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Have the insurance salesmen been talking to you about “sick benefits” lately? There’s a passage in the Bible that outlines some very attractive benefits, and they are available to you. It is Psalm 103, verses 1 to 5.

The Psalmist sings about these marvelous benefits, saying, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.” Then he enumerates five great benefits which only God can offer:

1. **FORGIVENESS**—He says the Lord “forgiveth all thine iniquities.” This is the first step toward getting well. A clear conscience goes a long way toward restoring one’s health. Guilty feelings have been diagnosed as the basic cause of some illnesses, and a guilty conscience will slow down the healing process in anyone. God will forgive all your sins if you will confess them to Him. You may apply for this gracious benefit today.

2. **HEALING**—The Lord “healeth all thy diseases.” No disease is too difficult; no case is too complex. You are sure to enjoy this benefit if you will give up your sins and pray to the Lord in childlike faith. A certain Christian man had a large cancerous growth on his leg. It kept spreading until the flesh was eaten away and the bone was visible. The doctors said his case was incurable, but he and his wife knew that the Lord was able and willing to heal all their diseases. One day he went to a church conference and asked the elders to anoint him with oil, and to pray for him according to the instructions in James 5:14, 15. They did so, and he went home singing and praising God for healing him. The next morning his wife helped him to remove the dressing. They found that a thin milky flesh had formed over the bone—and at the end of two weeks that leg which had been afflicted with an “incurable” cancer for nine months was as normal as the other. “All thy diseases.”

3. **FULL REDEMPTION**—The Lord “redeemeth thy life from destruction,” David said. In other words, He not only makes you well; He also keeps you well. After all, we need more than Divine Healing; we need Divine Health—new strength for each day, to withstand all the disease germs and other hazards to which we are exposed. This deliverance from destruction is one of the “benefits,” and it carries no time limit.

4. **A SPIRITUAL BONUS**—He “crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.” On top of all the other benefits of forgiveness, healing, and full redemption the Lord adds this crowning bonus of extra kindnesses and tender care. He makes you the special object of His love. You enter a holy intimacy with your Healer.

5. **LONG LIFE**—The Lord “satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” The eagle is blessed with long life due to its peculiar ability to become rejuvenated. The Bible says that they who wait upon the Lord will have a similar experience. You can find a fulness of strength that will enable you to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint.

These benefits are both physical and spiritual. You can claim every one of them if you will.

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She was just a Gentile, a very ordinary person, yet she obtained healing for her daughter because she had

A Great Faith

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TWICE DURING HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY Christ used the expression, "Great is thy faith," and in both instances He said it to Gentiles.

On one of these occasions Christ had gone into "the coasts of Tyre and Sidon" (Matthew 15:21-28), a region which is today a part of the nation of Lebanon. A woman, because of her faith, overcame great obstacles to obtain help from the Lord. The Gospel of Mark says she was a Greek (Gentile), a Syrophenician by nation.

Why did Jesus make this long journey over difficult terrain from Galilee? There is no record that He preached any sermon here, or did any great work, except in the case of this woman—even though there was a great population in this area. Is it possible that her great faith brought Jesus here? Did He want to use her faith as an example to Israel and to all who would read the story down to our generation?

The faith of this woman was tested to the limit by the Lord. She overcame four great obstacles before she had the answer to her prayer. When we seek the Lord we may have to press through some of these same obstacles.

1. COLD AND SELFISH DISCIPLES

As the Syrophenician woman came seeking the Lord, the disciples were disturbed by her crying and begged the Lord, "Send her away; for she crieth after us." They gave her a cold reception and showed no compassion for her.

Too often, followers of the Lord destroy the faith in those who seek help from the Lord. So many professing disciples hinder rather than help the needy. We know of many who are outside the church today because of the un-Christian attitude of professed followers of Christ. A true Christian should show genuine interest in others and help bear their burdens.

If you are praying about some need and you find no encouragement from other Christians, press by them and get

to the Lord, for He will help you. That is what blind Bartimaeus did in Jericho. Those who followed Jesus told him not to cry out so loudly, but "he cried so much the more," until Jesus stopped and restored his sight. If this blind man had not continued to cry out to the Lord in spite of the discouragement from the followers of Jesus, he would have remained blind. Let us take our eyes off men and fix them on Jesus.

2. SEEMING DISINTEREST OF JESUS

The woman cried to Him most pitifully, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil," and yet "He answered her not a word." Was Jesus callous? No, it was sympathy that made Him silent. He was delaying telling her He could not help her.

Have you ever cried out to the Lord and found the heavens to be as brass—no answer forthcoming? At these times we are tempted to say, like Isaiah, "Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself" (45:15). Mark says that Jesus "entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but He could not be hid." Earnest seeking will bring us into the Lord's presence.

His silence and seeming disinterest is a test of our faith. It makes us humble and strengthens our desire for help. His delays are not always denials. Luke tells us that "God [will] avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them" (Luke 18:7). Let us not be discouraged when He bears long with us, but, like this woman, keep our faith firmly in the Lord until we find divine help.

3. THINKING GOD'S HELP IS NOT FOR US

The silence of Jesus was discouraging to her, but when He did speak it was even more discouraging. He as much as told her that divine help was not for her. Listen to His words: "I am not

sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." As she was a woman of Syrophenicia, a people who worshiped Baal and Astarte, she was not included in the blessings of Israel.

Many cease seeking the Lord because they are told the gifts and blessings of God are not for them. When Pentecostal ministers preach on Divine Healing or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, other preachers are sure to tell the people that these experiences were only for the apostolic age. Books are written, and sermons preached, telling us what God will *not* do for us! In spite of these preachers of doubt, however, we can press in and claim these blessings for ourselves.

It is faith that obtains the blessings of the Lord. Christ could not escape from the faith of this woman. He allows men and women of faith to conquer Him. Though Jesus spoke discouragingly to this woman, yet her faith was not weakened. "She came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me."

4. FEELING OF UNWORTHINESS

Her next obstacle came when Jesus compared her to a dog, instead of a child of God. As a dog she was not worthy of divine help. Many fail to receive help from the Lord because they feel they are not worthy. No one is worthy except through the mercies of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jesus was referring to a popular religious view among the Jews, who considered Gentiles to be dogs. This was a test of her humility as well as her faith. Pride would have sent her away in indignation, but her faith found encouragement in these words of Jesus. The Greek word used here for *dogs* is the diminutive form and means "puppies that are kept for pets." She saw that there was provision for her, even if it was as a puppy under the table,

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THE BIBLE SAYS THERE IS NO WORD of God without power. Hebrews 4:12 says it is as quick and powerful as a two-edged sword. Psalm 120:7 says God sent His Word and healed people—power enough in the Word to heal all diseases. Hebrews 4:2 says the Word was preached to people and it did not benefit them because they did not mix faith with it.

Do we always get help when we read the Word of God? There are only two things that can keep the mighty power that is in the Word of God from working and making the things in us and our lives become exactly as the Word says, and those two things are *sin* and *unbelief*. God has filled His Word with His own Almighty power, and faith will always cause that mighty power to work, in a mighty way, if there is no sin to hinder its working. No matter what the Word says, the power is in it to compel all things to become just as the Word says.

Psalm 138:2 says God has magnified His Word above His name, and we know there is power in Jesus' name to save and deliver and make real to us all His promises. The Bible tells us all things in heaven and earth and under the earth have to bow (yielded obedience) to that name, and if God has magnified His Word above His name, what is there that the Word will not do? No wonder God tells us to let the Word dwell in us richly. If we keep filled with the powerful Word, we shall have power in us and in our lives.

A woman had been sick for years with many diseases. She was a great sufferer and doctors and medicines had failed to help her. One day she read in her Bible, "By whose stripes we are healed"—Isa. 53:5. She said, "God says I am healed and it is true. I will believe God and not my feelings." She kept on saying, "I am healed," and acted her faith by washing clothes in a wash tub on a wash board. As she did this hard work, the pain became awful, but she said, "I will believe God and not my pain." When the pain almost took her breath, she shouted praises to God and declared she was healed. The pain left and by night she was well.

Another lady had cancer, and was so sick she had to keep a nurse with her day and night. One day she read, "By whose stripes we are healed," and said—"Nurse, the Bible says I am healed and the Bible is true. Get me my clothes."

Power in the Word

BY MRS. C. NUZUM

The nurse said, "You must not get out of that bed." The lady kept saying, "The Bible says I am healed, and it is true." The nurse and mother tried to keep her in bed, but could not do it. When she got up, she looked through the open door into the kitchen and saw some food on the stove burning. She forgot her weakness and sickness, and ran to the stove, and took the food that was burning off the stove, and her cancer was gone. These two cases make us see the wonderful power there is in the Word. They took the Word alone and would not see or feel or notice their symptoms, but just saw, believed and stood on the Word. If they had been anointed or prayed for, or had others to help them, or had even prayed themselves, we would think these good things helped, but because they did nothing but believe the Word, it shows us the almighty power God has put in His Word.

Notice three things they did. They believed the Word and asked no proof or sign of any kind. God says we are wicked when we want a sign (when we want to see or feel a change). It displeases God so, when we want anything except His Word, that He says if we seek a sign, He will not give a sign. Next, they refused to believe, see, notice or think about symptoms, but saw and talked and thought nothing but the Word and what the Word said. They obeyed Hebrews 10:23, "Hold fast the profession of your faith," by



not ceasing to say what they believed—"I am healed." Third, they acted their faith—they did what before they could not do. God says in James 2:17-26 that faith without acting is as dead as our bodies are when our spirits leave them. When we believe, profess and act our faith in God's Word, all the powers of darkness cannot keep the power in the Word from making all to become exactly as the Word says, no matter if it is for healing or any other thing.

What the Word says is what God offers to us. Would you offer something to someone and then, when they tried to take it, refuse to let them have it? No, you would be ashamed to do so. How dare we think God would do what we would be ashamed to do. Besides, Christ bought all that the Bible offers to us at an awful cost of suffering and shame; and God would have to be untrue to His beloved Son if He did not do for us all the Word promises, when we meet His conditions.

God has made a solemn oath that He will do all He promises, and He tells us His oath cannot be changed—so that all we have to do is to firmly believe the Word; refuse to see, believe or think of things that contradict the Word, no matter if it is our own eyes or feelings; keep saying "I believe," and act our faith, and God will never once fail us. Oh, let us stir ourselves up and get the many great things the Bible tells us God has given to us. ◀ ◀

Baby Healed of Spinal Meningitis

As I was praying today I was impressed to tell the story of our baby girl's healing from spinal meningitis.

Rita Kay, then two months old, took a cold on Monday, July 22, 1956. She had a sore throat and was running a temperature of 103 degrees Fahrenheit.

The next morning we took Rita to see the doctor. He gave her some medicine and told us to take her home. If she didn't get any better we were to bring her back the next day. She seemed to get better, so we didn't take her back on Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning the baby started having spasms. She would try to draw backward. We took her back to the doctor. He gave her some more medicine and told us to take her home.

On our way back home she began having another spasm. We took her back to the hospital, where she was supposed to remain for a few days.

The doctors began to make all kinds of tests. On Wednesday evening the doctor told us it was spinal meningitis. The next day the doctor said he had done all he could for her, and that we should take her to a larger hospital.

We had called some of the church folk and asked them to pray. The Assemblies both in Levelland and in Littlefield were praying. One lady had spent Wednesday night in prayer. About 7:30 p.m. Thursday the baby began to play with me. I truly thank God for His wonderful healing power.

We took Rita home from the hospital the following Monday. On Tuesday we took her back for a checkup. The doctor could not find anything wrong with her.

Our girl has never been bothered with this sickness since that wonderful day. She is now ten months old and is learning and growing like a normal child. We praise the Lord for His healing touch.—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Young, Rt. 1, Levelland, Texas.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ted Vassar, Levelland, Texas.)



Charles Bloxham

Dying on Friday— Back in School on Monday

I am a student at Northwest Bible College in Seattle, Washington. On the evening of Friday, September 21, 1956, I was driving to my home at East Stanwood, Washington, for the weekend. As I was approaching Everett I saw the headlights of another car coming toward me at a rapid speed and I realized it was in my lane.

I wrenched at the wheel and swerved my car to avoid a head-on collision, but the vehicles collided at an angle. There was a grinding crash—and I remembered no more until some time later when I roused slightly in the ambulance for a moment or so.

Later I learned that a businessman in Seattle had witnessed the accident. He told me that he and the patrolman had thought surely I was dying when the ambulance took me away.

The driver of the other car gave a signed statement to the effect that he had fallen asleep at the wheel and re-

membered nothing of the accident.

My car was utterly demolished except for the place where I had been sitting behind the wheel. The glass in the left door had not been broken, while the glove compartment on the other side of the car was so smashed in that the metal door had to be pried off in order to take my belongings out. Surely God's protecting hand had been upon me.

I finally regained consciousness in the Everett General Hospital about an hour and a quarter after the accident. I was examined by a doctor but he could find no broken bones. I was then put to bed until X rays could be taken to determine if there were any internal injuries.

In the meantime I called my wife on the phone to tell her what had happened, and asked for prayer. She called other Christian people who also went to prayer in my behalf.

That evening I was in considerable pain in my head, neck, right side, shoulder and arm. I called upon the Lord for relief from this pain and went to sleep almost at once. When I awoke the next morning I was able to get out of bed and to sit in a wheel chair in order to undergo X rays.

Shortly before noon, my wife and some friends came to visit me. I was able to dress myself and to go home with them. The X rays showed that my right lung was crushed and was leaking, and that my second rib was cracked. However, the doctor agreed to release me and let me go home if I promised to take due precautions.

