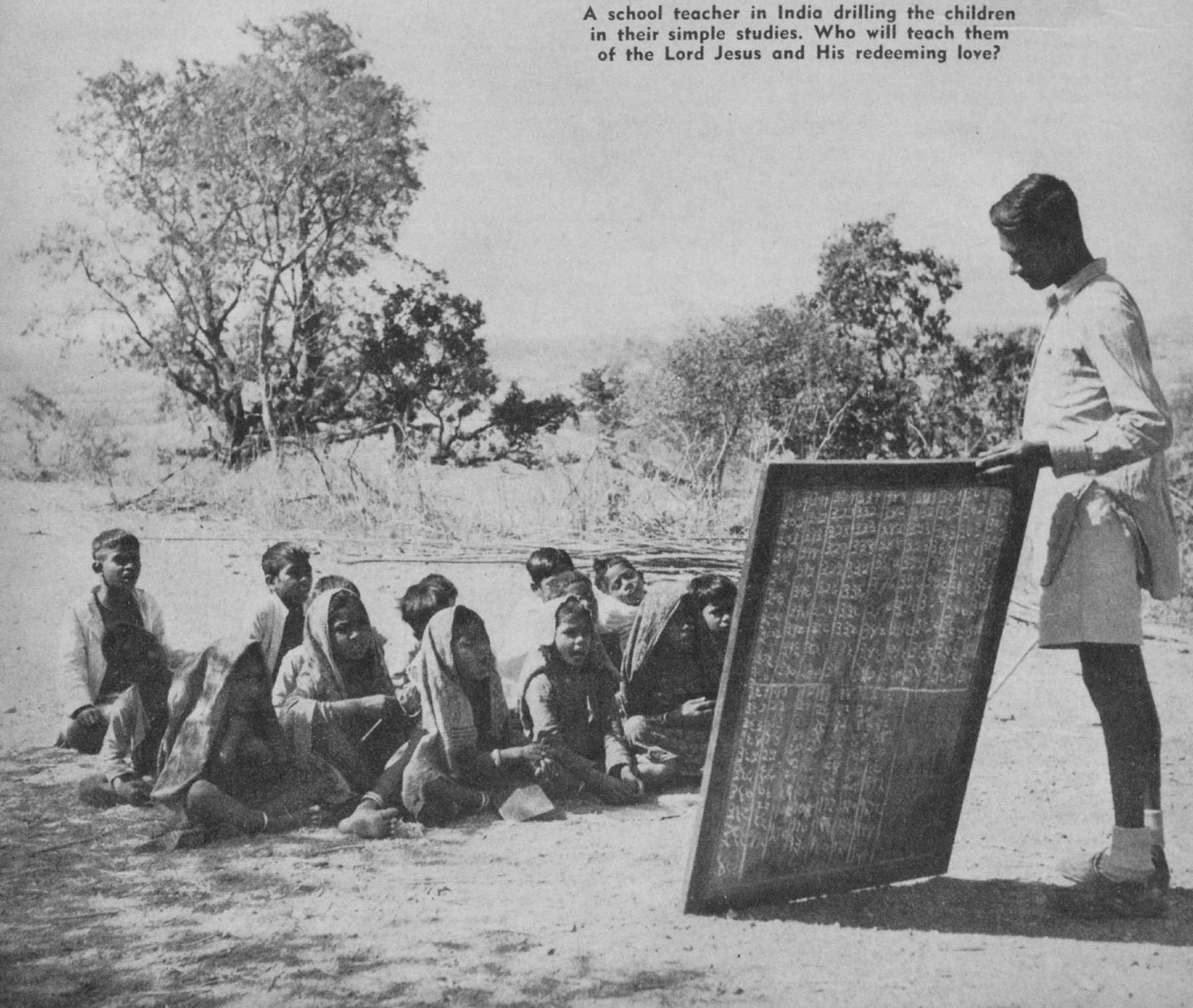


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

A school teacher in India drilling the children
in their simple studies. Who will teach them
of the Lord Jesus and His redeeming love?



PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Pentecost in Chile

In a report on Chile, the monthly magazine *Evangelical Christendom* says: "In a population of six million there is an evangelical community of about 250,000. The Pentecostalists number 60,000. The growth of the latter is one of the striking factors in Chile. For a time there was much division among them, but this is decreasing and the enthusiasm of this community is now being devoted to the task of evangelism."

The Most Popular Book

"What is the most popular book in the New York Public Library?" a New York daily newspaper recently asked.

Without hesitation, Ralph A. Beals, director of the Library, answered: "The Bible. Morning, afternoon, and evening, until the main reading room of the central building closes at 10 p.m., there is always a group immersed in various translations and editions from our extensive and notable collection of the Holy Scriptures."

War Prisoners Studying Bible

In a single United Nations detention camp in South Korea, 6,729 North Korean war prisoners enrolled in a comprehensive New Testament course and 3,850 others took up Old Testament study. Chaplain Harold Voelkel reports that more than half of these prisoners have already completed their courses and received diplomas. The study courses are "of high standard," he says, and require "a great deal of memory work" by the students.

Winning Children for Christ

The Child Evangelism Fellowship is doing a great work for God's kingdom by stirring up the people of various denominations to win boys and girls to Christ. Some 400 delegates from all parts of America and overseas met in Denver recently for the seventh international Child Evangelism Fellowship conference. They were told that the Fellowship now has 135 full-time workers in 60 foreign countries, and full-time directors working with lay committees in every state.

Franklin Ellis, International Director of the organization, said that active programs are going on in 1,000 communities, but pointed out that the workers dare not relax their efforts to expand. He stated that there are still some 20 million youngsters in the United States who are not receiving any religious education, to say nothing of the large numbers of children in foreign nations throughout the free world.

"I believe the pendulum has started to swing the other way," he said. "Children are getting more religious training now than they did five years ago, but there is still plenty of work to do."

Spiritual Hunger in Brazil

It is reported that there is a vast spiritual thirst and hunger for God in Brazil. For example, in the city of Bauru, Sao Paulo, a Presbyterian church has been holding a prayer meeting every morning at six o'clock. It started with 43 present. A month later the attendance had increased to 235. Six months later, 800 were participating.

Unevangelized Tribes

There are still 1,000 tribes in the world without the gospel. Edwin J. Pudney of the Unevangelized Fields Mission lists them as follows: 350 tribes in Africa, 300 in South America, 100 in India, 70 in Siberia, 60 in China, 60 in Indo-China, and 60 in the Philippines. Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). If we would hasten the end of this age and the return of our Lord to earth, we must do our utmost to give the gospel to every tribe for a witness.

A LETTER FROM "RED CHINA"

Edgar Steinberg of Santa Barbara, California, informs us that a letter has finally reached him from Anna Ziese, his sister-in-law. Miss Ziese is the only Assemblies of God missionary still remaining in Communist China. We have had no communication from her for over a year so are thankful to get this information. Her letter reads as follows:

Tai Yuan, May 1, 1953

My dear Sister Ida and Edgar:

I will just write a few lines to let you know that I am well, also well cared for, and also well treated by everyone, so don't be anxious, I know all are praying for me.

Please write my sister Helen and family and Brother and Sister Perkin. I am sure they will be glad too, to hear from me.

With loving greetings to you and all my dear family.

I remain your Anna.

"Immanuel." It is best if you don't write to me.

* * *

Since we cannot communicate with our sister nor contribute to her support in any way, it is important that all our readers pray especially for her. God is able to bring deliverance.

A Costly Career

If you love life more than you love the souls of men, don't take up missionary work as a career! Two American missionaries, Walter Erickson and Edward Tritt, were found dead last fall, deep in the interior of New Guinea. Four natives who served as carriers for the Evangelical Missionary Alliance missionaries have confessed to murdering them. The motive evidently was robbery.

Broadcasting the Gospel

It is reported that the last remaining Protestant radio program in Colombia has been ordered off the air by the Ministry of Communications. The program, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Girardot, had been broadcast each Saturday for the past five years.

The only other country in South America which does not permit gospel broadcasting is Argentina. Peru has recently granted permission. Pray for the gospel broadcasting work in South America and throughout all the world. It offers great possibilities as a means of evangelizing the nations.

"Into All the World"

The Assemblies of God are responding to the Saviour's call, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," by fully supporting 639 foreign missionaries in 55 distinct mission fields throughout the earth. These missionaries are assisted by 4,074 national pastors or leaders. There are 3,897 Assembly of God mission stations or churches in these foreign lands where an estimated 310,000 believers regularly gather for worship. Of this number, 214,782 believers have been baptized and 34,668 have been filled with the Holy Spirit. We should thank God for this golden harvest, but we must pray without ceasing for the "untold millions yet untold."

Do You Realize . . .

That there are 2,500,000,000 people in the world, and over half of them have never heard the name of Jesus?

That the population of the world is growing faster than the Church of the Lord Jesus?

That by 1980 there will be 3,523,000,000 people living on the earth, according to a United Nations estimate?

That every day 230,000 babies are born into the world, while only 170,000 people die, leaving a net population increase of 60,000 souls a day?

That considerably less than 60,000 souls are being led to Christ every day at the present time?

