

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

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"A Sower Went Forth to Sow"

By T. KERMIT JEFFREY, San Jose, Calif.

THE LITTLE OLD LADY KNOCKED TIMIDLY. In her hand was a pamphlet which she had drawn from her handbag. She was in the Spanish sector of a large city on the West Coast, going from door to door with gospel literature. Being of Swedish descent she spoke English brokenly and could speak no Spanish. Yet her ministry was one that required no "excellency of speech." Passing out Gospels and tracts was her greatest joy.

The door opened and a black-haired, olive-skinned boy of fifteen stood before her. The little lady handed the booklet to him, murmured a "God bless you" in faltering English, and moved on to the next house. The youth stood for a moment watching the lady retreat down the steps, then looked at the booklet she had given him. "El Evangelio de San Juan [The Gospel of St. John]," it read. He leafed quickly through its pages. It was different from most books he had seen. There were chapters and verses, and pictures too.

Robert Fierro was that boy. One of twelve children in the Fierro home, he had been baptized in the Roman Catholic faith, but the church had had little influence on his life. Nor had he ever read the Bible. He was intrigued by this Booklet. The stories of Jesus fascinated him. He was especially thrilled by the power of Jesus to heal the sick. It was just like a story book.

Taking the address of the full gospel church from the cover of the little Gospel, Robert attended the following Sunday evening. He sat on the last bench and watched in amazement. Such singing! Such praying! Such noise! He concluded that these people were demented. "Crazy!" he said. Yet they prayed for the sick just like the stories in the little Book. So engrossed was he in the proceedings that he forgot the time. Suddenly he remembered! It was late, and his father would be very angry. And he was angry—especially when Robert told him where he had been.

Then Robert's mother became severely ill, and surgery seemed the only answer. The boy pleaded with his father to take them to the church where they prayed for the sick. Reluctantly he consented. He drove them to the service, but refused to enter. That night Robert saw his mother healed and saved. So deep was the impression left on him that not long afterwards he too surrendered to

the Lord. The seed that had been planted by the little woman had now borne fruit. One year later he was in Bible School studying for the ministry and the work to which God had called him. He had the joy of seeing both his father and grandmother, strict Roman Catholics, follow the Lord in baptism. Robert Fierro is now one of our Assemblies of God evangelists. All this was the chain reaction of a Gospel given, like a cup of cold water, in the name of the Lord.

This month all across the nation Assemblies of God young people will launch their campaign for evangelism through tract distribution. "TRACTemphasis" it is called. Yet this ministry of witnessing is open to everyone. Perhaps it is the lesson Jesus was trying to teach when He gave us the parable of the sower: "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow" (Matt. 13:3).

To most enlightened Christians, the lessons of this simple parable are obvious. Yet we often ignore the obvious in our search for the obscure. The Master chose simple lessons to teach the most profound truths. Here are a few in His own words:

"The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11); "the sower soweth the word" (Mark 4:14); "he that receiveth the seed . . . , the same is he that heareth the word" (Matt. 13:20).

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SOWER

HE IS ANONYMOUS. Jesus gives him no name. He is neither Peter nor Paul nor Apollos. He remains unnamed that he might represent anyone who does the work of a sower. And because he is anonymous he could be YOU.



HIS WORK GIVES HIM HIS DISTINCTION. The Scripture calls him neither preacher, evangelist, pastor, Bible teacher, Sunday School teacher, nor personal worker. These would limit his scope. The Master called him a "sower" that he might represent even the humblest servant of God who has no special talents of any kind, but gives a tract in the name of the Lord believing that it is "God that giveth the increase." He too shall receive a sower's reward.

HE HAS FAITH IN THE DESTINY OF THE SEED. The sower has no pretensions, no ambition for exalted status. He conceives his task to be the scattering of the seed over the widest area possible. He knows that some will fall on stony ground, while others will be choked by thorns or trampled under the careless, indifferent foot. He works for the harvest that most surely will come from the soils made ready to receive his precious seed.

HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE POWER

PRAY FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council is in session at Oklahoma City, September 1-6. Many matters of importance to "the King's business" will be considered. Vital issues affecting our entire Assemblies of God fellowship will be decided.

Let us pray earnestly for all of the ministers and delegates at the General Council, that they may have the mind of the Lord in all of the business sessions; and pray that a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit may rest upon all of the prayer meetings, devotional services, and evangelistic efforts also. May the power of the Lord be present to save, to heal, and to baptize with the Spirit in a mighty way.

