

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

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Scientist's Fear of Radiation

A Yale scientist has disputed the data concerning blast tests released by the Atomic Energy Commission. Franklin Hutchinson, assistant professor of radiation physics at Yale, charged that the A. E. C. gave out misleading information about the danger from atomic test blasts. He said that if A. E. C. officials "have data to back up their contention that there are no harmful genetic effects from the radiation, that's just wonderful."

"The trouble is," he added, "I don't know of any such data, and neither does anyone else to whom I've talked." He warned that the radioactive fall-out from such blasts was producing genetic effects in mankind that would be showing up for "thousands of years to come."

Israel Developing Rapidly

"The larger cities of Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Haifa, Jerusalem and Tiberius and the smaller towns of Safed, Richon and Le Zion in the new Israel show tremendous progress and development," reports a recent visitor to the Holy Land.

"Everywhere is feverish activity. It is amazing to see how irrigation systems, roads, factories and houses are springing up.

"Yemenite Jews and Morocco Jews are blasting the rocks of the Judean and Galilean hills and are gathering out the broken stones so as to redeem this barren, sandy and neglected land to a state of fruitfulness and productivity.

"It is true indeed, as the prophet Ezekiel foretold, 'The desolate land is become like the garden of Eden.'"

"Magic Carpet" Flies Again

A new "Operation Magic Carpet," reminiscent of that which rescued 100,000 Jews from Yemen, is now under way for the benefit of Jews in Morocco. The Jewish Agency hopes to resettle some 30,000 North African Jews in Israel this year. Groups of sixty to seventy immigrants are arriving on each plane.

New Ruling on "Dog Tags"

Religious preferences of Armed Forces personnel will be spelled out on their identification tags in the future. Formerly the "dog tags," as they are called, had only a single letter such as "P" for Protestant, "C" for Roman Catholic, or "J" for Jewish. In future the name of the Protestant denomination will be shown whenever the serviceman so desires.

"Dispensers of Hope"

Dr. Hugh Peterson, registrar of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, criticized those preachers who are "forecasters of doom." He told a convention of Bible classes at Louisville, Kentucky, that forecasters of doom have "always been wrong" while the dispensers of hope were "quite often right."

"Although men of every age have looked at its future with fear," he said, "there has never been a day (as now) when so many prophets of doom have been reminding us that the clock of civilization points to five-minutes-to-midnight. But, with the open Bible in our hands and the spirit of the living Christ in our hearts, we must take our stand with the prophets of the dawn."

The speaker gave his hearers the impression that if only they would believe in Christ and His Church and be optimistic, all would be well. He chose to ignore the many portions of the Scriptures where God clearly warned His people of the dark days that lie ahead, and he said nothing about the Second Coming of Christ which the apostle Paul held out to believers as "The Blessed Hope."

The true "dispensers of hope" are those who paint the future as dark as the Bible paints it, and who faithfully warn the people of their need of salvation; who also project upon the black clouds of doom the glorious prophecies of the Return of Christ as the shining hope of this dying age.

New Postal Law Aids Churches

President Eisenhower signed into law a bill that will enable churches and religious organizations to mail printed bulletins and other religious matter at second class rates (one and one-half cents a pound, or one-eighth cent apiece).

Church organizations henceforth will be able to get a second-class mailing permit without obtaining a signed statement from their members that a part of their contributions should be regarded as a subscription to the periodical.

Irreligion in Israel

It is estimated that two-thirds of the children in Israel are not receiving religious training. Chief Rabbi I. H. Herzog recently stated that "worship of Israel... has been substituted for faith in the God of Israel."

"Cosmic Ray" Bombs in Russia?

Professor Tokyuasu Shikanai, the foremost Japanese authority on nuclear fission, states that he believes the new type of atomic bomb which the Russians claim to be developing may be a "cosmic ray" bomb, many times more powerful than the hydrogen bomb.

He says it was well known in Tokyo in 1944 that several Nazi scientists, whose services the Russians later "acquired," were conducting research at Peenumunde in the cosmic ray. Dr. Shikanai said: "In theory, the explosion of a cosmic ray bomb could set off a chain reaction which would turn the globe into a midget sun."

Such statements as these by scientists who have the facts indicate that mankind has reached the threshold of the Great Tribulation foretold by the Lord Jesus Christ—"And then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Matthew 24:21, 22).

The sky is darkening ominously—but beyond the foreboding clouds we see a silver lining for those who are "born again," the promise that when this time of great trouble comes upon the world our great Redeemer shall also come to save His trusting people out of it.

Prophecy Fulfilled in Israel

During the past seven years, the population of the land of Israel has doubled. Vast streams of immigrants from seventy-two countries poured into the Holy Land following Israel's Declaration of Independence in 1948. They came at the rate of twenty-three per hour, day and night, for three and one-half years. Since that time the rate of immigration has slackened off and the people of Israel are devoting their energies to irrigating, putting more land under cultivation, erecting new settlements, starting new industries, and developing the new nation in various ways. The achievements in "The Land of Promise" are amazing.

The President of Israel, Itzhak Ben Zvi, said: "We are witnesses today of the wondrous process of the joining of the tribes of Israel, bone to bone, flesh to flesh, into one people. An ancient people, condemned to exile and dispersion, has sprung to life again." Assuredly it would seem that the prophecy of Ezekiel's vision (Ezek. 37:1-14) is coming to pass before our eyes. The dry bones have come to life; God has opened the graves of Israel and regathered them in the land; and the Lord surely will breathe His Spirit upon them to give them repentance unto eternal life through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Is This the End Time?

A. A. WILSON, Kansas City, Missouri

WE STAND ON THE BRINK OF WORLD-wide disaster. Civilization could collapse any moment. Anyone with ability to think must see that we are now facing our greatest and gravest crises. This is the opinion of men of every nation, whether they be statesmen, scholars, scientists, theologians, radio news commentators, or men on the street. All pitch their mental tents around the same thought and make the same prediction.

Yes, this is the end time. We watch almost breathlessly for the move on the world's checker board which may end the play. This is not just the view of a pessimist or scaremonger; we are forced to this thinking as we see events unfolding in our world.

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, former Chancellor of the University of Chicago, declared a few years ago, "I cannot see any future to our known world." H. G. Wells, in his last writings entitled, "Mind at the End of Its Tether," declared, "The end of all we call life is at hand. There is no way out, or around, or through the impasse." This confirms the words of the apostle Peter, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

President Eisenhower said, "Without a moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for us. We shall suddenly disappear in the dust of a terrific explosion." On his 75th birthday (Jan. 27, 1955) Douglas MacArthur said, "At present restless scientific hands are at work feverishly in dark laboratories to

find means to destroy all at one blow."

But we do not have to depend on men's opinions to know where we are, for we have a "more sure word of prophecy" in which we find the words of the Master. In Matthew 24 He mentioned things that are taking place every day that point to the imminency of His second coming. In verse 32 He said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." He was referring to the Jews. One of the highlights in the prophetic Word is the recovery of the Jews to the status of a nation. In our modern language Jesus meant to say, "When you see the Jews become a nation in Palestine, then know that I am about to return as the Messiah."

For twenty centuries the Jews had not enjoyed the status of nationhood. For their rejection of the prophets God's judgment fell, and for their crucifixion of the Messiah the blood of Christ has been upon them and their children. For two millenniums they had been scattered among the Gentile nations, suffering terribly. Paul said, "Wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." In Hosea 3 we read, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim."

But at 4 o'clock on May 16, 1948, when the new Jewish state called "Israel" was born in Palestine the dream of twenty centuries was gloriously realized. The provisional government broadcast to the world that a new Jewish republic was born. At this same time the Jewish flag was hoisted over the capitol building and all the principal buildings throughout Palestine.

The migration to Palestine has been breath-taking. In the past five years more Jews have returned than Britain had allowed in more than 30 years. One discerning rabbi spoke of 40,000 Yemenite Jews migrating from Arabia to Palestine, and with a sparkle in his eyes added, "It will interest you to know that these

people were motivated by one consuming thought when they tramped from their homes to Aden, and from there were flown by order of the Israel government from Aden to Palestine—they wanted to be in the Land of Promise when the Messiah comes." Is this the end time? It certainly is.

