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



New Year

*Dear Master, for this New Year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing;
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me;
But this I ask, teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.*

*I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.*

—Frances Ridley Havergal

The Year in Retrospect

A SUMMARY OF THE OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS EVENTS OF 1954

Written by V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College,
For the Evangelical Press Association

VIEWED IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE past, this year of 1954 shows a marked upswing of interest in religion.

There is considerable difference of opinion among evangelicals as to the meaning of this increased interest. Conservatives in theology regard a revival of religion only in terms of the Welsh experience of 1904, or of the ministry of Charles G. Finney in the United States during the mid-nineteenth century, or the awakening that swept Britain in 1859-60. The fact is overlooked by many that times of great spiritual awakening in the past have always been preceded by a period of preparation; and there are some who believe that such are the days of 1954. Here are some facts:

1. Sixty per cent of the people of America are now associated with a church; whereas, at the time of the war of independence only eight per cent were churchgoers.

2. Religious books sold three times more copies in 1953 than all other books combined.

3. President Eisenhower and his colleagues are deeply moved by the revival; Cabinet meetings open with prayer; many senators attend devotional breakfast meetings. Newspapers find a religious topic better headline news than an international crisis.

4. American religious activities are spreading overseas with an extraordinary rapidity. There is a sweeping reaction against secularism and materialism.

Without doubt there is a very marked increase of interest in religion and attention to matters spiritual; and one shares the question asked of me by Dr. Edward R. Elson, the president's pastor, when he inquired, "What will the masses do when they begin to see that the Cross is central and inevitable in Christianity?" The future holds the answer to that pertinent question.

Four outstanding factors represent accurately the religious experience of 1954, in my opinion. They are revival in Britain and America, reaction in the Soviet Union, reunion at Evanston, and relaxation of taxation to encourage religious and eleemosynary enterprises.

Revival

A year ago the name "Harringay" was unknown in America and elsewhere in the world; it was an arena habituated in Britain only by devotees of dog races

and boxing. 1954 made it a household name among Christians the world over, because it became during the spring of this year the center of the Greater London Crusade led by Billy Graham.

The gross attendance at Harringay Arena and the relay services (that is, the services held in auditoriums and theaters throughout Britain to which the message was carried by radio) was in excess of 17,000,000. Every level of society was reached.

David Lawrence, editor of the *U. S. News and World Report*, editorialized: "Dr. Graham has appeared in the role of an Old Testament prophet or a John the Baptist declaring, 'Thus saith the Lord God,' and thousands have responded to his message. Nineteen hundred years ago men were puzzled by the preaching of St. Paul, preaching which swept away the paganism of the Roman Empire and the dead ecclesiasticism of Judaism. The explanation which he himself gave is: 'The preaching of the Cross is to them that are perishing foolishness, but unto us which are being saved it is the power of God.' Is not that the real answer to our questions today?"

In the Western Hemisphere large evangelistic endeavors have marked the year 1954; not only those of Billy Graham in cities such as Nashville and New Orleans, but also by clergymen such as Merv Rosell and Jack Shuler, and laymen like Howard C. Butt.

Even in Latin America, where evangelical missionary endeavor has moved quite slowly in most places during the last century, 1954 was a new day for the gospel. Evangelist Tommy Hicks began services in Buenos Aires with attendance of less than 5000; and this grew to exceed 60,000. On one night in the largest football stadium of the city the crowd was estimated by the local newspapers at 200,000. Eighty thousand decision cards were filled out by seekers, and the local evangelical churches were swamped with converts and interested individuals. All

the Bibles and New Testaments in the city were eagerly bought up, and additional supplies demanded.

Reaction in Russia

In the past few years the impression has gone abroad through the channels of Soviet propaganda that freedom of religion is now an established fact in the U.S.S.R. Whereas there had been bitter and brutal savagery in the 1920's and '30's against religion in Russia, the '40's were marked by some alleviation from anti-religious persecution.

During the war Stalin allowed the churches to reopen and the priests publicly to perform their ritual in a coldly calculated measure of military necessity. The Soviet dictator reasoned that he could use religion as a device to inflame patriotism and nationalism, and at the same time to impress his allies of official Soviet freedom of religion. Some churchmen abroad believed that a new day had come for the Russian masses; and in their language, the leaven of Christianity would ameliorate the rigors of Russian atheism and militarism.

During this year it has been observed by *Newsweek's* contributing editor, Leon Volkov: "Now, however, Christianity has revived to the point where it is a real menace to the regime. If religion is, as Marx and Lenin contended, the opium of the people, then more and more Soviet citizens have become addicts. All the evidence is that the Orthodox Church is becoming an increasingly important force in the affairs of the Soviet Union."

This threat has not gone unnoticed by the Soviet leaders. The newspapers have taken up the cudgels against religion with articles such as *Pravda* printed on "Let us spread scientific-atheistic propaganda." The promotion of atheism is being stepped up in the public schools. It is reported that in the earliest grades the teachers take advantage of little children with sophistry of this kind: "Children, look at this wonderful nature. You know who takes care of this nature? Our communist party. . . . You see the trees; therefore, they exist. Only the things exist which you can see, feel, and touch. . . . Don't believe in God. God does not exist. You cannot see him."

The statistics of Soviet suppression of religion are startling, even if we consider only those regarding the occupied coun-

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Hear C. M. Ward on 'REVIVALTIME . . .

"EXCHANGE"

SERMON SUBJECT FOR DECEMBER 26

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



The Redemption of Time

Martin Luther Davidson

TIME IS BRIEF. THE END OF LIFE IS hurrying on. As we come to the close of another year, strong emotions are stirred in our spirits as we realize that many happy moments have passed forever. They will never come again. Nevertheless, they must give way to the greater responsibilities and challenges of life which lie before us at the command of God. However, we can scarcely part with any period of life without being soberly reminded that time is a gift of infinite value, and that every moment spent is a reduction of the span of life.

These sobering facts direct us to a careful consideration of Ephesians 5:16, a verse which exhorts us to redeem time. It says, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Let us consider three things suggested by this verse.

I

First of all, the subject of this exhortation is *time*. What is time? I don't know that I can tell you. Even scientists are pondering the mysteries of time. Time cannot be weighed or analyzed. Matter is timeless. Our planetary system of measuring time seemingly has no relation to the cycles of life. Only animal life has a conscious knowledge of the existence of time.

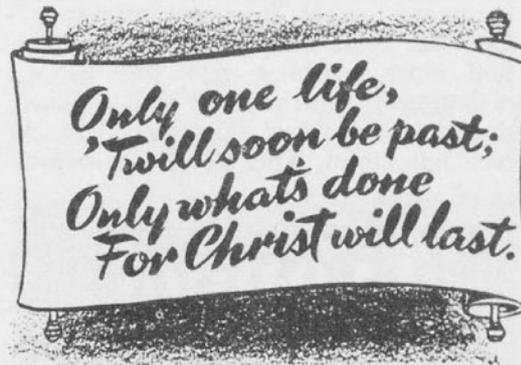
Time began by an announcement of God and will close at a pronouncement of an angel. Time began with the pleasure of God and will end in the anger of God. Time was born in the providence of God and will die in the judgment of God. Time inherited moral relation with eternity past and will leave its fruits for eternity future. Oh, who can tell us what time means in the vocabulary of God?

The word "time" is used in many ways in the Bible. I call your attention to three:

(1) "Time" sometimes signifies the whole duration assigned to this present world. So long as this world exists, just so long will there be time. John the Revelator tells us that time will run out for this world, and that a great angel will descend from heaven and pronounce the solemn oath "that there should be time no longer." In this important period all the plans of God's providence are to be transacted. Time is man's only state of probation. Our eternal future is determined by our conduct in time.

(2) In another sense, time signifies the period of one human life; as long as

one is in this present world, he is said to be in *time*. When life ends he is said to be in eternity. Time in this sense is that period which God has allotted to each of us personally as a testing period. In this life we are on trial. Thus we are made to realize how important "lifetime" is. Every act we perform in our lifetime has some relation to eternity. Each act contributes to our eternal sorrow or eternal joy. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). Time is a sowing season, and eternity is the harvest. Our deeds, good or bad, are the seeds. We may forget the actions of our



lifetime, but we shall meet them again in eternity and in the presence of the Almighty God.

Time also means "season" or "opportunity." This seems to be the special sense in which the Apostle uses it in our text. God has granted Christians the opportunity of growing in the knowledge and truth of Christ (Eph. 4:13), witnessing with power to the glorious gospel of Christ (Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15), and demonstrating before the world the reality of this great salvation (2 Cor. 3:2). Let us seize the opportunity before it is gone.

