell has charge of this outstation.

"For the past three years we have held open-air and cottage prayer meetings in Springfield, West Virginia.

"Besides the outstation work, a service is held each week in the County Home. Brother and Sister Irvin Mason have charge of this. Also for the past fourteen years a service has been held every week in the county jail. Alma Blauch has the oversight of this work.

"All of this work has been and is being done at a great sacrifice of time and materials, but with unspeakable blessing as well. At least \$20,000 has been spent in the erection, furnishing, and other expenses in connection with these different outstations. However, offerings taken over a period of time in the outstations invariably meet this initial outlay by the 'Mother Church.'

"Our outstations are supervised entirely by the 'Mother Church' until such a time as we feel the outstation can care for itself spiritually and financially. We

have found it advisable to keep helping and lending every support necessary until its growth assures its future stability.

"Some folk want to know how our outstations are manned. Each outstation has a superintendent, and then for the mid-week service we send a carload comprised of the superintendent, speaker, song leader, pianist, and special singers or musicians. We schedule these various groups a month in advance, and they are listed on the bulletin board showing all of our activities.

"At times the thought comes that we may weaken the 'Mother Church' by such activities, but we have found that it is the strengthening of it. Here are the facts:

"In 1940 the 'Mother Church' here in Cumberland had a Sunday School attendance of approximately 100. In December, 1953, in spite of losing many of our best and most talented workers to the various outstations, our average Sunday School attendance was 342. Combining the attendance of the 'Mother Church' with attendance in the churches and outstations we have mothered, we have a total of approximately 700!

"It is now two years since we moved into our new church. We have doubled our Sunday School attendance since this move, and are presently constructing a Sunday School annex and prayer room."

Central Assembly in Cumberland, Maryland, has proven that to be a "Mother Church" is to be a healthy, growing church. They exist to evangelize! Other Assemblies of God churches too have caught this vision, and are evangelizing the outlying areas surrounding their communities. IS YOUR CHURCH A MOTHER CHURCH?

## True Nobility

The highest eulogy which can be paid anyone is to say that he is noble. Nobility is comprehensive of all virtues and graces. It is the expression of the soul rather than the intellect, not merely of the mind but of the heart.

The truly noble character is deeply sympathetic with all that is true and good, and hates all that is low and degrading. This attitude becomes a habit, forming the character. Temptation to low, selfish levels ceases, and the whole being becomes ennobled.

Nobility of character is always accompanied by nobility of action. Some who are not noble will spasmodically perform good deeds, but steady sustained nobility of life, always performing noble deeds, is only possible when governed by those emotions which naturally and necessarily produce them. The qualities which produce true nobility are a lofty purpose, deep sympathies, and absolute self-sacrifice. No good deed, however trifling, is too small; and none, however burdensome, is too great for a noble soul to do.

"Nothing is too small for His love, and nothing too great for His power."

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# How Spiritual Is TV?

Mel Larson

This test is not intended to snipe at television or television viewers. Its basis is simply this: We as Christians must decide, regarding every new invention, whether our use of it will increase or decrease our devotion to Christ.

We must realize also that devotion to Christ cannot be measured by doing this or not doing that.

But what we do and what we do not do often are sign posts of how we are in our mind and heart.

Now, if you have television in your

home, go on with the test. Check the answers honestly. You'll find your score at the end.

1. I have watched programs in my home which I would not go into a building outside of my home to watch. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

2. After my children have gone to bed, I have watched programs I would not like to have them know I had seen. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

3. I have scheduled committee or other meetings at church on certain nights that would not conflict with my favorite TV programs. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

4. TV programs have decreased my attendance at the midweek prayer service or other meetings of our church. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

5. Time spent in our family devotions has remained equal to or above that prior to our having TV. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

6. I have taken on added responsibility

at our church since we obtained our TV set. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

7. My children tend to talk more about people they see on TV than of what they might have received in Sunday School or church. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

8. My reading of the Bible, Christian books and Christian magazines has suffered through time spent watching TV. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

9. Purchase of our TV set and meeting the payments on it has forced me to cut down on my giving to the church or other religious causes. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

10. I have resented people paying us visits while favorite programs were on and we could not watch them. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

11. I have contributed financially and through prayer to keep religious programs on TV. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

12. I have caught myself thinking of TV programs or characters while listening to a sermon. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

13. The beer and cigarette commercials have created problems in our home as regards our children. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

14. Certain programs have so intrigued me that I have postponed—sometimes for weeks—work in our home that I know I should have completed. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

15. All things considered—time, money, church attendance, burden for the unsaved, missionary giving, etc.—I feel that my growth as a Christian or my service to Christ has been benefited by our having television in our home. ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Answers: Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14 should have been checked No; questions 5, 6, 11 and 15 should have been checked Yes.

