

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

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New Church in Flint, Michigan

Divine Healing

Our Christian Heritage



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GOD HAS GIVEN MANY WONDERFUL promises to His children, and one of the most outstanding is this—"I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). That promise still stands good for all who believe. Ever since the days of Moses when the promise was given, an innumerable host of believers have proved it true in personal experience. We do not mean mental healing, nor therapy by suggestion, nor any other means of healing that depends upon the power of men. We mean Bible healing, which is the manifestation of the power of God in human lives.

In my own pastoral ministry I have seen God manifest His healing power on many occasions. I am thinking of one case in particular, a very fine lady who had a serious heart condition. We prayed for her at church one Sunday morning. The next Sunday morning she testified to a miraculous healing, and she is still healed.

During one of my radio broadcasts I mentioned the fact that God was willing to heal anyone who would call on Him. Shortly afterward a lady told me that she had taken me at my word and had received healing from heaven. She said she dropped to her knees before her radio and asked God to heal her of an inward goitre, and God answered her prayer.

I mention these cases merely to illustrate the truth that God is the Healer of His people. I could mention many more. I just received a letter from a man in Westlock, Alberta, Canada, who attended the camp meeting at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, in 1951. He had pernicious anemia and the physicians had given him up. I was the camp evangelist, and after I preached on a Sunday morning he came forward and we prayed for him. I have a letter from him, written in 1955, saying that God healed him and

that he is still enjoying the best of health today.

God can heal where all human skill and remedies have failed. I believe this, but my belief in Divine Healing does not cause any ill feeling toward members of the medical profession. Some of my finest Christian friends are physicians and surgeons. One among them has been known, in any number of his cases, to pray for his patients as well as to administer medicine to them.

There are some exponents of healing who deny the reality of matter, and deny the existence of disease and pain. They deny the personality of God, the Holy Trinity, and the efficacy of the shed blood of Christ to atone for sins. We have no part nor lot with such denials. On the contrary, we assert with all emphasis the atonement made by Jesus Christ, at the cost of His own life, for the sins of the race, and we rest our hope of salvation on this sacrifice, and on this alone (see John 1:29; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22). We believe in the Christ who rose from the dead and who lives today to deliver human beings from all sin and sickness (see John 3:16; 1 John 1:7; Hebrews 13:8).

HEALING THROUGH THE ATONEMENT

We do not believe that sickness is always the result of personal sin, or of the sins of the parents (though God did say He would visit the iniquity of the parents upon the children—Exodus 20:5). Jesus cleared up this point when He said, concerning the blind man, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:3). But, on the other hand, while sickness may not be the result of personal sin, the Bible clearly shows that sin is to blame for the entrance of sickness and death into the human race, and therefore

Christ's sacrifice was needed to atone and to make healing available to us. The sacrifice of Christ on the Cross was to redeem mankind from all the power and consequences of sin (Romans 5:12-21).

The Psalmist sang, "Bless the Lord, O my soul... who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Psalm 103:1-4). The Psalmist coupled healing with salvation.

The prophet Isaiah said: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). He too joined salvation and healing together in this marvelous prophecy concerning the atonement which Christ was to effect.

Many years later the people brought their sick to the Lord Jesus Christ at evening time and He healed them. The event is recorded in Matthew 8:16, 17 as follows: "He cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Every Hebrew scholar knows that this is a very accurate rendering of Isaiah 53:4. This is vital in understanding the scriptural doctrine of Divine Healing. Since Jesus suffered in His body for our sicknesses as well as for our sins, we should come to Him to receive both healing and forgiveness as a result of His atoning work at Calvary.

HEALING THROUGH THE APOSTLES

Let us remember that the healing ministry did not stop when Jesus left the earth and ascended into heaven. It continued through His followers, as recorded in the Book of Acts. In Acts 3 we read of a man about forty years of age, who was placed daily at the gate of the Temple for the purpose of asking an alms of those entering the Temple. When Peter and John went up to the Temple at the hour of prayer, the poor crippled man asked them for an alms. But Peter, fastening his eyes upon the man with John, said, "Look on us." The man looked into their faces, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." I love the words, "Such as I have give I thee." It seems to me that all



of God's servants should possess this divine power that the sick need. We will have it if we live in the realm of the Great Commission (Mark 16:18), for the Master said, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

When this man was healed, he cre-

ated quite a stir, for we read that his feet and anklebones received strength, and he walked and leaped and praised God. He entered into the Temple with Peter and John, and all the people saw him walking. And in that day, as in this,

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How I Learned the Truth About DIVINE HEALING

M. E. COLLINS, Waxahachie, Texas

IT STARTED ONE DAY IN A SMALL TOWN in western Oklahoma where I was serving as pastor of the Christian Church and superintendent of the public schools. There were many problems in my work. As a result, I cried out and asked God to show me more about prayer. The Spirit led to James 5:13-16 where I read the following statements:

"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. . . . Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. . . . Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

Four times prayer is mentioned as a way to get healing for the sick or afflicted. I was a college and seminary graduate, but I had never learned the value of prayer for the sick. We had prayed for sick people, but we did not teach our people to call the elders of the church when anyone among them was sick or afflicted. We always called a doctor.

That day I asked God to let me know the truth about Divine Healing, or healing in answer to the prayer of faith. Two days later a sister of mine said to me, as I visited in her home, "Brother, I intended to go to the Assembly of God church tonight. Some friends invited me to come and hear a special speaker who is

to preach there. Would you like to go with me?" I said, "Sure, I will go with you."

That night we heard a good sermon on Divine Healing preached by P. C. Nelson, the founder and president of Southwestern Bible School.

When I listened to Brother Nelson preach that night, I did not realize that God was using him to help me to become an Assembly of God preacher and some day to be his successor as president of Southwestern. Later we became good friends and collaborators.



M. E. Collins

I asked Brother Nelson man questions about Divine Healing. He gave me advice that helped me to learn the truth. He not only recommended good books to read but advised me to attend a revival meeting in Paul Rader's tabernacle in Chicago, where Divine Healing was preached and where many were being healed. I went to Chicago and heard Paul Rader and several evangelists preach; among them were Raymond T. Richey, F. F. Bosworth and others whom we came to know better in later years.

After returning from Chicago, I was invited to testify at an Assembly of God fellowship meeting. The brethren there seemed to appreciate my stand for the truth of Divine Healing. But when I exposed how little I knew about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the speaking in tongues, they encouraged me to study the Bible further on these subjects. I took their advice—and in 1935 I was privileged to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during a tent revival at Electra, Texas, where E. B. Crump was pastor.

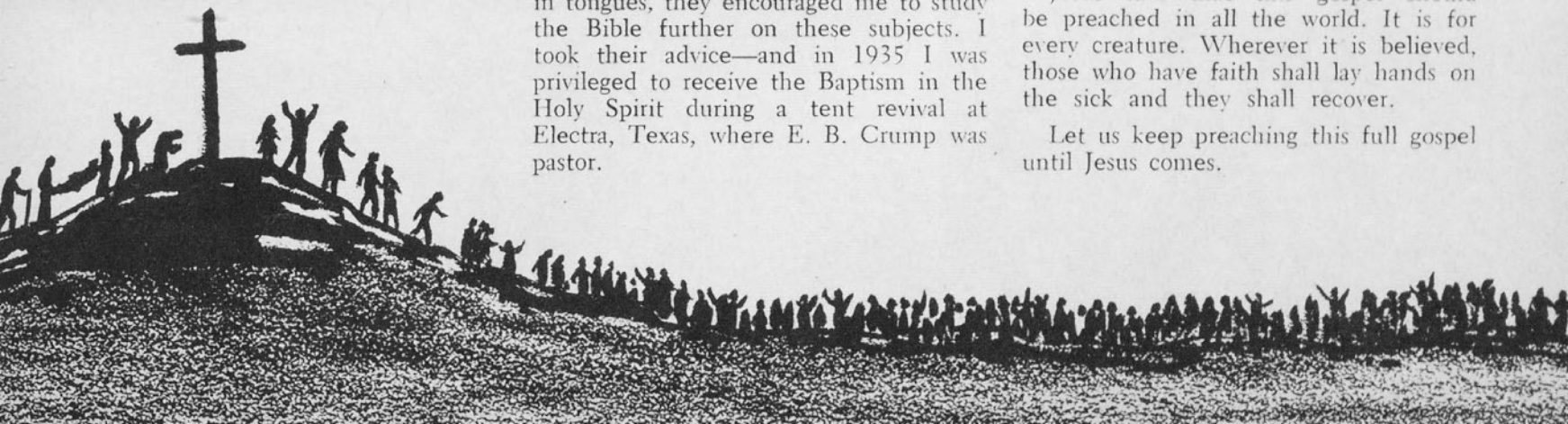
During the past twenty years I have learned more about Divine Healing. I have studied it and have done much research about it at Southwestern Bible Institute. We have placed in the school library a copy of every good book we can find written on the subject, and have had the joy of seeing many who were sick and afflicted receive healing from the Lord through faith.

