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**DOORWAY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINED TEACHERS**

January is Training Month for  
Assemblies of God Sunday School workers.

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## A Sign of the Times

When the new road from Beersheba to Sodom was opened in Israel recently, the *London Times* said: "Sodom, the wicked city of the Book of Genesis, has become a town with a post office and a road." The *New York Times* said, "Thus another vision of the ancient prophets, notably Ezekiel, may well be on the way to fulfillment."

## Bricks Shipped by Mail

A pastor in the far north of Finland was alarmed at the high transportation costs involved in providing bricks for reconstruction of a church at Nuorgam. He found, to his surprise, that it was cheaper to send them by mail, provided they were in small packages; so church members are wrapping bricks in individual packages and mailing them to Nuorgam, thereby effecting a "considerable" saving.

## To Investigate Church Literature

Certain Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish organizations have contributed funds to the Yale Divinity School for the purpose of ferreting out "religious bias" in American Protestant church literature, and a committee has been formed to do this work. "The publications to be examined include uniform and graded lesson materials, magazines for church officers, and devotional guides," it is reported.

One finds it hard to conceive of finding anything in the Sunday School literature of Protestant churches, except what is in the New Testament itself. Someone has suggested that a more profitable undertaking would be for the Yale Divinity School to examine and publish what the Jewish Talmud says about Christ and Christians—but they would get no money from the American Jewish Committee for that!

## Research on Twelve Tribes

It is reported that the new president of Israel, Itzhak Ben Zvi, gives considerable attention to research in trying to trace the various branches of the Jewish people. He holds in his home a monthly reception for representatives of "the twelve tribes of Israel," and is bringing together representatives of many groups located in different parts of the world.

"Apparently there is under consideration some plan for designating the tribes of Israel," comments *Prophecy*. We are reminded of the words in Jeremiah 30:3—"For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it." Evidently all the tribes are included in this divinely inspired prophecy.

## To Aid Evangelicals in Italy

An Evangelical Aid Committee has been set up by the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches. Chief function of the committee will be to induce Italian authorities to allocate to the country's Protestant bodies an adequate share of government subsidies, as well as of funds and supplies sent to Italy by various international relief organizations.

Until now, the Council said, these relief aids have gone almost entirely to the Pontifical Relief Committee, a Roman Catholic agency.

## Liquor Advertising Banned

Liquor advertising has been banned throughout the country—but, lest readers become unduly jubilant, we hasten to add that the country is not U.S.A., but Iraq. A letter received from Evangelist B. Jacob, of Baghdad, informs us that the new prime minister of Iraq, Mr. M. Fadhil al Jamali, has banned the display of liquor advertising in front of liquor shops as a first step to discouraging liquor sales. The evangelist says that the prime minister's action has met with general approval throughout Iraq. Evidently there is more public conscience against alcoholism in Moslem lands than in so-called "Christian" America.

## Two Minutes to Midnight

The clock on the cover of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (published in Chicago) has been moved again.

Originally, following the explosion of the atomic bombs over Japan, the clock was set at eight minutes to twelve. The scientists knew it was only a matter of time until some enemy power would be able to manufacture and detonate an atomic bomb, and they warned the world of its danger. They designated twelve o'clock as civilization's midnight hour, the moment of doom.

In September, 1949, when President Truman announced that Russia had detonated its first atomic bomb, the clock on the *Bulletin* was moved ahead to read three minutes to twelve. The hour of doom was said to be drawing very near.

Then came the announcement a few weeks ago that Russia had successfully exploded a hydrogen bomb. Immediately the clock was advanced another minute, commencing with the September 1953 issue of the *Bulletin*. Now it reads TWO MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT. Says the editor:

"That we live in imminent danger, that an untoward event tomorrow may trigger a tense world to erupt in flames of atomic or thermonuclear warfare, that there will be 'no place to hide' for the great masses of civilized mankind—these are the torturous facts which compel our leaders to

spell out for us the tragic nature of the times in which we live. . . .

"The hands of the clock on the *Bulletin's* cover now stand at two minutes to midnight. Not to terrify, certainly, but to warn and to awaken, the clock is intended to be symbolic. Wishing will not stop the clock. The *Bulletin* may be wrong. It may actually be one minute—perhaps seconds—to midnight."

In another place the *Bulletin* says: "As the Paul Reveres of the postwar period we have not met with overwhelming success. And as the hands of the clock creep closer to the midnight hour—the black point of history—we find the countryside fast asleep. Only a few can be aroused."

The Bible warns us that we have a limited time in which to work for God. Our Lord Jesus realized it and He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work." He wasted neither time nor opportunity, but kept busy at the task of teaching, preaching, and winning souls. Why are we so lax in following our Lord's example?

Perhaps the warning of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* will rouse us to redeem the time and win the lost before both we and they are hurtled into eternity by a downpour of atomic or hydrogen bombs.

## Bible-Reading in Britain

In celebration of the 150th birthday of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which was founded in 1804, a sustained campaign will be waged throughout Britain next year to encourage the regular reading and study of the Bible.

Dr. C. F. Garbett, the Archbishop of York, introduced the campaign by saying that there was a day when both the learned and the unlearned in Britain knew and revered the Bible as the inspired Word of God. "For long it was the one book certain to be found in every house, from castle to cottage. Its narratives and teaching were familiar to all, and many of its verses were known by heart. Its language made its way into common speech. It is difficult to exaggerate the influence which this familiarity with the Bible had on the ideals and character of the English-speaking peoples. . . .

"It should therefore be a matter of grave concern that in the twentieth century the Bible is an unknown book to large numbers of our fellow countrymen. . . ."

## Jubilee Bible for Youth

The British and Foreign Bible Society, on the occasion of its 150th birthday, is publishing a Jubilee Bible for young people. The new Jubilee edition is an Authorized Version, without note or comment. Nothing is left out; however, the pages are arranged so that the Bible narrative flows on in uninterrupted fashion. Passages, especially in the Old Testament, which are concerned with genealogies, itineraries, and other technical matters, are placed in three columns on the lower half of the page.

# The Importance of EXPERT ADVICE

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DOCTORS TELL us that one of the greatest enemies of the sick (and of the doctors) is the opinion and advice of the inexperienced and uninformed. Because of the lack of wisdom of many who are ill, they trust their own judgment and the opinion of ignorant advisers; consequently, diseases which could have been cured in their early stages are allowed to get such a hold upon them that their grip never is broken, or is only loosed at great expense and suffering.

How true this is in the spiritual sphere! We are so quick to form our own opinions and to air them among our friends. The people among whom we move express their judgments and exchange ideas until there is a common opinion formed in regard to almost every factor of our lives. In Christian circles these opinions are often correct, but they can also be dead wrong. When religious group opinion is wrong in regard to vital forces affecting our spiritual welfare, it becomes one of our deadliest enemies. Therefore, when individual Christians become concerned regarding the right or wrong of a particular course of action, on an attitude that they are entertaining, it is time for them to secure expert advice. This they can find in the Scriptures.

Poison must be labeled "Poison"; otherwise it becomes doubly dangerous. Too often, spiritual poison is given a wrong label—and millions lose their souls because they are satisfied with misguided or erroneous opinions in regard to various sins. They refuse expert advice. They prefer to accept the label of their own group opinion of the judgment of some incompetent adviser. Refusing to face reality, they call their sin a human weakness, a common frailty, or something else equally misleading. Before you label your defects and imperfections, seek expert advice.

For many years my wife and I were in charge of a union language school in Asia. One of our students was Dr. Y—, a brilliant linguist and an unusually spiritual missionary. When we first met her she had a small reddish brown spot above her elbow. She was aware of it. So were her friends. But thinking it was only a

birthmark or some ordinary blemish, none of us considered it of any consequence.

After Dr. Y— had passed her second-year language examination and had been assigned to a hospital for active service, she began to sense a peculiar numbness in that spot. This made her question her former opinion regarding it. Finally she became so concerned that she sought the advice of fellow physicians. They were reluctant to diagnose her case and advised her to go to the *School of Tropical Medicine* in Calcutta. After a thorough examination and exhaustive tests, the awful verdict was pronounced—LEPROSY! Dr. Y— had obtained expert advice. Now everything else had to be laid aside. There was only one thing to do—break, if possible, the grip of this terrible disease and seek deliverance from it.

