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Invincible Weapons

In our battle for souls, we must never forget that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty through God. The weapons that can set men free are not ICBM's with atomic war-heads but the age-old forces of faith, truth, and love.

The gospel of Christ is still the world's best hope. The Communists have tried to smother this gospel on the Chinese mainland but the flame still burns. Reliable sources tell of the suffering and martyrdom of many thousands of missionaries and national Christians in China. The Reds have imprisoned the preachers, maligned them, subjected them to brainwashing and torture to induce them, if possible, to endorse the Three-Self Patriotic Committee and join in the "giant leap forward." But not all have succumbed. Some have kept the faith, even at the cost of insult, exile or even death. As the story of the Chinese Church slowly trickles into the free world it proves to be a story of tragedy and heroism rarely equalled in history.

"God will preserve a strong remnant in China, in spite of all Communist efforts," said one evangelical missionary upon her arrival in Hong Kong two months ago. She had been deported by the Reds after being imprisoned on the charge of being a reactionary. "Some of the finest pastors have weakened their stand under constant pressure. This past year, Shanghai's 150 churches were consolidated by the government into 20 state churches. (In Peking, 61 out of 65 churches have been closed.) All too often, sermons are political speeches stressing love for the state."

But she adds that, though oppression increases, the Church seems to grow even stronger in some quarters. One Chinese Christian's parting words to her were, "We are still looking for revival."

To a large extent, the 1,500,000 Protestants in China are "a captive Church" at the present time. The government is merging all denominations into a single body. It is bearing down on "free lance" preachers, revivalists, and the steadily-increasing religious gatherings in private homes, which are considered subversive. Many Christians are forced to work on Sundays to keep them from attending church. Some are placed in communes where husbands are separated from their wives, and children from their parents. Old people, no longer useful to the state, are placed in "happy homes" and given "happy pills" that shorten their lives. Red propaganda is everywhere. Gospel literature is almost non-existent. Tension pervades the air and most believers are afraid to speak of their Christian faith in public. In private, however, the gospel work goes on. God's Word cannot be bound. His Spirit cannot be fettered. Let us never cease to pray for the people of China.

The power of Communism must melt before the forces of faith, truth, and love. Pray that the faith of the Chinese believers may not fail. Pray that God's truth may ever be on their lips. Pray that God's love may fill their hearts in such a measure that the bitterest enemies of Christ may be transformed into His staunchest friends.

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A Tiger Becomes a Lamb



By Waldo Nicodemus, Cuba

Human Justice Demanded His Life, But Divine Mercy Saved His Guilty Soul

DURING A VISIT WITH MY LAWYER friend, Carlos, we were discussing some very delicate questions concerning justice, mercy, and forgiveness. Carlos insisted that any Cuban guilty of flagrantly robbing, torturing, and killing his fellow men could never be forgiven of God.

"Do you think God *ought* to forgive such people?" he asked. "Personally, I do not think He should. There should be no forgiveness whatever."

I looked at Carlos for a moment before replying; we had become very close friends and seldom were there any differences between us. "Carlos," I said, "man's justice is one kind but God's justice is another."

My lawyer friend was thinking about political criminals such as Sosa Blanco who killed eighty men, or terrorist Ventura Nova who tortured scores of Cubans until they died. These were only two of the hundreds of police-servants of the deposed dictator. Senator Masferrer was even worse, for he had a thousand private soldiers under his command who had gained the name of "Tigers of Masferrer" for their vicious attacks including pillage and rape and other bestialities.

With the fall of the dictatorship January 1, the top men escaped revolutionary justice by fleeing in planes and boats to other countries. But the lesser collaborators were rounded up, imprisoned, judged, and (if found guilty) executed before firing squads. My lawyer friend Carlos apparently felt that God should have no mercy either and that nothing but punishment should await such criminals—even in the eternal realm. Perhaps the story of thirty-year-old Guillermo Rojas would convince my friend of God's pardoning grace.

"Tigre" Guillermo Rojas ("Tiger" William Red, in English) was guilty

of all the crimes: torture, rape, murder. He killed eight rebel soldiers himself without a thought of mercy. But he evaded capture and fled to his mother's house where she concealed him behind an ancient wardrobe in one of the inner rooms. The "Tiger" was not to be free for long, however.

Of course, no one suspected Guillermo was hiding at home, least of all Cairuth, the local lay preacher who came to the home to conduct a gospel service that night. The fugitive crouched unseen only a few feet from the preacher and listened to the simple, earnest message of God's love. The offer of pardon for guilty souls penetrated the hardened heart of Guillermo. Slowly the conviction of the Spirit of God produced shame and repentance in the crouching figure. He was cornered by a loving God who was not seeking revenge but wishing to forgive—and the Truth was taming the tiger's spirit.

When the lay preacher gave the invitation for sinners to accept Christ as their Saviour, a figure emerged from the darkened room, without machine gun or knife. It was "Tiger" Guiller-

mo Rojas, and he was weeping. He raised his hands in surrender to the conquering Saviour. "I give myself up to Jesus," he said. "I will trust in His mercy and grace." His desire to escape punishment had vanished. He fell on his knees and in a few moments was gloriously converted.

There was great weeping and rejoicing at the wonderful work of God that night. The Master had entered that little home on the outskirts of Victoria de las Tunas and transformed a tiger into a lamb.

Following his conversion, the new Guillermo Rojas gave himself up to the authorities and was put in jail until his trial. He was visited several times by the lay preacher's pastor, Kerry Gonzales, of the Assemblies of God church, who presented him with a Bible to read. The prisoner eagerly devoured the Word of God which brought comfort to his soul in the lonely hours. As the teachings of Christ entered his heart, all hatred was replaced by love. He read Scriptures to his cell-mates for hours at a time, and begged them to give their hearts to the Lord. Some of them listened to the message and were saved, while others paid no heed. . . .

Before human justice ended the life of "Tiger" Guillermo Rojas before a firing squad, he spent one month in the cell, testifying, praying, and begging his cell-mates to come to Jesus. His mother and sister, who had been converted in the Assembly of God, were allowed to see him several times, and they had real fellowship together for the first time in their lives.

On March 19, Guillermo Rojas, the converted "Tiger," walked meekly as a lamb toward the firing squad—he had requested that they should not tie his hands according to military custom.

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BIBLE VERSE



I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. JOHN 10:9

Among the Mayans of Guatemala

By JOHN L. FRANKLIN

Guatemala, Central America

Mrs. Juana Quenun, a new convert of the Assembly of God Mission in Guatemala, is a descendant of the ancient Maya. Her contagious smile is that of a mother's pride for her baby, cuddled cozily in the *rebozo* slung over her shoulder. In those eyes that are like dark pools, the little child reflects the eyes of her mother and of a thousand generations of her people, the Mayans.

What storms and tempests of time have beat upon these ancient people! They flourished in great cities at the time of Christ. Their stone temples, like pyramids, housed the Corn god, the Sun god, the Jaguar god. To these temples they bore their high priest *Ahuacan* ("The Lord Serpent") with great pomp. They perfumed him as if he were himself an idol, and burned incense to him in worship.

Another class of priests were the *chilanes* or diviners. These were held in great respect by the people since they could presumably obtain answers from the gods. The people carried them on their shoulders when they made public appearances.

Another priest, the *nacom*, was the one chosen to slit open the breasts of the sacrificial victims and pluck out their hearts. An account by the earlier Spanish *Conquistadores* relates: "The executioner, the *nacom*, with a knife of stone, and with much skill and cruelty, struck him (the sacrificial victim) with the knife between the ribs of his left side, and at once plunged his hand in there (the opening in the breast) and seized the heart like a raging tiger, tearing it out alive; and having placed it upon a plate, he gave it to the priest, who went quickly and

anointed the faces of the idols with that fresh blood."

And now Juana, the little Mayan mother in the front-page picture, comes to the twentieth century from an ancestry like that. The past has cast a mold for the Maya of today. When they practice ancient ceremonies which have survived until this day, they employ the practices of the *Ajhits*, the medicine man, or witch doctor, "who understands." The Spanish people call him the *brujo*. He is the prophet, the diviner, the one who can curse, and the healer of diseases.

But the gospel has brought a new day to Juana. The light in her face is one of confidence and hope, because she has found Christ, the true and living Way.

Since we took this picture, the baby has died, a victim of disease and poverty. The witch doctor did not overlook the opportunity to lay the blame for its death at the door of the gospel missionary, and to link it with Juana's new faith. But Juana did not falter. Her faith had found an anchor in Jesus.

Not long ago a fifteen-year-old Mayan child was found beheaded out in the mountains, not far from our mission station. A search for the killers was instigated. At last the guilty witchdoctor and his two aides were located. Why had they killed the boy? To fulfill an ancient ritual; to prolong their lives by drinking fresh human blood.

How far from the truth these poor souls are, and how paradoxical! There is still eternal life to be gained through the blood of the Man Christ Jesus,

precious blood of the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." If they had only known! Who had failed by not telling them?

How can Christianity take a seat of comfort and ease and indifference in regard to the heathen who long for something they cannot define—something always beyond their grasp? Yet, when they hear the gospel, how readily many give up everything for it, including their friends and loved ones. And they are hated and reviled and persecuted for doing so.

In the heart of these Mayan tribes, the Assemblies of God has established a new mission station. Your missionaries have thrown their all behind the project to get it started. They have built their station, including a missionary dwelling, a church, a Bible school, and a house for the national pastor. The little mission station shines in that region as a witness to the gospel. There are 1,500,000 of these Mayan Indians—many of whom worship the image of Judas Iscariot!

Many times we have had to count the cost of continuing our ministry here. It involves being separated from our three children, whom we love dearly, since it is not thought wise for them to grow up in a pagan environment. The language is hard and the nationals can neither read nor write their own language.

But there is one ray of hope that shines. *The future of the Indian work is wrapped up in the Bible school.* Here is the hope for the evangelization of these people. It is in the training of workers who will later take the Gospel to their own people. ◀ ◀

MISSIONARIES, LIKE MANY OTHER people, do not always know what a day may bring forth. This was certainly true for us on the day that we learned of Timothy Wedraogo's illness. Timothy is one of our Bible School graduates in Mossiland, and is an assistant pastor in an outstation twenty miles from us.

We did not know he was ill until word came that he was not expected to live. Without delay our co-teacher, Phillip Wedraogo, and I started through the bush country in our Speed-the-Light car.

We found Timothy sick and emaciated, unable even to turn in the make-shift bed. There was an offensive odor not conducive to sentimental thoughts or poetic reverie. There was no encouraging atmosphere of a lively audience with soft music or loud speakers to bolster one's faith. We faced the cold, hard facts of life in the African bush—the man was dying. Severe dysentery had added to his trouble; he could not even be raised to a sitting position. He knew that the Mossi preacher and his family had been sitting outside all night long around a little cornstalk fire which is Mossi custom when they expect someone to die.

I was aware of long-standing ill feelings between the dying man and the preacher I had brought with me, so instead of praying at once for Timothy I talked with him about meeting the Lord with an unforgiving heart. At first he refused to forgive and some unpleasant words passed between him and the preacher! (Isn't it strange how a person on the brink of eternity can be obstinate?) His kinsfolk remonstrated with him and said, "You're going to die; why don't you ask forgiveness and meet the Lord with a clean heart?"

When I saw that the spat was not over, I interrupted. I quoted scriptures to Timothy and the Holy Spirit began His work. Soon the two Africans shook hands and asked each other's forgiveness.

I anointed Timothy with shea oil from my wife's kitchen tin. As we prayed, the Lord spoke to my heart: "Why do you hesitate?" Immediately I took the dying boy's hand and said, "In Jesus' Name, sit up!"

He looked startled but made the effort.

Then I said, "In Jesus' Name, stand up!"—and he did!

This made a terrific impact upon the

Miracles in Mossiland



BY JOHN F. HALL

Upper Volta, West Africa

heathen townspeople who knew there had been no hope. We all praised and thanked the Lord with a volume of prayer.

The next day on arriving home, word came that Timothy was able to eat a little. He continued to improve rapidly and six weeks later he rode his bicycle a distance of twenty miles to visit us. When he came inside the house he was grinning from ear to ear.

What a wonderful miracle! We cannot praise the Lord enough for bringing glory to His own Name; and we long to see more souls saved through this outstanding miracle.

Mossi Preachers' Conference

God blessed our annual Mossi preachers' convention in an unusual way this year. During the meeting we dispensed with classes at the Bible School fifteen miles away. Our entire Upper Volta missionary family camped in the adobe mission houses in Ouagadougou. Mrs. Hall was in charge of meals, and several Mossi men helped with the woodstove in the hot kitchen. Our sons David and Jimmy went hunting. They bagged a big roan antelope

and a wild hog to help with the menu. We all ate buffet style.

Prayer meeting was held at daybreak each morning. Then throughout the day Bible study classes were held in a planned series on the theme of "overcoming." There were two preaching services daily, followed by more prayer. The seats would have really intrigued you, concrete blocks lined up under the mango trees on the mission driveway. At night we had two electric lights on an extension cord from the little gasoline generator.

Much prayer was going up regarding the closing Sunday. At the end of the morning service, there was a marvelous outpouring of the Spirit such as you read about in books on revival and wish you might witness. Confessions began with an old grey-bearded preacher and went through all age groups including the children. Hallelujah! There were many tears. There were restitutions and fresh consecrations. For over an hour we revelled in what only the Holy Spirit can do. In the afternoon the glowing testimonies of what the Lord had done in so many hearts brought still another refreshing time. ◀ ◀

It is something to be a missionary. The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy when they saw the field which the first missionary was to fill. The great and loving God, before whom angels veil their faces, had an only Son, and He was sent to earth as a missionary physician. It is something to be a follower, however feeble, in the wake of the great Teacher and only model missionary that ever appeared among men, and now that He is Head over all things, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, what commission is equal to that which the missionary holds from Him? May I venture to invite young men of education, when laying down the plan of their lives, to take a glance at that of missionary? For my own part, I never cease to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office.

—David Livingstone

A Buddhist's Search for God

BY JOHN STETZ

Missionary to Korea



THE SLIDING PAPER DOORS WERE wide open letting in the cool night air. The night was still but oh, so lonely. All that Mr. Cho could think of was failure . . . failure . . . failure.

He had been an ardent student of Buddhism for twenty years, but failed to find satisfaction for his restless soul. He had tried his hand in the political world as a candidate for the National Assembly, but failed to be elected . . . and came home penniless. And now at his feet lay his oldest son, badly afflicted with tuberculosis.

The pitch-black darkness and the absolute silence of the night offered no consolation for his aching heart which was reaching out desperately for some unknown power in which to confide. Feeling his utter helplessness he again glanced down at the old books on his typical Oriental desk which was only a foot high. Before the morning came he had vowed to devote his entire attention to the study of Confucianism



John Stetz

and Buddhism—to find peace at any cost.

The days came and went, and while Mr. Cho wrestled with his problem his son was becoming acquainted with a young American who taught an English Bible class in the neighborhood. Through him the boy found Christ as his Saviour. Then he discovered that he could trust God for his healing also, and to the amazement of the family and the doctor he was completely healed! The X rays revealed that the big blotch in his lung had disappeared!