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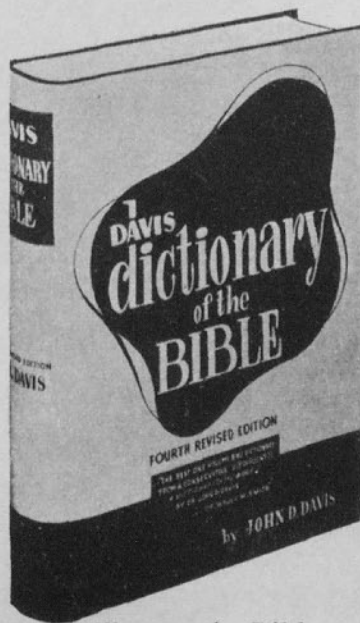
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A successful evangelist wrote these words on the flyleaf of his Bible: "O that I may be foolish enough to depend upon Christ for wisdom, weak enough to be empowered with His strength, base enough to have no honor but God's honor, despised enough to be kept in the dust at His feet, nothing enough for God to be everything."



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## "AGE OF MARY" DAWNS

A Roman Catholic bishop, writing in *Catholic Tidings*, says: "Weary and worn from the burdens of life and wounded from ceaseless strife, the world has grown old and looks with foreboding to the approaching night." Well said! But what ray of hope does the Catholic bishop give? The glorious truth that "the Bridegroom cometh"... that "The Son of man cometh"? No, he tells his readers that "the love of The Lady of Heaven is penetrating the encircling gloom."

What a pity that millions of Americans should be in bondage to a church that nullifies the person and work of Christ by its man-made traditions and its worship of Mary! If the bishop would open his Catholic version of the Bible he would read these words: "Looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13, Douay Version). But the Bible is given a secondary place; the teachings of the church are held above the teachings of the Scriptures, and so he deludes his followers by saying: "The shadows lengthen and the day is far spent, but we are coming to rest in the shelter of the inn where Mary is to become our refuge, our sweetness and our hope. We are now entering the age of Mary."

The world has already passed through an age of Mary. Historians refer to it as "The Dark Ages." But our Lord Jesus Christ, "the Bright and Morning Star" of the Scriptures, still shines with an everlasting glory that eclipses everything and everyone else in God's heaven, and we can rejoice in the blessed hope of His coming.

## "RANK HERESY" SEEN IN POPE'S PRAYER

The Church of England Newspaper examined the Pope's prayer to the Virgin Mary, composed for the opening of the current "Marian Year," and found in it implications of "rank heresy."

What specially roused the Anglican weekly were such words of invocation as these: "Enraptured by the splendor of your heavenly beauty... we cast ourselves into your arms.... Convert the wicked, dry the tears of the afflicted and oppressed, comfort the poor and humble... protect the Holy Church."

Said *The Church of England Newspaper*: "This prayer transplants faith from Christ to the Virgin Mary.... And what, we may legitimately ask, is left for the Holy Spirit? The Virgin Mary apparently displaces the Third Person of the Trinity as well as the Second."

Such "extravagant devotion" to Mary, the paper said, "is what might be expected of a church under the domination of a celibate hierarchy. The normal development of their personality through family life is forbidden them; they must perforce find a substitute to occupy the place a wife should have in their imagination."

## NEWS

### FULL GOSPEL TESTIMONY MOVEMENT DISSOLVED

SUSSEX, ENGLAND—As of February 1, 1954, the Full Gospel Testimony Movement (Great Britain) will cease to function under that name. Fred Squire, the Chairman, states that after much prayer and discussion they have decided, in the interests of greater unity, to amalgamate with one of the larger Movements of this country who believe the same things. The majority of churches and ministers will amalgamate with the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, three or four churches and ministers with the Assemblies of God, and three will remain independent for the time being.

Brother Squire himself will remain independent so that he may continue his international work of evangelism and his International Bible Training Institute at Burgess Hill in Sussex.

### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

METROPOLIS, ILL.—We recently had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Luker of Monroeville, Ala. Thirty-five were saved, 22 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, 16 were added to the church, and 10 were baptized in water. Seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in one night. An entire family of five was saved and four of them were baptized with the Holy Spirit. A Baptist lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at home. A young man who was a drunkard was gloriously saved and delivered from the drink and tobacco habits.—D. A. Lunsford, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—During December we had a meeting with Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. It was Brother MacPherson's last meeting in the States before flying to the West Indies for extensive ministry in the islands. His burning missionary zeal was a great blessing to the Assembly.—Orville C. Smith, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

SLATON, TEX.—We concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. G. W. Hathcock of Portia, Ark. Our church was helped by our brother's anointed preaching. Six were saved, one was filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were renewed in the Lord. A young man came to the church about 2:30 in the morning. God saved him and filled him with the Holy Spirit. Ten were baptized in water the last day of the meeting.—Clarence Glaze, Pastor.

FARMERSVILLE, TEX.—We accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly here last June. The church is doing well and the Sunday School averaged 102 for the Sunday School year.

We have just concluded a meeting with Sister Pruitt, the pastor's wife, doing the preaching. Ten were saved including a family of six. The mother was formerly a Roman Catholic. A soldier was among those who were saved.—James H. Pruitt, Pastor, Box 308, Farmersville, Tex.

FT. STOCKTON, TEX.—The First Assembly of God enjoyed a four-week meeting with the Magee Evangelistic Party of Dallas, Tex. From the beginning the blessing of the Lord was evident. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church was edified by the preaching of the Word.

A man who had been deaf in one ear for fifteen years was instantly healed as Brother Magee prayed for him. Others testified to being healed of stomach trouble, sinus infection, and arthritis. The presence of the Lord was so great that some were healed as they entered the church. Reports are still coming in from people who sent in prayer requests, saying that God has definitely healed them.—Joe A. Bradley, Pastor.



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HAMILTON, ILL.—We had a successful three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. F. Dimusto and two daughters. Several were saved, backsliders were reclaimed and the saints received refreshing. A number received bodily healing.—Maude A. Deyo, Pastor.

WASHBURN, WIS.—Evangelist Morris Cerullo of Newburgh, N. Y. was with us for three weeks last August. A number were saved and they are still living for the Lord. Sick bodies were healed and record crowds attended night after night. Our church has experienced a real boost spiritually and materially as a result of these meetings.—George S. Erickson, Pastor.

VIENNA, ILL.—The attendance was good each night of the meeting with Evangelist Bert Weech. Twenty-four were converted and five were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Nine were baptized in water. During the Enlargement Campaign in October, our record Sunday School attendance of 85 was raised to 124 with an average attendance of 111. In the past few months the number of young folk attending the Christ's Ambassador meetings has more than doubled. God has surely blessed us.—Fred H. Harp, Pastor.

BELLEVIEW, MO.—For three weeks Evangelist V. R. Ledbetter was with us and God met us in a blessed way. Several knelt at the altar for salvation. God used Brother Ledbetter in praying for the sick and some wonderful healings resulted.

Prayer was offered for a lady who could not walk without help, and she walked out of the building unassisted, praising God. Another lady who had not been able to lift her hands above her head for six years was healed. She was able to lift her arms and praise the Lord. We prayed for a man who had an injured back and had to wear a brace. The doctors said there was no hope for him to be cured, but God touched him and he was able to take off the brace.

We thank God for this meeting and for the revival spirit that continues in the church.—Robert Gouge Jr., Pastor.

DALTON, N. Y.—We had a profitable meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul J. Graban. The church experienced a real move of the Spirit which was greatly needed. Many were saved including two new families. A number of people from the community attended the services who had not been in the church before.

God also demonstrated His healing power. Among the many who were healed was a young man without an ear drum. After prayer he could hear, and as the service progressed the sound grew louder. Many of our people said this was the best meeting they had ever attended.—Arthur M. Anderson, Pastor.

## COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the *Evangelist* is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

FT. MORGAN, COLO.—Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dick Colsen, Hillsboro, Oreg. (S. R. Stewart is Pastor.)

HARVARD, ILL.—Missionary Convention, Feb. 9—11; Fred Burke, South Africa.—by C. R. Liddle, Pastor.

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—First Pentecostal Church, Feb. 4—21; Evangelist Levi Storms.—by Paul E. Bills, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—City-wide Workers' Training Course, Faith Tabernacle, 13th and Trenton, Jan. 25—29. William E. Kirschke, Tacoma, Wash., main speaker.—by T. E. Hollingsworth, Director.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Trinity Assembly of God, 12th and Rhode Island Ave. N. E., Jan. 26—; Evangelist H. M. Strickland.—by Herbert A. Nunley, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—City-wide Training Classes, First Assembly of God, South 12th and G Sts., Feb. 1—5; "The Study of the Tabernacle," by C. C. Wilcox.—by Albert C. Davis, Sectional S. S. Secretary.