We are happy to state that this dreadful disease has been arrested in her body.

God had allowed this seeming tragedy to come to this young lady because He wanted to get her ready to take the burden of a leper colony upon her heart. She is in that ministry today. She is full of His joy and peace, knowing that she is doing the will of Him who thus prepared her to bring Christ and His redemption and healing to the lepers.

The significant point is this: For years Dr. Y— had accepted her own superficial opinion about that spot. She had accepted the unconcern on the part of her fellows regarding her blemish. It was considered by all to be of no moment. However, when she began to be troubled about certain sensations in that area, she was wise enough to seek expert advice and she was not satisfied until she obtained it.

Have you had a blemish showing itself on the surface of your spiritual life? Do you see similar "reddish-brown spots" on others? You have undoubtedly formed an opinion in the matter, or have accepted the opinion of those with whom you associate. "Surely," you say, "I have noticed it. But it's just a birthmark of some kind. Many people have such blemishes."

In course of time you hear a sermon on the sixth chapter of Matthew, or you read the message for yourself. Then your blemish—let us say, of fear, anxiety, and worry—begins to cause you concern. You wonder if it is such a light

FROM THE CHRIST AGAIN AND AGAIN \*



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# INDOCTRINATION

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thing after all. It is now time to seek expert advice! There is only One who is qualified to tell you what that blemish is. His name is called Jesus because He came to free His people from their sins. He will diagnose your case as leprosy—the LEPROSY OF SIN. Take His advice! Repent! Change your opinion about your blemish! Christ tells you that the first step toward deliverance is repentance. To repent means to change your opinion. Call WORRY what you will, God calls it SIN. Get rid of it. He came to focus His light upon our lives and to reveal our sicknesses in order that we might seek the healing of heaven for our souls.

When shall we cease listening to the prophets who say, "Peace, peace" when there is no peace? When are we going to quit being satisfied with those who heal but slightly the hurt of the sons and daughters of the Church because they put false labels upon blemishes and upon spiritual hurts and wounds? Thank God, there is a Physician among us who can give expert advice, if we really mean business and are unwilling to accept superficial opinions and popular judgments. Let us permit Him to put the correct label upon our habits and our attitudes.

Cease calling SELF-PITY a natural human trait. Call it what Oswald Chambers calls it in *My Utmost for His Highest*; he calls it "SATANIC," and says, "No sin is worse than the sin of self-pity, because it obliterates God and puts self-interest upon the throne." If you call self-pity by its true name—the leprosy of SIN—only then will you desire to be rid of it. Only then will you seek the Great Physician and take His treatment.

What is your opinion about the LOVE OF MONEY? About PRIDE? What is the opinion of your Christian group about getting ANGRY with a brother or a sister? What is your judgment in regard to LACK OF LOVE? Did you derive your opinions from the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians? Or, perchance, did you form them from your natural judgment, or from impressions given by Christian associates? If there is danger that your blemish be leprosy, seek expert advice without delay. Are you beginning to feel uncomfortable about some weakness or lack of Christlikeness in your speech or actions? Thank God for any experience or force that will bring you to the only One who can diagnose your case accurately and reveal to you the deadly nature and cruel wages of sin. Don't be satisfied with less than expert advice!

Indoctrination is a big word—what does it mean? Simply, putting doctrine in. But why should we put doctrine in the minds and hearts of our people? Isn't experience the all-important thing? After all, Paul said, "Knowledge puffeth up, but charity [love] edifieth." Yes, it is true that I may have all knowledge and, without love, still be nothing. It is also true that "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."



R. M. Riggs

But listen, brother. The Word of God is powerful even in evangelistic work, to save souls. "Go . . . and teach all nations," were the instructions of Jesus, "[then] baptizing them." Teaching them gets them saved, ready for baptizing. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth" (James 1:18). We are "born again . . . by the Word of God" (1 Peter 1:23). The Word of God is powerful (Heb. 4:12); it is the very sword of the Spirit, by which all God's soldiers go to war in His name (Eph. 6:17).

Newborn babes in Christ, having been born again by the Word of God, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby (1 Peter 2:2). Now "whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts" (Isa. 28:9). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine . . ." (2 Tim. 3:16).

The trouble with sinners is that they have their "understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them" (Eph. 4:18). But "the entrance of thy WORDS giveth light" (Psa. 119:130). And "in him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy WORD is truth" (John 17:17). "Thy WORD have I hid

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in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11). We are told to "put on the whole armour of God, that [we] may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11).

These scriptures should be sufficient to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is the will and plan of God for all Christians to be steeped in the Word of God. The benefits of the Word to the believer are, in part: light, growth, sanctification, strength to avoid sin, and power against the devil. In other words, we all NEED to be indoctrinated.

How do we get that way? Is indoctrination a kind of inoculation? It would surely be convenient if we simply had to roll up our sleeve and let the Great Physician stick a needle into us and shoot us full of knowledge and doctrine. Most people would be glad if there were a gasoline cap on their heads so that He could unscrew it and pour them full of heavenly gas to run on the rest of their lives. But it just doesn't work that way. A passage in Isaiah tells us how the babes and everyone else get knowledge and doctrine: "Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isa. 28:10). As painful and long drawn out as it may seem, it just MUST be "here a LITTLE and there a LITTLE." Who are we, anyway, that we should expect to receive all our knowledge in one or two doses? Jesus Himself INCREASED in wisdom as He increased in stature (Luke 2:52). He LEARNED obedience. He was FULL of the Old Testament Scriptures as was shown when He answered the devil on the mount of temptation: "Have ye not read?" "Search the scriptures; for . . . they are they which testify of me," said our Saviour. "That it might be fulfilled," were His oft-repeated words. Jesus was led and sustained by the Scriptures. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord" (Matt. 10:25).

Indoctrination is a long process. It should begin at the kindergarten level and continue through the beginners, primaries, juniors, intermediates, seniors and

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on through the whole length of adult life. Who can learn everything? Or who can exhaust the riches of God's Word? "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as for silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find knowledge of God" (Prov. 2:3-5).

The Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God is planning a program to assist in the indoctrination of the people. January is being set aside as the month in which all the pastors and churches that wish to do so will conduct a class in the study of Bible doctrine. These classes are designed primarily for Sunday School teachers and prospective teachers, that they may be better qualified and may in turn pass on to their Sunday School classes the truths they have learned. But all are welcome to attend these indoctrination studies and to learn as much about Bible doctrine as they possibly can in the ten or more classes of this indoctrination course. This is intended merely as an appetizer, for it takes a long time to get over all Scripture. But we never get anywhere if we do not start—and every little bit helps. These classes are sure to be a blessing to all who participate.

The Headquarters office has also prepared a long, thorough course that has as its objective this indoctrination. It will be called simply "Bible Teaching" and will consist of four booklets. The first will be especially for children and will contain 156 questions and answers which cover Bible history from the Creation to the end of the Bible. This is general, consecutive Bible background which is important for every person (child and adult) to have.

Booklet Number Two consists of seventy-eight questions and answers on Bible doctrine. This is elementary doctrine and is couched in language which even children can understand. It covers the major doctrines of Christian truth. This second book also contains a section on *Christian living*. Christian truth is translated into questions and answers concerning HOW TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. All phases of a child's life are considered, and the questions are anticipated which a child might ask about his duty under specific circumstances. Truth must be transferred into action and life; otherwise we learn in vain. That is the purpose of this section of the second book.

The adults are also included in this Bible-teaching program. Booklet Number Three consists of 156 questions and answers about Bible doctrine on the adult level. This series inquires particularly into the doctrines of the Pentecostal people—What we believe and why we believe it. Divine healing and its scriptural basis, and even details concerning the operation

of the gifts of the Spirit, are stated clearly. All Bible doctrines are studies from the viewpoint of what the Bible itself teaches about the Bible, God, man, sin, Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the spirit-world, and the main truths of Bible prophecy.