God continued His healing work in my body after we returned home, and on Sunday evening I drove to Seattle alone. I was back in classes at Northwest Bible College on Monday morning. In spite of my serious accident, I had not missed a day of school!

The businessman who witnessed the accident was shocked when he learned that I was back in school on Monday morning. He could hardly believe that I had recovered so quickly. I told him that it was a direct answer to prayer. He agreed that a miracle had taken place.

I thank God for His grace and power. Christ's body was broken that ours might be made whole.—Charles Bloxham, East Stanwood, Wash.

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Jesus Christ Is **LORD and MASTER**

BY EVANGELIST HARVEY McALISTER

WHAT HUMILIATION THE LORD OF Glory suffered when He came down to earth! Instead of the glories of heaven, He chose poverty. He willingly clothed Himself with humanity in order to die on the cross to purchase our salvation. In spite of His divinity, however, He was "despised and rejected of men." They would not obey Him nor believe that He was the Son of God. But always the forces of nature and the evil spirits knew that He was the Lord of Glory. Their consistent obedience to His commands proves that He is the Lord and Master in every situation.

Lord Over Material Elements

One evening, tired from the day's toil, Jesus and His disciples entered a boat and pushed off for the eastern shore of Galilee. Jesus lay down in the stern and was soon sound asleep.

A great storm began to arise. Galilee is liable to such sudden squalls. I saw when I visited Galilee that the Sea lies in a deep depression, six hundred feet below the level of the adjacent land. The surrounding hills, worn by watercourses, act like funnels through which the wind pours down upon the lake. Water level temperatures are almost tropical, whereas those above are many degrees lower. This aggravates the violence of storms. This storm was of unusual severity.

The disciples, usually at home on these waters because they had been fishermen, became greatly frightened, for the boat was fast filling with water. Their only hope, they felt, lay in the supernatural intervention of Jesus. So they awoke Him and asked, "Master,

carest thou not that we perish?" And seeing the wild fury with which the wind lashed the waves, as though it were some terrible monster whose roar needed to be silenced, He said, "Peace, be still!"

These waves acknowledged His voice as the voice of their Creator and rightful Lord, and they obeyed Him. The wind dropped at once! Under ordinary circumstances there would have been considerable swelling of waves even after the wind had ceased. But this time it was different! The waves at once became restful. This miracle cannot be explained on the basis of natural causes. Jesus was exercising His authority over the elements of nature; they dared not disobey!

Lord Over Evil Spirits

Landing on the other side of the sea, Jesus and His disciples were met by a demoniac, a demon-possessed man who wore no clothes. This man was driven by a suicidal mania to cut himself. Every effort to bind him had proved futile, for he was endowed by the demons with superhuman strength. In the community where he had lived he had been a constant source of terror.

As soon as this man met Jesus the devils in him knew that they were doomed, that they had met their Master. "Send us into the swine," they besought Him. This could have been a designing plot of vengeance. If only the devils could be the means of annihilating the pigs, the owners would inevitably rise up against the Nazarene, and would not tolerate Him in their midst. The demon-possessed pigs fell

into a panic. They rushed down the almost perpendicular cliffs and all two thousand of them drowned in the sea.

When the owners of the herds learned what had happened, they came to Jesus. They saw the one whom they had formerly feared—now "clothed, and in his right mind." But instead of falling down at Jesus' feet in gratitude, they thought only of their hogs, and lest other losses should befall them they "began to pray him to depart out of their coasts." That prayer was granted.

"And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him." This prayer was denied. The Lord needed His servant to remain with the Gadarenes: He will not leave Himself without a witness. This man, who had formerly been a signal illustration of the working of Satan, would henceforth be a living monument of the transforming power of the Lord of Glory!

Lord Over Physical Infirmities

Some time later a deaf and dumb man was brought to Christ. We are not told why our Lord took this patient "aside from the multitude," but it may have been to secure the man's complete attention. Perhaps He felt that if the man were removed from public gaze He could more effectively help him. Jesus may have had the same motive for making use of manual acts—putting His fingers into the man's ears, and touching his tongue. These manual acts may have been a sort of sign language to stimulate faith.

While I was in Kobe, Japan, a group of deaf and dumb persons were brought to me. I hesitated to pray for them, for I knew they had not heard the Word, as others had; yet my heart went out in compassion in their behalf. I ministered to one, but without result! To another, another, and another—yet no results! The situation was having a damaging effect upon the faith of the congregation. Deep down in my heart I whispered a prayer, asking for guidance. Immediately their teacher, guided by the Holy Spirit, came forward and offered her assistance. Then I spoke to them while she interpreted in sign language. A changed look came over their faces as they drank in God's Word. Again I began to minister to them, but now one after another were made to hear and repeat what I spoke in their ears. Defeat gave way to victory.

Lord Over Death

When Jesus returned from His trip into the land of the Gadarenes, many people were waiting for Him on the

**"Looking oft unto Jesus,
My spirit is blest;
In the world I have turmoil,
In Him I have rest;
The sea of my life
All around me may roar;
When I look unto Jesus
I hear it no more."**

shore. Presently Jairus, "one of the rulers of the synagogue," brought his problem to Jesus. Throwing himself down at Jesus' feet, he said, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live." Jesus went along.

Meanwhile, messengers came to inform the father, "The daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" Perhaps the father's friends had discouraged the journey in the first place, feeling it was futile. And now that the child was dead, they felt it useless for the Healer to come. Their arrival was timed to coincide with the cure of the woman who pressed through the crowd to touch Jesus. Had they arrived sooner, Jairus might have lost heart and abandoned his petition. Jesus said, "Be not afraid, only believe." The act of healing and this word of assurance swept away all lingering doubts.

When the party reached the house, they were confronted with every sign and token of death; hired mourners were filling the air with shrieks and wailing! "Why make ye this ado, and weep?" Jesus asked. "The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." When He is near, death is but sleep. Taking the twelve-year-old child by the hand, He said, "Talitha cumi!" And her dead form obeyed the word of Omnipotence! She sat up and looked at them! Yes, Jesus is the Lord and Master over death.

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Finally the sad day arrived for the disciples—Jesus laid down His life, the Lord of Glory was crucified! They were stunned, dispersed, desolate! Jesus' body was placed in a tomb. But after three days He arose, and for forty days He often conversed with His own.

Then one day Jesus ascended to His Father from the Mount of Olives, while the disciples watched. The irreversible law of gravitation yielded to the Lord of Glory. Heaven and earth paid homage to their Creator and rightful Lord. The heavens bowed low to robe the Saviour with white clouds, fit for His enthronement. Welcomed back in heaven, He was given highest honors—a place at His Father's right hand.

Christ has given us the right to use His name in His absence. "Whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do," He has told us (John 14:13). And that name today represents all that it did while He was here on the earth in human form, for He is still the Lord and Master of all heaven and earth.

Christ has equipped us with His character as well as His name, and has given us the privilege of winning others to Him. Oh, that all men would accept Him as Lord! All creation has owned Him as Master, but still He is rejected of men.

Some day He will come back to the earth in great power and glory. All men will be compelled to bow before Him and acknowledge Him as Lord. Then the earth, which has been cursed because of man's disobedience, will enjoy a long and peaceful reign of the Son of God. All creation will rejoice that "He is Lord of all" (Acts 10:36). You, too, will bow before Him eventually—why not *now*? You must accept Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord in *this* life, in order to be saved. Blessed are they who bow before Him voluntarily and who willingly obey Him as their Master. ◀ ◀

How To Be Saved

YOU MUST REPENT

Jesus declared, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

Paul wrote, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).

YOU MUST CONFESS

Confess your sins to God—

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Confess your faith to men—

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10).

YOU MUST BELIEVE

Jesus told the disciples, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

He told Nicodemus, "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Paul and Silas told the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

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If you will do these things Christ will forgive your sins, for He has promised, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). And Isaiah 1:18 promises, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

A THOUGHTFUL ARTICLE BY DONALD GEE

"After That - Miracles"

THE UNVARNISHED STORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT READS LIKE
A REFRESHING GUST OF FRESH AIR THAT NOT ONLY BLOWS
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FEVER OF OUR FANATICISM.



MIRACLES MUST ENTER INTO ANY truly Pentecostal revival. They supply an essential part of its distinctive witness to the continuing place of the supernatural in the Church. We ought to see miracles in our assemblies. If we lack them we should be searching our hearts before God. But that does not mean that we shall close our Bibles on the subject.

There has been a constant swing of the pendulum—first towards, then away from, emphasis upon miracles in the Pentecostal Movement. By its very nature the revival is a protest against deadness in the churches. Therefore when it first broke out in power over fifty years ago, and wherever it still breaks out anew anywhere in the world, there is particular emphasis upon the miraculous. This is as it should be, but invariably it produces extremes and extremists. They in turn provoke others to a corrective swing away from emphasis upon miracles towards stress upon that which is orderly and conservative. It has been interesting to watch the pendulum swing.

There is a strong central body of believers, constituting the very heart of the Pentecostal churches, who do not want extremes either way. They are turning with rightful abhorrence from the fantastic overemphasis upon miracles that is marking the efforts of certain evangelists at the present time. They feel that this emphasis is not according to truth, and they recognize that it can cause grievous harm to the testimony.

On the other hand, this solid body

of Spirit-filled believers fear equally the intrusive corrections that may quench the Spirit and make our testimony scarcely recognizable as "Pentecostal." What we ask for is leadership based on the Word of God. We want to go forward, but we refuse to be stampeded into sham revivals. We also refuse to be herded back into a formalism from which we, as well as our fathers, joyfully escaped.

In 1 Corinthians 12:28 we read, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, *after that miracles.*"

God has set *miracles* in the Church. Just what does the word mean? The popular idea of a miracle is "a marvelous event due to some supernatural agency" (Oxford Dictionary). Good enough! We can accept that definition, recognizing, however, that the nature of the "supernatural agency" is left an open question. It can be good, or it can be evil.

In the Greek of the New Testament there are two words translated "miracle." One is *dunamis*—an act of power. The other is *semeion*—a sign. In evangelistic and apostolic ministry both have a place. Both words occur in connection with Philip (Acts 8:13) and Paul (Acts 19:11; Romans 15:19). Our Lord confirmed the preaching of the Word "with signs following." God bore them witness "both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will" (Hebrews 2:4)—in this verse both words are used.

The Pentecostal revival is a witness

that similarly miraculous ministry can have an important place today in evangelistic and missionary (apostolic) work. There is no scriptural authority for stating that it should have ceased. Its value is being proved afresh in the ministry of the gospel. But the Scriptures also teach us how to keep miracles in a right place in our regard.

Even in New Testament days there were some miracles that were unusual, as in Acts 19:11, where "God wrought *special* [literally, not the ordinary] miracles by the hands of Paul." The remarkable outbursts of miraculous power through Stephen, Philip, Peter, Paul, and others were obviously outstanding. We approach the norm for the miraculous in the early churches in 1 Corinthians 12, where the "working of miracles" is included in lists containing other less spectacular ministries. What is remarkable is the place that "miracles" occupy in those lists. They are placed in the *middle* both in 1 Corinthians 12:3-10 and in verses 28, 29. Priority is given to words of wisdom and knowledge among the gifts of the Spirit, and to apostles, prophets, and teachers among the ministries set by God in the Church. Nevertheless, it is a noteworthy thing that "miracles" occur in the lists at all, and were recognized as a normal part of the local church's enjoyment of the Holy Spirit's power and presence.

In three places in First Corinthians 12 where miracles are referred to, the word is "dunamis," not "semeion." Young's literal translation of verse 28 is "afterwards powers." "Wielders of

spiritual power" is J. B. Phillips' rendering, while A. A. Way puts it "marvel workers." The thought is the expression of tremendous *energy*. It does not appear that these miracles were healings, for "gifts of healings" are listed as distinct and separate. If we can seek examples in the ministry of apostles they included the casting out of demons (Acts 16:18), acts of judgment (Acts 5:5; 13:11), and similar marvels. An interesting reference to Jannes and Jambres in 2 Timothy 3:8 suggests that as Moses victoriously met the magicians of Egypt by a greater display of the supernatural power of God, so miracles in the Church can supply evidence that the power of Christ is mightier than that of demonic inspiration.

One of the most impressive things about the New Testament records of miracles in the lives of the early Christians is the way they continued to lead quite normal careers in spite of knowing so much of the supernatural as a commonplace in their assemblies. For instance, Paul knew hunger and thirst, danger and perils of travel, weariness and painfulness, cold and nakedness (2 Corinthians 11:25-27). In the story of his shipwreck (Acts 27) the sailors had to be kept in the ship so that all could be saved (verse 31); and until the gifts of healing operated in the island, only in the incident of the viper did a miracle emerge (28:5).

As far as we know, Dorcas and Eutychus were the only believers raised from the dead by miraculous power. That most of the early believers died in the course of nature is clear from such passages as 1 Thessalonians 4:14. It was not miracles, but the word of promise, that assuaged the pangs of bereavement.

The unvarnished story of the New Testament reads like a refreshing gust of fresh air that not only blows away the stuffiness of our unbelief, but also cools the fever of our fanaticism. A course of balanced Bible-reading is recommended as a healthy corrective against the neurotic efforts of some modern journals devoted solely to propaganda for the miraculous. Let us come back to balance and truth. "Thy word is truth." We can trust the Holy Spirit

to use the Word to set our hearts on fire with a holy longing to see His energy manifestly at work among us, even while it calms the fever of misguided enthusiasts who have temporarily lost their sense of proportion in holy things.

A shrewd old friend of mine wrote to me recently, as he was completing an extensive journey, and said: "The many individuals — seemingly gifted with influence, personality, and organization—who work outside the framework of the Church and under authority to none, form a bewildering problem. I never ascertained how these brethren would like to be compared with the apostle Paul, who, though so endowed with gifts, personality, vision, and divine authority, used his calling and position not only to establish the Church, but further to set down the divine order for maintenance of the body of Christ by that which every joint supplieth, in unity, in deference to the Head... but these seem to work outside the authority of the body, being subject to none."