COOLIDGE, ARIZ.—Assembly of God, Jan. 20—; Evangelist and Mrs. Leland R. Evans. (C. O. Winters is Pastor.)

DENVER, COLO.—South Denver Assembly of God, 2634 S. Broadway, Jan. 17—; Evangelist Gerald F. Houk.—by Harvey Jackson, Pastor.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Central Assembly, 1918 Broadway, Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist Claude Asher.—by Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.

BRYAN, TEX.—College Heights Assembly, Jan. 24—; Evangelist B. B. Hankins, Corsicana, Tex. (R. L. Tumlinson is Pastor.)

BRISCOE, TEX.—Assembly of God, Jan. 24—Feb. 7 or longer; Evangelist David Chesney, Clovis, N. Mex.—by James Gitchell, Pastor.

ROME, GA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 24—; Evangelist Don Carroll, Columbus, Ga. (Verna Flanders is Pastor.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Frankford Full Gospel Church, 4923 Darrah St., Jan. 26—; Evangelist Harvey Stocker, Morgantown, W. Va.—by Frank Sharp, Pastor.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 27—; Evangelists Eddie and Ruth Washington.—by Ray F. Curtis, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (J. L. Boulware is Pastor.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., Feb. 4—; for two weeks; Evangelist Horace Roberson.—by Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

SEASIDE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Evangelists Fred L. and Bonetta C. Rabe.—by Harry A. Collison, Pastor.

MADERA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Evangelists R. H. and Louise Bishop, Denver, Colo. (Lawrence Wood is Pastor.)

OSHAWA, ONT., CANADA—Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelists J. Lee and Myrtle Gorman. (Richard Bombay is Pastor.)

PLYMOUTH, IND.—First Assembly of God, 601 N. Michigan St., Feb. 19—; Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie, Turlock, Calif.—by William Van Winkle, Pastor.

LIMA, OHIO—Peniel Assembly of God, Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Archie Marshall, Maywood, Mo.—by E. V. Brock, Church Secretary. (Earl E. Hart is Pastor.)

WAYNOKA, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 31—Feb. 14 or longer; Evangelist L. L. Ammons, Dallas, Tex. (J. R. Brasher is Pastor.)

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—Southside Assembly of God, Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist William T. Holcombe.—by Homer T. Goodwin, Pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Evangelist and Mrs. David Edwards.—by W. E. Risner, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Bethel Temple, Feb. 3—; Evangelist Gerald Fischer with the Musical Fishers of Men.—by C. W. Ahalt, Pastor.

TRAIL, B. C., CANADA—Feb. 5—21 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr.—by W. T. Kennedy, Pastor.

EL PASO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist Dean Underwood.—by O. Shipley, Pastor.

HOPE, ARK.—Hope Gospel Tabernacle, Feb. 7—28; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Ala. (O. M. Montgomery is Pastor.)

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Evangelist George Hayes, Houston, Tex.—by Louie Shultz, Pastor.

STRUTHERS, OHIO—Calvary Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Evangelist June Cook.—by Elvin Irwin, Pastor.

MITCHELL, S. DAK.—Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Gaylord Kindschy. (S. H. Petersen is Pastor.)

GREELEY, COLO.—Jan. 19—Feb. 7 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. O. E. Gaddis. (O. J. Burns is Pastor.)

TULSA, OKLA.—Capitol Hill Assembly of God, 705 N. Quaker, Jan. 31—Feb. 21; Evangelist S. Clyde Bailey, Terre Haute, Ind.—by M. D. Hartz, Pastor.



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NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 24—; Evangelists Bertha Blair and Norma Garland.—by R. A. McClure, Pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Bethel Temple, Jan. 26—; for three weeks; Evangelist Fern Huffstutler.—by Clyde A. Henson, Pastor.

HENRYETTA, OKLA.—Workers' Training Course, Feb. 1—8; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (H. A. Strange is Pastor.)

KINWOOD, TEX.—Assembly of God, Feb. 1—14 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Willis, Ft. Worth, Tex. (Clayton Lake is Pastor.)

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 31—Feb. 14; Evangelists Norma Elliott and Nola Stout.—by Warren J. Piersol, Pastor.