Booklet Number Four has two sections: one on *Christian living* and the other on *Book studies*. What is the Christian's duty toward God, toward the Church, toward his fellow Christian, toward husband or wife, toward parents and children, toward employer and employee, toward his neighbor, and toward the world in general? The Book studies ask and answer questions concerning the theme and contents of the Pauline and General Epistles, the Poetical Books, and the Major and Minor prophets—forty-three Books in all.

These Bible-teaching booklets can be had in one binding. They are now being printed, but will not be for sale until January. Watch the EVANGEL for the exact time of release, their price, and other information.

To the magnificent progress which the Lord has given us in the way of evangelism and missionary advance let us now add a strengthening of all our forces by an intensive program of INDOCTRINATION.

## JOB AND SOLOMON

The most urgent universal reality today is human misery. So in the terrific drama of these days the Old Testament is getting more attention again alike by preachers and thinkers. It is a grim book, but it deals with the grim facts of sin and sorrow.

It was Pascal, the French saint and scholar, who said Job and Solomon knew most and spoke best about the misery of mankind. Now, what do these two old-world men have to say to us at the end of 1953?

Job, tested physically, mentally, and spiritually, is the recognized representative of the suffering believer. But by clinging to faith and truth he ends up with this glorious vindication of God and His ways—"But now mine eyes seeth Thee . . ." (Job 42:5), and all was well. From here we pass to 150 hymns of praise in the Psalms!

Solomon, "He who wore out pleasure and mastered all love," ends his fantastic selfishness and godlessness by lamenting, "All is vanity" (Eccl. 12:8), and dies unloved and unsung.

Today we must choose God's way of faith and love and eternal satisfaction, or the Devil's rationalism and selfishness and unending remorse.

Faith holds the golden key.—Soul-winner.

In order for our Lord to say, "Well done," it is absolutely necessary for us to do well.—G. Christian Weiss.



Training is a door of opportunity for you. Training does make a difference, first of all in the teachers and Sunday School workers, and then as a result of their training, a difference in every phase of the Sunday School work. Training is an important door to an effective ministry, whether you are a Sunday School worker or not.

In order to meet the needs of more churches the National Sunday School Department is offering two training plans for 1954.

PLAN ONE is a study of fundamental Bible truths. The textbook to be used is BIBLE DOCTRINES by P. C. Nelson. Every Christian needs to know what he believes and why, especially Sunday School workers who teach others. A clear knowledge of doctrines and scripture comes through proper training and study. For Plan One you will need only one instructor as all of the workers meet in one class. This makes it a practical plan for any size group.

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Not only is training a door to a more effective ministry, but it also gives opportunity for evangelism. The two ministries of the Sunday School are to teach and to evangelize. There are endless possibilities of evangelism through the Sunday School. The Sunday School teachers are the tools of evangelism. How important it is that they are properly trained for this responsibility!

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# KNOW YOUR CHAPLAINS

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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAINS WHO ARE MINISTERING TO  
THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AROUND THE WORLD

## Chaplain (Major) Frank R. Griep

Chaplain Frank R. Griep's military service has been uninterrupted since he first put on Army uniform on July 26, 1944. During his nine years with Uncle Sam, duty has taken him through many shifting scenes. Historically, it has moved him right to the center of world events during at least part of two great recent crises—World War II and the Korean War. Geographically, duty has taken him to almost every quarter of the globe—the South Pacific, the Far East, Europe, and, of course, most of the United States.

After finishing chaplains school at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, Chaplain Griep joined the 65th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in October, 1944. Transferred later to the 342nd Ordnance Battalion at the same camp, he went overseas to Hawaii with that unit in June, 1945. Next, he spent a few months on Christmas Isle, near the equator. Returning to Hawaii, he served first at Camp Malakole, and then at Fort Kamehameha, where he remained until returned "Stateside" in November, 1947.

Back in the United States, he went home for a time of leave and then reported to Camp Lee, Virginia, becoming Quartermaster School chaplain and taking charge of the post Sunday School. Here he enjoyed one of his most rewarding periods of work. There were real spiritual results among the children and servicemen. The Sunday School was organized and provided with good evangelical literature.

His next assignment was quite different—he was given spiritual care of a Women's Army Corps (WAC). In this, too, the Lord blessed. After the first few months, Sunday morning attendance always reached the full-house mark. Sunday evening and midweek services became a successful time of evangelistic witness.

From October, 1950, to July, 1951, the chaplain ministered in that hottest of all spots—tragic Korea. His ministry to troops took him right to the front lines. Often his heart was touched by the sight of the suffering of the civilians. Here is part of what he wrote back at one time:

"The devastation, suffering, and misery this war brings to this pathetic patch of creation is indescribable. The civilians move back and forth, out when we retreat, back when we advance. Through all sorts of weather they trudge, with a

few belongings on their backs. But when they return many of the houses are in ashes, furniture broken and burned for firewood, food gone.

"One Sunday evening after a service at an outpost, I picked up a little Korean baby abandoned by refugees. Our medics gave her every attention, but she died the next day of exposure.

"One midnight, in order to have straw to put over the snow for us to sleep on, we took straw from a nearby rice straw stack. We found it wasn't a stack at all, but merely a covering for furniture and household goods hidden from the Communists. At dawn, an old man was on the scene, trying to salvage his goods once more.

"Last night, upon returning from a little battle in which my jeep was hit by machine gun fire, I picked up a family of refugees—two babies, two little girls,

mother, and her brother. All of this, too, is war.

"I would not have you think that only the civilians are being hurt; our forces are taking it, too. But the advance continues, the infantryman covering mile after mile of ridge and valley on his own two tired wet feet."

Returned from Korea, the chaplain was assigned for a time to Arlington Hall Station near Washington, D. C. While here, he officiated at the military funerals of many young men who had given their all in Korea.

But orders for overseas shipment once again reached him. In July of this year, the chaplain moved to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, for shipment to Europe. Latest reports from Chaplain Griep inform us that he is now stationed with the 109th Infantry Regiment in Augsburg, Germany.

Some time ago the chaplain wrote a short article of valuable advice for our C.A.'s about to enter military service. His article, reproduced below, has been highly commended by several of his fellow chaplains. We wish every young man of draft age could read it.

(Compiled by Ernest F. Kalapathy, Servicemen's Correspondent, C. A. Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.)

## To C.A.'s Entering Military Service

A question that confronts you now is simply stated, "How do I keep my Christian faith strong and active?" You have heard of the difficulties, discouragements, and temptations of military life. Be assured, however, that they are no greater than exist in your own home town. The grosser sins that some mistaken folk associate with military life can also be found in your own city, though in certain circles in which, fortunately, you do not now travel. The reason they do not seem so evident at home is that you are surrounded by the circle of your own home, Christian friends, young people's society, Sunday school, and the church. Can we take something of that into service? Yes, indeed, it has already pre-

ceded you into the service and elements of it are to be found wherever you may go in your military career.

The first thing to do on a new post, base, or ship is to go to your own chaplain and ask for information about any Christian servicemen's group meeting. Most likely he will gladly direct or introduce you to a fine group of Christian soldiers. If he cannot aid you in this, scout around at the other chapels on the station. I have found such an active, Christian group meeting at least weekly for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship, on every post, station, island, and combat unit at which I have served for the past nine years.

Two fine results of such action are: You find attendance at such a group benefits you with its program, work, and Christian fellowship. You make known the increasing demand for these ministries. Such requests, when repeated sufficiently, furnish additional publicity and focus attention on this important phase of the chaplain's program. You may find that such a group meets on Sunday, as early as 9 a.m., or any time Sunday afternoon or evening, or on week-nights. Join it, work with it, make your presence dependable and helpful. Such a group exerts

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# MILLIONS MORE TO HEAR FULL GOSPEL

## Revivaltime's New Network Release Will Reach an Expanded Audience

*Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . stretch forth the curtain of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. Isaiah. 54:2.*

The report of the Radio Committee to the General Council in Milwaukee showed that a steady advance has been made since the very beginning of the Assemblies of God radio program. It recognized the need of all-out radio effort in these momentous days and recommended a "live" program on a nation-wide network.

