

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

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Lift up your eyes, and  
look on the fields; for  
they are white already  
to harvest.

*To the Ends of the Earth With the Gospel!*

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Small Crew for a Huge Task

The number of foreign missionaries throughout the world is no more than the full maintenance crews of six aircraft carriers. No wonder the job is not done!

## This Shrinking Globe

John M. Redding, former assistant postmaster general, told the Parcel Post Association in Chicago recently that it is now practicable to use guided missiles for the transportation of light mail over tremendous distances—even across the Atlantic in three to four hours.

## "Untold Millions Still Untold"

Today, nearly two thousand years after the Great Commission was given, it is estimated that one billion people now living have never heard the precious name of Jesus. If you were to stand day and night watching this vast number march by, you would stand for a whole generation.

## Norwegians Discussing Healing by Prayer

A number of leading personalities within the Church of Norway have issued an open letter to "All Christians in Norway" concerning the question of healing by prayer. The letter warns against "any misplaced sensation and propaganda." It affirms, however, belief in the reality of healing by prayer. In another letter the signatories protest to the Parliament against any law that may hinder or restrict preaching or practice which is in accordance with the teaching of the Bible on this point.

## Red Propaganda at Hong Kong

Missionaries at Hong Kong were indignant over Communist propaganda attacks on the distribution of food parcels to refugees. The Reds charged that a family of four suffered food poisoning after eating canned beef from a relief package. Hospital records at Hong Kong listed no such case.

Red newspapers reported that food parcels were sold in market places for eight to eleven Hong Kong dollars. Missionaries replied that there might be isolated instances of packages being sold when the trading of butter for rice was involved.

Food parcels have been distributed at Hong Kong by the Catholic War Relief Services, CARE, the Lutheran World Federation, the Assemblies of God, and the Salvation Army.

## Testaments for Nationalist Troops

At the request of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek a special edition of 60,000 New Testaments was published at the Bible House in Hong Kong for distribution among the Nationalist troops on Formosa. The books are now en route to Taipei.

## Pen Tops for India

Parker Pen Company was not surprised when it received an order recently from India for 3,000 pen tops, reports *The Wall Street Journal*. In that country it's a mark of caste distinction to carry a fountain pen. But natives who can't afford the full pen buy only the top.

Is Christianity only an outward profession with you, or does Christ really live in your heart?

## Missions in Israel

Christian missionary work in Israel must be having its effect. This is indicated by the statement issued by Jacob Gartenhaus to the effect that a Jewish businessman in Chicago gave \$100,000 for the purpose of combating missionary activities in Israel.

"No Jew would spend \$100,000 to combat a movement that is not productive of results," said Dr. Gartenhaus.



## MOHAMMEDAN MISSIONARIES

This picture ought to awaken us to the need of "speeding the gospel light" in Africa. It shows what the Moslems are doing throughout West Africa to spread their doctrine. According to J. Paul Bruton, who took the picture, it is reported that more than 100,000 Moslem missionaries were sent out over Africa in one recent year. There are said to be 65,000,000 Moslems in Africa today. Once an African becomes a Moslem it is difficult to win him for Christ. It is time for US to arise and counteract the doctrines of darkness with the light of His gospel.

## Persecution in Mexico

A report from the Church of the Nazarene reveals that four Mexican Nazarenes were recently arrested, held in jail three days without food, then taken to the public square, stripped of their clothing, beaten, tortured, and left for dead, with the warning that if anyone reported these atrocities to higher authorities the victims' families and homes would be burned in revenge.

A Greek who is a Pentecostal minister was recently sentenced to a three-month prison term and a heavy fine on a charge of having caused two members of the Greek Orthodox Church on Crete to become converts to Pentecostalism.

In some lands it still costs a great deal to take up one's cross and follow Christ.

## Suggests South Africa Be Divided

The racial strife in South Africa has become so acute that the general secretary of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Transvaal, Rev. W. A. Landman, is urging that the country be divided—one part for white people, the other for non-whites. He says this would be "the only practical solution to the country's racial problem."

He said: "We must reject our idea of 'cheap labor from the blacks,' and be prepared to carry out ourselves the many menial tasks now assigned to non-European servants."

## Mau Maus Spreading

It is reported that an "overwhelming" religious revival is spreading among the former members of the Mau Mau secret society which was terrorizing Kenya Colony, East Africa, until a short time ago. Peter Muigai, son of the Mau Mau leader Jomo Kenyatta, has accepted Christianity and has urged his fellow Kikuyus to follow his example.

The government of East Africa, which is holding approximately 12,000 Mau Mau prisoners in various detention camps and prisons across Kenya, has called 75 missionaries to evangelize among these prisoners. Missionaries from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada are included in this number, and they request special prayer for the work.

While God is moving in Kenya, the Mau Mau movement reportedly is spreading to other areas. In the streets of Lagos, West Africa, where self-government is enjoyed, riotous mobs recently were shouting: "We want Mau Mau! We want Mau Mau!"

One writer predicts that the world is entering one of the most inflammatory chapters in its history—that is, the political and emotional self-assertion of the African people. There is little hope of remedying the situation except through the preaching of the gospel.

# Time Is Running Out!

Non-Christians are multiplying more rapidly than the missionaries can win them to Christ. Only by yielding to the control of the Holy Spirit and praying for a mighty demonstration of Pentecostal power can we meet the need of the hour.

NOEL PERKIN

THE WORLD POPULATION, ACCORDING TO most recent statistics, is 2,500,000,000. Of this number 587,344,612 give their allegiance to either the Roman Catholic or the Greek Orthodox Church. Protestants number 199,672,321. Thus a total of 787,016,933 (less than one-third of the world's population) have some knowledge of the God of the Bible. More than two-thirds belong to non-Christian groups which means that they are without hope.

One other fact must be considered. The world population is increasing at the rate of 44,000,000 per year, which is more rapidly than the missionaries are winning people to Christ. The situation therefore is desperate. The need of evangelizing the unevangelized millions for whom Christ died is urgent.

In answer to the world's great need, Christ has commissioned His followers to preach the gospel to everyone. Now if each Protestant Christian should do his part to let the non-Christian know the way of salvation, he would have to witness to eighty-two people. But unfortunately a large part of the professing church is inactive.

Furthermore, statistics will not stir us to action. They may only confront us with facts we would like to avoid. Many people have a desire to help, perhaps, but lack the will power, the courage, the effective testimony.

How can we meet the situation? The easiest method is to give an offering. This is the least we can do (frequently it serves only to salve our conscience) but let us look at the giving of the Assemblies of God. The average member gives less than \$10.00 per year for world evangelism outside his home church. As a matter of fact, the largest part of our missionary offerings come from a small percentage of our membership. In other words, \$10.00 per year is much more than most of our members give!

Could it be that we do not believe that people without Christ are really lost? Is it that we do not feel responsible? When Christ saw the multitudes, He viewed them as sheep without a shepherd. His great heart was moved with compassion for them. He knew they were lost. As we envision the multitudes of earth to-

day, are our hearts moved? Do we see them as lost, utterly lost? How greatly do we value our own experience in Christ? Do we count it worth sharing with others?

Whatever our attitude may be, or whether we give much or little, the giving of money alone will not meet the need. Unless our offering signifies that our whole life is dedicated to God, it is doubtful whether the offering is any more acceptable than Cain's.

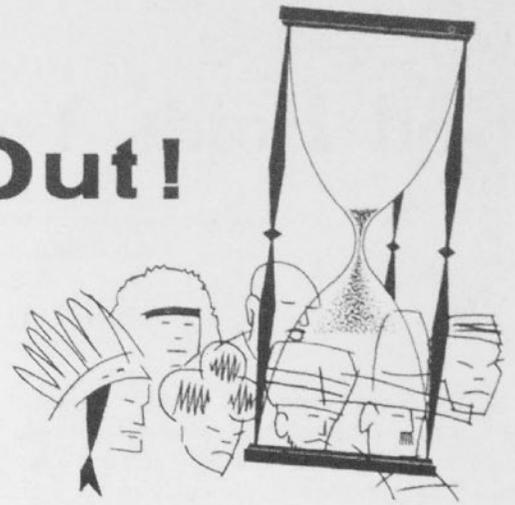
We must have the same motives, the same conviction and the same courage that the first-century church had. These early pioneers expected opposition, persecution, and possibly death because of their witness. The principle by which they were guided was: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge you. . . . We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." The ministry of these early disciples could not be limited by the opposition of governmental authorities. It leaped all barriers to reach men anywhere, everywhere.