II

Now let us consider the exhortation itself: "redeeming the time," or, as we have seen, "redeeming the opportunity."

This expression "redeeming the time" is metaphorical. The Apostle alludes to the customs of trade by which goods were offered for sale by some and purchased by others. By sheer neglect the purchaser often missed the best opportunity to buy before the prices were advanced or the goods bought up by others. So the Apostle by metaphor exhorts us

to redeem (literally, to buy up) our spiritual opportunities lest we let them pass forever.

How can we buy up our spiritual opportunities?

(1) By a diligent and conscientious use of our time.

The materialist would have us believe that time or life is of little consequence. He informs us that we are just a chance mixture of chemicals or an accidental collection of atoms. According to this view we exist, not because of a Supreme Intelligence, but as a bi-product of the unalterable laws of blind fate. In a few more days, perhaps a hundred million trillion years, nature will replace us with some other chemical or material concoction! Thus we have no power over our own life, and when nature (the only god the materialist knows) forces us off the stage of existence we will disappear into the oblivion of nothingness. In the light of this theory there is nothing to do but suffer the monotony of this fatal existence.

How contrary this is to that which is revealed in the Bible. We are called upon to be stewards, not only of our means, but also of our time. Jesus commands in the parable of the pounds, "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13). A wise steward considers his time as well as his means.

One who is guilty of sloughing off time, as a drunkard would fling away his money, is a squanderer. Time is a precious gift of God—time and life are almost synonymous in that sense. Who dare not consider life a precious gift? The wasting of time is the wasting of life. Redeeming time is the development of Christian character. He who fails to make a diligent and conscientious use of time is stealing from God. We need to pray as Moses prayed in the 90th Psalm, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

With such emphasis upon making full use of our time, one may be led to ask, "Do we have leisure time?" If by leisure time one means time for looseness of conduct, dissipation of body, or idleness of mind, then a Christian never has leisure time. Such would throw the soul off guard and weaken the spiritual character. If by leisure time one means those hours in which he is not engaged in some menial task of life, or some form of Christian work or worship, then there are

leisure times. But even these should be for the glory of God. Paul said, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). When we have learned to make our leisure time count for God, we have learned to redeem time.

(2) We may redeem the time by wise and consistent Christian living. The apostle Paul exhorts, in the context, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise." In the first verse of this chapter he says, "Be ye therefore followers of God." The Greek word for "follower" is "mimetes" and means "imitator." Thus the Apostle calls upon us to be imitators of God—not hypocritical, blasphemous clowns of religion, but true mirrors of His holiness, reflecting the image of God in our lives. This the Apostle terms "walking circumspectly," or as another rendering gives it, "walking accurately, precisely." Here the Apostle sets forth the principal way to redeem the time, not by mere timely living, but by living precisely, godly. Time is never redeemed if it fails to effect godliness, however it may be employed. Nothing can be counted gain if it retards or hinders the work of grace in our hearts. Time is redeemed in the true sense when we so walk in Christ that the Holy Spirit can reflect in us the character of God.

III

Finally, let us consider the motives by which the Apostle enforces the exhortation: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

(1) We are living in evil days, for the world is in the possession of the evil one. This age is ruled over by Satan, whom Paul calls "the god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4) and whom Jesus called "the prince of this world." This does not mean that God abdicates or surrenders any portion of His dominion over to Satan, but that those to whom God has granted free will have placed themselves under the power of the evil one. The dominion of this world was once in the hands of Adam, but Satan usurped that authority when he tempted Adam and Eve to sin. Thus Satan gained the lordship over man.

One can further see that these days are evil when he realizes that Satan, the god of this age, employs evil stratagems for the overthrow of the righteous. Paul exhorts in Ephesians 6:11, 12, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [hosts of wicked spirits] in high places." We are fighting against a vast army of invisible enemies. They are

not human antagonists, but foes of our faith that cannot be touched by carnal weapons. These are cunning, invisible, diabolic foes who assail the will and conscience. They follow us into the region of spiritual thought and contend in the cloistered chamber of prayer and meditation. Paul warned that we cannot stand against this invisible army unless we are panoplied with the whole armor of God. We are locked in a mortal struggle with diabolic forces. These are evil days.

(2) These are evil days, for they are the last days. We have this on the highest authority of divine truth, the Word of God. Consider the words of the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Even the most primary student of Scripture must recognize that this passage of prophetic truth predicts with certainty that the last days of this age will be exceedingly sinful. This fact is so irrefuta-

bly established by scriptural declarations and the moral degeneracy of man that everyone ought to be conscious that we are living in the evil and corrupt days of the end-time.

I want to impress upon you that increased evil has a tendency to weaken and destroy the faith of some. Jesus tells us in Matthew 24:12, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Paul says it in 1 Timothy 4:1, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits." Thus the rising tide of evil which will signal the end of the age will produce a wave of apostasy to sweep many from the faith. So the major cause for the end-time apostasy is failing faith.

Two illustrations in this regard stand out in the Old Testament. One is that of Samson; and the other, Lot. Both were vexed by the sins that surrounded them. We read of Samson in Judges 16:16, "And it came to pass, when she [Delilah] pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, . . . that his soul was vexed unto death." This is not figurative language, but a statement of historical fact. Samson was vexed, sickened, goaded, and harassed in spirit until he died spiritually. The thing that caused Samson's faith to fail was the vexation of sin.

Peter says of Lot, "[God] delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds)" (2 Peter 2:7-9).

Lot suffered the same vexation of soul and faith as did Samson, but the two differ widely in experience. Samson suffered the loss of all, even to the death of his soul; but Lot the just maintained righteousness of soul and was delivered. Thus they become fitting types of the two classes of Christians which shall exist at the coming of the Lord.

With the present rising tide of iniquity, the righteous are being sorely vexed. Satan has unleashed all his fiendish wiles for an end-time onslaught against the Church. He has attacked from within as well as from without. Weird and unscriptural doctrines have been sown among us. Perverted and seducing practices have been accepted by some as divine guidance and gifts of the Spirit. I warn you, beware of the devil's counterfeit. Satan is a past master at counterfeiting the realities of God. Let not your ambition to be gifted and spiritual carry you out into an emotional world void of spiritual guidance or into doctrines that are forced and exaggerated interpretations of divine truth. Above all, fortify your soul against the vexation of increasing worldliness that is cursing these last days. We must redeem the time.



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A Mighty Ministry in 1955

The Ministry of Prayer is a ministry of power. Attend Watch Night service Dec. 31, and join in the Universal Week of Prayer, January 2 to 8.

"WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?" asked the Lord of the fearful shepherd Moses. In that shepherd's crook which he held, Moses saw only the staff on which he leaned, the rod with which he guided his kinsman's flocks. But to God it was far more. It was the humble instrument of Divine power; and yielded to God it became the mighty arm of deliverance of His people from bondage.

Still God is saying, "What is that in thine hand?" as He looks at each of us. You may feel that you cannot do very much, but God knows that in your earnest prayers there is great power. Prayer is the key to spiritual victory for 1955. Upon your faithfulness in prayer during the coming year may depend the salvation of many a soul, the establishment of many a convert, the holiness of many a saint. Stretch forth your "rod" then—kneel down to pray—and see the waters of sin and discouragement roll back in 1955!

What better time to form the habit of a consistent prayer life than now, at the close of another year, when we appraise the past and look forward with mingled feelings of hope and fear into the future! On New Year's Eve let us all be found in the house of God calling upon the Lord for a mighty move of His Spirit among us. The best place to watch the old year out and the new year in is on your knees. The only people who can know God's blessing are those who seek Him. A time of real heart-searching and confession of sin is the best way to start 1955. Take God into companionship with you this coming year.

Following the Watch Night service, let us join in a special week of earnest prayer. In 1955 the Universal Week of Prayer will be observed for the 109th successive year. The dates will be Sunday, January 2, to Saturday, January 8, inclusive. Throughout the course of the past century and more the call to united intercession during the first week of the new year has met with a wide response from the Lord's people, who in the fellowship of prayer have been drawn nearer to Him as well as to one another.

Here are some suggested requests for the Week of Prayer. Let us take them

upon our hearts, remembering that definite prayer brings a definite answer:

SUNDAY: Let us ask God today to search us, try us, cleanse us, and refill us with His Spirit. Unless we are right with God ourselves, our prayers cannot avail for anyone else. Let us pray for our own local pastor and for the Sunday School workers and church officials.