Let us look at Russia, which has attracted more attention and created more fears than any other nation of late. Ezekiel speaks of that people in chapters 38 and 39. The prophecy was written 1500 years before Russia was ever known (almost 2600 years ago). And in these last days we are privileged to see the fulfillment of prophecy concerning this nation before our very eyes.

Let us think of the means of destruction men hold in their possession today—the atomic bomb, for example. Who among us can deny that at this moment we humans have power at our disposal to destroy all life on the face of the earth? The atomic and hydrogen bombs are frightful realities. The use of the cobalt bomb and of nerve gases seems in prospect. The late Dr. Albert Einstein in one of his lectures concerning the hydrogen bomb said in part, "In the end there beckons clearly general annihilation." In Revelation 6 we see predicted the destruction of one-fourth of the world's population in a moment. Then in Revelation 9 we read that one-third of the remaining three-fourths will be wiped out in an instant. This means the slaughter of one-half the population of the earth!

Consider the destructive force of our weapons today. One atomic blast could wipe out the population in a whole metropolitan area. One of the latest explosions in the sea made an opening in the waters 1½ miles in diameter and one mile in depth. One writer said the fear of these things blankets the world like a radioactive cloud, unseen but deadly. Certainly an atomic war would mean mutual destruction. A surprise attack might be decisive, if not conclusive. All our weapons of warfare and every man-

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MODERN KILLER—A symbol of man's misplaced genius in devising death-dealing weapons is this B-61 Martin Matador. This pilotless bomber, powered by an Allison turbo-jet engine, is of the type already in service with the U. S. Air Force in Europe. With a powerful blast from its engine and aided by a rocket-assisted takeoff bottle, it is fired from the "world's smallest airport"—a highly mobile launcher no bigger than the Matador itself. Here it roars away from its launcher leaving a fiery trail. Though pilotless, it can be guided to its target by means of radio.



ner of defense does not make our nation safe from attack.

We must prepare to meet God. We stand on the brink of a disaster that has neither international nor oceanic boundaries, and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own is our only hope. Let us seek His face and have Oil in our vessels, with our lamps trimmed and burning, so that when we hear the cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," we will be ready to meet Him. Our Lord has declared "Surely I come quickly." May our hearts be quick to respond to Him, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." I believe that before the first crack of world doom is heard you and I will be with our Lord. It is the rapture of the Church that will permit the vials of

wrath to be poured out on a God-forsaking world.

The revelation of the rapture is given in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Beloved, the old world is gasping its last breath and is ready to be ushered into God's judgment. Let us be ready for the Rapture. "The end of all things is at hand."

all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent" (Zeph. 3:9).

Satan has brought about the confusion of all things; in fact, he is the "author of confusion." This confusion began in Eden, and has followed down the ages to the present. By leading the people to unite in a diabolical unity against God at Babel, by taking advantage of their "one language and one speech," he destroyed their basis of unity and confused their tongues. Since that day this confusion has prevailed. Different opinions, different political thoughts, different concepts, different aspirations, and different religious thoughts and feelings have prevailed, out of which have arisen the giant forms of *hate, strife, and discord!*

But God, in His great love for the world, is saving out of this confusion of sin the souls of men from "every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9). Being from "every kindred and tongue" they therefore have a "different speech and language." Their unity must be based on something greater than a common speech. Hence we find in the Scripture over and over again that love is the Christian's basis of unity—it is the common language of the redeemed soul.

For the purpose of manifesting His power toward us who are of so different a speech and tongue, and to testify to the unbelieving man who may be of another language, God has given to the Church for this particular age the "gift of tongues" and the "speaking in other languages" by the Spirit of God. But in the "restitution of all things" (Acts 3: 20, 21) in the great Millennium, God will restore the language, and "turn to the people a pure language."

The confusion of tongues will pass away. Babel will be a thing of the past. The spirit of Nimrod will rule no longer, but Christ will reign supreme in the "whole earth" with the foreign nations of the world learning of His ways (Isa. 2:3), cleaving to the house of Jacob (Isa. 14:1), and serving the Lord with one consent, according to the plan and purpose of the fulness of time. All things will be gathered together in one, and a glorious and divine unity will prevail.

Until that time the world will continue with its various languages; and the church will need the "gift of tongues" along with the other gifts of the Spirit. But "when that which is perfect [the millennial age of perfected purposes] is come; then that which is in part shall be done away." Then "whether there be tongues [languages], they shall cease," along with the "vanishing" gift of knowledge, and the "failing" gift of prophecy. The greater knowledge of the Millen-

The Millennial Language

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A PROPER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN people and nations assures harmony and peace, whereas misunderstandings gender strife and war. Languages are the means of communication between persons or between nations. It is obvious, therefore, that if all spoke the same language, were all of one tongue, there would be greater harmony among the various peoples of the earth. This is not an absolute guarantee to peace and harmony in the truest sense, but is a sure foundation on which peace, unity, and harmony may be more firmly established.

Witness the builders of Babel. There was some kind of unity among them when they were "of one language, and one speech." They all with "one consent" followed the leadership of Nimrod and were all of one purpose: namely, to make themselves "a name." This unity of thought and action was not, however, founded on the principle of righteousness. Their unity was sinful. It must therefore be destroyed. And how was this destruction brought about? It was accomplished by a confusion of the language by God Himself. Their foundation of unity was destroyed, their concert of action ceased, their city became Babel (i. e. "confusion"), and they were scattered abroad.

Since the time of Babel the nations have had their various languages, with the result that the world has never come to any lasting peace. One nation has looked with suspicion upon the other whose language was not its own. Go among the foreign quarters of some of the large cities and listen to the babel of tongues, and you will experience an

uneasiness and will look distrustfully upon the people who are speaking them.

But God is going to restore a common language to all mankind in the Millennium. A "pure language" will promote concord and harmony. It will instill confidence one in another, especially when it is the expression of righteous thought, which it will be when Christ is King over all the earth. Therefore in the predictions and prophecies of millennial peace God has said: "I will turn to the people a pure language, that they may

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nium will prevail, and they shall all know God from the least to the greatest (Jer. 31:34).

One of the blessings of this "perfect" and greater knowledge will be the unity of language. All men will know one another's speech and tongue. It will be no longer with "stammering lips and another tongue" that we will speak or be spoken to. We shall see no longer "a

fierce [warlike] people," a people of a "deeper speech" than we can perceive; of a "stammering tongue," that we cannot understand (Isa. 33:19, 29). For the confusion of tongues and the confusion of war alike will have passed away, and the Lord will have "turned to the people a pure language," by which all shall call upon the Lord and shall serve Him with one consent.

Will the Spirit Be Withdrawn?

S. S. SCULL, Mesa, Arizona

MANY BIBLE STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN IT for granted that at some future date known to the mind of God the Holy Spirit is to be withdrawn from the earth and the devil given full and unhindered sway. During this reign of terror, while the wrath of God is being poured out on a guilty world and the Holy Spirit is no longer present, they suppose that the work of salvation will cease.

This view has played directly into the hand of the enemy, and has been a heavy drag on the soul-winning activities of the Church. If the going became hard and results were meager, the enemy would suggest that the Spirit was withdrawing and that further effort was not worth while. Apathy resulted.

The Word of God does not warrant such an assumption, nor does experience. For the Holy Spirit has gone abroad in the earth, creating an interest in salvation, healing, and the second coming such as was never before witnessed. No auditorium, no stadium, no arena is so large that eager, hungry, curious people will not fill it. This is true in Puerto Rico, Argentina, Indonesia, Africa, Ceylon, India, Great Britain, and even in rich, pleasure-mad America. This is probably God's last call of mercy to a world of lost sinners and a backsliding Church. Earth's harvest is ripe (Rev. 14:14), and Jesus is about to thrust in His sickle to reap.

Praise the Lord, the end of this wave of blessing is not yet! This rising tide of salvation will increase, sweeping over the earth like a great tidal wave until the number is made up that will satisfy the travailing soul of Jesus (Isa. 53:11).

"Well," some may ask, "when this great revival ends," as all revivals do, "will not the Spirit be withdrawn from the earth?" No, the Spirit will never be taken away! He is omnipresent, filling all space. There is no vacuum in Him, no deserted world, else His omnipresence would be a fiction, or at least a partial truth.