That penetrating judgment is weighty. Failure to recognize the truth of the "body" of Christ (1 Corinthians 12) is a besetting weakness of all those gifted with great power. The Bible makes it clear that "workers of miracles" were only one category among several others, and that they were not even regarded as of supreme importance. In any case, they had nothing unless it

was given them by the Holy Spirit. His manifestations are "divided to every man severally as He will" (1 Corinthians 12:11). That divine will decrees that not all are to be workers of miracles (verse 29). Straining and striving to supply some assumed manifestation of divine power is far removed from the ease with which true gifts of the Spirit operate in divine love.

We admire the faith and courage of evangelists who seek to supply practical evidence of the supernatural in the power of the gospel, even to the working of miracles as God wills. Moreover it is only to be expected that huge crowds will flock to any place where they are led to expect miracles to happen. That kind of thing occurred even in the earthly ministry of our Lord. But He who knew all men knew how little it signified of repentance and change of heart toward God. To boast that huge crowds of miracle-seekers constitute a new revival is to betray sheer ignorance of the basic facts of the gospel. They do nothing of the sort.

God wants all men to be *saved*, but that means far more than handraising among a mass of people whipped into excitement by studied methods of suggestion. The Holy Spirit's appeal is to the conscience and the will. Miracles arouse and attract, but only in exceptional cases do they do anything more. It is a divine perfection of wisdom that lists other greater ministries first and then says, "... after that miracles."

Healing in Christ

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows . . . and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:4, 5). This 53rd chapter of Isaiah is the great evangelical's vision, the Gospel of the Old Testament, the very mirror of the coming Redeemer. And here in the front of it, prefaced by a great Amen—the only "surely" in the chapter—is the promise of healing, the very strongest possible statement of complete redemption from pain and sickness by His life and death.

Here we have the very words which the evangelist afterward quotes, under the inspired guidance of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 8:17), as the explanation of His universal sealing. The translation in Matthew 8:17 is much better: "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." The literal translation would be: "Surely He hath borne away our sicknesses, and carried away our pains."

Any person who will refer to such a familiar commentary as that of Albert Barnes on Isaiah, or any other Hebrew authority, will see that the two words here used denote respectively sickness and pain, and that the words for "bear" and "carry" denote not mere sympathy, but actual substitution and the removal utterly of the thing borne. Therefore, as He has borne our sins, Jesus Christ has also borne away and carried off our sicknesses; yea, and even our pains. By abiding in Him, we may be fully delivered from both sickness and pain. Blessed and glorious gospel! Blessed and glorious burden Bearer!

A. B. Simpson



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Churches Spared Damage in San Francisco Quake

The earthquake which struck San Francisco on March 22 apparently did no major damage to churches, a survey indicated.

Brethren to Mark Anniversary in 1958

The Church of the Brethren will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding in 1958. Special observances for the entire year have been planned.

Persecution of Jews Continuing in Poland

Anti-Semitism is continuing in Poland, resulting in the dismissal of many Jews from their jobs and the refusal of many employers to hire Jews. Mainly because of persecution, a mass exodus of Jews to Israel is underway.

Bible Portions Now in 1109 Languages

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,109 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1956, according to a statement by the American Bible Society. Seventeen new languages have been added to the list in the past year.

ABS Prepares Filmstrip for Church Distribution

The spiritual needs of people suddenly uprooted and thrust upon the international scene as refugees is vividly portrayed in a new color filmstrip, "Flight to Freedom," produced by the American Bible Society. The filmstrip is expected to draw large church audiences because of its extremely high news interest. It will be made available free of charge to churches on request to the American Bible Society, 540 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York, or from any of the Society's eleven district offices in this country.

Washington to Renegotiate Haitian Treaty

The State Department "will not press Congress to consider at this session the draft treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation with Haiti." The treaty had been opposed by a number of church groups because it omitted the customary guarantees of religious freedom to nationals of both countries.

The National Association of Evangelicals and the POAU were both instrumental in blocking approval of the treaty which has been before the Senate for two years.

Catholics Urge Government Study of Family Allowances

The National Catholic Conference on Family Life has urged the government to take what amounts to another step in the direction of a socialized state. The group, at its convention in Milwaukee, issued a plea that the government study the feasibility of providing "family allowances" to aid low-income parents in rearing their children. The resolution noted that more than eight million American families have incomes of less than \$2,000 a year and that the majority of these have more children than the higher income families.

Catholic leaders have always been advocates of large families. Growth of the Catholic church is largely through normal population increase.

Urge Protestant, Catholic Talks on Persecutions

Top-level conversations between Protestant leaders and Vatican officials on the "persecution of Protestants in Spain and South America" were urged by the North America Area Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance at its annual meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Senator Morse Tells of Protestant Woes in Colombia

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon took the floor of the Senate last month in order to draw attention to the "difficulties which many United States Protestant missionaries have experienced, and regrettably are still experiencing, in Colombia." Senator Morse is chairman of the Sub-Committee on South American Affairs of the Senate. Senate interest in the matter has been stirred by thousands of letters from American evangelicals who are desirous of seeing religious pressures and persecution in Colombia stopped.

Senator Morse stated that he would maintain a "close and constant interest in the matter," and if necessary his committee would meet later in the year to "discuss the question of our relationship with Colombia." His speech was the first public recognition of the Colombian problem in the U. S. Senate.

Protestant Rally in Indonesia Draws Record Crowd

Approximately 100,000 people thronged about the open-air rally that ushered in the Eastern Asia Christian Conference in Indonesia on March 20. It was the largest crowd ever to attend a Protestant meeting in the predominantly Moslem country. The rally was held in Liberty Square in the city of Pematang Siantar, Sumatra.

President Sukarno, a Moslem, welcomed the delegates from 24 countries, saying that the Christian churches of Asia, "following the teachings of Jesus, would contribute to freedom, justice, and peace among men."

Another speaker was Hadji Iljas, Minister of Religious Affairs. Also a Moslem, he affirmed the freedom of religion in Indonesia. He said that although a majority of the people are Moslems, "Christianity cannot be considered a foreign importation. Christianity was born in Asia," he declared, "and it has its rightful place in Asian national life."

Ninety per cent of Indonesia's 82 million people are Moslems. Three million are Protestants and one million Roman Catholics.

The rally was held a few miles from the spot where, in 1834, two American missionaries—Henry Lyman and Samuel Munson—were slain by the then savage Batak tribes. Today more than half of the 1,200,000 Bataks of Sumatra are Protestant Christians. During the rally a specially recruited choir of 500 Batak young men and women, whose ancestors practiced cannibalism until less than a century ago, sang the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "The Messiah" in their own language.

Vote Down Gambling Bills in Two States

A Baptist pastor in Little Rock says that an alert Civic Morality Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention can be credited with defeating efforts in the Arkansas legislature to legalize gambling and turn the state into another "Reno."

In Kansas, a bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting in that state was killed by a vote in the House.

No Liquor for Drinking Drivers

When a person is convicted of drunken driving in Green Lake County, Wisconsin, he is served a formal "Notice Forbidding Sale of Intoxicating Liquors or Fermented Beverages." The notice makes it illegal for anyone to sell or give that person intoxicants for a period of one year. The sheriff also adds that person's name to a list posted conspicuously in each of Green Lake County's 60 saloons.

The idea is a step in the right direction, but why not ban the sale of liquor before the individual gets arrested? It would save the public a great deal of money, and end many heartaches and headaches.

Takes Survey of Evangelicals in Japan

Kenny Joseph, editor of *Japan Harvest*, has made a survey of evangelical strength in Japan and tabulated these statistics: In Japan among evangelicals there are 107,073 baptized church members, 178,848 adherents, 1,302 ordained pastor-evangelists, and 688 unordained full-time workers. These evangelicals meet in 1,619 organized churches and 1,249 other meeting places.

Mr. Joseph contacted some 69 Japanese groups and 90 missionary organizations (including the Assemblies of God) in making the survey.

Commercial Radio Station for Israel?

Possibilities of commercial radio making its appearance in Israel are being given favorable consideration by the Prime Minister's office, according to *Israel Digest*. At present all radio broadcasting is under government control.

A group of American businessmen has offered to invest a million dollars in a station which would broadcast to the Mediterranean area. Languages used would be Arabic, Turkish, Greek, English, French, and Hebrew.

A commercial radio station possibly would open the way for paid gospel broadcasting in the Middle East. Such broadcasts are severely curtailed or banned on government-controlled stations.

Church Asks Hearing on Radio Station's License

First Methodist Church of Los Angeles, California, has asked the Federal Communications Commission to order a public hearing to determine whether Radio Station KFAC, Los Angeles, meets its obligations as a broadcast licensee. Dr. J. Richard Sneed, pastor of the 104-year-old church, said the action was taken after the station notified the church it could no longer purchase time to broadcast its Sunday morning services, as it had been continuously since 1923. The pastor said the owner explained that they are "gradually eliminating all religious programs and replacing them with musical programs."

Dr. Sneed rightly contends that in a "basically religious-minded country" it is in the public interest that all religious denominations "which wish to bring to the radio public religious services should be permitted a fair and representative amount of broadcast time."

Perhaps Dr. Sneed is feeling the pinch of a policy advocated by the National Council of Churches, of which his denomination is a member. The NCC has outspokenly advocated that time for religious broadcasts be on a sustaining basis only, and that no broadcast time be sold for such purposes. Such a policy would bar most evangelical programs from the air waves.

Canadian Newspapers, Radio, to Be Prosecuted

The *Sunday Telegram*, Ontario's first Sunday newspaper, appeared at Toronto despite protests by Protestant church leaders. The Attorney General promptly announced that the newspaper would be prosecuted for Sunday work under the Lord's Day Act of Canada. Also to be prosecuted, he said, would be two other Toronto newspapers, a radio station, and the government-owned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He said the prosecutions would be "in the public interest," to determine whether the Lord's Day Act will permit the gathering and distribution of news on Sunday via the press, radio, and television.

No Change in West Virginia Constitution

West Virginia is still the only state in the union that fails to make a reference to God in its constitution. A joint resolution to amend the preamble to the constitution to include mention of God died in the Senate Judiciary Committee as the legislature adjourned. Previously it had been unanimously approved by the House. Senate committee members gave no explanation for their failure to act on the resolution.



WHERE THE GENERAL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD

The 27th General Council of the Assemblies of God will be held in this great Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. The opening service will be on Wednesday night, August 28, and the meetings will continue over the Labor Day weekend, adjourning on Tuesday, September 3.

Information on housing may be obtained from Howard R. Davidson, 18408 Hiller Avenue, Cleveland 19, Ohio. (Be sure to send a stamped self-addressed envelope when you write to Brother Davidson.)



A street scene in Salonika, Greece. (In the days of the apostle Paul the city was called Thessalonica. The Epistles to the Thessalonians were addressed to the Christian believers in this place.)

Personal Evangelism in Greece

BY CHARLES CANCELLA

A BURDEN FOR SOUL-WINNING AND the training of personal workers has gripped my heart, and since arriving in Greece we have been busily engaged in this type of labor.

We felt directed by the Lord to the church in Athens, Greece, where Mary Metaxatos is ministering, and have been assisting in the work there. It was decided that a Personal Work Class be formed where believers could be trained in soul-winning and effective witnessing.

The first class drew about thirty-five and the average attendance since has been thirty. Not only are the students learning methods, but they are putting them into practice right along and becoming experts in the art of soul-winning.

My wife and I have tried to set an example by going into homes with the message of salvation. The law forbids the holding of street meetings or the distributing of tracts. Personal visitation is the only way. The young people have been obtaining names of unsaved loved ones of members of the church and have been calling on them. There is a growing spiritual enthusiasm among the young people as there is

evidence of fruit in the personal evangelism.

Our first practical work was in a hospital, where we divided our number into two groups. One precious soul was won to the Lord. I can still visualize the smiling face of this young lady as she waved farewell to us from the hospital porch.

The young folk are finding it a joy to witness at their places of employment, at school, and among their friends. A few find it difficult to witness, because of shyness, but we are praying that God will grant them boldness.

In the classes we have had the students mark their Bibles, indicating verses on such topics as sin, hell, salvation, and other essential themes.

Our main difficulty has been our place of worship. This has been on the third floor of an old building and consists of one room, without proper facilities for Sunday School. Adults and young people have had to group together; and all the children have had to be in one class, meeting behind the pulpit and organ in an attempt to deflect the sound and not disturb the others. In spite of such cramped and inconvenient quarters the Lord has blessed, and the church has been full both on Sundays and on Thursdays at the midweek service. Many have

stood at the rear because of lack of seating space.

The floor has shown signs of weakness. When folk walked down the aisle, one could actually see and feel the floor move. Most of the congregation have made real sacrifices to help toward a larger church.

We praise God for a new property in Salonika provided by the brethren of the Greek Branch of the Assemblies of God in America. However, funds are needed to purchase seats for this building so that the services can be started. Your help will be a great blessing to the believers in Greece. Send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designated "Church in Salonika, Greece." ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe, former missionaries to South Africa, are now making preparations to return to Africa to resume missionary service, this time in Tanganyika, East Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Hargrave and family sailed for Nigeria, Africa on March 20.

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We have learned of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Bard in Hong Kong.