MONDAY: Our Foreign Missions Department is facing a financial crisis. May we ask God to supply the need and to tell us what He would have us do to help. There is a great need for revival in all lands. Let us uphold our foreign missionaries; they need physical strength and spiritual encouragement from the Lord.

TUESDAY: "Revivaltime" reaches behind the iron curtain where the missionaries cannot go. Let us pray for its ministry, as well as for the persecuted Christians in those lands. Pray for the supply of funds for the continuance of this Full Gospel broadcast on the ABC network.

WEDNESDAY: An important Evangelism Convention has just concluded in Kansas City. Let us ask God that a re-

newed spirit of evangelism shall sweep across our movement and that many souls may be won to Christ. God has been blessing the work of the young people in the One-Eight Crusade. Pray that through it our C.A.'s may become real witnesses. Continue to remember our entire youth program.

THURSDAY: Our Bible Schools need the anointing of the Spirit upon the teachers and students. Let us pray for them. Some of the schools are building or planning to build, and need financial aid. Let us uphold the ministry of the printed Word wherever it is translated and distributed.

FRIDAY: Let us pray for the Home Missions Department and for the work among the deaf, the Jews, the Indians, prisoners, etc. Pray especially for the workers in pioneer fields. Remember the servicemen all over the world.

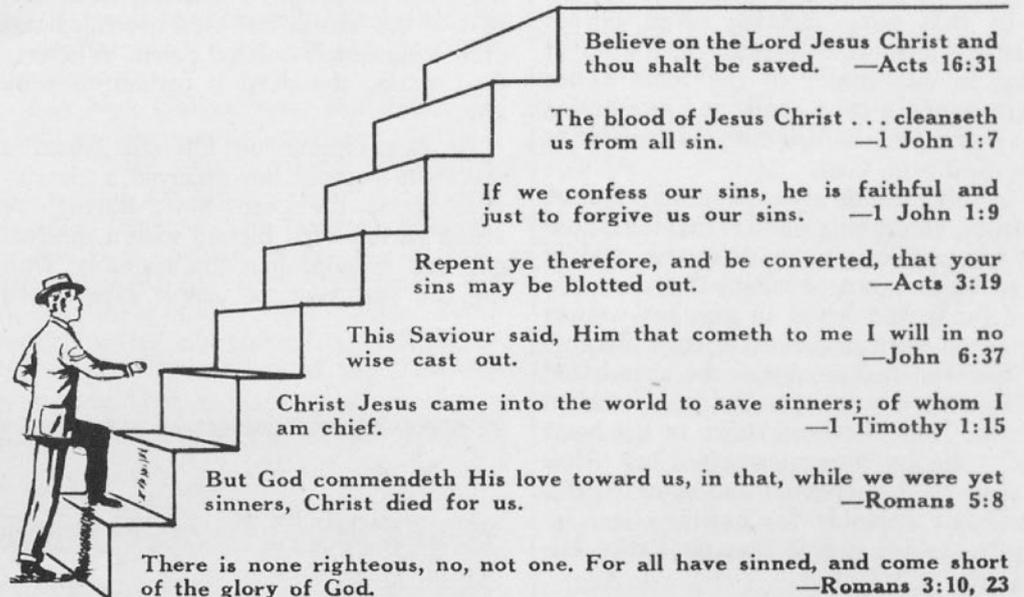
SATURDAY: This year may be a critical one as nations talk peace and prepare for war. Let us ask God to guide our President and other leaders; pray that

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STEPS TO SALVATION

THE WAY OF SALVATION IS SO SIMPLE,
SO EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY STEP. SAY,
"I HAVE SINNED." "CHRIST DIED FOR ME."
"WHEN I COME TO HIM HE WILL NOT
CAST ME OUT."



Years ago I took these steps to salvation.

When I realized that God so loved me that He sent His only begotten Son to die in my place, how sorry and repentant I was! I confessed my sins and asked God for Jesus' sake to be merciful and forgive me. I believed the Word of God, and

soon the joy of salvation filled my heart. He never leaves me nor forsakes me.

Will you, here and now, take these steps?

If you will, Jesus will save you. Do not harden your heart. Accept Him now.

—James E. Adams

MIRACLES, SIGNS, and WONDERS in KOREA

John Stetz

A RECENT EXTENSIVE ITINERARY throughout our assemblies in the Cholla Provinces of South Korea revealed some startling incidents.

One of our churches is experiencing a remarkable demonstration of God's power. This particular church is situated on a hill overlooking the coastal city of Mokpo; already it has the reputation in that area of being a church of true Christianity. The Sunday night we were there God blessed in a remarkable way.

After the sermon an elderly woman came forward to greet us. She told us proudly that God had healed her blind eyes a few months before. She had been openly opposing Christianity, especially this church on the hill. Then one day God's Spirit started to convict her of wrongdoing. Being blind, this woman had to be led to the church; and immediately she became the laughingstock of her friends and neighbors because she was now attending the very church that she opposed formerly. A short while later the woman accepted Christ, and then the miracle happened: God miraculously healed her of her blindness.

In that same meeting seven devout teen-age girls were singing the praises of God in one corner of the room. They were clapping their hands and worshipping in a manner of utter abandonment to the Spirit of God.

In this thrilling atmosphere we inquired further concerning God's manifestations in this pioneer church. We were told of a young lady out of whom they had cast a demon. We heard of another woman who had been healed of leprosy. Because of her wretched condition she once hated God. One day she was suddenly stricken dumb. Then the Lord spoke to her heart and a mighty conviction seized her. After a struggle she repented and came to this particular assembly for healing. God instantly healed her of leprosy! Praise His Name!

A new family had moved into the neighborhood some time before and the wife never ceased to complain about such a noisy church. Her mother-in-law warned her about opposing the Christians, but that did not stop the woman. Suddenly God's judgment fell on her and she was prostrated by the Spirit's power; she likewise was stricken dumb. Her horrified

mother-in-law pleaded in tears for her to repent. Shortly afterward the stricken woman repented in tears as she recognized the power of the living God. Then she went into semi-consciousness. When she revived she told of having seen a ball of fire descending from heaven. Such were God's dealings with this particular woman; today both she and her mother-in-law are faithful Christians in this Assemblies of God church.

On the island of Chindo we have two other assemblies. At the first assembly we visited we learned that recently forty people had been baptized in the Holy Spirit in a five-day revival meeting conducted by one of our Korean ministers from Mokpo. Recently one of the members gave a prophecy urging the people to take refuge because a third world war would be inevitable. Some of the unlearned and simple Christians misinterpreted the message and left the island for the mainland. Actually the meaning of the prophecy was that the people take refuge in Christ Jesus. The misunderstanding brought on a wave of persecution from the police and counselors from that part of the island; but God overruled and eventually things quieted down. Wherever God works, the devil is certain to work also.

At this church on Chindo Island a seventeen-year-old boy received a glorious vision from the Lord. Since having the vision he has been blessed with a spiritual gift that is helpful in the assembly. During the past year six people experienced

marvelous healings similar to those recorded in the New Testament. At other assemblies on this same island people are being healed by the power of God and others are receiving gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A certain native Bible woman on the island of Apaido exercises the gift of healing with the result that many villagers are healed through the laying on of her hands. Through her ministry many have believed and the assembly has been built up.

Space does not permit us to tell of the many things we found taking place in other churches where similar outpourings of God's Spirit are being experienced. Rejoice with us that God is doing miracles, signs and wonders in Y' rea today and the church is growing accordingly!

"A praying church at home means a conquering church abroad. Nothing so much encourages the missionary as the knowledge that those at home are bearing him up on the wings of their prayers. James Gilmour said, "Unprayed for, I feel like a diver at the bottom of the river with no air to breathe; or like the fireman with an empty hose in a burning building."

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Pentecostal congregations such as this are progressing under God's blessing in Korea.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Little Cynthia Marie came to live with Brother and Sister Cavaness of Malaya on November 29. Congratulations!

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Kenneth Robison's address until further notice will be % American Express Company, Karachi, West Pakistan.

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David Kensinger wishes to announce to his friends a change of address, viz., Apartado 840, San Jose, Costa Rica.

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Minnie Madsen returned to Bolivia, South America, on November 10 for another term of service. Word has just been received of her safe arrival.

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The C. W. Hixenbaughs of Liberia arrived in the United States on November 27, and after spending several days at Mission Village left for Cheyenne, Wyoming.