The boy tried to lead his father to Christ, but the father was much displeased with his son's choice and became very indignant when his son insisted that there was no other way to receive salvation except through Christ. His proud reply was, "Just as there are many paths to the top of the mountain, so there are many ways to reach Paradise; you have your way and I have mine. Don't worry about me." Soon afterward the son went to Seoul to study in the Full Gospel Bible School.

When Mr. Cho was in Seoul on business a few months later, he was invited to attend some special revival services held for the students that week, but he refused to go. However, one day it was raining, and since he couldn't go to the market to sell his merchandise he finally consented to visit the Bible school. He came with an attitude of contempt for the "foreigner's religion," but the presence of God was there and he couldn't help but feel the strange and wonderful power. He envied the happiness of the students.

His son Yonggi interpreted the principal's words which were especially anointed by the Holy Spirit that morning. The obvious reality of Christianity

produced a strong conviction in Mr. Cho's heart. As the message reached its climax he steadfastly fixed his attention on every word that the principal and the interpreter said, and suddenly their faces took on the appearance of Christ! He became awestricken! When everyone began to pray, he also tried to pray. He felt a great burden on his back, and then he heard the principal and Yonggi praying for him. He was embarrassed because he couldn't keep back the tears. He found himself weeping for the first time in years. He felt a burning sensation go through his body, and then a sweet peace settled in his heart.

When Mr. Cho went back home, he was a new man. Everything looked different to him. He had never seen the mountains so beautiful before. The brooks sang the praises of God and the trees clapped their hands. What made the difference? Mr. Cho had found Christ as his Saviour, and at last he possessed the peace and happiness he had been searching for all these years.

A few days later Mr. Cho was back in Seoul, hungry for more of God. This time he was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. When his business was finished, he asked Yonggi to go with him to his home to witness to his friends and relatives. Yonggi gladly went with his father and testified to the whole family, including Mr. Cho's brothers who were also Buddhists. Yonggi also prayed for the sick, and his sisters were both healed and saved.

After this wonderful victory, Mr. Cho and Yonggi went into other homes and prayed for the sick—and God healed them. Yonggi is rejoicing over all the converts, but especially over the salvation of his own father and sisters. He is glad their search for God is ended. ◀ ◀

Let the ground of all your religious actions be obedience. Do not examine why it is commanded, but observe it because it is commanded. True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions.
Francis Quarles

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National Evangelists Used of God

By R. B. CARLSON, Nigeria

MISSIONARIES IN EVERY COUNTRY OF the world today are keenly aware that national evangelists and pastors are the key to reaching their countries for Christ. In Nigeria this concept is not new, for our Assemblies of God missionaries have emphasized the training of national workers and ministers since the beginning of the work. The results of this course of action speak for themselves.

During the seven weeks of vacation between sessions, our 100 students from Central Bible Institute of Nigeria are active in witnessing and in evangelistic meetings. Four of these young men (all from the Ibo tribe) held a total of 28 one-week evangelistic meetings. Over 300 people received the gift of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by speaking with other tongues. Of the approximately 900 who came for salvation, many are remaining faithful to God.

During the revivals there were some outstanding instances of healing. One woman who was blind received a miraculous healing—her sight was restored instantly. Women with issues of blood were healed as they touched the hem of His garment. Harlots were converted. A Catholic woman who had been a great persecutor of the Christians was soundly converted and is now serving Christ.

The meetings held by these four young Africans made a profound impression upon many hundreds of people in the villages of that area, convincing them of the power of God to-



Four young CBI men from the Ibo tribe

day. In all, they traveled over 350 miles to hold services among several different tribes. They do not speak the languages of these areas nor are the customs the same, but God helped them greatly. He is not bound by custom or language barriers.

The remarkable results from the ministry of these young Africans is proof that God is using the nationals in that vast continent which at present is wide open for the gospel.

The key to producing national evangelists and other capable national workers is the Bible School. It is in the Bi-

ble School that the young Christians are grounded in the Word of God. Without such training there would be a multitude of different teachings influencing them on every hand.

Pray for those who labor at Central Bible Institute of Nigeria. Pray that God will do a mighty work in the life of every young man and woman who enters the school. Monthly financial assistance would be appreciated for students and for maintenance of our buildings. There is also an urgent need for funds for additional dormitory space and a native teacher's house.

CALL TO ACTION

BY THE PROMOTIONS
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J. Philip Hogan



Global Conquest Day

This special World Missions issue finds us squarely in the middle of the strongest *extra* missionary campaign we have ever known. Our new crash program, "Global Conquest," is launched and from here on throughout the year all of our official voices will be stressing this campaign.

In less than two months, we will gather for a great foreign missionary rally at General Council, to be held in San Antonio on the afternoon of Sunday, August 30. This occasion will once again become the focal point for a nationwide missionary drive. For several years now we have made a concentrated effort on General Council Sunday. It has been called "W-E" (World Evangelism) Day. This year the new Global Conquest emphasis fits exactly into this picture, so Sunday will be Global Conquest Day at the General Council.

Offerings for this project will be received across the nation, and will be reported to San Antonio by telephone (collect if necessary). Long distance calls are cheaper on Sunday and we feel the inspiration of knowing what our friends across the nation have done,

before the General Council closes, will be well worth the expenditure.

HERE ARE SOME FACTS TO REMEMBER:

1. August 30 is Global Conquest Day at the General Council.
2. Every church is urged to receive a special offering for missions on or before this date.
3. Report this offering in time for it to be included in the reports to be given all through Global Conquest Day, August 30.

4. Telephone: CApitol 5-5465, San Antonio, Texas. A battery of telephones have been arranged for and trained operators will receive the information. All that you need to report is the amount, church name, pastor's name, and district with which your church is affiliated.

August 30 is the fifth Sunday, and therefore an EXTRA in the budget of most churches. Our goal is \$150,000 extra for missions. Full credit will be given for the offering at the time it reaches the Foreign Missions Department. ◀ ◀

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Bible Students Minister to Prisoners

By CARLETA PATE

Girls' Squad Leader, South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.



THE JAIL SQUAD OF SOUTH-EASTERN Bible College travels thirty miles each Sunday to take the message of Christ to men and women incarcerated in the County Jail in Bartow, Fla.

Specific times are set aside by the squad during the week to pray for the spiritual needs of the prisoners. The ladies meet on Tuesday mornings during the breakfast hour; the entire squad meets on Thursday and Saturday mornings and on Sunday afternoons, to fast and pray that God will speak to hearts and save souls.

The services begin at 7 p.m. each Sunday. The ladies' squad, number-

ing ten, conducts two services—one for the white women and a second for the colored women. The fellows hold six services for the men in the cell blocks. Squad leaders are Carleta Pate, Pete DeLeon, and L. B. Howard.

Upon entering the cells, the students sing hymns and give personal testimonies, and one student then ministers the Word of God. The highlight of each service is the personal work by the students following the message. Through the years, the squad has had a remarkable soul-winning ministry. Many are the testimonies of people who have met the Master at the Bartow County Jail. One student tells of a prisoner, a backslider in her early thirties, with whom she dealt several times. As God continued to deal with the prisoner, she was gloriously saved and became a real testimony to the other women in her cell. Once as the girls' squad was conducting a service, suddenly a face and two hands appeared in the ventilation holes about a foot from the ceiling of the cell. The individual whom they saw was in solitary confinement. As the sermon ended, one student determined to talk to the person about his soul. She climbed upon the metal bed frame, stretched as high as possible on the wall, and began to talk to a young man and to give him some gospel literature. Her heart seemed to catch in her throat when the prisoner, shaking under conviction, pleaded, "Help me."

She breathed a prayer to God and began to give him the plan of salvation. It seemed as if the words were only hitting the cement wall and bouncing back in her face until she began to pray that Satan's power in this man's life would be broken. Liberty came. Tears streamed down the prisoner's face and he prayed. The student worker gave the prisoner a Bible.

Two of the fellows on the jail squad visited this prisoner during the week. They saw the light of Jesus in his face and heard him praise God for saving his soul.

Another outstanding conversion was that of a young married man who had felt, because of financial difficulties, that the only solution to his problem was robbery. One night he walked into a gas station and held up the attendant, who happened to be a student at SEBC. While the robber pointed the



Students come down stairway after conducting two services.



South-Eastern Bible College Jail Squad, Lakeland, Fla. Leaders Carleta Pate, Pete DeLeon, and L. B. Howard.

gun at his face, the student asked him whether he knew Christ as his Saviour. The robber took the money and fled into the night. Minutes later, he came back into the service station. Under heavy conviction, the thief returned the money and promised the SEBC student that he would never attempt to rob again.

Even though the money was returned, the man was taken into custody by police because he had used a gun in the hold-up. He was placed in the

Bartow County Jail, where, under the anointed follow-up ministry of the SEBC jail squad, he found Christ as his Saviour.

He is now living happily for the Lord as he serves his one-year sentence. The jail squad has collected money to help his family several times. His wife and mother now attend an Assemblies of God church in a nearby town.

These are a few examples of the manner in which the SEBC students

are being blessed as they minister to the men and women behind bars.

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Arvid Ohrnell has written five basic study courses which are provided by the National Home Missions Department free of charge to prisoners. These courses have resulted in salvation and blessing to thousands of prisoners. Your offerings *clearly designated* for PRISON LITERATURE FUND may be sent to the Home Missions Department. ◀◀



These Apaches Serve the Lord Diligently



By LEO and MARY GILMAN

Canyon Day, Arizona

IN AUGUST OF 1956 WE VISITED SEVERAL Arizona and New Mexico Indian Missions, including Canyon Day, as representatives of the Oregon District WMC on a good-will tour, bringing a load of food, clothing, bedding, etc. At that time meetings were being held at Canyon Day in a tent. The work was just getting well under way (about three months old) and was showing good progress.

The next summer we were asked to come to this station as their missionaries. The Robert Oakeses had begun a fine work and the Indians have a deep respect for them, so it has been a pleasure to follow them.

The church was under construction, with the walls, siding, and roof on, so work was begun to make it warmer for the cold weather ahead. The ceiling and walls were sealed with sheet rock and wainscoting, and a cement floor was poured. Later the front steps were made of cement and rocks, being mixed by hand in a wheelbarrow.

The first of October the Indian Christians helped us set up a tent that was to be our home through the cold winter months. Half the cement foundation had been poured for the parsonage when the snow and freezing weather arrived, so a building was begun on that. With the help of our

Indian men and women, we built as the funds came in. By spring we were able to move into a two-room house, far from completed, but warm and dry. Now two more rooms have been added, but not completed.

God has blessed the church and it has shown a slow, steady growth both in numbers and spirituality. The Sunday School has almost tripled and two more Sunday School rooms have been added. All our classes except the teenage and adult are taught in Apache by a fine group of teachers. A Christ's Ambassadors group was organized with Leo Gilman, Jr., chosen as their president. They are an inspiration to the church, taking part in all the church

activities and conducting the services on Friday nights. Sixty-three unsaved adults and young people were counted in their service recently.

The WMC is an active group, averaging a weekly attendance of fifteen. Their morning meetings are for devotions and Bible study, and the afternoon for visitation, sewing, work on the station, and prayer. Sometimes an extra day a week is taken for visitation. Each Indian lady made a quilt from blocks given her, and upon completion the quilts were hung around the auditorium for display. The Sunday morning service was conducted by the ladies. They are faithful in all the church work.

Our women won forty ribbons at the Apache Indian Tribal Fair for their sewing, cooked foods, etc., and our Assemblies of God booth won first prize. This gave us an opportunity to witness and pass out over four thousand tracts in the two days. The C.A.'s distributed most of these.

The men take an active part in the services. They love to sing, and their songs have touched many hearts. They are always ready to go in visitation work to pass out *Evangelists*, testify, and act as interpreters. Last month 850

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Part of Canyon Day congregation



Some Apache boys in a donkey cart



Apache mother and children in front of their "wicki-up"

Evangels were passed out in visitation and personal work among the unsaved. These men know what it means to be set free from the chains of sin, so they make good witnesses.

How thankful we are for the sweet presence of the Lord in our midst.

We have seen some wonderful healings and Baptisms, and have seen many souls kneeling at the altar to surrender their lives to the living God. The converts need much prayer and teaching to become established, but make wonderful Christians. Of course, we have had our share of trials, sicknesses, and heartaches, but God has always upheld us and taken us through victoriously. These people call us part of their big Christian family, so we all work together, pray together, weep together, sing together, and together march forward for Him.

Offerings for any of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department should be mailed to:

Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director
Home Missions Department
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield, Missouri



Wilburn Craig and Clifford Geedy in front of quonset hut used as temporary church

do what we could to beautify the chapel before the Christmas season. During the first week of December we, with several helpers, spent every available hour in the church.

We kept the fires burning all night Saturday, December 8. On Sunday morning the draft doors of the stoves were opened as usual. At about 8 a.m. when we looked in to see if the church was warm we discovered a small fire a few feet from the stove in the classroom! The blaze spread quickly and the building burned to the ground despite the valiant efforts of the men to save it.

The next week, with no thought of giving up, the men of the church searched for temporary quarters. They found a quonset hut and built benches of scrap materials for it. A small cupboard was converted into a pulpit, which is still in use.

Neighboring churches rallied to help provide for our congregation. We met for midweek Bible studies in the parsonage. Our plans, sketches, and possibilities for a new chapel were always discussed. Finding that our lot is much wider at the rear than in front, we decided to join the chapel to the existing parsonage.

Ground was broken May 1, 1958. The men spent five weeks digging

Rebuilding at McGrath

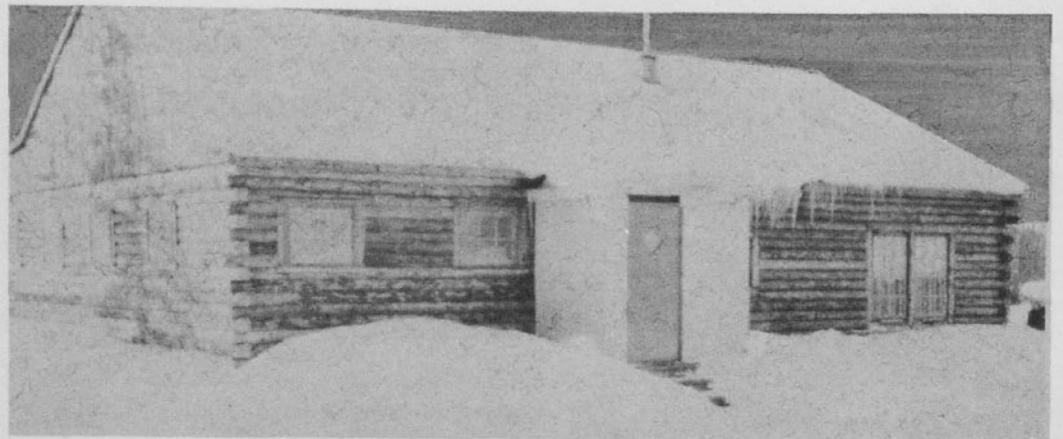
By CLIFFORD and SARA GEEDY
McGrath, Alaska

GREETINGS FROM MIDWESTERN ALASKA—the doorway to the great frontier of the 49th State. If you wish to travel from Anchorage (our largest city) to either Aniak or Nome (where our two far-western churches are located), your intermediate stop will be in our fair village of McGrath. The normal population is only about 225. However, we meet many hundreds of folk every month. Here, the natives of the Kuskokwim and lower Yukon valleys board the larger planes bound for cities.