This apprehension probably springs from a misinterpretation of Second Thessalonians 2:7, where the Apostle says, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [hindereth] will let, until he be taken out of the way." I am not sure that the Apostle was referring here to the Holy Spirit Himself. I think that perhaps he was referring to the Church as the temple indwelt by the Spirit. In other words, it is the Spirit-filled Church that is the great restraining influence in the world. We are the salt of the earth saving it from corruption. We are the light of the world keeping it from total darkness. When we are taken out of the world the mystery of iniquity will cease to operate as a mystery, or secret, but will operate openly and sin will quickly burst out in full force. That the Holy Spirit will remain here and be ever operative upon earth is abundantly shown by the Word of God.

The Spirit will be here at the time of the rapture in unparalleled power. By His power the living saints will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and the righteous dead of all ages will be resurrected. Then all the redeemed ones will be caught up together to meet the Lord.

During the tribulation the Holy Spirit will be here, exercising His gracious offices. Many will be slain for refusing to worship the Beast or to take his mark. Their fate is to die for their faith in Jesus. Who are these, who will accept martyrdom rather than be unfaithful to Christ? They probably are the careless, the negligent, the "foolish virgins," the Christians who were unprepared when the call came from the skies to go up in the rapture. Who can doubt that when these realize the appalling fact that the prepared ones have gone and that they are left behind, great conviction will seize them and with deep remorse and repentance they will call on God. These people had already believed in their

JOY OF CHRIST'S COMING

Midst the darkness, storm and sorrow,
One bright gleam I see;
Well I know the blessed morrow,
Christ will come for me.
Midst the light and peace and glory
Of the Father's home,
Christ for me is waiting, watching,
Waiting till I come.

Who is this who comes to meet me
On the desert way,
As the Morning Star foretelling
God's unclouded day?
He it is who came to win me
On the cross of shame;
In His glory will I know Him,
Evermore the same.

Oh, the blessed joy of meetings,
All the desert past!
Oh, the wondrous words of greeting
He shall speak at last!
He and I together enteting
Those bright courts above;
He and I together sharing
All the Father's love.

He, who in His hour of sorrow
Bore the curse alone;
I, who through the lonely desert
Trode where He had gone.
He and I in that bright glory,
One deep joy shall share;
Mine—to be forever with Him;
His—that I am there.

—Selected.

hearts on Jesus, and will now confess Him with their mouth, even though it costs them their lives.

We will all agree that no one could refuse the mark of the Beast when it is popular to receive it—when the crowd is going that way, when refusal means death—except it be for the comfort, strength, and courage which the Holy Spirit alone can impart.

The proof of the Spirit's presence during the reign of the Antichrist is abundant and clear. In Revelation 11:3 we read of God's two witnesses who stand upon the streets, boldly proclaiming God's truth and defying the power of Satan. They will have power to bring drouth on the earth and to call down fire from heaven to destroy those who seek their hurt. This witnessing and power could be possible only through the anointing of the Spirit. When their testimony is ended they will be killed, but after their dead bodies have lain in the street they will be reanimated by the Spirit of God and caught up to heaven in the sight of the people. Here we have a mighty demonstration of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

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The Visual Aid method of teaching has proved to be as effective in Africa as in America

Our Sunday Schools in Nigeria

Rex Jackson, Missionary

ONE OF THE MOST FRUITFUL DEPARTMENTS of the Assemblies of God work in Nigeria, West Africa, has been our Sunday Schools. In the beginning our Sunday Schools meant little more than a place where one could learn reading and writing. Classes were divided according to the education of the natives. In one class there might be an old man and a boy of six years. If neither of these could read, then both would remain in the same class and learn the alphabet.

However, this makeshift system did not continue for long. Soon the real purpose of Sunday School was implanted in the minds of the people. Of course, dividing classes according to definite age groups was impossible, for few of the people knew their ages. The nearest we could come to fulfilling this plan was to line the students up according to their height, and then make a division at certain intervals in the line. In more recent years our members have been keeping a better record of their birthdays so there have been some improvements in the method of dividing classes.

We are happy to report that today

our Sunday Schools would be a credit to any church, either in Africa or in the States. Some schools are completely departmentalized with separate opening and closing exercises. Since most of our churches are one-room mud buildings, departmentalizing the Sunday Schools makes it necessary to move some of the classes outdoors. This works out fine as long as it does not rain, but when it rains they simply have to squeeze in with the other classes for the rest of the day. Some of our churches have now begun to erect separate buildings for their children's departments. God certainly has been blessing our Sunday School in Nigeria.

Our Bible School offers special instruction in Sunday School methods and organization. The Nigerian printing press supplies quarterlies printed in the native languages to many of our churches. The program for next year includes printing these quarterlies in two additional languages. Speed-the-Light funds raised by the C.A.'s assisted us in acquiring a modern typesetting machine. The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade has given

invaluable assistance in making our Sunday School effort a success. Women's Missionary Council groups have faithfully sent teachers' quarterlies, picture rolls and other supplies.

This year we conducted sectional Sunday School rallies in ten different areas in Nigeria. The emphasis was on visual aids, and pastors who had completed their Bible School training gave the demonstrations. As you will notice in the picture, some workers use sand tables and figures made of pieces of sticks dressed in cheap cloth. Other methods used include the flannelboard illustrations.

In some areas there was no church large enough for a combined Sunday School rally, so the native Christians erected brush arbors. The rallies were a great success.

This year our pastors are working harder than ever to make their Sunday Schools an effective means of evangelizing this section of Nigeria, West Africa.

Thank God, thousands of little African children are hearing about Jesus, the One who loves them. We love them too. Will you pray for them?

Nigerian Churches Progress Steadily

K. L. GODBEY, Missionary

EACH SUNDAY MORNING APPROXIMATELY 6000 people are being served in the forty-three Assemblies of God churches located in the Obudu area of Nigeria. We do not claim that all of these people have been saved, but we thank God that such multitudes are hearing the Word of God regularly. From among these the Holy Spirit is calling forth those who will believe and receive the gospel.

At the end of 1954 those who professed salvation numbered 379 and believers baptized in the Holy Ghost numbered 67. In the first three months of 1955 our pastors reported 237 saved and 55 filled with the Holy Ghost. A couple of weeks ago fifteen young men and one young lady from this area left for Bible School down country, where they will prepare themselves for the ministry. Three of these young people have come from tribes which we have not yet been able to reach with the gospel message.

Next year, 1956, self-government will come to the people of Nigeria. We do not know what the future may hold as far as missions are concerned; therefore we ask for your earnest prayers that God will help us to consolidate this new work as quickly as possible, placing African leaders in charge. Thus far all of our national workers are being entirely supported by the tithes and offerings from the local churches. We have purposely founded the work on this self-supporting basis for an entirely indigenous church is our goal.

We give God all the glory for what He has granted us to accomplish in this



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen
Belgian Congo



Mr. and Mrs. William Lovick
Upper Volta

particular area in Nigeria. Pray for the souls that have found Christ Jesus as their personal Saviour, and for the others who are hearing the gospel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chow wish to inform their friends of their new address: P.O. Box 610, Georgetown, British Guiana, South America.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen sailed for Belgian Congo on the SS Lubumbashi August 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lovick sailed for Upper Volta, French West Africa, on July 15.