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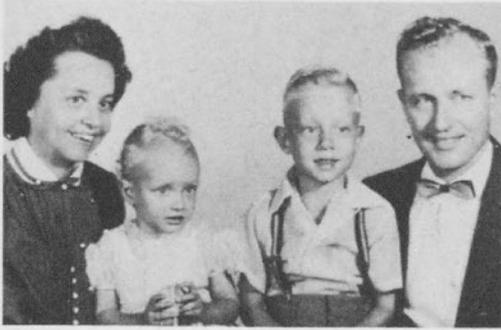
A cable has been received from Miss Helen Holland telling of her safe arrival in Calcutta, India.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull from the Dominican Republic are located at 4531 Lemon St., Riverside, Calif.



Andrew Hargrave and family



Vernon Metz and family

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz and children sailed for Togo Dahomey on April 23 for another term of service.

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HOME ON FURLOUGH

We welcome the following missionaries home on furlough:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elmore from Ceylon. Their address is % J. O. DeWitt, Route 1, Box 401-A, De Ridder, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper from Honduras, Central America. They are making their home at 209 W. Penn St., Whittier, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Moore from Upper Volta, Africa. They can be reached at Kirk Road, Route 1, Box 142, Canfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Isom Wills from South India. Their address is 500 Wilmes Drive, Austin, Tex.

Mrs. Dewey Hale from Ghana, West Africa. Sister Hale has returned because of ill health and is making her home with Mrs. R. C. Hale, RFD 1, Stone Road, Hudson, Ohio.

paring themselves for wherever the Lord will lead them. Most of the Assemblies in Denmark are small, and there is a great need for aggressive young workers.

Brother Greisen is still in Denmark, and his teaching is well accepted and fruitful. He has been an inspiration to the Assemblies and the pastors. He has been busy teaching both teachers and students in the Bible School.

Other ministers have visited the school. The Raifords of Baxter Springs, Kansas, were mightily used of God. These folk held services in various places, and about 300 decisions were made for Christ in three weeks of meetings. Brother Raiford is of Indian descent and wore his Indian costume at the services. Also the Lowell Underwoods of Tulsa, Okla., visited the school and their ministry was signally blessed. Then Albert Rice and his wife helped greatly with the work. Brother Rice is a U.S. Air Force Chaplain situated in Germany.

We rejoice that our brethren in Denmark are progressing and enjoying the outpouring of God's Spirit. What a glorious fellowship is ours throughout the world as a great company of born-again, Spirit-filled men and women of different nations, bound together by the Holy Spirit in love and power to carry out the great work of God!

The Bible School in Denmark

A BIBLE SCHOOL WAS OPENED IN Mariager, Denmark, in spite of many difficulties. The way it was opened proved it was all in the plan of God.

Harold Rich visited Central Bible Institute of Springfield, Missouri during 1950 and was greatly impressed with the tremendous work being done for the Lord in that institution. A desire came to him to have a Bible school in Denmark, but because of difficult circumstances it seemed impossible.

Part of the ministry of God's children is to encourage one another, and V. G. Greisen, a Dane himself, who has had a very successful ministry in the U.S.A., was used to encourage Brother Rich to persist in his endeavor. They had faith to believe that God would grant them the needed school in Denmark.

The Lord rewarded faith in a marvelous way. The City of Mariager gave twenty-five acres to be used for the construction of the school, and the Danish government granted 600,000 crowns with an additional annual gift of 70,000 crowns for the operation of the school.

The Bible doctrines are taught in

Pentecostal fashion, and perfect freedom is given to teach a number of Bible school subjects; but because it is a government recognized school, other subjects such as geography, language, mathematics, history, and literature must also be taught. In a year's time, permission will be granted for an additional department to give full Bible courses for ministers.

There are forty-three fine young men and women attending the school. Prayer meetings continuing long into the night are common—the students love to pray. All of them are consecrated, pre-



ABOVE: Bible School students at Mariager, Denmark, enjoy some recreation.



LEFT: Faculty and students welcome V. G. Greisen upon his return from weekend meetings.

Missions in Northern Alaska

BY B. P. WILSON

FEW PEOPLE TRAVEL TO ALASKA'S largest Eskimo village, Barrow. It is located at the extreme northern tip of Alaska, several hundreds of miles north of the Arctic Circle. However, in 1954 A. E. Capener, E. H. Anderson, and C. Lewis Welker went to Barrow for the purpose of building an Assemblies of God church. They built the first story of the church and also living quarters for the Capeners.

Mrs. Capener joined her husband later, and under their capable leadership the work has prospered. Last fall Brother Capener built the second story of the structure, assisted by E. H. Anderson, Clarence Maloney, and Eugene La Brie. These brethren traveled

B. P. Wilson has been a missionary in Alaska for some time. He carries on an extensive ministry in the villages of interior Alaska by plane, in addition to pastoring the church at Fairbanks. He is also presbyter of the Northern Alaska Section.



The Assembly in Barrow, Alaska. The second story was added last fall through funds sent in by EVANGEL readers and other interested friends.

from the east coast of the United States to Barrow in order to assist in this building program.

Today there is a well-built church with living quarters at Barrow. Souls have been saved and filled with the Spirit. The Eskimo congregation is growing, and the Sunday School averages around 170.

Few people can comprehend the problems that face the missionary in the Arctic. The cold and darkness, in addition to the spiritual battles and inconveniences peculiar to the Arctic, take much from the worker. These missionaries should be upheld in prayer.

Both Brother Capener and Brother Anderson have had the opportunity of ministering to the servicemen at the various sites along the D.E.W. line. There are other villages to be reached along the Arctic Coast, but for this work one must be especially prepared physically, financially, and spiritually to cope with many problems.

NOME

Sister Harriet Brown has ministered at Nome on the Bering Sea for a number of years. God has honored her ministry among the Eskimo people, though much opposition has been experienced. The work at Nome would be a challenge to any man, yet Sister Brown has carried it on successfully under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Some real "gems" have been won to the Lord in this work. Sister Brown and the saints at Nome need our prayers.

FORT YUKON

On the banks of the Yukon River, just above the Arctic Circle, lies the village of Fort Yukon. Although most of the people are native Indians, there are some white people in the village. A military establishment nearby adds to the opportunity for ministry here.

The Indian people have been bound by a formal religion which has blinded their eyes to the true gospel. This has

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bills and family, missionaries at North Pole, Alaska.



Eskimo hunters out from Nome on the Bering Sea. The hunters are dragging a large seal back to the boat.



Mr. and Mrs. James File of Aniak with two of their children.



made the older people especially hard to reach, but there has been an encouraging revival among the children. Several have been saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit. Brother and Sister John Covlasky are our missionaries here, assisted by the Kenneth Garrisons, who have been working in Fort Yukon.

BEAVER

As we travel down the river from Fort Yukon we come to the Eskimo village of Beaver. For the past year, Brother and Sister Paul E. Bills have been ministering to the people of this village. It has been a year of hard work, spiritual battles, discouragements, and financial problems, but the Billses have left a clear testimony and God has honored their labors. They have been asked to take the work at North Pole and have now moved there.

STEVENS VILLAGE

A little farther down the Yukon River we come to Stevens Village. Although missionaries have gone to Stevens Village occasionally for some time, a definite mission station was not established here until last fall. Brother and Sister Don Nelson have had a most fruitful and encouraging ministry in this place. It has been a difficult work in a wicked village, where people have not only been blinded by the formal religion but have actually been encouraged in their sin. But souls have been saved, and in January we had a wonderful water baptismal service in this village. The Christians are doing well but suffer much opposition. Pray earnestly that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

MINTO

Minto is on the Tanana River about fifty miles west of Fairbanks. Here God has honored the labors of Brother and Sister Gordon Olson. Several have been saved. The real need of the village is for the believers to receive the Holy Spirit. Here again the bondage of formal religion is felt, and it seems difficult to break away from it.

Brother and Sister Olson have built a comfortable log parsonage. A boat is expected to be put into use this summer after the ice goes out in May. This will help so much in getting wood for

fuel and in other ways. These faithful workers and the native Christians need to be upheld in intercessory prayer that God will undertake in giving them an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

NORTH POLE

Brother and Sister Richard J. Teeter started the work in North Pole, a settlement on the Richardson Highway about fifteen miles from Fairbanks. They were able to establish a Sunday School and a small congregation. They built a very nice log church which was sufficiently finished to be used for services. For reasons of health it was necessary for the Teeters to make a change.

In January the congregation voted to become an Assembly of God and was set in order. Paul E. Bills was chosen as pastor. Souls have been saved, the attendance is increasing, and the outlook is encouraging.

FAIRBANKS

The city of Fairbanks is the hub of the interior of Alaska. As the various missionaries come from the interior to do business here, it is sometimes our privilege to entertain them. We often find that they need fellowship and encouragement. It is also my privilege from time to time to visit some of these mission stations with my plane and try to be of some help and encouragement.

The Fairbanks Assembly is made up largely of military personnel. Because of the military rotation system, there is quite a turnover. This has many disadvantages, but we do have the advantage of touching many different lives for the Master.

The Fairbanks Assembly has proved through the years to be a blessing and a "church home away from home" to many Assemblies of God soldiers and airmen, as well as to those who have come to know Christ here.

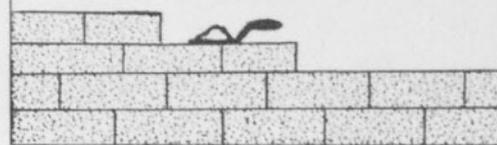
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Brother and Sister Clifford Geedy are laboring faithfully for the Lord in the village of McGrath on the Kuskokwim River. McGrath is quite isolated, and is accessible only by air and by small boat part of the year. It is necessary for these missionaries to labor with their hands in order to pay the excessive living costs.

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ANIAK

Farther down the Kuskokwim River is the village of Aniak. Much labor has gone into this place. A children's home was established here in 1949, but it has since been closed. The church is now under the leadership of our missionaries, Brother and Sister James File. Brother File not only has ministered to the native population in Aniak, but he has traveled some distances by dog team to reach as many as possible for the Lord.

Russian Orthodox influence has been quite pronounced in the Kuskokwim River areas.

TAKOTNA AND BETTLES

Sister Mildred James is teaching school in the village of Takotna. She holds services and conducts a Sunday School as well.

Roberta Hill is teaching in Bettles. As they have opportunity these young women are witnessing for the Lord in these villages.

It is expensive to do gospel work in Alaska, much more so than in most places. It costs more to reach one soul in Alaska than in most mission fields. There are many discouragements to overcome. The powers of darkness offer great opposition. The natural cold and darkness have their effect on the bodies and minds of the missionaries. But shall we draw back because of these obstacles?

Jesus said, "Go ye into ALL the world." These souls are precious! Let us give so that the work in Alaska may advance! Let us intercede in prayer that a mighty spiritual awakening will be experienced all through Alaska. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can this great work be accomplished.

Your offerings for ministry in Alaska should be so designated, and sent to
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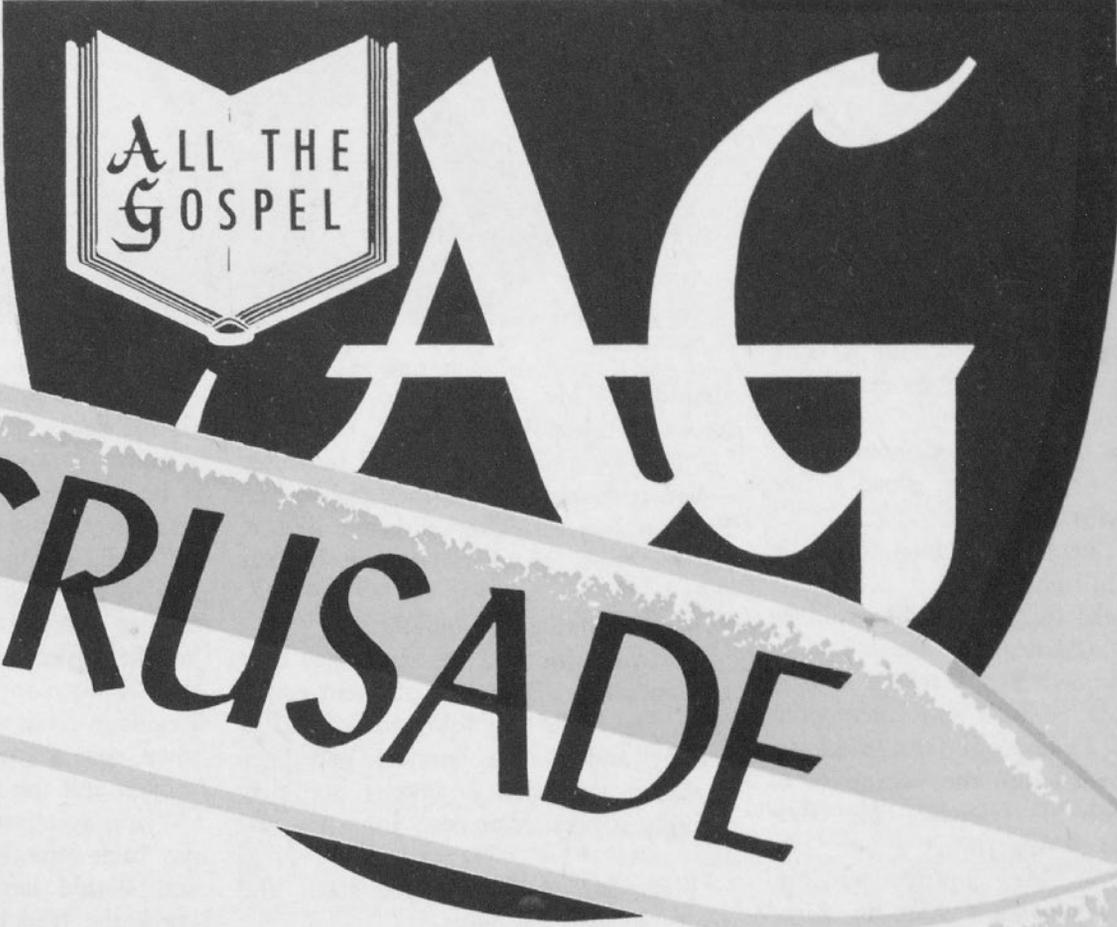


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How a Tale Grows Tall

THIS STORY SHOWS
HOW EASY—AND HOW
DANGEROUS—IT
IS TO IMAGINE EVIL
AND EXAGGERATE

BY MRS. H. C. SNIDER

JOHN AND HIS SISTER JEAN USUALLY walked home from school together. But today Jean was alone.