Our chapel in McGrath is the only Protestant church in several hundreds of square miles which explains why it has been a special source of encouragement to those of widely scattered areas. During the summer of 1957, we hoped to make repairs on the church, but God foresaw our real need and blessed us instead with many visitors. Besides having evangelical missionaries of various denominations, we had special services with Brother Lonnie Mullen from Dallas, Texas. Mildred James was leader of our VBS.

In July we had a week of services with John Burnham and Bud Smith from Central Bible Institute. Added blessings were the frequent visits of Missionary Wilburn Craig and his group. During the year, twenty folk gave their hearts to the Lord as a result of the efforts. Some were people passing through; others stayed to bless our Sunday School and church until they too moved on.

With glad hearts, we endeavored to



The chapel at McGrath which adjoins the parsonage (at right)

through the perma-frost. Finally, the pilings were set and the first logs laid. During the long days of the midnight sun, the men sometimes worked until early morning.

It was a most strenuous season for all of us, but we felt well rewarded on September 7—for that was moving day. The job was not finished, but we now felt able to cope with the problems. At this time, the Oscar Butterfields from California were with us for a series of meetings. They worked hard, preaching at night and helping with the building during the day. Brother Butterfield brought the dedication message September 14. Attendance totaled 60.

There was yet much finishing work to be done on the auditorium (which is still the only room of the chapel)



Some of the Sunday School children with the Geedys on steps of the new church

and the people worked enthusiastically. Wilburn Craig and his helper did a splendid job of varnishing. We are now finishing the pews. We still need materials for Sunday School rooms and stairways. There is another full season's work to be done before the chapel will be completely finished. But our hearts are filled with gratefulness to God for His wonderful provision for our needs. Pray that the new chapel in McGrath may be a great lighthouse to guide lost men and women to Christ.

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The ALASKA EMERGENCY FUND, set up by the National Home Missions Department to aid home missionaries in Alaska is drained and, in fact, far in the red at this time. The cost of living, insurance rates, equipment for planes, etc., are very high in the 49th state. Your response to this *urgent need* will be greatly appreciated. Send your offering, *clearly designated* for this fund, to the Home Missions Department. ◀◀

Deaf Rally Has Record Attendance

By **LOTTIE RIEKEHOF**
Springfield, Missouri

FINGERS FLEW AND QUIET ACTIVITY prevailed as 125 deaf people from a six-state area gathered for their annual convention on the campus of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., April 11 and 12. Attendance reached an all-time high. Hosts to the convention were the CBI Sign Language students and members of the local Central Assembly Deaf Class. Visitors attended from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri.

Guest speaker was Leroy Whiteman, hearing pastor at Eldora, Iowa. He brought two inspiring messages on the fullness of salvation which stirred the hearts of these who "heard with their eyes." Brother Whiteman, a graduate of CBI, was active for some time in ministry among the Deaf before becoming pastor of a hearing assembly.

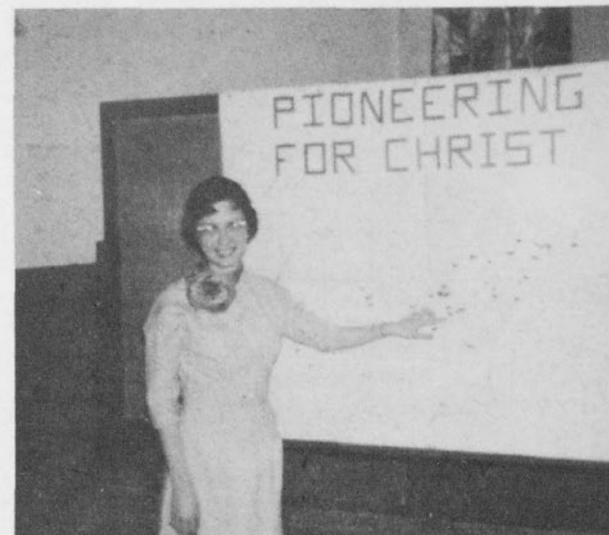
Bill Bingham, graduating student at CBI, totally deaf himself, and Joan Hotson from Tulsa, Okla., also deaf, led the song services while the congregation "sang" enthusiastically with their hands. In Sunday School, the Word was presented clearly and forcefully under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. The classes eagerly watched the presentation of the gospel in the Sign Language. The language of signs, with simultaneous use of voice, was employed throughout the convention.

Mrs. James Edwards, supervisor of the Deaf and Blind Ministries of the National Home Missions Department, spoke at the Sunday morning service. She presented the various activities sponsored by the department, including special literature printed for the Deaf.

"Behold the fields are ripe" was the theme of the convention. Many of the Deaf were stirred to consecrate their



Leroy Whiteman, hearing pastor at Eldora, Iowa, was the guest speaker.



Twila Edwards points out locations of deaf works in the United States



Part of congregation attending the Deaf Rally in Springfield, Mo.

lives anew to the service of the Lord.

A Jewish lady who visited the services stated that she was deeply impressed with the spirituality she observed in the people and said they seemed to live on a higher plane. A letter received later from one who had attended echoes the feeling of many: "We had such a pleasant time, meet-

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ing old friends, making new ones, and enjoying the wonderful presence of the Lord throughout the entire rally. We are looking forward to coming next year, should the Lord tarry."

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A fund for DEAF CAMPS has been set up by the National Home Missions Department since many of the Deaf are unable to pay all the expenses and the camps could not be conducted without financial assistance. These meetings mean much to the Deaf. The Christian fellowship enjoyed at these gatherings is a source of great inspiration. Three camps are planned

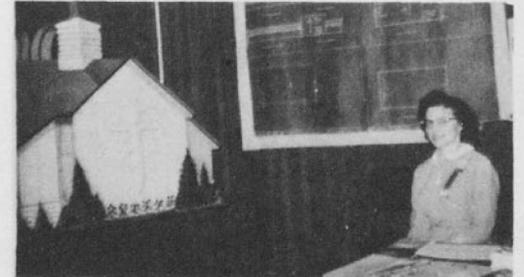


Ruth Lyon and Twila and Jim Edwards attend fellowship hour for the Deaf.

for this summer. Your offering *clearly designated* for this fund may be sent to the Home Missions Department.

CHURCH EXTENSION Church Building Conference Well Attended

Interest was high in the Church Building and Planning Conference conducted by R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary, at Springfield in April. The enthusiastic discussion period revealed the desire of pastors for more helps in planning their buildings. Increasing activity and interest in Church Extension among our districts is evident. The national office receives requests every day for information about the "Plans for Pioneers" blueprint program. The department is planning to enlarge the "Plans for Pioneers" booklet soon by adding several new plans submitted by the regional architects.



Grace Peltz, secretary to R. L. Brandt, at the Home Missions Booth at the Regional Sunday School Convention in Springfield.



BRANDT BYLINES

by

R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Sec'y

Incidental or Vital

Some things are essential to the very continuance of life, while others are of only secondary importance. I remember well the process of threshing wheat in the fall on my father's farm.

Two types of seed came from the threshing machine. First, there was the beautiful golden wheat which was handled with the utmost care. It was immediately placed in a bin or hauled to the local elevator where it could not be touched by rain or livestock. Our very existence as a farm family depended upon that wheat. It was VITAL. But, while the wheat which flowed from the grain spout was handled so carefully, little thought was given to the screenings which accumulated under the machine. These consisted of foreign seeds and cracked wheat. Often they were left on the ground for days. Sometimes it rained on them, and even roaming cattle trampled the piles at times. Only after the precious wheat was properly cared for did we concern ourselves with the screenings. They were INCIDENTAL.

There are two vital functions of the church: (1) the proclamation of the gospel, and (2) the perfecting of the saints. All else is more or less incidental and unimportant. Yet it is not uncommon for churches to concern

themselves with that which has little eternal significance at the expense of that which should be given first consideration. With such an arrangement the devil no doubt is delighted, but surely the Lord is displeased.

It would be well for every church to evaluate its present program with a view to discerning between the "screenings" and the "wheat," and separating the *incidental* from the *vital*.

Careful investigation should be made to discover how much of our program is really geared to getting the gospel to the lost. Is our Sunday night service planned to entertain a pleasure-seeking crowd, or is it designed to bring the message of hope to sinners? Is the church taught to come together to be blessed, or to become a blessing? Is the church's missionary program just so much extra baggage, or is it considered a vital device for getting the gospel to those who have never heard? Is there a definite plan for sowing down the community with the precious Seed and of taking the city for God, or are we satisfied with our present status?

Without a shadow of doubt, the Early Church pleased God with her vital dedication to the spreading of the gospel. It was her all-important mission. In fact, it can easily be shown that everything in the Book of Acts is there and important only as it relates to the propagation of the gospel, including the infilling of the Spirit, divine healing, the missionary enterprises, and even the missionaries themselves.

May we not learn a lesson from the Early Church, and allow that to become vital to us which was vital to her, and consider all else incidental?

ALASKA MINISTRY

New Appointees

Donna Mae Bennett, Colorado Springs, Colo., has recently been appointed to work in the Juneau, Alaska, Assemblies of God Children's Home.

The Gilbert Morts of Fairbault, Minn., have also been appointed to ministry in Alaska. They will assume the responsibility of the Anchorage Assembly of which Noel Hodges has been pastor. The Hodges are leaving Alaska for a rest.



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mort and daughter

MINISTRY TO THE JEWS

New Shalom Center Opened

A new Shalom Center has been opened in San Francisco, Calif., by John Kutner. Pray for this new work.

New Mission Needed in Chicago

The Chicago Hebrew Mission, Shalom Center, is no longer adequate to hold the crowds that attend. Our workers are reaching more and more of the "Covenant People." A better building is an urgent need.

More Workers Needed

The Assemblies of God has only twelve appointed workers to minister to the 5,500,000 Jews who live in the United States!

Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

PRISON MINISTRY

Prison Tapes Available

Kilby Prison's 54-voice robed choir is the second largest prison choir in America and it has been proclaimed by some as the most outstanding in the nation. They also have a Silver Bells Quartet, an orchestra and a chapel organist. Chaplain Watson informs us that if a church will send him a tape, he will send them a program from Kilby for the church to enjoy. This will acquaint your group with the mission work that is going on behind the walls of Kilby Prison. The mailing address is: Chaplain's Office, Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Ala. **Be sure to enclose return postage.** Tapes may also be borrowed and returned.

AMERICAN INDIANS

Holbrook, Arizona

Eugene Herd has recently opened a new Indian work at Holbrook. He still visits the Navajo Reservation for services occasionally.

Thoreau, New Mexico

The Eugene Renningers have moved from Grants to Thoreau to minister to the Indians here. Forty attended their first service, six coming forward for salvation.

Oregon Church Gives Car

The First Assembly of God, Salem, Ore., is making payments on a 1959 Bel Air Chevrolet for June Pearson and Bonnie White, missionaries to the Indians at Winslow, Ariz.

Oneida, Wisconsin

Mrs. Mildred Kimball held the first service in the new Indian church building at Oneida, April 5. The edifice is not com-

pleted, but the congregation is able to use it. Pray that they will soon be able to finish it and that Sister Kimball will be able to secure a house trailer for living quarters.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

W. L. Barbary recently joined the L. E. Davises here to work among the Indians of New Mexico. He is thrilled with the potential for the outreach among the thousands of Indian people. One group of 30 Indians located 50 miles from Albuquerque drive in to services whenever they can. Another group comes 35 miles. These Navajos have not been able to get permission from the tribal authorities to build a church on the reservation. The workers at Albuquerque sometimes pick up Indians from the pueblo villages and bring them to services. This necessitates driving 100 miles (round trip).

DEAF MINISTRY

Detroit, Michigan

Maxine Strobridge had 91 in her Detroit Sunday afternoon service recently. This is a new work among the Deaf!

New Appointee

Alvin Booher was recently appointed as a home missionary to the Deaf. He is ministering to Mexican and colored Deaf in the Indian church in Guadalupe, Arizona.

Japan Missionaries Visit Deaf Groups

Miss Ada Coryell and her mother, missionaries to the Deaf in Japan, recently visited many of our deaf groups. With them was Katsuko Kiyota, a young deaf Japanese girl. Katsuko has been a Chris-



Miss Ada Coryell missionary to the Deaf in Japan and Katsuko Kiyota demonstrate the Japanese Sign Language.

tian for about six years. During the first year after her conversion she won 50 souls to Christ!

Visit School for the Deaf

Ruth Lyon, National Home Missions editor, accompanied Lottie Riekehof's Sign Language Class from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., on its semi-annual visit to the State School for the Deaf at Olathe, Kans. Several CBI students have already served at this school as house parents.

The neat, well-equipped classrooms, modern dormitories, and dining room provide a most pleasant atmosphere. The children all seem very well adjusted and happy. The school, free for all deaf children of school age in Kansas, provides educational opportunities for an enrollment of 250.

WELCOME NEW READERS

Weekly copies of the Pentecostal Evangel may be obtained at the church of the Assemblies of God in your community, or you may order the magazine from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.



CBI students visit the State School for the Deaf in Olathe, Kans.



Deaf class receives instruction with aid of ear phones.



DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Formosa

SMALL CHILD HEALED OF MENINGITIS

Henrietta Tieleman writes from Formosa: "Recently we were asked by some of our Christians to visit the hospital and pray for a child suffering from meningitis. Although the grief-stricken parents were not Christians, they joined Miss Palma Ramsborg and me in prayer for the child. She immediately began to mend and in less than two weeks the happy parents brought her to our Sunday morning service to dedicate her to the Lord. The parents have accepted Christ and are now attending our services regularly. Their faces shine with the glory of the Lord."

Belgian Congo

GOD'S BLESSING IN EVIDENCE AT BIBLE SCHOOL

Seventy-six African youths enrolled in the short-term Bible School at Betongwe recently, according to missionaries Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen. A most remarkable outpouring of the Spirit took place during the school term. Hungry hearts were filled to overflowing and were inspired to return to their villages to proclaim the wonderful gospel of salvation. During the revival five of the students were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

West Indies

POLITICAL LEADER FINDS CHRIST

According to missionary Cyril Huckery, approximately 800 Jamaicans received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the last year. Five new churches were established, hundreds of new converts baptized, and hundreds more healed. God's blessing rests upon the full-gospel radio broadcast, the orphanage and the Bible school under the direction of the missionaries and the national ministers.

A highlight in this bountiful harvest was the conversion of a leading political leader of the island. Listening to the radio broadcast from his hospital bed, this man became convicted

and surrendered his heart and life to God. He was later baptized and is now in full fellowship with the Assemblies of God. His testimony has been influencing many for the Lord.

