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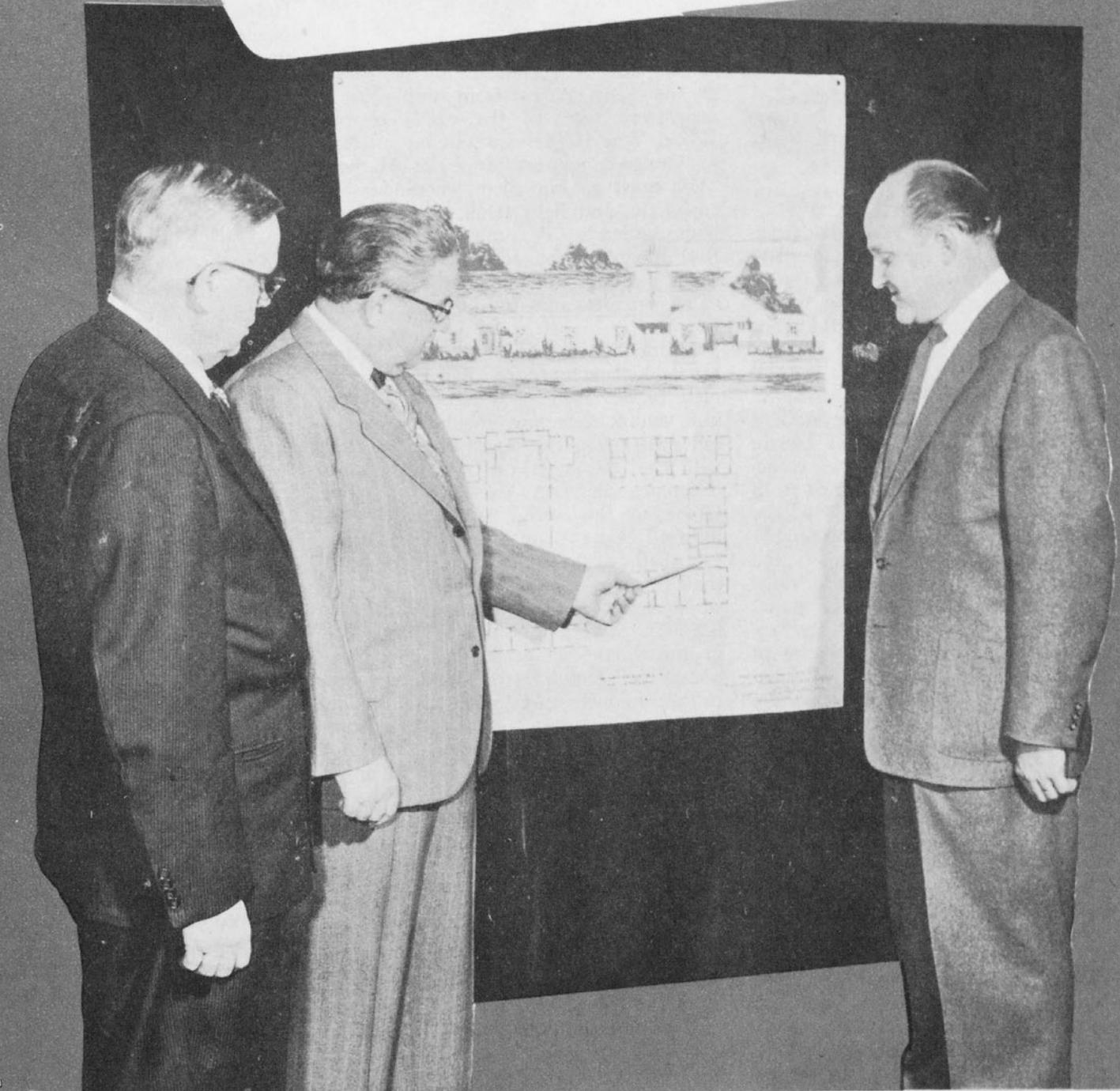
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

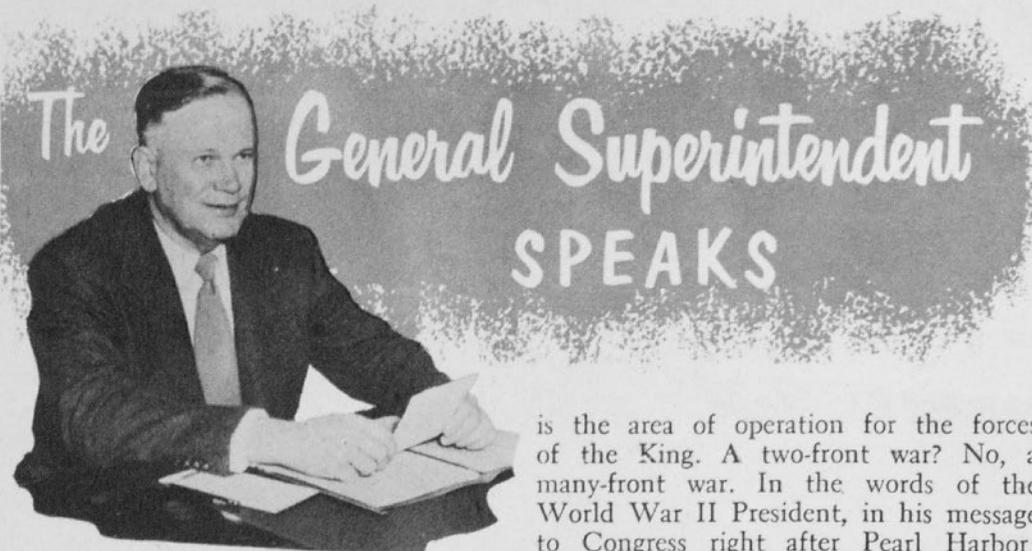


**MISSION
USA**

1,000 NEW CHURCHES IN 1955

OFFICIALS VIEW PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH TO BE BUILT UNDER CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT. SEE PAGE FIVE FOR DETAILS.

Left to right: R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; Gayle F. Lewis Executive Director of Home Missions; and Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary.



"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD"

THE BIBLE MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN Home and Foreign Missions. The present-day emphasis upon Foreign Missions is doubtless a reaction from a former narrow provincial conception of the scope of the gospel.

There was a time when nationalism and racial bigotry set a "Home Missions" limit to the reach of the saving message of the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1517 Martin Luther nailed his theses upon the cathedral door and resurrected the buried truth of justification by faith. Under God, he and his co-workers performed the mighty task of establishing that truth in the civilized world. But it took almost three hundred years for the Protestant gospel to leap over the bounds of the so-called civilized nations and be borne to the heathen world. In 1793 William Carey landed in India and launched the modern missionary enterprise. It was this historical development of revived, restored Christianity which created the artificial distinction between Home and Foreign Missions. But from the beginning it was not so.

Jesus taught His disciples that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24: 27, 28). He said, "Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8, margin). These are Christ's own specific statements as to the scope of "Missions." He had said before, "The field is the world" (Matt. 13:38). He also said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt. 28: 19). This is the scriptural basis for the phrase "World Missions." We are to begin at Jerusalem, and proceed to Judaea, and go on through Samaria unto the uttermost part of the earth. All of this

is the area of operation for the forces of the King. A two-front war? No, a many-front war. In the words of the World War II President, in his message to Congress right after Pearl Harbor: "We must go out there where our enemies are, and fight them on their own home grounds. We must go out and find them and hit them and hit them again." We too must go out and win men wherever they are—to the ends of the earth.

World Missions is based upon the nature and character of God. He will have all men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). He is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). There is no respect of persons with God (Rom. 2:11). "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:12, 13). "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). We do violence to the Bible when we limit Missions. The Bible does not say, "Go ye into all your district and preach the gospel." We misrepresent the very nature of God when we limit Missions. God is not narrow or partial or limited in His love for men. He does not favor those who are near our home, nor those who are far away. He does not favor any above others. He is opposed to loving your neighbor only; and, on the other hand, he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love the heathen whom he hath not seen? Divine love does not discriminate, nor is it limited. World Missions is scriptural and spiritual and near to the heart of God.

When the General Council of the Assemblies of God was organized at Hot Springs, Ark. in 1914, the Holy Spirit burned in the hearts of our fathers to carry this Full Gospel through all America and on to the ends of the earth. There was no thought of providing collective assistance to the pioneer workers here in the homeland. They could receive offerings from fellow Americans or they could do secular work, if necessary, on the side. But this would be impossible

overseas. Hence the formation of a Foreign Missions Department to receive and forward offerings for the missionaries who went abroad without any promise of salary or support. In this way our churches and people undergirded the "Foreign Missions" enterprise.

About thirty years ago, the Foreign Missions Department itself launched what it then called the Busy Bee plan. This was a division of missionary offerings on a percentage basis between Foreign and Home Missions. Our missionary secretary, Noel Perkin, felt that it was fair and wise to strengthen the home base upon which our whole Foreign Missionary program rested. He and his Foreign Missions Department have always most unselfishly recommended that they should not receive the whole missionary offering of the churches but that these churches should specify that they want their offerings divided according to what is now called the "World Missions" plan.