"Where is John?" asked Mary, joining her.

"Oh, his teacher asked him to stay after school. I wonder if he was a bad boy."

Jean soon reached her home, and Mary went on her way alone. She caught up with Arthur.

"John was kept after school for being bad," she told him.

"That's hard to believe. What did he do?" asked Arthur.

"I don't know. But I saw a broken window in Mr. Smith's house next door to the school. I wonder if John broke it."

Arthur turned into the vacant lot to play ball with his friends. The first one he talked to was Jim.

"John broke Mr. Smith's window, and the teacher kept him in after school," said Arthur.

"You don't say!" cried Jim. "That doesn't seem like him."

Jim ran over to the boy with the bat.

"John broke a window," he said. "That means he stole five dollars, because Mr. Smith told my mother at noon that someone broke his window and took five dollars off the table. It happened while his wife was in town and he was in the field."

The boy with the bat answered, "I'd never believe it of John if I hadn't heard it with my own ears. I wonder what else he did."

"I don't know. But I think we



should tell Mr. Smith who did it, so he won't think that we did."

"That's right. Let's go tell him now—before supper." And they ran to Mr. Smith's house. They did not like to tell on their friend, but wasn't it their duty?

Mr. Smith listened quietly.

"Prove it for me," he said when they had finished. But none of them could. They just knew that John was kept after school, and that a window had been broken and money taken, so they thought it must have been John who did it.

Then Mr. Smith became stern and really scolded the boys.

"Someone started a tale," he said, "and it was carried from one to another. It grew and grew, until now John is painted as quite a criminal. Is that fair?"

The boys looked at one another.

"But you told my mother," said Jim, "that someone broke your window and took the money—"

"I said," interrupted Mr. Smith, "that I found my window broken and five dollars missing from the table beside it. I accused no one, though it looked very much like a theft."

The boys hung their heads.

"If John didn't do it," ventured Arthur, "then do you know who did?"

"Here is what happened. I left five dollars on the table by the closed window, so my wife could pay the man if he brought the chicken feed while I was not around.

"Well, he brought it, and she told him to put it in the barn. In reaching to get the money to pay him, she knocked over a vase, which fell against the windowpane and broke it. When I came in from the field, she had left for town, and I saw that the window was broken and the money was gone.

"Jim, your mother came just then to pay back some sugar she had borrowed, and I told her about it. I did not know the feed had come and had been paid for until my wife returned and explained about the window."

Looking out just then, he said, "There's John going by now. Let's call him in."

John came into the house, and Mr. Smith said, "I do not know why you were kept after school, son. But could you tell these boys the reason?"

"Oh, of course. My teacher wanted me to help her home with some plants she had ordered at the store this morning. We picked them up on the way to her house, and before I came home she gave me a great big piece of pie for helping her."

—The Burning Bush

Is Youth to Blame?

If youth get into trouble, who is to blame? Are they entirely responsible for their behavior or must parents carry a large portion of the responsibility?

One thing we know: problem youth do not just happen. They are the product of environment and example. Instead of blaming the boys and girls perhaps we need to examine ourselves to see if we are giving them the kind of training that the Lord desires us to give them.

Take a minute to grade yourself on the following questions:

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1. Do your children feel that Christ, prayer, and the Bible are important in your life? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you give as much time, thought, and money to the spiritual growth of your children as you give to their physical, mental, and social growth? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you make definite provision in the daily schedule of your home for prayer and Bible study? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you take your children to Sunday School, worship services, and other Christian gatherings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you provide inspirational, Christian, and missionary literature for your children? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you frequently invite missionaries, Christian youth leaders, ministers, and consecrated young people into your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you organize and supervise character-building recreation, amusements, and hobbies in your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Do you always know where your children are and what they are doing? Do they always know where you are and what you are doing? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Do you demand from your children respect for authority, consideration of others, and prompt discharge of duty? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Have you personally introduced your child (ren) to Christ? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you can answer "yes" to all ten questions you are doing well. If not, you need to improve your own record before expecting your children to improve theirs.



Our Family Altar

Monday, April 29

Read: Joshua 4

Learn: "The hand of the Lord . . . is mighty" (Joshua 4:24).

For the Parent: Review the story of how the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River. Point out (1) the memorial they set up, vv. 4-6; (2) why they set up this memorial, vv. 6, 7; (3) why we need to remember what God has done for us—not to live in the past, but to encourage our faith to believe Him to do even greater things in the future.

Question Time: What was the memorial that Joshua and Israel set up? (vv. 5, 6) Why did they set up a memorial? (vv. 20-24) Should we remember past blessings?

Tuesday, April 30

Read: Joshua 5:13 to 6:27

Learn: "The Lord wrought a great victory" (2 Sam. 23:12).

For the Parent: Point out that (1) even though Israel's strategy in surrounding Jericho was unusual, they were obeying the command of God; (2) because they obeyed, God gave them a great victory; (3) Israel had a part in the battle after God caused the walls to fall down; see verses 20-25.

Question Time: Who gave Joshua his battle plan? (6:2) What was the battle plan? (6:2-5) What happened to the walls of the city? (6:20) Why were Rahab and her family saved by Israel? (6:25)

Wednesday, May 1

Read: Joshua 7

Learn: "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

For the Parent: Review the victory at Jericho which came because Israel obeyed God. Point out how God had also commanded that no one was to take anything from Jericho, and that Achan disobeyed. Also show how his sin resulted in defeat for Israel, and finally in death for Achan and his family. God does not look lightly upon any sin.

Question Time: Why was Israel defeated when she tried to conquer Ai? (v. 11) Whose sin was responsible for the defeat? (v. 1) What happened to Achan because of sin? (vv. 24-26)

Thursday, May 2

Read: Acts 8:5-8, 26-40

Learn: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Philip, the Evangelist" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Philip was one of the first deacons; see Acts 6:5. Point out (1) his successful evangelistic meeting in Samaria; (2) his call to leave this meeting to preach to one person. Stress God's value of one individual.

Question Time: What position did Philip hold in the early Church? (see above) What does this lesson teach about the worth of one soul?

Friday, May 3

Read: Luke 10:25-37 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us" (Psa. 115:12).

For the Parent: Review the parable of the good Samaritan, including the situation that caused Jesus to relate it. Point out (1) Jesus is the Good Samaritan who will be a Friend to us at all times; (2) we should be "good Samaritans," ready to befriend and help everyone we can.

Question Time: Why did Jesus give the parable of the good Samaritan? (vv. 25-29) What was the normal relationship of the Jews and Samaritans (John 4:9) How can we be "good Samaritans"? (See above)

Saturday, May 4

Read: Exodus 16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:11).

For the Parent: Point out how God miraculously provided food for the children of Israel in the wilderness. He is also able to supply all our physical, material and spiritual needs if we trust Him.

Question Time: What did the children of Israel do when they found there was no food? (vv. 2, 3) What did God do for them? (v. 4) What did they call this bread from heaven? (v. 15) How long did God supply manna for them (v. 35) What need has God met for you?



PHILIP, THE EVANGELIST

Sunday School Lesson for May 5, 1957

Acts 8:1-8, 29-40

A FAITHFUL DEACON (vv. 1-8)

The Nature of His Ministry. Philip was not an apostle, but one of the six deacons chosen in Acts 6 to serve the Church. "They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree" (1 Timothy 3:13). Philip was faithful as a deacon and God gave him a wider ministry as an evangelist.

The Theme of His Ministry. CHRIST was the substance of Philip's preaching! What is the theme of our testimony? Are we exalting Christ, or self? Do we make much of His death, His resurrection, His glorious person, His present ministry on our behalf?

The Results of His Ministry. God confirmed the Word preached by Philip and granted miracles of deliverance. To say that miracles are not instrumental in turning people to God is simply a feeble effort to justify their absence; it is to close one's eyes to what is very clearly revealed in the Book of Acts. But miracles cannot be manufactured. They will occur only where there is genuine consecration, Christ-centered faith, and Holy Ghost prayer!

A FAITHFUL PERSONAL WORKER (vv. 26-40)

A Strange Command. "Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert." Philip was in the midst of a great revival. He was doing an extensive work for God. Why cease doing a "big" work to go off on a wild goose chase down a lonely desert road? Surely God would not send a successful evangelist into the desert when so many were clamoring for his ministry in the city! Thus Philip might have reasoned. God's commands often seem foolish to the natural mind, yet to obey them always means victory and blessing!

Unquestioning Obedience. "And he arose and went." Blessed be those who, like Philip, have faith, grace, and wisdom enough to obey the voice of the Lord. How little did Philip realize the far-reaching spiritual influence and blessing which would attend his implicit obedience to God!

A Timely Contact (vv. 27, 28). When God leads, He goes before. He always works on both ends of the line. As Philip walked the desert road, along came the "Minister of Finance" to the Queen of Ethiopia in northern Africa! And as this dignitary rode along he was reading from the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

A Second Command. "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." The chariot did not come to Philip; Philip was to go to the chariot. We would like sinners to come to church—and some of them do. But if they will not come to us for the gospel, we must go to them with the gospel (Luke 14:16-23).

"And Philip ran thither to him." Unless it is prompt,

obedience is often useless! The chariot was passing, and in it was Philip's great opportunity—a hungry soul! Therefore Philip RAN to obey.

A Pointed Question. "Understandest thou what thou readeest?" Observe: (1) Philip's question applies to our own personal Bible reading. How much we *understand* is more important than how much we *read*. The Bible should be read daily, prayerfully, meditatively, in dependence upon the Spirit for illumination, with the resolve to translate into action what we read. (2) While Philip was accustomed to working among poor and ordinary folk, he did not hesitate to approach this lordly statesman. Is there not a danger of our neglecting to testify to those who are above us in rank, education, wealth, and position? And does not such reluctance spring from a form of pride of which we ought to rid ourselves?

A Significant Answer. "How can I, except some man should guide me?" The Ethiopian's answer (1) reveals a beautiful spirit of teachableness. Meekness is a prerequisite to receiving spiritual guidance and enlightenment (2) It shows the fact of human responsibility in the salvation of souls. It is through *men* and not angels that God has ordained that men should be saved. God *could* save souls without human co-operation, but He will not! Are we fulfilling our solemn obligation and enjoying the wonderful privilege which must fill the angels with longing?

An Outstanding Conversion. It is reasonable to believe that the conversion of this influential man was God's way of getting the gospel into the continent of Africa, as tradition says: If this is so then this personal contact was probably Philip's "biggest" revival campaign!—*J. Bashford Bishop*

MODERN PHILIP





I Missed the Bus

BY DOROTHY BOONE KIDNEY

I HAD HALF AN HOUR TO CATCH THE bus. The restaurant was crowded and it would be a while before I could get waited on, but a half-hour was plenty of time. The bus stop was right across the street.

Every booth was filled. Then I saw a lady beckoning to me. "Share my booth," she said, with a Jewish accent.

I gave the waitress my order. I told her I had to catch a bus; then I sat looking at the lady sitting opposite me in the booth. Her eyes had the sad, worn look that some Jewish folk have. She made general conversation with me—about the weather, about the food. Then God came over and sat down with us; only she didn't know it.

God said, "Go ahead, I've marked this one for you to talk to."

"But the bus," I protested; "I may miss that bus!"

"Go ahead," God urged, "I'm with you!"

So I leaned forward, toward her. "You're Jewish?" I asked.

Surprise crossed her face. "Yes," she answered, "why do you ask that?"

"I consider it an honor to be Jewish," I told her, "a great privilege!"

Amazement showed in her eyes.

"Are you Jewish?" she asked.

"No," I told her.

"This is the first time I ever heard anyone of your race say that in my life," she said. There were tears in her eyes, "And I think you mean it. Tell me, why did you say it was an honor?"

"You are God's chosen people," I told her. "He has a special, tender spot in His heart for you." I told her about the thrill I get when I think of God pushing back the Red Sea for her people.

"My people," she said, "have been persecuted."

"Every nation," I told her, "which has persecuted the Jewish people will have to give an account to God."

We talked about Palestine. I heard prophecy fulfilled in her voice as she told me she had been sending money home for years to build up the mother nation. I talked to her about God and about His chosen people, the Jews. The hands slid around on the clock.

"I am looking forward," I told her, "to talking with Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Miriam, and Aaron someday."

"You expect to see them?" she asked.

"I am looking forward to it!"

Damaged Heart Healed

Three years ago my doctor told me that I had a blocked heart and a slight leakage. I had many bad spells after the first attack and could do no work. The doctor said overexcitement might be fatal to me.

A friend who had been healed through prayer told me that God could heal me, too. She gave me some literature on divine healing, and in reading it I found my faith increased. One day I asked her to pray for me, and God answered. We both felt God's power enter my body, and I knew I was healed.

The Lord has tested my faith many times since. I fell down some stone steps and twisted my ankle, and I heard a bone crack. I called to God for help and thanked Him and praised Him. My ankle swelled that afternoon

"You," she said, "must be a Christian, a good Christian."

"Yes, I try to be," I told her. God was dictating the words. I did not feel led to pinpoint the conversation to Jesus Christ, to break it down into explanatory phrases of being saved. It was one of those times when she was hearing more than my words. I was trying to go slowly in order not to get ahead of God.