That among the 170,000 who die daily, over 100,000 die without any knowledge of Christ whatsoever?

That there are 200 million people in Europe alone who have never laid their eyes on a Bible?

That the U.S.A. has some 250,000 ministers of the gospel, whereas there are only 18,000 American Protestant missionaries in all the rest of the world?

That world evangelization is the main job of the Church and ought to be the prime concern of every Christian?

The Four-fold Call of the Lord of the Harvest

Noel Perkin

LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK (Luke 4:33).

This is a command of Jesus, and if we really love Him we will not fail to do as He says.

What are we to look at? The Scripture from which the above words are quoted refers to the great harvest field. A harvest of souls is waiting to be reached by those who are able and willing to wield the sickle of God's Word. The great Lord of the harvest is anxious to get the harvest in. The thunderstorms of His judgments soon must break upon the world, and He is not willing that one sheaf of the harvest should be lost.

We feel safe in stating that the reason some Christian people are not concerned about the needs of the vast unevangelized multitudes is that they never have obeyed the command of Jesus to look upon the fields. One cannot have a burden for missions unless the need is presented to him. Let us lift up our eyes from the ground on which we are standing and look abroad upon the millions who have never yet heard the name of Christ. Their hands are stretched out in mute appeal. They seek for God but they have no one to tell them how to find Him.

Africa with its 196,000,000 souls has many missionaries but they are spread out so thinly. There is only one missionary to 17,000 people. Less than two-thirds of Africa's population have come under the influence of the gospel. More than 70,000,000 people are entirely unevangelized.

India and Pakistan with their 437,000,000 people have only 4,200 missionaries, about one missionary to 101,000 population. More than half of the people are still unevangelized. Are they seeking God? Yes, but seldom finding.

China and its teeming millions! Once there were 4,000 missionaries in that land of 463,000,000 souls but today there are practically none. The iron fist of Communism has slammed the door shut. All of our missionaries but one have been obliged to leave. There are estimated to be 1,500,000 Protestant Christians in that land. These dear people continue to wor-

ship Christ, for the most part. Some have succumbed to the anti-Christian propaganda of Communism, but most of the Christians are standing true and are doing what they can to win others for Christ. But more than half of China's population is totally unevangelized. The door closed before the task of the Church was half finished!

But Japan lies before us. The door to that land of 83,000,000 souls is wide open today. Only 33,000,000 have been brought within the range of the gospel witness thus far. Some 50,000,000 souls in Japan are yet unevangelized; they have not yet had an opportunity to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

What about our "Samaria," that great continent of South America and the countries of Central America, as well as the Spanish-speaking people of North America? The combined population is calculated to be 196,000,000 and less than two-thirds have been told of the way of salvation. Some 70,000,000 souls in Latin America remain unevangelized today.

Then let us turn our eyes to the isles of the seas (the Philippines, Indonesia, the Pacific islands). These isles have a popu-



NOEL PERKIN
Foreign Missions Secretary



Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest."

lation of approximately 76,000,000 and nearly half of the people still wait to hear the Saviour's name for the first time.

Look at Southeast Asia—the lands of Burma, Thailand, French Indo-China, and Malaya. There are 67,000,000 souls for whom Christ died, and 40,000,000 of them are still unevangelized. Missionaries? Yes, there are 456 missionaries, but if these were spread out over the entire area there would be only one missionary to 148,000 population.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields." Look, and see that the fields are already white unto harvest. Look, and see that millions are perishing every year without Christ and without a ray of light to scatter the eternal darkness. How great is the need! How urgent is the call! Let us look, and look until we are moved to pray.

LIFT UP YOUR HEART AND PRAY (Matthew 9:38).

The task of reaching the multitudes with the gospel is too much for us. The need is too vast, but it is not too great for God. He poured out His Holy Spirit upon a little handful of disciples at Pentecost, and the flame soon spread until the then-known world was evangelized.

The sources of men and money can be released through prayer. The doors of opportunity can be opened through prayer. What if the great land of China is closed to our missionaries? What if Russia and Eastern Europe are sealed off by an iron curtain? What if the Arab world does

SEND ME

Is there some desert or some path-
less sea
Where Thou, great Lord of Harvest,
wilt send me?
Some handful of His corn to take
and scatter
Far afield, till it, in turn, shall yield
Its hundredfold?
Show me the desert, Father, or the
sea.
Is it Thine enterprise?
Great God—send me!
—Selected

present a seemingly impenetrable barrier? With God all things are possible. What men cannot do, God can do, if His people pray. If our hearts are moved by the tremendous spiritual needs of this poor lost world, we can utter that effectual fervent prayer that avails much with God. It is not the multitudes of words that counts, but the prayer that rises from a burdened heart. The Holy Spirit will pray through us with groaning which cannot be uttered. May God give us praying hearts.

LIFT UP YOUR FEET AND GO (Matthew 28:19).

A real vision of the need and sincere prayer that it may be met will unfailingly result in a willingness to do what we personally are able to do. It will cause us to put ourselves unreservedly in God's hands to "go and teach all nations," or to take some active part in reaping the harvest.

Ever since God poured out His Spirit nineteen hundred years ago, the church has been a "going" concern. Stagnation is due to the leaking out of the Spirit's power. The Spirit of God is a missionary spirit which is moved with compassion for the multitudes. To yield to this Spirit means to be constrained to take some part either in going to the mission field or in helping those who are called and qualified to go. If we cannot go, then there is still one way in which we can help.

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS AND GIVE (Matthew 10:8).

Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." It may be that although you have a vision of the need and a burden of prayer for the lost, as well as a willingness to go, yet you know for various reasons God is not expecting you to go as a foreign missionary. Fortunately God

has provided a way for you to have a part in reaping the harvest. You can turn the fruit of your labors into service for this one great end. If God has given you gifts which enable you to make money, the dollars you earn may be turned into messengers of the gospel if you will use them to help support a missionary or native worker on the foreign field.

Why not start today, if you are not already a regular contributor to missions, and determine by God's help that from this time forward you will do your part in helping the millions of souls who know not God, that they may at least have a chance to enter into this glorious salvation?

*"Soon the time for reaping will be over;
Soon we'll gather for the harvest home;
May the Lord of harvest smile upon us,
May we hear His blessed, 'Child, well done.'"*

ONLY 2½c A DAY!

The 370,118 members of the Assemblies of God in the United States averaged only 2½c a day in their giving for Foreign Missions (per capita) during 1952. This amount supported our 639 foreign missionaries and their families, helped our national workers, erected mission buildings, etc.

Think what we could do for God if we doubled our giving and gave a nickel a day for Foreign Missions. We could build more Bible schools in foreign lands. We could construct church buildings where congregations are too poor to build them. We could give relief to Christian widows and orphan children who are actually suffering for lack of food and clothing. We could send new missionaries who are waiting for appointment, held back by lack of funds. We could increase our missionary force to 1,000 missionaries or more, and enter countries where as yet we have not been able to go.

If every member of every assembly gave only 5c a day for foreign missions!

IT PAYS TO SPEAK FOR JESUS

Ten-year-old Pat Stephen Bobbitt of Texas City, Tex. found that it pays to speak for Jesus. It paid him \$150!

Last month young Pat saw a man staggering down the street and accosted him, quoting scriptures and appealing to him to change his ways. He assured the man that "if you love the Lord, everyone will love you." He finally left the man crying.

The next night the 50-year-old alco-

holic, touched by the boy's concern for him, hunted out his parents' home and insisted that Pat accept \$150 as a reward for his help! The story, published in the Galveston Daily News, ended by saying that young Bobbitt is a member of the Assembly of God church and plans to study for the ministry.

It does pay to speak for Jesus. There may not always be a cash reward, but there are other rewards that are much more satisfying than silver or gold. The Bible says that they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12:3).

WHAT KIND OF MISSIONARY ARE YOU?

Someone has said that there are three kinds of missionaries—the Go-missionaries, the Co-missionaries, and the O-Missionaries. The "Go"-missionaries are those in the foreign field, who have gone forth as ambassadors for Christ. The "Co"-missionaries are those who cannot go themselves, but who stay behind in the homeland and co-operate by their prayers and gifts with those who go. The "O"-missionaries are those who have no vision, no interest in the salvation of souls, no part in missionary work.

May the word "Go" ring in our ears till we cannot rest, but go forth with a passion for souls, with a message of love, with a vision of the glory of the Lord. Let us respond to His call and say, "Here am I, send me." But if we cannot be "Go"-missionaries, by all means let us be "Co"-missionaries. They also have an important part in the evangelization of the world, and will receive the reward from the Lord. "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike" (1 Sam. 30:24).

Someone speaking to a group of missionaries ready to sail for China said, "Friends, you are going to China; there is war going on in that land and there are many dangers, so you must be prepared to die at any moment." One of them stood up and said, "Brother, we die before we go." It is not being prepared to die, not being half-dead, but being a crucified messenger of the crucified Lord—like Paul, who said, "I am crucified with Christ"; "Always bearing about in the body of the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (2 Cor. 4:10).
—Selected.

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Their Own Religions Are NOT

"Good Enough for Them"

Oswald J. Smith

"WHY SEND missionaries to the heathen? Leave them alone. They are far happier as they are. Their own religions are good enough for them."