This was a Spirit-filled church carrying on the ministry of its glorified Head. In the face of extreme persecution the church was firmly established.

Is there anything today which parallels this early missionary activity? We believe so. It was the same compelling urge to give the gospel to the world which caused the Pentecostal pioneers to form the Assemblies of God organization in 1914. We have grown rapidly in size and activity. Happily, the spirit of evangelism has been kept prominent.

Our brethren in other lands are facing an even greater challenge. In China, Korea, Formosa, Russia, Eastern Europe, and in lands as near as Mexico, Colombia, and other parts of Latin America, some have suffered imprisonment while others have been called upon to die for their faith.

Noel Perkin, Executive Director of Foreign Missions for the Assemblies of God



In those lands where the church is persecuted it is attaining new spiritual strength. In Italy, so lacking in trained leadership and so troubled by the persecution of its humble, Spirit-filled believers, the church is growing fast. In Eastern Germany the Evangelical Church suffers constant opposition, but its services are better attended than ever before. "The pastors," the report states, "are full of hardship and tears."

Imprisonment, fire, torture, death—these did not stop the early church. They followed a Lord who had shown them how to suffer. Neither is it these things which tend to stop the Spirit-filled church of today.

But there are tendencies in the unpersecuted church which need to be noted. Have some of us lost the passion which stirred the founders of our movement? Have we become so occupied with the blessing of the Spirit's presence in our midst that we say with Peter, "Let us make three tabernacles here," and forget those in the valley who need the knowledge of God and the revelation of His Spirit?

We must watch against another tendency. Political opposition from anti-Christian governments tempts us to cease our Christian witness. Without the Spirit's anointing it is natural to give up, as Peter did when taunted by unbelievers. But what a contrast was the new Peter on the Day of Pentecost after the Spirit had come upon him!

The moving of the Spirit invariably results in the arousing of the forces of evil. Let us pray in the face of these things, "Now Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant unto Thy servants that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word."

There is a need among us for a re-consecration to the service of God and to the control of the Holy Spirit. In this way alone can we accomplish the task of world evangelism. Pageantry and dramatics may be used by some to draw

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# God Holds You Responsible

In the business of winning the lost, you and the missionary are partners!

DONALD G. FOOTE

MISSIONARY WORK IS A PARTNERSHIP enterprise. One partner invests his time, his strength, his health, perhaps his life. That partner is the missionary.

In steaming, tropical jungles or amid the teeming throngs of a heathen metropolis, surrounded by disease, poverty, filth and vermin, he gives his best—his all. Demon powers oppress him, social and political forces oppose him. Those to whom he would minister often scorn him. Yet he stays by his post because he expects to collect eternal dividends payable in precious souls snatched from darkness and from death.

What of the other partner in this enterprise? He sits at home in the congenial atmosphere of his native land, surrounded by family and friends. He drinks in spiritual inspiration from music and sermon provided for his edification. But what of his investment? Does he contribute nothing to this partnership? Oh yes, he does, and his investment is absolutely essential. Without it the first partner would fail and the whole enterprise would collapse.

He contributes dollars!

But how pitifully small most of our investments are—just a little surplus from our luxury, a few crumbs from the banquet, a few coins from the till. A missionary just home on furlough is being interviewed by a reporter. He asks the inevitable question, "What impressed you most in America when you returned after spending years in a foreign country?" Back comes the answer without hesitation, "Your garbage! You throw away so much that others would be thankful to have."

The gospel is denied to millions, and Christ's coming is delayed, not for the lack of consecrated lives but for the lack of consecrated dollars!

Seven hundred and forty-eight Assemblies of God missionaries in sixty-two countries are in our shock troops attacking the citadels of darkness. Associated with them are five thousand national pastors and evangelists, some of them true apostles to their own people. But how often their hands are tied by lack of buildings, lack of literature, lack of

radio facilities, lack of dollars. In some cases our missionaries are walking because of lack of tires for the jeep.

The Spirit falls in Pentecostal fashion on the fifty-two Bible Schools operated by our missionaries. Hundreds of trained, Spirit-filled students go out from these schools with a burning message of faith and power. As they go, souls are saved, bodies are healed, churches are established. But every one of these schools is forced to turn away other promising young men and women because there is no more room—no room to put even one more mat on the floor, and no money to buy food.

At home there waits an army of new recruits ready to blaze trails into yet untouched areas, eager to preach the gospel to those who have never yet heard the name of Jesus. For what do they wait? For consecrated dollars to send them forth.

A dollar does not buy much today—a pound of coffee, a pair of hose, enough gas to drive fifty miles. Most of us spend

a dollar quite casually. Yet if every one of our 400,000 enrolled members in the Assemblies of God (not to consider a host of other friends who attend our churches) invested only one dollar per month in Foreign Missions, our missionaries' hands would be unshackled and the missionary enterprise could advance on every front. If we cared enough about lost souls to invest one dollar per week, our missionary force could be more than doubled, whole areas could be sown with literature, the message via radio could circle the globe, and aggressive Full Gospel evangelism could be launched in the great cities of the world.

In 1954 the Foreign Missions Department recorded offerings totaling \$2,747,705 or an average of fifty-eight cents per month for each member of our churches. The Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Women's Missionary Council, Radio, Servicemen's Benevolence, and Speed-the-Light Departments together reported total offerings of \$3,879,172 or an average of eighty-one cents per member per month.

We have 7,170 churches on our records. Last year, 748 of these churches failed to contribute even one dollar in order to share the gospel with their neighbors. In January of this year 2,756 churches took no part in world-wide evangelism. One and one-half per cent of our churches (one out of 67) regularly contributes 26% of the missionary dollars received.

The work of missions is not the responsibility of the missionary alone; it is your responsibility. We are partners. Investment in this enterprise is not reserved for the rich; it is supported largely by the poor. Not only large churches should have a part; even the smallest, youngest churches can be missionary churches.

We can afford to evangelize the world if we want to. When I was being trained to sell a certain household appliance, the sales manager gave us an answer for the man who said, "We need it and would like to have it, but we can't afford it." We were told to ask him a question, "If your family needed an extra loaf of bread per day, would you manage somehow to get it for them?" If he answered that he would, we told him, "The price of one loaf of bread per day will pay for this appliance."

One dollar per week represents less than the price of one loaf of bread per day. If we give even that amount per family we would double our present investment in missions. Think of it! By withholding our money we cast a vote for the eternal damnation of the lost! More than 1,200,000,000 people never have had a chance to hear the gospel. God will hold us responsible for these souls at the judgment seat of Christ.

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# THE BROKEN IMAGE

A True Story by Ruth Frey Kensinger

IT WAS IN A LITTLE GRASS HUT IN THE mountain country of Southern Honduras that Maria first opened her eyes to the world—and a miserable world it was! Hers was a very religious family, but at the same time a very wicked one. Her mother was a devout—yes, even a fanatic—Catholic woman, but far from God. As a child, Maria quickly fell in line with the practices of the other members of the family. While at one moment she seemed perfectly at ease in lying, stealing, or cursing . . . the next moment might find her piously worshiping at the little altar in the house, praying to Mary, her patron saint.

While wandering about in the mountains, the thought came to Maria that there must be more to religion than the mere worshiping of wooden images. They had never answered her prayers! They had never changed her life! Doubts grew in her heart to such an extent that she became very lax in worshiping Mary. The other members of the household noticed this, especially the mother. As Maria grew older and displayed even less interest in "los santos," the family gave up hope. She evidently belonged to the devil, they reasoned, and who could fight against him? With a shrug of the shoulders they let her go on her wicked way.

On her seventeenth birthday Maria went to a nearby village with her brother to make some purchases. When this was done, her brother was enjoying himself in the cantina, the saloon of Latin America, and Maria was wandering aimlessly down the streets. A certain bitterness gripped her heart—a contempt for life itself which seemed so utterly without meaning. But with the bitterness there also came a deep yearning—a longing for something different and better than she had known.

Suddenly she became conscious of music, beautiful music, somewhere in the distance. As she went in search of it the bitterness seemed to depart until nothing remained but the former longing in her soul, which had intensified a hundredfold. Soon she found them—a little group of people who were singing songs she had never heard before. Her feet seemed glued to the ground! One of the group began telling of the Saviour who had come to the world to save sinners and who is now in heaven preparing a place for them who take Him into their hearts. Wonderful words these,

but it was the beautiful music that captured Maria's heart. She listened enthralled, determined to come again. All the way home the songs rang over and over again in her mind.