Miracles have taken place in our school office and classrooms. The administrators, faculty, staff and students often stop everything to pray for someone who comes asking for prayer. Amusing things sometimes occur in connection with praying for the sick and afflicted. On one occasion a salesman for a big school supply company was waiting for an appointment with me. He entered my office, introduced himself and had just been seated when a student spoke to my secretary, Miss Hollis, in the outer office and said, "I am sick and would like for Brother Collins to pray for me." The salesman heard that and said, "Let her come in; I will wait." While we were praying for her three others came for prayer. I offered to hear the salesman, but each time he said, "No, I will wait." He sat there and saw four people receive healing as they were anointed and prayed for. After the last one left, the salesman said, "I have been a traveling salesman for over twenty years, calling upon school men in many states, but never before have I ever seen anything like this take place."

It is true that God still heals people in answer to prayers of faith. He healed Abimelech's family in answer to Abraham's prayer. He healed Miriam, Moses' sister, in answer to Moses' prayer. Elijah and Elisha prayed for people in their day. Jesus healed all manner of sickness. The twelve disciples and later the seventy rejoiced because sick people were delivered in Jesus' name under their ministry. Peter, Philip and Paul preached Divine Healing. James, who was a pastor at Jerusalem, wrote a letter instructing his brethren everywhere to pray for one another. He said, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." The Holy Spirit caused that letter to be included in the Bible. Experience has proved that it is of God.

Jesus said that this gospel should be preached in all the world. It is for every creature. Wherever it is believed, those who have faith shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

Let us keep preaching this full gospel until Jesus comes.



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"Operation Miracle"



A Thrilling Story by Roy and Mary Tregenza



Roy and Mary Tregenza and the twins

It would have been difficult to classify the exciting thoughts we were entertaining as we drove across the Kansas plains one Sunday morning almost a year ago. "Will they like us?" ... "Are our clothes right?" ... You can imagine the sort of thoughts a young minister and his wife might indulge in as they neared the city to which they had been called to "try out." But demanding and exciting as these considerations were, they paled to insignificance under one supreme heading ... "Is it Your will, Father?" Nothing else really mattered.

Our timing was perfect. We slipped into our seats during the opening song. There was an element in the service that very soon "destroyed" any strain in us or the people to whom we would minister that day. It was the infinitely precious anointing of the Holy Spirit hovering over the opening services of that Sunday School.

Graciously the Sunday School superintendent conducted us through his school. He offered no apology and needed none. The building was a residence and there was an enthusiastic class crowded into every available space ... the bedrooms, the upper hall, living and dining rooms. Here was a modern example of the "church that is in their house." The twentieth-century Aquila and Priscilla were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sutter of Wichita, Kansas.

The evening service was delightfully unique. Since the Sutter home was laid out with a central hall, the living room became the main auditorium, the dining room was reserved for overflow, and the orchestra began to fill up the hall. Be-

fore long the steps were pressed into use and the long arms of trombones made their appearance through the railings in time with the opening song. The bass violin was proudly in place on the first landing overlooking violins, trumpets, and accordions below.

Presently God came on the scene to enhance every human effort with His dignity. Here was Pentecost indeed. Pentecost that defied time and place. Pentecost powerful and secure in the hearts of twentieth-century believers.

A few weeks later we said good-by to the church we had been pastoring in another part of the state and became the first to pastor Faith Assembly of God in Wichita. There was no parsonage into which to move, no church in which to worship, but the other side of the ledger boasted fifteen or more Spirit-filled families who had a vision for a new Assembly in an untouched area of their city. With this we were content.

The next time we move into a clean, warm parsonage with gas, electricity, and telephone privileges we will know how to appreciate it. Confidentially, we thought house hunting would be a bit of a lark when we volunteered to look for our own living quarters! Not desirous of spending more than one week's salary per month on rent, we looked first at the \$60.00 homes. It became necessary to pay \$80.00 a month before we found a suitable, safe place for our four-year-old twins in the booming airplane capital. Deposit on utilities seemed staggering, but at last we were settled.

Very soon we learned that the salary we ourselves had suggested was inad-

quate. The "brook" often dried up! What happened then? The inevitable—with God. The "barrel of meal" did not waste, neither did "the cruse of oil" fail! The God of miracles began to work and He hasn't stopped yet!"

Moving cautiously, the group continued their search for a property sizeable enough to comply with rigid off-street parking laws. While negotiating for one property it became necessary to engage a lawyer who prepared a waiver for us. This waiver was designed to delete a clause in an abstract which prohibited the construction of a church in a restricted area. During the course of this attempt, Mary became a Notary Public in order to witness each individual signature as required by law. Unanimous consent was required. We conceded that God must have some better thing in store for us when one owner flatly refused to sign our waiver.

Brother V. G. Greisen, our District Superintendent, was signally used of God during this time with his unique ministry of faith and encouragement. Our story would be incomplete without a tribute to this man of God.

Several months later the group moved

At present the church meets in the basement of the pastor's home.



The District Presbyterian, Robt. Morrison, breaks ground.



Members inspect construction progress on their new church at 4909 East Monroe, Wichita.



to a temporary location which provided living quarters for the pastor and a fine basement chapel for worship. New families were added and soon the attendance was consistently in the nineties. Again

every room in the house became a classroom, and this time the kitchen was included—minus icebox privileges!

Then it happened.

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Pentecostal Perspective

Donald Gee

Mass evangelism has its place, but it is the faithful, consistent ministry of the local pastor that builds up a congregation.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS SOON DISCOVER the distortions that occur in their pictures when big brother's feet are stretched out before the camera, or when the front row of a group is too near the photographer and those behind are made to look like pygmies. The resultant pictures quite misrepresent the facts, even though they are genuine photographs. Indeed, some clever fakes are made by deliberately getting things out of perspective.

For more than seven years the World Conferences of Pentecostal Churches have entrusted me with the privilege and responsibility of editing their quarterly magazine "Pentecost." As one result there streams to my desk a steady flow of news of what God is doing in and through this world-wide Pentecostal Revival. It offers an unrivaled opportunity for trying to measure things with a true perspective.

In pondering the material which was sent to me, and which has been published in the latest issue, it seemed to me that I could detect a certain pattern that is not without a significance and a message for us all. One thing that becomes clear is where, and how, a steady growth in the sum total of the Pentecostal churches is being registered.

In this latest "Pentecost" the first article records the phenomenal growth of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. last year by more than one new assembly each day and four each Sunday, or a yearly gain of 512 churches. On the second page W. F. P. Bruton tells of hundreds of Pentecostal assemblies clear across the Belgian Congo and he affirms that "no other Protestant group has a comparable testimony."

After that comes a report of a Swedish missionary conference that incidentally reveals something of the magnitude of the Pentecostal movement in South America. Later on there come statistics of the second largest group in America,

the Church of God, with 1,592 churches in foreign lands alone (home constituency not stated.)

Among local assemblies mentioned, it is to be noted that during the last forty years the membership of the Philadelphia Church in Stockholm has grown steadily from 450 to over 6,000; and there is a comparatively unknown church in Kuipio, Finland, with 1,200 members. One Assembly of God in London, England, gave a Thanksgiving offering of nearly \$3,000 for overseas missions.