Such are the statements we hear on every side. Such are the objections that are raised to missionary work. Travelers come home and tell us that the heathen are perfectly happy and contented as they are, and that the work of the missionary is unnecessary.

But we do not think that their own liquor is good enough for them. Oh, no, we ship them ours. Nor is their own tobacco good enough for them. They must have our cigarettes. Their own education is not good enough either, so we give them ours. Their medical work is inadequate, and so ours is substituted. Even their agricultural methods won't do, so the United Nations introduce ours.

Now the Bible says, "The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty" (Psalm 72:20). And so it is. The trouble is the tourists do not stay long enough to find out. Heathenism is characterized by cruelty. Fear grips their hearts. They are in constant dread of evil spirits, spirits that must somehow be appeased.

AFRICA

I am thinking now of my visit to Africa. It was at midnight. Suddenly there was a death wail in the village; a little baby had died. Immediately the witch doctor was called. The villagers were aroused. Before long he had pointed out a woman whom he accused of having caused the death of the little one. She immediately protested, insisting that she was innocent, but she had to be tried. They hurried her away to the tree that stood in the center of the village. She was told to climb it and then hurl herself from the topmost bough. She began to climb. Presently she sat on one of the branches and again protested her innocence. Everyone knew she was telling the truth. She was one of the finest women in the village, highly respected by all, but the witch doctor had pointed her out as the one guilty, hence she had to prove her innocence.

Presently she commenced climbing again, until she had reached the very

highest limb of the tree. There she sat, again maintaining her innocence. Then before the horrified gaze of the missionary, she threw herself down to the hard ground and was almost instantly killed, most of the bones of her body being broken. She was thereby judged guilty. Had she been innocent she would have



been unharmed, the witch doctors say.

That, my friends, has happened in the case of hundreds upon hundreds. Why? Because of religion. Heathen religions demand it, hence there is no escape.

Would you be willing to take her place? Until you are prepared to accept her religion, and give up your Christianity, let no one ever hear you say, "Their religions are good enough for them." If they are not good enough for you, then they are not good enough for them.

AUSTRALIA

I am thinking of my visit to the aborigines of Australia. Away back in the heart of that continent there is an immense desert where it gets very hot, and there the aborigines live, almost naked, often sleeping on the sand.

A mother gives birth to a baby. Someone in the village dies. A victim must be found. Before long the witch doctor makes his way toward the new-born babe. The mother clutches it, frantically, to her breast, but without a moment's hesitation

the witch doctor tears it from her arms, amid her shrieks and cries, lays it on its back in the sand, forces open its little mouth, takes handfuls of sand and pours them into the open mouth and down the throat, until its mouth is filled with sand, and the little thing strangles and chokes to death.

Why? Because their religions demand it. There must be a human sacrifice. Evil spirits have to be appeased.

Would you be willing to change places with that mother? If her religion is good enough for her, then it is good enough for you. But unless you are willing to take her place, and have your little newborn baby torn from your arms and put to death, as hers was, you have no right to say that her religion is good enough for her. It is because of religion that these horrible practices are carried on.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

I am thinking, too, of my visit to the South Sea Islands. John Geddes was one of the first missionaries to go to the South Sea Islands from Canada, years ago. As he stepped ashore he saw a group of people, and on the ground the body of a man. Under a tree he saw a young woman, a beautiful young woman. She was the widow of the man who had died.

Suddenly the natives approached her. She was unresisting. Full well she knew what would happen. They placed a cord around her neck, and then commenced to strangle her to death. John Geddes rushed toward her, in an effort to rescue her, but he was rudely pushed away and told to mind his own business. And there before his horrified eyes that beautiful young woman was slowly strangled to death, and her body placed beside that of her husband.

Why? Because their religion demanded that when a husband died his widow must be strangled to death to accompany him on his journey. And if the eldest son is old enough, he is the one who must strangle his mother. Moreover, all the children, if they are too young to support themselves, must likewise be put to death. That is religion, heathen religion.

Would you be willing, my friend, to change places with that widow? Could you look forward to such an experience in the event of your husband's death? If her religion is good enough for her, then it is good enough for you; and if it is not good enough for you, then do not say that it is good enough for her.

INDIA

Never will I forget my visit to India, and that day when the body of the husband—
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A shipment of gospel literature produced by Emmanuel Press, South Africa. The paper was purchased with funds donated by the Boys' and Girls' Missionary Crusade.

among the old readers as well as the thousands of new readers who are eager for something to read. How grateful we are to our C. A.'s for supplying "Speed-the-Light" funds to purchase improved printing machinery for our shop. We are also indebted to the Boys' and Girls' Missionary Crusade for six tons of newsprint which enables us to print hundreds of thousands of gospel books and papers.

We look forward to sending the gospel, by way of the printed page, on a greatly increasing scale as well as in additional languages. Hungry minds must be fed with good reading. The people are determined to read something—why should it not be gospel literature?

Among the Lepers in South Africa

Irene Dietrich, Johannesburg

EVERY OTHER WEEK I visit the Leper Asylum some 40 miles from here just outside the city of Pretoria. The people are a mixture—Chinese, Africans, Indians, whites and mestizos. I am endeavoring to reach each one of the 1,300 inmates with a tract.

I visit the various wards in turn. After distributing tracts I play some records on the P. A. system. It is such a joy to see their faces light up as they listen to the songs and messages. The P. A. system is a real boon to the work.

Recently after a service with one of the groups, 35 men stepped forward for prayer. Many of them had tears streaming down their scarred and disfigured faces.

The last service of the day is a meeting with the white nurses. They, too, seem interested. Pray for the people in this needy institution that many may accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Preaching By Printing

Merlin I. Lund, South Africa

"Emmanuel Press at Nelspruit is one of the most potent agencies for good in all South Africa."—H. B. Garlock.

TRACTS AND BOOKS in many languages, carrying the good news of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, are daily streaming from the Assemblies of God Emmanuel Press out into the vast regions and remote areas of the African continent. Into hospitals, prisons, schools, locations, mining compounds, along the roadside and in the bush, the message of Christ and His love is now being carried by means of the printed page.

Only a few days ago an African worker came into the Press bookstore and asked to see me. He informed me that his name was Stephen Mahlaba of White River. The man requested a good supply of Zulu tracts as he had given out all that he had. He stated that he gave a man named John Nonyane our Zulu gospel paper called "Evangelii Lensindiso." When John reached home he gathered his family around him and read it to them. As a result the whole family repented and gave themselves to the Lord. A total of eight souls—the man, his wife, three girls, and three boys, all won to the Lord through one paper!

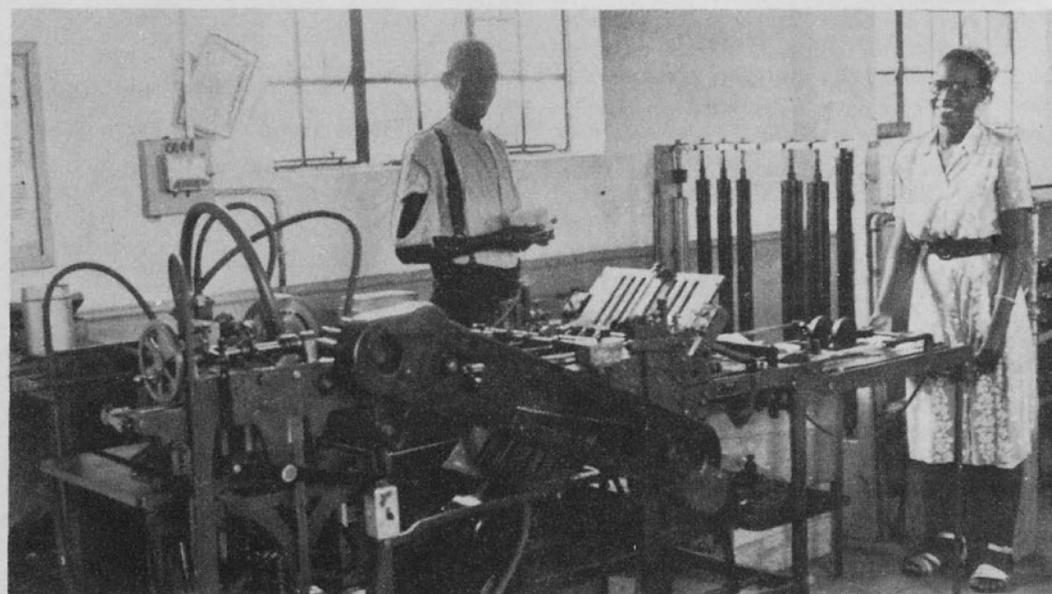
The Lord Jesus has given us a great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He has given us a great responsibility and an equally great opportunity! The distribution of gospel literature has a vital part in the fulfilling of our great commission. It is an encouraging sign to note that many African workers and an

increasing number of missionaries are being awakened to the importance of literature distribution as a means of reaching the multitudes for Christ.

Potential readers of gospel literature are ever mounting in number. Throughout the length and breadth of the land little groups of Africans are meeting each evening around their open fires, eagerly studying their readers under the guidance of another African who has advanced a little further than his pupils in their common desire to read.