By action of the General Council in Grand Rapids in 1947 (reaffirmed at Milwaukee in 1953) our church as a whole decided to recommend to our individual churches that missionary offerings be divided as follows: 70% to be used for Foreign Missions, 20% to be returned to their home districts for Home Missions, 5% to be used for the support of the Foreign Missions Department, and 5% to be used for National Home Missions. This last item of 5% for National Home Missions should be divided so that three-

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WE SAVE BY LOSING

by VICTOR TRIMMER
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JESUS SAID, "WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it" (Mark 8:35).

The world needs saving. Many would not agree with this statement. They would tell us that the world needs food, for thousands go to bed hungry every night. Some would tell us the world needs peace, for international problems still pose the threat of war. Others would say the world needs education. All will agree that the world needs something, but opinions as to what it needs are many and varied.

The fundamental need is not political, nor social, nor economic. The basic need of the world is spiritual. These other needs do exist, but they exist because man has sinned and his sin has separated him from God, the Source of all that is good. Isaiah tells us, "We have turned every one to his own way." And in taking our own way we have brought upon ourselves the perplexing problems and confusing circumstances which surround us and confound us.

Christ had a way of going right to the heart of every matter. In the ninth chapter of Matthew we read about a palsied man who was brought to Him that He might heal him. But our Lord did not deal with the symptoms of his disease; instead He struck at the root of the man's trouble and met his spiritual need by first forgiving his sins—and then healing his body. The world is sick—sick with many diseases, suffering with many maladies. But primarily the need of mankind is to be saved from sin.

The Saviour has left us an example that we should follow in His steps. Just as He said of Himself, "I am the Light of the world," He has said of us, "Ye are the light of the world." Just as He said of Himself, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," He says of us, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."

The world needs to be saved, and God is depending on His people to save it. Christ has done His part. He healed the sick, preached the gospel, taught the

multitudes, gave His life a ransom for our sins; and on the Cross He was able to say, "It is finished." But our task is far from finished. Untold millions are still untold. Multitudes still wander in the paths of sin without a knowledge of the way of salvation. It is our responsibility to go out and rescue them before they perish.

Did you know that there are 2,500 towns and cities of 1,000 or more people in the United States without an Assemblies of God church?

Did you know there are five cities with over 100,000 population without an Assemblies of God church?

There are thirteen cities with 50,000 to 100,000 population—329 cities with 10,000 to 50,000 population—all without an Assemblies of God church. This is to say nothing of the large metropolitan areas where many more churches are needed in order to reach the lost.

There are over 100,000,000 people in the United States who need the saving message. The Bible says it is our responsibility to take this message to them. It is for this cause He raised up the Pentecostal movement. It is for this cause He bestowed the power of the Holy Spirit upon us—that we might be witnesses for Him.

The Lord Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God. The Father could have saved Him, but if He had kept Him in heaven He never would have had more than one Son. But God sent His Son down from heaven into this world because He wanted many sons. The Lord Jesus Christ was willing to come down from the Ivory Palaces into this world of woe so that He might lead many sons to glory. He was willing to fall to the ground as a kernel of wheat and die in order that, through death, He might bring forth a harvest. He was willing to die on the Cross in order that as many as are willing to receive Him as their

Saviour might be able to become the sons of God.

The principle still works today. Wherever there are men and women who have enough love for God and enough compassion for sinners, they are laying down their lives in unselfish service and their lives are yielding a rich spiritual harvest.

We have set a goal of 1,000 new Assemblies of God churches in 1955. A thousand new churches will mean thousands of souls saved. It will mean hundreds of new Christian workers. It will mean a thousand new Sunday Schools, C. A. groups, Women's Missionary Councils, and Men's Fellowship groups. It will mean a thousand new churches to share the burden of foreign missions, Revivaltime, and all our soul-winning efforts. This great goal can only be achieved through sacrifice.

The Lord is saying to our churches, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Each of our churches must give both money and members to start another church in some section of their city or in a neighboring town. Whosoever will save his church will lose it, but whosoever shall lose his church for Christ's sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. It is not easy for members of a church to pull up their roots and go to a new struggling church to help it reach a new neighborhood for Christ. It is not easy for a pastor to tell some of his people to stop coming to his church and to go to that new struggling church to help it with their time and means. It is not easy for an evangelist to deny himself the privilege of ministering in large, well-established churches in order to go to some new field and preach to a small congregation. But this is the way of the Cross, and the way of the Cross is the way of salvation, blessing, and growth in God.



BY-WAYS and BRANCHES

BY PAUL COPELAND

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

"Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in" (Luke 14:23).

THE FEAST WAS READY. PROVISION HAD been made for many. The servants of the Lord of the feast were instructed to spare no efforts, nor was any stone to be left unturned in order to bring a maximum number of men into contact with the Master's table provisions. The servants were to use a sacred compulsion.

It seems to me they were to keep strictly within the city at first. But later they were sent beyond the precincts of the city in order that the excluded might be included in the invitation to dine.

Many spiritual lessons may be drawn from this parable. Most of us will agree the supper represents all gospel benefits to be enjoyed at the table of our Lord. We give mental assent to the fact that His love and concern is for the spiritually hungry everywhere. But in practice it is time for us to step up our efforts to provide more opportunities so that indeed all may "come and dine." We have reasons for rejoicing as we view the many Assemblies of God churches which have been erected within a few short years. They provide spiritual food for multitudes. But I am convinced that the time has come for the Assemblies of God to broaden their vision, increase the number of church units, and to provide for the reaching, teaching, and winning of those now beyond easy proximity of an Assembly of God church. Provision for a few hundred where the population has clustered is noteworthy. But we must not forget those who live beyond the practical reach of our present number of churches.

Most of us nod the head in quick agreement with almost any theoretical goal for more Assemblies of God churches. But too few are taking advantage of one of the most effective avenues for establishing new churches—I refer to branch Sunday Schools. But I warn you! It takes vision, unselfishness, planning, faith, and daring to make branches grow in the byways!

A fine Christian woman who lived in

an unchurched community illustrates the kind of spirit and vision we need. She said: "I looked at my children who were out of Sunday School and church too often, simply because it was too far to our home church. I was troubled by the number of other children, and their parents, who lived in our community, who received practically no spiritual instruction. So I unburdened myself to my pastor." The result of that burden, vision, and interview was a branch Sunday School started in the living room of that Christian woman's home—and with the hearty approval of her pastor. Later, she admitted there were many inconveniences and some sacrifices in having a Sunday School in one's home. But from that Sunday School grew a strong church where men and women, boys and girls, found soul-satisfaction as they feasted regularly upon the Word of God.

Before you say your church cannot start one or more branch Sunday Schools, look at some facts about branch Sunday Schools, sponsoring churches, and the divine commission given the church:

1. By and large, people do not travel far to go to church and Sunday School regularly. If we would reach the largest



number of people with this Bible message, we must have extensions into every community.

2. Loss to the church sponsoring a branch Sunday School usually is recovered soon; and not only does that sponsoring church grow to be larger than ever, but

genuine spiritual life and victory is increased.

3. One may at first be tempted to complain of injury to the sponsoring churches caused by voluntarily giving up good workers to start a branch Sunday School. But other people soon take up their responsibilities in the home church. Those who may never have borne responsibility catch the true spirit of the early church, and are challenged to dedicate themselves for service. Thus, by putting more people to work there is a veritable chain reaction of sustained good released in every direction. Branch Sunday Schools can go far in helping to combat spiritual unemployment.

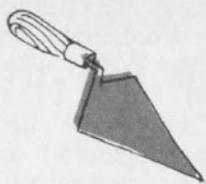
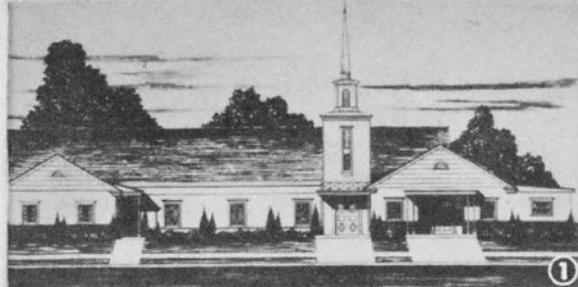
4. Without discount to the evangelistic accomplishments of the more established churches and Sunday Schools, new Sunday School and church units often win by far more people to Christ, percentage-wise.

5. Those who are nearsighted and who live in selfish conservatism may exclaim, "It would cost too much to start a branch Sunday School!" The truth is, it will cost too much if we refuse to let branches grow into the byways of America. It will cost our movement, and the indifferent church. It will cost the untouched communities, and our nation. We are to be commended for having spent literally millions of dollars in the past few years to build larger churches in which to house more people. That is not to be discounted. But our own material prosperity can turn inwardly to condemn us if we forget the communities just beyond the practical reach of our new church buildings. If this is God's work, and it is, we can both build new buildings and establish new branches. The point is not to condemn the larger churches. But a corrected vision is needed where passion for the lost of the immediate community and for the lost in distant lands is not mixed with a godly concern for communities with hundreds and thousands of souls that could be reached through a branch Sunday School. Those lands afar will more nearly receive the gospel from us if we fulfill our obligations in the byways of our homeland.

It does not take a lot of people to start a branch Sunday School, nor does it take a large staff of workers. It does not take a huge edifice to house a branch Sunday School. A large front room in a dedicated Christian home—a rented hall or store building, or a schoolhouse can be the birthplace of a strong church. The problems of workers, meeting places, and all other problems become as nothing when we catch the spirit of Jesus.