There followed weeks of secretly stealing away to the little village to hear more music, but the enemy of men's souls would not let her go without a battle. Her brothers discovered the source of her new-found joy and told the mother. Maria's life became a hell on earth. The brothers beat her and the mother tortured her, but she kept attending the evangelical services in spite of it all.

One evening, upon returning from the meeting, she found only her mother in the house.

"Are you going to stop attending the services of these heretics?" the mother asked, suppressing her fury.

"Never," answered Maria quietly, "no, never!"

"Then I am going to kill you, for no daughter of mine shall be a Protestant." Her words were as deliberate and as unconcerned as if she had said she was going to draw water from the well—but she meant it. She took an ugly stick and began beating the girl, until the stick broke. In her burning anger she grabbed a little stone image and threw it blindly. Maria dodged and the image fell to the ground, broken. The mother, suddenly calm and horrified at what she had done, began to curse Maria. With her mother's curses still ringing in her ears, the girl fled her home and village.

A year of wandering in deep sin followed. She was sick of it all! At the close of the year, Maria and a young man began a home together without benefit of a marriage ceremony. They were happy together, and Maria presented Catalino with four healthy children. There were no images in that little home, no hypocritical ceremonies at an altar that was void of meaning. But sometimes Maria would lull her babies to sleep with parts of those gospel songs that she could still remember. Always she hoped for the day she could hear more about Jesus.

That day came! Into her Central American village came a young man who sang the same songs she had heard so long ago. For three years she attended the services faithfully—her husband did not oppose her. As yet it was the music more than the message that drew her. In that group of Christians there were



some who were praying especially for Maria. One day one of them gave a gospel tract to Catalino, her husband. He studied it all afternoon. It was then that Catalino surprised Maria—surprised her by saying that he, too, was going to the service!

Napoleon, the pastor, preached an anointed message. When he gave the invitation, both Catalino and Maria stood to their feet, accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. The two of them rejoiced together. The pastor and the people also rejoiced—and I'm sure the angels of heaven sang for joy too.

Faithfully the couple attended the services, taking their four children with them. They increased in the knowledge of the Lord day by day, and God began searching their hearts. One day they came to their pastor with a request that is not uncommon in Latin America. Could they be married? On a Sunday evening, before a full church, and with their four children sitting on the front bench, Maria and Catalino became husband and wife.

With a contagious smile, Maria said to me, "Now we have three more children and, since taking Jesus into our home, we have not had sickness. When a fever comes, we pray and the fever leaves. Someday my boys are going to be preachers, too!"

As she said this, Catalino smilingly agreed with her.

After the evening service we stood outside the little church of logs and grass, and watched the people disappearing in the woods, only their bobbing torches visible. We thanked God for the privilege of carrying the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world and to all the Marias and Catalinos who are seeking Him!

# Miracles of Healing in other lands

## BOLIVIA

Minnie Madsen writes: "For years a young girl in Santa Cruz was a helpless invalid in bed, badly crippled from polio—her legs doubled up from her knees. During these years she had been prayed for, but without visible improvement in her condition. However, during an evangelistic campaign held by a Peruvian brother from Lima, our missionary and he went to her home to pray for her, at which time her legs straightened out. Later she was able to stand, and for the past eight months she has been able to walk. Now she gives a heart-stirring testimony as to God's healing power.

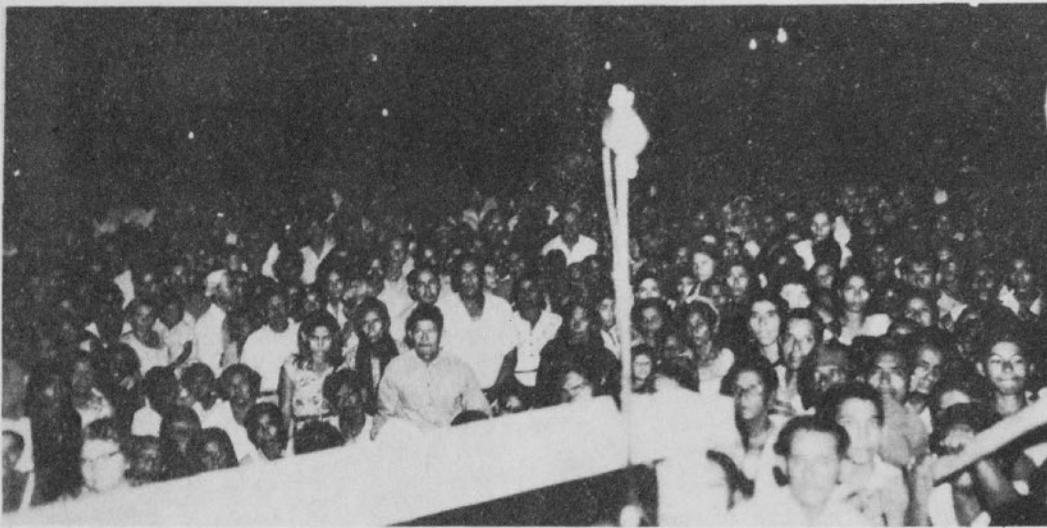
She was one of the students in Montero during the recent short Bible course, and was one of the teachers in the Daily Vacation Bible School held recently. She had a fine class of girls from 9 to 12 years of age, who loved her and never missed a class. What a marvel she is of God's grace and healing power. To Him be all the glory!

## SOUTH AFRICA

Merlin I. Lund, in writing about a great revival in South Africa, says: "One blind man who must have been around the century mark was led in by a grass string tied to his coat. One eyeball was completely gone, but God restored sight to the other eye. What a smile was on his face as he walked forward to shake hands with the missionaries! He was one of the 150 who later followed the Lord in water baptism as a result of this particular revival."

## ARGENTINA

In May 1954 Tommy Hicks held a record-breaking revival at Buenos Aires. Our missionary, L. Stokes, writes: "A member of our church, an Estonian man, had worn special glasses for 27 years, but after prayer he was enabled to see clearly without glasses. A man who had been an invalid for 18 months, was raised up from his bed in answer to prayer. One boy of six or seven had never said 'Mama' or 'Papa,' and when he was healed and taught to say these simple words the parents broke forth in tears of joy. Many lame people were healed, and several who entered in chairs walked across the field surrounded by the throng. A twenty-month-old child who had never walked was healed of infantile paralysis."



Part of the audience at the evangelistic campaign in San Miguel, El Salvador

## Pentecost Comes to San Miguel

Sterling Stewart, El Salvador

The city of San Miguel has witnessed the manifestation of the power of God. Night after night there have been signs following the preaching of His Word by Evangelist Richard E. Jeffery. For over a month thousands of people returned to the services night and day with hunger in their hearts to listen to God's Word.

All kinds of sicknesses have been healed. We have the names and addresses of over one hundred deaf persons who were healed, as well as 22 deaf-mutes who have heard and were able to speak. Many paralytics have received God's healing touch. The blind have received their sight. For example, nine-year-old Julio Rodriguez was totally blind for one year, but he received his sight instantly and came to the platform night after night to give witness that his sight is normal.

The son of the owner of a local radio station has received hearing, and now the whole family are hungry for the Word of God.

San Miguel, the third largest city of the country (60,000 pop.) is the center of the eastern part of the Republic. In this section there are only ten evangelical churches among 600,000 people, but since this campaign, people in several towns have offered their homes for services if we can only send them a worker. Every village has felt the impact of the saving and healing power of God. Literally thousands have called upon the name of the Lord for salvation. In San Miguel two more churches are being opened.

It has been a thrill to watch these new converts grow in the Lord, leaving the pleasures of sin and breaking away from the strong chains of former religious

teaching to thrust themselves wholeheartedly into the arms of Jesus.

Many of the new believers' children now will not be able to go to the Catholic schools here, so some means of education will have to be supplied. Churches will have to be built to conserve the fruit of the revival. Please pray with us for these needs. And if you are able to help us financially, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, designating it for the San Miguel, El Salvador, Evangelization program.

**During the revival meetings in San Miguel, this couple came to the meetings—one of the local directors of the Police, and his wife. She had been deaf since childhood and could speak very little. In answer to prayer God opened her ears. She was able to hear and speak freely, and her husband came to the microphone to tell the people how grateful he was toward God for her healing.**



# Revival in Mossiland

John F. Hall, French West Africa

On New Year's Day we had one of the most remarkable outpourings of the Spirit we have seen. There was an unexpected ten-hour service, lasting from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It was the seventh day of our eight-day convention in which Christians from nineteen other towns were present.