The Council unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the report and authorized the Executive Presbyters (1) to put the program on a "live" network basis and (2) to secure a speaker who would give his full time to this great world-wide effort in evangelism.

Representatives of the ABC Network met with the Executives October 21 and offered the time of 10:30 p.m. Sunday on the entire network. It was the general feeling among the brethren that this was God's time. This was an open door which might not remain open for long. So, in accordance with the instructions of the General Council, a contract was signed with ABC to start Sunday, December 20, with the first coast-to-coast "live" network program of the Assemblies of God.

When the matter of a full-time speaker was discussed, without previous discussion among the members of the group, God seemed wonderfully to prepare the thinking of the committee so that one man stood out in the minds of all. This was C. M. Ward. After prayerful consideration, there was a deep conviction in the heart of each one present that this was God's man for this important task. Brother Ward, when approached, felt led of God to accept the challenge and to devote himself to this great work.

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# "So Shall My Word Be..."

Esther Hill

The man and woman stared at the Book on the table. The woman shook her head and dubiously fingered the Book.

"I don't think we ought to read it, Francisco," she said. "I know the priest wouldn't approve."

"But it says right here that it is the Word of God. The priest is God's representative. Why would it be wrong to read God's Word?"

"Yes... I suppose that is true," the woman answered slowly.

"Today is Sunday and we have time from our labors to read. Come on, wife, sit down and I'll read to you."

"Here is a book called John. I'll read that. 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...'"

On and on he read. The woman bent her head and listened intently.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Francisco, what do you think this

means?" his wife asked breathlessly.

"Why, just what it says. If we believe in Him we shall not perish."

"Go on, Francisco, I want to hear more."

On and on the man read. At last when weariness forced them to retire to bed, Marie voiced the sentiments of both. "I just can't wait until next Sunday. How I wish we had time in the week to read. But that cannot be," she sighed.

But during the week, although they found no spare moments to read, they did tell four of their neighbors about the Book and urged them to join the reading time on the following Sunday. So the next Sunday found six instead of two reading the Word of God.

"Indeed, this is remarkable," exclaimed one of the neighbors. "I have never heard such truth before."

The following Sunday found ten people crowded into the small living room belonging to Marie and Francisco. And on the afternoon when the Gospel of John was completed, Marie stood to her feet and declared, "I want to follow this Jesus. Last night I knelt in my room and confessed my sins to Him, and asked Him to be my Saviour. I am going to follow this Jesus and the words of this Book forever." Her dark eyes burned brightly and tears streamed down her face.

Another woman arose. "I, too, want to follow this Book. I am going to be a Christian." In turn each member of the group made his vow to follow Christ, and before long all in that little company were on their knees crying out and praying to God.

The Sunday studies continued. The group grew. Eagerly the members read the Word of God to ascertain the standards for their new life. They came to the Scriptures where Jesus was baptized and decided they must follow this example. So one Sunday afternoon the group gathered at the river and baptized each other.

It was months later that a stranger came through the village, and after the evening meal he drew a Book out of his pocket and began to read. Then he began to explain God's plan of salvation.

"Why," exclaimed Francisco, "this is the Book we have been following. Do you mean others believe and follow it too?"

"Yes," said the stranger. "About fifty miles away in another village there is a group of people who also follow this Book. They have a little church. I want you to go there."

The very next Sunday an amazed group



Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Fox  
Upper Volta, West Africa

## MISSIONARY News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Fox sailed from New York on the SS African Glen on November 13 for Upper Volta, French West Africa, for another term of service.

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Harold H. Landrus and family arrived in the United States from Liberia on November 4. They will be making their home in Alhambra, California, during their furlough.

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A cable has been received telling of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. C. Malz in South India.

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Peter Andrew Sumrall arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sumrall in the Philippines on October 17. Congratulations!

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Mrs. R. M. Devin and her daughter, Mrs. R. Brougham, arrived in the States during October from Indonesia.

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Mr. L. W. Stokes writes from Argentina: "The Lord is working in our midst. Recently nine believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. We prayed for a lady who was dying and God raised her up. The next day she was walking around, praising the Lord for her healing."

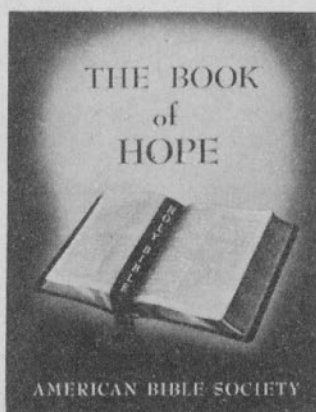
of people walked all the way to the other village and entered a little evangelical church to worship with another group of believers. The joys that were mingled in their gathering that day can never be described.

This is a strange story of the beginning of one evangelical church in Brazil. This is one example of what the Word of God can do in the hearts of men.

Brazil needs the Word of God. NOW is the time to give them the Word.—The Missionary Standard.

Today is

## BIBLE SUNDAY



UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 13th

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—NOEL PERKIN  
Foreign Missions Secretary

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**President Eisenhower  
Commends the Bible**

President Eisenhower's deep personal concern for the suffering and misery of the Korean people, and his belief in the power of the gospel, are mirrored in his recent letter to the Pocket Testament League. He said:

"Man's dignity and freedom have their source and substance in deeply felt religion. In the highest sense the Bible is to us the unique repository of eternal spiritual truths. It is the ultimate and indispensable source of inspiration for America's life and freedom. By enabling men to renew, in their minds and spirits, the religious concepts of equality, justice and mercy, the Pocket Testament League, and all others engaged in distributing the Bible, have dedicated themselves to a noble work."

The signing of the truce has given a new impetus to the PTL campaign of evangelization and Scripture distribution in Korea. As American relief agencies rush food and clothing to Korea to alleviate physical suffering, the PTL is speeding the Word of God to the people to help heal the heartbreak of three bitter years of war.—*Missionary Digest*.

**URGENT PRAYER REQUEST**

Recent word from Colombia, South America urges all Christians to pray for the Protestant churches there. On the first of September, 1953, a former concession favoring Protestant land rights was revised to restrict the functioning of Protestant schools and churches in those certain areas. Not only Pentecostal missions are affected but other evangelical groups. All churches may be closed and the Christians forced to vacate the areas. Please pray.

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# SAVED THROUGH READING THE BIBLE

E. Yngve Olson

"I have a confession to make to you, Cunado (Brother-in-law). When you are away I go into your house and read a book you have there. It is such a wonderful book; I would like to have one like it." These were the words of Eduvigis Avila, a Venezuelan mountaineer.

"Why, Eduvigis, that's all right. You can have this one. I have no use for it. It's yours now," answered the brother-in-law.

A colporteur had sold this Bible to the brother-in-law away back in the White Mountains of western Venezuela. He had not appreciated this Book, though, and did not mind parting with it. But Eduvigis Avila cherished it, and now with this prized possession under his arm he went to his own thatched-roof house and gathered his family around the Book. From its pages he read to them the sweet story of salvation. Then they all knelt to pray, and gave their hearts to its Author.

The Lord gave Eduvigis a vision. He saw a village in the low-lying, arid desert just below the mountains where he lived. He knew that this was San Francisco. Nothing but cactus, goats, and miserable humans relieved the monotonous glare of the tropical sun on the sand. God pointed out to him a certain house in that village, and he felt sure God was calling him to minister there.

Eduvigis sold out his possessions in the mountains and took his wife and ten children to make their home in hot, dry San Francisco. He found the house he had seen in the vision, so he bought it and began to work for God. The front room of the old Spanish colonial house even had a piano in it—so that room became the chapel. The next room was the "prophet's chamber" and prayer tower, occupied night and day by members of the family as they took turns in prayer. The family lived in the rest of the house. The deep dry well became a baptistry on occasions, the water being hauled in five-gallon cans from the village well.

There began to be souls saved, and a work was begun. But Eduvigis' heart could not stand the desert heat and the lack of food, which was more meager down in the desert than in the mountains. One day God called him to eternal rest. But that family had been saved and the gospel had reached that Venezuelan community, just because Eduvigis Avila had read the Bible in the house of his brother-in-law.