OF THE SEED. Seeds are miracles of divine "engineering." No scientist has ever been able to reproduce the element of life deposited within a seed. Yet the power of the seed to multiply after its kind cannot be released without the co-operation of other elements.

SOME WARNINGS FOR SOWERS

Seeds need a sower! They may lie dormant and obscure for years in some storage bin waiting the day when their miracle powers will be released. Seeds need to be planted!

Seeds need soil! Only when placed in the warm, friendly earth does the seed truly find itself and fulfill its destiny for growth and harvest.

Seeds need sun and moisture! How carefully God planned the elements to contribute their share to the productivity of the seed. Even the lightning plays its part in the chain of events leading to a harvest. All this the sower knows. Great workers together these four—sower, seed,

soil, and weather. If any one of these is lacking there can be no harvest.

So a sower goes forth to sow, to fulfill the great destiny for which the centuries have prepared him. Methods and machinery have contributed their part, yet in 1955 as in Jesus' day the farmers must still plant the seed.

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO SOWERS

1. Select your tracts wisely. Assume that for general distribution salvation tracts are most appropriate.

2. Use specific tracts for people whom you know to have specific needs: healing, victory over temptation, comfort in sorrow, assurance of salvation, awareness of the soon coming of the Lord.

3. Use attractive, well-written tracts which are easy to read. Know the scriptural soundness of the publishers.

4. Never give a tract you have not read yourself.

5. Be sure that tracts carry the stamp

of some full gospel church where the reader can find further spiritual help.

6. Use tracts to open the way for conversation, to assist in witnessing, to help overcome timidity. "Sow beside all waters."

7. Make tract distribution a ministry by recognizing its spiritual potential. Every tract is a seed containing the germ of spiritual life.

8. Encourage others of your acquaintance to join you in a "fellowship of those who sow." Be alert for results; God has promised a harvest.

9. Remember: the sower works in spite of discouragements. Though you "sow in tears" you will doubtless reap in joy.

Here is your mandate from the Master, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:6).

My Deacons Believe in Gospel Tracts

By JAMES C. DODD, Broken Arrow, Okla.

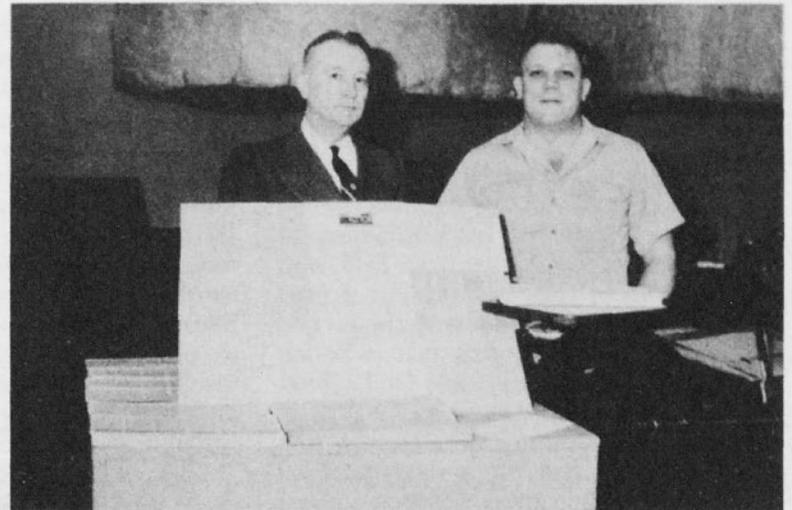
OF ALL THE REACHING ARMS OF THE CHURCH, systematic distribution of gospel literature is one of the best. As pastor of the Assembly of God in Broken Arrow I am convinced that nothing can supplement the pulpit ministry so well as forceful, scriptural tracts.

And so we distribute gospel literature throughout our community regularly and systematically. We publish an eight-page magazine called *Assembly Gleanings* which is sent free to every home in the city and placed in every mail box on all the rural routes. We always use the Campaign Issues and other special editions of the *EVANGEL* to further blanket our area with the gospel.

In addition, we print gospel tracts in the basement of our church. We have a large room to accommodate printing presses, type cabinets, work benches, and other printing equipment. Two of our deacons, Bill Fox and Dr. C. C. Brissey, are responsible for this tract ministry. Much of the equipment belongs to the church, and Dr. Brissey has added other equipment, recently buying an automatic press. From this basement print shop go thousands of pieces of gospel literature.