South Africa

BIBLE STUDENTS MIGHTILY USED OF GOD

An excellent report comes from Fred Burke, principal of the South African Bible Institute, concerning the activities of the students that have gone out into the ministry.

Brother Burke says, "There will be eighty-two students enrolling this year. Some of them are potential leaders, I am sure. All those who have already gone into the ministry have sent outstanding reports. One student, a very remarkable man, is being used of God in the healing of the sick that are being brought to him. One man was carried on a horse to him; after prayer he was instantly healed and walked away rejoicing.

"God is using other students also, confirming His Word in a ministry of the miraculous that is opening doors and causing many people to turn to God. Those who say the days of miracles are past would not be popular in this area for the ministry of healing is the accepted thing among the African people. These genuine healings convince them and make them ready to give themselves over to God."

El Salvador

MIRACULOUS HEALING BRINGS FAMILY TO CHRIST

As a result of special times of seeking the Lord in our churches, miracles are reported in many different places, confirming the Word of God being preached by the national workers. Recently a club-footed boy was healed in answer to prayer, so that his foot could not fit into the special shoe he had been wearing. As a result of this miracle his entire family accepted the Lord. The boy has been attending a Catholic school and is testifying to ev-

eryone about the miracle. Prayer is requested that he will remain faithful to the Lord.

Sunday School Advances in El Salvador

At the annual conference of the Assemblies of God in El Salvador our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stewart, reported that twenty churches were opened and organized during the last year. The goal for the coming year was set at 20,000 in Sunday School. The present staff of over 1,000 teachers are working earnestly to reach that goal.

Mexico

PILOTS TO VISIT CENTRAL AMERICA

Pilots belonging to the Assemblies of God Aero Fellowship recently voted to fly as a fleet to visit missions in Mexico and Central America immediately following the General Council meeting in San Antonio.

Melvin Hodges, field secretary for Latin America, urged the group to visit the various stations and observe the work that is being done by our missionaries and national ministers.

Mayor of the Town Accepts Christ

We quote an excerpt from a letter received from missionary John Peck: "Recently we held services in the village of Marquelia, and in the very first service there were 225 people in attendance. In that meeting the mayor of the town accepted Christ as his Saviour. He faithfully attended all the meetings. This was a remarkable move of God since only four years ago there were no Christians in this place."

Nigeria

REVIVAL AMONG PRIMITIVE TRIBE

From Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lee comes word that a remarkable revival has broken out among a remote tribe of Africans in Nigeria. These are very primitive people living at the top of a mountain accessible only by foot travel. The revival began after two

members of the church in Bukuru felt led of the Lord to go and witness to them.

Upon visiting the mountain village, our missionaries found a large crowd of people assembled near the partially completed church building. Brother Lee writes: "Just before I started to preach I noticed several small groups of people partially hidden in the bush. I was informed these were women who were afraid to join the assembled crowd because they had no clothes to wear. The tribal chief attended the service led by a small boy because he was blind. It was a joy to preach to this tribe for the first time and see the blessing of the Lord upon them. How wonderful to witness the transformation from useless lives into vessels of service for the Lord."

Haiti

AMERICANS ASKED TO SPONSOR BUILDINGS

E. F. Quanabush and his wife wrote to us from San Juan, Puerto Rico: "A dedicated minister in California made it possible to build a new church in Haiti by donating \$350. With this amount the church was completely constructed.

"The C. A.'s of America would have rejoiced to see the Speed-the-Light jeep as it entered the native village to deliver the construction materials. This was the first time many of the natives saw an automobile, and for some it was the first glimpse of a white woman as Sister Quanabush stepped from the jeep onto their native soil."

Brother Quanabush is hoping to interest American churches in financing building projects in the West Indies. The evangelist has pledged personally to finance the erection of a church near Ciudad Trujillo.

Southern Rhodesia

A SEEKER FINDS GOD

According to missionary Ed Rill of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia this old man walked over 100 miles to hear the missionary preach. He immediately



responded to the simple gospel story and simultaneously received salvation and partial healing of his eyes. He now testifies, "I am sure that I have found the true gospel."

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER issued an official proclamation designating the period beginning July 1, 1959, as **WORLD REFUGEE YEAR**. In so doing he responded to a request made by the UN to all the nations of the world.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 150 MILLIONS of people have been uprooted since the turn of the century. While some are being assisted, more become uprooted so the problem never disappears.

SOME 2,275,000 ARE IN DIRE NEED of help in resettlement or integration at the present time. Over a million of these "non-integrated" refugees are in the Far East. Another million are in the Middle East. Over 217,000 are in Europe.

A STEADY STREAM OF HUMANITY flows into West Berlin. The influx has gone on so long that it has ceased to be news.

IN LEBANON there are people who for ten years have lived in tiny caves high up in the hills surrounding Beirut.

IN INDIA a baby lies dying in the midst of unspeakable filth and squalor, its only "bed" the cold floor of a railroad station jam-packed with people and boxes and bedrolls.

IN HONG KONG it is not uncommon to find thirty-three people huddled on the floor of a single small room.

IN VIET NAM primitive mountain tribespeople, swept down by the swelling tide of Communism, gaze around at their new surroundings in uncomprehending fear and wonder.

ALL THESE ARE REFUGEES--men and women, old and young, boys and girls with no decent place to live and no visible means of support. It is hoped that, just as the International Geophysical Year focused attention on the exploration of the universe, the World Refugee Year will focus people's attention on the plight of earth's homeless millions.

THERE ARE HINDUS IN INDIA who have fled across the line from East Pakistan to escape Moslem persecution. And in divided Pakistan there are Moslems who have fled for refuge from Hindu persecutors.

A MISSION FIELD IS ON THE MOVE and the Church must move to help it. Here is a golden opportunity to win the hearts of millions by ministering to their physical needs in the spirit of Christ and pointing them to Him who can meet their spiritual needs as well.

THE REFUGEES ARE POOR. They come into West Berlin carrying, at most, a pathetic parcel or a battered suitcase. Most of them come empty handed.

THEY ARE FEARFUL. They suspect everyone; they never know whether or not the person beside them may be a spy rather than another sincere defector from the Communist cause.

AND ALMOST ALWAYS THEY ARE BORED, DISILLUSIONED. They are ripe for the gospel. The Church must not fail them.

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FRANCES FOSTER—DIRECTOR

\$96,000 RAISED THROUGH BGMC LAST YEAR

BGMC IS THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD missionary program for boys and girls twelve years of age and under. What a marvelous achievement this younger generation accomplished last year when it raised \$96,000.

BGMC funds pay for the cost of translating, printing, and distributing gospel literature for our missionaries around the world. How appropriate then is the BGMC theme, "The Word for the World." The program benefits the boys and girls as well as the missionaries, for through it the children learn of our missionary program and acquire the habit of regular missionary giving.

With the tremendous rise in literacy among the people of foreign lands, the cry for more literature is increasing daily. Many who have lived in outer darkness, unable to read or write, are now learning to decipher the "marks that speak." Such people are hungry for printed matter. Communism and false cults, fully aware of the situation, are rapidly placing their literature in the hands of the people. The Communists brag, "China was won with the pen, not with the sword." How important it is that people receive the right literature.

Since September 1949 when the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade came into being, a total of more than \$525,000 has been contributed. These funds have been used to provide literature which has reached almost every nation on the face of the globe.

How we thank God for the ministry these boys and girls have in giving for missions around the world. Their accomplishment is a perfect example of co-operative effort and sharing together in the work of the Lord.

There are a number of our churches which have not yet joined in the BGMC program. Requests for BGMC membership or information should be sent to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. State how many boys and girls under the age of twelve are enrolled in your Sunday School.

Miniature wooden coin barrels will be sent for all of the children. Also included will be a large attractive membership chart for recording monthly offerings.

BGMC is the main source of funds for literature for our Assemblies of God missionaries. Therefore, the children of our churches are playing a significant role in missionary work around the world.

Literature Evangelism

IT IS AXIOMATIC THAT LITERATURE is one of the most effective methods of spreading the gospel. The printed page is not a substitute for the missionary, but it has become an indispensable tool in the great work of world evangelism.

The needs are tremendous. Even Europe, considered the cradle of Christian culture, is in desperate need of the gospel. It is estimated that 200,000,000 Europeans have never handled a copy of the Word of God. Through an aggressive missionary program the Assemblies of God has the glorious opportunity of giving the light of the gospel to the millions who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Through the BGMC program, our missionaries are distributing millions of pieces of Christ-centered literature. As a result people are finding Christ as Saviour, churches are being started and Sunday Schools promoted. Speed-the-Light presses in Germany produce literature for the German-speaking peoples of Europe. The presses in Rome produce Italian literature. Two or three years ago the Assemblies of God ministers in Italy announced as their goal, "Gospel literature in every home in Italy." It seemed an ambitious goal at the time, but they are well on their way to reaching it. In the past two years the Lord has enabled them to print and distribute 11,500,000 tracts, 2,000,000 Gospels of John, 2,000,000 gospel booklets, and other literature. Only eternity will reveal the results of this widespread literature effort.

The Moslem lands of the Middle East have a peculiar need for gospel literature. An open witness to Moslems is most difficult. They dare not enter a gospel service, nor do they want to be seen talking to a Christian. The printed page, however, can be read and re-read in secret, and often awakens an interest in the claims of Christ. God's Word will not return unto Him void. "The *Living Word* is being revealed through the *Printed Word*" in the Bible Lands, in large measure, through an Arabic literature program made possible by the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE OUTLOOK WAS DARK FOR Israel. New hostilities had broken out between the Philistines and the Israelites, and the latter had lost four thousand men in one battle. Morally and spiritually they were at an all-time low. From a military and spiritual viewpoint they were on the verge of bankruptcy. Apparently they had no one to whom they could look for good leadership.

Now let us look into the Word of God to see what happened. According to the record we find that God had been looking ahead. He had foreseen the final plunge. He had prepared a man to stand in the breach and make up the hedge—one whom He could use to lift His people out of the spiritual declension. A couple of parents, years before, had prayed for a son and dedi-

cated him to God. His name was Samuel.

Through the years of Israel's slow but sure deterioration, this lad had kept his ears, his eyes, and his heart open. Daily he had been groomed by the Holy Spirit, indoctrinated by the Truth, and exercised in prayer. Now in a zero hour, God was able to call him forth. In the same manner, God has foreseen other crises, and has put it into the hearts of other parents to prepare other boys and girls for future positions of spiritual leadership. At the appointed time they have stepped out of the gloom and dispelled the darkness with the light of God's truth.

The world is face to face with a rapid moral and spiritual decline today. When we reach the bottom of the awful abyss we shall realize that doctrine and dogma will not suffice. Nationally and internationally we shall need strong spiritual leadership. Such leadership will only be available for God to use as we who are parents do something about it *now*. We must contribute to the spiritual lives of our children by precept and example.

It may be your child whom God will want to use tomorrow to stand in the breach and make up the hedge in a crucial hour. Parents, let us arise to the challenge of preparing them for their place in God's program.

—*Prophetic News and Israel's Watchman*

THE PENTECOSTAL PENNY

My name is Penny—one tenth of a dime;
Life started for me in a copper mine.
The ore was sifted and crushed and heated,
Melted and molded and skillfully treated,
Leaving me bright and shiny and new—
And I left the mint for my debut.

Where would they take me; what could I buy?
My hopes and plans for the future were high.
But alas, my value was almost nil—
A penny could never compare with a bill.
I was put in car meters and given for tax;
Kids scorned me for dimes—and those are the facts.

Surely somebody, somewhere was wanting a cent,
But no one would use me wherever I went—
Until one glad day, the B.G.M.C.'s
Asked for pennies to send the Word overseas.
So I said to my buddies, "Come let's all unite;
If enough of us join, we can do the job right!"

So to Africa, India, Hong Kong and Japan
We are sending the gospel as fast as we can.
Our goal is the Word to be spread o'er the earth—
We Pentecostal Pennies have proven our worth:
Ninety-six thousand dollars we totaled this year;
The Assemblies of God want all nations to hear.

—*Ferne H. Murray*



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, June 29

Read: John 4:1-15

Learn: "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

For the Parent: At this time many people were becoming disciples of Jesus (v. 1). Point out: (1) Jesus was going into Galilee and made it a point to go through Samaria—show this on a map if possible; (2) He engaged in conversation with a woman of Samaria—usually Jews would have nothing to do with Samaritans. Discuss the technique Christ used to deal with her about her soul. Stress the importance of soul winning.

Question Time: How did Jesus open the conversation with the Samaritan woman? (v. 7)

Tuesday, June 30

Read: John 4:19-38

Learn: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. Then point out: (1) how the woman tried to detract Jesus with a question about the correct place to worship; (2) how Jesus answered her question; (3) the woman was convinced that Jesus is the Messiah; (4) Jesus' conversation with His disciples, emphasizing His mission.

Question Time: How did the woman try to sidetrack Jesus? (vv. 19, 20) How did Jesus answer her? (vv. 21-24)

Wednesday, July 1

Read: John 4:39-54

Learn: "Now we believe...for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42).

For the Parent: Review the material from the previous two days. Point out the results of the woman's conversion: others believed on Christ. Show the difference between v. 39 and vv. 41, 42. Also discuss the healing of the nobleman's son, showing Jesus as the Conqueror of physical sickness as well as spiritual sickness.

Question Time: For what two reasons did the Samaritans believe on Christ? (vv. 39-42) How was the nobleman's son healed? (v. 50)

Thursday, July 2

Read: Genesis 1:1-3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 31; 2:7, 15, 17, 18

Learn: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "God, the Creator" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of creation, discussing the various works of God on the different days of creation. Stress the power and wisdom of God, the eternal existence of God. Also emphasize the creation of man in God's own image. Point out that the purpose of man is to glorify God and bring praise to His name.

Question Time: What did God create on the various days of creation? Why did God create man? (See above)

Friday, July 3

Read: Luke 2:39-52 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

For the Parent: Jesus Christ is the wonderful example we are to follow. This quarter's Junior lessons emphasize Christ's character. Review this account of the boyhood of Christ, pointing out: (1) His amazing wisdom; (2) His obedience to His parents and their wishes; (3) His intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social growth. God wants us to be well-rounded in our lives and activities, too.

Question Time: How does this example Jesus set apply to our home life?

Saturday, July 4

Read: Acts 4:34-5:11 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Speak ye every man the truth" (Zechariah 8:16).

For the Parent: Review this story from the history of the Early Church. Show: (1) the good deed done by Barnabas, 4:34-37; (2) how Ananias and Sapphira tried to copy it, but were unwilling to make a complete surrender, 5:1, 2; (3) how Peter pointed out that their lie was unto God, not man, 5:3, 9; (4) the terrible and immediate punishment that fell upon Ananias and Sapphira, 5:5, 10. God wants us to tell the truth always.