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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## JOSEPH'S KINDNESS TO HIS FATHER

Lesson for December 20

Genesis 47:1-12

Every action of Joseph toward his family is a display of kindness. When his brethren came into Egypt to buy grain, his treatment of them was a beautiful demonstration of Jesus' words, "Love your enemies. . . Do good to them that hate you." He possessed the authority to wreak vengeance on them. Instead, he loaded their asses with supplies and sent them back to Jacob. Joseph did this because he loved his brethren in spite of their unkindness toward him, and because he saw the purpose of God in his life. God has a purpose for our lives, even though we do not understand what it is, but if we believe this, we are enabled to commit our way unto the Lord and to trust also in Him. It is very hard for the natural man to trust, but not for those who "know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

### 1. JOSEPH PRESENTS HIS BROTHERS TO PHARAOH

a. *Introduction to Pharaoh.* Joseph presented five of his brothers to Pharaoh. Which five Joseph presented we do not know, but he probably chose those who he thought would best represent the family, or the ones that he felt were most worthy of being honored. These brethren did not put themselves forward; they were honored through Joseph—it was all through grace.

b. *Humility of Joseph.* Joseph's brethren were simple shepherds. They knew little of court life or court etiquette. If Joseph felt embarrassment at their crudeness of appearance or position, his nobler qualities took ascendancy. All shepherds were an "abomination unto the Egyptians," but he identified himself with them. Some people if fortune smiles upon them more than upon others, become ashamed of their family. Through Joseph we may learn the noble art of humility and even self-abasement should such be required.

c. *Reaction of Pharaoh.* Joseph lost nothing by presenting his brethren to Pharaoh. And we do not lose the esteem of persons of quality by identifying ourselves with our people, however humble they may be. The manner in which Joseph presented his brethren impressed Pharaoh. He knew the qualities of Joseph and must have felt that others of his

family possessed similar qualities, even though these shepherds were clothed in rough garments. It is our attitude that makes impressions. We may serve as if we were ashamed to serve, or we may serve as if we felt it to be an honor. It was a joy to Joseph to introduce his brethren.

### 2. JOSEPH PRESENTS HIS FATHER TO PHARAOH

a. *Jacob Meets Pharaoh.* When Jacob was introduced to Pharaoh, he "blessed Pharaoh." Jacob therefore must have known some of the arts and courtesies of his day. Regardless of occupation, all can practice kindness and consideration; these are the marks of real gentility. No doubt Jacob was much older than Pharaoh; otherwise his blessing might seem ill-advised. Some think Jacob's blessing was nothing more than the Hebrew salutation, "Peace be unto thee." Regardless of what Jacob actually said, it was an expression of courtesy to Pharaoh.

b. *Jacob Bemoans His Life.* Pharaoh must have been startled when Jacob began to bless him immediately. Pharaoh replied, "How old art thou?" Then Jacob gave a brief account of his life. He said he had been a pilgrim as his fathers were, but his life had been shorter and more filled with grief—"Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been." This is a sad lamentation for one who is growing old. Jacob had been quite a schemer, but now it seems that his scheming had not been profitable. He had been disappointed many times as he served Laban; his mother had died while he was yet away; he had brought estrangement between himself and his brother Esau; and finally his endeared son Joseph had been torn from him.

These were only a few of the evils which had befallen Jacob. It is possible that his life might have been happier had he acted more uprightly in the beginning. It is in old age that the evil deeds of youth overtake us. In the quietness of old age, memory recalls experiences that had seemingly been forgotten in earlier life. May God help us to live faithfully each moment, so that when the evening shadows begin to fall we shall have no regrets.

### 3. JOSEPH SUSTAINS HIS FATHER AND BRETHREN

a. *Pharaoh Favors His Family.* Our lesson says, "Joseph placed his father and his brethren. . . in the best of the land" (v. 11). But Joseph was not acting selfishly, nor was he

showing an unjust favoritism to those of his family. It was Pharaoh, not Joseph, who had decided where Joseph's family should be settled: "In the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell" (v. 6).

When we selfishly scheme, we may get what we want, but it does not make us happy. When we trust in God and He provides through means of His choosing, His blessings satisfy. Jacob and his sons were happy because their good fortune was the decision of the one highest in power, instead of the result of carnal grasping on their part. Let us as Christians put ourselves into the hand of God and trust in Him. He knows what is best for us; and when He has bestowed, conscience is at rest and the heart is satisfied.

b. *Joseph Nourishes His Family.* Joseph's love was not a temporary emotional desire in behalf of his father and his brethren. It was a consistent, well-planned demonstration of love. The famine was not yet ended; there was need of continued care. Let us remember that our Lord Jesus cares constantly for us, and will never leave us nor forsake us.

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Excellence of God's Word (lesson for Sunday, December 13). Lesson text: Psalm 19.

We will never startle the world by preaching philosophy; but we can win the world if men realize we love one another as Jesus Christ loves us.—Dr. Eugene A. Nida.

### A ROSE 'MID ASHES



# "Old Jed"

A true story of an old man's search for gold.

Edwin Raymond Anderson

NOBODY EVER found out his last name. They all knew him as "Old Jed." He was an old-timer in a small desert town in northern Arizona. Once or twice a week Old Jed ambled into the little desert village of Sand Pass. The other residents would smile knowingly to each other, with veiled amusement, as he took his place in the old rickety chair outside the Post Office. They would grin when he mumbled over and over again, "It's out there. It's got to be there. And someday, someday I'm going to find it for keeps."

Jed cared little whether anyone heard him. He was content to talk to himself about that "sunk pile of gold" which he believed to be somewhere in the never-ending reaches of sand dunes and cactus.

The whole story took place several years ago, when Sand Pass was a small desert village near the Arizona "top line." One Friday afternoon when the heat seemed to "eat" through every place of shelter, everyone around the Post Office was expecting Old Jed to come in for supplies, as he usually did. He would usually shuffle in, dragging his tired feet, gazing dully with his dim eyes, opening and closing his gnarled fingers around an imaginary sack, and mumbling with his whisker-shrouded lips about that "sunk pile of gold."

But Jed didn't show up that afternoon, nor the next, nor the next. Monday came. Young Jimmy Carlson obviously was worried. Facing the men who were hanging around the Post Office, he declared, "I've a feeling something's happened to Old Jed."

Someone guffawed. "Maybe he found his treasure, and is having a good time with it, all by himself out there!"

"No time to fool, men. He's been gone too long. Remember, he's pretty old, and out there in that bright sun, anything could happen. Come on, let's ride out and look for him."

About twelve miles southeast of Sand Pass there is a peculiar rock formation. It is crusted over with ordinary sand, baked deep by the continual heat. It stands only two feet high, but someone ironically named it "Sand Mountain."

There at the foot of that "mountain" they found Old Jed, fallen on the ground. He was dead!



For a moment the men were stunned. Then someone broke the stony silence with the hoarse whisper, "Look there, in Jed's hand!"

Hardly believing their eyes, the men stooped to examine the situation. Jed was clutching something in his hand, but death had loosened the grip, and the cold hand was now half-buried in a yellow, metallic powder. Beside the hand was a small sack. The face of Old Jed was locked into a frightening expression of surprise, the eyes glazed into shock of bewilderment.

A Christian businessman in Phoenix told me this story. He paused in relating it, and turned to me. "You are thinking that Old Jed was right after all about a sunken treasure out there in the sand?" He shook his head slowly, and told me the sad end of the story. It reminded me forcibly of those words of the Lord Jesus Christ. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36, 37).

The men tried to reconstruct the picture of Jed discovering his treasure. Old Jed had come near "Sand Mountain," weary from walking in the heat, and had sat down to rest. Looking about wearily, he spied the sack, half-buried, near the base. For a long time he sat still with excitement. Slowly, very slowly, he reached out to touch the sack, and his fingers quickly tightened about its neck. He pulled the sack near and, with an almost uncontrollable trembling, pulled the dust-filled cord and tilted the sack slightly.