She finally picked up her check to go. "You have made me feel different," she said. "Always I'll remember what you said about an honor to be Jewish."

And I knew it was true—that she would remember. I knew God had given her comfort in that half-hour; He had given her hope and encouragement, which I did not understand fully, but which I knew she must have needed. I had not talked about the difference in our religions. I hadn't talked about Jesus Christ, and still I knew that a definite spiritual work had been done in her soul that day. The lady left.

I beckoned to the waitress. "I have missed my bus," I told her, "so you might as well bring me a piece of pie."

I sat there eating the pie, knowing that, without a doubt, I had been a copartner with God for a half-hour! My soul was light and easy, and the pie was delicious. The manna in the wilderness never tasted any better.

—Herald of Holiness

and night, but the next day it was completely healed. My heart stood that test.

Then my husband fell down an open stairway and broke his jaw and was badly cut. Again I called upon the Lord to help my husband and strengthen me, and once again my heart stood the strain. Many trials and sicknesses have brought me down, but in each case the prayer of faith offered up by my pastor and others in the congregation have been answered.

I had a checkup March 12, and the doctor said that the block in my heart is gone and that it is healed there. I give all the praise and glory to my wonderful Lord.—Mrs. Michael Autoslieff, 343 Whiteview Road, Troy, New York.

(Endorsed by Joseph C. Tubby, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Troy, New York.)

Present-Day WONDERS

BY EARLY VAN DEVENTER

EVER SINCE JESUS WALKED THE roads of Galilee healing the sick, people have wondered how He did it. He delivered people from every bond of affliction. Blindness, deafness, palsy, lameness, even demon-possession had to vanish at His command.

What was the meaning of His great three-year healing campaign? Was it only for the purpose of proving to the men of that day that the Son of God had come to earth? This healing ministry was indeed enough to convince any reasonable person that God had truly visited His people, for the sick were healed by the thousands. Even the dead were raised.

But what about today? Are we of less importance than the people of Jesus' time? Does God love us less than He loved them? Surely He who healed so many in the days of His flesh has made provision for the people of all ages to receive similar benefits of His grace and power, for God has no respect of persons.

I am convinced that God wishes to heal the multitudes of every age but the devil interferes. Some men will not admit that devils exist. Jesus said that there are devils, and He spoke about the prince of devils. He taught plainly that Satan is responsible for many of the afflictions of mankind, and He demonstrated that He was Master of the situation whenever He came to grips with Satan or any number of his emissaries.

Jesus taught His disciples that the demons were to be subject to them, as they were to Him. He gave them power to cast out demons, to heal diseases, to

work miracles. They returned from a mission and reported that even the devils were subject to them. The sick were healed, the lepers were cleansed, through the authority of the Name of Jesus, and God has given the authority of that wonderful Name to all His servants.

James instructed the elders how to proceed in praying for the sick (James 5:14). Jesus laid the predicate for this by His instructions in Mark 16: "These signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it

shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

The Scripture says that "they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20). This indicates that Jesus intended that not only His immediate disciples or apostles were to have this ministry, but the power was to be upon "all that believe." They were to act in faith, to pray in faith, to assume authority in His Name over Satan and sickness.

We now live in a day when thousands are being healed through the prayer of faith in Jesus' Name. In churches, in homes, in hospitals, in tents and auditoriums all over the world God is answering prayer and healing the sick. I suppose there is not an auditorium or stadium in America large enough to accommodate all the thousands living today who would testify that they have received Divine Healing in their bodies. Medical doctors, as a class, are more thoroughly convinced than anyone else that God is healing the sick today. They know.

In Bible times, Jesus healed His thousands; but today, through the ministry of His servants, He is healing tens of thousands. One can go into many churches and find that when those who have been healed are asked to stand, almost half of the congregation will arise. Truly we are living in a time of wonders. ◀◀

A Leper Is Cleansed

BY ANDREW E. SPENCE, JR., EL SALVADOR

ACROSS THE TABLE FROM US MIS- sionaries in the crude bamboo hut sat Rodreggus beaming with joy, as his wife prepared tortillas and frijoles on the open earthen stove. True, the room was filled with smoke from the open fire; but to us the atmosphere was precious, because this man was a living testimony of the saving and healing power of Christ.

For twenty years this man had suffered with the loathsome disease called leprosy. Several of the joints of his fingers and toes had been eaten completely off. His nose had been eaten down almost even with his face. During these many years the disease had spread

constantly worse until he was a miserable bedfast victim.

Every doctor and medicine man for many miles around had exhausted their resources for years trying to bring relief and stop the leprosy. Friends and relatives shunned him because he was unclean.

Then one day a Bible fell into his hands, and Rodreggus began to learn of One who had healed people in his condition in the past. He read of the ten lepers whom Christ had healed, and he felt that if he could only be made clean he would be as grateful as the one who returned to give thanks. God helped him to have faith.

Eventually, an evangelical missionary passed through this little native village. Rodreggus tried to persuade someone to help him to one of the services. At first he was unsuccessful. "You are unclean," they told him. "You are a leper. We are afraid of you and your disease."

"Please, please," pleaded the leper, "carry me only one time so that I can hear of the One who can heal." And someone helped him.

At a distance the leper heard the message of Christ who had the same power to heal all kinds of diseases that He had when He was on earth. As he lay on the ground on his straw mat at a distance from the crowd, he heard his first invitation, and did not need a second. He did exactly what the missionary said to do, and accepted Christ as his Saviour. At that same moment he put his faith in Christ for healing, and God healed his leprosy instantly. It wasn't necessary for his friends to carry him back to his hut! He leaped with joy, rolled up his mat, and praised the One who had made him clean.

Shortly after his healing Rodreggus searched the village for other natives who had felt the power of God as he had. Finally, five natives gathered together in a prayer meeting, and for five years they prayed that a revival would come to the village.

That was seven years ago. Today the skin and flesh of this former leper is quite normal; he is a well man because of God's healing power. Two years ago a revival swept the countryside around the village. Because of the faith of a former leper, there stands today a large Assemblies of God mission, which is the largest Protestant mission for many, many miles. Rodreggus claps the parts of his hands that the leprosy did not eat off, and rejoices in the Lord.

Delivered From Diabetes

For seven years I had been sick with sugar diabetes. In December 1956 I wrote to C. M. Ward, Revivaltime speaker, and asked him to pray for me. Thank God, He has answered my cry and healed me. I have been checked by the doctor, and there is no trace of sugar.—Mrs. Jane Sapp, Emporia, Virginia.

(Endorsed by Pastor H. V. Spruill, Emporia, Virginia.)

Revivaltime in Brazil?

February 2, 1957

Rev. E. M. Clark
Revivaltime
Box 70
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Brother Clark:

Greetings in His name!

When I was in your office in June we talked about the possibility of having Revivaltime released from some Rio de Janeiro station. I was to make inquiry and report back to you. In our Radio Project here, we are now on the air over Radio Copacabana, a 10,000 watt station with both long and short wave, 680 kcs. and 4.965 (60.4 meters). We are being heard very well over this whole central area with a potential of several million listeners.

This station will accept Revivaltime at the price of \$165.00 per month, released on most any weeknight we choose at 11 o'clock or 11:30, whichever ever we choose. There is an English language newspaper published here in Rio, which has a circulation of 15,000 being sold also in S. Paulo. I am thinking it would be well to buy some space in it on the day of the broadcast. The rate is about 35 cents per centimeter a column wide. Roughly, a two-column ad about three inches high would run us about \$25.00 a month. That would make the broadcast here in Rio about \$190.00 a month. My impression is that this release here would do a tremendous amount of good, as there must be at least 15,000 English-speaking people right here in Rio to say nothing of S. Paulo and the interior. Also many Brazilians would listen in to improve their English if for no other reason.

If you brethren decide to make this contract, I will assume the responsibility to receive the tapes and see that they are released properly and then returned to you. I will also try to tie the results in somehow with the work we are doing here in Rio. I have quite a number of Revivaltime tapes here and could get the program going right away, and then you send me down a new supply.

Awaiting your early reply, I remain,

Your brother in Him,

M. Lawrence Olson

Here is an unlimited opportunity for someone to send the gospel to those in Brazil. Perhaps God has spoken to you as you have read this letter, and you would like to sponsor REVIVALTIME in this great Latin land. Or perhaps your church would like to take this project to help our missionaries in the great work they are trying to do.

REVIVALTIME would like to have told Brother Olson that we could go on the air there, BUT WE COULD NOT. Here is an opportunity for some individual or church who feels the burden for the work in Brazil to personally reach "several million" with the Full Gospel as preached on REVIVALTIME. If you would like to accept this tremendous challenge, please write immediately to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Full missionary credit will be given for offerings designated for the release of REVIVALTIME IN BRAZIL.



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **SPRINGFIELD, MO.**—Evangelist Harry J. Steil just concluded a 10-day prophetic Bible conference at the Central Assembly of God. The meeting was greatly blessed of God. Brother Steil has an outstandingly clear presentation of the Word, and his messages captivated the hearts and minds of the worshippers. —*James Van Meter, Pastor*

► **GENESE0, ILL.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Jerald Willis recently conducted excellent meetings here. Their Southern-style singing thrilled the members of the congregation. One was at the altar for salvation, and God greatly stirred the hearts of the Christians. —*Harry Lee, Pastor*

► **WINDSOR, MO.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Martin of Erick, Oklahoma, recently concluded a very successful revival campaign here. Four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church as a whole was edified. An all-time high in Sunday School attendance was also reached. —*Everett Kelly, Pastor*

► **LOGAN, TEX.**—The Assembly of God here has enjoyed one of its best revivals in several years. Two evangelists did the preaching. First, Evangelist V. L. Clark of Graceville, Fla. ministered for two weeks. Three souls were saved, and the church was greatly stirred. When the evangelist had to leave it seemed the meetings should go on, and so Evangelist H. L. Jones of Fittstown, Okla. came for two additional weeks. Under his ministry 11 came to God and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. —*W. C. Taylor, Pastor*

► **SANTA PAULA, CALIF.**—The church here just concluded a most successful revival with Evangelist Al Wyrick. More than 20 were saved and 11 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The dynamic Pentecostal ministry of Brother Wyrick was refreshing. From week to week the Sunday School enthusiasm grew. —*Paul M. Wells, Pastor*

► **PASADENA, TEX.**—The first Assembly of God was greatly blessed of the Lord in two weeks of revival with Hilton H. Sutton of Beaumont, Tex. The anointed preaching and teaching stirred the saints greatly, and convicted sinners, stirring them to repentance. Several were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The morning services were outstanding both in attendance and in blessing. We thank God for the careful and fervent altar work of Sister Sutton. —*J. R. Goodwin, Pastor*

► **ST. CATHERINES, ONTARIO, CAN.**—The congregation at Elim Tabernacle recently enjoyed a series of revival meetings with Evangelist Harvey McAlister. Some were saved, others received the Holy Spirit, and numbers testified to divine healing. Brother McAlister has a very wholesome Pentecostal ministry. His sensible presentation of the Pentecostal message created great interest among people of other denominations. Brother McAlister's pictures of his worldwide travels in evangelism were highly informative, and soul-thrilling. It was a blessing to see the mighty works of God in other lands, especially in Asia. —*Eric A. Hornby, Pastor*

► **MANNFORD, OKLA.**—God gave the church here one of its greatest revivals under the ministry of Evangelist Lonnie Osborn and family. Miracles, signs, and wonders were wrought in the name of Jesus Christ. Thirty-four were saved, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 baptized in water, and 13 were added to the church. The meeting lasted for four weeks, and was a definite answer to much prayer. The entire church has been revived with new faith and zeal. As a result, new plans for building are being made. This is the second building extension in 3½ years. —*George E. Smith, Pastor*

► **MOLALLA, OREG.**—The church here just concluded a wonderful three-week revival with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins. A number of young people were saved, and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. One man testified to a marvelous healing. In an accident several years ago he had suffered a fractured skull and had not been able to hear out of one ear since that time. In answer to prayer his hearing was restored and he can now hear a watch tick. The high-school young people, of their own volition, came to church during the noon hour to fast and pray. Many of those prayers have been answered already. —*Lloyd Fosner, Pastor*

► **EAST GARY, IND.**—The anointed ministry of Evangelist Jimmy Brown of Mobile, Ala. was a means of winning many to the Lord during a recent revival here. Not only were souls won to the Lord each night, but the Spirit-anointed messages stirred the entire church to seek the Lord. Although the meetings are over, results continue to come from the meetings because of the seed sown in the hearts of those who came to the special meetings. —*Denver L. Baker, Pastor*

► **DALLAS, TEX.** — Evangelist Morris Cerullo recently conducted one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Oak Cliff Assembly of God. People in radio land and in Dallas are still talking of the impact of this meeting. In spite of bad weather, the crowds grew from night to night to full capacity. Nearly 350 answered the altar call. Many were healed without hands being laid on them—by just hearing the Word of God. It was certainly a visitation from God. One outstanding healing was that of a man who had been sick with cancer for a long time. A few days after he was prayed for, he called stating that God had healed him, and he is now working. The meetings closed on Monday night with a life story of the evangelist which is a most thrilling one. Hundreds came forward to rededicate their lives to God. The ministry of the associate evangelist, R. F. Bender, and his wife in the Faith Clinic was greatly appreciated. —*H. C. Noah, Pastor*



ALTAR SERVICE IN DALLAS—This picture was taken on Sunday night at the Oak Cliff Assembly in Dallas, Texas, during the Morris Cerullo evangelistic campaign. Over 250 responded to the call.