Question Time: How is it possible to tell a lie without saying anything? Where will liars go? (Rev. 21:8)

Many Testify of Healing Through Revivaltime Ministry



A LADY IN WYANDOTTE, MICH., recently wrote, "Sunday night you asked anyone needing healing in your radio audience to raise his hand while you prayed. I did just that, and prayed, as I had dropsy. When I got up Monday morning, the swelling was almost gone. I shopped, and wore a pair of shoes I hadn't worn in years. They didn't hurt one bit. I just can't thank you enough for your prayers."

Every Sunday night as Brother Ward prays for the sick, there are many hundreds listening who are in physical need. By faith they join in that healing prayer, and God does the rest. Many others mail their requests for prayer and every prayer request is given priority at the *Revivaltime* office. As a result of this ministry, thousands have found that Christ does care and He will heal.

As you read these testimonies of what God has done for others, trust Him to do the same for you. May they inspire your faith in a living Christ, a healing Christ, and a wonderful Saviour.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

A few months ago, I wrote you and requested prayer for healing. I had been a shut-in for several years, due to a heart condition and spinal trouble which was very painful. There were

also other complications. The doctors said they could do no more for me. I had to sleep on a hard board and lie on one side for ten years. But Jesus the Great Physician, who specializes in impossibilities, healed and delivered me. Thank you for your prayers. May God richly bless your ministry."—J. L. P.

WHITE CASTLE, LA.

"I had the flu and it left me with a bad kidney. But thanks be to God, while you prayed for the sick on *Revivaltime* God heard my prayers and yours, and graciously healed me."—Mrs. T.

MAYSVILLE, KY.

"I want to thank you for including me in your prayers when I was afflicted with neuritis to the extent that I could neither stand nor walk. But I was completely healed so I want you to know. It is no secret what God can do if we only believe."—Mrs. R.

NORTH ROSE, N. Y.

"I cannot thank the Lord enough for healing my body. When I wrote you last month I couldn't raise my arms above my head. I would awaken at night from the pain and stiffness. There was a steady, throbbing pain in my head day and night. I wrote you to pray for me and the day I received

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

ROGERS CITY, MICH. (WHAK)
960 kc.—5,000 watts
Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

HILLSDALE, MICH. (WCSR)
1340 kc.—100 watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

MIAMI, FLA. (WMIE)
1140 kc.—10,000 watts
Sundays, 10:00 p.m.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. (WGAI)
560 kc.—500 watts
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

HOBBS, N. MEX. (KWEW)
1450 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 7:30 a.m.

your letter it started to improve. In about two weeks the trouble had all disappeared. Praise the Lord, there is nothing too hard for Him."—Mrs. P.

EDWARDS, CALIF.

"My left side was paralyzed following a stroke. Your prayer band prayed for me and in less than three months I can walk, cook, clean, do almost anything that a normal person can do. Three doctors who have examined me are amazed at my progress. All glory to the Great Physician."—Mrs. F.

AVONDALE, MO.

"Sometime ago I wrote you concerning my need for healing. I had a bone deformity in my foot and was in constant pain. Five doctors said nothing could be done. Finally I was told that perhaps a brace-type support would help. I wore this for about four months without much relief. However, I found it impossible to walk without it. Doctors said an operation might help, yet it might result in my being confined to a wheel chair the rest of my life. I then wrote and asked you to pray. Shortly afterward, the Lord answered prayer and touched my body. Since that time, I have not worn the brace, have felt no pain, and the swelling has gone down almost completely. The limping is almost gone and whatever is left is from habit, not from pain."—Mr. T.

SUTHERLIN, OREG.

"I sent a prayer request to you concerning an incurable skin disease which almost completely covered my body. The doctor said not much could be done but he prescribed some medicine

which I did not use. Now that disease is completely gone. I know it was the Lord's wonderful power."—Miss G.

HOPEWELL, VA.

"Two years ago my teeth gave me discomfort. A dentist told me my teeth were dead and should be extracted. I had never heard of anyone trusting God for his teeth but I knew God healed other things and I knew He could heal this condition too. So I asked you to pray for my teeth. You prayed for me and the Lord answered your prayer. I have not lost one tooth and I have no discomfort now."—Rev. A.

AROOSTOOK, N.B., CANADA

"Thank you from my heart for your prayers. For over nine years I had suffered from a skin rash caused by an allergy. After writing you and sealing the letter, I noticed a relief before I put the letter in the mail box, and every day I felt better until all the rash had disappeared and I was completely healed."—Mrs. M.

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Nothing is impossible to those who will dare believe in the greatness of God and the power of His name. As God has blessed and healed so many that have enjoyed the ministry of *Revivaltime*, He can reach out to you even now and minister to your need. We would be happy to hear what God has done for you.

Out of the millions listening to *Revivaltime* each week, there are many that have never before heard that God still heals today. If God has blessed you with health, you owe it to those who are afflicted and ill to share God's goodness and blessing. You can have a real part in sending the ministry of *Revivaltime* to them. Write us this week and let us know you will be praying that every need of *Revivaltime* will be met. Your sacrificial offering will help to keep it on the air. Send your letter to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. ◀◀

Don't let a single copy of the Evangel be wasted. Hand each copy to a friend, after you have read it, and let it do double duty. Pray that this World Missions Issue will result in a great forward move for world evangelization. We must work while it is day; *the night cometh when no man can work.*

When God puts a burden upon you He puts His own arm underneath you.

June 28, 1959

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

In Romans 13:8 Paul said, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." Is it therefore unscriptural to buy furniture and other things on the installment plan or to have a mortgage on one's property?

We believe this verse means that we should live within our income and pay our debts. If a person feels able to meet required payments, debts may be permissible. But we ought to be very careful lest we overload ourselves with financial obligations, since we do not know what a day may bring forth.

Did Jesus mean that if we have enough faith we can literally cast mountains into the sea, or that a camel could literally go through the eye of a needle?

God can do anything. I believe, however, that Jesus meant to teach that no matter how great an obstacle might be, it can be conquered through faith. As for going through the eye of a needle, Christ would teach the impossibility of the rich man of himself to be saved; nevertheless God is able to save him.

You have said that Adam was the first man saved by grace. How then do you explain Romans 5:12-14?

Without grace, which is God's undeserved mercy and kindness, none could be saved. When considering Romans 5:12-14 we must remember that in the plan of God our Lord Jesus is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

Why is it important for me to join a church now that I have become a Christian? Is it not possible for me to live a Christian life at home without going to church regularly?

Healthy church environments are as necessary for the healthy growth of a Christian as are health-producing home surroundings for the healthy growth of a baby. Although some children grow up into healthy, strong men who have not had proper surroundings in their earlier days, others suffer; and it is possible for one to mature into a strong Christian even where spiritual surroundings are not the best, but unfortunately there are many who weaken and die.

When you have become a member of a church, attend the services as regularly as possible. Take an active part in testimony as opportunity affords, for "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).

As you keep busy about your Father's business, you will grow in grace and become a joy to your pastor and a blessing to many.

Does 1 Corinthians 14:27 mean that one person might give two messages in tongues, another three, etc., in a service?

I think Paul makes it plain that not more than two, or at most three, persons should give messages in any single service. "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course [one at a time]; and let one interpret."

But when the blessing of God falls on the congregation at the altar, I think there ought to be full liberty then, since at such times the prominent thought is worship instead of the edification of the church.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



Missionaries, visitors and Guatemalan district presidents of the Concilio Misionero Femenil. Fifteen of the seventeen district presidents came to the conference. Front row: Missionary Miriam Haydus (National CMF President), Goldia Anderson (Northern California-Nevada District President), Alpha Henson (wife of pastor in Sacramento, Calif), Edith Whipple (National WMC Secretary), Ella Franklin (missionary), Paula Marrero (missionary and CMF Secretary), Lidia Guajardo and Estefana Huerta (workers from Mexico).

National WMC Secretary for U.S. Speaks at First National Conference of Guatemalan Women

ONE OF THE MOST GRATIFYING experiences of my life has been the privilege of ministering in the first annual conference of the Women's Missionary Council in Guatemala. There the WMC is known as the CMF—*Concilio Misionero Femenil*. The organization and operation is much like our own in the States. The national president is one of the missionaries, Mrs. Walter Haydus, and each of the 17 districts is headed by a district president.

The possibilities which lie in the woman-power of the Guatemalan Assemblies came to light several years ago when a women's Sunday School class, taught by Mrs. Haydus, did practically the impossible in raising \$127 in five weeks to purchase a lot for a new church to be built in a pioneer section of the capital city. A short time later the women of this pioneer church raised \$320 to apply on the construction of the church building.

The development of the CMF in

Guatemala has been phenomenal and its contribution to the national work almost unbelievable. Their local groups now number 80, and their membership 1,209. These women, many of whom could not read or write till recently, conduct their meetings, record their activities, report on their accomplishments, and are developing beautifully in Christian leadership.

Among their first national projects were the providing of a white shirt and tie for each pastor, the providing of other clothing and bedding for his family, and food showers, including large quantities of powdered milk. Since then they have given a white shirt to each of the Bible school students each year at commencement time.

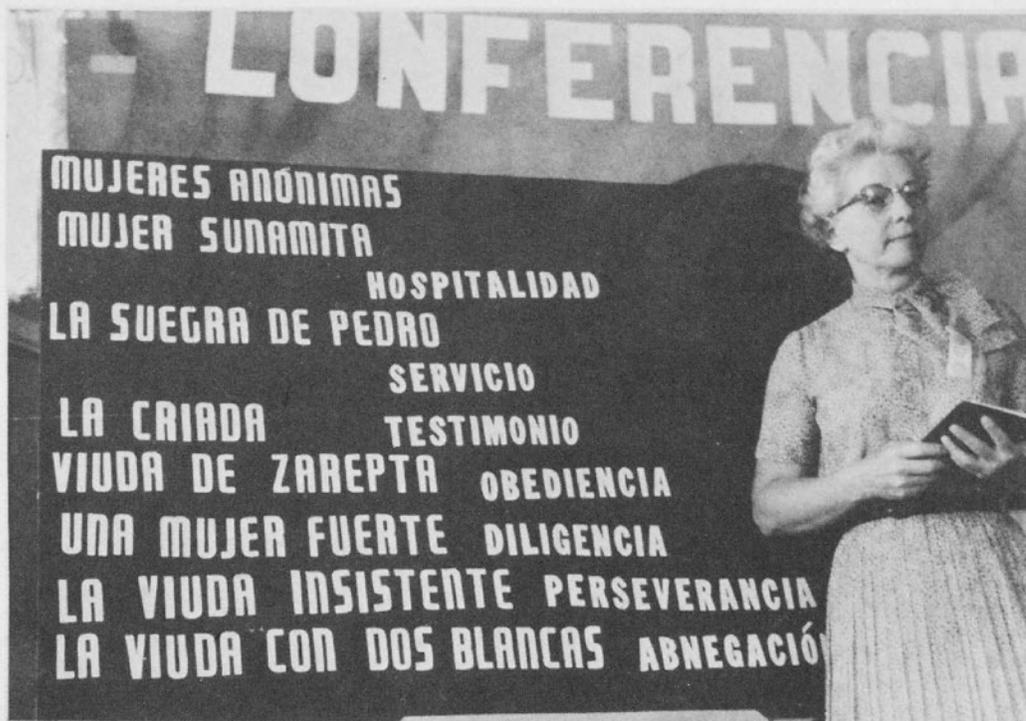
Last year their contribution included \$1,090 toward the purchase of a lot for the home of their general superintendent. It was my pleasure to visit in his new home and to learn that he has recently opened a new Sunday School with an attendance of 60 to 70.

This year the CMF national project is the purchasing of 100 wide-arm desk chairs for the Bible Institute at a total cost of \$1,600. The week following the conference, I had the privilege of speaking at a district fellowship rally and seeing the congregation there raise more than enough money in that one meeting to provide one chair. Most of the people had never seen such a chair, and it was a great delight to them to see one pictured on the board in colorful flannelgraph.

The three meetings a day during the three-day conference were led by various district presidents as capably as we would expect of our women's leaders here in the States. How their voices rang as they sang their CMF song, written by Miriam Haydus, who has also written our new WMC song, "We Minister as Unto Christ." The meetings were attended by many of the pastors, and we were happy for the opportunity to assure them that while the CMF has rapidly come to a place of prominence in these last few years, the women have no aspirations to be more than helpers in the church, always recognizing the pastor as God's ordained leader. During the conference and in the series of district rallies which followed, this assurance never



The "Conferencista" brings the morning message. Missionary Walter Haydus interprets.



Sister Whipple's messages for the conference were all illustrated with flannelgraph words in Spanish—some with colorful figures. This special preparation for their meeting was greatly appreciated by the congregation. This particular message sets forth seven women of the Bible who are well-known for their characteristics and work, but whose names are not known—anonymous women. Even if you do not read Spanish you can guess at the meaning: the Shunamite woman was known for her hospitality, Peter's wife's mother for her service, "the little maid" for her testimony, the widow of Zarephath for her obedience, "the virtuous woman" for her diligence, the importunate widow for her perseverance, and the widow who gave the two mites for her consecration.

failed to bring a hearty expression of approval from the men.

I went to Guatemala with a conviction that I would be meeting and ministering to a congregation of intelligent, warmhearted Christian believers, but what I had not foreseen was the wonderful spiritual contribution they would make to me. The impact upon my heart, made by what I saw and felt there, exceeded anything I thought possible by a two-week visit to a mission field. These genteel Guatemalan believers are mature in their Christian experience, fervent in their testimony, lovingly loyal to the missionaries, and beautifully devoted to their Saviour.

If space permitted we could tell of rich experiences as we prayed together and saw God answer prayer; as we enjoyed their fellowship, hospitality and food in their homes—some far out in the back-country areas or up in picturesque Indian villages which seemed like another world; and how their beautiful children clung to us in expressions of love.

Before launching into the CMF Conference, it was my privilege to speak in two services in El Salvador, and there also to experience the same

warmth of fellowship with the Christian converts and the missionaries.

God has done and is continuing to do a great work in these two countries, largely through the training of workers in the Bible Institutes. Please take them upon your heart faithfully in prayer.

WMC News From Dominican Republic

CONCILIO MISIONERO FEMENIL (Women's Missionary Council) was organized by missionary Mrs. Verne Warner in the Dominican Republic only about two years ago, and has had a very successful growth. Anything the Dominican Christians do is done heartily and enthusiastically. They are a hard-working, happy-hearted people.

It doesn't make any difference to them what the work is, as long as it is for the Lord and they are able to do it. They are good examples of the WMC scripture, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

When a new church was to be

erected at Haina, near the capital city, everyone helped—men, women, boys, and girls. The women beat large rocks into gravel under the leadership of the pastor's wife. That is only one example of the things they undertake to do.

Not long before last Christmas Mrs. Warner wrote to the CMF ladies soliciting money to buy dishes, flatware, pots, and pans for the district kitchen. They didn't have much time, as their district council was to begin January 27, but they set to work and raised almost \$60. Mrs. Warner gave the ladies the responsibility of the purchasing, and they did a splendid job. All of them were very proud of their first district project. The ladies of the local WMC group in Ciudad Trujillo, where the council convened, cooked the meals for the convention.