But Jed was too nervous, and he tilted the sack too much. The yellow stream poured out through the neck and spilled into the sand. Suddenly, the whole thing

became too much for the poor old man. He frantically drove his gnarled hand into the powder, clutched some of it in spilling grasp, and staggered to his feet. His old face turned to the sun, and he gave one loud cry, "At last! At last! I've found you after all these years! And you're mine, all mine!"

But the excitement was too great a strain for his old heart. Back in Sand Pass, Doctor Winters gave his verdict: "Death due to heart attack induced by excitement and shock."

The whole story is such a tragedy. After searching and staggering through desert sand under baking heat for years upon years, with mind driving heart to the strange delusion of buried treasure "somewhere out there," Old Jed could not even hold it when he did find it! It was his, after all these years, for only a few fleeting seconds.

And what Old Jed did find was not gold at all. The sack contained a ground mixture of pyrite—"fool's gold"—hardly worth anything. How the sack came to be there, no one could tell. There is a trail that passes "Sand Mountain," and the sack must have fallen out of someone's traveling kit.

My friend turned to me at length. "Do you know what I think? There are lots of people in this old world just like poor Old Jed. They spend years looking for rest and peace, and all they get is the devil's 'fool's gold.' And so, poor souls, they are pushed out into a Christless eternity, without ever having known the true riches of the gospel of the grace of God. Poor Jeds—so many of them in this old world!"

## To C.A.'s Entering Military Service

(Continued from page six)

a healthy influence upon the post far out of proportion to its number.

Secondly, attend your own chapel every Sunday morning. If you will approach it with an eye to receiving something rather than to criticize, you will not go away disappointed. You will be, though you should not be, surprised at the great proportion of Bible believing and evangelical preaching you will find in the chapels. Of course, do not expect that the service will be conducted exactly in the manner to which you are accustomed, nor that you will find complete agreement on all points of Christian doctrine and faith. Any chaplain would be failing in his duty to all the men in his unit if he conducted the Sunday morning service in such a way as to make only the boys of his own church feel completely at home.

One great advantage of such regular chapel attendance is that you will throw the full weight of your testimony, life, and Christian habits on the right side. In other words, you will be letting your light shine in your own corner. Your own company commander and first sergeant will appreciate that regularity, dependability, and the influence toward keeping the company in good shape—morally, physically, and spiritually. Chapel attendance in your own unit is also part of that loyalty to your own organization which the Army has found such a valuable ingredient of high morale and *esprit de corps*. It is my conviction that only in the rare event that you can find no help whatever from your chaplain are you justified as a Christian to forsake your own religious service. If that should happen, then scout around elsewhere on your post or base and most likely you will find a service that is more fundamental and spiritual. Attend there and

lend your encouragement to that chapel program.

You ask, "What about going to town to find a good civilian church, preferably my own faith?" By all means, after you have discharged your responsibility to give a Christian testimony on the post. You will find opportunity to do so. Possibly the Sunday evening service in town, or the young people's service, is just what is best for you. Support it all you can, and in return you will receive much help toward keeping your faith strong. You will thus serve as a useful link between the civilian and military, and will encourage and inspire both.

Again you ask, "If I find a local church I like, why not attend that exclusively?" If you do that, you will quite effectively extinguish your light and testimony to your fellow soldiers and will fail in that aspect of Christian duty. Your first sergeant and others may quite understandably assume that you are running off

## IT'S A FACT—

Our children in the National Children's Home and the retired ministers and missionaries in the Pinellas Park Rest Home are assured of receiving a good number of Christmas packages from our faithful Women's Missionary Councils and others. For this we are grateful, and all of us will enjoy our own Christmas the more because of it.

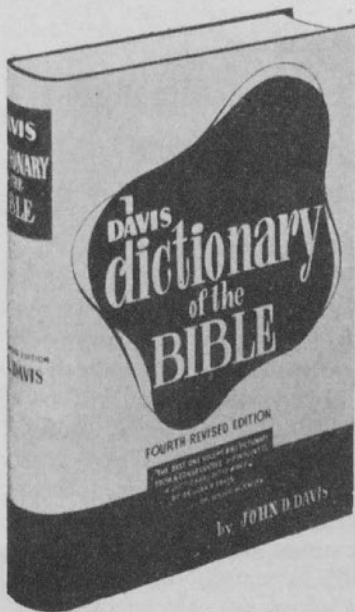
IT IS ALSO A FACT that while many things can be provided through gift packages, there are some things needed at these homes which can only be provided through cash offerings. This is where those who do not care to mail a package can help. Your Christmas offering, however small, will be a blessing to these Homes. Please designate it for one of the homes, or simply for the Benevolence Christmas Fund, and send it today to the Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.



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to town as often as you can to hang around the same disreputable places that his poorest soldiers do.

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No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today, that the weight is more than a man can bear.  
—George MacDonald.

## VIEWS

—READERS WRITE

### Jonathan Goforth a Canadian

In the October 25th issue of the *EVANGEL* there was an article by Dorothy C. Haskin stating that the late Jonathan Goforth, a missionary in China, returned to the United States upon retiring and lived on a small pension. The Reverend Goforth was a Canadian, and spent his life in China as a Presbyterian missionary sent out by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He did not return to the United States but to Canada, where he lived until he died.—Miss Irene R. Cameron, Ridgetown, Ont., Canada.

### "The Evangel Gave Me Hope"

The *EVANGEL* was an instrument of righteousness which gave me faith for healing. So real

and invaluable was the help and faith I received through its pages that I was restored to Christ after being in a most miserable state of despair. I felt I never could be saved again, but the EVANGEL gave me hope and faith to claim God's promises. I'm so thankful for it.—Mrs. A. J. Vaitis, De Funiak Springs, Fla.

#### A Reader for 25 Years

I'm renewing my subscription to the EVANGEL. I've been reading it for over 25 years. It means more to me than any other paper or book, except my Bible. Many times I have received help and encouragement from sermons and articles in the EVANGEL. It is good soul food. I like the way Brother Williams brings out the Sunday School lessons. Thank God for the Gospel Publishing House and all of the staff.—Mrs. Z. S. Owen, Andalusia, Ala.

#### "With My Renewal. . . ."

Thank you for reminding me to renew my subscription to THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. Whatever would we do without this wonderful little magazine. Truly it is a blessing in our lives and has been over many years.

We keep a file and we have every copy of the EVANGEL for the past fourteen or fifteen years. It is wonderful, every now and then, just to take a day off and read copy after copy.

With my renewal I am enclosing a couple of gift subscriptions to friends.—Hubert P. Blanton, San Antonio, Tex.



## FROM BOMBS TO BIBLES

Pictured above, firmly gripping their Bibles, are 49 of the 72 veterans enrolled at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri.

These Christian ex-servicemen have laid aside natural weapons to take up the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and wage spiritual warfare against the kingdom of Satan.

After being trained for spiritual combat at C.B.I., some will return to the countries where they fought as servicemen, to engage in spiritual conquests as missionaries. Others will return to military life as chaplains. Their five years of training at C.B.I. provides 150 of the 210 hours of educational preparation required for the chaplaincy. Many of these former G.I.'s will become pastors, evangelists and Christian workers in the homeland.

All these veterans have justly earned the benefits of the G. I. Bill by means of which their schooling is paid by the government. C.B.I. is approved by the Veterans Administration to train veterans now enrolled under Public Laws 346, 550 and 16. Of the 72 veterans now enrolled at C.B.I., 36 are under Public Law 346, thirty-four under Public Law 550, and 2 under Public Law 16.

Public Law 550—82nd Congress—NR 7656 includes "An act to provide vocational readjustment and to restore lost educational opportunities to certain persons who served in the Armed Forces on or after June 27th, 1950, and prior to such dates as shall be fixed by the President or the Congress, and for other purposes."

Sec. 212 (a) of this Act states that "no eligible veteran shall be entitled to initiate a program of education or training under this title after August 20, 1954, or after two years after his discharge or release from active service, whichever is later."

Therefore any eligible veteran who expects to utilize the educational benefits of P. L. 550 for Christian training must be enrolled in Bible school before August 20, 1954, unless he was discharged after August 20, 1952. In that case the benefits of P. L. 550 expire two years from date of discharge.