BARNESBORO, PA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 26—Feb. 7 or longer; Evangelist Eva Hagans, Stoystown, Pa.—by James W. Long, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly of God, 885 N. W. 27th Ave., Feb. 5—14; Evangelist and Mrs. H. A. Booker.—by R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—Assembly of God, Jan. 26—Feb. 14; Evangelist W. W. Fleming, Walla Walla, Wash.—by James O. McGahey, Pastor.

ELGIN, ILL.—Assembly of God, Feb. 7—; Evangelists Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill.—by C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor.

WILLMAR, MINN.—Willmar Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 24—Feb. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman, Oxford, Nebr.—by Ralph W. Hillegas, Pastor.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Calvary Assembly of God, Jan. 31—; Velmer Gardner and Party, Springfield, Mo. Services daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (H. P. Vibbert is Pastor.)

ROCKFORD, ILL.—First Assembly of God, 804 2nd Ave., Feb. 16—28; Evangelists Dave and Gwen Wilkerson, Pittsburgh, Pa.—by E. L. Stalons, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO.—Bethel Assembly of God, 4th Ave. and Chittenden St., Feb. 2—14; "Christ for All Crusade," Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Assembly of God, 1108 Rosser, Bismarck, N. Dak., Feb. 2—4; A. M. Alber, Sioux City, Iowa, guest speaker. Opening service Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Services daily at 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—by R. L. Brandt, District Superintendent. (K. E. Olson is Host Pastor.)

CEDAR BAYOU, TEX.—Memorial Assembly of God, Feb. 2—14; Evangelist Troy B. Helms. Dedication of new church Sunday, Feb. 14. Morning speaker, Kermit Reneau, Superintendent of South Texas District; afternoon speaker for dedication service, J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent; night speaker, Troy B. Helms.—by Jenkins R. Woods, Pastor.

STATE-WIDE PRAYER CONFERENCE—First Assembly of God, 608 S. 8th St., Coshocton, Ohio (sponsored by Southeast and East Central Sections of Ohio District), Feb. 15—17; James W. Van Meter, District Superintendent, and Allan A. Swift, Elizabeth, N. J., speakers. Free rooms for Home Missions workers.—by A. T. Calvanico. (E. B. Johnson is Host Pastor.)

## WITH CHRIST

MARK B. PADDOCK, 77, Kansas City, Mo. died of a heart attack January 8, 1954. Brother Paddock came into the General Council in 1934, and labored in the evangelistic field except for one year when he served as Dean of Men at Central Bible Institute.

ANNA BELLE ELLIOTT, 58, Grandview, Mo. was killed in an automobile accident December 21, 1953. Sister Elliott was ordained in 1946. She was assistant pastor at Rayville, Mo.

JOSEPH M. SANDEFER, 49, St. Louis, Mo., went to be with the Lord December 26, 1953, after a long illness. Brother Sandefer was ordained in 1945. He pastored the Riverview Assembly of God in St. Louis.

FRANK R. EDMON, 61, Ellensburg, Wash. went to his heavenly reward January 3, 1954. Brother Edgemon was ordained in 1936. He was pastor of the Assembly in Ellensburg.

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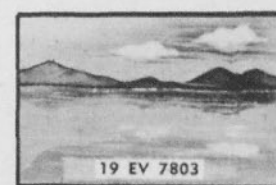
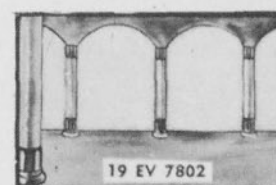
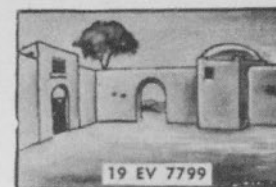
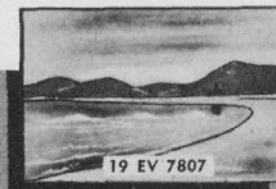
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#### Gospel Opportunities on TV

Television offers a "way of reaching more individuals than have ever crowded into American churches," a General Electric vice-president told the closing banquet of the sixth annual religious television workshop in Syracuse, N. Y.

Dr. W. R. G. Baker, general manager of GE's electronics division, said that "as we come closer to the projected 1,000 transmitters on the air by 1960, there will be more time available on many stations for public service telecasts. Not only that, but the way should be clear in many communities for religious broadcasts at more advantageous times than are now available."

#### Closed Channel TV in Church

Two churches, one in New York City and the other in Atlanta, Ga., use a closed channel telecast to reach overflow crowds. Thanks to TV, the overflow congregation seated in the church basement can take an active part in the services.