What does all this add up to? Surely it ought to show us that it is the regular unspectacular ministries that are producing the permanently spectacular results. Let us honor the faithful, regular, steady, year-in-and-year-out ministry of our tens of thousands of capable local pastors at home and missionaries abroad. For when all is said and done it is under their min-

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istries by the grace of God that the solid growth of the Pentecostal testimony throughout the world really depends. The evangelical pastor and the self-propagating local church still remain among the finest instruments in the hand of God for the extension of His kingdom on earth.

A word on their behalf seems needed, and has been needed for some time, because of the multitudes of thoughtless people who compare in a disparaging way the ministry of their own pastor and assembly with the pictures of the great crowds and stories of miracles of healing which they read in other magazines. I am quite sure that every God-called evangelist wants to encourage, and not discourage, his brother in local ministry, but it doesn't always work that way. Many otherwise intelligent people need a course of instruction in HOW to read magazines.

This is not written to disparage by one iota the important work being done by the big campaigners whose names are on everybody's lips. I notice in this same copy of "Pentecost" an impressive double-page picture of T. L. Osborn's great healing meeting in Indonesia, and reports of somewhat similar campaigns by several other well-known evangelists at home and abroad. These brethren are fulfilling a scriptural and useful ministry. They win for the testimony a publicity from which all may benefit. They attract immense multitudes that present at least a vast possibility for conversion to Christ. The dearth of permanent accessions to the churches through these widely publicized efforts is not necessarily nor entirely the fault of the evangelists. There are many factors involved in which we all share. Much depends upon the co-operative and follow-up work of the local pastors and local congregations. Some pastors tend to become sour in spirit towards the campaigners. That helps nobody, and usually indicates a weakness nearer home.

One of our greatest needs is to see the thing straight and to see it whole. We need perspective. People who allow themselves to be carried away in their minds by pictures of huge crowds gathered in the hope of witnessing a miracle of healing need to ponder all the abnormal circumstances of such occasions. Most of all we need to study afresh in our Bibles the exact place that all this kind of demonstration was given in the mind of our Lord and of His apostles. They also had huge crowds and they certainly had miracles, but they never let themselves become confused as to eternal truth and sound practices. There is no substitute for the regenerating work of the Spirit and the Word that together cause men to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour of His people for their sins. Let us have Pentecostal perspective.

Lost—Some Fingers! Found—a Tongue!

Mrs. Harold Jones, Upper Volta

THE LITTLE AFRICAN VILLAGE LAY ALMOST hidden by the towering grain that completely surrounded it. When one considers distances in West Africa, this particular village was not very far from the road; but the difficulty was that no white missionary had ever visited there. Therefore the village presented a challenge to a certain native Christian known as Bwala.

Bwala had heard about Christ some years before when a lone Mossi preacher had passed through his town stopping only long enough to hold a brief street meeting. Bwala accepted Christ as his personal Saviour that day and became the only Christian in this village of several hundred.

Over the years that followed it was very hard for Bwala to withstand temptation and the constant persecution of the natives. Finally, in a moment of weakness he listened to Satan and started to worship the ugly fetish of his forefathers.

Then a remarkable thing happened! Gradually Bwala's fingers and toes turned leprous, and dropped off as the fearful disease took its toll.

Convinced that this affliction was an act of God's judgment, Bwala contacted the Mossi minister and asked him to pray for him. He promised that he would go back to serving Christ again if only God would forgive his sin.

In his despair Bwala cried, "No fingers with which to work or write—they are gone forever! What can I do for Christ?"

Then—"My tongue! It is still good! I can use my tongue!" he exclaimed excitedly.

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With joy Bwala dedicated his tongue to God's service. In course of time he went everywhere preaching the gospel throughout the villages.

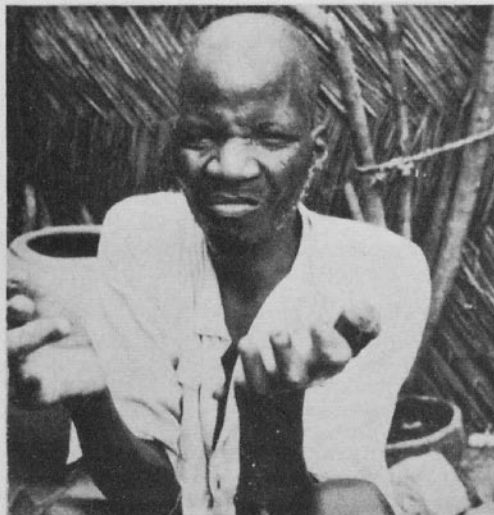
Before long, twenty-nine people had found Christ as their Saviour through the testimony of Bwala. These new converts had never seen a white missionary, so they urged Bwala to send word for us to visit their village. We selected a day to make the difficult trip and went ahead with the plans. When the time came we started out by car, and after driving for over an hour, parked the vehicle on the side of the road. The rest of the trip would have to be made on foot.

Our little party started out with a GI stove, a lunch box and canteen of water on their heads. After trudging for several hours under a scorching midday sun, our party reached a small clearing. In the center of the village, under a large bamboo tree, we saw a brush arbor; the African chief was sitting there with the members of his family. Boys and men of all ages had crowded around him while the women and girls remained seated over behind the big tree where they couldn't be seen.

Little naked children gathered near as we approached. Women, wearing only crude cotton skirts, and men clad in loin cloths, comprised the curious crowd. These were wild bush people, but they were waiting to hear more about Jesus and His love for them.

Our friend, Bwala, stepped forward. It was true that he had no fingers, but he lifted his head and in a strong voice began pleading with the natives to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. For some time he told the gospel story sweetly and beautifully to those hungry people. He encouraged them to learn to read God's Word for themselves.

After a period of days a number of natives saw the Light and accepted Christ as their Saviour. A "church" was established in that village because a poor simple man named Bwala let Jesus have what was left of a life that was once broken through failure.



God's judgment brought Bwala back into the ministry.

MIZPAH MISSIONARY HOME CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY— NEW LOCATION NECESSARY

Robert T. McGlasson, New York City

After twenty-five fruitful years of service, the old Mizpah Missionary Home at 1003 Summit Avenue, New York City, is no longer suitable for its important work. Not only is the building quite old but the general neighborhood is no longer quiet and restful. It is necessary that a new location be obtained without delay!

The Board of Administrators for the Mizpah Missionary Home are praying that God will provide a new home through the contributions of God's people who recognize the value of this home for missionaries passing through the world's largest city.

Mizpah Missionary Home, Inc. came into being on April 18, 1930, in an organizational meeting held in Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York. The silver anniversary will be celebrated on Monday, April 18, with appropriate services as well as an open-house reception at the premises on Summit Avenue. All neighboring ministers and many visitors are expected to be present at the anniversary services.

A missionary home in New York City had long been the vision of Sister Lillian Kraeger. Miss Kraeger opened the first missionary home in 1924 in connection with mission and church work that she had been doing among the West Indian people in New York City. It was continued there until the founding of the Mizpah Organization in 1930, at which time the home located at its present quarters.

At present the Mizpah Missionary Home is under the capable supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Holifield, who formerly were in charge of the Missionary Home at Springfield, Missouri, and more lately in charge of the Pinellas Park Retirement Home at Pinellas Park, Florida.

Contributions toward the securing of new premises for the Home will be gratefully received. Send all contributions marked "New Mizpah Missionary Rest Home," % Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

A Chinese businessman of Fenghwa, Chekiang said, "I've studied all China's religions and found they did not satisfy. Then I heard the gospel, and read the Bible. These 'religions' were as small lamps that flicker and go out—but now I've found the sun."

An African Camp Meeting

Russell Schirman, Upper Volta

THE YEARLY BIBLE SCHOOL IN UPPER Volta is much like a camp meeting. It is highly anticipated by young and old alike. The national workers gather at the main mission station for this time of fellowship and seeking after God.

If you could see the natives arriving—a few on bicycles, but most of them walking the hot African paths through the forest—perhaps you would wonder, as many have, “Do they walk that far, and in such numbers, because they will be provided with food?” The answer is “No.” Each person carries on his head the needed amount of grain to make his daily mush while he is away from home. These Mossi come not to receive natural food but because their hearts are hungry for the Bread from heaven.