In our bookstore we sell gospel books in a score of languages, and we also carry graded series of readers. The demand has never been as great as it is this year! While I write I can hear the strains of a gospel song in Zulu which tells me that the evening school is over and the Christian teacher is turning it into a gospel meeting.

Improved facilities in the Emmanuel Press are making it possible for more literature to be produced and distributed



"Speed-the-Light" funds contributed by the C.A.'s in America furnished this automatic folding machine for Emmanuel Press. It operates at the rate of 9,000 folds per hour.

The Bible Institute Is Growing

Trinidad C. Esperanza, Manila

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a number of Filipinos who had been converted in the U. S. returned to their own country to give the full gospel message. They had been trained in Bible Schools in the States and were baptized with the Holy Spirit. God blessed their ministry and they succeeded in establishing a number of churches in the Philippines.

In the course of time the young people of the Assemblies as well as the pastors felt that a Bible School was of vital importance. Hence Bethel Bible Institute came into being. The primary objective of the school is to train young men and women whom God has called into His service.

Since the inception of the work God has signally blessed the school. This year 20 students graduated from Bethel. In five years 62 workers for the Lord have been graduated. The student body now consists of 72 young men and women. Every week end 32 of the students hold services in nine different outstations.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Elvis B. Davis and family sailed May 7 on the AFRICAN DAWN for Takoradi, Gold Coast, Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Isom H. Wills sailed May 8 on the SS. SILVER STREAM for Bombay. Their final destination is Junnar, South India.

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Elizabeth Ann Beckdahl arrived May 12 in Landour-Mussoorie, North India. She weighed 9½ pounds at birth. The happy parents are Sam and Ruth Beckdahl.

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The McIntyres from Barcelona, Spain, write: "An unsaved woman has recently rented us the front room in her home. Tonight we held our first service there and twenty-three were present. Please continue to pray that we may be able to find a hall in a suitable location and that the owner will be willing to rent to us."

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Mrs. Esther Harvey from Dhanbad, India, sends the following interesting report: "You will be pleased to know that our people have raised \$400 toward their new church. At present we hold services on the verandah. But it is too hot in summer to worship there and too wet in the rainy season. Hence we are eagerly



Elvis D. Davis



Mrs. Elvis Davis

Gold Coast, West Africa



Mrs. Isom Wills



Isom Wills

South India

looking forward to the day when we can have our own church. We recently built a baptismal tank and when it gets a bit warmer we expect to have a baptismal service.

"We covet your prayers for two young Hindu men who have surrendered their lives to the Lord. Their father is very opposed to this step and has forbidden them to attend our services."

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Brother and Sister Joseph Brown of Egypt write: "We have been back in Egypt since the first of the year. What a busy time it has been! As we travel about we see many needs which cause us to cry out to God that the light of His glorious gospel shall shine into darkened hearts. Everywhere there is a revival spirit in evidence. Seldom do we have a meeting with less than several hundred in attendance. Congregations are being formed faster than we can supply pastors for them. In many places Christians have already built their churches. Now they are sitting and waiting for someone to minister the Word of God to them. We are counting on you to pray."

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Rosa Reincker, Ceylon, reports the fol-

lowing: "God richly blessed the ministry of Evangelist Harvey McAlister during our special campaign held March 29 through April 5. Nightly the sick crowded to the front of the tent hopeful of receiving healing. God did not disappoint them. Many were healed instantly. Some testified that they were healed while sitting in their seats.

"Despite the threatening weather people came in increasing numbers to the tent. The last night the estimated crowd reached 800."

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The Morelocks in Mexico write: "We have recently dedicated a new church in the mountains of Veracruz. It is in a very isolated area. The church is a simple structure and not very commodious but will serve present needs.

"We also had the privilege of dedicating a new church in Puebla. This church has taken ten years of labor and sacrifice to complete. Due to lack of funds the construction was paralyzed for some time.

"In Guadalajara another church has recently been completed. Several souls were saved in the first service. We thank God for these 'lighthouses' where needy men and women may find salvation."



Students of Bethel Bible Institute, Manila, say "Thank you" for the Bibles which they received following an appeal made in the EVANGEL some months ago.

Read this pungent sermon by one of the 4,074 national ministers who are associated with our American missionaries in the great task of world evangelization.

"Where Is Miriam?"

Alfred Gumedé*

And Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. Numbers 12:10.

WHAT A GIFTED house had Amram! What an honor to that man of the house of Levi who took to wife a daughter of Levi! This was a remarkably rich slave-hut, with Miriam and Aaron and Moses all born into it. Who can estimate the blessing, the joy, the glory of having such children to rear for the Lord, for Israel, and for all the world. The slave-hut of Amram, with Jochebed his wife (whose name means "God-my-glory"), was wealthy indeed with Miriam the prophetess, and Aaron the high priest, and Moses the deliverer, leader, and lawgiver of Israel in the household.

We find Miriam near the River Nile, watching the little boat float among the bulrushes (Exodus 2:1-10). Take a good look, Miriam, and let not your eyes wander off the little ark. No other maiden shall ever have such a watch till the fullness of time, when another Miriam shall watch over a Child still more fair to God than your brother. Watch well, Miriam, and you shall not want for wages. Great riches are hidden in that ark, far greater than the riches of Egypt. The civilization and the sanctification of the whole world is in your keeping. The law of the prophets to come are under your eye. Highly favored Miriam, the sister of Moses, do your part well; and wherever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, this that you are doing today will be told for a memorial of you.

Miriam, Moses' sister, proved herself to be a very crafty little woman that day. If it was at all her thinking, she displayed the art and the craft of the little prophetess that she was already—"Shall I go and call thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?" Mothers, just watch the self-control of "God-my-glory," the mother of Miriam and Moses. Could you have so hardened your heart till you got him home, before you could kiss him and squeeze him tightly to your breast, and cry out: "Darling, I have you again. Praise God, praise God!" Could you have been on your

guard always to hold him at arm's length as Moses' Hebrew nurse did whenever an Egyptian neighbor came near? A mother worthy of prophets, and priests, and prophetesses; and best of all, "God-her-glory!" Moses does not tell us when his dear mother passed on to eternity; but her name lives on, "God-my-glory."

Eighty years have passed and we see Israel as a nation across the Red Sea (Exodus 15:20, 21). The glory of the Lord is upon them. Miriam, Moses and Aaron are at the head. They are singing the praises of God like the sound of many waters. By this time Miriam herself is a prophetess, and is able to take the foremost place in the women's sacred songs and sacred dances. In their triumphant song the tokens of the celebrated eloquence of Aaron can be seen; and Miriam, catching its strains and power, takes it down from the lips of Aaron, and teaches it to the women. The sacred singing and sacred dancing of that day were the epoch of the leadership of the house of Amram and Jochebed, "God-her-glory." We have the promise that if we flee from Egypt, and do not turn to it, we ourselves also shall one day join Moses and Aaron and Miriam on the sea of glass, where, with the harps of God in our hands, we shall all sing together "the song of Moses and the Lamb."

But for Moses' marriage, Miriam would have been the sovereign woman in all Israel for all her days. Moses' marriage was more than what Miriam could bear. She



ALFRED GUMEDE

had been Moses' sister, and his closest companion, and his most confidential friend now for forty years. Miriam had sat at the council-table with Moses and Aaron and the assembled elders of Israel. Miriam was the first famous woman in Israel. But for Moses' marriage, Miriam would have shone beside Moses till her eye also was not dim, nor her natural strength abated.

But Moses' inmarriage made Miriam as weak and as evil as any wicked woman in all the camp. "Set me as the seal upon thine heart!" Miriam cried to Moses in a storm of tears, when she saw the Ethiopian woman coming to take her place. "Set me as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is as cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame (Song of S. 8:6). What a life of torment did Miriam live those days because of Moses' marriage. Her heart was full of hell-fire at Moses' innocent wife and innocent children, and even at her meek and innocent brother himself. Her wild jealousy kindled her wild pride, and her wild pride inflamed her wild, insane and impious envy, and then her wild and impious envy led her into her fatal trespass against Moses and against God.

Aaron had great gifts of intellect, and he performed many services both of an intellectual and a spiritual nature; but Aaron was hopelessly bankrupt of strength and character. He could speak well when a strong man like Moses stood by his side, and that was all. He never exhibited a mind of his own. He was easily tossed about and swayed away. These two grave faults contributed to Aaron's trespasses. In one case, it was the idolatrous and rebellious people; and in this case, it was his envious and rebellious sister. We do not have in the record even half of what Miriam said to Aaron.

There were days and weeks and months, and possibly even years of insinuation, suspicion, wounded pride and bitter envy all gathered up in these few words: "Hath the Lord spoken only to Moses?" Miriam belched to Aaron, "Hath He not also spoken by us?" Aaron's vain heart was instantly kindled into envy and ambition, and with Miriam blowing long enough upon it, Aaron's heart also burned up into answering flame. Numbers 12:1-16.