In preparing to start a branch Sunday School, and in developing such a school, a community canvass is advisable. Locate the people in that community who will

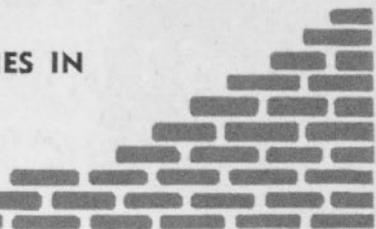
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Church Extension Fellowship:

HOW WE ARE BUILDING NEW CHURCHES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

BY KENNETH M. HAYSTEAD



SOME TIME AGO A MISSIONARY AND I stood looking at an impressively beautiful picture. It was a night scene of the magnificent San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, in natural color. We were silent for a moment. Then my friend spoke, "Did it ever occur to you that this bridge at one time was only an idea in a man's mind? Furthermore, there were plenty of pessimists around to declare emphatically that it was utterly impossible to span that great body of water."

The missionary went on saying, "It unregenerated man can accomplish the impossible, how much more can the man of godly faith and supernatural vision achieve in the realm of spiritual exploits. Why, he can literally move mountains!"

That picture has stayed in my mind as a challenging symbol of an oft-repeated truth: "With God all things are possible."

No greater problem has faced us in the growing West than the challenge of opening new churches in the many new communities springing up around our centers of population. Where orchards and vineyards and rolling hills existed just a year or two ago, now row upon row of new homes, sometimes numbering into the thousands, have mushroomed practically overnight. With these new developments have come new restrictions that have made our old "tried and true" methods of making new beginnings part of a bygone era. In these areas there are no old buildings to renovate. No temporary structures are permitted to be built. Tents are outlawed. A rigid code of permanent construction must be followed by those wishing to build any kind of structure. Such buildings cost money, lots of money—more than we have been accustomed to spending on a new church!

The Northern California-Nevada District realized that the direction we took at this hour would determine the complexion

of our work for God for years to come. It was apparent that if we did not begin to think constructively about the future, we would soon be marking time. Eventually we would lose ground to other wide-awake and aggressive church groups who are developing sane, practical, and successful expansion programs. We felt that we must plan carefully and insure for the coming generation, should Jesus tarry, a District-wide expansion program, sound financially, warm spiritually, and possessing a daring spirit of faith and vision. For that reason established the "CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP" of the Northern California—Nevada District.

The CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP is, as its name implies, a fellowship of missionary-minded people, united for the purpose of establishing new churches in strategic areas. The success of this new venture is dependent upon every member of every church in our District. It takes not hundreds but thousands of people to make this daring plan work.

The CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP solicits pledges of two dollars toward the erection of each new church. This pledge cannot amount to a great deal per year to any one person, but it enables the district to meet the challenge of these fabulous new areas where we cannot use the older methods of renovated store buildings or erecting tents.

The plan calls for the purchase of property strategically located; the building of a first unit with neat and attractive design, suitable for conversion from a chapel to an educational plant as the church expands; and the placing of experienced and dependable workers to establish the new congregation. To this end plans are drawn, not only for the first unit we propose to build, but of the entire project with all its future needs,

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1. Exterior of the proposed church. 2. District Home Missions and Church Extension committee, with the pastor of the new church. Standing (left to right): L. H. Rogers, L. R. Anderson, Joseph L. Gerhart (District Secretary), D. H. Lehmann, Pastor E. L. Cole. Seated: E. L. Elmes, E. O. Robeck (Presbyter), Kenneth M. Haysted (Committee Chairman, Assistant District Superintendent), Clyde A. Henson. 3. Exterior of the San Bruno church. 4. The Sunday School at San Bruno. 5. Pastor and Mrs. Edwin L. Cole. 6. Interior of San Bruno church. 7. Pastor Cole at work on church interior.

WORLD VISION MAKES STRONG CHURCHES

WHAT MAKES A CHURCH STRONG? Something more than bricks and mortar—yes, and something more than a good pastor with an aggressive, well-rounded program. The church may be compared with the human body. Each arm may be strong, each muscle may be well developed, but the entire body is only as strong as the heart that beats within it. The church is like that—it needs an evangelistic heart that beats with a passion for the lost, or it will perish. When the hearts stops, the whole body dies.

When God created the Church, which is the body of Christ, He gave it a missionary heart. Out of the first Pentecostal revival in Jerusalem 1900 years ago, the Holy Ghost produced men and women with a vision for the lost—a world vision. Those early Christians launched upon an evangelistic campaign that encompassed the whole world. They were not content to evangelize Jerusalem. They carried the message throughout all Judaea, and into Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth in obedience to the command of the risen Saviour.

The same can be said concerning this twentieth-century Pentecostal revival. From its very beginning it has been a missionary movement. What was true 1900 years ago has been true since 1900

A. D.—Spirit-filled people have gone everywhere preaching the Word, and God has graciously confirmed the Word “with signs following.”

The assemblies that have kept the vision of World Missions uppermost in their planning, their praying, their giving, have become the strongest churches in the Pentecostal movement. Their hearts are big and strong. They have learned that it is true of churches, as of individuals, that “it is more blessed to give than to receive,” and having learned the joy of giving and working unselfishly for foreign missions and for home missions they likewise give themselves wholeheartedly and unselfishly for the work of their own local church.

It is marvelous what God has enabled some of our churches to accomplish over a period of years. For example, it came to our attention recently that the Assembly in Jeannette, Pennsylvania, has given an aggregate of \$101,099.44 to World Missions. This is not a large church—and yet it supports sixteen foreign missionaries in twelve different countries. In addition, forty-four full-time workers have gone out from this single church into the gospel ministry in the United States.

The other day we heard of another fine example set by one of our newer churches—the Central Assembly of God in Denver, Colorado. Although the pastor, Charles Blair, is in the midst of a great building program, he suggested that the church should give a Christmas offering to the Lord for the cause of World Missions. The congregation responded with enthusiasm, and on Sunday, December 26, all the offerings went to World Missions.

“The Lord has been good to us,” said Brother Blair, “and so we want to give today’s offerings to missionary work which is so precious to the Lord.” All the money that was given that day in Sunday School, morning worship, and the night service went to Missions. The church has two separate worship services every Sunday

morning, because the congregation is too large to assemble at one time in its present building; the offering in both services went to Missions. Is it any wonder that God is blessing this church and that its Sunday School is now one of the four largest in our entire Assemblies of God fellowship?

We commend all of our Assemblies that are keeping the World Vision bright and clear. We know that as long as they are faithful to the task of evangelizing everywhere—both at home and abroad—God will be faithful to them and He will supply all their needs. It is most heartening to see this vision burning among our pioneer workers today. Letters come to our attention regularly from Home Missions workers who state that from the opening services in their new churches, missionary offerings have been raised. Without exception, God is working with them as they are seeking to glorify Him.

Here is a typical expression from a new church in Illinois:

We are now planning a building program... As pastor of this work I am happy to co-operate with Missions... We had a missionary service at the very beginning and raised \$345.00 to send a missionary to Japan.”

The same spirit that produced this devotion to World Missions is producing a blessed revival in their own church. “We closed a revival a few weeks ago and could not seat the people,” this pastor says. “We had to move to another building, and from there went to the High School in order to seat the crowd that gathered...”

In foreign lands our people are catching the same vision. Here is an example from Africa:

“Mr. Downey announced that he felt the natives at the Andudu Station could increase their offering to \$40,000... The natives began coming with their offerings... and to our surprise they gave \$130.00... It was decided that the entire offering would go toward building a new Mission Station among the Azande people.” This is just one example; many more could be cited.

Thank God for the world missionary vision that has always burned brightly among the Assemblies of God—and that is undimmed today. Pastors! Pioneer workers! For your own work’s sake, in planning your church program be sure to include a built-in, activated missionary policy with a world outlook! Start now, and promote World Missions. You and your church have everything to gain. God’s promises, and the testimony of successful churches, bear out this blessed fact.

Send all World Missions offerings to
Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary
434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri



We Want to Give \$10,000

On February 6th, we of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade are taking a special offering for sending gospel literature to foreign lands. We need the help of everyone in our Sunday Schools to reach our goal. Are you planning to take a BGMC offering on February 6th? During the year, we who are twelve years old or younger put our pennies, dimes and nickels in little wooden barrels, and then we bring them to Sunday School once each month to help send the Word of God around the world. Now, in February, we want to give an extra offering. We want it to be \$10,000. Won't you help us?

BGMC DAY

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The New Church in Tioga

R. L. BRANDT

North Dakota District Superintendent



On March 5, 1954, the Assemblies of God went into business in North Dakota's thriving new oil town, Tioga. That Friday was the day our District Council succeeded in purchasing two lots in a strategic location, directly across the street from the new public school. Many were investing in money-making enterprises. We were in the boom-town to win souls for Christ.

We made plans to construct a church, the good hand of God seemed evident upon the work from the very start. Loans were readily secured from one of the laymen in the section and from the National Home Missions Department in Springfield. District Speed-the-Light returns were used. Many gifts were received from interested friends.

Since the worker on the Home Missions field is perhaps the most vital factor in the success of a new church, our great concern was that the right man be found to pioneer in Tioga. Here again the hand of God moved. Brother and Sister C. L. Strom, then pastors at Hettinger, felt a burden for Tioga and accepted the challenge. For them it meant leaving a lovely church, retiring from the district presbytery, and being willing to sacrifice in many other ways. But God blesses the work of burdened hearts.