The missionary projects of the Dominican Republic women are directed to the needy pioneer pastors and their families. In this way they share appreciably in strengthening the indigenous church program in their land.

Let us remember to pray for our WMC sisters in the Dominican Republic as well as in other parts of the world. ◀ ◀



WMC's helped build the new church in Haina



Dominican Republic District CMF officials



Missionettes from Forth Worth, Texas, who presented corsages in behalf of their groups. With the Missionettes are the recipients, Charlotte Schumitsch, Mrs. Mildred Smuland, and Mrs. W. F. Mercer.

North Texas Missionette Convention

BY CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

IT WAS A PLEASANT MAY DAY IN WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, WHEN Missionettes, sponsors, and ministers gathered at Southwestern Bible Institute for the first North Texas Missionette Convention. By the time the 10:30 a.m. service started, the main floor of the chapel was nearly filled to capacity with more than three hundred teen-age girls, their sponsors, and interested friends and ministers. They had come in the interest of Missionette work in their district.

Following the song service the Missionette sponsors were called upon to stand in turn with their groups. Each sponsor gave her name and the name of her church. A total of twenty-seven sponsors and four prospective sponsors were in attendance.

Missionettes of Fort Worth presented beautiful corsages to Mrs. W. F. Mercer, WMC president of North Texas, and to Mrs. Mildred Smuland and Charlotte Schumitsch of the National WMC Department.

Mrs. Smuland spoke at the morning service concerning the purpose and ministry of Missionettes, challenging the girls and sponsors alike to give their best to the Lord. She also stressed the responsibility of the Women's Missionary Council in relation to the Missionette program, telling how the WMC's need to be interested in developing the leadership of our teen-age girls and directing them in service for the Lord.

The noon meal was enjoyed in the school cafeteria. Then tours of the dormitories were conducted to give the girls a look at those facilities. A one-hour question-and-answer session that afternoon at the University Assembly was most interesting and profitable. Before leaving to return home a number of the Missionettes and sponsors toured the spacious district office building.

Two groups came more than two hundred miles for the meetings. They were from First Assembly in Nacogdoches, Texas, where Wm. D. Brooks is pastor, and from the Assembly in Stamford pastored by T. M. Barrett.

May 2, 1959, will long be remembered by the North Texas Missionettes for it was then that the first district-wide Missionette meeting took place at Waxahachie. The time of fellowship and inspiration was enjoyed by all who attended, and it is hoped that a meeting of this type will become an annual affair. Mrs. W. F. Mercer was in charge of arrangements.

North Texas is one of the nation's top districts in the Missionette program with more than fifty active clubs and over 500 members. These girls are enthusiastic and eager to serve the Lord. They help missionaries at home and abroad, and assist wherever needed in their local churches. God is blessing their efforts and girls from outside the church are being won for Him.

MISSIONETTES CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN APRIL

CHURCH	LOCATION	SPONSOR
A-G Christian Church of Tacony	Kensett, Ark.	Dorothy L. Morris
Gospel Tabernacle Westside A-G	Philadelphia, Pa.	Miss Esther Lanza
Douglas Ave. A-G	Alton, Ill.	Mrs. Edna Burnam
A-G	Marion, Ind.	Mrs. Tressa Bowman
Brooklyn Center A-G	Wichita, Kans.	Mrs. James Richardson
A-G	Rapid City, Mich.	Betty N. Harmon
A-G	Minneapolis, Minn.	Mrs. Richard Vanman
First A-G	Windom, Minn.	Mrs. Wm. Bell
First A-G	Stillwater, Minn.	Mrs. H. E. Murphy
First A-G	Columbus, Miss.	Mrs. D. E. Balius
First A-G	Eatontown, N. J.	Betty Mc Elmon
A-G	Roswell, N. Mex.	Mrs. J. A. Britt
First A-G	Devils Lake, N. Dak.	Mrs. G. Pownell
Faith Temple	Breckenridge, Tex.	Mrs. S. Harrison
Maplewood A-G	Nacogdoches, Tex.	Mrs. T. Hammond
A-G	Dallas, Tex.	Mrs. P. Arrington
Northland A-G	Holliday, Tex.	Mrs. L. S. Gaston
First A-G	Novato, Calif.	Mrs. Fred Swolley
First A-G	Sunnyvale, Calif.	Mercedes Bowen
A-G	Eureka, Calif.	Mrs. Bessie Burge
Colony A-G	Packwood, Wash.	Mrs. D. E. Westerfield
Gospel Tabernacle	Colony, Okla.	Jean Cook
A-G	LaMesa, Calif.	Sharon Churchill
A-G	Trona, Calif.	Mrs. Lois Carter
A-G	Immokalee, Fla.	Mrs. T. Chevey
A-G	Calipatria, Calif.	Nancy Darcy
A-G	Corona, Calif.	Mrs. David Panattoni
Gospel Tabernacle	Stamford, Conn.	Miss Lois Cooper
Lamar A-G	Beaumont, Tex.	Mrs. H. Smith
Kiest Park A-G	Dallas, Tex.	Lucille Begrin
Trinity Tabernacle	Caldwell, Idaho	Mrs. L. Jordan
A-G	St. Louis, Mo.	Mrs. Thelma Baxter
A-G	Newport, R. I.	Mrs. V. Durant
First A-G	Dyer, Tenn.	Mrs. G. Gunnells
A-G	Gallatin, Tenn.	Mrs. W. M. Akins
First A-G	Oskaloosa, Iowa	Susie Kool
A-G	Milton, Fla.	Mrs. Verlia Glover
First A-G	Apalachicola, Fla.	Julia Norris
A-G	Tallahassee, Fla.	Elise Hardy
A-G	Panama City, Fla.	Mrs. Valeria Capps
A-G	Kenosha, Wis.	Mrs. Joyce Huff
A-G	Merrill, Wis.	Mrs. G. S. Erickson
A-G	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Shirley Hill
A-G	Big Springs, Nebr.	Mrs. Ivan West
A-G	Readfield, Maine	Mrs. Hendrickson
Mt. Pleasant A-G	Westville, Fla.	Miss Dollie Bowers



Composite view of the group which attended the first Missionette Convention ever to be held in the North Texas District.

Blazing Gospel Trails in Togo-Dahomey

A PROGRESS REPORT ON A GREAT MISSION FIELD PIONEERED BY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



TOGO AND DAHOMEY OCCUPY A NARROW portion of West Africa lying between Ghana and Nigeria. They are bounded on the north by Upper Volta and Niger Colony, and on the south by the Gulf of Guinea. Their total area of 67,793 square miles is equal to that of the state of Oklahoma.

The combined population of Togo and Dahomey is 2,635,000, and is composed of forty pagan tribes, the largest of which are Mamprusi, Dagomba, and Bassari. The people are proud and independent. In spite of natural reserve, they are responsive to those who are friendly with them. They live in villages scattered throughout the mountains and valleys.

The Assemblies of God was the first Protestant group to send missionaries to Togo and Dahomey. Since we entered other mission societies have followed.

For the first few years Togo and Dahomey were considered separate fields but a change in administration in 1951 effected an amalgamation into one district organization. The people of Togo and Dahomey have been responsive to the gospel and at the present time there are seven main mission stations—three in Togo (Dapango, Sansanne Mango, and Bassari) and four in Dahomey (Natitingou, Boukombe, Tanguieta, and Kouande). Scores of outstations have been established around these centers. Eleven couples are now under active missionary appointment to Togo-Dahomey.

TOGO

Permission to evangelize in northern

Togo was obtained from the governor of Togo in 1937 and infrequent trips were made as far south as Sansanne Mango by missionaries and nationals from Upper Volta. Moslem influence prevailed in the larger towns, but the villages were mostly pagan. A congregation was established by three national workers in the town of Dapango. The Paul Weidmans moved to Dapango in 1940 and the results of their evangelistic efforts spread into the surrounding territory. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Brown succeeded the Weidmans in 1947, and by 1948 there were ten national workers and fourteen churches in the Dapango area.

In 1950 the second station in Togo was opened at Sansanne Mango by the Paul Brutons who transferred from Nigeria. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McNutt followed the Brutons, and later the Wayne Turners served there. In spite of the strong influence of the Moslems, and the fact that much of the speaking is done through interpreters in the French language, God has blessed the efforts of our missionaries. Services are now conducted in sixteen villages.

In April, 1951, the David Wakefields transferred to Togo from Nigeria. They surveyed the field and did considerable ground work, and erected an Evangelistic Center in Bassari. Thirty-five outstations have been opened in an area which until a few years ago was completely pagan. Nationals from among seven tribes have been won to Christ. Because a large number of people offered themselves for Christian service, our missionaries started to conduct regular Bible studies for these potential workers at the school in Natitingou.

The Henry Dahlbergs replaced the Wakefields during their furlough in 1952. Under the Dahlbergs the first permanent church in Bassari village was completed. During the Wakefields' furlough in 1957-1958, the William Lovicks supervised the work.

DAHOMEY

In 1938 the A. E. Wilsons of Upper Volta made a survey of the Dahomey field with the thought of pioneering the work there. They were not able to make any progress until after World War II. In 1945 they secured permission from the governor of Dahomey to start missionary work in the name of the Assemblies of God. The first

on station was built in Natitingou. to the lack of building materials and efficient help it took many months to build a suitable place in which to live. The Wilsons worked alone for three years; then, in 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petroskey came to help. A few months later, Helen Iselin, a French school teacher, joined the ranks.

In 1948 the work enjoyed a considerable growth and several villages were calling for teachers to explain the Bible. In 1950 the work expanded further when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenaway located in Tanguieta and built a mission station. They began work immediately in the Mossi section of the town since their previous work had been among the Mossi people in Upper Volta. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chaney followed at Tanguieta, doing an effective work in spite of primitive conditions and language barriers. An educational program was promoted successfully with the aim of preparing the young people for Bible School training.

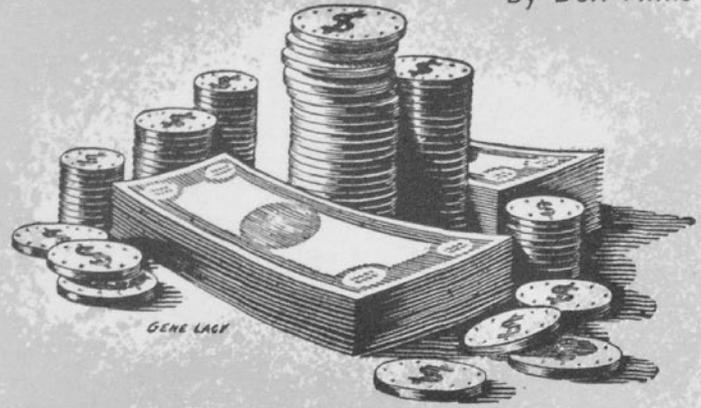
Mr. and Mrs. Schultz arrived in Dahomey in 1951 and were successful in opening a work in Boukombe in the heart of the Somba tribe. Several preaching points were opened in a number of villages in the area. The second term of the Schultzes saw an even greater expansion among the villages.

The Bible School in Natitingou was opened in 1949 with five students, and today there are thirty students representing thirteen different tribes. The school is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz and Miss Helen Iselin. All classes are taught in French. Graduates make a valuable contribution to the work.

The blessing of the Lord continues on the African ministry in Togo-Dahomey and, according to recent reports, a spirit of revival is evident in various places throughout the country. The response to the preaching of the Word has been very encouraging. Our missionaries work under very primitive circumstances, but they and the national workers are faithfully building new churches and the number of believers increases constantly.

MISSIONARIES—22
 NATIONAL WORKERS—51
 CHURCHES AND
 OUTSTATIONS—90
 BELIEVERS—2,350

All This . . . and Heaven Too?



TEN YEARS FROM NOW YOUR INCOME will be up twenty per cent. You will have a four-day working week and probably a guaranteed annual wage. You will own two of the 81,000,000 cars on U.S. highways. One of your cars will be jet-propelled. You will be able to fly from New York to London in five hours.

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These are not the predictions of a fanatic. They have been made by Mr. Leo Cherne, who is the executive director of the Research Institute of America. He and his organization spend \$6,000,000 annually in the study of such matters. He ought to know!

MATERIAL PROSPERITY

The Bible declares, and history demonstrates, that prosperity is one of the most dangerous friends that any nation can have. It led Israel into idolatry again and again. It ate the foundation from under the Roman Empire. It foreshadows the fall of this great land of ours. Material prosperity has led strong men to destruction. Lot, Samson, Saul, and thousands like them have suffered at its hands.

This growing hurricane of prosperity presents to the earnest Christian an unbelievably subtle temptation. The spirit of a covetous materialism (which is idolatry) can overtake him as quietly and unobservedly as the falling of a shadow across his path. In order to

keep up with the current of social progress, he finds that a bigger and better job is indispensable. This in turn requires a bigger and better office, farm, or factory. A bigger and better car and home naturally follow. Nor is this jig-saw complete without a bigger and better church.

Once upon a time, the story goes, there was a man who decided to build bigger and better barns. Jesus very frankly said that the man was a "fool" for investing in wood, hay, and stubble instead of investing in gold, silver, and precious stones. This analysis makes good sense.

PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

The god of materialism is the most popular and best advertised of all pagan gods in America. Newspapers, magazines, billboards, store windows, offices, and homes vie with one another in giving him space. He is incarnate in a thousand shapes and forms. He is ever present. He is attractive to the eye and a thing to be desired. His devotees number in the millions. Even churches succumb to his attractions. Our 97,000,000 American church members are worshiping in more expensive structures, are sitting in more comfortable pews, and singing out of better-bound hymn books than ever before. The church can so easily say, "*I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing*" (Revelation 3:17).

How very closely this approximates the man who was clothed in purple and fine linen. He fared sumptuously from day to day, while one made of the same flesh and blood sat at his gate, cold, hungry, and sick.

On the mission fields of the world today the "dogs" of a dozen idolatrous religions are licking the sores of a cold, hungry, and sick humanity. We have the God-given "garments" to

warm the heart, the "bread" to feed the soul, and the "balm" to heal the wounds. Woe be unto our Christian experience, if we do not joyfully share these treasures.

GOD OR MAMMON?

The deadly scourge of complacency follows in the train of prosperity, and faith (the one thing that pleases God) disappears. "*When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*" (Luke 18:8) Adversity often proves to be a truer friend than progress, poverty than prosperity, and conflict than peace.

If the task of world evangelism is to be accomplished, it will be done by men who have set their affections on things which are above, who seek first the kingdom of God and who look for the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. If we are to save ourselves from this eating and drinking, giving and taking, buying and selling, greedy and grasping generation, then we must look for that "*city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God*" (Hebrews 11:10).

If we are to win nations for which Christ died, then we must practice the deliberate discipline of consciously and conscientiously walking in the footsteps of Paul, who counted not his life dear unto himself, but looked upon all personal gain as refuse in order that he might win men to Christ.

"*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*" (Matthew 6:19-21).