Many days before camp-meeting time the missionaries and national workers in charge must make preparation for this important event. Much time is spent in translating Bible lessons into the native tongue along with various gospel songs and choruses. These are to be taught to the people during camp meeting.

After everyone has arrived we commence the first meeting, and soon we are all joining in worship and the studying of God's Word. The hours of toil are soon forgotten as we drink in His strength and power. It has been our happy privilege to see many people filled with the Holy Spirit during these wonderful times of waiting upon God.

Because of the large crowds and lack of space in our adobe church, classes are held here and there across the compound, under trees, on little grassy hills, in every available bit of shade. It is indeed a picture to behold the various groups of natives learning more about Jesus and His love.

Toward the end of this time of fellowship comes the happy day when many are given the privilege of following their Lord in water baptism. It is a thrilling sight as the Christians, dressed in their finest and brightest garments, gather around the only available body of water, which is usually a muddy water hole. On these occasions scores of heathen gather out of curiosity to witness the baptismal service. As they stand and listen to the ringing testimonies, the joyous singing of the converts, we rejoice because we

know that the Holy Spirit is faithful in beginning a work within their hearts also.

Space will not permit me to tell all that takes place during these glorious camp-meeting days, but I will mention a few things briefly. There are weddings, baby dedications, campfire services and other interesting events. These are consummated by a blessed communion service on the last day of the meetings.

The day finally arrives when the natives must once again bid farewell to friends until the next year. How much quicker is their step as they walk down the path that leads from the camp in the direction of their villages. The choruses they learned come floating back through the forest to us as they disappear from our view. We are blessed to know they are returning with a fresh determination to live for Christ among their heathen brothers and sisters.

Friends, we thank God that today we still have the golden opportunity of teaching, counseling, and assisting these African children of God in their great task of taking the message of salvation to their own people. National workers must be trained and sent forth to preach! Only through them can Africa be evangelized in these closing hours of time. Perhaps sooner than we think the burden will fall upon the national workers alone. Therefore let us pray together that when they gather for meetings such as these, God Himself will move among them by His Spirit, and each one will become a yielded instrument in His hands for the gathering in of a great harvest in Upper Volta, French West Africa.

Marble and granite are perishable monuments, and their inscriptions may be seldom read. Carve your names on human hearts; they alone are immortal!—Theodore Cuyler.

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Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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MONDAY, February 28

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS—Luke 16:19-31

"Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed" (v. 26).

Out from Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota flows a tiny stream which anyone can easily step across in ordinary weather. But that tiny overflow increases in its onward course, being joined by various tributaries, until it becomes the mighty Mississippi. No stepping across its waters then! Huge bridges are necessary to span its great current.

That great gulf between Lazarus and the rich man started long before they had ended their earthly life. The rich man had all sorts of "good things"; Lazarus had "evil things." This contrast was manifest in every phase of their living—food, dwelling, bodily discomfort. Matters could have changed for both, however. The rich man was selfish and unconcerned; Lazarus was helpless and unfortunate, with no one to care. So the gulf grew wider until death made it impassable, "fixed" for all eternity.

What about the little gulfs today in your life and mine? There is the choosing for personal ambition, comfort, aggrandizement, position. Every choice we make for the gratifying of self alone, however spiritual our claim may be, widens the breach between us and the Cross which makes us debtors to others. Choosing now with eternity's value in view assures eternal union with our Lord hereafter.

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

TUESDAY, March 1

UNJUST STEWARDSHIP—Luke 16:1-12

"Give an account of thy stewardship" (v. 2).

As this steward made no defense before his master, it would appear that the accusations against him were true. Realizing that there was to be an immediate change in his relationship, he was shrewd enough to make provision for the future. The far-sighted wisdom of even this unjust man was commended.

Paul exhorts in 1 Timothy 6:17-19: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, . . . laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come." The investments made in earthly ventures often do provide material profits, but these are very uncertain. The fluctuations of world markets change the value of the investment every passing moment and may cause complete financial ruin for the investor. But the investments made in eternal things know no fluctuating market or changing value. As they are steady and constant they accrue eternal riches to the everlasting benefit of the spiritually wise investor.

God has committed the gospel to our trust, plus individually

varying abilities, talents, gifts, opportunities, and responsibilities. As stewards of this trust what will our record be when the Master says to us, "Give an account of thy stewardship"?

—RUTH E. GARLOCK

WEDNESDAY, March 2

MASTERS OF THE HUMAN SOUL—Luke 16:13-18

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (v. 13).

The emphasis in this verse is on the word *serve*. That which I serve becomes my master. Jesus would have us know that there are only two possible masters of the human soul—God or mammon. There are only two central loves the human heart can hold—the love of getting (or self-love), or the love of giving, which at its fountainhead is the love of God.

By isolating these two factors Jesus brings us face to face with a constant contrast of motives. We immediately see in clear perspective that all human life falls into one or the other of these categories. Either we square ourselves with the opinions of men, or else we keep the will of God in sharp focus.

That which men value highly and seek after avidly may be only an abomination in the sight of God. We sometimes praise "successful" men because they have been able to amass wealth (Psa. 49:18). Is this necessarily a Divine appraisal? Of course, it is God's will that some men prosper financially, but wealth is not necessarily the criterion of God's blessing. Some of the greatest of saints have spent their lives miserably, so far as human comfort and acquisition are concerned. If God gives you wealth, see that you master it instead of letting it master you. Remember, some of God's choicest saints have lived on cornbread and creek water.

—J. PHILIP HOGAN

IT'S THE UPWARD LOOK THAT COUNTS!



THURSDAY, March 3

PROPER USE OF RICHES—Matthew 6:19:25

“Take no thought for your life” (v. 25).

The word “thought” used here denotes anxiety. Jesus here and elsewhere in the Gospels rebukes the Christian who would fret over the future. He allows no place for extreme concern over temporal provisions. Rather, He reminds us, “Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.” Where priority has been given to the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He who takes care of the lilies and birds will take care of us.

Those who study human behavior, and who reap high wages for counseling with frustrated humanity, tell us that one way to avoid anxiety is to think on only one thing at a time. They advise, “Do not let life run together.” That is good advice, but it did not originate with the modern-day psychologist or psychiatrist. Jesus bids us trust for today—one day at a time. “Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

God has intended Christians to be happy people. Their joy springs from a quiet confidence in God. This quiet dependence upon God is our happiness, usefulness, strength, and security.

—PAUL COPELAND

FRIDAY, March 4

WELL-FOUNDED TRUST—I Timothy 6:5-10, 17-19

Gain is not godliness, “but godliness with contentment is great gain” (v. 6).

The teaching of this whole chapter is a warning against seeking riches as an end in itself. The gain of material possessions is neither godly nor ungodly. But those who turn their wills to the acquisition of wealth are the immediate victims of many vices. They fall into lustful temptation and are snared in a trap of covetousness. They are robbed of happiness before they even begin. “While some coveted after [money], they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (v. 10).

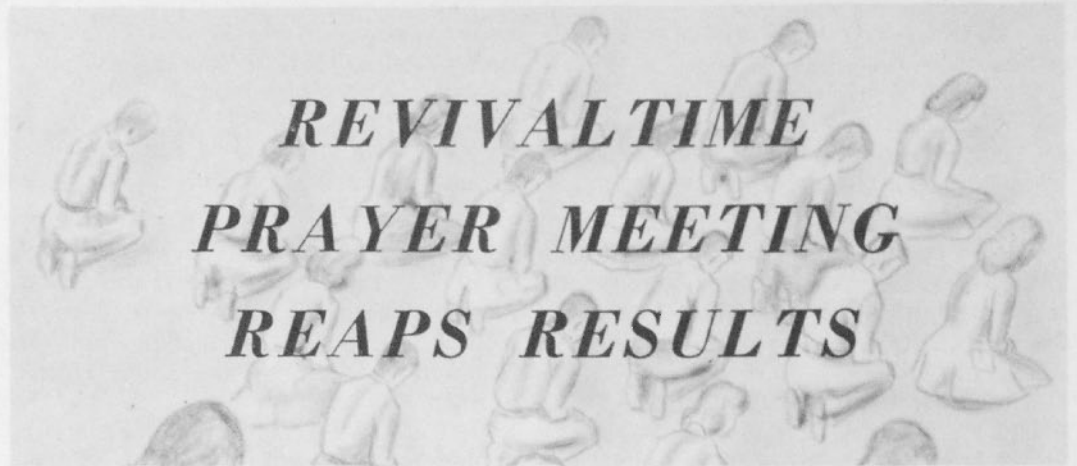
If in the providence of God a measure of wealth does come to a Christian, he has here a clear word of divine guidance in the use of it. He is charged not to be high-minded but to continue to trust fully in God rather than in these uncertain riches. He is charged to do good works which will lay up for him in heaven a far greater and more lasting treasure.