Construction on the church building began in May. Practically all of the labor was donated, as ministers and laymen gathered to lend a hand. By August the church was almost complete.

The new church is a basement structure 34 feet by 66, built of concrete blocks. The rear part of the building is above ground and affords a comfortable living area consisting of three bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, and a combination utility and bath room. Two gas furnaces, one for the church and one equipped for the parsonage, heat the building. The church has modern plumbing facilities.

Approximately 125 people can be seated in the auditorium of the new church, and Sunday School classes are accommodated in both the church and parsonage.

On August 3 the Tioga Assembly of God opened its doors for the first service. That evening the building was dedicated with about 100 people present. The Sunday School attendance is now averaging about 40. Already several souls have been saved through evangelistic efforts. Besides this, an aggressive program of missionary giving has been launched.

Home Missions giving in all of our North Dakota churches has made the opening of the Tioga church possible. The North Dakota Christ's Ambassadors, too, are having a part. One-fifth of their Speed-the-Light offerings is returned to the District and is being used to retire indebtedness on the church building. The entire project was completed for less than \$6,000.

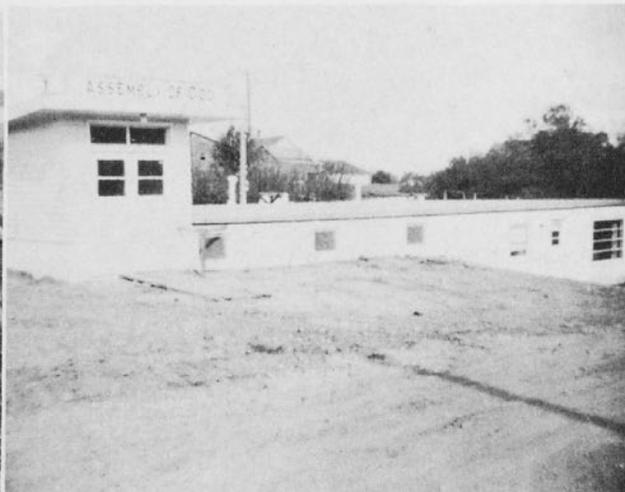
When you pray, remember Tioga and its young but growing church.

patronize a new Sunday School. Visit the homes where the interest is greatest. Circulate gospel literature. Do not overlook the contribution that a children's story hour or a Vacation Bible School can make to this new effort. A cottage prayer meeting, and later an evangelistic campaign, may help make that branch Sunday School spring into a tree capable of bringing forth in due time its own branches!

During the Regional Sunday School Conventions now in progress, thousands of ministers and lay leaders are being made acquainted with a new five-year plan of Sunday School Advance. This plan was designed by the National Sunday School Department, and ratified by our Executive Presbyters and District Sunday School Director. It has as its theme, "ON TO A MILLION!" That theme will burn brighter and brighter and will echo louder and louder in the ears and hearts of all lovers of God's Word and the Pentecostal message. The Five-Year Plan will be satisfied with no less than one million persons enrolled in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools by 1960. While there is no concrete way to know exactly how many new Sunday Schools will be needed to reach this goal, the Five-Year Plan projects the goal of 1,825 new Sunday Schools by 1960. The Home Missions Department would like to see even more new Sunday Schools than this. But one thing is sure: our goal cannot be too great when there are 125,000,000 Americans still outside the Sunday School!

Who will take the initiative in going beyond the precincts of our present territory? When our concern for the souls of men and women, and for the souls of future men and women, reaches the burning stage, preconceived formulas which nourish complacency will quickly vanish. Pastors and laymen will rise together to place God's Word, the only life-giving message, into the hands, heads, and hearts of a maximum number of people.

PROGRESS AT TIOGA, THE THRIVING NEW OIL TOWN. 1. Construction begins. 2. Ready for action. 3. A grocery shower for the Stroms, pastors at Tioga. This was a project of a recent Sectional Fellowship Meeting in Northwest North Dakota.



At the 1955 Regional Sunday School Conventions the new Home Missions program, MISSION U.S.A., will be introduced by the National Home Missions Department. Sectional and district home missions men will order materials to help present the new program in their areas. All of our brethren are working closely together so that the Assemblies of God will "go to the lost" in 1955 by establishing 1,000 new churches in the United States.

43 DISTRICTS

Assemblies of God Districts have submitted lists of the cities in which they would like to open new churches in 1955. District home missions leaders are presenting the challenge of these unoccupied areas to their sectional officers, ministers, and lay people. These men will watch the springing up of 1,000 new churches!

400 SECTIONS

On February 7 simultaneous MISSION U.S.A. rallies are being conducted in nearly all of the more than 400 sections of the districts. Most new Assemblies of God church projects are supported by individual sections. Sometimes a section chooses one new church to foster, and monthly offerings are taken for that church at all special meetings. Ministers and laymen donate labor toward the erection and interior decoration of the church building itself. Other sections help support more than one pioneer church. The sections are building new churches to help reach the 1,000 church goal in 1955.

7,170 PASTORS

A great percentage of the 7,170 Assemblies of God pastors have at some time or other pioneered a church. For that reason, many pastors "mother" new churches. That is, they encourage their congregations to initiate and support materially and financially the opening of new churches. At the outset of the new Assemblies of God home missions program, MISSION U.S.A., they are encouraging their people to pray. Every Assemblies of God pastor can have a part in the opening of 1,000 new churches during 1955.

2,293 EVANGELISTS

Evangelistic campaigns help win new converts, which form a nucleus of people to open a new church in many places. To help launch MISSION U.S.A. Assemblies of God evangelists are pledging themselves to conduct meetings in places where new effort is being put forth.

465,674 LAY MEMBERS

Perhaps the greatest part in MISSION U.S.A. is being played by the lay members. They may leave their established church to become a member of a pioneer church. Some laymen make great financial sacrifices to help establish new churches. If they do not become a member of a new church, they may help support a pioneer pastor with their gifts of food and money. Best of all, laymen are supporting MISSION U.S.A. by praying. During the noon hour on Monday, February 7, Inauguration Day of MISSION U.S.A., Assemblies of God laymen everywhere will be praying that MISSION U.S.A. will accomplish its spiritual objective of going to the lost—of winning men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the goals for MISSION U.S.A. during 1955 is for 10,000 people to pledge themselves to pray for MISSION U.S.A.

"GO TO THE LOST"

1,000 NEW ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

"How are WE going to do it?"

Friend, when you say "we" you are including the Lord. Church extension is a vital part of the Lord's work! WE are not going to try to do it in our own strength. Only with the help of the Lord can the Assemblies of God establish 1,000 new churches in 1955!

Every step that has been made in the direction of establishing 1,000 new churches in 1955 has been made prayerfully, and for the purpose of furthering the cause of Christ. And, it has been thrilling to see the moving of the Holy Spirit in the development of the new Assemblies of God Home Missions program, "MISSION U.S.A."

First of all, God has called MEN—laymen, pastors, evangelists, Bible school students, leaders—to do the work. Then He has shown them the mighty scope of the home missions field—the hundreds of cities without the full gospel testimony.

Finally, God has given our leaders courage to plan and launch out in faith, obeying His command to "Go to the lost"

by winning men, women, boys and girls through the establishment of 1,000 new churches in 1955.

"How are we going to DO it?"

Already the 43 Assemblies of God districts have prepared lists of cities into which they would like to carry our Pentecostal witness. These lists have been mailed to the 400 sectional leaders who are presenting the challenge of these cities in MISSION U.S.A. rallies on Monday, February 7.

Will the names of these cities merely be read to the congregations? No. Pastors will be asked to pledge their churches to "mother" efforts in specific cities. Sections are pledging to enter definite communities. Districts are pledging themselves to help less evangelized districts. Evangelists are being scheduled to hold meetings in these pioneer churches. Men and women are pledging themselves to pray.

At noon on Monday, February 7, Assemblies of God prayer warriors will bombard heaven on behalf of the new home

Listed below are the locations and speakers for the MISSION U.S.A. rallies to be held on Monday, February 7. Be sure to attend the rally in your section. Many other sections are conducting rallies on this date, but have not as yet reported to the National Home Missions Department.

ALABAMA

MIDLAND CITY (Mt. Zion Assembly); ENTERPRISE, S. W. Noles; OPP (First Assembly); T. H. Spence; BIRMINGHAM (Norwood Assembly) GILBERTOWN, W. A. Thomas; ALLEN (Magnolia Assembly), Leon C. Hall; SPRINGHILL (Orchard Assembly), J. D. Stevens; PHENIX CITY (First Assembly), D. H. Browne; MONTGOMERY (Second Assembly), Troy B. Helms; SYLACAUGA (First Assembly); REFORM, C. C. Hilde.

APPALACHIAN

SALTVILLE, VA. (Valley View Assembly), W. W. Smith; CEDAR BLUFF, VA. (Hoops Chapel Assembly), W. Glenn West; SALEM, VA. (Bethel Assembly), Levi Bieler; MT. HOPE, W. VA., T. M. Waldron; CHARLESTON, W. VA. (First Assembly), R. L. Mallory.