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The following missionaries have recently returned to the United States:

- Anna Stafsholt from Liberia
- Mrs. John F. Hall from Upper Volta
- Lillian Hogan from Congo Belge
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Scotti from Belgium
- Elsie F. Blattner from Venezuela
- Ruth A. Couchman from Peru
- Pansy D. Blossom from Peru
- The Carl Hollemans from South India
- Mr. and Mrs. M. Jorgensen from Congo Belge.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

June 1955

	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Kansas	149	137	92
2. Northwest	244	221	91
3. New Jersey	82	74	90
4. North Dakota	50	45	90
5. Rocky Mountain	112	101	90
6. South Dakota	45	40	90
7. Nebraska	79	70	89
8. Montana	64	55	86
9. Michigan	156	133	85
10. New England	89	75	84
11. South Idaho	49	41	84
12. South Missouri	301	252	84
13. Eastern	220	183	83
14. Oregon	190	157	83
15. Ohio	164	135	82
16. Potomac	153	125	82
17. New York	135	107	79
18. Illinois	186	145	78
19. Minnesota	140	109	78
20. Wisconsin	132	101	77
21. Appalachian	51	39	76
22. West Central	209	155	74
23. South Florida	141	103	73
24. N. Carolina	65	46	71
25. N. California	308	211	69
26. Wyoming	33	22	67
27. West Texas	116	76	66
28. S. California	329	216	66
29. Louisiana	127	80	63
30. Arizona	67	42	63
31. Tennessee	88	55	63
32. Georgia	110	68	62
33. Indiana	141	86	61
34. New Mexico	75	46	61
35. West Florida	139	85	61
36. Texas	475	269	57
37. Alabama	240	133	55
38. Oklahoma	481	245	51
39. S. Texas	252	125	50
40. Kentucky	65	32	49
41. Mississippi	87	41	47
42. S. Carolina	45	20	44
43. Arkansas	437	159	36



A typical Sunday School rally held in a brush arbor in Nigeria, West Africa

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Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, August 29

DAVID'S GRIEF FOR ABSALOM—2 Samuel 18:24-33

"...the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok" (v. 27).

A consideration of the running of Ahimaaz is full of practical interest and spiritual value. As a runner he was "foremost," and as a man he was "good." But as a messenger he was a disappointment, like a cloud without rain and a well without water.

Inquiring into the reason, we are at once impressed with his insistence on running. This raises the question of motive. Presumably he expected personal honor, if not material reward, or both. In a vain effort to gain his end, he ran without authority though clearly told, "This day thou shalt bear no tidings." David's anxious inquiry brought from him only an apologetic, "I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was."

Ahimaaz ran for personal advantage, without authority and without a message. Thus he becomes a type of that kind of gospel messenger who is more conspicuous for his running than for his achievement.

—WALTER H. BEUTLER

TUESDAY, August 30

JOAB REPROACHES DAVID—2 Samuel 19:1-8

David's reaction to the death of Absalom gave those who were observing him the wrong impression. Instead of being happy and grateful for the victory they had won, he seemed displeased. Worse yet, he seemed to care more for his wicked son than for the hundreds of men who had risked their lives to defend the king.

Likewise, every Christian needs to be careful concerning his own reactions in time of trouble. Others are watching us. If, when trouble comes, our reaction is to complain, to murmur, to bid for sympathy, to become embittered, to become disgruntled and long-faced, then we are casting reflection on the character of God! We are implying by our reactions either that God does not know what is best for us, or that He is inconsiderate, unloving, unkind, unreasonable—terrible implications to make in the eyes of the unsaved!

Remember these Bible verses: "God is love." "He hath done all things well." "As for God, his way is perfect." "The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." These are the eternal truths we may live by in the time of trouble.

There is no better way for a Christian to honor God and commend Him to others than by believing God and facing life victoriously in the time of trouble!

—J. BASHFORD BISHOP

WEDNESDAY, August 13

DAVID RETURNS TO JERUSALEM—2 Samuel 19:9-15

"Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle.

Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?" (v. 10).

How often that which is gained by hasty or selfish action becomes, when it is possessed, unprofitable and unpleasant. The people were willing to follow Absalom, who was a clever organizer and who made them bright promises. But after a quick and bitter lesson they were eager to turn again to their rightful king.

Today there are Christians who turn aside from their local leadership to follow charming and sensational promise-makers. But almost always they are disappointed. Others have been beguiled by the angel-of-light disguise of the devil. They have followed his glamor, only to discover that it leads to sorrow, regret, death. We can hear them cry with the people of Israel, "He whom we have anointed as king of our hearts has led us to defeat. Why not go back to our King?"

On the other hand, it is to David's credit that he maintained his meek spirit. He was unwilling to fight and cause unnecessary bloodshed. But as he left his place temporarily to his enemies, he knew that in the end the battle was the Lord's—and His is the trumpet that shall never sound retreat!

—BILLIE C. DAVIS

THURSDAY, September 1

JOAB'S VENGEANCE—2 Samuel 20

"The sword... was in Joab's hand: so he smote him [Amasa]" (v. 10).

Oh, what price vengeance! When one reads this chapter he may well ask, "Who is right?" Here are three human efforts to administer vengeance:

Sheba, an adherent of Saul's dynasty, would have vengeance against David. It resulted in Sheba losing his head, literally and shamefully.

David's impatience with Joab's insolence provoked him to vengeance against Joab, by suspending him. This expediency

MORE THAN ONE WILL BE HURT



exploded, and David in chagrin was forced to reinstate him.

But Joab is the chief offender. This arrogant, insolent, self-willed Captain could not bear to be replaced. His crafty mind devised and executed a scheme of vengeance that brought him back to power. But at what a cost! He became guilty of treachery, dishonesty, usurpation, violence, hypocrisy, and murder.

Only God can administer retributive vengeance. "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

—MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON

FRIDAY, September 2

DAVID PRAISES GOD—2 Samuel 22:1-19

"I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" (v. 4).

Most of our prayers are appeals for our personal needs, when we should be claiming God's promises and then praising the Lord. Many times we agonize in prayer for our personal needs much as a tramp would beg at our door for bread. But as we go deeper in God He is able to reveal to us His open, outstretched hand of love and to make His promise real to us. "God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). When a personal need arises we can look up for God's hand to open and send down the answer. Joy will then enter our hearts, and our lips will be filled with praises; for faith and praise go hand-in-hand.

Let us learn the secret of praise. The devil hates to hear God praised and he will flee from us when we praise our Saviour. As we praise the Lord we will go from one victory to another. And because praise relieves us of our own burdens, we become free to use our energies to agonize in prayer for the souls of others.

—ALMA WARE CROSBY

SATURDAY, September 3

WHY DAVID PRAISED GOD—2 Samuel 20-37

Why was David so outstanding in the art of praise, and why do so many others lack it? The degree of humility or pride makes the difference.

We see David as one of the greatest men of all times, but he saw himself as insignificant: "I am a worm and not a man," he lamented. His thoughts were occupied with God, who worked through him; hence he had cause for continual praise.

Does this reveal a reason for the frequent lack of praise among us? I think so. One does not praise another for something he himself has done. When

one regards his achievements as accomplished through his own wisdom, skill, or ingenuity, whom can he praise for it but himself?

Somehow David never got to the place where he knew how to do things. He constantly depended on God for the enabling and made his boast in the Lord. A correct appreciation of the source of one's abilities and the true cause of one's success naturally inspires the heart to overflow with praises to God.

—J. J. MUELLER

Sunday School lesson for September 4, 1955—
"David's Grief for Absalom" (2 Samuel 18:24-33).

This Week's Cover

**WMC Gives \$1,200,000
in Less Than Two Years**

ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars plus is the staggering amount of cash given for missions by the Women's Missionary Council in the past two years. What makes this sum of money the more amazing is the fact that the raising of money is not the primary purpose of the WMC. It has been given simply because consecrated women in our assemblies have been touched by missionary needs.

A missionary family, such as the one shown on the cover page, may be preparing to return to the field. Any woman understands the difficulty a missionary mother would have in trying to do the family laundry without a washer; and anyone's heart would be touched at the thought of missionaries trying to provide fresh, wholesome food for the family without a refrigerator or a good kitchen range. And so the Women's Missionary Council is providing scores of our workers with such necessary equipment, together with bedding, linens, rugs, and even typewriters and duplicating machines.

No one person has ever been asked for a large contribution. WMC leaders have always insisted that personal tithes and missionary offerings be channeled through the church offerings—but after that, when a further need has come to attention, constrained by the love of Christ, our faithful women have sacrificed and shared their own household allowances, or have found some other way to have a part in the project. The result is \$1,212,343 for missions, both at home and in other lands, that would not have been available but for the WMC's. Is it any wonder that the Women's Missionary Council is commonly known as "The heart of the church with missions at heart"?