The closed channel telecasting takes the service from the main auditorium to a 27-inch TV screen downstairs. People participate in the service just as they would if they had come early enough to get seats upstairs—they sing hymns, join in prayer, take up the offering, and receive the sermon. Closed channel telecasting means that the telecast is seen only in one place. Church members still will have to come to church if they want to take part in the service.

#### No TV Commercial in Britain

To date, television has not been commercially exploited in Britain. All television programs are controlled by the government, which will not sell time to gospel preachers or to advertisers either. Observers uniformly point to the low standard of television programs in America as their main argument for opposing the commercialization of British television.

#### Mass Televised in Britain

The National Union of Protestants and the Protestant Truth Society sent telegrams to the government-owned British Broadcasting Corporation in London protesting against its plans to televise a Roman Catholic Mass.

Britain's first televised Mass was scheduled for noon, January 10, from Leeds Cathedral.

Plans to carry the program continued despite the protests which said the Mass was "abolished at the Reformation" and could not legally be shown.

#### Intolerance in Spain

A request by the Spanish Reformed Church that it be permitted to reopen a Protestant chapel in Salamanca, Spain, has been turned down by the Minister of Interior. The Baptists also have been refused permission to open a new gospel center in Barcelona.

#### Jet Planes in Israel

It is reported that the Israel Air Force was strengthened recently by the addition of jet planes purchased in England. The first planes are already in service in the Holy Land.

#### New Marriage Law in Israel

A new law has been adopted by the government of Israel, which prohibits all intermarriage between Jews, Moslems, and Christians. It gives the Orthodox rabbis complete control of all Jewish marriages and divorces in Israel. Jewish immigrants will have to show that they have been married by Orthodox rites or else be married again, in order to get into the "promised land."

#### Converted Jew "Buried Alive"

Last August a young Jew who had become a Christian was "buried alive" in Canton, Ohio. He had risen to fame in the musical world, and was heir to a fortune, but his orthodox Jewish parents disowned him because of the stand he had taken for Christ. With colorful ceremony, casket and all, they "buried" their son and declared him dead—but his casket was empty.

The son, Hymie Williams, is still very much alive, both physically and spiritually. "As a matter of fact," he says, "now I am just beginning to live." Before his conversion he was leading trumpeter for worldly orchestra leaders such as Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Harry James, but now he is a student at Moody Bible Institute preparing to devote his talents to Christian service.

#### New World Calendar Offered

The U. N. delegation from India has asked the United Nations Economic and Social Council to take up the possibility of shifting to a new World Calendar, at its next session.

One proposed calendar would keep the usual twelve months, but the four quarters would always be equal, having 13 weeks, or 91 days, each. They would always begin on a Sunday and end on a Saturday. The months of January, April, July and October would have 31 days each, the rest would have 30.

This would account for 364 days. The 365th would come after December 30 and would be an annual world holiday. The day would have no date; it would simply be known as World'sday. In leap years a similar holiday would be observed between June 30 and July 1.

The present Gregorian Calendar and the proposed World Calendar coincide on Sunday, January 1, 1956. Advocates of the new calendar point out that the change could be made at that time with a minimum of confusion, and everyone would have two years to prepare for the new calendar.

#### Court Rules in Favor of Church

A Superior Court Judge in Georgia has ruled that churches are private property, and that county regulations which stipulate that "community buildings" must be constructed under a use permit do not include churches.

The case arose when a Church of God group started building a church in Fulton County (just outside Atlanta's city limits) in defiance of the refusal of a Municipal Planning Board to issue a permit. The county sought a court order to restrain the church from further construction, but Judge Claude Shaw threw the petition out of court.

Attorneys for the church presented considerable evidence to show that, if a use permit were required, it would be unconstitutional, violating freedom of religious worship.

#### Swedes Abandon Plans for Gospel Ship Broadcast

Pentecostal leaders in Stockholm, Sweden, said they have temporarily abandoned their plan to broadcast gospel programs to Russia from a ship in the Baltic Sea. They said that "difficulty of obtaining a suitable wave length" was the reason for their decision. The radio ship *Aeolus* which the church had bought for the purpose will be utilized in some other way.

#### Pray for "Skid Row"

Recently the Superintendent of a Skid Row Mission watched as his eight millionth free meal and his two millionth free bed were handed out. He was Dr. William Seath of the Chicago Christian Industrial League. He says the modern "man on the down trail is harder than any of his predecessors to reach with the gospel." The average man on Skid Row is younger and more cynical, he says.