Five received the Baptism, some were refilled, and four were saved! The Holy Spirit caused the Mossi people to make confessions which could not have been extracted from them with a cat-o'-nine-tails! Men confessed to anger, lying, stealing, slander, deception, worldliness, and cheating on tithes and debts. As they sought the Baptism the searchlight of God's Spirit revealed as large the things they had considered as small.

One man went in tears to a local trader

saying he wanted to pay the five-dollar debt he had deliberately let go for four years. The man said, "This must be true religion. Other people owe me hundreds of dollars and don't offer to pay even a little when I remind them of their debt."

Women confessed to habitual cursing and hatred toward their husbands. One asked forgiveness for a critical spirit, another for pride and anger. Boys, with hands upraised and tears streaming down their faces, were crying and pleading with God. How clean and fresh and right with God we all felt that night during the final song of praise!

Those returning home are carrying the revival with them. Our people are fasting and praying, and God is continuing to work among them.

# A Victory in Formosa

H. C. Osgood, Field Secretary for the Far East

December 26, 1954, was a great day in the life of the Formosan Assembly of God in Taipei. On that day many long-standing hopes were culminated as the splendid new building was opened for services. The work had been started only six years before, when Garland Benintendi and Philip Hogan began holding meetings in a small shop downtown.

But need for more room was imperative, and the Christians began earnestly to pray and give toward a new building. Many churches as well as individuals in America gave sacrificially in order that the building might become a reality. By faith the cornerstone was laid last October, and just two months later the completed building was dedicated.

The cost of the lot was about \$7,000. The building itself was built for the extremely small sum of \$13,000. Furniture and other equipment will raise this figure somewhat. The faithful members of the Formosan church have given most sacrificially and are in hopes that friends in the homeland will contribute another \$1,000 to assist them in paying off some debts which have been incurred.

Garland Benintendi, the missionary in charge, writes, "Our services are well attended and we are getting a very nice start with many new contacts. I feel that the Lord is going to give us a steady growth among the more responsible class with whole families making it their permanent church home."

## SIGNS FOLLOW

## PREACHING OF THE WORD IN THE PHILIPPINES

The missionaries in Manila report overwhelming victory. Ralph Byrd of Atlanta, Georgia, recently held meetings there, and they were so mightily blessed of God that more than two hundred were filled with the Spirit in one week, including four Methodist preachers. When a Filipino girl was filled and began to speak in another language, immediately several prominent Chinese came running to report that she was exalting the Cross in Mandarin.

"Most noteworthy," writes Ernie Reb, pastor of Bethel Temple, Manila, "was the case of Ruben Candelaria, one of my co-pastors. This man last year was superintendent over 40 Methodist churches, but one day he received the Holy Spirit in our office and spoke in tongues for an hour and a half. When his cousin, David Candelaria, pastor of a large Methodist church in Taytay, heard about this he was troubled and found it impossible to sleep nights. One week later he came to my home and was filled with the Holy Spirit in our living room. Now his entire church is longing for the outpouring of the Spirit!"

Scores of souls were saved, and there were some miraculous healings. One young man came from a distance of nearly a hundred miles. He was blind and had to be guided everywhere by his friend. After two days Brother Byrd prayed for him. Immediately sight came into his right eye. Another man who had been deaf for forty years was instantly healed and heard clearly. A woman brought from the insane asylum was restored to her right mind by the Lord.

The average Sunday School attendance at Bethel Temple, Manila, was 1012 during the first four Sundays of 1955.

LEFT: Garland Benintendi formally opens the door of the new church at Taipei, Formosa. CENTER: Front view of

church. RIGHT: James Chen leads the people in a preliminary dedication ceremony held outside the auditorium.



# Around the World



## WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

Kolenda and several students worked hard to complete the building sufficiently for classes to begin by the end of November.

Students come not only from West Germany, but also from the East Zone and from Switzerland and Austria. Some of them have declined desirable opportunities in the secular world to give their lives to the work of the Lord. It is the blessing of the Lord in these young lives which is the greatest reward for the sacrifice.

### SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa today there are about 130 white missionaries, ministers, and recognized workers, and over 400 African ministers, evangelists, and lay preachers. Merlin I. Lund states that the church membership is about 30,000. The 400 churches are of all types and sizes—brick buildings, mud churches, grass huts, mining compound rooms, and tin shanty houses. Twelve thousand children are being taught by over 350 teachers in the day schools and Sunday Schools. There are 3,500 C.A.'s. In some sections the work is completely indigenous.

A number of widespread revivals have taken place, strengthening and increasing the number of African Assemblies. As a result of this revival 1400 Africans were baptized in a single day at the greatest baptismal ceremony ever held in the Union of South Africa. They were once sinners, drunkards, thieves, dag-gasmokers, scoundrels; but their lives have been transformed by the power of God.

### NIGERIA

The Sunday School work has been most encouraging in Nigeria. The latest figures available show an average attendance of 7,500 for the year 1952.

"We have about 2,000 boys and girls enrolled in our twelve grammar schools,"



### PERU

Today the Assemblies of God in Peru is a large and swiftly growing body of believers. Churches are to be found from near the Chilean border all the way to Ecuador, and from the coastal plains to the far interior. The body of workers has grown to 135.

D. S. Scott reports that there are nearly 200 churches in Peru. At the close of 1953, eighty churches reported about 4,000 believers. About half of these have received the Holy Spirit Baptism. The number of converts won during the year by these 80 churches was over 1,000.

There is a gospel print shop operated by the Assemblies in the city of Lima. Large quantities of gospel literature have been distributed during the past year, including hundreds of Testaments and Gospel portions, as well as thousands of tracts.

Hundreds of towns in Peru have not yet received the Pentecostal message (several whole states, in fact) and many towns do not have the gospel in any form. The nationals, along with the missionaries, are doing all possible to meet this need. The outlook is brighter and more encouraging than ever before.

### COSTA RICA



There has been a marked increase in conversions and membership in the work this past year. At the end of 1953 there were about 200 believers in the Costa Rica conference. According to reports received at the close of 1954, there

are now just over 300 baptized members and candidates for baptism. A number of believers in each of the churches have received the baptism in the Spirit. In one church nearly the whole congregation have received the baptism during the year. There are fifteen national workers holding credentials with the conference.

Our missionary, David L. Kensinger, writes: "Having now finished the first two terms of the Bible Institute we have a small nucleus of national workers with which to begin more extensive work in Costa Rica. With the blessing of God, we see every prospect for the rapid development of the Assemblies of God work in Costa Rica in the near future."



### GERMANY

When the present term closes this spring, nearly forty students will have been graduated from Berean Bible School in Erzhausen. Those who are already finished are now active for the Lord. Some are pioneering churches; others are assisting pastors who have more outstations than they can handle alone. Two are in the Sunday School Department of the German Assemblies, holding workers' conferences and teacher-training courses and preparing Sunday School literature.

The school began in a large building in Stuttgart in southern Germany in the fall of 1951. Last summer that building was sold, and two city blocks were purchased in Erzhausen in the middle of Germany. On this property were two small houses and a partially completed factory building, 160 by 55 feet. J. P.



LEFT: Students in a classroom at the Berea Bible School, Erzhausen, Germany. RIGHT: Students and faculty of the

school. Seated in the front row, left to right: Gerhart Wessler, J. P. Kolenda, P. Willisroft, J. Voll, Olga Olsson.



writes Raymond Brock. "Last year there were 199 children reported saved and sixty-four filled with the Holy Spirit during school time.

"If Jesus tarries, there is hope of widening our field of labor, especially through the nationals as they finish their training in the Nigerian Bible Institute and go out in answer to the call of God."

Some 5,000 quarterlies are printed regularly in three languages, as well as tracts and many other items, and these have been the means of real progress. There is a staff of sixteen nationals employed in the printing plant, but they are unable to keep up with the work. There are three presses running continuously, but even so, there is always a greater demand for gospel literature than can be met.



### CEYLON

The work in Colombo is on its way toward becoming indigenous, according to Harold Kohl, Pastor of the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle. He writes, "In 1952 a local brother named David Smith was installed as the assistant pastor, and the church took on his full support. We are now quite sure that in the near future a local pastor will be installed."