EASTERN

WILKES BARRE (First Pentecostal Church); JERSEY SHORE, PA., Edward S. Opdenhoff; NEW CASTLE (First Pentecostal Church); ERIE (Glad Tidings); DU BOIS; KANE; HARRISBURG (Pentecostal Assembly of God) A. Newton Chase; McKEESPORT, Charles M. Shaffer.

GEORGIA

COLUMBUS (Bealwood Assembly); AUGUSTA (Lakeview Assembly); MOULTRIE; BLAKELY; MCDONOUGH (Lorraine Assembly), Eugene Gustafson; ATLANTA (Bethel Temple), Ernest P. Pruett; SAVANNAH (Central Assembly); WAYCROSS (First Assembly) MACON (First Assembly); ALBANY (Faith Temple); DUBLIN.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO (Good Shepherd Assembly of God), E. C. Sumrall; CARBONDALE, Carl Gravens; ALTON (Gospel Tabernacle); CARLINVILLE; NORTH VENICE (First Assembly); OLNEY.

KANSAS

PARSONS, Albert Pyle; HILL CITY, J. O. Rosenberg; DIGHTON, J. L. Goss; WELLINGTON; WOODSTON, H. M. Hollis; PRATT, Willie R. Boyd.

KENTUCKY

PADUCAH (Calvary Assembly of God), Loren Wooten; MADISONVILLE, Wiley G. Hinecker; TALORSVILLE (Glad Tidings Assembly), G. R. Wood; COVINGTON, Felix Cayle.

MICHIGAN

HARRISON (Hiway Gospel Tabernacle), Truman Lowell; FLINT (Trinity Tabernacle), Irving M. Mitchell; COLDWATER, Arthur Thorton; PLYMOUTH, O. L. Robinson and W. W. Wibley.

MINNESOTA

THIEF RIVER FALLS (Assemblies of God Tabernacle); ALEXANDRIA, Currell Muirhead; LITTLE FALLS, Arvid Kingsriter; REDWOOD FALLS, Clinton G. Fick; ST. CLOUD, G. Ray-

ATTEND THE MISSION USA RALLY

LOST...

MATTHEW 10:6

CHURCHES IN 1955

missions program. As a result, God's hand will move and souls will be reached.

Folk everywhere are being given special opportunities to give money toward the erection of these new churches. Both the District Councils and the National Home Missions Department have set up revolving funds to loan money to pioneer churches. This financial arrangement has been called the "Share Plan." Twenty-five per cent of the money given is placed in the district revolving fund; the balance goes to the national office. Each time anyone gives to the MISSION U.S.A. Share Plan he will receive a non-negotiable share certificate in the amount of his gift. (See back page for more details.)

Yes, we will do it! Fit yourself into the new program. There's a place for you whether it be to pray, give, preach, or plan. Let's thank the Lord for this opportunity to serve Him and to have a part in going to the lost, establishing 1,000 new Assemblies of God churches in 1955.

mond Carlson; MINNEAPOLIS (The People's Church), Fern Huffstutler Olson; MANKATO.

NEBRASKA

SCOTTSBLUFF (Full Gospel Tabernacle); NORTH PLATTE; STAPLETON, Lester W. Dickinson.

NEW JERSEY

ATCO (Pentecostal Church); NEPTUNE (Full Gospel Church); WASHINGTON; ELIZABETH (Trinity Pentecostal Church).

NEW YORK

HUDSON FALLS (Gospel Lighthouse Church); WATERTOWN (First Assembly), Hope Smith and Laurie Price; ROCHESTER (Bethel Full Gospel), Warner Johnson; BINGHAMTON (Faith Tabernacle), Walter Radawski; HAVERSTRAW (Full Gospel Church), Byron D. Jones.

NORTH CAROLINA

BUXTON, A. W. Price; ELIZABETH CITY, Glen Lawrence; PERRYTOWN, C. F. Usher; WILMINGTON, Glen Strickland; FAYETTEVILLE (Calvary Assembly of God), John Lindvall; LEXINGTON, L. F. Richardson; MOORESVILLE, Andrew Stirling; MORGANTON (First Assembly), R. O. Brown; FRANKLIN, Fred Sorrells.

NORTHWEST

KINGSTON (Kingston Tabernacle), Ralph Philips; HOQUIAM (Bethel Temple), D. H. McLaughlin; TACOMA (University Place Assembly of God), Milton Barfoot; CATHLAMET (Full Gospel Church); TONASKET; EPHRATA, C. E. Butterfield; TOPPENISH, D. H. Lee; SPOKANE (Glad



GAYLE F. LEWIS

Executive Director of Assemblies of God Home Missions

Here is a statement from Brother Lewis concerning our church extension program:

"The future of the spreading of the Pentecostal testimony through the Assemblies of God depends upon our Home Missions effort NOW. It is my opinion that we have gone about as far as we can go in world evangelization with OUR PRESENT NUMBER OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE AND CHURCHES. If we are going to continue to expand abroad, first we are going to have to expand at home."

Tidings Assembly of God), Wallace Bragg; COLFAX (Full Gospel Assembly), R. J. Carlson.

OHIO

COLUMBUS (Trinity Assembly of God), C. W. Hahn; GREENVILLE, A. R. Farley; MIDDLETOWN (Full Gospel Tabernacle), D. Leroy Sanders; AKRON (Krumroy Assembly of God), Herbert E. Eicher; CLEVELAND (Glad Tidings Assembly of God); FINDLAY, Earl E. Hart; SCIO, R. C. Fife.

OREGON

PRINEVILLE (First Assembly), Forrest Murray; PORTLAND (Bethel Temple), J. Manchester; WOODBURN, N. D. Davidson; SUTHERLIN, E. E. Krogstad; GRANTS PASS, Atwood Foster; WHEELER; PILOT ROCK, Don B. Caves; ALBANY, Levi Larson; ONTARIO, Fred Versolenko; COOS BAY, Warren Cornelius.

SOUTH TEXAS

EL CAMPO, E. L. Mason; PORT ARANSAS (Full Gospel Tabernacle), Kermit Reneau; KIRBYVILLE (First Assembly), E. G. Aldridge; ALVIN, Clyde C. Goree; MISSION, Warren J. Piersol; SEGUIN (First Assembly), W. S. Graham; HOUSTON (Oaklawn Assembly of God), Willis E. Berry; PASADENA (Southmore Assembly of God); BEAUMONT (Lamar As-

sembly of God), Leonard Wood; CONROE.

SOUTH FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE (Riverside Gospel Tabernacle), Curtis W. Ringness; OCALA (First Assembly); ORLANDO (Fleming Heights Assembly of God), H. S. Bush; LAKELAND (First Assembly); ST. PETERSBURG (Glad Tidings Assembly of God); TAMPA (Glad Tidings Assembly of God); PLANT CITY (First Assembly); FORT MYERS (First Assembly), J. W. Collins; WEST PALM BEACH (Calvary Temple), J. O. Savell.

TENNESSEE

KNOXVILLE (Island Home Assembly of God); MANCHESTER; NASHVILLE (First Assembly).

TEXAS

BRYAN, H. M. Cadwalter; WACO (Faith Tabernacle), T. F. Frazier; DALLAS (Mt. Auburn Assembly of God), Herbert Sims; MCKINNEY (Southside Assembly of God), Earl J. Rogers; WHITE HOUSE, A. C. Bates; WICHITA FALLS (Beverly Drive Assembly of God), W. A. McCann.

WYOMING

CHEYENNE (Full Gospel Assembly), R. G. McAllister; ROCK SPRINGS (First Assembly) Murray W. McLees; CASPER (First Assembly); POWELL.

RALLY IN YOUR SECTION—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7





Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, January 31

JESUS SENDS FORTH DISCIPLES—Luke 9:1-6; 10:1,2

"And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey" (v. 3).

What kind of commission is this? A general does not send his men against the enemy unequipped. But notice the first verse: "He...gave them power and authority." It only appeared that they took nothing. In reality, they had everything necessary to perform the task He had asked them to do.

When we go at the Master's bidding, we need fear no obstacle. Later on, referring to this very occasion, Jesus said to His disciples, "Lacked ye any thing?" It has been said, "Remember—the task before you is never as great as the power behind you."

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also." In the face of a greater need, Jesus called for greater assistance. While it is true that the Lord does not need vast numbers to do His work, it is also true that He can use all who volunteer. It has been said, "Ninety-five per cent of the work in the average church is done by five per cent of the members." What could be accomplished if for one year—or even one month—every believer would devote all his energies and abilities to reaching the lost!

Jesus is "the Lord of the harvest." Never forget that it is His harvest. It is not for us to dictate to Him where we shall work or what we shall do. It is for us to find the place He wants us to work and then to fill it with all our might.

—RALPH W. HARRIS

TUESDAY, February 1

HEROD PERPLEXED—Luke 9:7-9

"And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him" (v. 9).

The people were currently explaining the presence and ministry of Jesus by saying that He was one of the prophets raised from the dead. Herod doubted that it was John, for he had recently caused John to be beheaded. Upon hearing of the works of Jesus, "he desired to see him." But when this information was carried to Jesus by His apostles, He and the disciples went away into a private place and avoided Herod entirely.

In Luke 19 we have the story of another man, Zacchaeus, who "sought to see Jesus." Suiting action to his desire, he proceeded to place himself in a position of advantage and to wait for the Lord to come by. When Jesus came his way, He did not avoid him as He did Herod, but said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house."