—American Tract Society

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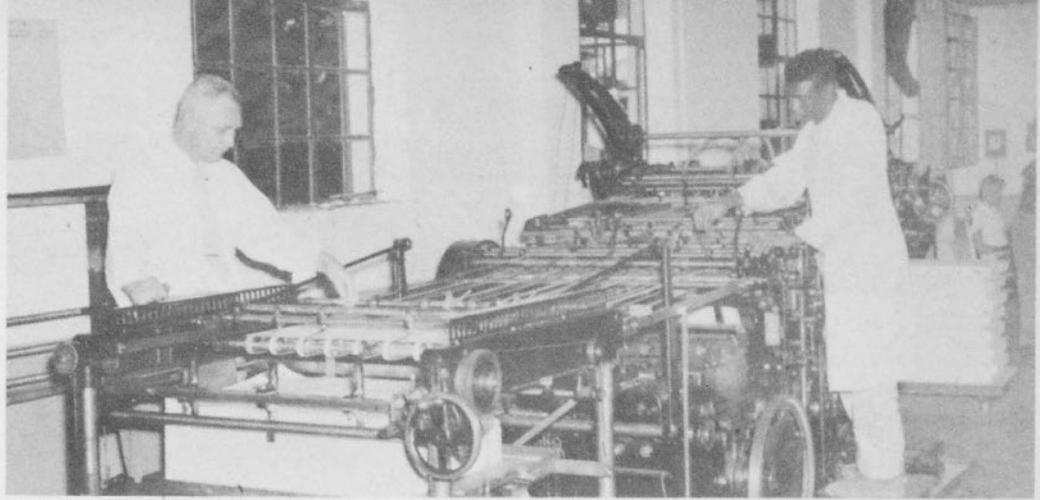
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Bethel Temple, Lake Worth, Fla.	(11)	14
1st A-G, Marshalltown, Iowa	(22)	14
Immanuel Pentl. Ch., Cleveland, O.	(42)	14
1st A-G, Amarillo, Tex.	(35)	14

MISSIONARY PHOTORAMA

The photos on this page show a few pieces of the Speed-the-Light equipment now being used by missionaries around the world. Since the Speed-the-Light program was initiated by Assemblies of God youth fourteen years ago, a total of 1,449 vehicles have been provided to help carry the gospel to people in sixty-seven different countries. Many missionaries are still waiting for some motorized equipment. The need of Speed-the-Light funds to accelerate the missionary program is greater than ever.



At the Emmanuel Press in Transvaal, South Africa, missionary Merlin Lund and national worker print gospel literature on the high-speed Kelley automatic press. The C. A.'s of Calvary Temple in Denver, Colo. provided this press a number of years ago.



This motorcycle (left), given by the Student Missionary Band of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., helps missionary Charles Lee penetrate the Nigerian bush with the gospel message. The Speed-the-Light jeep and trailer (right) were provided for Percy and Ruth Breusch in India by the C.A.'s of the Southern Missouri District.



Speed-the-Light motorbike (left) helps missionaries in the Home Study Division of the Southern Asia Bible Institute at Bangalore, India. It is a gift of the C. A.'s of New Jersey. Missionaries Martha Kucera and Ken Weigel are in center. Rachel and Fernando Nieto (right) produce "The Children's Hour" for Cuban children on Speed-the-Light recording equipment, gift of the Mississippi District C.A.'s.

"This Speed-the-Light station wagon is a tremendous blessing," says missionary Charles Lee, "in developing the work among the tribes of Nigeria." The Alabama C. A.'s provided the car for the work in this 3,600-square-mile area served by the Lees.



Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



GOD THE CREATOR

Sunday School Lesson for July 5, 1959

GENESIS 1:1-3, 6-26, 31; 2:7, 15, 17, 18

Today we begin a series of lessons from the Book of Genesis which will continue until the end of the year.

CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE (Genesis 1:1)

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The Bible makes no attempt to explain the existence of God. Why? Because the finite mind could not understand such an explanation! God always was! The fact may be darkness to one's intellect, but music to his heart!

God's creative work in the beginning is analagous with His creative work in the soul! As the darkness and chaos of the original earth, through the agency of God's Word and Spirit, gave way to light and order, so man's sin-darkened and disordered heart is moved upon by the Word and the Spirit and man becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus! See 2 Corinthians 4:6; 5:17.

CREATION OF THE EARTH (Genesis 1:2-25)

"And the earth was without form, and void." During the first three days, the heaven and earth received their "form"; during the last three, there was the filling in of the "void" or emptiness.

Notice that the words "And God said" occur ten times in Genesis 1 and 2. God spoke and it came to pass! His Word still has that creative power! If we believe it, obey it, and act upon it, it will transform our lives.

THE CREATION OF MAN (Genesis 1:26-31)

1. *The Creator of Man.* "And God said, Let us make man." Why the "us"? God is not a faulty grammarian. Here we have the Trinity—God the Father, the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2); and the Pre-existent Christ, the Word (John 1:1-3).

2. *The Nature of Man's Creation.* "So God created man." The word used here is "bara" which implies the creating of something out of non-existent matter.

"In His own image." The "image" and "likeness" of God in man may be described in two ways. First, man is a triune being, spirit, soul, body. With his body man contacts earth and with his spirit man contacts God. Through the fall this image was marred. Man lost his knowledge of God by the state of death which came to his spirit (Ephesians 2:1); his nature became sinful, thus making him sinful in his actions. Through the new birth the image is restored; for in Colossians 3:10 we are told that the new man "is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

CREATION DETAILS (Genesis 2)

Differences between chapters one and two are not contradictory but supplementary. Creation in general is prominent in chapter one, while man is the center of chapter two.

1. *The Sabbath for Man.* Vv. 1-3. The fundamental idea of the sabbath in the light of God's creative work

is twofold; cessation from work, and satisfaction after work.

2. *The Formation of Man.* Vv. 4-7. Man's physical being was formed out of already existing earth. Therefore, the word "bara" is not used, but "yatser" which means to "mould." Yet whatever may be true of man's bodily frame, the imparting of spiritual nature was an act of creation (as indicated in 1:27) distinct and separate from material creation. Not until God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life" did man become a living soul, a spiritual being.

3. *The Home of Man.* Vv. 8-14. Man was placed in an ideal environment which had in it nothing which would make it difficult for man to walk with God.

4. *The Service of Man.* V. 15. "To dress it and to keep it." Simple service. No drudgery here!

5. *The Probation of Man.* Vv. 16, 17. Here in vivid, pictorial form we have the fact of human responsibility, of the power of choice. Just one restriction in life—how simple it should have been!

6. *The Authority of Man.* Vv. 19-20. Man was designed to have dominion over nature; to be lord of nature, not its victim.

7. *The Companion for Man.* Vv. 18-25. "An help meet for him," or, "a helper suited for him." This is God's idea of a woman's relationship to man and it ought to be realized in every marriage. Commenting on the fact that woman was made of a rib from the side of Adam, Matthew Henry said, "Not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved." Let Christian husbands and wives take notice! Ephesians 5:22-25.

—J. Bashford Bishop

FAITH IN FACT OR FICTION?

THE MAN GOD MADE ...

AND THE LORD GOD FORMED MAN OF THE DUST OF THE GROUND, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE; AND MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL. GEN. 2:7



THE GODS MEN MAKE ...

THEY HAVE MOUTHS, BUT THEY SPEAK NOT: EYES HAVE THEY, BUT THEY SEE NOT: THEY HAVE EARS, BUT THEY HEAR NOT: NOSES HAVE THEY, BUT THEY SMELL NOT: THEY HAVE HANDS, BUT THEY HANDLE NOT: FEET HAVE THEY, BUT THEY WALK NOT. PSALM 115:5-7



The Unpardonable Sin

By Evangelist Willard Cantelon

MANY PEOPLE HAVE COME TO US through the years to inquire concerning the unpardonable sin. Some were afraid they had committed it, and others have expressed doubt that any sin could be committed which would not be forgiven.

Without question there are some very strong words in the Scriptures, such as the statement from the lips of Jesus, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come" (Matthew 12:31, 32).

We also read in 1 John 5:16, 17: "There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin unto death."

In these scriptures two facts are firmly established. First, there is a sin unto death, a sin which has no forgiveness, neither in this world nor in the world to come; and second, the sin that receives no forgiveness is a sin against the Holy Ghost.

When one sees in the Scriptures the essential part the Holy Spirit plays in bringing salvation to the sinner, then it is understood why sinning against the Holy Spirit could spell spiritual death. We read in John 16:8, "And when he [the Holy Spirit] is come, he will reprove the world of sin." Certainly no one feels his need of a Saviour until he first sees himself as a

sinner. And it is not *natural* for any person, no matter how sinful, to see himself as a guilty sinner. The Bible says, "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes." Man is ever ready to justify himself, and no human words, no matter how eloquent, and no amount of logic or reason, can make a sinner feel his guilt. Conviction of sin is solely the work of the Holy Spirit. "When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin." It is within the power of any sinner to check this work of the Holy Spirit.

If the sinner does permit the Holy Spirit to show him his sin and his lost position in the sight of God, his second step is to receive a revelation of Calvary, and of the sacrificial death of Jesus as the answer to man's sin. Salvation, purchased by Christ at Calvary, can never be made real to a sinner's heart by words nor by any human agency alone. The apostle Paul, so conscious of this fact, declares, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:18). "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are *spiritually discerned*" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Just as the Holy Spirit plays an essential part in the first step of salvation, in convicting the sinner of his sin, so the Holy Spirit alone can bring about the second step toward salvation, in showing the sinner the finished work of Calvary as God's answer to his sin. This is why Paul declares in 1 Corinthians 12:3, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord

[in a saving sense], but by the Holy Ghost."

The great desire that grips the heart of the sinner to yield his life to Christ is a result of the inward working of the Holy Spirit. How tragic when one declares, "I will come to Christ when I feel like it." *A person will come when the Holy Spirit plants that desire within the heart, or he will never come.* This is clearly shown in the words of Jesus, John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." It is significant that Jesus repeats this solemn truth in the same chapter. We read again in John 6:65, "Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father." God's way of drawing men to Himself is through the power of the Holy Spirit: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come" (Revelation 22:17).

There are those who are haunted by the fear that some past sin committed or word uttered constitutes a sin that can never be forgiven. There is little, if any, scriptural basis for such a fear. In contrast, Paul writes concerning his past, "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Timothy 1:13).

The sin against the Holy Spirit that brings eternal death can be clearly understood when one recognizes the vital part the Holy Spirit plays in convicting of sin, revealing Christ, and drawing the sinner to Christ. The sinner has power to resist the Holy Spirit in any and all of these various office works that would bring about his salvation.

God did not create man a machine to run a certain track, nor a slave to serve by compulsion, but rather a free moral agent with a will to obey Him or disobey. Therefore, God can only plead with men not to resist the work of the Holy Spirit, and warn them that resistance to the Holy Spirit may drive away the only One who can effect their redemption.

There seems to be no Scriptural basis for the belief that any one sin, especially a blind act of ignorance, would cut a man off from God; but logic as well as Scripture would strongly indicate that persistent resistance of the reproof or calling of the Holy Spirit will result in certain and final death.

If we close our eye to light, it will eventually become forever blind; if we

close our ear to sound, it will finally become totally deaf; and if we close our hearts to the call of God, it is possible to reach a state where no preaching, however powerful, and no moving of the Spirit can penetrate the wall of resistance that we have built up. Jesus spoke of those who "could not believe" (John 12:39), and Paul referred to some who were "past feeling" (Ephesians 4:19).

We read in Genesis 6:3, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." If it is possible for man to willfully resist the strivings of the Holy Spirit until the Holy Spirit would depart forever from his life, then certainly this would be a sin unto death, or an unpardonable sin.

The tremendous danger of grieving the Holy Spirit away from one's life by persistent resistance is evidenced by the abundance of warning God gives against such a sin. In the Scriptures

we have such strong warnings as "Grieve not the Spirit;" "Quench not the Spirit;" and "Resist not the Spirit." And, at least three times in Hebrews 3 and 4, we find the warning repeated, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

If, as you have read these lines, your heart has been moved upon by the Holy Spirit, and you have heard His voice in your heart, I urge you, by all means, not to neglect this great salvation, but to accept Christ as your personal Saviour now. ◀◀

Tiger Becomes a Lamb

(Continued from page three)

Seeing the radical change in Guillermo, the officers had granted his request. He was singing some newly-learned hymns and joyfully praising the Lord as he waited. As a final act, he dedicated his Bible and Testament to his two small children.

He had also requested the authorities to allow him to wear white clothing on his last day upon this earth. "I

read in the Bible," he said, "we will have white robes in heaven."

The echo of the rifles ended Guillermo Rojas' singing on this earth and announced his glorious entrance into heaven's eternal joys.

"Should God have forgiven such a man?" echoes the lawyer's question. And the answer comes back bold and clear, "We are all guilty of sending Christ to the cross. If we sin but once, we are sinners. You and I are sinners by nature and by our acts. Ten, a hundred, a thousand sins only prove that we have become habitual, confirmed sinners, and the greatness of our sins makes the grace of God even more marvelous. Jesus Christ suffered as the sacrificial Lamb on Calvary. He paid the great debt for all sinners, great and small." *God found a way to pardon sinners and still meet the demands of justice.* It only remains for us to repent of our sins and accept the salvation Christ has purchased for us with His own precious blood.

Salvation will evidence itself in a desire for God, a love for His Word, a fellowship with His people, and a hate for the old life.

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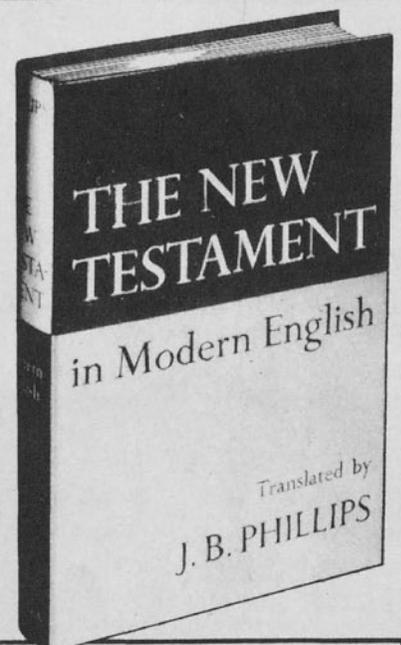
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My Testimony

ALTHOUGH I WAS SAVED SOME TEN years ago, I had backslidden and was living in sin. In May of 1958, however, something happened that changed my life.

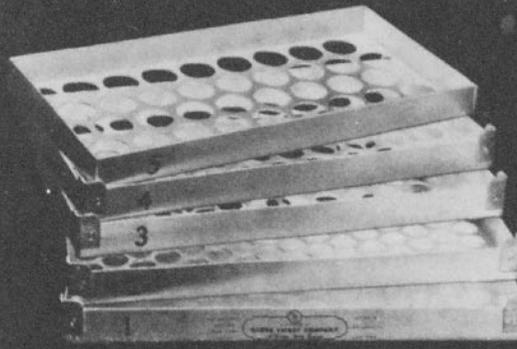
One of the men I work with asked me to attend services at Calvary Temple, Royal Oak, Mich. There the Lord gloriously saved me, and from that time on I began to seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Being a member of an old denominational church and also a Sunday School teacher there, I tried to attend both churches. On October 9, the Miracles of Faith Revival began at Calvary Temple, with Evangelist A. F. DiMusto. I attended the first service and the evangelist asked for those who wanted the Lord to fill them with the Holy Spirit to come forward. I went and prayed for over an hour, and nothing happened. Being perplexed, I went to the evangelist and Brother Strength, the pastor of the church, and asked what they thought was wrong, and why I didn't receive the Holy Ghost. It was suggested to me that the fact I was trying to be faithful to two churches might be a hindrance. By the time Sunday came around, I had made up my mind to attend the Assemblies of God church. I was there for Sunday School and also for morning worship.