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### BEREA TABERNACLE MARKS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

DETROIT, MICH.—Many old friends and members gathered at Berea Tabernacle during the 40th Anniversary Week, Sept. 13—20. The services began on Sunday morning with Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent, bringing the message. His words of commendation and encouragement warmed the hearers' hearts as he told what God had wrought during the past forty years.

Brother and Sister J. R. Kline, former pastors, were present each evening and recounted many blessed memories. The congregation regretted the fact that Brother and Sister S. H. Wilson, also former pastors, were unable to attend.

Nelson Hinman of South Bend, Ind. was the guest speaker for the week and his timely messages on faith revolutionized the thinking of many. Carl Olivebring, Swedish baritone, sang each evening.

Approximately 250 old friends attended a fellowship dinner, followed by a musical program and informal pictures of old Berea friends and activities. A climax to the evening was the announcement by Pastor Theodore E. Ness that friends had contributed funds to purchase a car for the Klins. On Sunday morning the new Plymouth was dedicated and the keys presented to these faithful pastors of former years.

Brother Ness paid warm tribute to the accomplishments in the past, and announced that Berea will be relocating in the near future. He asked for loyal support and co-operation of the members of Berea, reminding that their "glorious past calls for a victorious future."

An anniversary booklet, giving the history of Berea in picture and word, was distributed during the week.

### ANOTHER CHURCH BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

BROOKS, OREGON—Fire broke out in the Assembly of God building here around midnight on Sunday, October 25, and completely destroyed the structure.

Robert Swope, the pastor, estimated the damage at \$10,000 including the new Sunday School annex which also burned. The C. A.'s had recently purchased 26 new folding chairs for their youth room, and 50 new "Song of Praise" hymn books, all of which were lost. The church owed \$1,400 on the building and carried only \$1,000

insurance. The church is meeting in the school gymnasium until better accommodations can be obtained. They are asking Christian friends to pray that God will enable them to rebuild without delay, and that the progress of the church may not be hindered. In October they had an average attendance of 94 in Sunday School.

The event points up the danger confronting every church, especially in winter months. According to the National Fire Protection Association, nine church buildings catch on fire every day.

Many burn to the ground. To be exact, the average for the entire year is 63 church fires every week. Most occur early Sunday morning, when the premises are being heated for the day's activities.

The N.F.P.A. urges every church to follow the following formula to prevent fire: (1) Inspect property regularly. (2) Detect fire hazards promptly. (3) Correct fire hazards immediately. (4) Build safely and well. (5) Limit what there is to burn. (6) Safeguard all sources of ignition. (7) Remem-



Remains of church at Brooks, Oregon

ber that clean property is safer. (8) Know what to do if fire breaks out.

AMERICUS, GA.—Evangelist Gene Thompson from Camden, Ark. was with us for two weeks. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Brother Thompson has a burden for souls and we enjoyed his preaching and singing.—A. V. Hendrick, Pastor.

HARRISON, ARK.—We have just closed a wonderful meeting with Evangelists Don and Ruth Smothers of Harrison, Ark. They were with us for two weeks. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was stirred to do greater things for the Lord.—Luster Young, Pastor.

LUMBER CITY, GA.—Evangelist and Mrs. I. O. Allen of Macon, Ga. recently were with us for a meeting. Interest was good and a number visited the church for the first time. Several testified to bodily healing.

Since we came here in July, 1952, God has been good to us. The Sunday School has shown a marked increase. As far as we can determine, we broke all previous records in Sunday School attendance during the Allen meeting.—David Speight, Pastor.

PAWNEE, ILL.—In October we had an old-fashioned meeting with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. There were special nights for drawing, singing, and musical numbers. Every service was well attended. There were 23 who found Christ as their Saviour, and three were filled with the Holy Spirit. A total of 120 people attended our church for the first time. Through the tireless efforts of Brother Ogden and the Sunday School staff, we had an average of 244 in Sunday School. A good spirit of revival still remains in the church.—J. W. Ellsworth, Pastor.

CULLEN, LA.—We have just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist A. L. English of Blue Mountain, Ala. There were 13 saved and the church was blessed by Brother English's rich ministry. There still remains a spirit of revival in our midst.—T. E. Gilbreath, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—Evangelist Peggy Bolam of Vancouver, Canada, was here for three weeks. Several were saved, 14 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number of backsliders were reclaimed. The morning services at 10 were attended by a surprisingly large number. We are grateful for the fine teaching given by Sister Bolam in these morning services; it has helped to build up the new converts in the Lord.—Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Nov. 16—We thank God for His goodness to us the past 20 months. We started the work here in north Tucson in a rented building the first Sunday in February, 1952. God has helped us pay the down payment on a church which the Baptists used at one time. Our Sunday School averaged 132 the last Sunday School year. The work has been completely self-supporting from the beginning.

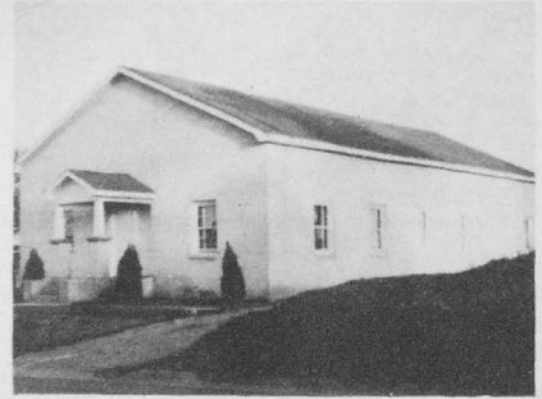
We appreciated the fine meeting with Brother Raymond T. Richey recently. God met us in a wonderful way. Evangelist R. G. Mohrman of Flint, Michigan starts a meeting with us the 29th of this month and David Nunn is to be with us next month.—Spencer A. Weddle, Pastor, The Friendly Church, Northside Assembly.

COSHOCTON, OHIO—Our area has just had a blessed visitation from the presence of the Lord. Evangelist Louise Nankivell of Chicago, Ill. was with us in a salvation-healing meeting. The Lord manifested Himself in the salvation of souls and the healing of sick bodies.

A young man not only suffered from a heat stroke and stomach ulcers, but was also a slave to liquor. Though just a young man, the doctors had told him he never would be able to work again. Hearing of the meetings, he came and gave his heart to the Lord. He went through the prayer line and was healed and made whole by the mighty power of God.

An Assembly of God pastor of a rural church near Alliance, Ohio, was called out of the audience by Sister Nankivell the first night. He had fallen some 14 months ago and never had been able to bend his back since. He suffered night and day. After Sister Nankivell prayed for him he was able to bend over and touch the floor many times. He testified that all the pain was gone.

Many other instances of healing could be related, as people were healed each evening. People from almost every church in the city came in the prayer line for healing. Each evening the auditorium of the church was filled and many were in the overflow room.—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson, Pastors, First Assembly of God.



THE ASSEMBLY IN ATLANTA, TEX.

The Assembly in Atlanta, Tex. is only seven years old. Recently during a revival campaign with Evangelists Ralph and Ellen Dale the Sunday School made a new attendance record of 100. The evangelists were there for three and a half weeks, during which time seven were saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A. W. Waller has been pastor of this Assembly since June 1951. God has enabled the people to brick veneer the church and to buy a new parsonage.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We have just closed our annual Missionary Convention at the Magnolia Park Assembly of God. The speakers were: Philip Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Robison, Josephine Spina, and Charles Greenaway. God made each missionary a special blessing. The cash and pledges amounted to \$11,600.

The Missionary Convention closed on Sunday, Oct. 25, after which Paul Holdridge, Superintendent of the New Mexico District, was with us for eight days. God blessed during this short meeting and Brother Holdridge's messages will live for a long time in the hearts of the people.—E. M. Yeats, Pastor.

BENTLEYVILLE, PA.—For the past eleven months we have pastored the Assembly here and have had the joy of seeing "the fallow ground broken up."

Recently Evangelist Robert Wallace of Portland, Me. was with us and the Lord met us in a mighty way. From the very first night the attendance was good. On the second night two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. At least 20 came forward for salvation and many new folk are now earnestly seeking to be filled with the Spirit.