The local C.A.'s make up the major portion of the radio staff of INTRODUCTION TO LIFE. This is the weekly broadcast sponsored by our Missions Department. It goes out over Radio Ceylon, and covers not only Southeast Asia but much more territory as well, reaching even Scandinavia and Africa. It is heard every Monday night from 9:30 to 10 p.m. (Ceylon time). Folk are being saved and healed, and some are seeking the Holy Spirit, as a result of this program.

### INDIA

Once more the Lord has answered prayer for the Calcutta Revival Center.

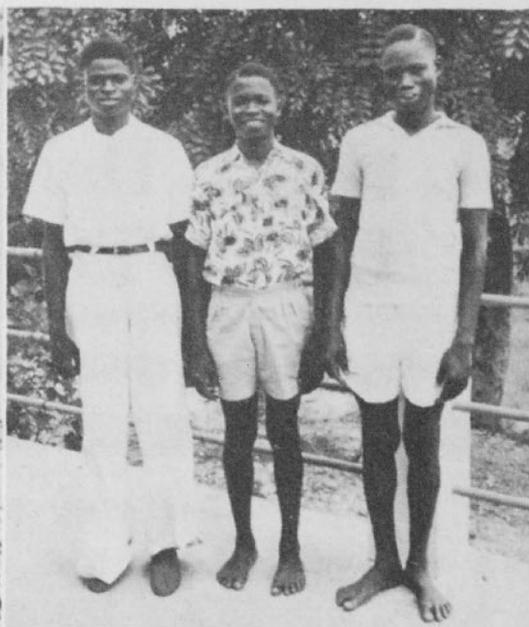


With warm weather coming on, the people were without a suitable meeting place, but the Lord provided a hall in a very wonderful location right in the heart of the city. Property is very hard to get, and usually those who rent must pay thousands of rupees as bribe money. The gospel tent can be used only in the cooler months. Please pray that the Lord will supply a permanent building for the Revival Center.

Brother and Sister Mark Buntain are making their headquarters in Calcutta during their year of evangelism in India. While Brother Buntain is doing convention work in the south, his wife is helping Brother and Sister D. C. Morocco in the work in Calcutta. Many young people have been saved, and are singing in the 35-voice choir under the direction of Sister Buntain.



These two young Africans need Christ.



These three young men have found Him.

## Training Africans to Win Africans

J. Paul Bruton, French West Africa

The Assemblies of God Bible School of the Togo-Dahomey field is located at Natitingou, Dahomey. The school was founded in 1948 by Brother and Sister A. W. Wilson, pioneers and founders of the Assemblies of God work in Dahomey, French West Africa.

When the Togo-Dahomey field was organized in 1950, the school became the official training institution of the entire field. Since that time it has been under the general supervision of Brother Wilson, Charles Petroskey, Charles Greenaway, and the writer. Sister H. Iselin, an Assemblies of God missionary from France, is the principal.

The last two years, 1953 and 1954, saw an enrollment of 32 students. For the coming year we can enroll 65 students if some way may be found to double the dormitory capacity.

In 1952 two boys of the Youaba tribe came to the school. These boys were of average intelligence; however, they had little knowledge of the French language. Since French is the only language used in the school it posed a problem. Out of a student body of 32 we had 17 different language groups represented.

These boys, George and John, struggled valiantly through the eight months of school, but they did not receive certificates along with the others. I shall never forget their tear-stained faces. In their disappointment they said, "Pastor, does this mean that we cannot go out and preach?" I assured them that it did not, but explained that they would have to return the following year and take the studies over again.

One morning about three weeks later I arose at the usual hour of 5:30 a.m. and was surprised to find George and John outside the house waiting for me. They had walked 22 miles, starting very early so as to arrive when they knew I would be at home.

I asked what they wanted. They said, "Pastor, we have been preaching, and things have reached the point where you must come and help us. Sixty people have been saved, and over twenty have received the baptism in the Spirit. Now the chief elders want to build a church, and also a house for us to live in!"



H. Iselin  
Principal

With this wonderful report, once again I recognized that the Holy Spirit had taught these two boys much more than we had supposed.

The native worker is truly the only hope of evangelizing this vast continent. The climate is adverse to white people; the living conditions are so very different and difficult for missionaries to face. But it is the natural habitat of these young Africans who need only to be taught the Word of God and sent forth to their people. They can be supported for just a fraction of what it takes to keep a foreign missionary on the field. Pray for our Bible School and the ensuing labors of our African youth in Togo-Dahomey.



# Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, March 28

JESUS IN GETHSEMANE—Luke 22:39-46

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly" (v. 44).

Some of the deepest and most wonderful truths concerning faith and prayer are found in this passage of Scripture. It is the sacred scene of Christ's last hours before His betrayal and crucifixion. The sight of the Lord Jesus Christ engaged in prayer is for us both the example and the illustration of the meaning and power of prayer.

Note Jesus' consistency in prayer: "And he came out, and went, as he was wont [accustomed], to the mount of Olives." Prayer was neither haphazard nor occasional with Christ. His habits of prayer were so consistent, so regular that Judas the betrayer was able to lead the mob to the exact place where He was.

Submission in prayer is beautifully exemplified in His words: "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." We all know by experience the agonizing cry, "Father, remove this cup!" In sickness, in untoward circumstances, in times of pressure we too have prayed these words; but the "angel" with God's answering help appears when we complete Christ's prayer with the words, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

Finally, earnestness in prayer is demonstrated by Christ. To pray more earnestly is to pray with one's whole being, the concentrated intensity of spirit, soul, and body. Earnestness in prayer means the outreach, the stretching toward God of the entire person. Our cry is, "Lord, teach us, to pray more earnestly, as in the Garden Thou didst pray!"

—EMIL A. BALLIET

TUESDAY, March 29

JESUS TAKEN BY THE MOB—Luke 22:47-54

"And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear" (v. 50).

Peter was quick with the sword. No doubt he was too much so. What a strange action was his in cutting off the ear of Malchus! It was motivated by an unusual mixture of zeal, indiscretion, and ignorance. Little did he realize what could have been the results of his act.

Had Jesus not worked a miracle for Malchus, he would have been marked for life. When casual acquaintances would inquire about a missing right ear, he would say, "A disciple of Jesus did it." Thus his deformity would speak against Christ, rather than for Him. Peter wanted to strike a blow for Jesus, but it would have reacted otherwise.

How many times our quick-tempered, carnal thrusts at the enemies of Jesus serve as a reproach rather than a help. Our zeal, untempered with love and understanding, is a long-range hindering factor to His cause.

Jesus mercifully restored the ear. He did it not only out of compassion to Malchus, but also to counteract the results of Peter's misguided swordplay. The same Saviour today makes amends for our blunders so that His cause will not suffer. Bless His name!

—DON MALLOUGH

WEDNESDAY, March 30

SUFFERING ALONE—Isaiah 63:1-6

Alone...! God does not deal with people according to mass production principles. He deals with each of us alone according to our individual needs, even though we be gathered together in a group.

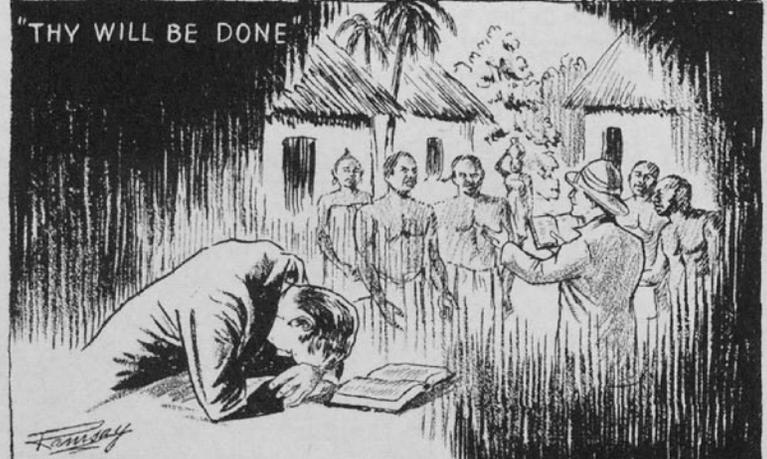
Alone God calls and blesses us. "I called him alone, and blessed him," wrote Isaiah of Abraham and his experience with God. The blessing of God does not fall upon a group of believers except as individual members of the group claim the blessing for themselves. Each must separate himself unto God; each must claim the blessing for himself, and in so doing bring honor unto the Father.