► **ELBA, ALA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson White of Fort Myers, Fla. recently conducted a very successful revival here. Three came to the altar seeking salvation, and the church was blessed by the straightforward preaching of Brother White. The music and singing was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
—C. E. Simms, Pastor

► **KIMBALL, NEBR.**—This new church was blessed in the recent revival conducted by Evangelist Verne Wiggins of Pine Bluffs, Wyo. God sent a very gracious visitation of His Spirit. Three knelt at the altar for salvation, and one was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. The good attendance caused all to rejoice. The anointed preaching of Brother Wiggins was an inspiration to the people, and has helped them to pray and work more. The revival spirit continues.
—Robert L. Courtney, Pastor

► **BELLEVIEW, MO.**—The church here recently concluded a very profitable revival with Evangelist LaVern Golbright of St. Louis. His ministry in song and the Word was anointed mightily, and the singing was also a great blessing. Outstanding crowds attended the meeting, and there were several healings.
—Powhattan Huffman, Pastor

► **CONRAD, MONT.**—The Assembly here has been especially favored by God in a recent revival crusade with Evangelist Ruth Specter, a converted Jewess. The ministry of the Word was made all the more rich because of the background of the evangelist and her understanding of the Old Testament with its Jewish Feasts, customs, and practices. Much was accomplished in the church for the glory of God.
—Guilford J. Mandigo, Pastor

► **FONTANA, CALIF.**—The church here just closed a most successful revival with Evangelist Watson Argue. Night after night unusually large crowds attended the services in spite of the fact that this town has a night shift at the steel mill which keeps many of the people from the meetings. There were 55 who accepted the Lord as personal Saviour, and many were refilled with the Holy Spirit. At the close of the meeting, a large number expressed a desire to affiliate with the church and many followed the Lord in water baptism. The spiritual refreshing and moral uplift was of inestimable value to the church.
—Hiram Brooks, Pastor

► **BRIDEPORT, ILL.**—The congregation of the Bridgeport Assembly of God celebrated its third anniversary on March 3 as a climax to a splendid two weeks Crusade for Christ revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Sharp. The attendance was splendid each evening. The Sunday evening anniversary service was so well attended that it was necessary to bring in extra chairs to accommodate the crowd. A new all time high for Sunday School attendance was established on the anniversary Sunday. Several came to the altar for salvation, and a large number of new families attended the services.
—George J. Rutledge, Pastor

► **PARMA, MO.**—God sent a great revival to this church under the capable ministry of Evangelist Roland Hastie. Thirty people were saved, and nearly all of them are going on with God. Three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and two families have come into the church as a result of the campaign. The revival continues after the meetings have come to a close. Three were saved in a recent prayer service, and another received the Baptism. The Sunday School attendance went from 109 to 126 after the meetings.
—Jeremiah Hanley, Pastor

► **GARLAND, TEX.**—A mighty move of the Holy Spirit was experienced by those attending the recent revival meeting at the Southside Assembly of God here. Evangelist H. J. Hays of Santa Cruz, Calif. preached for seven weeks under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Some 30 or more received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a great number were saved. The all-time Sunday School record was broken. Despite inclement weather the crowds were the best of any meeting during the history of the church. On the last Sunday morning of the meeting 28

people were present who had been saved or filled during the meetings. At the conclusion of the campaign 18 people united with the church.
—V. E. Tipton, Pastor

PASTOR ENTERS EVANGELISTIC WORK

MADISONVILLE, KY.—Brother and Sister James H. Pruitt of Dallas, Tex. pastored at the Assembly in Madisonville from July 1955 until Sister Pruitt's death last September. During this time the church grew substantially, becoming a Gold Crown Sunday School the first year. The church was remodeled and an 18 x 36 addition was made to the building. Brother Pruitt is now re-entering the evangelistic field, and may be interested in pastoral work. His home address is 4102 Molen, Dallas, Tex.
—W. L. Rodgers, Sectional Presbyter

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL—April 29-May 1 at First Assembly of God, 196 W. Main St., Princeton, W. Va. Victor Trimmer, speaker.
—by R. Elmer Baker, District Secretary-Treasurer.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Phenix City	Rolph Survey	April 30-May 12	Nelson White & wife	James Shelly
Calif.	Chico	First	May 5-19	Charles Coffey	J. C. Snyder
	Fontana	* A of G	April 30-May 12	Willard C. Peirce	Hiram Brooks
	Modesto	Airport	April 23—	Thomas Ming & wife	Velma Lackey
	Redwood City	A of G	May 2-12	H. J. Steil	E. R. Scratch
	San Fernando	A of G	May 5—	O. R. Ball	E. D. Tanner
	San Jose	** Bethel	April 30-May 11	Virgil Warens & wife	Thomas Sutton
Colo.	Hotchkiss	A of G	April 21—	Ernie Maxwell	Verl Green
Fla.	Dade City	A of G	May 1—	LeRoy K. Dodge	H. W. Ponge
Ill.	Carmi	*** A of G	May 5-26	B. D. Bennett	Carl E. Gammel
	Harvey	Calvary Tem.	April 24-May 5	Musical Vanderploegs	Wm. J. Sawyers
	Rock Island	Bethel	May 8-19	Christian Hild	George Clark
Ind.	Hobart	A of G	April 30—	I. E. Ade	R. J. Baggs
Kans.	Paola	A of G	April 30—	Ward Popejoy Family	Robert L. Boyd
	Wichita	W. Douglas	April 24-May 5	S. MacPherson & wife	C. W. Shumway
La.	Cullen	A of G	April 29-May 12	Joel R. Palmer	J. E. Bridges
	Jennings	A of G	May 5-19	R. G. Hancock & wife	William Blair
Mich.	Detroit	Evangel	May 5—	W. A. Hines	Fred Smolchuck
	Kalamazoo	First	April 16-May 5	Quentin D. Edwards	A. O. Marialke
Mo.	Bolivar	A of G	April 28—	Charles Reed & wife	C. R. Hampton
	St. Louis	Southside	April 28-May 12	Roland Hastie & wife	Paul Brewer
N.Y.	Jamestown	Salem Ch.	April 21-May 5	Eddie Lowmaster	Joseph Vitello
	Rochester	Glad Tid.	April 28-May 12	C. S. Tubby	D. M. Carlson
	White Plains	A of G	April 23—	Joseph Tubby	Stephen Walegir
N.C.	Hickory	A of G	April 21—	Glen H. Lester	James Gitchell
Ohio	Burton	A of G	May 5-19	Arnold Segesman & wife	Hubert Tomlinson
	Parma	A of G	April 21—	Charles O. Neece	Louis Davidson
Oreg.	Klamath Falls	A of G	April 23-May 12	Don E. Gossett	Silas Jones
	Wallowa	A of G	May 5-19	Carl Johnson, Jr.	Willis Baker
Pa.	Jeannette	A of G	April 21—	Morrow-Sawyer	A. A. Amerine
	Wilksburg	A of G	April 30-May 12	Eddie Roush & wife	J. R. Reign
Tex.	Dallas	Stevens	April 15—	W. J. (Billy) Lewis	W. O. Dixon
	El Paso	First	April 21-May 5	James F. Pepper	Wm. Hageman
	Houston	Lindale	May 5-19	Bill Sharp & wife	James McKeenan
	Kermit	First	April 28—	Bobby Ray & wife	M. F. Hankins
	Seminole	*** A of G	May 5-28	Alsop Musical Party	E. E. Mason, Chmn.
	Seymour	A of G	April 29—	C. A. McBride & wife	E. H. Scott
Wash.	Bremerton	Evangel Tem.	April 30-May 19	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Lincoln Wyman
Canada	Toronto, Ont.	Glad Tid. Tab.	April 21—	Charles Duncombe	H. R. Pannabecker

* Workers Training

** Children's Revival

*** City-wide Tent

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

Church Leadership School—A.C.T.S.— To Open June 3

SPRINGFIELD, MO. — Another session of the Church Leadership School known as "A.C.T.S." will open June 3 on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield. The five-day course of training will be sponsored by the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God.

The Advanced Christian Training School (A.C.T.S.), as it is called, is designed for the benefit of pastors, Sunday School superintendents, workers' training instructors, Christian education directors, district Sunday School directors, sectional Sunday School representatives, and others interested in Christian education.

The annual sessions, which began four years ago, have grown in attendance each year and this year's course is expected to draw a record enrollment. There will be a choice of 29 subjects, taught by 23 able Pentecostal instructors. The 1957 faculty includes the following teachers: J. R. Ashcroft, C. C. Burnett, Edith Denton, C. W. Denton Atwood Foster, Ralph Harris, Philip Hogan, D. V. Hurst, Donald Johns, L. B. Keener, Klaude Kendrick, Zella Lindsey, Vernon McLellan, Maxine Mitchell, Nicholas Nikoloff, Norman Pearsall, Bartlett Peterson, Janet Schumitsch, Richard Strahan, Victor Trimmer, Philip Wannemacher, Bert Webb and T. F. Zimmerman.

Some of the classes to be included at A.C.T.S. are: Attendance Building, Boys and Girls Camps, Building Planning Fund Raising, Lesson Planning, Music in Christian Education, New Schools, Visual Aid, Storytelling, and Pupil Psychology. There will be a number of new subjects taught for those who have attended previous sessions of A.C.T.S.

The schedule will include six classes each day. Special features in the afternoons will be a Crafts Class where an individual project will be made by each student, and a TV workshop for

those interested in using this medium of communication in their church work.

Each evening there will be a special lecture on Leadership and Personal Relations, conducted by Klaude Kendrick, president of Evangel College.

Registration will begin on Monday, June 3, at 1 p.m. A kickoff banquet will be held that evening. The Commencement service will be conducted Friday afternoon, June 7.

The cost of the school is the same as last year—just \$21.00 for room, board and tuition for the entire school. Tuition alone will be \$6.75.

A person completing the course may

apply to the Training Division of the National Sunday School Department and have his credits transferred to two Workers' Training Certificates.

"There is a healing branch that grows
Where ev'ry bitter Marah flows;
This is our health-renewing tree;
'I am the Lord that healeth thee.'

"There is an old appointed way
For those who 'hearken and obey';
Above the gate these words we see
'I am the Lord that healeth thee.'

"There is a great Physician still
Whose hand has all its ancient skill;
At His command our pains will flee
'I am the Lord that health thee.'"

—A. B. Simpson



BINGHAMTON CHURCH GETS NEW NAME AND NEW HOME

Faith Tabernacle, Binghamton, New York, has purchased Kalurah Temple, formerly the Shrine Mosque, for their new quarters. This building, which carries an insurance appraisal of \$425,000, was purchased by the group for \$112,500. The building has 37,500 square feet of floor space and seats 1,650 in the main auditorium. Included in the purchase was a \$35,000 pipe organ and all furnishings.

The building, leased by the Broome County Technical Institute for the past five years, is in excellent condition, according to R. D. E. Smith, pastor of the church. It is located in the very center of the city.

Pastor Smith, who is also the Assistant Superintendent of the New York District, announces that the new building will be opened with a dedication service next Sunday, May 5. Also, at that time, the name of the church will be changed to First Assembly of God. Dedication speakers will be Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, and Joseph R. Flower, Superintendent of the New York District.

A dedication revival will begin on May 7 with C. M. Ward, speaker for Revivaltime, world-wide radio voice of the Assemblies of God. Brother Ward's week in Binghamton will conclude with the origination of the network broadcast of Revivaltime from Binghamton on May 12. Evangelist William Kautz, Montreal, Canada, will continue in revival meetings from that date.

Faith Tabernacle was founded in 1916 by John Kellner. The present Pastor, R. D. E. Smith, came to the church in 1950. Under his ministry the work prospered and plans were laid to construct a new building at a cost of \$330,000. A building site had already been secured and paid for, but when the opportunity arose to purchase an even more commodious building, plans were changed to occupy the Kalurah Temple instead. All readers within traveling distance are invited to attend the dedication service next Sunday and the revival meetings which will follow.



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Does a person have to continue to talk in other tongues to be assured that he is still filled with the Spirit?

No. We are to judge our experience (if in doubt) by our devotion to Christ and by the manner of our conduct. We ought to seek always to do those things which we believe the Lord wants us to do, and then trust in the merit of what Jesus has done for us in His death on the cross. There is great blessing, however, in speaking in tongues during times of private prayer, if the Spirit of God so moves upon us; and if the Lord wants us to give a message in tongues during a public service we ought to yield to Him and obey.

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Will the Holy Spirit continue to dwell in a person who gets angry? Will He remain in one who lives a sinful, filthy life?

You have asked me two questions, but perhaps I can treat both with one answer.

We must remember that we are human even when we have been filled with the Spirit. Paul said, "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh." Then he enumerated a number of things which he described as "works of the flesh" (Galatians 5:17-21). Since this is so, a person might yield to the flesh and become angry after he has been filled with the Spirit.

But this is not the standard he should set for himself, and if he were to give way to anger habitually I believe he would grieve the Spirit away. The Holy Spirit has come to "help our infirmities" and to enable us to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24). We are exhorted to "put...on the Lord Jesus Christ [the Christ-life], and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts [desires] thereof" (Romans 13:14).

At the same time, we must ever see that we have in Christ a righteous standing which is His perfection. We are saved through Christ and not by any merit of our own goodness. Should we be overtaken by anger, or some

other fault, we should "confess our sins," knowing that if we do so, He is "faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). This means that God is *faithful* to honor Christ's atonement and to forgive us, and He is *just* to His own holiness and government in so doing.

While any Christian might at some time miss the mark and commit a sin, no Christian makes it a practice to sin, for "he that [practiceth] sin is of the devil"; and "whosoever is born of God doth not [practice] sin" (1 John 3:8, 9).

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Did Jesus mean we should be as pure and holy as God when He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48)?