The difference here lies in the motive. Both men had heard of the Lord. Neither had seen Him, but both desired to.

However, their purpose was entirely different. We should notice that at the conclusion of the account of Jesus' experience with Zacchaeus it is written, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus will always meet the seeking soul, if the seeker intends to love and serve Him.

—J. O. HARRELL

WEDNESDAY, February 2

IMPETUOUS DISCIPLES—Luke 9:51-56

"Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" (v. 54).

How typical of the human nature were the remarks of James and John, "the sons of thunder." How long will it take for God's children to learn that His peace is powerful? We need to guard against the Boanerges spirit. Too many "sons of thunder" are endeavoring to defend the Saviour and His gospel today. Christ does not want us to call down the fire of judgment to destroy His enemies. Quite the contrary, He has ordained that the fire of the Holy Spirit shall captivate the hearts and melt the spirits of the enemies of the gospel.

Myer Pearlman used to say, "You don't need to defend a lion—just turn him loose and he will defend himself. Likewise, we do not need to defend the gospel. Just preach and teach it everywhere—turn it loose and it will defend itself." Human zeal and enthusiasm are valuable traits, but in themselves they will never subdue a stubborn sinner. The surest way to conquer the enemies of Christ is to persistently preach the gospel in the power of the Spirit. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

—WAYNE FAGERSTROM

THURSDAY, February 3

UNDIVIDED DISCIPLESHIP—Luke 9:57-62

"And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of



the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (v. 58). This was not a lamentation on the part of our Lord. It was instead a fair warning to the would-be follower of Christ. His life, like those who follow after Him in discipleship, was not His own.

Paul said in 1 Cor. 4:11, "Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place." It is true that Jesus was temporarily at home in such places as Capernaum and Nazareth, in a humble carpenter's home. But it was more often His lot after entering public ministry to find his rest in the bow of a ship or in the home of friends. Material wealth and earthly security are not a part of the faith life. Fitness for the kingdom of God requires allegiance to the will of God "first, last, and always."

—DICK FULMER

FRIDAY, February 4

THE DISCIPLES' MINISTRY—Luke 10:4-16

Dejectedly the farmer surveys his ruined field. Yesterday it was golden ripe for harvest, but other interests claimed his attention. Today the grain lies a tangled mass beaten down by wind and rain. In vain all the plowing and planting; too late the tread of the reapers; gone is the hope of a harvest.

As in the life of an individual, so in the lives of communities and nations there comes a "day of visitation." Long days of patient sowing, long nights of tears and prayer—and then it comes. Mysteriously, like the freshening of the breeze, the Spirit of God begins to move. Interest is quickened, hearts are melted—it is harvest time. If reapers are ready, the ingatherings may be almost limitless. But the opportunity does not linger—*tomorrow may be too late!*

On mission fields all over the world this is the day of revival. During fifty years of Pentecostal missions there have never been such opportunities. From worker after worker comes a triumphant shout of victory and a desperate plea for help. The reapers are few, and too often we equip them with sickles instead of combines. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

—DONALD G. FOOTE

SATURDAY, February 5

THE REPORT OF THE DISCIPLES—Luke 10:17-24

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (v. 20).

Rejoice in your position in Christ, not in your power. Your place is more important than your possessions.

Circumstances may change, affecting our achievements. If then our joy is based on what we achieve, we may be sorrowful and defeated Christians. There may come times when it is not the will of God for us to achieve outward success. But we still may rejoice that we are Christ's, even though we do not see fruit for our labor. Paul sang though he was in prison. He rejoiced that He was a child of God, instead of sorrowing for the apparent curtailment of his labors.

Abilities may change, limiting our successes. Should we then give up our rejoicing? No, our joy is first in our position in Christ. We are His. Our names are written in His book. That means honor, authority, eligibility. Adverse circumstances and inabilities may hinder our achievements, but our relationship to Christ abides secure. We are His. Therefore we can "rejoice in the Lord alway."

—J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

LILLIAN TRASHER TO SPEAK AT W.M.C. CONFERENCES

The "Nile Mother," Mamma to more than eight hundred Egyptian children at the Assiut Orphanage, will be guest speaker at the Women's Missionary Council conference at the Regional Conventions at Long Beach, California, and Seattle, Washington. Complete schedule of WMC activities at these conventions will be as follows:

LONG BEACH, February 8-10

Tuesday 9:00 a.m., WMC leadership conference for all district and sectional officers, First Assembly of God, 432 East 10th, Long Beach.

Wednesday 12:30, WMC luncheon, La Fayette Hotel, Linden at Broadway.

Write for reservation (till February 7) to Mrs. Eugene Tanner, 1910 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. Enclose \$1.75, and pick up tickets at the WMC booth (No. 22) in convention display hall.

Thursday 2:00 p.m., WMC conference, Wilton Hotel, Pageant Room. Lillian Trasher, special speaker. Also panel discussion.

SEATTLE, February 28-March 2

Monday 9:00 a.m., WMC leadership conference for all district and sectional officers, Fremont Tabernacle, 753 North 35th.

Tuesday, WMC luncheon, Hotel Benjamin Franklin, 1930 Fifth Avenue.

Write for reservation (till February 28) to Mrs. Mary Phillips, 435 East 72nd Street, Seattle, Wash. Enclose \$1.70 and pick up ticket at WMC booth (No. 30) in convention display hall.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m., WMC conference, Veterans Building. Lillian Trasher, special speaker. Also panel discussion.

POINTING YOU TO THE



Southcentral—
Houston, Texas
January 18-20



Southwest—
Long Beach, Calif.
February 8-10



Northwest—
Seattle, Wash.
February 28-March 2



Northcentral—
Omaha, Nebraska
March 15-17

Northeast—
Boston, Mass.
March 29-31

Southeast—
Nashville, Tenn.
April 12-14

Regional Sunday School Conventions

where you will receive inspiration and practical help that will cause your Sunday School to advance in the days to come.

Be sure to attend the one nearest you!

EVANGELISTS VOLUNTEER FOR MISSIONARY WORK

At the first national Evangelism Convention in December, a panel of speakers presented the need of taking the Full Gospel into new American communities and opening new Assemblies. Approximately fifty of our Assemblies of God evangelists promptly offered to take part in this endeavor. They volunteered to spend from two to four weeks evangelizing in the pioneer fields during 1955.

This is primarily a home missionary project, the aim being to open new Assemblies; but some of the evangelists may be available for meetings in new pioneer churches which are already established.

In view of the fact that these evangelists may receive little or nothing for their services during the weeks they devote to home missionary work, their consecration is to be commended. No doubt there are others who were not present at the Evangelism Convention who would like to have a part in this worthy program. All evangelists who are willing to volunteer for this missionary work should communicate with Bert Webb, National Director of Evangelism, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

The General Superintendent Speaks

fourths of it (3¾ cents on a dollar) should go to the least-occupied districts and one-fourth of it (1¼ cents on a dollar) should be used to support the National Home Missions Department itself.

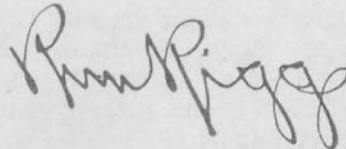
By reason of the fact that a resolution passed at the General Council is not an edict to our churches but only a "recommendation," many churches have not as yet elected to follow that recommendation and they still send in their missionary offerings designated "Foreign Missions." This is not in accord with the desire of the General Council as a whole, nor of the Foreign Missions Department, nor of the Home Missions Department.

We are therefore hoping that each pastor, each official board, each missionary secretary, and each local church will conform to the accepted and approved Assemblies of God pattern and designate EACH missionary offering sent to Headquarters as a "World Missions" offering. It needs to be done EACH time, for the monthly offerings of 7,000 churches are handled by a large office staff who cannot possibly remember which church wants its offering handled in a particular way.

You may, of course, designate how the

Foreign Missions part (70%) of the World Missions offering shall be used. The Foreign Missions Department requests that you should not designate more than 50% of the whole offering, however, because a little part is needed for the general ("undesigned") fund which has been sorely neglected.

The General Council is now launching a new Home Missions campaign for the opening of new churches. Monday, February 7, is the inauguration date of that campaign. If all of our churches will simply mark their missionary offerings "World Missions" it will go a long way toward meeting our need. Don't detract from your Foreign Missionary giving, but simply pool your Home and Foreign Missionary giving, call it "World Missions," and send it in as usual to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. In this way we can all work as a team, "keeping rank" in the work of the Lord. The Captain of the Lord's host will reward you abundantly.



A CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP

(Continued from page five)

so that we can present an intelligent picture to the municipal planning commission which often is hostile.

Just as our church extension program was beginning to get under way, the Home Missions Department of our District was faced with a gnawing and challenging problem—the church at San Bruno, California. Heroic efforts had been made against great odds to establish a work in San Bruno—one of the most promising communities in the entire District. This hustling, growing city of nearly 20,000 lies just south of San Francisco in one of the fastest developing areas on the West Coast. A foothold had already been established by the erection of a spacious building on one of the finest corners in the town. While attractive on the outside, the rough, unfinished interior of the building proved to be a specter of discouragement to a succession of pastors and people. In May of 1954 it became apparent that immediate action was necessary or we stood in danger of losing this property

valued at \$35,000, to say nothing of the accumulated effort of those who had given so much to see the San Bruno project succeed.