Maynard L. Ketcham
Southern Asia



Minnie Madsen
Bolivia

Maynard L. Ketcham, Field Secretary for Southern Asia, left Springfield on November 28 in order to make a tour of the countries of India, Ceylon, Burma, East and West Pakistan. The Lord is graciously moving in this area, and according to late reports there are at least 90,000 Spirit-filled believers in the various Pentecostal churches. It is hoped that Brother Ketcham will be able to enter Burma, where thousands have recently been swept into the Kingdom in a great revival; and where the Assemblies of God has two entirely self-supporting Bible Schools with an enrollment of 220. Brother Ketcham will attend various conferences and will spend considerable time in West Pakistan, where a new work is being established.

CALLED TO THEIR REWARD

From Potgierteirust, Transvaal, comes word of the homegoing on September 18 of the senior Assemblies of God missionary in South Africa, Mrs. N. E. Turney, widow of the late H. M. Turney.

Mrs. Turney was one of the original party of three British missionaries who landed in South Africa in 1916. Her husband, H. M. Turney, and a Miss Hannah James from England were the other two members. Mr. and Mrs. Turney laid a lasting foundation for the Assemblies of God work in South Africa.

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The following is further information which we have received concerning the passing of one of our veteran American missionaries:

Ada May Gollan, born September 27, 1878, in Northport, New York, died on Oct. 9, 1954. She attended Elim Bible School and was given missionary appointment in January 1926. She was principal of the Girls' School at Newaka Station, Liberia, West Africa. She served on the foreign field until 1942. After being superannuated she served as teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class at the First Assembly of God in Trenton, N. J.

I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize that the Lord is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine. It makes no matter where He places me, or how. That is rather for Him to consider than for me; for in the easiest positions He must give me His grace, and in the most difficult His grace is sufficient.—Hudson Taylor

"I have but one candle of life to burn, and would rather burn it out where people are dying in darkness than in a land which is flooded with light."



Miss Trasher and some of her girls

Meet Me At The Regionals

The Foreign Missions Department requested me to return to the U.S.A. for the Foreign Missions Conference to be held in connection with each of the six Regional Sunday School Conventions:

HOUSTON, TEXAS—JANUARY 18-20

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA—FEBRUARY 8-10

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2

OMAHA, NEBRASKA—MARCH 15-17

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS—MARCH 29-31

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—APRIL 12-14

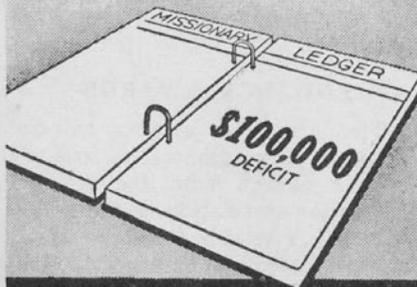
I will be telling about my forty years of missionary work in Egypt where God worked so remarkably in the establishing and caring for the Assiut Orphanage. I will be addressing the entire Sunday School Convention in a 6:30 p.m. vesper service at each of the Regionals.

I had thought I would never leave Egypt again, but it appears that God would have me come "home" to witness to you in person. I hope you can be present.

—Lillian Trasher

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

At each of the Regional Sunday School Conventions, there will be three large evening rallies. On the first night, a number of outstanding speakers have been scheduled. The second night our General Superintendent, Ralph M. Riggs, will be speaking. The third night Bert Webb, Executive Director of the Sunday School Department, will bring the message.

During the first service the visual demonstration, "On to a Million," a dramatic review of our movement, will depict the determination of our entire fellowship to forge ahead for God in the avenue of the Sunday School. The second evening a panel discussion of Sunday School specialists both from headquarters and from the field will discuss various Sunday School problems handed in by the audience; and then the last night, by popular request, there will be a repeat of the visual demonstration used in last year's national convention at St. Louis, "Train Up a Child."

WORKSHOPS

Many new conferences have been added this year. They will be conducted during the first afternoon, and both morning and afternoon of the last day, giving you opportunity to attend three different sessions. Here are the Sunday School conferences that will be conducted:

Cradle Roll	Records
Nursery	Publicity
Beginner	Pastors
Primary	Superintendents
Junior	Attendance Building (Departmentalized)
Intermediate	Attendance Building (Non-Departmentalized)
Senior	Extension Department
Young People	
Adult	
Child Evangelism	

The following conferences will also be held:

Home Missions	Women's Missionary
Foreign Missions	Council
Radio	Education
Christ's Ambassadors	Evangelism
Men's Fellowship	

EXHIBITS

The convention will be a place where you may counsel with the booth attendants on various Sunday School subjects. There will also be a convention bookstore where you will be able to see samples of Sunday School and church supplies and purchase gifts or items you may need.

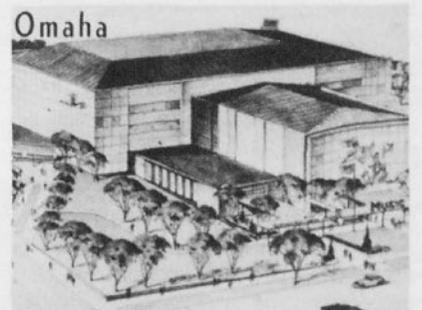
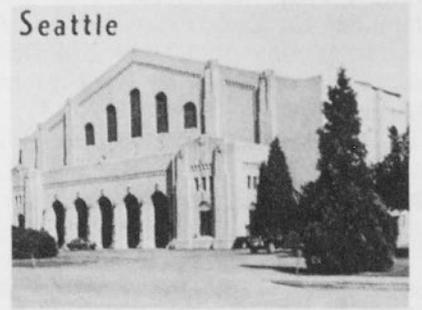
ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Two attractive plaques will be presented at these conventions. The first will be given to the church with the largest registered delegation in relation to the number of miles traveled. The other will be awarded to the church having the largest registered delegation regardless of their location. The various regions have set attendance goals in anticipation of the convention registrations. A large thermometer will record the registration progress at each convention. By registering for just \$1.00 you will receive all the benefits of the convention. Help your region reach its goal by attending the convention nearest you.

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Please send me information concerning the Sunday School Convention in my region.

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We are beginning another year. 1955 opens to us a new challenge in our work for the Lord. This year, at the Regional Sunday School Convention in your area, you will hear of the five-year plan of Sunday School Advance for Assemblies of God Sunday Schools, designed to help us move forward in the days ahead—on, till we have at least a million enrolled in our schools throughout the nation. Be sure you're present to hear how your Sunday School may take part in this plan to be followed from 1955 to 1960.

Not only will you learn of the plan of Advance—you also will be inspired to new areas of endeavor, new fields of Sunday School ministry, and a greater effort in your own church and community. You'll return home with your eyes opened to new possibilities about you for reaching the lost in your town before Christ's return. Make plans now to attend the convention nearest you. Form a delegation from your church. Your Sunday School will grow during the new year as you put in practice that which you learn at the convention.

If you would like to know more about the conventions (registration, housing, etc.) fill out the coupon at the right and send it to the National Sunday School Department.

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Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, December 27

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST—Luke 1:13-20, 57, 62-64

"But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John" (v. 13).

How would you like to have the angel Gabriel tell you that your prayer was heard? This must have been an exciting moment for Zacharias. What an assurance, what a thrill! To Zacharias this event was associated with the coming of his son. The son was to be a prophet and the forerunner of Jesus Christ.

Cornelius, too, had the angel of the Lord come to him, addressing him by name, saying, "Cornelius, thy prayer is heard" (Acts 10:31). To him the experience meant the coming of the glorious gospel through Peter the apostle.

To have an angel say, "Thy prayer is heard," is a phenomenal experience. There are reasons for its occurrence to these men. Zacharias was "righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." Cornelius was "a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always."

Here's the secret—devotion, righteousness, obedience, and generosity.

Beloved, we do not need an angel to bring us this message. We have better than an angel—the Holy Spirit. The Spirit Himself beareth witness. "And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." Hallelujah!

—J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

TUESDAY, December 28

THE FORERUNNER PROMISED—Malachi 4:1-6

"The day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble. . . Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (vv. 1, 6).

These words were spoken by God Himself. Remember, His Word is forever settled in heaven. Today is the day of salvation. We must accept Christ as our personal Saviour today before that other day—the day of judgment—comes.

"The day" referred to in this passage is described in many other scriptures. "He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained. . ." (Acts 17:31). "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart [thou] treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Rom. 2:5).

The saved fear not that day, since their sins were judged at Calvary. "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness" (1 Thess. 5:5).

The unsaved have cause to fear—for "the day of the Lord

will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 3:10-12).