All the time Moses was not blind; he was not deaf. And Moses' wife was not a stone, though a prophetess she was not. The Lord saw no small pain, shame and grief in the tent of Moses, though Moses was meek as if he were a deaf man who heard not, and a dumb man who does not open his mouth. He might have prayed David's prayer: "My lovers and my friends stand aloof from me, and my kinsmen stand afar off. They also that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long. Hear me,

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lest otherwise they should rejoice over me; when my foot slippeth they magnify themselves against me."

Suddenly the Lord speaks unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam. "Come out, ye three, unto the tabernacle of the congregation." And they three come out. There they go to the tabernacle. Look at them; feel sorry for them. Moses the leader and lawgiver, and Aaron the high priest, and Miriam the prophetess, and all Israel looking in anguish of heart after them. This is the wages of Miriam's sin begun. This is all the fruit of her envy, and insinuation, and detraction, and slander against her brother and her brother's wife. This is the outcome of Aaron's weakness, softness, and easiness under temptation. Now Aaron feels the shame of letting Miriam come into his tent and sit and whisper and backbite, when he ought to have turned her out, prophetess though she was.

"What was it that ye two sat and spake against your brother?" called God to Miriam and Aaron. "In what hath he hurt you? In what hath he taken any word of Mine out of your mouth? In what hath he failed in all his duty to Me? My servant Moses is faithful in all Mine house." The cloud departed from the tabernacle; and behold, Miriam was leprous, white as snow. Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold she was leprous; and for seven days and seven nights Miriam was shut out of the camp of Israel, and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

Let all the envious men and women look at their "mother" well. Look at Miriam's beginning; look at her watching the ark of bulrushes. Look at her nursing her little brother in the house of her godly mother. Look at her in rapture, like one out of the body with the joy of the Lord, at the Red Sea. And now see to what her wicked heart and her wicked tongue have brought her.

Look at her with pity! See her hand upon her throat, and a linen cloth upon her lips! Listen to her hoarse sepulchral voice, wandering far from camp, crying out: "Unclean! Unclean!" when any one came in sight.

Can this be Miriam? Look at all men fleeing away from her. Look at her hiding away in shame all day long, hiding behind the sandhills of the wilderness, and coming out at night to look at the lights in Moses' tent and in Aaron's. Yes, envy-filled man and woman, look at your "mother" with her flesh half consumed; go out and walk with her all night; go out and hide with her all day. Go out and cry her cry, all you who cannot bear to see or to hear the honors, and the success, and the services, and the calling, and the gifts of God in your brother. Go out! Your true place is not among the saints in God's tents. Your true place

is outside the gates of all good and honest men. Your heart is hard and dry, and like the leper's dead body.

This was a week of remorse in all the tents in Israel. "Where is Miriam?" "Why are we stopping here all this week?" "Tell us, where is Aunt Miriam all this week?" the little children would ask. "Why is the high priest Aaron so sad all this week? Why is Moses always walking alone?" What were the thoughts of Moses' wife? Was she happy that Miriam was outside crying: "Unclean"? Then I would know whether Miriam was justified for being bitter that she had married her brother. Was she busy preparing for the day of cleansing when Miriam would come in again?

Miriam returned after seven days; but her sin and its judgment had silenced her song and ended her prophecy. Miriam did not live long after that week. It was not her age, nor was it the dregs of leprosy. Miriam died of a broken heart. All the sprinklings, and all the bathings, and all the benedictions of Aaron her brother could not heal her hurt. All the love and the honor, all the trust and confidence of her other brother Moses; and all the sisterly tenderness of Moses' wife, and the games played by her neph-

ews, Moses' children, could not heal Miriam's broken heart. Miriam blotted out her name in Israel from that week. Her name is blotted out from her brother's books from that week. Miriam died in Israel and to all the world in the leper's house of Hazereth.

Miriam's songs and dances are now past, not even on the sabbath day would Miriam leave her weeping tent. "Unclean! Unclean!" Where is Miriam? If you would ever hear or see Miriam now, you must venture out the gate and go to where the lepers sit isolated, and where they follow the camp afar off. She is sitting down with them. She is talking to them. She is telling them all about herself. She is promising them that she will speak to Aaron her brother on their behalf. She will buy the two birds on her way home after dark.

No, it was not the years, and it was not sickness; but Miriam soon died (Numbers 20:1). Miriam sleeps at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin till they shall awaken her with the song of Moses and the Lamb, saying, and she answering with a timbrel "Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou art holy" (Rev. 15:3, 4). Amen.



GOD SO LOVED—EVEN DIOMEDE!

The work of the National Home Missions Department covers eight distinct fields at the present time. One of the most progressive of these fields is the Alaskan Territory. We have twenty churches, five Children's Homes, and our Revivaltime radio program spearheading our gospel efforts in that territory. In addition to these we have two gospel boats and a number of airplanes in service in the interest of speeding the gospel there.

But it was neither one of our fine gospel boats nor a gospel airplane that carried Harriet Brown, a missionary with a heart for those in the regions beyond, to the small rocky island of Little Diomede. Following is this consecrated missionary's own account of her skin-boat trip to this Eskimo Island:

Ever since I went to Nome, Alaska, I had a great interest in the people of Little Diomede Island. I would see a few of them come each summer to Nome in their skin boats to seek work, or to sell their fine ivory carvings, and it was always a great heartache to see them sell their

good carvings cheaply, as quickly as possible, that they might buy liquor.

For many years they have had no missionary other than a Roman Catholic priest who visits them once a year for two or three weeks.

Having a desire to become better acquainted with the people and to get firsthand knowledge of the need on the Island, we left Nome, June 16th, 1952, travelling in a thirty-five foot skin boat. There were nineteen of us: three women, seven children, and nine men. The Eskimos were making this a hunting trip, and I went along as a passenger; nevertheless I enjoyed the thrill of being on a walrus hunt for the first time in my life. The hunting was good; by the time we reached Little Diomede the next evening our boat was weighted down well with fresh meat.

We approached the only village of the Island, passing along the west side between the Russian Island, which is Big Diomede, and our Island. These Islands are two and a half miles apart but they appear much closer.

The people of the village came running out of their houses when they heard the sound of our motor. As we climbed out on the rocky beach we were warmly greeted and taken to the home of the school teacher where we were to stay. Our Eskimo friends went to the igloo homes in the village where they were happily received since they had not seen the villagers for a year.

The plan was to spend three days at Diomede, but fog and wind descended upon us, holding us there for nine days. This gave me more opportunity than I had expected to visit in the homes and



This picture was taken as the hunting party approached the western shore of Little Diomede Island. It shows the only village on the Island. The village faces Big Diomede, a Russian-owned island only 2½ miles away.

to learn more about these people. We found them (the majority, at least) quite superstitious and lacking in knowledge of a Saviour who loved them and gave Himself for them. For example, I was told about an old couple who were ill, and who were planning to do away with themselves as was the early custom among the Eskimos when they became old.

When I heard this I hurried to their home, finding I had to bend down to walk through a long tunnel to a round opening above my head through which I pulled myself up into a clean looking

home. The old gentleman was lying on his bed on the floor; his wife was sitting beside him. In an opposite corner sat his elderly sister-in-law, who was a real picture of heathenism with her long scraggly grey hair, sharp beady eyes and unhappy expression at my coming. With the help of an interpreter, who was the only person on the Island making any attempt to act as a Christian should, I was able to tell these poor old people of a hope in heaven. I wish you could have seen the light that dawned in their eyes as we told them of Jesus. It was a happy time.

Everyone joined in the prayer as I was leaving. Through the interpreter, the old man said, "We had no hope until you came. Say 'thank you' to the people that sent you to us. Visit us often while you are here." The light flashing through the only window in the place, which was above our heads, seemed a little brighter just then, and the trip to Diomede seemed very worthwhile.

Through the days that followed I went bird hunting with the people. There were thousands and thousands of birds of several varieties. The Island is thirteen hundred feet high, and as far as one climbed up the steep rocky side there were plenty of birds to be seen.

I learned to enjoy bird soup because I had to. There was a scarcity of the food that I was accustomed to eating. I either had to go very hungry or eat walrus meat, too. On one of the hunting trips I found that the only food they had brought to eat was walrus meat, but it was tasty to eat, much like boiled beef. Hunting with the people helped us to become acquainted with them more easily and they invited us into their homes. It was a very interesting experience to sit on the floor in a circle with the family; while a kettle sang or a pot of meat or bird soup boiled merrily over a seal-oil stove, we would talk to them of the God who so loved this world, even Diomede. Praise His name!

I was able to have two services with them, one in the schoolhouse and one in a large igloo home. The homes are called igloos and are much the shape of a snow igloo except that they are made of stones. They have a very low door in front and one must kneel to enter. The inside of the homes is lined with boards and each home has a window in the roof. Some of the windows boast glass panes. I saw one of skin. The home where our services was held was a council house where they hold meetings and Eskimo dances. Both of



The 35-foot skin boat in which our Alaskan missionary, Harriet Brown, was a passenger along with several Eskimo hunters and their families. Here they are seen tying up to a large ice cake for a little rest on their way to Little Diomede Island. The trip of 135 miles was made in two days and one night.



Some of the children of the hunters with a few shy Island children, photographed after the missionary had taught them the story of Jesus in Sunday School. Little Diomede is only about fifty miles south of the Arctic Circle. The children seemed comfortable in parkas and boots, even though it was June.

these had long tunnels which led under the house to a round hole in the floor which was the doorway.