When the District Home Missions and Church Extension Committee met to discuss the situation the problem at first seemed overwhelming. However, it was evident that our CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP was devised to meet such a need as this! Though it was not a brand new effort as we had originally intended, unanimously we decided that San Bruno should become our first Church Extension Fellowship Church!

Already there has been evidence of God's blessing upon this decision. First, He sent us a man. Edwin L. Cole, former pastor at Sonora, California, had resigned his church feeling the Lord had something else for him to do. Brother Cole was the ideal combination of skilled workman and able minister. He accepted the challenge of San Bruno and set to work to finish the building.

Now the task is nearly completed. The Sunday School area is now finished; the auditorium is wholly plastered. At the time of writing the heating unit is

being installed and the auditorium floor is being laid.

On his first Sunday, Brother Cole had a congregation of one person. By December 5 the attendance has increased to 61; and we have every reason to believe that the San Bruno church, in a very short while, will be one of our strong, established, self-supporting Assemblies!

Now we are beginning to think about our second CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP effort. The Plan has caught the interest of our entire district. Knowing that for a personal investment of merely two dollars, each member of our fellowship can actively share in the establishment of a strong Assembly of God in a promising community, has fired the enthusiasm of pastors, board members, church officials, and nearly all the people of our Assemblies. The success of the CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP in Northern California and Nevada is a concrete example of what CAN be done when nearly EVERYBODY shares a little in a mutual responsibility.

Revival News

YANKTON, S. DAK.—The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting with Evangelist Harry Heidt of Waterloo, Iowa. Several were saved, a number filled with the Holy Spirit, and some healed. The whole church received a spiritual awakening.—W. E. Tiaht, Pastor.

MIDRIDGE, MO.—Evangelist Lillie Farrow of Hartshorn, Mo. has just closed a three-week meeting here. Ten were saved, and six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One lady was instantly healed.—Noah Harper and Bill Anderson, Supply Pastors.

DALLAS, TEX.—Recently Evangelist Velmer Gardner conducted an old-fashioned Pentecostal meeting at the Maplewood Assembly of God. The ministry of Brother Gardner made a strong impact. Each service was marked by the presence and manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Many were converted or healed. As a result of the meeting, scores were added to the church—Ray R. Soper, Pastor.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.—Evangelist Stanley Karol was with us for a meeting December 12—18. His fearless and positive preaching on holy living brought many to the altar night after night. In one week at least five were saved, 26 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and others refilled. A number testified to bodily healing. We have a new zeal for the Lord's work, and are praying for continued revival.—Donald E. Berkey, Pastor.

CAMDEN, ARK.—The First Assembly of God has just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist W. V. Grant. Hundreds responded to the altar calls to be saved or filled with the Holy Ghost.

In one service, fifty testified that they received healing. Most of the people were healed in the audience as the power of God swept over the congregation. A lady, who had been totally deaf in one ear for ten years, was healed and able to hear a whisper. Two ladies testified that cancers left their faces. A man discarded his back brace. Eye glasses and crutches were no longer needed. A little boy who was born with a club foot was healed and walked without a limp. Many people testified who had been healed in the two other meetings which Brother Grant held for us. One testimony was that of a girl who had been totally blind in one eye. She still sees perfectly.—A. W. Tanner, Pastor.

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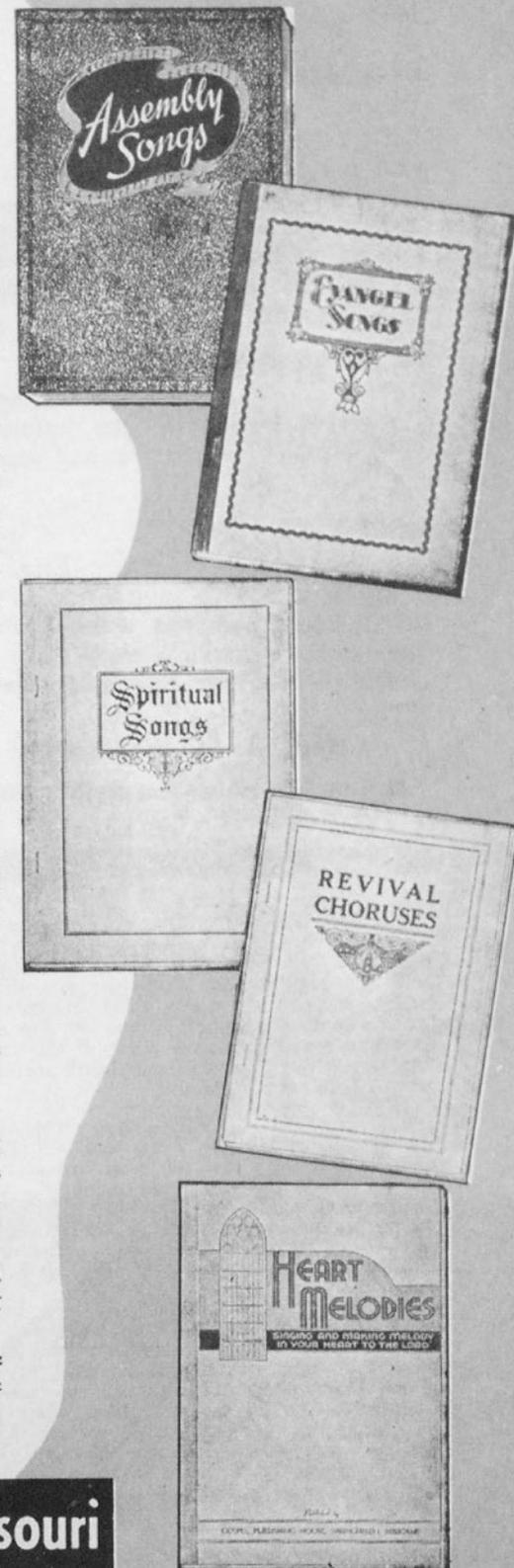
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hand and prayed with you. Now my legs feel good as new. I can do all my housework.

MOTHER IMPROVES

Chicago, Ill.

Praise the Lord! God has worked in behalf of my mother's mental condition. She has improved very much. Thank you for praying. God works. What a Christmas gift this was!

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St. Louis, Mo.

I am writing to tell you how much your prayers helped me two weeks ago Sunday. My leg hurt so badly that I could hardly stand it. When you told us to raise our hands and pray with you, I did. Believe me, before you had finished, the pain had left me. Thank you for your prayers.

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Sermon Subject for January 30: THE DAY WHEN MEN JUDGE ANGELS (1 Cor. 6:3)

SUDAN, TEX.—On December 12 we closed a meeting with Evangelist Jack Branscum of Plainview, Tex. Eight were saved, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. One lady was definitely healed of stomach ulcers. The Sunday School attendance runs between 25 and 30, but we are expecting an increase as a result of this meeting. Ten names were added to the church membership roll.—Robin Byars, Pastor.

CASTLEFORD, IDAHO—Three months ago we started a new Assembly here, and we have just closed a meeting with Gene Scott, Assistant Pastor of the Assembly in Oroville, Calif. Brother Scott's teaching ministry was a great help to our pioneer church. Sister Scott and two young ladies from the Oroville church assisted in the meeting. Their music was a blessing to all.—Jack E. Little, Pastor.

TULIA, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsop were with us for four weeks. This was the greatest meeting our church has had in several years. Twenty-three were saved, and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed by the power of God. The meeting was announced for two weeks, but the Lord blessed in such a mighty way that it lasted four weeks. Our church was revived and strengthened.—E. E. Mason, Pastor.

GLADWIN, MICH.—We had an eleven-night meeting with the Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio. In spite of bad weather and Christmas, the meetings were well attended. Twenty-four came forward for salvation. A number of people visited the church for the first time.—Truman S. Lowell, Pastor.

OLATHE, COLO.—We just concluded an eight-day meeting with Evangelist Gene Arnold of Littleton, Colo. The anointed ministry of this young man stirred the congregation to a deeper experience with the Lord. Some were refilled with the Holy Ghost, and several who had drifted away from the Lord returned.—Gilbert T. Thompson, Pastor, California Mesa Assembly of God.

WAUPACA, WIS.—We recently enjoyed a Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist Lonnie L. Osborne of Tulsa, Okla. Twenty-six were born into the kingdom of God, including a 93-year-old Catholic man. Sixteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many sick were healed of various infirmities. A spirit of revival permeates our souls.—Robert Doorn, Pastor.

MOLINE, ILL.—God gave us glorious times of refreshing during the four-week meeting with Evangelist E. J. Klaus of Corry, Pa. Several were saved and the church was revived. Brother Klaus

has a compassion for the sick and for those who need salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He will be with us for another meeting for the entire month of April, and John Nyberg of East Moline, Ill. will assist him.—D. I. DeGarmo, Pastor, Grace Memorial Church.

BATES, OREG.—We just closed an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist Louise Henry of Milton-Freewater, Oreg. We felt the presence of the Lord from the very first service. Folk were saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, and healed of various afflictions.—Helen Beasley Davis, Pastor, Bates Community Church.

RICE, WASH.—God moved in a marvelous way during the meeting with Evangelist Norman Erickson of Spokane, Wash. Several came forward for salvation, six were filled with the Spirit, and several were refilled. Outstanding healings were performed as Brother Erickson prayed for the sick. Our people were revived and strengthened.—R. D. Ellis, Pastor.