Alone God places His hand upon us to purge out the unfruitful and the unlovely things displeasing to Himself. "I sat alone because of thy hand," confessed Jeremiah. "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." When we are alone with God, we face the unwanted things and deal with them so that He may develop in us a holy character pleasing unto Himself.

Daniel testified, "I was left alone, and saw this great vision." Alone we can receive a vision of the lost world, pathetically calling for help. When we are alone with God He can do momentous things for us spiritually.

—M. K. MORRIS

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"



## Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

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SERMON SUBJECT FOR MARCH 27

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THURSDAY, March 31

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST—2 Timothy 2: 8-15

"But the word of God is not bound" (v. 9).

Thousands of followers of Christ through the years have suffered because of the stand they have taken against sin and the world. Fox's Book of Martyrs relates how early Christians were bound, then destroyed physically; yet in the midst of all their suffering one senses a freedom of spirit. It is true that no matter how bound a Christian may find himself he can have positive assurance that God's Word with its 33,000 promises is not bound. Distressing circumstances, ill health, financial straits, and other difficulties are but opportunities for God to reveal Himself to us!

Our God is all-sufficient; nothing compares with His power! Jesus declares it, so we can believe it! "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Consider Paul: though he was bound by physical restrictions, he enjoyed eternal freedom in his soul. And our hearts thrill to read of Peter's miraculous deliverance from prison through faith in the Word of God. Not all the concentrated powers of hell could hinder the faith which God's Word generated in the hearts of believers!

So take courage today, friend. Deliverance is yours no matter what your trial may be, if you stay anchored in Jesus, the living Word. Jesus is still giving liberty to captives, regardless of the bonds, if we will but "seek . . . first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness."

—HARRY M. MYERS

FRIDAY, April 1

WITHOUT THE CAMP—Hebrews 13:9-14

Life "without the camp" has little appeal to the average human. We have been conditioned since childhood to life "within the camp"—going along with the crowd and conforming our lives to the society around us. Within the camp of worldly society the norm of action is, "Everybody does it." Life is molded by popular opinion. There is no reproach nor censure for those who go with the crowd. They are of the world, and the world loves its own.

The man who desires eternal things, who longs for redemption and for "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" finds it necessary

to make a painful decision. Redemption lies outside "the camp." Jesus died without the gate, and His followers are called to "go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach."

Many would gladly accept Christ, were it not for the reproach. But to share in His redemption one must also share in His suffering. The way to Calvary can be lonely. Reproach, suffering, and rejection are the price of redemption. Once one has made the break with the "camp" and his eyes are placed on that "city . . . whose builder and maker is God" the joys and comforts of life "within the camp" appear as they really are—empty and transitory. It is better to walk with Jesus alone than to perish eternally, surrounded by the comforts of life "within the camp." "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach."

—MELVIN L. HODGES

SATURDAY, April 2

LEARNING OBEDIENCE—Hebrews 5:5-10

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered" (v. 8).

Whether one is a babe in Christ or a mature Christian he must learn and practice obedience. Children are "wax to receive and granite to retain." By the time a child is three years old, over sixty per cent of his character has already been molded. There is no more important factor in this molding process than the learning of obedience. Even Christ Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered.

If Christ Jesus were living with you in your home, surely you would not ignore Him. As a polite host or hostess you would talk with Him. You would seek to know His desires, His likes and dislikes, so that you could do those things that would please Him. Friend, He IS in your home. He wants to commune with you. He wants you to talk to Him, and He wants you to read His Word in order that He may talk to you and make known His wishes through the Scriptures. Let us take time to ascertain His will in all things. Let us not rush ahead, but learn obedience. The path of obedience may not be an easy road, but it leads to eternal peace and joy.

"So on I go, not knowing;

I would not if I might.

I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than walk alone in the light."

—LOINE C. HONDERICK

## Time Is Running Out!

(Continued from page three)

a crowd; but these methods are as nothing compared to the moving of the Spirit when the sick are healed, the broken-hearted comforted, and sin's captives set free.

We must reaffirm our Pentecostal faith in action as well as in testimony. This will prove that we are a resurrected people, anointed by the Spirit of God, alive for His pleasure and service. This alone will bring greater and continued revival. It will cause loving and sacrificial giving of life and money.

We know the way. The world needs our help. God has called us. What will our answer be? Let us be quick to answer with courage, consecration, and a consciousness of our responsibility. Souls perish without Christ while we delay!

## Shall We Work for Numbers?

Someone recently said, "I am not interested in numbers. I would rather have a spiritual Sunday School than a big one." I found myself agreeing with the statement and determined to pray and prepare my lesson unusually well for next Sunday. At least my class would be a spiritual one. I didn't send the usual little cards as reminders to the class; I just let them go, but I did have my lesson well prepared. And then came Sunday!

David was absent. Had his dad, so recently saved, taken him fishing again? Were they slipping away from Sunday School and away from God? My heart felt a sharp jab of pain. I checked the roll a little farther. Jimmie wasn't there. He is not a very strong child, and I wondered if he could be sick again? What about Charles? He is a member of a very poor family and lives miles out in the country away from a bus line. Did he ever get those new shoes, and was he sitting out on the woodpile feeling "blue" because he didn't make it in to Sunday School?

I gave my well-prepared lesson. But those three—what good did it do them? This week I sent them the prettiest cards I could find. I called them over the phone. I visited them. The constant cry in my heart is "God, don't let them slip away and grow up in sin and careless living. Please, God, bring them back."

Shall we strive for numbers? Yes, when it is MY boys, let's have numbers—all eleven of them!

—Author Unknown

# "Faithful Is He That Calleth You..."



*A Personal Testimony by Maxine Strobridge*

While in ninth grade in high school I felt the Lord was calling me into service for Him. We were studying vocations in one of our classes, and as I thought about the choice I had made, the Lord spoke to my heart and told me to prepare for His work. In obedience to His call, I attended Central Bible Institute after graduating from high school. The promise which was given to me when I began Bible school was, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24). This promise has proved true in my life.



Maxine Strobridge

I began studying the sign language during my second year at Bible school. I felt the Lord was calling me to work among the Deaf. What a wonderful peace I felt when I said "Yes" to His sweet will! I told Him I would go where He wanted me to go, and do what He wanted me to do.

When I returned to Muskegon, Michigan, for my summer vacation, the Deaf group asked me to have services for them each week. This group had been meeting only once a month. I saw the need as never before. The Deaf have been neglected by God's people. We have failed to tell them that Christ's coming is near. Thousands of Deaf, many of them in the United States, are dying without ever hearing the gospel.

When I returned to Bible school for my last year, God's call to my heart was stronger than before. I was determined to learn all I could of God's Word, so I could tell the Deaf about the Christ they did not know. During my last semester I had the privilege of rooming with a Deaf girl.

I returned to Muskegon to work among the Deaf. Due to the death of my mother and father, I took a teaching position to support myself. At the end of one year, I felt the Lord was leading me into full-time gospel work, so I said a complete "Yes" to Him, and gave up my teaching position. My faith was tested at once. I needed \$50.00 the next week and I told the Lord about it. On the very day I needed the money, a check came through the mail. Again and again

every need has been supplied by His bountiful hand.

At the present time I have services for the Deaf in Flint on Sunday morning, in Saginaw on Sunday afternoon, and in Muskegon on Tuesday night. The National Home Missions Department, the Michigan District, and the pastors have co-operated in every possible way. The Lord has also led us to minister in the Michigan State School for the Deaf. The Flint child evangelism director and I visited the School for the Deaf and discussed with the leader the possibility of having a child evangelism class. The door seemed closed, but God miraculously opened the way. I now have a class in the school each Saturday morning.