We praise God for delivering people from sinful habits, for reclaiming backsliders, and reviving our people.—R. L. Umstead, Pastor.

# HALLELUJAH!

The step of faith that has been taken in making REVIVALTIME a "live" network broadcast has met with a hearty response from all parts of our Fellowship. Typical of many letters and cards is this message from Evangelist Paul Hild. It was the first piece of mail received by the Radio Department in response to the announcement that appeared in the EVANGEL, and was accompanied by a \$25.00 donation.

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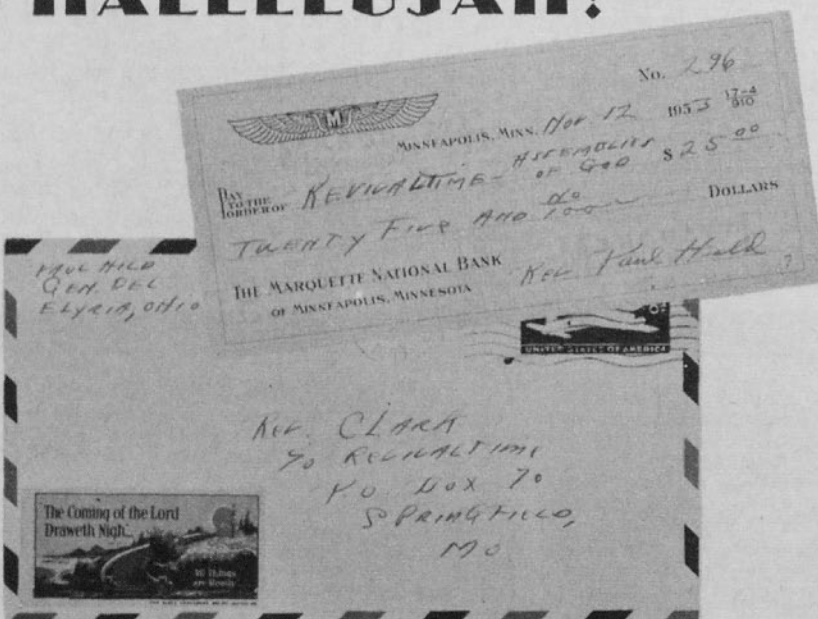
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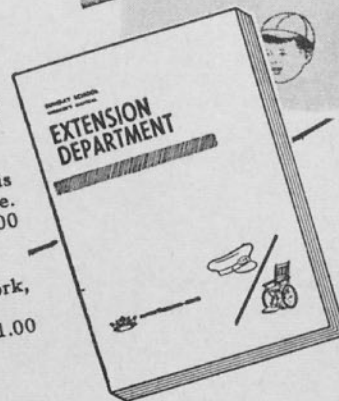
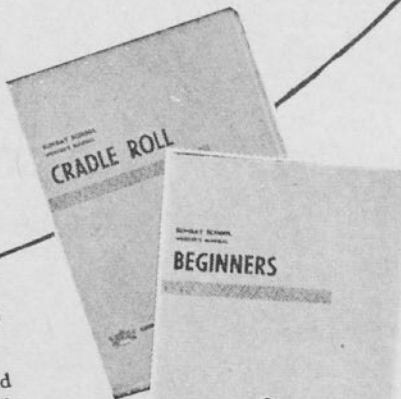
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WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Workers' Training School, Dec. 27—Jan. 3. George Davis, National S. S. Representative, and Billie Davis, Springfield, Mo. in charge. (D. P. Holloway is Pastor.)

HARDIN, MO.—Dec. 15—20; Len Jones and Moses Copeland, evangelists.—by Ruth Copeland, Pastor.

MACON, GA.—Central Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelist Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill.—by Joseph M. Bell, Pastor.

PUENTE, CALIF.—Glen Grove Assembly of God, Nov. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. R. Lindley, Bakersfield, Calif.—by E. J. Kumpe, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Dec. 1—; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge of California. (M. C. Allen is Pastor.)

MODESTO, CALIF.—Community Full Gospel Church, Dec. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (George E. Elrod is Pastor.)

REISTERSTOWN, MD.—Eastern Section Fellowship Rally, Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Dec. 14. V. W. Miles to speak at 2:30 p.m. and Paul Pittman, Milton, Pa., at 7:30 p.m.—by C. H. Nalley, Pastor.

CARTHAGE, MO.—On November 15 we closed a good meeting with Evangelist E. K. Ramsey of Springfield, Mo. A number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and some were refilled. There were several conversions and healings. Many feel that this was one of the best meetings we have had for several years.—Clifford Truitt, Pastor.

FRANKFORT, KY.—On November 1, we closed a three-week meeting with Evangelist Dave and Gwen Wilkerson of Turtle Creek, Pa. Several came forward for salvation and the revival tide among the saints was high. Over 200 people attended our church for the first time. Brother Wilkerson worked among the children using a ventriloquist's dummy. We are still enjoying the wonderful spirit of revival.—H. C. Golden, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

ATLANTA, GA.—In November we had a meeting with Evangelist Clyde Goree from Birmingham, Ala. At least three were definitely saved, and the altar was filled each evening as the Christians sought a closer walk with God. Our people received help and encouragement from this meeting. Many came for healing.—Mrs. Zemmie Whit-hurst, Secretary, Bethel Temple Assembly of God. (Grover Langston is Pastor.)

## 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.

HAZLETON, PA.—Faith Assembly of God, Dec. 13—20; Evangelist Stanley W. Karol, Philadelphia, Pa.—by William A. Caldwell, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL.—Assembly of God, Dec. 1 for two weeks or longer; Evangelist G. L. McKinney, Joplin, Mo.—by Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Co-pastors.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—West Fiftieth Pentecostal Church, Dec. 1—; "Christ for All Crusade" with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by Charles L. Mooney, Pastor.

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BURLEY, IDAHO—"Beacon Light Broadcast," station KBIO, 1230 kc., Sundays 8 to 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by Rupert Assembly of God, Rupert, Idaho.—Willis E. Shane, Pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH.—"Calvary Echoes," station KYAK, 1000 kc., Sundays 8 a.m. Carl Anderson, Director.—Mrs. Earnest Jones, Church Secretary, Washington Ave. Assembly of God. (George E. Wade is Pastor.)

LOUISVILLE, MISS.—"Assembly of God Hour," station WLSM, 1230 kc., Sundays 9 to 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by pastors: J. F. Patton, H. E. Dobbs, and T. A. Williams.

IRWIN, PA.—"Herald of Hope," station WHJB, 620 kc., Tuesdays at 11:45 p.m.—J. M. Pittman, Pastor.

HAZLETON, PA.—"The Happy Time Kids Klub," station WAZL, Sundays 7:45 to 8 a.m. Also "Miracle Moments," Sundays 4:30 to 5 p.m.—William A. Caldwell, Pastor, Faith Assembly of God.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—"Revival Hour," station KIMO, 1510 kc., Sundays 1 to 1:30 p.m., First Assembly of God.—R. A. McClure, Director and Pastor.

GREELEY, COLO.—"The Gospel Half Hour," station KFKA, 1310 kc., Sundays 9 to 9:30 a.m. with the McClure Family. Also LAREDO, TEX., station XEXO, Voice of the Continent, 1550 kc., Sundays 6:30 to 7 p.m. (C.S.T.)—R. A. McClure.

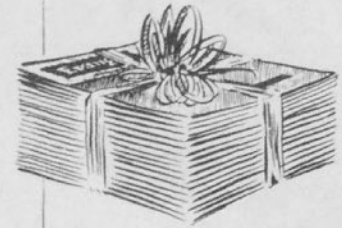
## MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—The Rio Linda Assembly voted to change its name to North Highlands Assembly of God, P. O. Box 1053, North Highlands, Calif.—Glen W. Parks, Pastor.

NOTICE—New radio and TV time and station, "Eskelin Family," daily at 6:30 a.m.; station WJMR, 990 kc., channel 61, CBS station in New Orleans.—E. G. Eskelin, Pastor, Victory Temple, New Orleans, La.

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