Our services were well attended and the interest was great. One of our crewmen who attends our Nome church accompanied our singing with his guitar and also sang some translated hymns with his mother. The people wanted more services; but it was hunting season and it was difficult to get them all together at a convenient time, so I continued my

contacts with them in the homes.

Most of the people came to the beach to see us off. Some whom I felt had been difficult to contact were the loudest in their cries of, "We want a missionary, come back, come back." Some even offered to build a church and a home for any missionary who would come. There are one hundred fifty people there without Christ. Will you pray with us that the same message of salvation which is preached so widely on the mainland will

also be preached on the Islands of the Bering Sea?

You can assist in the spreading of the gospel in Alaska by sending an offering today, designated for "Alaska Fund," to National Home Missions Department, (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

If you would like to know of specific needs among our missionaries in Alaska, just write a card or letter to the address above.

The Story of a Missionary Dollar

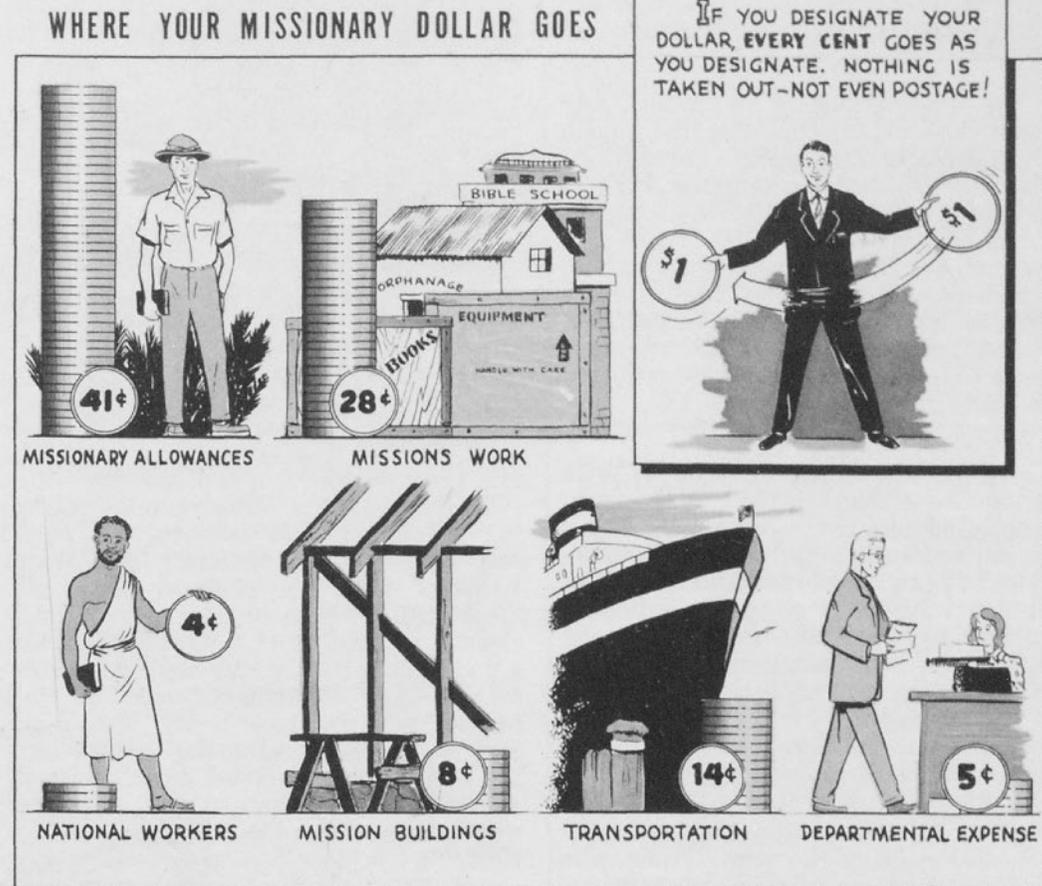
When you place a dollar in the missionary offering at your church, what happens to it? Have you ever wondered?

The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God keeps very careful records of where every dollar and every cent goes, and here is the story of a 1952 missionary dollar. It is obtained by adding all the offerings for Foreign Missions during the year, both designated and undesignated, and dividing the total number of dollars into the various items of expense involved in the great foreign missions effort of the Assemblies of God. The story shows that your missionary dollar is probably the hardest working dollar in your whole budget!

First of all, your dollar supports an army of 639 foreign missionaries. About forty-one cents of the missionary dollar is used to cover the actual living expenses of the missionaries and their children.

Your missionary dollar still has fifty-nine cents left so it spends twenty-eight cents for the general expense of the work on foreign soil. Gospel literature must be supplied. Preaching halls must be rented. Bible Schools must be maintained. Special equipment must be provided and operating expenses must be met. The twenty-eight cents pays for all of this. It runs the orphanages, too, and keeps the radio programs going on the foreign field.

A little arithmetic shows that thirty-one cents of the dollar still remain. There are over 4,000 national workers on the various mission fields, but less than four cents of the missionary dollar will be used



for them. Why? Because national pastors are often supported by their own congregations. The missionaries do help these workers get started in new towns by providing at least partial support for a time.

Then the missionary dollar erects buildings for the missionary work. It spends eight cents on these—not on missionary residences, but on churches, schools, and other buildings in which the gospel work is done.

The missionary dollar also pays the transportation bills. Distances traveled by the missionary are great. Oceans must be spanned; continents must be crossed, in order to reach all the distant corners of the harvest field. Yet just a little over fourteen cents of the missionary dollar is spent transporting the missionaries to the foreign fields and bringing them home for needed furloughs. This amount also pays the missionaries' traveling expenses while on the foreign field. It buys gasoline for Speed-the-Light vehicles, for instance.

A nickel is left in the missionary dollar, and it pays the office expense of the Foreign Missions Department. A world-wide missionary organization as large as this requires a large office staff to take care of the bookkeeping, correspondence, and all the other necessary operations, but every possible effort is made to economize. The missionary dollar gets big value for that nickel!

So there you have the story of your missionary dollar. We believe you will agree when we say, "The missionary dollar works hard!"

(NOTE: No portion of your missionary dollar is spent for office expenses unless you specify that it should be so used. If you designate your dollar for some particular missionary, every cent of it goes to that missionary. Nothing is taken even from undesignated offerings for office expense. A hundred cents of every dollar received at Springfield for foreign missions work goes to the foreign work, unless it is designated specifically for office expense.)

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH

Lesson for June 21

Acts 11:19-26

The heading may be misleading. Our lesson does not concern the first church which sent out missionaries, but the first church established through the work of missionaries. The reference is to the believers at Antioch, who are described as a church (v. 26). However, congregations of believers were probably established in other centers earlier than in Antioch. For example, a church was established at Samaria through the missionary work of Philip.

1. TRAVELING WITNESSES

a. *Scattered Through Persecution.* With the stoning of Stephen there arose a great persecution against the believers in Christ (v. 19), with the result that the brethren, instead of staying at Jerusalem and enjoying their religion, "were scattered abroad," and as they went they preached. In this instance at least, persecution proved to be a blessing. It might not have been such a blessing if, as in modern Italy and other places, freedom had been taken away, and they had been deprived of the opportunities for preaching, or for peaceful assembly.

b. *Evangelizing the Jews.* Those who were scattered were Jewish believers. As they went they "preached the word to none but unto the Jews only." They were zealous for God, but their eyes were not yet open to the fact that salvation was for all men. Since verse 19 takes us back to the stoning of Stephen and the persecution which resulted at that time, it is probable that those of our lesson who went everywhere preaching had left Jerusalem some time before Peter's experience in the home of Cornelius (Acts 11:1-18).

Some took the message of life to Phoenicia (or Phoenecia) which was situated between Galilee and Syria, near the Mediterranean Sea. Others traveled to Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean, and to Antioch, a city in Syria. Other places also had the gospel preached to them, although they are not mentioned.

c. *Great Success.* Wherever the earnest disciples went, the Lord worked with them. "The hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord."

2. A REVIVAL IN ANTIOCH

a. *Ministers in the Antioch Revival.* It is probable that several ministered at Antioch, among whom were men of Cyprus

and Cyrene (v. 20). No doubt they were Jews of the Dispersion who had accepted the gospel while visiting Jerusalem—possibly during the Feast of Pentecost—and had remained in Jerusalem to learn more of this way. Persecution had driven them out of Jerusalem and now they had come to Antioch, where they "spoke unto the Grecians." The reference is to the Hellenists, or Grecian Jews—Jews living among the Gentiles.

b. *Interest at Jerusalem.* Notice that the disciples "were all scattered abroad . . . except the apostles" (Acts 8:1). The church at Jerusalem continued and took part in deciding the matter of circumcision for the Gentile converts (ch. 15:12). The church at Jerusalem held an important place in the earliest days of Christianity. It had provided Peter and John to go to Samaria to pray that the believers there might be filled with the Spirit (Acts 8:14); now it sends Barnabas "that he should go as far as Antioch."

c. *Ministry of Barnabas.* (1) What Barnabas Was. He is described as "a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith"—a most worthy record. (2) What Barnabas Saw. When he got to Antioch he saw "the grace of God." As he beheld the worship and the spirit of the believers he knew that God surely had extended His grace to them. (3) How Barnabas Felt. He "was glad." He rejoiced because the new church was following the Lord and enjoying His blessing. (4) What Barnabas Did. He exhorted them all "that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." They had made a good start, but he was concerned that they should continue to obey God and have a good ending as well. While Barnabas was at Antioch "much people was added unto the Lord."