It is a real thrill to tell the story of Jesus to the Deaf who have never heard of His saving power. One Catholic girl recently came into a gospel service for the first time. She watched closely as

I presented the way of salvation to the class. At the close of the service, she responded and quickly accepted Christ. Workers among the Deaf are needed all over the United States. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: There is a great need of expanding our ministry to the Deaf, but expansion is hindered by lack of funds. At present any branching out that is done in this gospel work is being undertaken by local Deaf groups. During the coming summer our workers among the Deaf will conduct four Deaf camps, at which the way of salvation will be presented to the unsaved Deaf. You can help win the Deaf to Christ by giving an offering toward this united summer effort. Kindly designate your gift "For Deaf Camps" and send it to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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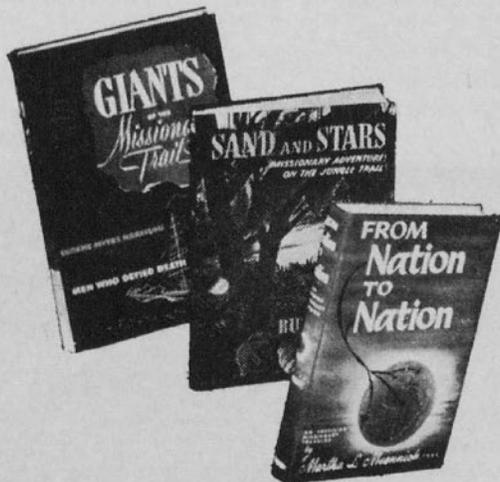
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## NEWS

### NEW JERSEY CONVENTIONS PROMOTE WORLD VISION

The entire month of February was devoted to an intensive missionary campaign in the New Jersey District. Eighty services were held in local assemblies and four Sectional Rallies were conducted on Sunday afternoons. A week of concentrated missionary activity began in each section with a Monday fellowship meeting. The afternoon service was educational with a panel of missionaries and district representatives.

A total of \$6,000 was received during the month which will go toward building projects in Basutoland, Bahamas, Japan Radio and a new church in New Jersey. Missionaries who participated were Hilda Olsen and Peggy Anderson (Basutoland), Richard Palmer (Peru), and Ray Pedigo (Japan). Kenneth Short of the Bahamas joined the party for the final week-end and Richard Teeter of Alaska also participated, along with pioneer workers in the New Jersey District.

Mission USA was presented by the District Superintendent, Richard J. Bergstrom, who, accompanied by the District Missionary Secretary, Frank Reynolds, took part in the services. Ten new churches in New Jersey were pledged during the month as part of the twenty new assemblies expected to be established in New Jersey this year.

The final meetings conducted in the Elizabeth area met with a great response spiritually and financially. Young people lined the altars in every meeting. Ebenezer Church raised \$2,000 in cash. The 1954 awards were presented with Trinity Church of Elizabeth receiving first place in total giving (\$8,922.01). The per capita award went to Closter, N. J. (\$78.03 per capita).

Last year the Assemblies in New Jersey gave \$83,691.80 to Missions. The goal for 1955 is \$100,000 with a per capita of \$32.00. With the enthusiasm generated by these conventions, this goal should be easily met. New Jersey is the youngest district in the Assemblies of God and it is the desire of the leaders to keep World Evangelism as the primary objective.

### LOYALTY CAMPAIGN FEATURES NEW AWARD PIN SYSTEM

The Loyalty Campaign, an annual event in many Assemblies of God Sunday Schools, will begin on Easter Sunday, April 10, and continue through Pentecost Sunday, May 29.

Theme for this year's campaign is taken from Revelation 2:10, "Be thou faithful." The main objective is to encourage every individual in Sunday School to recognize his own personal responsibility to attend regularly.

A high average attendance may be maintained by a fluctuating group of people. It is better, however, to seek to have every member present every Sunday, and that is the emphasis in this year's Loyalty Campaign.

To encourage continued faithfulness in attendance after the close of the Loyalty Campaign itself, a Loyalty Award Pin System is being introduced this spring. It will be launched in many Sunday Schools on Easter Sunday. Each person present will be given an Enrollment Pin which has on it the motto, "Be thou faithful." The design of the pin will be the basis for the week-by-week emphasis of the Loyalty Campaign this year. The points will be emphasized as follows:

April 10—Easter (launching of campaign)  
April 17—Cross (central theme of Christianity)  
April 24—Bible (source of unfailing strength)  
May 1 Oak leaves (emblematic of growth in Christian knowledge and virtue)  
May 8—Laurel leaves (symbolic of victory and achievement)  
May 15—Assemblies of God (emphasis on our own Movement)  
May 22—Sunday School (its growth and accomplishments)

May 29—Award Day (for those with consecutive attendance during the campaign or over a longer period)

After six months of attendance, the bronze Six Months Award is given to those who have earned it. At the end of a year of perfect attendance, a permanent gold-plated pin is given. This pin has a removable disc, changed annually, which indicates the number of years of perfect attendance. New discs cost only 15c each so the pin system is quite inexpensive once it is launched.

There are two types of permanent pins. One, finished in plain triple-gold plating, sells for 65c. The other, a triple-gold-plated pin with the cross and Bible finished in distinctive blue and white enamel, sells for 90c.

Several suggested sets of rules for conducting the Award System may be obtained by writing to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

A Loyalty Campaign booklet also has been prepared which gives ideas for promoting the campaign in each department of the Sunday School. It contains the Loyalty Campaign chorus, suggestions for visual aid, posters on the weekly themes, and other useful helps.

Those who have studied the 1955 Loyalty Campaign plans believe that the emphasis in this year's campaign will lead to greater faithfulness in Sunday School attendance in the future.

## 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.

**BAY MINETTE, ALA.**—Begins Mar. 27; Evangelist Marvin L. Smith.—by Gordon Earls, Pastor.

**NAPONEE, NEBR.**—Pleasant Green Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin.—by M. M. Anspaugh, Pastor.

**COLUMBIAVILLE, MICH.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 22—Apr. 10; Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jolley, Flint, Mich.—by H. E. McMullen, Pastor.

**MILLERSVILLE, TENN.**—Mar. 20—Apr. 3; Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Johnson, New England, N. Dak.—by Harvey C. Meek, Pastor.

**FORT WORTH, TEX.**—Door of Hope Mission, Apr. 3—17; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh of Florida. (O. B. Braune is Pastor.)

**SHOSHONE, IDAHO**—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 3; Evangelist Lester W. Dameron, St. John, Wash.—by F. L. Garrison, Pastor.

**MADISON, ILL.**—North Venice Assembly of God, Apr. 10—24 or longer; Marshall Evangelistic Party, Hartford, Ill. (Ray Randolph is Pastor.)

**RUSH SPRINGS, OKLA.**—First Assembly of God, Apr. 1—15 or longer; Evangelist Gene Thompson.—by Fred James, Pastor.

**OBERLIN, KANS.**—Begins Mar. 20; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Ray, Denver, Colo.—by Woodrow Hill, Pastor.

**OPELIKA, ALA.**—West End Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Thurman O. Thomas, Meridian, Miss.—by C. E. Simms, Pastor.

**NORTH FORK, CALIF.**—Gospel Lighthouse Assembly, begins Mar. 20; Evangelist Dewey Heath, Pampa, Tex.—by Edward E. Bodenhofer, Pastor.

**BRIGHTON, COLO.**—Mar. 20—Apr. 10 or longer; Evangelist Gene Arnold, Fowler, Colo. (D. W. Elliott is Pastor.)

**LINDEN, N. J.**—Linden Assembly of God, Mar. 22—27; Evangelist Werner Johnson, Lyons, N. Y.—by Fred D. Drake, Pastor.

**ASHLAND, OREG.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 29—; for two weeks; with the Evangelaires.—by M. Homer Thompson, Pastor.

**PENDER, NEBR.**—Mar. 20—Apr. 3 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker, Couer d'Alene, Idaho. (George Clarke is Pastor.)

**MEXICO CITY, MEX.**—Asambleas de Dios, begins Mar. 16; Don L. Collins, evangelist; Edgar Stone, interpreter. (Ruben J. Arevalo is Pastor.)

**EAST ALTON, ILL.**—Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Evangelist C. A. Waack, Tulsa, Okla. (A. I. Sherman is Pastor.)

**FLEMINGTON, W. VA.**—Apr. 3—17; Evangelist James A. West, Charleston, W. Va.—by C. R. Ferguson, Pastor.

**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**—First Assembly of God, 350 Polk St., Mar. 20—Apr. 10; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Robert J. Ferguson is Pastor.)

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**LITTLE FALLS, MINN.**—Assembly of God, 3rd and East Broadway, Mar. 21—Apr. 1; children's revival with Evangelists Helen Grams and Frances Renburg.—by Neale Sheneman, Pastor.

**YORK, PA.**—First Pentecostal Church, 474 S. Pershing Ave., Mar. 29—Apr. 10; Evangelist A. D. Skymmer, Haddon Heights, N. J. (E. O. Leeper is Pastor.)