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). What a word of warning for the unsaved!

—H. C. BALL

WEDNESDAY, December 29

ZACHARIAS' VISION—Luke 1:5-12

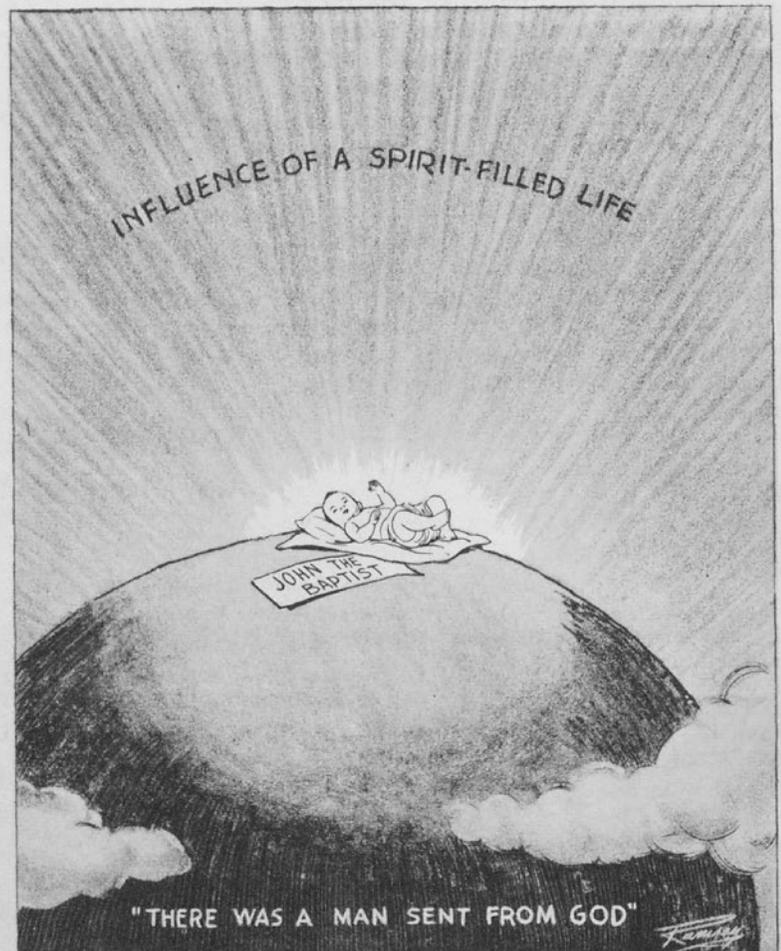
"And they [Zacharias and Elisabeth] were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (v. 6).

Here is the portrait of a Christian home—a man and wife dwelling together in complete accord. All about them may be seen glaring violations of the commandments of God. Yet of this couple it is said, "And they were both righteous before God."

Happy is the home where husband and wife encourage each other to righteousness. This is indeed ordained of God and will ever result in great mutual blessing. Here is a scene of undisturbed tranquillity. This is the atmosphere in which assurance and confidence are born. Dwelling in complete accord with real assurance of right relationship to God will bring poise in the hour of extreme trial.

Right relationship to God will lead us to walk before our neighbors in an exemplary manner. The conduct of this couple is described as blameless. This was God's merciful estimate of His servants. Great comfort will come to us in the midst of our struggles if we understand in some measure the greatness of His love for us.

THROUGH THE AGES



Here is an unfailing standard by which we may safely determine our position in the Lord. Do we walk "in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless"? If our lives and our home are Christ centered we will. God's Word is our unfailing guide at all times.

—DAVID A. HASTIE

THURSDAY, December 30

ZACHARIAS STRICKEN DUMB—Luke 1: 21-25

"And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple" (v. 22).

Zacharias' vision lasted but for a fleeting moment. But the events of that moment completely changed his life. Zacharias had lived many humdrum years before he saw his vision. But when it came he was ready—ready to realize that at long last "the Lord God of Israel... hath visited and redeemed his people."

Our lives are like sensitized photographic plates. They have been carefully prepared by the Master's hand. They are entirely capable of bearing His image. But they are blank and void till the vision strikes, till His image is superimposed upon them. To some it is given, like Zacharias, to see the blinding vision. To others is given a slow revelation—a time exposure in subdued light, requiring months or years of contact.

Let us pray that, whether by lightning flash, or by the slow etching of time, our lives may receive the Vision. May they bear the image of the heavenly. May the Lord make us willing and ready to be recreated in His likeness. "But we... beholding... the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory."

—MAYNARD L. KETCHAM

FRIDAY, December 31

MARY'S VISIT TO ELISABETH—Luke 1: 39-45

"Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord" (v. 45).

Gracious assurance from God regarding some particular concern does not necessarily imply immediate delivery of the desired request. God gives us this assurance to hold us steady through the waiting time. "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Trustful, praiseful, patient waiting for the God of our salvation to bring forth His accomplishment! Thus waited the rejoicing Elisabeth for the fulfillment of God's promise to her.

The clock of God's purpose runs on perfect schedule. Other developments are dove-tailed into our individual concern;

only God can make all the needed adjustments. He loves tenderly, wisely; we should trust Him completely, rejoicing in expectation. Abraham believed God for a long time before the promised Isaac arrived. That waiting was counted to him for righteousness as "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God" (Rom. 4:20). The Holy Spirit will enable us to do the same thing now in the waiting time.

"His wisdom is sublime,
His heart profoundly kind;
God never is before His time,
And never is behind."

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

SATURDAY, January 1

ZACHARIAS' PROPHECY—Luke 1:67-79

"And thou, child... shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; ... to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" (vv. 76, 79).

This declaration that Jesus our day-spring from on high came to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death is the whole gospel story in brief and is an excellent text for the beginning of the New Year. We as Christians have rejoiced in that light for a long time, but there are still many who have not as yet caught even a glimpse of that divine radiance. The very heart of the gospel message and the central theme of the gospel messenger is Jesus the Light of the world.

The lad from the jungles apprenticed to the witch doctor; the misguided chieftainess responsible for scores of ritual murders; the eloquent stalwart of the coastal tribe accustomed to stirring racial strife and hatred; the fetish priest who poisoned little children to throw them into convulsions and who then was on hand to sell an exorbitantly priced antidote to the distracted mothers—these and thousands more like them now transformed into "born again" Christians, shall one day gather in the white blaze of eternal glory because they have been given the Light. May we seek to reflect that Light, that others still in darkness may come to know its glory, too.

—RUTH E. GARLOCK

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON for January 2, 1955—"The Birth of John the Baptist" (Luke 1:13-20, 57, 62-64). Lesson outlines furnished by National Sunday School Association.

THE SCHOOL OF OBEDIENCE

"Consecration avails nothing unless it means presenting yourself as a living sacrifice to do nothing but the will of God. The vow of entire obedience is the entrance fee for him who would be enrolled by no assistant teacher, but by Christ Himself, in the school of obedience."

HEALED

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

NERVOUS CONDITION

Until a few short months ago I had been very nervous and fearful ever since childhood. I was so tormented by fear that I could not stand to be alone, especially during storms. I was unable to rest well at night; so I frequently took medicine to help me sleep. I was thin and underweight, always weighing less than 100 pounds.

Through the years I went to many doctors, and they gave me many shots for my nerves and tonics for my weight, but nothing helped me in any way. I expected to spend the rest of my life in misery.

Then I met Jesus! In February 1953 I attended the Nanticoke Assembly of God, where I found Christ as my Saviour. I requested the pastor, Sister Thayza T. Young to pray for me. She did, and the Lord surely heard and answered. Now my nerves are settled and I feel like a different person. I've gained considerable weight and I feel and look to be in better health than at any other time in my life. The awful spirit of fear has left me. All praise be to my wonderful Lord.—Mrs. Loretta Rinchimer, Mountain Top, Pa.

(Endorsed by Thayza T. Young, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Nanticoke, Pa.)