Edith Whipple, National WMC Secretary, surveys the latest reports from District WMC officials

OTHER MINISTRIES

Equally valuable and appreciated are other WMC contributions—especially the hours of intercessory prayer. Who can know the strength realized by our missionaries and pastors through fervent effectual prayer? Our missionaries value prayer more than any gift, and they say they can notice the difference when vacation time comes and there is a letting down in prayer meetings! More than 935,000 WMC prayer meetings, Bible and mission study services are reported this biennium.

Who can estimate the relief from suffering because warm clothing and bedding have been provided; or the worth of a homeless child salvaged for the Lord and society? Eternity alone can reveal the souls who have found Christ through reading a tract or Gospel portion. Nearly three million of these have been given by WMC's in the past two years.

Representing hours of time and work are the 81,000 tins of good American produce canned for missionary use, besides \$10,000 worth of canned foods given by those groups which reported in terms of cash value instead of the number of cans. Where depleted foreign soils give little of vitamin content to fruits and vegetables, our missionaries are benefited by the good food from home.

Home missionary families as well as foreign are being adopted by WMC groups, and are thrilled to receive wonderful Christmas and birthday packages, with many of their personal and church needs being taken care of throughout the year. Our adoption program also embraces Mission Village at Springfield

where the cottages and guest house rooms are furnished with every possible comfort for our missionaries home on furlough.

ACHIEVEMENT OF SINGLE DISTRICTS

One district president reports 283 souls saved through WMC ministry this year. That district also gave nearly 250,000 pieces of gospel literature, and another followed close with 230,000. The president of one district organized 194 new WMC groups in the last three years, and reported \$62,738 passing through

their WMC treasury in one year. One district alone canned 11,650 tins of produce, prepared 65,000 awards from old greeting cards, made 124 attractive afghans and rugs and 1,236 quilts. Seventeen sets of beautiful silverware were obtained for missionaries with coupons, in one district, and another district reports 9,000 meals prepared for needy families.

NATIONAL OFFICE

In addition to electing officers in each of their own districts, the WMC's main-

tain a national office from which all of their work is co-ordinated. The National WMC Department has sent its representatives into twenty-four different districts in the past two years. In most cases these representatives have made district-wide tours. Special conferences for women have been held in each of the large Sunday School conventions and at the General Council. The Department is now humming with preparations for the eight World Missions Conventions to be held early in 1956.

Seeking the Lost Sheep Of the House of Israel

By MONTY GARFIELD, Missionary to the Jews



Strawberry Mansion, a famous Jewish district in the city of Philadelphia, was the scene of our first street meeting.

The site chosen was near the popular ice cream store and restaurant. In a few minutes a crowd had gathered and the store proprietor called the police. In spite of this disturbance, the street meeting was held.

The following Sunday another effort was made to hold a street meeting. A Jewish fellow tried to disrupt the services by playing a guitar. After hearing the message on brotherly love, this young man came and apologized for his behavior. He told me that he had heard the message of Christ while in the armed forces. He later came to Highway Tabernacle, and after witnessing a large baptismal

service was found at the altar earnestly seeking the Lord.

The street meetings were moved across the street to a park, but the park guards protested. Finally, we moved to the street only to encounter further objections from a Jewish man who threatened to have us put in jail for disturbing the peace.

We prayed earnestly for this man for he seemed, like Saul, to breathe out threatenings and slaughter against us. One Sunday this man brought twenty others with him and listened attentively to the testimonies, the singing, and the Word of God. Today he is very friendly toward us. Although he has not yet accepted Christ, we believe that he will in time.

One day I was called to go to the home of a Jew who had been very ill for several weeks. Upon learning that his name was David Chazen I knew what I would say to him.

When we arrived at his home, his wife, a former Catholic, was crying. As I came to his bedroom, I introduced myself, "My name is Garfield. What is yours?" He said, "Dave Chazen."

I asked, "Do you know what that means?" "Yes, it means David the Cantor."

I asked, "Do you know where David the Cantor got his name?" He answered, "Yes, from David, the psalmist of the Bible."

I replied, "Yes; David, the psalmist, gave us songs, but I know One who can give you a song in your heart in the night."

As I began to talk to him of the Son of David, the Lord Jesus Christ, his heart melted in the presence of the

Lord. David Chazen not only accepted the Saviour, but in answer to prayer he got out of bed and praised the Lord. When his wife saw this, she fell on her knees and cried out for mercy.

Friends asked me to visit their Jewish neighbor who was afflicted with asthma. They had witnessed to her for years without apparent result. Now she was ill and they wanted a Jewish missionary to deal with her about her soul.

In response to our knock a frail-looking Jewess answered the door. She immediately guessed the purpose of our visit.

"Look," she said, "here I am sick with this wheezing cough. For three days I have been unable to fix my meals. Instead of Mrs. T. bringing me a bowl of stew or something, she brings you!"

I said, "Madam, Mrs. T. is trying to bring you something of more worth than a bowl of stew. By the way, you are a Jewess and not allowed to eat Gentile meat which is not Kosher. If Mrs. T. had brought you hot stew, you would have been insulted."

She began to explain, "I go to the temple every Saturday. My parents died as Jews, and I shall die a Jewess."

"If you die a Jewess, will you go to heaven or hell?" I asked.

She replied, "I believe the Messiah is going to come."

She brought me her prayer book and several other books. Among them was a worn Bible which had belonged to her mother. Immediately I recognized it to be the King James Version, containing the New Testament, but did not mention that fact to her.

We began to leaf through the Old Testament finding many scriptures regarding righteousness and alms underlined. I showed her the Son of God as depicted in Proverbs 8. Then we turned to Isaiah 53 and to John 3:16.

As we talked of the Christ, the Messiah, the light began to penetrate her heart. She said, "I want Him too."

After she accepted Christ, we prayed for her body and the wheezing left. Today she is still healed and attends Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia each Sunday.

The apostle Paul said in Romans 10:1,



Monty Garfield preaching at a street meeting in Philadelphia.



Bill and Virginia Hawks, son-in-law and daughter of Monty Garfield, assist in the ministry to the Jews.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." In verse 12 he said, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Then the apostle asked four questions: How shall they call...? How shall they believe...? How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?

The Jew must hear, but he cannot hear unless the message is taken to him. Our Assemblies of God missionaries to the Jews, though few in number, are expending every ounce of energy in an effort to win the lost sheep of Israel to Christ.

Our missionaries to the Jews do not have regular support. Much of the ministry to the Jews is done through personal work. How shall the missionary preach to the Jews unless the church sends him? Groups of missionaries and teachers familiar with Jewish customs are needed to reach the Jews.

Funds are needed to further our work among the Jews. Won't you pray and give that the fruit in the vineyard of Israel may be gathered before Jesus comes?

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Will the Spirit Be Withdrawn?

Consider also the case of the "woman" in Revelation 12:6. She is delivered of a man child, who is caught up to heaven. And she flees from the fury of the dragon to a place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she is sustained for three years and a half. The pursuit by the dragon with intent to destroy her is divinely frustrated by the restraining power of the Spirit.

After years of prayerful consideration I am thoroughly convinced that the Spirit will not, and cannot, be taken away so long as men are living on the earth, for "His mercy endureth for ever." So long as salvation is needed and desired, salvation will be given. There will never be a time for us to cease our efforts for men's salvation. Our gracious God, not willing that any should perish, instead of withdrawing His Spirit, will run the lifeboats down to the very verge of the falls to

save the last salvable soul for whom Jesus died.

Instead of ending the reviving and saving of men, God will fill full [fulfill] His mighty promise to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. The greatest revival and times of salvation are not behind us, but before us.

Brothers and sisters, let us not be slack or discouraged when the going is hard and slow. The rivers of salvation ebb and flow, but each succeeding tide rises higher than the one before. Labor on, then, in faith and assurance, knowing that our Saviour has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccl. 11:6).

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*Is very patient,
Very kind,
Knows no jealousy,
Makes no parade,
Gives itself no airs,
Is never rude,
Never selfish,
Never irritated,
Never resentful,
Is never glad when others
go wrong,
Is gladdened by goodness,
Always slow to expose,
Always eager to believe
the best,
Always hopeful;
Never fails*

—1 Corinthians 13
(Moffatt translation)

MUNDANE MINISTRY



Dirty dresses, blue jeans, shirts! Humming washers, baskets full of wet clothing, a mile of clothes line! Rainy days, brisk winds, flapping sheets! Armloads of fresh laundry, clothes sprinklers, baskets of clothes ready for ironing—do these provide an atmosphere for ministry? Yes, indeed.