—DICK FULMER

SATURDAY, March 5

THE CUP OF COLD WATER—Mark 9:38-44

We have in these verses one of the



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PAIN DEPARTS

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

I had been suffering from a lame knee for several weeks. I was able to walk, but it was painful to go up and down steps. This evening when you prayed for the sick and those who needed help, I held up my right hand. As we prayed, I felt the soreness and stiffness go out of my knee, and when I got up, praise the Lord, it did not hurt.

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BUILDING POSSIBLE

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

You might be happy to know that your prayers have been answered and the Lord has made it possible for us to build.

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STRENGTH RENEWED

OAKLAND, CALIF.

My brother, who is very ill and in a very weak condition, did not notice Rev. Ward's appeal to raise his hand. I immediately helped him raise it. When he realized what my reason was, he seemed to have renewed strength and tried to support his own upraised hand. It struck me that the Lord approved and give him the extra strength.

LOST SHEEP RECLAIMED

COLUMBUS, OHIO

I had been praying for nearly a year for a couple who had wandered from the fold. I listened to your program on the radio, and when you spoke of so many prayer warriors, I knew that God was with you. I said, “Here is where God will break through.”

I wrote and told them when you would have your prayer. So they prayed, and during the set time for prayer, Mr. Anderson found God.

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DEBT MET

LOUISVILLE, KY.

I received your card and heard you over the air Sunday, Jan. 23. I raised my hand for prayer that I would meet a debt, and within one hour of the appointed time, I received the money and one dollar over. I am sending the dollar to you.

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Bible's interesting studies in human nature Earlier in the chapter the disciples had been called upon to cast an evil spirit out of a boy. They tried, but didn't succeed. The evil spirit would not come out of him. Evidently their efforts had attracted a large crowd, and when Jesus saw the multitude He came near. Upon learning the circumstances He gently rebuked His disciples and then proceeded to heal the boy.

Later Jesus saw the disciples disputing among themselves, and He asked them what it was all about. They were greatly embarrassed, for they were contending with one another as to who should be the greatest. He answered them by taking a little child in His arms and proceeding

to teach them that to be great one must serve; even a service to a little child “in my name” would be reckoned as having been done to the Lord Jesus.

With these experiences as a background it is easy for us to see why the disciples rebuked the one whom they had seen casting out devils in Jesus' name. They had just failed in a similar effort, and with obvious pride and jealousy in their hearts they were disturbed by another's success. Jesus again reminded them that to be great one must serve; even a cup of water in His name shall not lose its reward.

—J. O. HARRELL

Sunday School lesson for March 6, 1955—“The Rich Man and Lazarus” (Luke 16:19-31).

D. P. Holloway With Christ

Dewey Preston Holloway, an Executive Presbyterian of the Assemblies of God, went to be with his Lord and Master on Friday, February 4, 1955, following several weeks of illness.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday, February 7, and burial was at West Palm Beach, Florida. J. O. Savell had charge of the funeral, which was held in Calvary Temple, the new Assembly of God in West Palm Beach established in 1951 by Brother Holloway. He was pastor of this church at the time of his death.

Brother Holloway was born in Coffee County near Enterprise, Alabama, on April 6, 1898. He was converted at the age of eleven or twelve, and began preaching in 1916 at the age of eighteen. His parents were among the early Pentecostal pioneers. Though they were not preachers, they were recognized as spiritual leaders, and one of the first Pentecostal Assemblies established in that part of Alabama was Holloway Tabernacle in Coffee County.

In the early days of his ministry D. P. Holloway held tent meetings in company with his brother, J. W. Holloway. As a result of these revival meetings a number of new churches were established. He was ordained as an Assemblies of God minister in 1918.

In June 1922 he married Miss Lula Tillman of Mobile, Alabama. To this union were born three daughters: Doris (Mrs. Bill Campbell), Gloria (Mrs. Ira Stanphill), and Bonnie (Mrs. John M. Wilkerson).

Following his marriage, Brother Holloway continued his evangelistic ministry in Alabama and Mississippi, and served as pastor in various southern cities. Late in 1925 he was elected to the office of District Superintendent. He served as Superintendent of the Mississippi District for four years, resigning from the District office in 1929 to become pastor of the New Crichton Assembly at Mobile, Alabama. He served as pastor of this church for six years, after which he went to Cleveland, Ohio. He served as pastor of the First Pentecostal Church in Cleveland for about sixteen years.

For several years Brother Holloway served as a member of the Executive Presbytery, the national executive board of the Assemblies of God. His brethren again showed their high esteem for him in 1953 by re-electing him to serve on the Executive Presbytery as the representative of all the southeastern districts.

Due to failing health, Brother Holloway

resigned from the Cleveland church in 1951 and moved to West Palm Beach, Florida. There his brethren bestowed a further distinction by making him an Honorary Presbyterian of the South Florida District.

He came to Florida in need of a lighter burden; but his son-in-law, J. M. Wilkerson, had come to West Palm Beach two months earlier to conduct an evangelistic campaign and had gathered a nucleus of Pentecostal believers. The situation presented a challenge, and Brother Holloway did not spare himself. In spite of his weakened condition he joined forces with his son-in-law and worked as pastor of the new church. They rented a hall for seven months, during which time they organized the new Assembly of God with forty charter members. Then they purchased five lots in a lovely section of the city and erected a fine house of worship.

Calvary Temple and other churches stand as monuments to D. P. Holloway's devotion to the gospel ministry. He spent his strength unstintingly in the work of God; he gave himself for others; and many owe him a spiritual debt that they can never repay except as they, too, devote their time and talents to the winning of souls for Christ.

After serving his generation by the will of God he ended his earthly course in victory at the age of 57. We are sure that an entrance was ministered unto



D. P. HOLLOWAY, 1898-1955

him abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. Today he rests from his labors, but his works shall follow him and bring him a rich reward.

May God comfort and strengthen every one who is bereaved by his passing; especially his widow, his three daughters and their husbands, all of whom reside at West Palm Beach.

DIVINE HEALING Our Christian Heritage

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they were filled with wonder and amazement at the manifestation of the supernatural power of God. Remember, this was by the hands of the disciples after Jesus had been received up out of their sight.

As we continue to go through the Acts of the Apostles, we find Divine Healing accompanied the ministry of the servants of the Lord continually. In Acts 8 we read about the ministry of Philip, who was deacon in the church. He was not an apostle but a layman, yet he was filled with the power of God and was mightily used. The scripture says: "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

HEALING IN MODERN TIMES

Divine Healing is not a new doctrine. In Wesley's "Notes on the New Testament" there is a comment on James 5:14, "Anointing him with oil." Wesley says that "This single conspicuous gift, which God gave to the church, remained long after the other miraculous gifts ceased." Wesley further states, "It seems to have been designed to remain always: and James directed the elders, who were the most gifted men, to administer it. This was the whole process of physic in the Christian church, till it was lost through unbelief."

Dr. A. J. Gordon, in his wonderful book on "The Ministry of Healing," states that it was practiced by the Waldenses, Moravians, Huguenots, Covenanters, Friends, Baptists, and Methodists, all having left a record of such. But I am not attaching my faith to what God has done in the past. I believe in the God who was, is, and ever will be the same to those that will put their trust in Him. I believe the assertion in He-

brews 13:8—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

The fact that Christ is not on earth as He was long ago does not prevent Him from doing His mighty miracles among His people today. In Matthew 8 we read about the healing of the centurion's servant, yet the Lord Jesus was not in the servant's presence. The centurion had said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Jesus commended the centurion's faith. Then He said to him, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." And the servant some distance away was healed in the self-same hour.