3. A CHURCH ESTABLISHED

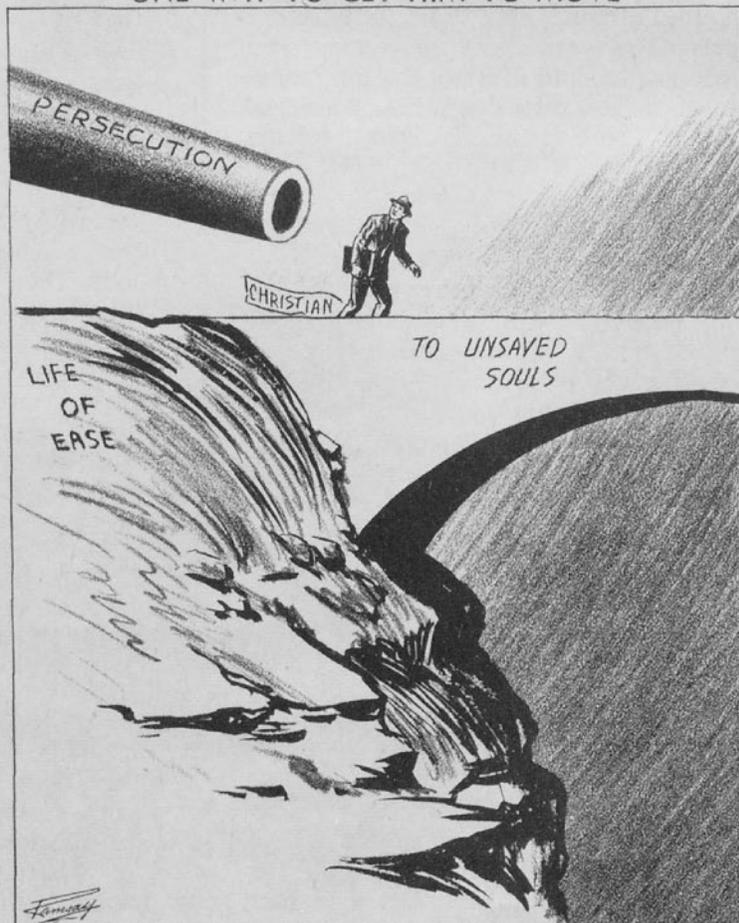
a. *Barnabas Seeks After Paul.* Notice the unselfishness of Barnabas. He could have stayed at Antioch alone, enjoying the blessing there, but he did not forget Saul of Tarsus. Saul (better known to us as Paul) had returned to his own city following the plot on his life (ch. 9:30). Would we dare say that he was discouraged or perplexed? God knows. Up to this time he had not been well received among the Jews. Whether he had as yet received the revelation of truth that came to him in Arabia we do not know (Gal. 1:17). We may well believe, however, that the friendship of Bar-

nabas meant much to Paul. Barnabas found him at Tarsus and brought him to Antioch. There Paul received great encouragement and help. He and Barnabas remained there a whole year, teaching the people. Barnabas did not try to do all the teaching; he recognized that Paul, too, had a contribution to make toward the edifying of the new church.

b. *The Church at Antioch.* A strong church was established at Antioch which became a center of Christianity. It was to this church that Agabus foretold the famine that later came to pass (v. 28). When this word was received, the church determined to send relief to the brethren at Jerusalem (v. 29). The church showed a truly Christian spirit. They were grateful for the spiritual help they had received from Jerusalem; now they would show their gratitude by sending material help in the hour of need. The same unselfish spirit was shown again when this church sent Barnabas and Saul on their missionary journey to the Gentiles.

c. *The Believers Called "Christians."* In the earlier accounts of the gospel work, the term used for the brethren had been "disciples." The Jews spoke of the new movement as "this way," meaning a new way of worship and faith. Now for the first time they were given the name "Christians"—"and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." The church may have taken this title to designate themselves as followers of Christ. It is probable, however, that this name was applied to them in derision. But where could a better name be found than Christians—"Christ-ones"? It is an honor

ONE WAY TO GET HIM TO MOVE



to bear such a name. Let us be careful to live up to our name!

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The First Preaching to Gentiles (lesson for Sunday, June 14). Lesson text: Acts 11: 5-16.

"GOOD ENOUGH FOR THEM"

(Continued from page five)

band was placed on a pile of wood, and then the widow, still alive and well, placed beside him. The two bodies, one dead and the other alive, were bound together, and then the whole set on fire. There, amid the shrieks and screams of the widow slowly burning to death, the natives gathered around, believing that the evil spirits were being pacified, and that now the husband would have his wife in the other life.

Do you mean to say that you would be willing to change places with that widow? Thousands upon thousands of widows have died in the flames when their husbands died, just because of religion. Are their religions good enough for them? Then they must also be good enough for you. If you, my friend, would not be willing to exchange places with that widow, to give up your Christianity and take her heathen religion, then do not say that her religion is good enough for her and that she is better off as she is.

MOSLEM WORLD

Will I ever forget the story of that Mohammedan who stood before the people in the center of the town and hacked his skull with a great long knife, until the blood flowed freely, then took newspapers and stuck them into those open gashes, after which he deliberately struck a match and set the whole on fire? There he stood, the fire sizzling the blood, burning the paper and the hair; the man enduring the most excruciating agony.

Why? you ask. Because of his religion. He must afflict his body; he must suffer; he must endure torture in order to gain a place in heaven, and so he tortures himself. Would you be willing to exchange places with him? Would his religion be good enough for you? Could you endure such torment? Would you be willing to suffer as he suffered?

The heathen are not better off as they are. They are not happy; they are miserable. They are most unhappy, they are wretched, they suffer; they are in fear of evil spirits constantly and are always attempting to appease them. There is no rest in heathenism, no peace, no joy. Therefore, let us do everything we possibly can to give them the gospel before it is forever too late, that they may experience the joy that you and I know in Christ.—Reprinted by permission from *The People's Monthly*, Toronto, Can.

A POWERFUL FORCE IN OUR MISSIONARY WORK

Edith Whipple

National W.M.C. Secretary

The place of the Women's Missionary Council in our missionary program is increasing month by month. Its force is the result of many minute working parts, each contributing its bit to the effectual working of the whole. As each honey bee turns in its tiny contribution and goes back to gather more, so the members of the Women's Missionary Councils in our assemblies (about 35,000 of them) continue to work and pray for our missionaries at home and in other lands. We do not expect any member to give large contributions of money, or to accomplish the spectacular alone, but as each one sees in each little service she can do a ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ, the whole contribution to missions becomes of inestimable value.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10) is our national WMC Scripture verse. When the mother of Peter's wife was touched by the Lord Jesus, and she arose to minister to Him and His friends, no doubt what she did was a simple act of hospitality and courtesy, but she made the most of the opportunity to do what she could, and her meager task became a royal service, because it was done for the King of kings. So the women of our assemblies, out of spontaneous gratitude and love for the Lord, are doing as unto Him what their hands find to do, and the ministry they perform for the missionaries He accepts as their love gift to Him.

"We Minister as unto Christ" is our motto, and our prayer is: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psa. 19:14).

The Women's Missionary Councils have graduated from the old idea of the missionary barrel, when spring and fall housecleaning called for the cleaning out of the attic and the top dresser drawer. Now only the best is being given to our missionaries, for WMC groups are meeting every week to renovate clothing that can be mended and sent where it is most needed in clean, wearable condition. Our test is: "If I or my children would be happy to wear it, or if I would enjoy using it in my home, then I will send it to a missionary." Materials are being reclaimed from garments which are beyond using in their present form, and our women are specialists at making the "nice things from the nothings."

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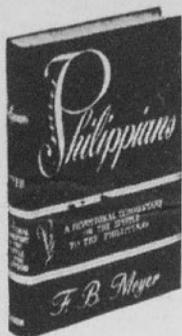
needy nationals. In a little over a year five of our major mission stations, each serving entire fields, have been furnished with large quantities of linens and furniture, representing hundreds of dollars given by the Women's Missionary Councils. Our women especially have a heart for our missionary mothers with small children, who bravely try to manage in tropical temperatures on the mission fields with few modern conveniences. Many new refrigerators have been purchased and presented to our missionaries by the Women's Missionary Councils, and washing machines, sewing machines and adequate cooking utensils have also been added to their outfits.

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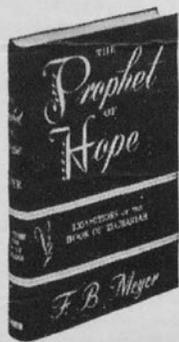
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which accommodates several hundred missionaries in the course of a year. Now after several months a second call has come from the same president; she states: "Our project is completed. We have everything ready to send with the next outgoing missionary. NOW give us a new project!"