Where there are boys and girls, there must be laundry. Without clean dresses and blue jeans, how can boys and girls go to school? Or to church? Or to play?

And clean clothing is not all that children need. They need wholesome food, beds to sleep in, chairs to sit on, tables to eat from, shoes to wear, and someone to look after them. In short, children need a home and parents.

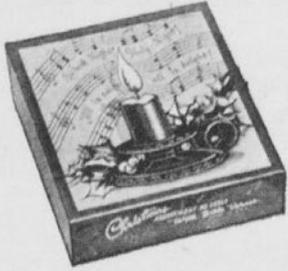
There are sixty-seven boys and girls at the National Children's Home in Hot

Springs, Arkansas. Their only home is the one you provide. Their "parents" are thirteen Christian workers who have consecrated themselves to the task of caring for needy boys and girls. The work of moms and dads cannot be handled in an eight-hour day, neither can the work of the staff at the National Children's Home. Whether it's washing, ironing, cooking, sewing, washing ears, or counseling—workers are always on the job to see that our big family is well cared for. Through their ministry, precious young lives are being salvaged from the wreckage of broken homes. Children are being brought to the Lord.

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The registration desk will be in the lobby of the Municipal Auditorium. We suggest you go there immediately upon your arrival in Oklahoma City. Registering will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 1. The registration fee is \$1.00.

Remember the dates of the General Council (September 1 to 6) and the place (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Come praying and believing that God's blessing shall rest upon every portion of the General Council sessions.

about my case. I was wheeled into a room where 30 or 35 doctors were present. I was told they wanted to question me. I also noticed some were looking over my X-ray pictures and reading other reports concerning different tests and examinations. I could tell by the expression on their faces they were bewildered concerning my case. They asked many questions, and I answered to the best of my ability.

I was returned to my ward, and in a short time my doctor came to me and said, "Mr. Conn, I can't guarantee that what I am going to tell you is 100% true, but every indication, every symptom shows that the cancer has disappeared. The operation has been cancelled."

Thanks be unto God! They couldn't understand it, but I knew the Christ of Calvary had placed His nail-pierced hands upon me and made me whole.

I returned home on January 28, 1955, and at this writing (June 12) have gained 23 pounds. I feel better now than I have for a quarter of a century. Surely Jesus never fails if we put our trust in Him.—R. W. Conn, 1601 South Elwood, Tulsa 19, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. Walter Lepke, Catoosa, Okla.)

Prostate Gland Trouble Healed

How wonderful it is to put our full trust in the Lamb of God, who never fails if we will "only believe."

One night in October 1954 after I had come home from church, the Lord told me that I had cancer of the prostate glands, but that He was going to heal me. He told me I must be faithful to praise Him for this after He had made me whole.

On December 19, 1954, as I returned from the "Mission of Redeeming Love" in Tulsa, I fell unconscious. When I regained consciousness I found myself in a Tulsa hospital, and was advised by the doctors that an immediate operation was necessary. Being a veteran of World War I, I asked to be transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Muskogee, Okla. In a few hours I was taken by ambulance to that institution.

Upon my arrival I was placed on a diet. Many X rays were taken and many tests were made to determine my exact affliction or disease. During this time hundreds of Christian people, members of practically every Assemblies of God church in Tulsa and vicinity, were continuously praying for my deliverance, and personally I prayed as never before in all my life. Jacob W. Leppke, pastor of the Assembly of God in Catoosa, Okla., visited and prayed with me while I was there.

Finally, one day I was called into the office of the doctor who was in charge of my case, and he told me very kindly that

all the examinations showed that I had cancer of the prostate glands. I was asked to sign some papers authorizing them to operate on me, which I did to satisfy my family and relatives.

In the days and nights that followed, God's children were still crying out to Him in my behalf. When the date for my operation was only a few days away, I was sent to the laboratory for further examinations.

Then one morning the doctor's assistant came into the ward with a wheel chair, stating there was something unusual

FAITH

Doubt sees the obstacles—

Faith sees the way!

Doubt sees the darkest night—

Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step—

Faith soars on high,

Doubt questions—"Who believes?"

Faith answers—"I."

—F. M. N.

SPECIAL "CAMPAIGN ISSUE"

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JEWES CHALLENGED TO REBUILD TEMPLE

An article appearing recently in *The National Jewish Post* carried a strong appeal for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem.

"What Israel needs is the Temple!" it said. "It is time to build a new Temple in Israel—the Third Temple—the one that will mean to modern Israel what the ancient Temples meant for more than the thousand years of their existence."

The article goes on to picture the glory of the Temple, and of its glowing candlestick, and of its songs of worship. It speaks of the Temple as a place of joyous festivity on holidays, of quiet prayer and meditation at other times.

"This new Third Temple of our people, as long as it is built in Jerusalem, would stir world Jewry with all the dreams and longings of the ages. It would be dedicated to God in the spirit of Solomon's dedication. . . ."

But the site of the ancient Temple is still in Arab hands. Would the Jews in their impatience and impulsiveness proceed to build their new Temple at some other spot in Jerusalem? And what

of the altar of burnt offerings, and of the priests who offer sacrifices daily, and of the high priest who goes into the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement to atone for the sins of the people? The article says nothing of these things. Are the Jews ready to restore the Temple without restoring the ceremonial sacrifices commanded by Moses? Or, if they are contemplating a restoration of the sacrifices, will they restore these and ignore the fact that Jesus of Nazareth has come as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"?

It is said that certain furnishings for the Temple have already been prepared by devout Jews in various parts of the world, so that the work of preparing the Temple can be expedited once it is begun. Perhaps the day of rebuilding is not far off, to pave the way for the fulfillment of the prophecies in Daniel 9:27; Daniel 11:31; and Matthew 24:15.

In the meantime, the Chief Rabbinate of Israel has announced plans to erect an eight-story building in Jerusalem as a Religious Center and a headquarters from which all of the religious life of the Jews in Israel will be directed. The Chief Rabbinate is composed of two Chief Rabbis and the Supreme Rabbinical

Council. It represents the highest state authority in all religious matters. In addition to offices, etc., the building will house the Chief Rabbinate's central library of religious books which already contains 50,000 volumes and which is on the way to becoming the most important collection of this sort in the world. This "Religious Center" should not be confused with the contemplated Temple, however. It is more in the nature of a government office building.

NEWS

EVANGEL COLLEGE TO OFFER MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Evangel College will offer outstanding opportunity for students who are interested in the field of music, according to President Klaude Kendrick. The Fine Arts Division of the college will be directed by E. Lesley Stubbs and will offer a Bachelor of Music degree with majors in Applied Music, Music Education, Church Music and Music Theory.

All class and individual instruction will be carried on the highest academic level and each instructor will be well qualified academically, as well as proficient in his specialty. Applied Music majors will be offered in voice, piano, organ, strings, and percussion instruments. Music Education majors will be qualified to teach music in the public schools, and the Church Music Major will prepare musical directors for churches. Evangelistic music will also be offered to those who are interested.

E. Lesley Stubbs, the division chairman, is well known throughout the Assemblies of God for his superb choral groups and individual instruction in voice. He has a Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Wesleyan College and a Master of Music Education degree from North Texas State College. His experience includes eight years of collegiate teaching and several years as a church musical director. "The Promised Messiah" and "Whither Thou Goest" are two of his own compositions.

Ensemble groups will be organized from qualified students and many opportunities for performance will be provided. Concerts and recitals will be given systematically. The music studied will be of collegiate caliber, and will provide an adequate background for various fields of musical endeavor.

Freshman orientation begins on September 1, 1955, and all music students should plan to participate in the orientation period. Further information can be obtained by writing or calling Evangel College, 1111 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

Progress Report from Central Bible Institute

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, August 8—Construction of the new W. I. Evans Hall at Central Bible Institute is progressing steadily (see photo). All of the foundation is in, including the half-basement, and the pillars for the first floor are in place.

Work on the new building began on May 12 and is scheduled to be completed by Christmas. Some inclement weather as well as material shortages placed the construction approximately three weeks behind schedule.