**EUGENE, OREG.**—First Assembly of God, grand opening of new church and pre-dedication revival, Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Howard Rusthoi, evangelist; Bob Williams, chalk artist. Dedication of organ on Easter with Lorin Whitney, Los Angeles, guest organist.—by E. Elsworth Krogstad, Pastor.

**TRAFFORD, PA.**—Trafford Gospel Tabernacle, 504-508 Cavitte Ave., Missionary Convention, Apr. 7—10. Speakers: Monty Garfield, Gustave Kinderman, Andrew Maracle, and others. Easter Services at 10:30 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.—by H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

**AINSWORTH, NEBR.**—Mar. 20—Apr. 10; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif.—by J. M. Peck, Pastor.

**MARION, IND.**—Assembly of God, 1005 E. 29th, Mar. 29—Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich. (James Shivers is Pastor.)

**TARKIO, MO.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 20—Apr. 3 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Kelly. (Earl Hall is Pastor.)

**TRUESDALE, IOWA**—Mar. 22—Apr. 3; Evangelist Ori Hosmer, Eagle Bend, Minn. (LaVern Golbricht is Pastor.)

**AKRON, OHIO**—Bethel Temple, 406 Tompkins Ave., Mar. 29—Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Tanner, Willmar, Minn.—by Lillian Derfer, Pastor.

**MERCED, CALIF.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. John McPherson.—by J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

**SEARCY, ARK.**—Workers' Training Course, Mar. 28—Apr. 3; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (Ralph Copeland is Pastor.)

**PALCO, KANS.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (Don Bressette is Pastor.)

**AZTEC, N. MEX.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 20—Apr. 3; Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist.—by Oscar Elliott, Pastor.

**BOYERTOWN, PA.**—Calvary Assembly of God Tabernacle, Montgomery Ave., Mar. 22—Apr. 3; Evangelist I. E. Ade.—by LeRoy W. Wiley, Pastor.

**EVANSVILLE, IND.**—Calvary Assembly of God, Mar. 23—Apr. 11; Sunshine Evangelistic Party, Covington, Ky. (Hansel Vibbert is Pastor.)

**REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 29—Apr. 10; Evangelist George Hayes.—by Wesley P. Steelberg, Pastor.

**PORTALES, N. MEX.**—First Assembly of God, Mar. 13—27; Evangelist Kenneth Berry and the Musical Berrys. (Earl G. Vanzant is Pastor.)

**CLOVERDALE, CALIF.**—Mar. 20—Apr. 3 or longer; Evangelist Earl McMillin, Sebastopol, Calif.—by J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor.

**NORWOOD, ONT., CANADA**—Pentecostal Assembly, Mar. 29—Apr. 17; Sherratt-Mayfield Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif. (Maude Ellis is Pastor.)

**KENDRICK, IDAHO**—Assembly of God, begins Mar. 22; Evangelist Johnny Hoskins, Prineville, Oreg. (H. L. Deweber is Pastor.)

**PASADENA, CALIF.**—Trinity Assembly of God, 140 N. Oak Knoll, Mar. 20—Apr. 10; Evangelist Paul B. Franklin. (Paul S. Boyer is Pastor.)

**SCRANTON, PA.**—Green Ridge Assembly of God, Mar. 30—Apr. 17; Evangelist A. R. Vanderploeg.—by F. F. Reidenbach, Pastor.

**EAKLY, OKLA.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 17; Evangelist and Mrs. D. L. Bullock, Bixby, Okla. (J. W. Reddick is Pastor.)

**DETROIT LAKES, MINN.**—Assemblies of God Church, Mar. 29—Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Joel Palmer.—by Kenneth Freiheit, Pastor.

**KANKAKEE, ILL.**—First Assembly of God, Alma Ave. north of Station St., Mar. 27—Apr. 10; the Wetzel Trio, Jefferson City, Mo.—by H. H. Brehm, Pastor.

**PASADENA, TEX.**—Southmore Assembly of God, Mar. 20—Apr. 3; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn. (W. C. Harding is Pastor.)

**CLARKSBURG, W. VA.**—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 227 Ferry St., Mar. 20—Apr. 3 or longer; Evangelist Malva Cardiff, Orlando, Fla.—by Russell W. Harvey, Pastor.

**WINCHESTER, VA.**—First Assembly of God, 455 N. Cameron St., Mar. 30—Apr. 10; Evangelist H. B. Kelchner, Flintstone, Md.—by Herman W. Fry, Pastor.

**CARLISLE, KY.**—Dedication revival, Mar. 22—28; W. G. Hinecker, District Superintendent. N. E. Sectional Fellowship Meeting and dedication of new church on Mar. 28.—by S. K. Rayborn, Pastor.

**DARRINGTON, WASH.**—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 10; Evangelist M. B. Delgatty, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.—by Clyde M. Huson, Pastor.

**HILLSBORO, TEX.**—Faith Temple, Cor. Smith and Pleasant Sts., begins Mar. 30; Sunday School promotion revival with Evangelist Floyd Garrett, Harrisburg, Ark. (N. R. McDonald is Pastor.)

**SOUTH GATE, CALIF.**—Firestone Assembly of God, 2702 Glenwood Pl., begins Mar. 15; Evangelist and Mrs. Hazen C. MacDonald. (Oscar E. Butterfield is Pastor.)

**CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.**—First Assembly of God, begins Mar. 16; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (Edward Willis is Pastor.)

**LAUREL, MISS.**—Assembly of God, Mar. 27—Apr. 10 or longer; Evangelist Iola V. Wiseman, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Joe Ragsdale is Pastor.)

## 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.

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## Ministry

Behind every miracle on the mission field there is a ministry of intercession. Every time a closed door is opened to the missionary—every time the Holy Spirit breaks through in saving power—every time a worker's tired body receives a healing touch from heaven—it is because someone, somewhere, has been faithful to pray through and reach the Throne of Grace on behalf of the situation.

For example, one of our fine missionaries in Africa, Howard Fox, was lying at death's door. He and his wife, burdened with the needs of the people in that foreign land, had overworked and their health had been impaired. Returning to their mission station, Brother Fox was stricken with malaria. He battled the fever for several days, then gave up from sheer exhaustion and lay in a critical situation.

Suddenly strength and healing virtue came into his body! He recovered with an amazing speed—in a matter of hours he was back at his missionary duties.

The reason? An intercessor in Klamath Falls, Oregon, had been impressed to pray for this missionary, Howard Fox. Actually, Miss Knapp had never met him, but the Holy Spirit showed her that he was in great need. She therefore left her household duties and went to prayer. After a couple of hours the burden lifted from her soul and she knew the exact moment when God answered prayer. She then wrote to the Foxes asking about their health during the winter, and learned of the miraculous healing. She found the dates agreed. It was when she prayed in Oregon that the stricken missionary was healed in Africa.

A similar case was reported by M. L. Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Middle East. It concerned Brother Munshie, one of the choice preachers of India, who lay dying with typhoid fever after wearing himself down to a skeleton in his efforts to win the poor outcast people to Christ. Brother Ketcham was notified and he hurried to the outstation. It took a night

and a day to get there. When he reached him, Brother Munshie was delirious. The Christians of the villages were gathered outside the sick room on bended knees, eyes filled with tears, throats choked with emotion, praying that the Lord would spare their spiritual leader.

Brother Ketcham said: "As I sat by his side with my finger on his pulse, I felt it flutter and falter and apparently cease to beat. All signs of breathing had disappeared some time previously; now the pulse was stilled. Evidently he had gone. Never shall I forget the look of anguish on the faces of those new converts as I broke the sad news!

"Then a wonderful thing happened. As I lingered by the side of our dear brother with one hand on his pulse, I felt a stirring in the artery, and soon a pronounced fluttering which settled down to a regular beat—faint at first, but steadily gathering strength. To my amazement Brother Munshie was alive! What a shout of rejoicing went up to God from that village.

"Since that time Brother Munshie has done more than anyone else to bring Pentecost to the Province of Bengal."

A definite miracle had occurred—but how? About a year later Brother Ketcham learned the secret. He visited Riverside Tabernacle in Buffalo, New York, and there he was greeted by Sister Wilson, a faithful supporter of the work in Bengal. Sister Wilson asked if Brother Munshie had been in special need on a certain date. She told how she had been burdened for him and had agonized in prayer hour after hour, all through the night, until finally she had the assurance in her spirit that God had delivered him. Yes, it was that very date when Brother Munshie, away off in India, had been restored so miraculously to his life and ministry.

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