JOHN DAY, OREG.—We are praising the Lord for a great revival. We began November 16 with Evangelist Fred Versolenko of Walla Walla, Wash. This was Brother Versolenko's third meeting with us. For four consecutive weeks God poured out His Spirit, saving souls and baptizing believers with the Holy Ghost. Many sick were also healed.

The young people's leader from the Methodist Church came to the meeting and gave her heart to the Lord. About three nights later God filled her with the Holy Spirit. The night she received her Baptism, her mother was saved. While her mother was being filled with the Spirit, she called her father and brothers. One brother came and got saved, then returned home for his father. The father got out of bed and returned to the church, and he too was saved. The wife of one of the brothers came after her husband at one o'clock in the morning. The convicting power of God came upon her and she surrendered her heart to the Lord.

The Sunday School hit an all-time high with an attendance of 129. The church as a whole was revived, and we are praising the Lord for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst.—Donald Caves, Pastor.

MOOSIC, PA.—We are praising the Lord for a wonderful, spiritual Missionary Convention. The missionaries participating included Brother and Sister Andrew Maracle, Mohawk Indians; Brother and Sister Herbert Bruhn, representing Alaska and Home Missions; Monty Garfield, converted Jew; Julia Bogden, worker among the Jews; Grace Lindholm, missionary to lepers in Belgian Congo; Brother and Sister Croft Pentz, ministers to the deaf; and David du Plessis.

Souls were saved, others were reclaimed, and many of our young people consecrated their lives to the Lord. Our people are still enjoying the same supernatural move of God which we witnessed during the convention. Service after service we are unable to minister the Word because of the mighty moving of God in our midst. We believe it is a direct result of the Missionary Convention. Every speaker was a blessing to us. The Lord enlarged our vision, gave us a passion for the lost, and we praise Him.—Helen and Chester Jenkins, Co-Pastors.

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.

ROBINSON, ILL.—Assembly of God, Jan. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Odgen, Memphis, Tenn.—by H. E. Murray, Pastor.

RAVENNA, OHIO—Assembly of God, Jan. 18—; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (John T. Conaway is Pastor.)

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Jan. 14—Feb. 6; Evangelist R. W. Culpepper and party.—by John Bedzyk, Pastor.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—Assembly of God, 5th Avenue and 15th St., Feb. 1—; Evangelist J. F. Pepper. (Melvin F. Brandt is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Brightmoor Tabernacle, 22420 Fenkell Ave., Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Evangelists Percy and Dorothy King. (Bond P. Bowman is Pastor.)

CAMERON, MO.—Feb. 1—13; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (S. A. Sanders is Pastor.)

OELWEIN, IOWA—Jan. 25—Feb. 6; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh. (Richard Ludden is Pastor.)

VERO BEACH, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 26—Feb. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass.—by Franklin S. Taylor, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—Milton Road Assembly, Jan. 30—Feb. 13; Evangelist C. A. Waack, Tulsa, Okla. (Oliver Knell is Pastor.)

WINLOCK, WASH.—Assembly of God, Feb. 1—20; Evangelist W. W. Fleming.—by E. G. Snook, Pastor.

ESCANABE, MICH.—Assembly of God, Feb. 1—13; Evangelist Dave Lewis. (Douglas Bloom is Pastor.)

FREDONIA, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Feb. 6—; Evangelist Levi L. Storms, Sherburne, N. Y.—by Harry J. Knisell, Pastor.

INDEPENDENCE, KANS.—Jan. 25—Feb. 6; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (H. C. Humphrey is Pastor.)

NAPANEE, ONT., CANADA—Evangel Temple, Jan. 30—Feb. 13 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Wright, Houston, Tex. (E. L. Ripley is Pastor.)

TYLER, TEX.—Assembly of God, Jan. 23—; Loyd H. Evans, youth evangelist, San Antonio, Tex. (M. L. Fauss is Pastor.)

SORENTO, ILL.—Assembly of God, Feb. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. John C. Poteet.—by Odis Cooper, Pastor.

CULLENDALE, ARK.—Assembly of God, Feb. 2—; Evangelist D. B. Bennett, Rosemead, Calif.—by Howard L. Watkins, Pastor.

PETOSKEY, MICH.—Assembly of God, Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Evangelist H. L. Moody. (J. H. Evans is Pastor.)

MITCHELL, NEBR.—Feb. 6—20 or longer; Gene Arnold, youth evangelist, Fowler, Colo. (Robert Paul is Pastor.)

ARLINGTON, CALIF.—Arlanza Village Assembly of God, 8337 Cypress, Jan. 23—Feb. 6 or longer; Evangelist Zola F. Grosscup and co-worker.—by Roy and Lillian Cowen, Pastors.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Highland Assembly of God, Jan. 23—; Evangelist Kenneth Berry and the Musical Berrys, Houston, Tex. (O. W. Keyes is Pastor.)

AMARILLO, TEX.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 600 S. Cleveland, Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by J. A. Bennett, Pastor.

BISMARCK, N. DAK.—Assembly of God, Feb. 6—20 or longer; Evangelist Oliver Johnson, Powers Lake, N. Dak., and the Musical Duncans, Seattle, Wash.—by Kenneth Olson, Pastor.

YUMA, ARIZ.—First Assembly of God, 6th Ave. and 9th St., Jan. 30—Feb. 13; Mathan Musical Evangelists, Kansas City, Mo. (O. W. Killingsworth is Pastor.)

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Cor. 5th and Fairmount Sts., Feb. 6—20; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer.—by Everett Stenhouse, Co-pastor. (Carl A. Goad is Pastor.)

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—First Missionary Convention at Pennfield Assembly of God, Feb. 3—6. Other Assemblies in area co-operating. Speakers: David McCulley, Robert McClay, Leonard Nipper, Floyd Horst.—by Ross P. Simmons, Pastor.

HOME MISSIONS SEMINAR—Southern California Bible College, Costa Mesa, Calif., Feb. 1—2. Speakers: Gayle F. Lewis, Home Missions Executive Director; Victor Trimmer, National Secretary; Herbert Bruhn and Arvid Ohmell, Home Missions Field Representatives.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Lake Bonny Bible camp Tabernacle, Lakeland, Fla., Feb. 14—16. J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. Ministers' Institute on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 10.—by J. W. Collins, District Secretary.

ELK CITY, OKLA.—Workers' Training Course, Jan. 31—Feb. 6; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (C. A. Snodgrass is Pastor.)

MODESTO, CALIF.—Airport Assembly of God, Feb. 7— for two weeks or longer; Evangelist Florence Boucher, Avanel, Calif.—by Ernest M. Adams, Pastor.

CLARKS SUMMIT, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Jan. 23—Feb. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (David Laquintano is Pastor.)

OAKLAND, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 23—Feb. 6; "Christ for All Crusade" with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sturgeon, Pastors.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., N. Y.—Assembly of God, dedication of new church, Jan. 30 at 3:30 p.m. Joseph R. Flower, District Superintendent, speaker. Feb. 6—20; Evangelist L. Jollay, Flint, Mich.—by Steve Durasoff, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEX.—Home Missions Rally and Fellowship Meeting of San Jacinto Section, Feb. 10. Don McKinney of Lake Charles, La., speaker. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. in Southmore Assembly, 612 E. Houston St.—by Lester Summers, Presbyter. (W. C. Harding is Host Pastor.)

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A Personal Testimony of How God Answered Prayer in Time of Drought

If a new church is to be opened in a community, the Holy Spirit must move on people's hearts, convicting them of sin and bringing them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Since that time, the VanVleets have put their prayers, and all their available finances and time, into the construction of the new Assemblies of God church in Gibbon. And God has rewarded their faithful Christian service by granting them a miracle which has amazed their neighbors.

One day last summer the pastor, Clyde S. Buck, was talking with Brother VanVleet and he asked how the corn on his farm was standing the dry weather.

"Brother Buck, my corn is burned up,"

he replied. "Even if it should rain from now on, I'll not have any corn."

Not only that, but Brother VanVleet said that he had just been informed by the veterinarian that he was going to lose a great number of his purebred Hereford calves because of an infection. He seemed to be very discouraged.

The pastor encouraged his congregation to take the matter to God and to lay hold of the divine promises.

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"Last fall a number of our spring calves got blood poisoning. The veterinarian said they would all die. We prayed and called on the Lord. Not one died. Praise His wonderful name!

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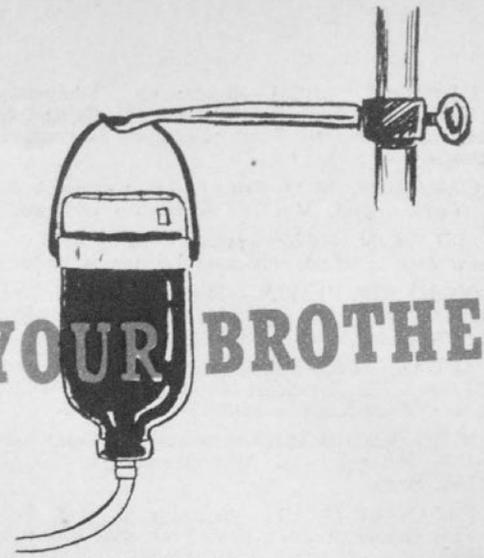
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