Here's how the partnership began. Dr. Brissey, one of Broken Arrow's leading dentists, began writing gospel tracts twenty-three years ago. His purpose was to satisfy an inner urge "to get God's precious Word to needy hearts." For years he had his tracts printed at commercial rates and distributed them free to those who would prayerfully pass them on.

Then right after World War II Brother Fox came into the picture. During the war he served with General Patton's Tank Division. One day he and several buddies were resting outside their tank, when a German plane dived low and



Dr. Brissey (left) writes the tracts, and Bill Fox prints them.

strafed them. Several of his buddies were killed, and he himself lost a leg.

After God pulled him through seven operations and healed an incurable condition of the bone, Brother Fox is now happily serving God as a member of the Board of Deacons and as a printer of the gospel tracts. Printing is his vocation, and he willingly uses his talents to print the hundreds of thousands of tracts that Dr. Brissey writes and distributes. He spends about twenty-five hours each week in the church printing plant. Besides the tract work he prints all the literature that goes out from the pastor's office and other church departments.

Currently, Deacons Fox and Brissey are distributing seven different tracts in English and Spanish. Letters of thanks have come from all parts of the United States, and from Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, and Okinawa.

Periodically we sow down our community with gospel tracts, and we feel that part of the great harvest of souls we have seen in Broken Arrow is a result of such activity. Our church believes in getting out the gospel in every way possible. Our deacons believe in this work and practice the Great Commission in their tract partnership. We thank God for their ministry and testify that it is proving a real blessing to our church.



"A Certain Disciple..."

By CHARLES W. H. SCOTT, Detroit, Mich.

AMONG THE INCONSPICUOUS CHARACTERS of Scripture, whose ministry may have been among the most far-reaching, was a church member in the Damascus assembly named Ananias. Little is known about this man, except for the information recorded about him in the ninth chapter of Acts and in the parallel account in the twenty-second chapter.

We do not know whether he was one of the leaders of the church or just a rank-and-file member. We do know, however, that he was a man who recognized the voice of God and who was ready to obey His directing. He lived where God could speak to him.

As a result of his responsiveness to the Lord's leading, he went to Saul with a message from the Lord. It was a positive message, one filled with hope and assurance for that blinded man who sat waiting in the darkness for God's messenger to arrive. He could say with certainty, "The Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

His message was brief; it was specific; it was backed with authority. It was the very message Saul needed. It met his every requirement: (1) He had been blinded and needed his sight. (2) The official power upon which he had been relying was swept away on the road outside Damascus. Now he needed something that would stabilize him and equip him for the future. The words of Ananias contained this assurance of power, "... that thou mightest... be filled with the Holy Ghost." Here was the new sight which he needed and the new power that would equip him for a lifetime of service.

Because of the obedience of this "certain disciple," Saul received his sight, was filled with the Holy Ghost, and became a chosen vessel used by God for the presentation of the gospel message to world rulers. As a result of the testimony of Ananias, the great evangelist Paul was started on a career that reached

into all parts of Asia. The world received thirteen of the greatest epistles that were ever written, and these remain as "best sellers" even to this day. An influence for good was created that has never been surpassed. Besides this, Ananias was listed in God's "Who's Who," the only edition that has lasted throughout the ages.

In these days this brief biography of Ananias speaks loudly to us of opportunities for service which await every Christian. If we will keep in the place where God can use us, with hearts aflame and souls afire with His love, there is no limit to the ministry which may be ours. If we are "instant in season, out of season," always ready to speak a good word for the Master, active in house-to-house visitation for the purpose of talking to people about Christ, our efforts can result in conversions. A Paul, a Moody, or a Spurgeon may be brought to Christ through our humble ministry.

One of the great media available to all of us in reaching men with the gospel is the use of tracts. It is difficult to fully estimate their great value. They have had a wonderful ministry in enlightening the mind, and often in the deciding of important issues. Numberless times they have been instrumental in bringing about the conversion of sinners. As instruments in the hands of prayerful workers, they have had an almost infinite power. Tracts have succeeded when sermons have failed.