When Jesus said this I hardly believe He had in mind absolute perfection, for when He spoke to the rich young ruler He said, "There is none good but one, that is, God." In Matthew 5:48 Jesus showed us what His Spirit within us would do if He had full operation in our lives. This therefore is an admonition to seek to follow the spirit or attitude which God would have were He in our place.

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Where does the Bible say that Satan dragged down a third of the angels when he fell?

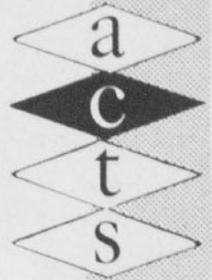
The scripture which some have assumed to mean this is Revelation 8:12, but I believe this verse has no connection with the fall of Satan. The Bible does teach a fall of angels, though, who "left their own habitation" (Jude 6). No account is given us as to their number. See 2 Peter 2:4.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a questions, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

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There was a slight soreness in my back for a few weeks, but all of that disappeared. I give all the glory to God.—Mrs. Bertha Gump, 5951 Lester Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Endorsed by D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor, First Christian Assembly, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

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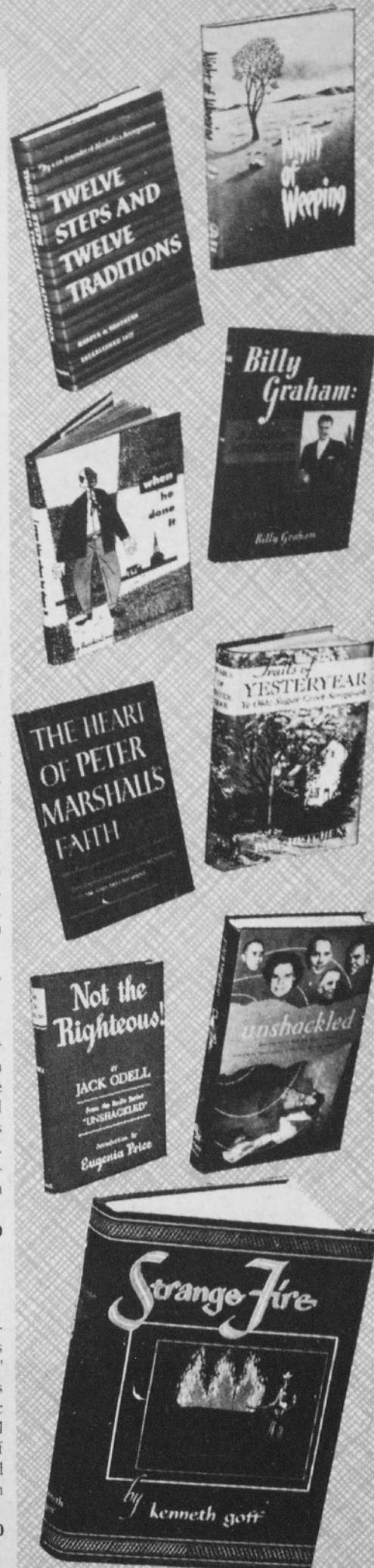
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To The Benevolences

Greeting in our Lord
I will now try to answer the letter
I received in Feb. as I was sick I want
to thank you for all the checks. I
expect I am about the eldest on the
roll. My husband received checks as
he was not able to preach and I rec'd
them ever since he passed away. We always
said this was bread cast upon the waters
that would return again. I pay 3
dollars tithes and 2 dollars mission
ary and 25c in our Sunday School
class. I am almost 84 and in very
bad health. Please pray for
my son. He is the only child
I have and he has been in the
hospital he has had 3 strokes.
Thanking you for everything
your sister in the Lord
Mrs. [REDACTED]

This letter penned by a minister's widow, age 84, tells the story of one Aged Minister's Assistance check. Not one of us would knowingly deprive this widow of her small allowance of \$30.00 a month. Failure to act in response to the Memorial Day Appeal can do just this—not just to her, but to other needy aged ministers and their widows who depend upon your gifts for monthly support.

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I would like to know if it is possible for you to send me *The Pentecostal Evangel*. I am interested in this magazine. I found a copy on my job and read it. I would love to subscribe for it.

MRS. M. DONIPHAN
Kansas City, Kans.

A Letter from Free China

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for sending me *The Pentecostal Evangel* which I receive every week. I much appreciate the helpful and interesting articles that are printed in the magazine. I have personally derived much benefit from it.

The Lord abundantly bless you and your workers as you labor together to produce the *Evangel*.

MISS J. BAYNES
Taichung, Taiwan

A Much-Appreciated Gift

I received a letter from my daughter in Oregon, who is a Registered Nurse, saying that she had forwarded you the necessary "tonic" to save my friend, the *Evangel*, for another year. It is a wonderful Christmas present coming to me fifty-two weeks in the year, and I appreciate it more than any paper I get.

E. E. STILL
Wetaskiwin, Alta, Canada

Water from a "Dry Well"

When I read the recent article on "Miracles" I felt I should tell you about a miracle that the Lord did for me.

I'm a 76-year-old widow and in the summer of '55 my well went dry. I carried water all summer, but the winters are cold up here in Minnesota and my driveway drifts full of snow so I had to have a water supply of my own. Yet I couldn't afford to get connected to the city water supply. So I prayed about it. First I had a party come in and look the pump over, to see that it was all okay. Then I tried pumping, but there was no water. So I just told the Lord, who promised to be a husband to the widow, that I needed the water and would He please supply it. And I kept praying, trusting Him for water, praising Him for His promises. I kept going out to try the well, but no water. Every few days I would go out to see. Then one day I pumped two pails of water out of that dry well. That was all I could get. But in a little while I went again and pumped two more pails. After a while I pumped two more pails, which was all there was. I kept this up—first pumping, then waiting—until

I had pumped eighteen pails of water out of a well that had gone dry!

That was a year ago, and I've had water ever since, except about two weeks when God withheld the water to test my faith.

Everybody around here knows about this miracle. Oh, it's no wonder His name is called Wonderful, for this answer to prayer was wonderful indeed. I'm still praising Him for the water in the well.

MRS. FRANK BIRMINGHAM
Eagle Bend, Minnesota

Evangel as Language Teacher

The Evangel has been a heavenly blessing to me. I am a serviceman in Brazil, and the Evangel has been my faithful companion since 1952 when there in the States I paid my subscription. At that time (1952) I could hardly read and write English, but through the reading of the Evangel today I can. Besides the blessings it has brought me, it taught me your language too. What a queer teacher!

I am including a check for paying my renewing. I close with thanking God for your work through this spiritual paper. With Christian love,

SGT. ANTONIO GILBERTO
Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil

A Good Safety Slogan

Here is a slogan suggestion for your Safe Driving Campaign, which you are free to use if it is any good:

"Drive Carefully. The Life You Save May Get Saved."

GEORGIA STIFFLER
Carpinteria, Calif.

A Gift From His Mother

I would like to renew my subscription to the Evangel but I am serving a fifteen-year sentence (now on my second year) and am not able to pay the subscription price.

The Evangel was a gift from my mother. The first few copies I never even opened. Then one day, with nothing else to read, I tore the cover from one and turned the pages. The days that followed were grand. I came to know and understand the better way of life.

I think the Evangel is second to none. I looked forward to getting it just as I did a letter from my wife.

A PRISONER, SANTA FE, N. M.
Name Withheld by Editor.

● Thanks to a friend who sent us an offering for our "Free Evangel Fund," we are renewing the above prisoner's subscription without cost to him. We receive many letters from friends who want the Evangel but cannot afford to pay for a subscription. Your contribution to our "Free Evangel Fund" would do much good.

Susanna Wesley's Children

The biographical sketch of John Wesley on page 30 of the March 3rd Evangel stated that Wesley's mother raised and instructed nineteen children. For years I have seen this incorrect statement, and I think it high time the true facts be made known.

As a young mother with several small children I was discouraged when Susanna Wesley's record was held before me. How did she ever find time to teach so many children?

Then I read Wesley's "Journal" for myself, and was amazed to learn that only six of these nineteen children actually grew up beyond infancy. Furthermore, Susanna Wesley's famous letter describing her methods of raising these six children states that a maid attended the children's meals, and a maid put them to bed at night, and that they had several servants (pages 104, 105 in the Moody Press edition of "The Journal of John Wesley"). . . .

I think the Evangel is a splendid magazine. I find it all good, right to the little article on the back cover.

(MRS.) EDITH MANCHESTER
Santa Cruz, Calif.

Ten Cents a Copy

We enjoy so much the Evangel each week. We have missionary relatives in Peru, engaged in work among the Indians in the high Andes mountains. We were so glad to have been able to make them a visit last year, as it had been many years since any of them had had a furlough. . . .

May I suggest that you print the reason for the increase in price of the Evangel to ten cents a copy. No doubt it is due to the higher cost of everything.

VERN S. VANDEMAN
San Bernardino, Calif.

● Yes, the cost of producing the Evangel, like everything else, has increased, but by practicing rigid economies we have kept the subscription rate and the bundle rate very low. Four months ago, however, we went to the expense of adding color to the magazine. This has cost several thousands of dollars. With the addition of color we raised the single copy rate to ten cents; but churches

in the U.S. ordering bundles still buy the Evangel for five cents, and by selling it for ten cents they make a small surplus which helps defray the cost of all the literature they distribute without charge.

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A GREAT FAITH

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waiting for some crumbs! In true humility she agreed, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Though she could not have a whole piece of bread as a child, she was willing to accept a few crumbs as a puppy.

The smallest touch from the Lord (even a crumb) can work wonders in your behalf. Do not defeat yourself in prayer by feeling that you are not worthy. Humble yourself before the Lord, confess your unworthiness, and let your faith be strengthened.

Jesus marvelled at her perseverance and faith. He said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." He did not tell her that her daughter would be made well. Her faith knew that it would be so, for "her

daughter was made whole from that very hour."

See what great help this woman received from the Lord, and He had not even invited her to come to Him. Will the Lord not do as much and more for us? We have been invited to come—"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

A great faith will cause us to "pray without ceasing." A great faith is without pride. Humility is the root of the faith whereby we hold onto God. A great faith refuses to be denied. A great faith believes that our only help is in the Lord—not in the disciples, but in the Lord Himself, the "son of David." A great faith looks at the obstacles in the path and makes them to be stepping stones to God's presence and blessing.

Have faith in God. For "without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

"I Am Riding on It"

BY PAUL RADER

THE DOCTOR CAME TO ME AND TOLD ME WHAT I HAD. It was pneumonia, both lungs, and spreading rapidly. The day was an awful battle.

The night came on, and the heart beat was terrific. Breathing seemed a horror. I heard the missionaries come up from supper. My wife would not leave my side, but sat holding my hand.

My throat was dry, but the pain in swallowing grew more intense. My leg could not find a comfortable position, and a creeping clutch was on my lungs, growing as the moments passed. I could almost figure how long it would last.

The house became quiet. Everyone retired. I felt that I could fight no longer. The struggle of faith discouraged rather than comforted me. All the long, long weary days I had struggled against these monsters reaching for my life. I had been calling my struggle faith; but it was not faith, as I was soon to learn.

About half-past ten I became unconscious. I could hear my wife's voice grow fainter in my ear. Suddenly I was back again in my teens. The boss was calling out his orders. I threw off my coat, grabbed my ax, and made my way up the very steep and winding path to cut down a pine tree, according to his order. It was to be eighteen inches across the butt and sixteen feet long.

• There was my tree. I struggled into the swinging of the ax. The tree fell with a loud swish. The fresh, rancid smell of the pine was delightful to my nostril. Soon every limb was off, and the bark laid aside. I buried the ax in its soft fiber, then went to the big end and, getting it on my shoulder, started down the very crooked path, only to be hindered as the long pole caught, when I twisted between the pine trees. I would back, twist, change my path, and start again, only to be caught by another combination of trees, through which I could not get a straight line of sixteen feet.

I worked away at this until I fell exhausted beneath my load. I heard the boss' voice from the path below. He was coming up the path. No, it was not the boss' voice. It was sweeter, much sweeter than any human voice I had ever heard. A mellow tenderness was all about Him. I cannot say that it was a light, though it gave me the impression of a light. Let me call it manifested tenderness.



I thought it was the boss, when He said, "What are you doing?" I was ashamed and hung my head, as I sat there leaning up against the side of a tree. "I did the best I could. I have struggled as hard as I know how to struggle," I said. "Please do not blame me; I can do no better."

"I am not blaming you," He said. Oh, the tone of that voice! It caused me to lift my head, and I was face to face with my Lord.

I cannot tell any man how He looked. All that I can say is that for the precious, loving tender One, who stood in the path, I would gladly forfeit anything this world holds, turn away from every human urge, every call, and follow Him. Oh, He was wonderful, wonderful!

He lifted His hand and pointed. "Look over there," He said. "You need not struggle. See My provision." It was a beautiful stream, going along just fast enough around the side of the hill.

"Throw your burden in there, and ride on it," He said very softly.

Oh, dear friends, I saw it all at once; and suddenly, I knew all that it meant. I knew it with my whole spirit. The very consciousness of its meaning awakened me. My wife was crying my name into my ear. When my lips moved, she asked me how I was, I could only whisper, "Dear, I am riding on it." Of course, she did not know then what it meant, but, oh, *Hallelujah!* I knew, and, all night long, at intervals, I whispered back to my blessed Lord, "I am riding on it."

The healing was not immediate, but, ah, I was riding on it. As the days since then have proved, it was a great blessing, and only a great Saviour could give it. I have called back innumerable times since then to my blessed Lord, "I am riding on it."

Would you know the sweetness of faith? Do not struggle. Only believe. Just throw your burden into the stream of His grace and ride on it, "casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."