I believe Christ is looking down from heaven to see whether we believe. When we pray in faith, He will speak the word and the healing work will be done.

HEALING THROUGH PRAYER

If space would permit, we should like to go through the Bible and point out scripture after scripture on the subject of Divine Healing. The apostle said, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing

by the Word of God." If more Bible was preached concerning the Lord's healing power, there would be more people healed of their afflictions than there are today.

Let us notice, in conclusion, the instructions given in the Book of James, chapter five. Beginning at verse 14, we read, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." When sickness comes, the believer should follow this instruction and call for the elders (the pastor and his ministerial helpers) to come and pray with him. The elders should then anoint him with oil in Christ's name, and lay hands upon him according to Mark 16:18 where we read, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

But notice also the preceding verses in this fifth chapter of James. If the sick one has committed sins, he is to confess them and they are to be forgiven him. It is the duty of the elders to encourage the sick one to confess his sins and faults to Christ and to seek His forgiveness, as well as His healing grace.

I love to read how Christ went into Peter's house and healed his mother-in-law who was sick with a fever (Matthew 8:14). The Master must have been moved with compassion toward her. He simply touched her hand, and immediately the fever left her so that she was able to arise and minister to their needs. Someone might say, "Brother Wilson, if the Lord Jesus were here today the same as He was then, we would see healings like that." But let me ask you this: can He not be as near today as then, in the power of the Spirit? For we read in John 14:23—"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." What closer relationship could there be than for the Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus, to come and make their abode with us? I am sure that we will enjoy greater blessings of Divine Healing when we open our lives more fully to the Lord and allow our faith to become more active.

To any who are sick and afflicted, let me say this: just take your burdens to

This Week's Cover

Riverside Assembly of God stands at the corner of East and First Streets in Flint, Michigan—"at the heart of the city with the city at heart."

The church places a strong emphasis on evangelism. For the past two years it has enjoyed a perpetual revival, with seldom a service that does not yield conversions and baptisms.

The new building of contemporary styling was designed by the pastor, M. A. Jollay. It is of buff brick and steel construction throughout, with capacity to seat more than 2,000. The auditorium is so arranged as to have a standard capacity of 900; but by using the two chapels flanking the auditorium, and the large U-shaped balcony, the greater capacity is quickly available and no person is seated more than 78 feet from the pulpit.

The main entrance to the balcony is by way of the foyer stairs. In addition, there are two stairways leading directly to the altar, making it easy for folk in the balcony to respond to the altar call.

Near perfect acoustical response was attained by the construction of sound louvres in the ceiling, which also accommodate a unique system of indirect lighting.

There is a radio engineering room adjoined by two radio studios to facilitate the daily radio broadcast.

Facing First Street is a large marquee,

highlighted by a neon-lighted cross sixty feet in height.

Supplementing the Sunday School facilities in the main structure is an annex building which offers an additional departmental capacity for 650 pupils. This building also contains the caretaker and evangelist apartments. The entire facilities have a present value of \$400,000.

Riverside is the outgrowth of a prayer group formed in the late twenties. It was chartered as an Assembly of God in 1929 with the late George Payne as first pastor. In the following years John Kolda, C. W. H. Scott, and Alton Parker served as pastors. The present pastor, Brother Jollay, celebrated his tenth year of ministry with the church last December 19th.



M. A. Jollay, Pastor of Riverside Assembly in Flint, and interior of new church

the Lord and leave them there. Remember the promise in Psalm 84:11—"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Health is a good thing! God wants to heal you. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

"Operation Miracle"

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In an area where properties ranged from \$14,000 to \$40,000 one of our men located five choice lots. We were able to purchase them for \$9,500 cash. Another miracle followed when the new Faith Assembly was granted a loan from a local company for \$25,000. These were the "mercy drops" and the "showers" followed.

Cognizant of the fact that we had purchased "fill" land, we watched with due interest when the city repeatedly halted building attempts on adjacent lots. They were unable to find solid ground. Then, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we decided on one of our lots for the church site and we struck virgin soil at eight feet! No wonder people marveled.

We learned the other day that the first payment on our loan will not fall due until several months after we move into our new church. It is almost unbelievable.

During this time we had our first missionary convention. Our little chapel was transformed with Foreign Missions flags and posters. Everyone caught the vision of systematic giving, even the children. Our December offering for World Missions totaled \$126.00—a figure in excess of the amount pledged.

God can work what may seem to us miracles as we yield to Him, giving money to help pioneer workers like the Tregenzas. If you would like to have a part in building some new church in the United States, designate your gift to the MISSION U.S.A. Share Plan Loan Fund. Money given to this fund is loaned to pioneer workers and will be used over and over again to build churches—one in New York, another in South Dakota, one in California, perhaps one in your own district.

"SHARE PLAN" LOAN FUND MISSION U.S.A.

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Miracles? Yes, but we have mentioned only a few of them. And they happened to a very ordinary group of Pentecostal believers. The walls are going up on our full basement structure as we write this, and very soon we will move into our 50 by 100 foot church with a fully departmentalized Sunday School.

To the casual observer who drives by our location, it is just another church building. We call it "Operation Miracle"—and pray that it shall be multiplied 1,000 times in the thrilling program of MISSION U.S.A.

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.

HERNIA

In 1947 I ruptured myself while pushing a car. In a short while my condition became so bad that even the best truss could not hold the rupture in place. Prayer was offered on my behalf many times but I did not receive my healing. I had vowed in my heart to trust God and keep on preaching divine healing, so I began to fast and pray desperately for my need.

One Sunday evening in 1954 while I was preaching on "Faith and Obedience," God completely healed my affliction. When I started to put the truss on, God told me I wouldn't need it any more—He had heard my prayers.

That was over a year ago, and I am still normal, healed by the power of God. Truly God has performed a miracle on my body for His glory.—Mike W. Wertko, Pastor, "Banner" Assembly of God, Duncan, Okla.

MEASLES AND GROWTH

Before our baby girl was born, I was going through several trials, and I became discouraged. This discouragement became as acute as physical illness until I finally went to bed. One Thursday my pastor, Sister Loomis, called on me. She said, "What is the matter that you are in bed?" I answered, "I am ill." God gave her understanding and she said, "You are not ill but discouraged." During prayer she commanded me to get out of bed in Jesus' name. She told me to prepare to leave for the hospital on Saturday as my baby would be born on that day.

I obeyed, and as I did new victory

and faith came into my life. Two days later (on Saturday, April 18, 1953) our baby girl was born.

While Jackie Sue was yet very small, my other children had measles. Finally, she too broke out with them. Sister Loomis prayed for her, rebuking the infirmity, and within an hour the rash was gone and she was completely healed.

When she was a year old, we noticed that she frequently cried out and put her little hands up to one side of her head. One day I noticed an ugly bright red growth like a fast-growing tumor filling the outer ear passage. I called my pastor and asked her to pray that God would give us faith for deliverance.

On Sunday morning Jackie Sue was anointed with oil (James 5:14, 15) and the prayer of faith went up to God. I was instructed to believe God and praise Him for healing, but not to look at the ear immediately. Two days later I discovered the growth was completely gone. That was in April, 1954. The growth has never returned and our baby is in excellent health.—Mrs. Harry L. Flathers Jr., 127 Hamlin St., Corbin, Ky.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Marjorie Loomis, Pastor of Assembly of God, Corbin, Ky.)

UNDEVELOPED FOOT HEALED

My little girl was born with one foot smaller than the other. As she advanced in age, this defect became more noticeable. Her left foot was much smaller than the right one, so much so that she had a hard time keeping her left shoe on. My wife and I were much alarmed about the condition; we feared that she would be a cripple in later years.

In October 1954 Evangelist Clifton O. Erickson came our way. We attended the meetings and saw great miracles of healing. My little girl, now about ten years old, had faith to believe that the moment Brother Erickson laid his hands on her she would be healed. She stood in the healing line and prayer was offered for her—then she came back to her seat and told me that Brother Erickson had "shocked" her. It was the healing power of God going through her body.