Some WMC leaders have told us, "Our group gave till it hurt, and it seemed we had exhausted all our resources. Then another need came, so urgent we couldn't refuse, and we began scraping, sacrificing and managing, till we were able to take care of that one, too."

Even though the Women's Missionary Council has been active in some of our districts as long as fifteen to twenty years, and in Texas since 1925, we have seen a tremendous acceleration in interest, work and numbers since the opening of our national WMC office eighteen months ago. The mission fields are feeling the impact of this new source of power, and missionaries are enthusiastically affirming that their work is being strengthened in many ways by this great missionary force—the Women's Missionary Council.



SOUTHERN MISSOURI COUNCIL ELECTS NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS

KENNETT, MO.—Two new full-time officers of the Southern Missouri District were elected at the recent Council held at the First Assembly of God in Kennett.

V. L. Hertweck, pastor at Kennett, was elected to serve as Assistant District Superintendent, taking the place of Emil A. Balliet who had moved to California. The Council in session asked Brother Hertweck to serve full time and to supervise the Sunday School and C. A. work, in addition to other duties. Thus he will relieve Loren W. Wooten, District C. A. President, of his field responsibilities and enable Brother Wooten to give practically his full time to his pastoral ministry at Sikeston, Mo.

N. Cleo Tapp, pastor at Thayer, Mo., was elected to serve as District Secretary-Treasurer. He fills the office made vacant when David A. Hastie became pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo.

A record number of ministers and church delegates attended the Council and it was a time of great blessing. Twenty-eight were ordained to the full gospel ministry. T. E. Gannon, Superintendent of the West Central District, was the guest speaker. The Council session opened on Wednesday with an address by the District Superintendent, K. H. Lawson. Following his address, there was a communion service in charge of Henry Hoar, and a memorial service in honor of four faithful ministers of the District who were called to be with the Lord during the past year.

The Women's Missionary Council presented an excellent program on Wednesday afternoon, showing how the ladies help to promote the gospel work both at home and abroad.

The election of the following brethren by their respective sections, to serve as District Presbyters, was ratified: James O'Dell, Nelson Sachs, Odis Virgin, E. L. Glenn, Raymond Wetzel, Carl Roberts, V. L. Hertweck, N. Cleo Tapp, Gerald Hager, and S. K. Biffle. Brother Hertweck was also chosen to serve as General Presbyter.

The C. A.'s had their annual business meeting on Tuesday, preceding the Council. Loren W.

Wooten, District C. A. President, brought the message from God's Word.

SOUTH CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE TO MERGE WITH C. B. I.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—A petitioned special session of the Arkansas District Council held here on April 17, 1953, decided to take steps toward a merger of South Central Bible College, a District school, with Central Bible Institute, the General Council school at Springfield, Mo.

Details of the merger are being worked out between G. W. Hardcastle, Superintendent of the Arkansas District, and Bartlett Peterson, President of Central Bible Institute.

It is the second merger of this type in the history of C. B. I. In 1929 Bethel Bible Training School in Newark, N. J. joined forces with Central Bible Institute, then in its seventh year of operation.

South Central Bible College was established five years ago at the Ozark-Lithia grounds near Hot Springs, Ark. It offered three, four and five-year courses in Bible, theology, missions, and Christian education. Eight students were graduated this year.

The school suffered considerable loss and damage to the buildings and equipment when a flash flood swept across the campus a few months ago.

It is expected that the Ozark-Lithia grounds will continue to be owned and operated by the Arkansas District Council for the regional and district meetings. The C. A. Convention, Boys' and Girls' Camp, and a regional Camp Meeting will be held there this summer.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

DE KALB, TEX.—We closed a successful two-week meeting on May 3 with L. J. Choate, pastor of the Assembly of God in Antlers, Okla. People were stirred, and eleven prayed through to a born-again experience of salvation. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.—B. O. Smith, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—The Gospel Gleaners Assembly of God had a profitable week of children's services with Evangelist Harry Leacock. He has a wonderful way of reaching the hearts of the boys and girls with the gospel. Many children responded to surrender their hearts and lives to Jesus. We also secured the names of many children who were not enrolled in any other Sunday School.—Lawrence D. Krause, Associate Pastor.

TOLLESON, ARIZ.—The Lord met with us in a wonderful way in a meeting with Evangelist Carl E. Reynolds Sr., one of our Arizona Presbyters. Every service was filled with the rich presence of the Holy Spirit. Souls were saved and some filled with the Holy Ghost. The morning prayer services were especially anointed by the Holy Spirit. Many made reconsecrations and the entire church was stirred to pray, visit the unchurched and evangelize. We asked Brother Reynolds to return.—Maurice Evans, Pastor.

CLANTON, ALA.—We had a glorious meeting with Evangelist Eugene Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo. There was a spirit of praise and worship in each service such as we have not seen in many years. A goodly number were saved and 34 were baptized with the Holy Spirit, including a Baptist lady who was under the power of God for over two hours. She spoke and sang in heavenly languages.

A number testified to bodily healing.

The church is going forward and the revival spirit remains with us.—Troy B. Helms, Pastor, Temple Church.

COMING MEETINGS

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

LE MARS, IOWA—Assembly of God, June 16—28; Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman, Oxford, Neb.—by Bernard H. Reece, Pastor.

HEAVENER, OKLA.—Assembly of God, June 21—July 5; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino evangelist.—by Walter Swaim, Pastor.

NEODESHA, KANS.—Tent meeting, June 14—July 5; Evangelist P. E. Lowenberg, Shreveport, La. (J. Donald McManess is Pastor.)

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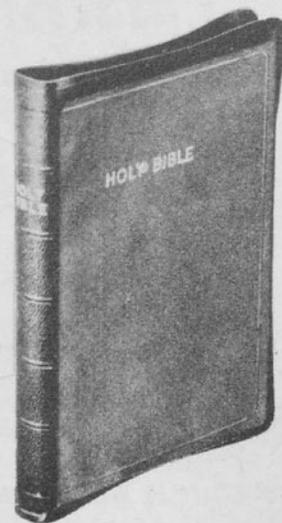
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GLADWIN, MICH.—Assembly of God, June 16—; Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill.—by Truman S. Lowell, Pastor.

Near COLCHESTER, ILL.—Eagle Community Church, through June 21 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Starling, Tulsa, Okla. (Joyce Chipman is Pastor.)

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP—Lexington, Nebr. June 14—19; Mrs. Billie Davis, speaker (L. W. Dickinson is Camp Director.)

PITTSBURG, CALIF.—June 14—28; Evangelist Mae Dell Darden and family.—by J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor.

STORM LAKE, IOWA—June 14—July 5; Evangelist Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo. (Vernon L. Huffey is Pastor.)

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, month of June; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (John Bedzyk is Pastor.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Victory Temple, open-air meeting, June 7—28; Evangelist Mark Hinman.—by E. C. Eskelin, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, June 17—July 5; Evangelist Michael Mastro, Ft. Meyers, Fla.—by Clifford Andrews, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Tent meeting, Campbell and Grand, June 7—28, sponsored by South Side Assembly of God; Evangelist Fern G. Huffstutler, Tulsa, Okla.—by Jack West, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Bethel Temple, through June 21 or longer; Evangelist Hattie P. Hammond.—by Louis F. Turnbull, Pastor.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—Sunday School revival, June 14—19; George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, speaker. (Bernard Ridings is Pastor.)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Sunday School Rally, June 14; Victor Trimmer, Assistant National S. S. Director, speaker. (M. A. Newman is Pastor.)

BEDFORD, IND.—First Assembly of God, June 9—21 or longer; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by Charles H. Hoskins, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—First Assembly of God, June 7—21; Evangelist and Mrs. M. A. Groff, Pampa, Tex.—by Roy L. Baker, Assistant Pastor. (Erling Saxelid is Pastor.)

GLOBE-MIAMI, ARIZ.—Union tent meeting, May 28—June 21 or longer; Evangelist Richard Jeffery, Sebastopol, Calif. Sponsored by four Assemblies of God churches.—by B. H. Russell, Presbyter.

NEWCASTLE, WYO.—Sunday School Rally, June 21; George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, and Billie Davis, Associate Editor of Our Sunday School Counsellor, speakers. (Neil McDaniel is Pastor.)

ENID, OKLA.—Opening and dedication of new church, First Assembly of God (formerly called Enid Gospel Tabernacle), 8th and Maine Sts., June 14, 2:30 p.m. Robert E. Goggin, District Superintendent, speaker.—by Edgar Newby, Pastor.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Lake Geneva Bible Camp Grounds, Alexandria, Minn., June 23 and 24. Joe Neely and R. A. McClure speaking. Ministers' Institute daily at 9 a.m., June 23—26 and June 30—July 3.—by G. Raymond Carlson, District Superintendent.

GREEK BRANCH CONVENTION—Oakland, Calif., June 28—July 5. Speakers: George H. Carmichael, Springfield, Mo. and Harry Mamalis, missionary to Greece. For information write George Samartzis, Secretary of Greek Branch, 1771 36th Ave., Oakland 1, Calif.