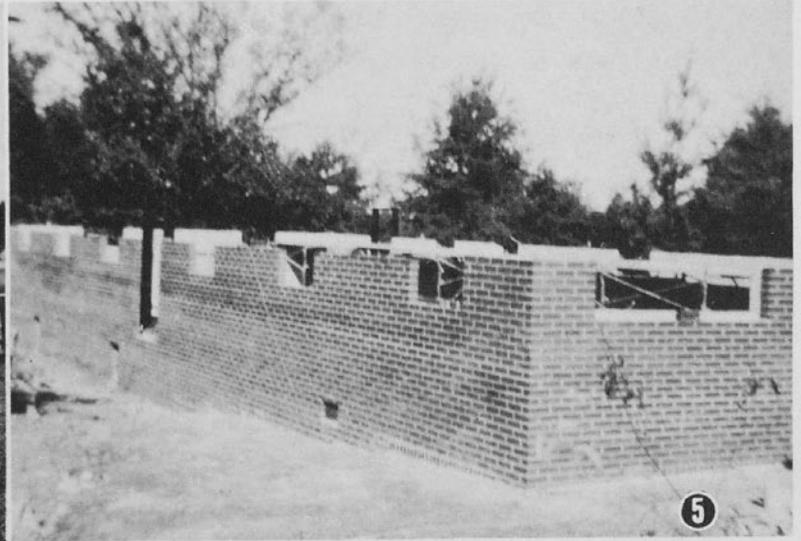
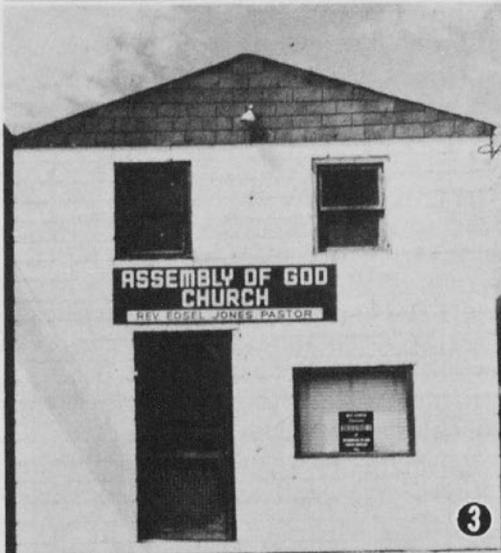
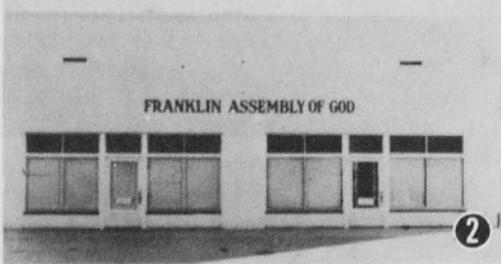
CATARACT

On October 9, 1954, I attended a meeting in Waco, Texas, conducted by Evangelist W. V. Grant. As Brother Grant was praying for the sick and afflicted, a man stepped forward for prayer who was blind in one eye because of a cataract. God healed him instantly. Brother Grant said he felt there were others who had cataracts, and declared that if they would put their hands over their eyes and believe, God would heal them. I did just that, and the cataract left my eye.

There is no sign of the cataract now. I have various records to prove that I had a cataract. One is an army service record and another is a job record. I praise God for His wonderful grace.—Clifton E. Jayroe, Box 425, Purdon, Texas.

(Endorsed by Pastor O. H. Dockray, Purdon, Texas.)

Opportunities in North Carolina



Superintendent Andrew Stirling of the North Carolina District reports there are two hundred opportunities for new Assemblies of God churches in communities, cities, and towns of a population up to 100,000!

He says, "We have suburban areas in North Carolina whose population is at ONE MILLION where there are NO ASSEMBLIES. In North Carolina only half a dozen Assembly Sunday Schools exceed 100 in enrollment."

Here are encouraging reports of six new Assemblies of God churches in North Carolina:

RALEIGH

"Because we had no church building in which to conduct church activities, we were forced to use homes and adapt our program accordingly. We had Bible studies. Interest was keen. During this time we sincerely asked God to give us a more suitable meeting place. Two weeks ago we secured the American Legion Building and have regular services there." These are the words of G. A. Smith, pastor at Raleigh.

With a nucleus of twenty eager and interested people Trinity Assembly of God is helping meet the spiritual needs of a city with 120,000. Brother Smith says, "Our attendance goal for October 1955 is 100 in Sunday School."

FRANKLIN

Fred Sorrells reports that services began

in Franklin on August 14, 1954, in a tent. During that endeavor 14 were saved, two baptized in the Holy Spirit, and eight healed by the power of God. The Franklin congregation have leased a building for two years and they plan to buy a lot soon and build their own church. Average attendance at the two-month-old church is 38!

MOUNT AIRY

A lady had been praying for 20 years for an Assembly of God to be established in Mount Airy. "In July, 1953," Brother Edsel Jones says, "Bethel Assembly of God began in our present building. Ours was the second attempt to start a church here. Sunday School has reached 55 but averages in the 20's. Several souls have been saved. The place where we worship was a beer hall, but now is used for God!"

REIDSVILLE

W. R. Pierce felt God leading him to establish a new church in Reidsville, a city of 18,000. He obtained District approval. Less than one week later a Methodist church building was put up for sale. "After investigating," says Brother Pierce, "we learned we could purchase it for \$12,000. Even though we didn't have necessary finances, and with only two families in the congregation, we felt it was God's will for us to go ahead. We bought the church trusting God for our needs. Our first service was conducted November 1, 1953. Since that

1. The Lindsey Street Assembly of God in Reidsville, N. C. (W. R. Pierce, Pastor).
2. The Assembly of God in Franklin, N. C. (Fred Sorrells, Pastor).
3. The Mount Airy Assembly (Edsel Jones, Pastor).
4. Breaking ground for new church building at Rocky Mount,

- N. C. Left to right: Misses Sara Brown and Mary Richards, co-pastors; Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary; O. W. Godwin, contractor; and Andrew Stirling, North Carolina District Superintendent.
5. The walls going up for the Assembly of God at Mooresville, N. C. (Hayden W. Jones, Pastor).

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time our Sunday School has steadily grown. Now it averages in the 40's. Because of purchasing the church building, our little congregation is under great financial strain. We are trusting God for our annual mortgage payment and for Sunday School furniture. We are in need of your prayers."

MOORESVILLE

Hayden W. Jones says, "The work in Mooresville dates farther back than the opening date (June 15, 1954) would indicate. My wife and I have been burdened for the folk of Mooresville, our home town, for a long time. Many of our personal friends and brothers and sisters in Christ had become discouraged and almost separated from the Pentecostal testimony. Though the odds seemed great against us, and though 'a prophet is without honor' in his home town, we put our lives and future in God's hands and followed His leading to Mooresville.

"The first service was a cottage prayer meeting. Then a house was rented and the living room was improvised as a chapel, affording accommodations for perhaps fifty people. Finally, a Christian couple refinanced their home and purchased a very nice lot for the church in the southwest section of our town. With faith in the never failing promises of God, we broke ground, poured the footings and began the foundations on an educational building 65 by 25 feet with arrangements for a 35 by 25 chapel in one end and living quarters for the pastor and his family. The building is of brick, lined with four-inch concrete blocks, with steel window and door frames and composition roof.

"Mooresville is an industrial town of 7,000. The work has great promise. Souls have been saved; sick bodies have been healed; and believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit."

ROCKY MOUNT

"The First Assembly of God in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, had its beginning in January, 1949," relate Misses Mary Richards and Sara Brown. "Previously we had written to Brother Stirling and received his approval to go to Rocky Mount. Since we had no previous

contacts in the city we began our work doing house-to-house visitation, distributing copies of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. Many folk had never before heard about the Assemblies of God. For the first year we had a struggle but God supplied every need. On one occasion when we were down to rock bottom, financially speaking, we received an offering from one of the Assemblies of God missionaries in South America. We know that God speaks even to those on the foreign field to supply the needs of those in the homeland.

"In the fall of 1949 a tent meeting was sponsored in Rocky Mount. God blessed and souls were saved. Following the tent meeting regular cottage prayer meetings were held in various homes throughout the city—sometimes as many as four meetings a week. During 1950, approximately 50 souls were saved. Some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in these prayer meetings.

"Sunday School was opened during December, 1949, in a home. The present temporary location of our church at 906 Pender Street was rented in June, 1951. During the summer of 1954, our church purchased a lot at 841 Pender Street as a future site for the Assemblies of God church.

"Sunday, September 19, became a memorable milestone of progress for our church. On that day we broke ground for our new church. Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, and Andrew Stirling, Superintendent of the North Carolina District, were in charge of the ground-breaking service. O. W. Godwin, contractor from Dunn, North Carolina, presented the plans for the new church.

"Thank God for what has been accomplished! Our Sunday School, which began with five present, now averages approximately 40. We have endeavored to lay a good foundation, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. 'For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ.' We trust that in the near future the congregation of the First Assembly of God of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, will be worshipping in an adequate building."