One morning about ten days later, she started to put her shoes on, and discovered that she was healed. She came running and saying, "Daddy, I am healed; my foot has grown to the end of my shoe." She pulled off her shoes, and I couldn't tell with my natural eyes that there was any difference in size in her two feet. We give all praise to our Saviour for this wonderful healing.—Cecil H. Boone, 844 East Monterey, San Bernardino, Calif.

(Endorsed by Charles E. Monroe, Pastor, North End Assembly of God, San Bernardino, Calif.)

STOMACH ULCERS

In June 1954 I was completely healed of a very severe case of stomach ulcers, from which I had suffered for fifteen years.

During all these years I had no relief from acute abdominal pains and nausea, accompanied by vomiting. We went to the most highly recommended physician (a stomach specialist), but his treatment did not help me. The doctor had recommended an operation to cut out the ulcers; but an operation of this sort is such an ordeal and such a risk that we did not want to face it, except as a last resort.

About this time a revival was being held in the Johnsville Assembly of God, and special prayers were offered that this condition might be relieved. However, on the last day of the revival I seemed to be even worse than before! But we did not give up our hope or our faith, and a short time later all pain was gone. Since that time not the slightest indication of the former trouble has returned.

Before I was healed I was unable to enjoy any of my meals; I ate mostly milk and eggs. But now I can eat anything I want.

I trust that this testimony will serve as an inspiration to anyone who is in need of healing. If we will but believe God, the Lord can prove His wonderful power to give us the strength to overcome any obstacle or illness, however great it may be.—Thomas Stanley Amos, Rt. 1, Box 319, New Lebanon, Ohio.

(Endorsed by Terry T. Diehl, Pastor, Johnsville Assembly of God, New Lebanon, Ohio.)

VOICE RESTORED

I was ordained in the Assemblies of God in 1932. Most of my ministry has been in pioneer evangelist work in Kentucky, with an occasional evangelistic tour through several other states.

In 1946 when returning from the west, I stayed all night in a hotel in Fulton, Ky. There had been a heavy rain, and the air was very damp all night. The next morning I noticed that my voice was very weak, and from then on it was weak for long or short periods, gradually growing worse.

I continued to preach some, even though my voice continued to grow slowly worse; but always the Lord would help me at the time when I preached

and I would be able to deliver the message without much trouble.

This past summer my voice grew so bad that it was only a squeak most of the time, and I was very weak and unable to preach. But I continued to teach the Bible class at the church at Nokomis, Fla., sometimes with great effort. There was a strong urge to get out into evangelistic work again, but I knew I could not do so.

When our pastor, J. D. Lacy, had to go away for a revival, he asked me to preach in his absence. On Sunday night, October 17, 1954 I preached for the first time in several months. I had difficulty for some little time, but then got perfect freedom and a mighty anointing, and we all were greatly blessed.

After I went home that night I told the Lord that if He wanted me in His work again He must restore my voice. The next morning it was perfectly restored, and there has been no sign of weakness since. I am back in evangelistic ministry. I preach, testify, and sing, just as I did twenty years ago. My voice has never failed or even faltered once since my healing three months ago.

The Lord has opened the door of service to us, and we are expecting Him to lead us step by step.—Evangelist M. M. Johnson, Box 719, Englewood, Fla.

(Brother Johnson is open for evangelistic meetings anywhere after May 1.)

NEWS

HOME MISSIONS WORK TO BE PROMOTED AT SEATTLE

There will be three meetings sponsored by the Home Missions Department in connection with the Northwest Regional Convention in Seattle, Wash. this coming week.

MONDAY, Feb. 28—A leadership meeting for all District and Sectional Home Missions Officers will be held on Monday, 1 to 5 p.m., at Fremont Tabernacle, 753 N. 35th St. Gayle F. Lewis, Director of the National Home Missions Department, will preside.

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 2—A Home Missions workshop will be offered at the Civic Auditorium on Wednesday, beginning at 10 a.m., for pastors, evangelists, and all Christian workers interested in Church Extension. J. Robert Ashcroft, National Secretary of Education, will be the special speaker.

THURSDAY, Mar. 3—The Northwest Indian Conference will be held at Calvary Temple, East 69th and 8th Ave. N. E., on Thursday beginning at 9 a.m. Brother Lewis will preside.

WORLD MISSIONS CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1956

At a recent meeting the Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God decided there should be eight regional World Missions Conventions during 1956, the Lord willing.

These conventions will be sponsored jointly by three missionary departments of our Fellowship—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Women's Missionary Council. The convention program will emphasize the "world mission of the Assemblies of God."

Further details concerning the 1956 conventions will be released following the conclusion of this year's Regional Sunday School Conventions on April 14.

ANNUAL N.A.E. CONVENTION TO BE IN CHICAGO APRIL 19-22

The thirteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, April 19—22, according to George L. Ford, Associate Executive Director.

The chairman of the program committee is C. C. Burnett, Vice-President of Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. Theme of the convention will be "Fellowship One with Another."

Actually this great evangelical conclave is a joint affair comprising ten or more conventions which go on simultaneously. Scheduled to be meeting during the four convention days are the National Religious Broadcasters, the Commission on Christian Education, the National Sunday School Association, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, the Women's Fellowship, the Commission on International Relations, the Evangelical Social Action Commission, the Chaplaincy Commission, and others.

The public sessions of the Convention will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel which seats approximately 1,500. Speakers on the program include H. H. Savage, N.A.E. president; Harold J. Ockenga of Boston; Paul Petticoard of Portland, Oregon; and Chief of Air Force Chaplains C. I. Carpenter.

For information write to the new national headquarters of the National Association of Evangelicals, located at 108 N. Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois (suburb of Chicago).

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

MOBILE, ALA.—We closed a two-week meeting at the Orchard Assembly of God with Evangelist Fred H. Brand of St. Louis, Mo. Eighteen came to the altar for salvation. The church was blessed and helped by Brother Brand's ministry.—Earl Luker, Pastor.

FOSTORIA, OHIO—We had a spiritual refreshing with Evangelist June Cook of Columbus, Ohio. She was with us for two weeks. Quite a number were saved, reclaimed, or baptized with the Holy Spirit. There were messages in tongues and interpretation, and prophecies were given.—Joseph Ferrante, Pastor.

LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA.—Two years ago Sister Josephine Creighton and her mother, Mrs. O. E. Creighton, held a tent meeting in the Monticello community. Enough people were saved for us to begin a full gospel work here. Now the Sunday School average is well over 100, and we believe the attendance will continue to grow.

Last November Sister Creighton and her mother were with us again. The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting, and we rejoiced to see sons and daughters added to the family of God.—B. F. Kirksey, Secretary. (G. C. Kirksey is Pastor.)

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—We have just concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelist James Nicholson. God gave us a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Sixteen were filled with the Holy Spirit, and around 30 came to the altar for salvation. The gifts of the Spirit were in operation during the meeting, and many were encouraged to go deeper with the Lord in order to be a greater witness.

Two nights during the meeting, Brother Nicholson told about the great revival in Cuba in which he had had a part. He also gave his testimony as to God's grace and leading in his life.—Lloyd Shoemaker, Pastor, Bethesda Assembly of God.

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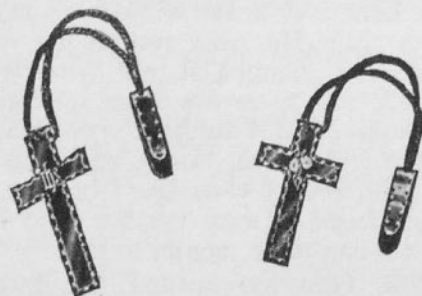
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HARRISONVILLE, MO.—The Lord poured out His blessing from night to night during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Max Francis of Houston, Tex. The meeting continued for four weeks. Souls were saved, a number were healed, and the saints were drawn closer to God. Those who had not been tithing, began to give their tithes to the church. We broke the Sunday School record with 70 in attendance.—Lionel Grimes, Pastor.