On Sunday evening I walked into Calvary Temple late. The entire place seemed to be electrified with the presence of the Lord. At the close of the service I went to the altar and began to pray, lifting my hands in the air and asking the Lord to fill me with the Holy Ghost. I began to praise Him, and in less than five minutes it seemed as if someone had hold of my tongue. I could not speak for a while; then suddenly I began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. At two a.m., when I got up off my knees, I thought I had only been there ten or fifteen minutes, but it had been over four hours. I felt so elated I thought I was floating in the clouds. When I got home, I couldn't sleep the rest of the night.

The next day in the toolroom I had to testify to everyone. I praise God for what He has done for me. Since this experience I have transferred my membership, and I'm happy, for Pentecost satisfies me.—Fred Born, 19308 Patton, Detroit 19, Michigan.

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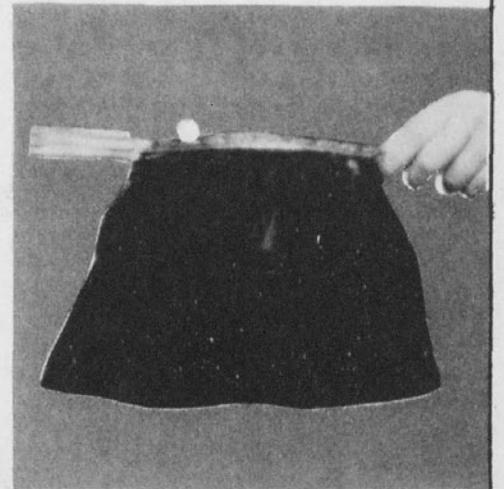
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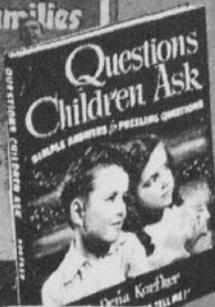
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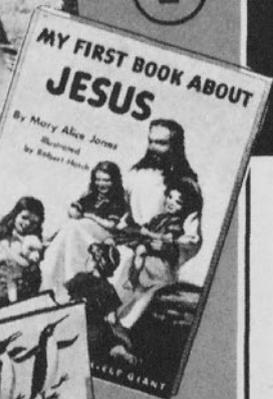
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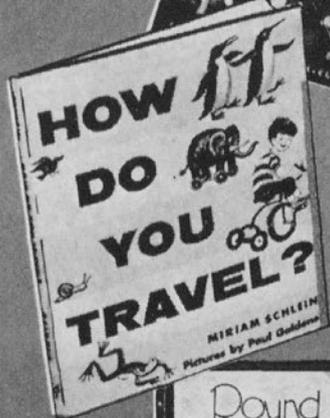
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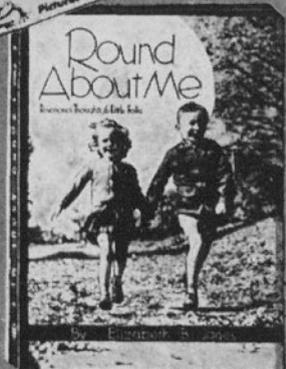
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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CALIFORNIA PASTOR HONORED ON THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

ALHAMBRA, Calif.—Recently we celebrated Dr. Claire E. Britton's thirty-fifth anniversary as Pastor of Bethany Church. There were many loving tributes to the high esteem in which Brother Britton is held by all who know him.

Participants in an "Album of Memories" service included the Haven of Rest quartet, W. H. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern California District of the Assemblies of God, who led in prayer, and Evangelist Howard Rusthoi, who preached the sermon. Greetings were conveyed from Alhambra Kiwanis by Albert Leslie Broad, Alhambra Minister of Music.



Dr. C. E. Britton

The following tribute appeared in the official bulletin *The Kivanian* on April 8: "When an American has attained a financial success, one often hears it said, 'He's got it made.' But there is another type of achievement and, judged by any standard, one of our members 'has got it made.' A few Sundays ago Claire Britton stood in his pulpit and recited some of the ups and downs of his thirty-five years of ministry. Surrounded by his three daughters, his mother, Mayor Burke, Assemblyman Monte Burke, and gentlemen of the cloth from far and near, his heart sang with joy because of the magnificent opportunity he had enjoyed in spreading the gospel.

"In this restless age, a preacher who remains in one church for more than a few years is rare indeed, but Reverend Britton is now baptizing, and will soon be joining in wedlock, the third generation in one church, one community. His splendid sanctuary, his missionaries abroad, are but a wee bit of the visible fruits of this man's ministry. His real accomplishment exists in the hearts of thousands of friends who have lived better lives and who look forward to the Hereafter with joyful anticipation instead of dread. From Holy Writ may we apply one verse to Claire Britton: 'Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings.'

—by Mark A. Hinman
Assistant Pastor

WYOMING DISTRICT ELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

CASPER, Wyo.—The Wyoming District Council convened recently at the Faith Assembly in Casper, where H. R. Kennedy is Pastor. The theme of the convention was Home Missions, and a number of Home Missions workers were guest speakers.

Superintendent R. G. McAllister resigned and the delegates voted to elect a pastor to serve as District Superintendent on a part-time basis. The following officers were elected: E. D. Beard, District Superintendent; L. E. Wead, Assistant Superin-

tendent; H. W. Thiemann, Secretary-Treasurer.

Walter Ventling, R. K. Johnson, Lloyd Wead, J. E. Overstreet, and J. J. Wagner were named as Presbyters. W. Glenn Burris was elected to serve as District Sunday School Director and Mrs. Walter Ventling as WMC President.—by H. W. Thiemann, Secretary-Treasurer.

WITH CHRIST

OATHER W. Edwards, 75, passed to his eternal reward on April 24, 1959, as a result of a heart attack. He had been living in Tucson, Ariz., since his retirement in 1944 after 37 years of full-time ministry.

Brother Edwards was ordained in the Nazarene Church in 1909 and received the Pentecostal experience in 1912. He was a member of the committee at the first General Council in Hot Springs, Ark., which chose the name "Assemblies of God" for the organization.

As a pioneer pastor, he introduced the full-gospel message in Wichita Falls, Greenville, Farmersville, Ranger, Carrizo Springs, and Corpus Christi, Texas. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Texas District for some years beginning in 1924, and as a presbyter in Texas and New Mexico for a number of years.

Several ministers are among those who survive him. His wife, and daughter Margaret (Mrs. Edgar Newby), are ordained; his son Paul and grandson Bill Newby are evangelists. Two other daughters are Jean Pack and Frances Rice.



O. W. Edwards

ADDITIONAL OFFICER ELECTED IN INDIANA DISTRICT

ELKHART, Ind.—The Indiana District Council of the Assemblies of God convened here May 4 to 6. It was a time of sweet fellowship and rich spiritual blessing for the many ministers and church delegates who attended.

William Van Winkle was re-appointed and ratified to serve as Executive Secretary of the District for two years. However, the presbyters suggested that the office of District Treasurer be filled by someone else so Brother Van Winkle will have more time to devote to the duties

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The office of District Superintendent was not open for election this year. All other District offices were open and were filled by vote of the delegates, as follows: Assistant Superintendent, Stewart Robinson; Secretary, William Thornton; Treasurer, W. F. Duncan; District C. A. President, E. J. Bruton.

The District Superintendent, Roy H. Wead, presided at the Council. Stewart Robinson and William Van Winkle were chosen to serve with him as General Presbyters.

Seven persons were ordained to the ministry. A "penny parade" sponsored by the WMC's yielded a total offering of \$1,100 for Home Missions.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

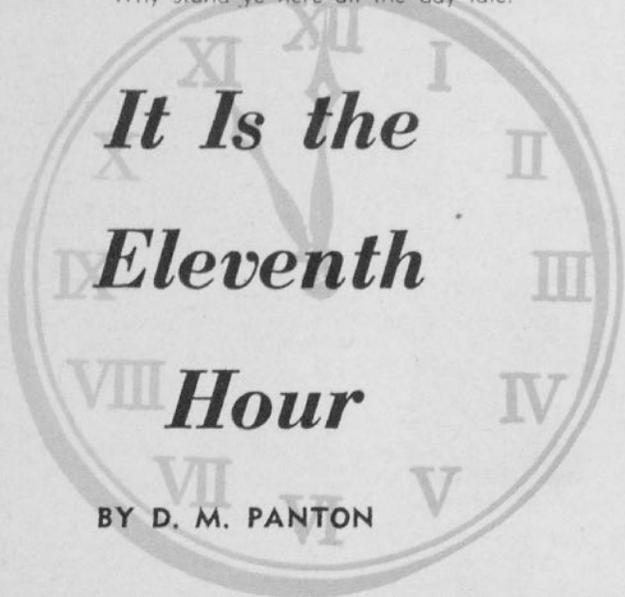
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Calif.	Riverside	First	June 16-July 1	Richard Jeffery	Carl A. Goad
Ill.	Jerseyville	* A of G	June 28-July 12	Lucelia Lanz	J. Dan Moore
Iowa	Cedar Falls	A of G	June 16-28	Don Cox	Francis Wilson
La.	Alexandria	First	June 28-July 5	Chas. Reed & wife	D. L. Sparks
	Baton Rouge	Faith	June 29—	Clarence Teagle & wife	Lewis Sullivan
Mich.	Berkley	A of G	June 30-July 12	Hance Evang. Team	Daniel Kolenda
Minn.	Minneapolis	Evang. Aud.	June 30—	W. V. Grant	Russell H. Olson
Miss.	Laurel	** Kingston	July 5-10	Dedelow-Friederici	Frank Beard
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	June 30-July 12	Ernie Eskelin Party	L. E. Loretz
Wash.	Quincy	A of G	June 23—	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Daniel Duncan

* Children's Revival

** Youth Revival

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.

Christ is calling men and women to work at the great unfinished task. He is saying, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"



It Is the Eleventh Hour

BY D. M. PANTON

GOD THE HOLY GHOST HAS GONE FORTH IN EVERY age, summoning laborers into His vast vineyard. Jesus gave a panoramic picture of this in the parable of the laborers, in Matthew 20.

"He went out early in the morning"—in the dawn of the world—and called the pre-Flood hosts of saints. The patriarchs heard and responded. God went forth again to Jacob's children in Egypt and brought in a great host. Myriads of workers, including the prophets, arose in every generation—the early hours—down to the coming of the Messiah.

At Pentecost, and again at the Reformation—perhaps the sixth and ninth hour calls—the summons came to which the whole of our modern church is the response. And now, in the eleventh hour, we stand on the threshold of the final call.

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out . . . to hire labourers into his vineyard" (Matthew 20:1). Dredging, ditching, building, staking; planting, watering, weeding, pruning: a vineyard on the mountainside is an apt parable of strenuous work. Unreached tribes in remote areas who are yet to be stars in the Redeemer's crown; little children in hundreds of thousands, at present totally unconscious of Christ, who are to be standard-bearers of the Cross in coming years; monstrous errors to be fought with the naked sword of the Word of God; Scripture to be unfolded to the gaze of an astonished Church; characters to be built up before the sight of all men out of the elements of Christ: vast, unlimited, divine, the work waits. And the Spirit of God moves among all ranks and classes, seeking laborers.

Naturally our thoughts turn to the Eleventh Hour, which manifestly is ours. Only a few minutes remain before the midnight cry—"Behold the bridegroom cometh." Even scientists believe the race is reaching its final hour. In June, 1947, the cover of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* featured a clock with hands pointing to eight minutes of twelve. Twenty-nine months later the clock was shown at four minutes to twelve. In March, 1950, the hands of the clock were advanced to three minutes to twelve. (More recently the hands on the bulletin cover were advanced to one minute before twelve.)

"About the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing: and he saith unto them, Why stand ye here all

the day idle?" That man has missed the whole purpose of life who is not at work for God. He may be the busiest man on earth; but all life is idleness if it contains no conscious labor for the life beyond. "Alas," one man said on his deathbed, "how laboriously I have spent all life in doing nothing." So the Holy Spirit pleads with the soul, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Your whole life is only one day, one short day: why idle away even your last hour? Every man has within himself the tools he needs for doing the work of God, for the call carries with it all the power needed to obey. *Why then should we stand idle?*

It is a very pathetic response which is made in the market place. "They say unto him, *Because no man hath hired us.*" They were unemployed, not unemployable. They were not habitual loiterers or chronic wasters; they were simply waiting. There are such folk today. Somehow the call has missed them all these years. Some men are called in the morning of their lives, like Timothy; some in its meridian, like Paul; some in their sunset, like Nicodemus—"Can a man be born again," he cries, "when he is old?" The call has never reached their ears. A godless home and a churchless youth; no teachers who told them the Way. Somehow they have never come face to face with the Lord of the vineyard.

What a joy it is to tell such souls that it is just for them—the loving, tender, gracious command of our Lord: "Go ye *also* into the vineyard." It is a marvel of grace, but just like our Lord Jesus, that He is willing to accept the last hour in His gracious service. Abounding goodness calls at the Eleventh Hour; and momentous work can be done in the last minutes before the sunset of a wasted life. God is calling us at all times and in all places; by day and by night; by circumstances, by Scriptures; by hopes, by fears.

Now we close with that sunset scene. It is five o'clock, the hour before sunset; and as all laborers must, by the Law of Moses, be paid before sunset, less than one hour remains. The Eleventh Hour, named only here in the whole Bible, is an uncertain, elusive, difficult, but blessed hour. It is a rare hour for living; it is grace to an unusual degree—the call reaching the ears before the ears are dead; and it is, necessarily, the last invitation of grace. At the twelfth hour there is no call, for all the work is finished. "The night cometh, when no man can work." "Because I have called, and ye have refused . . . I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh" (Proverbs 1:24, 26).

We do well to take advantage of the opportunities of the Eleventh Hour. Sir Robert Matheson, Registrar General for Ireland, was going through Scotland when an unexpected delay arose. To pass away the time he entered a nearby cemetery and started reading the inscriptions on various tombstones. On one he was shocked to read, "Here lies the body of Robert Matheson . . ." This reading of his own name on an old tombstone was God's arrow of conviction to him. Ever after, like Saul of Tarsus, Robert Matheson determined to know nothing among man "save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Our Lord closes with a wonderful word. "The last shall be first!" Infinite possibilities lie within the grasp of those who face this final hour with determination to labor faithfully until the Lord of the vineyard says it is enough.

—Selected