The new building will fulfill a long-felt need. It will provide nineteen modern classrooms together with instructors' offices, administrative offices, and the Myer Pearlman Memorial Library. It will be a three-story fireproof structure.

Central Bible Institute, although owned and operated by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, does not receive any funds from the denominational headquarters for its operation. Complete costs of student instruction, faculty support, and campus upkeep, as well as the build-

ing of new facilities, must be met by the students' fees for tuition, room and board, together with gifts from alumni and friends of the school.

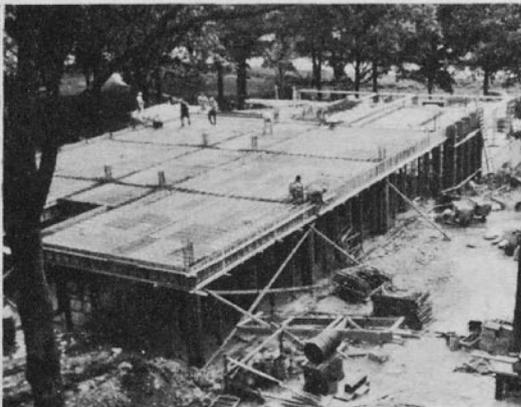
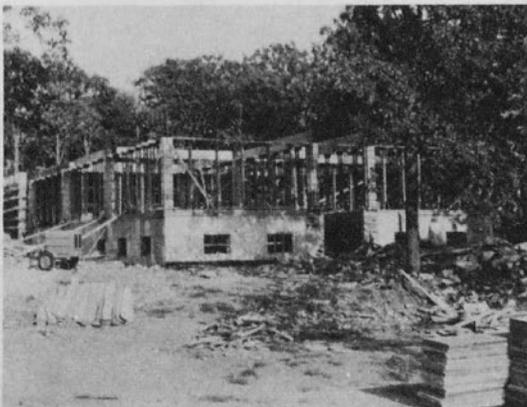
Thus far, approximately \$145,000 has been subscribed by the faculty, students, alumni and friends for the erection of Evans Hall. Other gifts are needed. Gifts to CBI are tax-exempt under the national Income Tax laws.

Anticipating the time when the entire cost of Evans Hall can be borne by such gifts, the General Council of the Assemblies of God has authorized a \$250,000 four and one-half (4½%) per cent fifteen (15) year Mortgage Bond Issue to secure ready funds for its completion. Quite a number of friends have already taken advantage of this opportunity to invest their money in the work of the Lord and still get a liberal interest return.

A prospectus giving full information regarding the Bond Issue may be secured from the office of the General Treasurer, W. A. Brown, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

First the foundation, with half basement, and the first story walls. . . .

Then the forms are made ready for the reinforced concrete floor.



PIONEER PENTECOSTAL MINISTER WITH THE LORD

K. D. Johns of Marianna, Fla. was called to his heavenly reward on June 11, 1955, at the age of 75. His funeral was conducted on June 15 by J. O. Savell and R. E. Taylor at the El Bethel church near Sneads, Fla.

Brother Johns heard the Pentecostal message in 1913 when R. E. Taylor conducted the first Pentecostal meeting in his community. In 1914 he became a charter member of the El Bethel church.

He was ordained in 1917, and his first pastorate was in Graceville, Fla. He pioneered the church at Cedar Springs, Ga., and held a number of pastorates in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. He served as District Presbyter and General Presbyter for a number of years.

In 1913 Brother Johns went to Chipley, Fla. and in October of that same year was elected as Superintendent of the West Florida District,

in which capacity he served for a number of years.

His last pastorate was in Bagdad, Fla. He moved back to Marianna because of failing health but maintained his testimony of victory until the end. His cheerful, praiseful spirit was a blessing to all who knew him.

NEW AUDITORIUM SEATING 2,600 TO BE BUILT IN SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI—Central Assembly has acquired additional property and is getting ready to build a larger auditorium. Workers are now busy removing trees and old concrete from the site.

Since April, when the lots were dedicated, finances have been coming in and plans shaping up for our new building. R. M. Riggs is chairman of our Building Committee and Harry Myers is co-chairman. The main auditorium will seat approximately 2,600. The educational unit will accommodate more than 2,000. The new property is located at the corner of Boonville and Calhoun Streets. It adjoins the present property of the church which is situated at Campbell and Calhoun.



James Van Meter

As I look over the accomplishments of Central Assembly during the past year, I am thrilled to report progress in growth and spirituality.

It has been a year of victory in our Sunday School. We expect the attendance average for the year 1954-55 to be more than 1,000. In addition to the faithfulness of our 140 Sunday School workers, we believe God has singularly blessed the untiring efforts of Cecil Parrish and Charles Denton. Brother Parrish was with us for seven months helping to re-organize the Sunday School. When he left, Brother Denton consented to help us. In spite of the hot, humid Missouri summer, our school has continued to grow steadily for which we are praising God.

Speaking of Brother Denton reminds me of one of the unique things about Central Assembly. Folk often ask me how I like pastoring the "headquarters church." The reason they consider it the "headquarters church" is that the executives of the Assemblies of God denomination automatically are the Board of Elders at Central Assembly. Another unique feature of the church is the number of ministers who attend, including the executives and others who fill various offices at headquarters. Ministers and laymen alike come to the services expecting to meet God, hungry for a move of the Holy Ghost, and with a passion for lost souls. They want to see God work in our church, in our city, and in our fellowship. I have been challenged by the deep spiritual response of the people to the Word of God.

Most of my staff members have been called to Springfield for work in the headquarters offices, or at the Gospel Publishing House, Central Bible Institute or Evangel College—the two Assistant Pastors, Ottie Gaugh, Dean of Admissions at C.B.I., and Harold Schmitt, Promotional Director for the National C. A. Department; Minister of Education, Charles Denton, National S. S. Secretary; Minister of Music, Vernon McLellan, Editor of the C. A. Herald; Warren McPherson, Servicemen's Correspondent.

Among the past year's activities at Central Assembly were our fine Vacation Bible School (June 6—17) with Mrs. Frances Foster in charge;

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a good evangelistic meeting (March 17—24) with B. Owen Oslin; and the C. M. Ward campaign with the Blackwood Brothers (February 20—27). We hope to make the Ward-Blackwood meeting an annual event at Central Assembly and have services with them scheduled for February, 1956.—James Van Meter, Pastor.

FRANK SMITH TO SPEAK AT TORONTO CONVENTION

Frank Smith, one of the best-known ministers in the Open Bible Standard Churches, will speak at the 1955 convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, to be held in Toronto, Canada. He will be heard on Wednesday night, November 2.

For ten years Brother Smith served as General Chairman of his denomination. At present he is Vice-Chairman, and is pastor of the First Church of the Open Bible in Des Moines, Iowa. He is highly esteemed by all the Pentecostal brethren who know him. He is recognized as an able speaker, faithful pastor, and fervent soul-winner. His sermon at the P.F.N.A. convention in Memphis a few years ago struck deep into the hearts of his hearers and brought a lasting blessing.



Frank Smith

Other speakers at the Toronto convention will be Thomas F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and Houston R. Morehead, Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee).

Brother Zimmerman will speak at the opening service on Tuesday night, November 1. The entire service on Tuesday night will accent the young people's work, and will be in the nature of a great Youth Rally, to which everyone will be invited.

Brother Morehead will speak on Thursday afternoon, November 3. The convention will end on Thursday night. All of the meetings will be held in Cooke's Presbyterian Church in downtown Toronto, which seats 2500 people.

Large delegations from distant places are expected. It is reported that buses will be chartered

to bring the choir of Berea Tabernacle, St. Louis, Missouri, to Canada's "Queen City." Under the direction of its pastor-conductor, James Cockman, the choir will furnish special music throughout the convention. Representatives of ten Pentecostal organizations (nine in the United States and one in Canada) with an active adult membership of more than 1,000,000 are expected to attend the meetings.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Grace Tabernacle Church called me to fill the vacancy caused by the election of their pastor, Joseph Flower, to the office of District Superintendent. We have seen a steady growth in the Sunday School and church. We have broken the Sunday School attendance record at least three times.