PITTSBURG, CALIF.—Recently we accepted the pastorate of the church here, and God has been blessing us. We had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Dewey Childs of Oklahoma. The Spirit of God moved in every service and our people are encouraged.

If you have friends living in this area, kindly send us their names and addresses, and we will visit them.—C. R. McQueary, Pastor, 127 MacArthur Ave., Pittsburg, Calif.

GRACEMONT, OKLA.—During our four years of ministry here, we put around \$5,000 of improvements on the church and parsonage. There is about \$1,000 in the treasury to purchase new seats. We thank God for the good ministry He gave us. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit.

We have resigned the church to pastor the Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Ceres, Calif.—G. W. Alsup, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, Box 726, Ceres, Calif.

SEDAN, KANS.—We recently had an old-time Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist Lula M. Ware of Compton, Calif. God moved in a special manner, and between 40 and 50 came to the altar for salvation. A goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some outstanding healings were wrought by the mighty hand of God.

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GENERAL COUNCIL

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will be held Sept. 1—6, in the Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning with Thursday night rally.

WORLD CONFERENCE

WORLD CONFERENCE of Pentecostal churches will meet in Stockholm, Sweden, June 13—20. All inquiries and requests for accommodation should be made before April 1, and should be addressed to Allan Tornberg, Conference Secretary, P. O. Box 6082, Stockholm 6, Sweden.

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.

VERSAILLES, KY.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13; Evangelist Thomas G. Skoog, Richmond, Mo.—by LaVern Snyder, Pastor.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 6—; Evangelist L. L. Ammons, Dallas, Tex. (C. O. Beauford is Pastor.)

DAWSON, GA.—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—20 or longer; Evangelist Marvin L. Smith.—by Jack Fowler, Pastor.

ZION, ILL.—Christian Assembly, 27th and Eshcol, Mar. 3—13; annual C. A. revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (Thomas Brubaker is Pastor.)

LOMBARD, ILL.—Mar. 6—; Evangelist William R. Rogers, Kansas City, Mo. First meeting in newly purchased building. If you have friends in this community, please contact us.—by Gene Huff, Pastor, Box 183, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

HOUSTON, TEX.—United Evangelism Rally, March 3—6, at new Evangelistic Temple, 2000 North 11th (phone Twin Oaks 3514); Evangelists Warren Litzman, Gayle Jackson, and Raymond Richey. Various Assemblies co-operating. (Raymond Richey, host pastor, in charge.)

STORM LAKE, IOWA—Feb. 27—Mar. 13; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (V. L. Huffey is Pastor.)

GRANDVIEW, MO.—Feb. 23—; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (Charles Quinn is Pastor.)

HENRYETTA, OKLA.—Workers' Training Course, Feb. 28—Mar. 6; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (H. A. Strange is Pastor.)

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27—Mar. 13 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. W. L. Duncan of Wyoming.—by Clarence J. Larson, Pastor.

GRESHAM, OREG.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—; the Evangelaires, Lodi, Calif.—by Tom H. Fuller, Pastor.

FESTUS, MO.—Assembly of God, 702 Vine St., Feb. 27—Mar. 13; Evangelists Gale White and Lynn West, Bismark, Mo.—by D. M. Dabney, Pastor.

VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA—North Douglas Tabernacle, Feb. 22—27; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (J. W. Ruthven is Pastor.)

WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (George Hatchner is Pastor.)

LORAIN, OHIO—Lorain Gospel Tabernacle, 1829 E. 31st St., Mar. 6—; Evangelist J. F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif.—by Keith A. Smith, Pastor.

MARLOW, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Feb. 20—Mar. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. D. L. Bullock, Bixby, Okla. (R. E. Jones is Pastor.)

COLUMBUS, GA.—North Highland Assembly of God, Mar. 1—; the Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich. (Edgar Bethany is Pastor.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Oceanway Assembly of God, Mar. 8—20; Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill. (M. Howard is Pastor.)



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DELTA, IOWA.—Mar. 1—13; Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman, Berlin Center, Ohio.—by Betty Grother, Pastor.

ATLANTA, TEX.—Assembly of God, Feb. 20—; Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards, Garland, Tex. (Ray Willis is Pastor.)

FREEMPORT, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 24—; Evangelist Floyd A. Reb. (E. C. Allen is Pastor.)

DELTA, OHIO.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27—; Evangelist Leon Frank, Eaton, Ohio.—by Evan Richards, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, 3015 13th Ave. S., Mar. 6—27; McColl-Gerard Trio. (F. J. Lindquist is Pastor.)

LEBANON, OREG.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27—; Evangelist Fred Versolenko, Walla Walla, Wash.—by H. D. Robeson, Pastor.

HASTINGS, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Feb. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. Philip Palsler, Big Springs, Nebr.—by H. W. Lebsack, Pastor.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Lighthouse Assembly of God, Mar. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley Cooke.—by Arthur Stegan, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—Central Assembly of God, 13th and Elizabeth, Mar. 2—9; Evangelist R. A. McClure.—by C. F. Ferguson, Pastor.

TIFFIN, OHIO.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13; Evangelist and Mrs. William R. Eccles, Mansfield, Ohio. (James Earls is Pastor.)

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Bethel Assembly, 3305 Lexington Blvd., Mar. 1—; Evangelist Paul W. Harrington, Albuquerque, N. Mex.—by S. L. Davis, Pastor.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.—El-Bethel Assembly of God, 9 DuBois Ave. Feb. 27—Mar. 13; Evangelist Ronald Ripley, Canisteo, N. Y.—by E. J. Schlossmacher, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—South Side Assembly of God, Mar. 6—; Evangelist Charles Struck, Brantford, Ont., Canada. Broadcast over KWTO at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.—by Jack West, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, beginning Mar. 6 (not Feb. 27 as previously announced) Frank and Gladys Lummer.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Jewella Assembly of God, Jewella Rd. at Baxter St., Feb. 27—Mar. 13 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas M. Gray, Modesto, Calif.—by R. C. Ayers, Pastor.

MOUNT OLIVE, ALA.—Hicks Chapel Assembly of God, Mar. 6—20 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. W. O. Stephens, Shawnee, Okla.—by Hubert H. Loper, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, 12th and "C" Sts. S. W., Feb. 28—Mar. 11. Workers' Training Course with Pastor and Mrs. Edward Garns, Savage, Md., instructors. Other Assemblies co-operating.—by Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

EAGLE BEND, MINN.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13; Evangelist and Mrs. Currell Muirhead. (L. A. Miller is Pastor.)

SEASIDE, OREG.—Assembly of God, 520 S. Holladay, beginning March 1, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Johnny Hoskins, Prineville, Oreg. (Karl Becker is Pastor.)

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Emmanuel Home Mission, 836 Union Street, Mar. 9—20 (no Monday service); Evangelist Horace E. Roberson, Olympia, Wash.—by Robert S. Beisel, Pastor.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL Sunday School Convention, Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Wash., beginning Monday night, Feb. 28, and ending Wednesday night, Mar. 2.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—Will all those interested in the opening of a new church in Arlington Heights, Ill. please contact Pastor C. Merrill Johnson, 404 N. Crystal Ave., Elgin, Ill.

NOTICE—The name of the Shadle Park Assembly of God has been changed to Ridgeview Chapel Assembly of God, Spokane, Wash.—Ben O. Taylor, Pastor.

NOTICE—The name of the Joliet Full Gospel Church has been changed to First Assembly of God. The church address is 725 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet, Ill.—Allan G. Snider, Pastor.

WANTED—Young man or couple sincerely interested in evangelistic work to conduct devotional services, direct singing, play the piano, and type. Write to B. E. Hicks, Box 125, Charleston, W. Va.

NOTICE—The 8th Street Assembly of God, Riverside, Calif., purchased new property at 1725 LaCadena Dr. The name has been changed to LaCadena Drive Assembly of God.—D. F. Ferguson, Pastor.

NOTICE—We are building a new church in Santa Fe, N. Mex. If you have friends in this vicinity, please send us their names and address and we will be glad to visit them.—Ralph M. and Lura Dee Coon, 1103 Canyon Rd., Santa Fe, N. Mex.

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Bethel Assembly of God in Hayward, California (James R. Swanson, Pastor)