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What encouragements of God's grace! And how these could be multiplied across North Carolina if more workers accepted the call and others made it possible for such progress to be made. The "Less Evangelized District Fund" of the National Home Missions Department helps finance the work in North Carolina. If the Lord lays it upon your heart to send a contribution to this fund, mail it today to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Designate your gift, "Less Evangelized District Fund."

A Mighty Ministry in 1955

(Continued from page five)

Christ might be honored in world affairs. He is the "Prince of Peace"; only He can bring real peace.

If you will remember these requests for the first week, it will help you to form good prayer habits for the entire year. Not only that, but your heart will rejoice to see God answering your prayers. That will encourage you to pray more. "More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of." No time spent in prayer is ever wasted. The "staff" you hold in your hand is worth more than you realize. Yield your all to God, pray earnestly for these and other needs, and you will be rewarded abundantly by the Master.

The Year in Retrospect

(Continued from page two)

tries. From Estonia, of whose population of 1,250,000 three-fourths are Lutherans, 90,000 have been deported; and only thirty Lutheran clergymen and three Catholic priests remain. From Lithuania 615,000 of the 3,000,000 have been deported and only 340 Catholic priests of a former 1600 remain. In Latvia four Lutheran pastors, thirteen Catholic priests and three Greek Orthodox priests have been murdered; twelve Lutheran pastors, 37 Baptist ministers, four Roman Catholic priests and five Greek Orthodox priests have been deported. In Roumania more than thirty per cent of the parish priests have been dismissed and replaced by Red collaborators; and in Czechoslovakia ten per cent of the priests are in jail, fifteen per cent in forced labor camps, and five per cent in exile.

If this is toleration and co-existence then we must get altogether new dictionaries for 1955.

REUNION IN EVANSTON

Headline news in August 1954 was the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches which met in Evanston, Illinois. From 179 Protestant and Orthodox Church bodies there came 1300 official delegates and an even larger number of visitors and newspaper correspondents. These delegates represented 200,000,000 Christians in 54 nations.

Spirited debate in the various sectional meetings preceded the decisions and declarations of the Council. In social issues the assembly went on record as opposing any form of segregation based on race, color, or ethnic origins. To be sure, there was a relatively restrained protest from the representatives of the Dutch Reform Churches in South Africa. To the aston-

"man shall not live by bread alone . . ."

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that dippeth with dish.
21 The Son of man is betrayed with a kiss. Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they fell on their faces before him, saying, Lord, have mercy on us.
22 ¶ And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.
23 And he took the cup, and

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themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.
26 Then Paul took them, and the next day he himself with them went into the temple, to show the accomplishment of that offering which was offered for every one of them.
27 And when the seven days were almost ended, some cried one against another, among whom were the Jews of Asia which were of Asia.
32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they fell on their faces before him, saying, Lord, have mercy on us.
33 And he commanded him to be bound with two chains; and he was, and he did not do anything.
34 And he cried one against another, among whom were the Jews of Asia which were of Asia.



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ishment of many outsiders the Council accepted a committee report opposing any legislation against racial inter-marriage.

In matters economic the assembly was distinctly more conservative than its predecessor at Amsterdam in 1948. At that time there were strong statements against capitalism and the traditional American way of life, with strong leaning toward socialism (and as some interpreted the statements, toward Communism). The report of the Evanston discussion group on "The responsible society" was critical of Marxist ideology, and declared private enterprise to be a desirable part of a national economy.

In matters political it was stated that "No one form of government has a universal claim on Christians," but there was the added warning that basic human rights and political freedoms are essential to prevent tyranny.

Peace among the nations was the principal burden of the pronouncements on international affairs. The assembly called for the prohibition of all weapons of mass destruction, and for the international inspection and control of atomic facilities. While totalitarianism was distinctly denounced it was held that there was no alternative in international affairs except that of "coexistence." The churchmen did not like that expression so they used

the phrase "Living together in a divided world."

It was contended that there can be a development from the present competition among the nations to a genuine co-operation. Great reliance was placed on the United Nations; but the possibility of total war was recognized.

The World Council expressed itself as not desiring to become a world church, but to be a movement toward unity among Protestant and Orthodox communions.

While defining itself as primarily a religious gathering the Council was divided most seriously in matters of the faith. Early in the conference there developed sharp theological disagreements among the delegates, and these were not resolved. The differences of opinions centered largely in the theme: "Christ—the Hope of the World." It was the observation of a keen student of contemporary religion that, "Most Americans tended to emphasize the hope for improvement here and now, as well as the anticipation of ultimate redemption. Most Europeans preferred to discount human progress and to put their faith in the world to come or in the 'Second Coming of Christ.' Americans emphasized man's present responsibilities; Europeans placed reliance solely in God. There were diverse opinions within each group, and the cleavage along

continental lines was by no means absolute. But many Europeans concluded that their American colleagues were largely humanistic and non-Biblical rather than specifically Christian, and many Americans found it difficult to distinguish between current European theology and the Fundamentalism that [invaded] American churches a generation ago." In some of the discussions there was public castigation of American evangelicals who hold to the fundamentals of the faith.

The Message, the concluding statement of the World Assembly, is a stirring statement, and to much of it evangelicals can agree if the members meant what conservatives understand the words to mean; and there are conspicuous omissions.

INCOME TAX RELAXATION

It is not often that Congress makes leading religious news for the year; but such has been the case in 1954. The Internal Revenue Code adopted this year reflects the position that there should be increased provision for religious and charitable organizations such as churches, hospitals, and regularly established educational institutions.

The stated purpose of the new income tax provisions is "to aid these institutions in obtaining the additional funds they need, in view of their rising costs and

the relatively low rates of return they are receiving on endowment funds." The principal provisions favoring religious and charitable enterprises are: 1. Raising from 20 to 30 per cent the amount a taxpayer may deduct from his income because of gifts to religious or charitable organizations. 2. Pastors not provided with residence or living quarters can deduct the cost of such housing in computing their tax, and those providing their own housing may deduct the actual cost thereof. 3. Contributions can be made to non-profit burial and cemetery associations which are regarded as for charitable purposes. 4. Business corporations can carry over to future tax years charitable contributions made in excess of the five per cent of their taxable income. 5. A liberalization of the tax provision for those who plan ultimately to give nearly all the money they would otherwise pay in taxes. 6. A change in the taxation of income from annuities which definitely favors those who give annuity funds to religious and educational institutions.

By way of summary we share the position of the British journalist who declared that "Britain and the West in general stand upon the threshold of the greatest spiritual awakening for many centuries. ..." Will 1955 bring into clearer focus the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ to show mankind God's judgment upon sin, His provision for the forgiveness thereof, and for newness of life to as many as believe upon the Saviour?

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The 20th annual Missionary Convention was held at the Church of the Four Fold Gospel from October 31 through November 7. William Stepp, Paul Goodwin, Mary Martin, Sophie Erhardt, and Howard Hawkes spoke during the convention. Pledges for 1954-55 reached \$14,212.77, and pledges are still being received.—E. A. Manley, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

ROCKWALL, TEX.—Assembly of God, Dec. 26—Jan. 7; Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards, Garland, Tex. (M. M. Hammack is Pastor.)

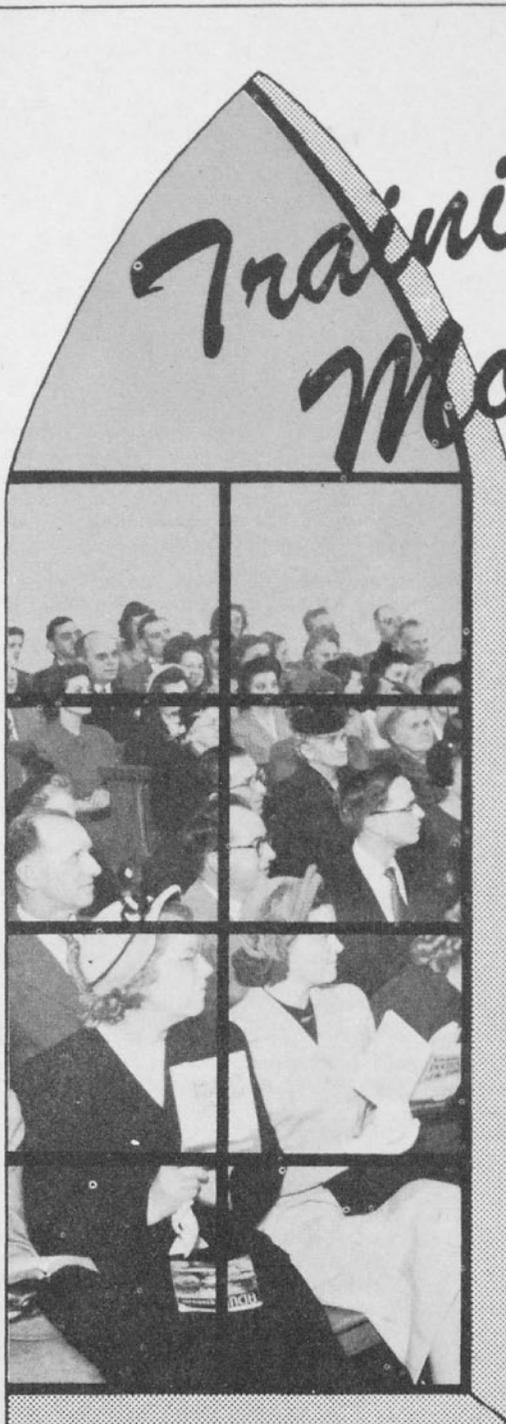
VISALIA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Jan. 9—23; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (Owen H. Mitchell is Pastor.)