The Lord sent Evangelist J. Haskell Wooldrige of Durant, Fla. for a meeting. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We also had a successful Teachers' Training Course under the capable leadership of Mrs. Paul Buchwalter. The Vacation Bible School has just closed and we had an enrollment of 126.

The success of the work here could not have been accomplished had it not been for the faithful work of the former pastors and the wonderful Christian workers that the Lord has given us.—Charles H. Robertson, Pastor.

YUMA, ARIZ.—We are thanking the Lord for the enlarged church building which we were able to finish this past spring. It has 7,620 square feet of floor space. The auditorium, including overflow rooms, will seat over 500. We have an air-conditioning system that circulates hot air in the winter and cold air from a 20-ton refrigeration unit in the summer. With the air conditioning unit, the building is valued at \$80,000 and we owe only about \$11,000.

The C. A.'s purchased a new electric organ. We thank God for the faithful Christians in this church and for the way they have worked and prayed during the three years that we have been here in Yuma. We are grateful to the former pastors and to the visiting evangelists who have had a very substantial part in all that has been accomplished.

Not only has God blessed us materially, but

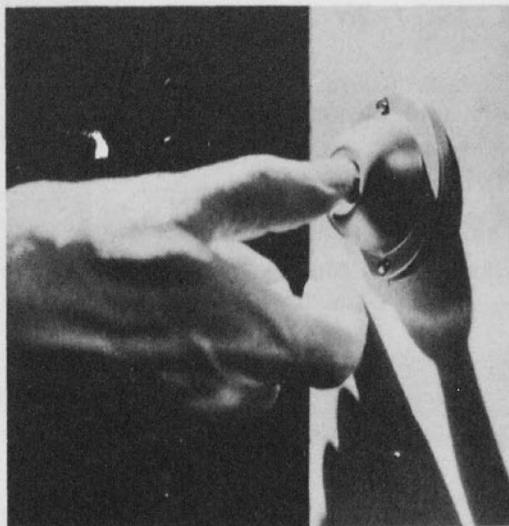
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REVIVALTIME'S "SUMMER CRUSADE FOR SOULS" has brought tremendous results. So great have been the requests for C. M. Ward's book entitled, "How You Can Know You Are Not Going to Hell," that 30,000 copies have been printed and mailed to Christians who have pledged to place each copy in the hand of an unsaved person. This means that 30,000 souls have been reached by the gospel this summer through direct witness of Christian people who have a burden for the lost. These have accepted the challenge to be a witness for Christ.

Here are just two of the many testimonies of what took place as a result of the "SUMMER CRUSADE":

From West Allis, Wisconsin—"I have

had real joy in passing out the books. The results are marvelous. Two Catholic families are now sending their children to my home to Child Evangelism classes and one of the girls says, 'Our home is different now. Mamma is so happy.' In the other home, the father drinks very heavily; they are also sending their two girls here; and one, age five, prayed for her daddy saying, 'Dear God, I know You will keep my daddy from drinking any more beer. Amen.'

"Eleven in all have accepted Christ and I can see God working in many more. God be praised. This came in so handy for my project, 'My neighborhood for Christ.'"

From Charleston, W. Va.—"I received the booklets and I have given them out very prayerfully. In one home, the father and mother both drink. They have two lovely children, one a girl age 12 and a small boy, 7 or 8 years old. They have been driven out of the home in all kinds of weather, in cold, snow and rain. They are nervous wrecks. I talked to them about Jesus and His power to save. I gave them a booklet and had prayer with them. They cried and prayed and promised they would start going to the house of God. They permitted the children to come to Sunday School at the Nazarene Church of which I am a member. I talked and had prayer with others that evening, and I also told them what a wonderful broadcast you have. Thank you so much for the booklets."

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the attendance has increased and souls have been saved. The membership has more than doubled in the past three years. The Sunday School attendance now averages over 200. To God be the glory.—O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

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.

OROVILLE, WASH.—Assembly of God, Sept. 4—18; Evangelist Ruth Specter.—by Einar McChee, Pastor.

BIG SPRINGS, NEBR.—Assemblies of God Church, began Aug. 16; Palser Evangelistic Party. (Ronald Fischer is Pastor.)

BIG SPRING, TEX.—Tent meeting, begins Sept. 7; Evangelists W. V. Grant and Dean Underwood. (Calvin O. Wiley is Pastor.)

VALPARAISO, IND.—Assembly of God, Sept. 11—Oct. 2; Evangelist William Devereaux, Los Angeles, Calif.—by W. W. Shabaz, Pastor.

WAPATO, WASH.—Assembly of God, Sept. 12—18; children's revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Carl Gunderson is Pastor.)

UNION CITY, IND.—Calvary Assembly of God, 722 N. Plum St., Sept. 11—25; Evangelist John C. Poteet, Anaheim, Calif.—by David E. Dean, Pastor.

MILAN, TENN.—First Assembly of God, began Aug. 7; Evangelist Jack D. Brock, Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Robert Northrop is Pastor.)

COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, begins Sept. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsop, Oklahoma City, Okla. (H. C. Miller is Pastor.)

LAUREL HILL, FLA.—Campton Assembly of God, begins Aug. 24; Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler. (Granade Hamlett is Pastor.)

PLEASANTON, KANS.—Outdoor meeting, began Aug. 11; Evangelist Moses Copeland and family.—by Raymond Clemons, Pastor.

BEAVER FALLS, PA.—First Assembly of God, begins Aug. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. David L. Howe.—by Edwin S. Stevenson, Pastor.

NAPONEE, NEBR.—Pleasant Green Assembly of God, Sept. 6—18; Anspaugh Chord Makers.—by M. M. and Esther Anspaugh, Pastors.

SILVER SPRING, MD.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—18; Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Voodre, Durant, Fla. (H. L. Wigfield Jr. is Pastor.)

ATLANTA, GA.—Washington Street Assembly of God, begins Sept. 11; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Jimmie Mayo, Pastor.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 227 Ferry St., begins Sept. 11; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass, Tampa, Fla.—by Russell W. Harvey, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Fairmount Assembly of God, 10537 E. 6th, begins Sept. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. Roland Hastie, Springfield, Mo.—by Robert L. Oney, Pastor.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—Trinity Assembly of God, 98 Cottage St., Sept. 11—25; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa.—by Howard A. Sproull, Pastor.

KEMP, TEX.—Alex Community, Route 3, open-air meetings, Aug. 19—Sept. 4; Evangelists Nathan Burlison, Charles Rodolico, and Eddie Roush.—by Nathan Burlison, Pastor.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—Assembly of God, 1033 4th Ave. S., begins Sept. 11; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif. (Alex Karmarkovic is Pastor.)

PERRY, OKLA.—Dedication of new church, Sept. 18; Robert E. Goggin, District Superintendent, speaker at the dedication, 3 p.m. W. F. Snow, first pastor of the church, speaking at 11 a.m. Homecoming service.—by Oscar H. Bolen, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Blenheim Assembly of God, 7101 Chestnut, began Aug. 22; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild.—by Milton Beckett, Pastor.

SAN LORENZO, CALIF.—San Lorenzo Tabernacle, 15629 Hesperian Blvd., begins Aug. 30; Tom B. Myers Party, Antelope, Calif. (P. A. Scroggins is Pastor.)

GENERAL COUNCIL

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God, Sept. 1—6, in the Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning with Thursday night rally. For reservations write Douglas Friesen, Housing Committee Co-chairman, Box 4, Bethany, Okla. Be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.

MISCELLANEOUS

NURSE WANTED—Christian nurse wanted to take spiritual and financial responsibility for nursing home. Write Twilight Haven, Florence, Oreg.—Evangeline Fagerstrom.

NEW CHURCH ADDRESS—Bethel Temple, formerly located on George and LaVergne Sts. in Chicago, Ill. will move into its new home at 6235 W. North Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. on September 1.—W. L. Williams, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS FOR CHURCH AND PARSONAGE—Recently we purchased the First Baptist Church in Sheridan, Wyo. and we are now occupying the building. The new name and address is First Assembly of God, Cor. Coffeen and Burkitt Sts. The new parsonage address is 16 E. Burkitt St.—James Bailey, Pastor.