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 2—16 or longer; Evangelists O. E. and Hallie Gaddis. (Paul Lowenberg is Pastor.)

OWEN SOUND, ONT., CANADA—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jan. 2—23; Sherratt-Mayfield Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif. (G. C. Holmes is Pastor.)

TULSA, OKLA.—Bethel Temple, Jan. 2—16; "Christ for All" Crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by G. A. Uldin, Pastor.

LAWRENCE, KANS.—Assembly of God, 13th and Massachusetts, Dec. 26—Jan. 9; Mathan Musical Evangelists, Kansas City, Mo.—by J. J. Krimmer, Pastor.



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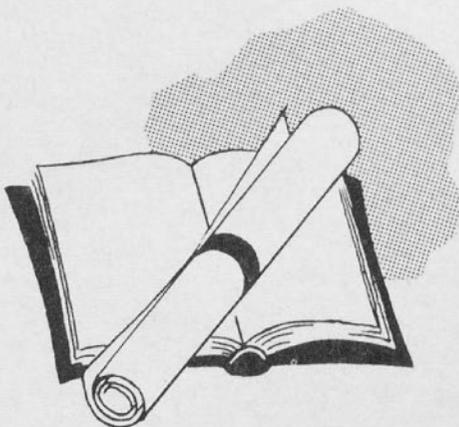
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PLAINVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 9—; Evangelist Michael Mastro. (Louie Shultz is Pastor.)

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Northside Assembly of God, Jan. 2—; Evangelist J. F. Pepper. (Spencer Weddle is Pastor.)

HARVEY, ILL.—Calvary Temple Assembly, Jan. 2—16; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (W. J. Sawyers is Pastor.)

BELOIT, KANS.—Assembly of God, Dec. 31—; Evangelist Frank Sobotka, Springfield, Mo.—by V. W. Whitmore, Pastor.

EUNICE, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, Jan. 9—; Evangelist W. A. Vanzant, Carlsbad, N. Mex.—by J. D. Birge, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF.—Eastside Assembly of God, Dec. 31—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsop, Oklahoma City, Okla. (H. C. Lafferty is Pastor.)

OBERLIN, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—16; Evangelist and Mrs. Clare G. Rose, Newton, Kans.—by Woodrow Hill, Pastor.

TRILBY, FLA.—Trilcoochee Assembly of God, Jan. 2—16; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass.—by Roy Wasdin, Pastor.

BELEN, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, Jan. 2—17; Evangelists Dave and Gloria Laughlin, Los Alamos, N. Mex.—by O. B. Treece, Pastor.

HUMBOLDT, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Gaddis. (A. R. Nichols is Pastor.)

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—First Assembly of God, 17th and Main, Jan. 9—23; Evangelist D. F. Leader.—by J. L. Boulware, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—First Assembly of God, 13th and Bannock St., Jan. 2—16; Evangelist W. M. Stevens. (V. J. Crews is Pastor.)

COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. D. L. Bullock, Bixby, Okla. (C. H. Miller is Pastor.)

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 2—16 or longer; Evangelist Gene Thompson, Camden, Ark.—by R. A. Thompson, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Central Assembly, Jan. 2—16 or longer; Evangelist Maurice Evans, Abilene, Tex. (I. L. Raymond Jr. is Pastor.)

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Bethesda Assembly of God, Dec. 31—; beginning with watch night service. Evangelist Jimmy Nicholson, Springfield, Mo. (Lloyd Shoemaker is Pastor.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Norwood Assembly of God, Jan. 2—16; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Ft. Myers, Fla.—by D. Herbert Browne, Pastor.

DOTHAN, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Dec. 31—Jan. 16; New Year's Revival with Evangelist Carl E. Perry, Winter Haven, Fla. (Max McNab is Pastor.)

HANFORD, CALIF.—Workers' Training Course, Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Cor. Irwin and Myrtle Sts., Jan. 10—14; Floyd L. Hawkins, instructor.—by Gene Forrest, Pastor.

CONCORDIA, KANS.—Jan. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Moses Copeland. Mrs. Copeland will conduct children's services using colored slides.—by Donald McDaniel, Pastor.

BRAZIL, IND.—Assembly of God, Dec. 31—Jan. 16—Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Bedford, Ohio.—by Paul D. Sundell, Pastor.

WACO, TEX.—Waco Revival Center, 18th and Pine Sts., Jan. 2—; Evangelist Warren Litzman. Churches in area invited to co-operate.—by Hardie G. Weathers, Pastor.

OHIO MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—First Assembly of God, Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 17—19. Opening rally Monday night at 7:30 p.m. C. M. Ward and T. E. Gannon, speakers. For accommodations write host pastor, A. H. Parsons, 1727 Highland Ave., Springfield, Ohio.—by A. T. Calvanico.

"SEVEN DISTRICTS" PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE—First Assembly of God, 1120 N. 2nd St., Albuquerque, N. Mex. Beginning Monday night, Jan. 10; ending noon, Jan. 13. Sponsoring Districts—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, South Texas, West Texas, and New Mexico. For information write host pastor, Paul W. Harrington, 1120 2nd St. N. W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. or E. R. Foster, 800 N. Pierce St., Amarillo, Tex.

HOME MISSIONS SEMINARS—Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. Jan. 10—11. Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., Jan. 13—14. Speakers: Gayle F. Lewis, Home Missions Executive Director; Victor Trimmer, National Secretary; Herbert Bruhn and Arvid Ohnell, Home Missions Field Representatives. Church Extension will be emphasized. Industrial Chaplaincies, American Indian Missions, Ministry to foreign-language groups, Deaf, Jewish, Alaskan, and Prison work also will be presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—The Glad Tidings Church in San Leandro, Calif. has changed its name to First Assembly of God of San Leandro.—Mrs. Warren Harrell Jr., Church Secretary. (Guy Hardin is Pastor.)

WANTED—Full gospel literature for distribution in the Philippines—including Evangels, C. A. Herald's, Gospel Cleaners, and other Sunday School papers and material. Please send to Ernest Sjoberg, Angeles Christian Center, 182 Rizal St., Angeles, Pampanga, P. I.

MARRIED—Evangelist Ruby Jane Whitehead, an ordained minister, was married Oct. 25, 1954 to Melvin Carl Lloyd. She is now serving as Educational Director of the First Assembly of God in Artesia, N. Mex. Their address is Box 741, Artesia, N. Mex.

HELP WANTED—Man and wife wanted for caretaker and worker in Illinois District Children's Home. Additional ladies also needed to work in the home. If interested, write T. M. Kimberlin, Secretary of Board of Directors, 1609 Foster St., Belleville, Ill. or Mrs. Mabel Creek, Superintendent, Assemblies of God Children's Home, Maryville, Ill.

NEW CHURCH—We have opened a new work in Kenilworth, N. J. If you have friends or relatives in this area, please send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—J. Roy Bower, 605 Newark Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

NEW WORK—We are opening a new work in Lockesburg, Ark. If you have friends here and you would like for us to visit them, please send us their names and addresses.—William Ashpole, Box 144, Lockesburg, Ark.

NEW CHURCH—We are beginning an Assembly of God church in Dubuque, Iowa. At present we are meeting in the Y.M.C.A. on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. If you have friends here, please send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—Pastor and Mrs. Vance G. Carahan, 2824 Burden Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.



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