There is a classic instance of a tract handed to Richard Baxter, which resulted in his conversion. Baxter wrote *Saint's Everlasting Rest*, which quickened Philip Doddridge to seek his soul's salvation. Doddridge in turn wrote the book, *The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*, which was the instrument used by the Holy Spirit in bringing about the conversion of William Wilberforce, the great abolitionist. Following his conversion Wilberforce wrote a book entitled, *Practical Christianity*, which ultimately fell into the hands of Thomas Chalmers, resulting in his conversion. Chalmers became the

founder of the Free Church of Scotland. The conversion of these great religious leaders came about because "a certain disciple," whose name we do not know, passed Baxter a gospel tract.

We may summarize the advantage of tract distribution thus: Tracts can go everywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts can be multiplied without end by the press. Tracts can travel at little expense. They run up and down like the angels of God, blessing all, giving all, asking nothing in return. They can talk to one as well as to a multitude, and to a multitude as well as to one. They require no public room in which to tell their story. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop, the parlor or the closet, the railroad coach or the city bus, on the highways or the byways. They take no note of scoffs or jeers or taunts. No one can betray them into hasty or random expressions. Though they may not always answer questions, they will tell their story again and again to everyone who reads. They can be made to speak on every subject, wisely and well. They can be made the vehicles of truth, the teachers of all classes, the benefactors of all saints. They have been discarded, only to be found by someone else, who has received their message of eternal life. They have been torn to bits and tossed to the winds, only to have the same winds that scattered them carry a portion to a sin-sick soul, who has found Christ as a result of his contact with the scrap of paper.

Tracts are wonderful. They are inexpensive. They are impersonal in their approach and yet personal in their message. They can enter where we cannot go. They can become an instrument of

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good in the hands of consecrated disciples who will make their distribution a matter of fervent prayer.

Let none of us feel, because we do not have a public ministry like a preacher, that we have no place of service, for there still remains for all of us the opportunity of ministry by personal testimony. By passing out tracts we can be used of God in bringing souls to Christ.

An evangelist, passing tracts from house to house, felt constrained to persist in ringing the bell at one of his stops. Finally a disheveled man opened the door, took the tract, and slammed the door violently in the evangelist's face. A week later the evangelist was again strangely led to ring the bell of the same house. This time the man appeared and courteously invited the worker in, then led him to the attic of the house, where he saw a rope dangling from the rafters, a noose at the end and a box below. The man explained, "When

you kept ringing my doorbell last week, my head was in that noose. I was ready to jump. Because you were so persistent, I decided to go down and see who it was. After taking your tract, I returned to the attic and sat down on the box which I had intended to jump from. As I read the tract God spoke to my heart; and now, thank God, instead of being in hell I am trusting in Christ."

Let us follow the example of our Christ's Ambassadors in their One-Eight Crusade of tract distribution. They have distributed many thousands of tracts with resultant good. All of us can engage in this ministry of personal evangelism, which will pay dividends in time as well as eternity. Then it will be said of us, as of Ananias, "There was a certain disciple . . ." who obeyed God and was the means of leading a blinded soul out of darkness into the glorious light of salvation, because he was "instant in season, out of season," to give a testimony or pass a gospel tract.

is a highly respected evangelist.

Someone sent an atheist some gospel tracts. Angered by their messages, he was about to burn them, when suddenly he remembered an atheist friend of his. "He will get a laugh out of these silly things," he thought; so he mailed them to his friend. Later on his anger hit the boiling point when he discovered that his friend had been gloriously converted by the tracts he sent for a joke!

Of all the ways in which God could have given us the gospel message, He chose the printed page. Without the Bible, who would know truth from error? Where would men find comfort, faith, and assurance? Because God's Word will not return unto Him void, tracts are exceedingly effective.

ANY CHRISTIAN CAN PASS TRACTS

You cannot do everything, but you can do something. You can distribute tracts any time and anywhere. The gospel tracts are the seed which you may sow in men's hearts. God will give the eternal harvest. Our part is to sow the seed carefully and prayerfully.

Even prominent people distribute tracts. The late Queen Mary of England was an ardent tract distributor. Benjamin Franklin ghostwrote and printed the tracts of several early evangelists, including those of George Whitefield. While Postmaster General of the United States, John Wanamaker gave carefully selected tracts to his many acquaintances. Martin Luther wrote more than one tract, booklet, or book for every working week of his life.

Common people distribute tracts, too, reaching multiplied thousands every year. Anyone, anywhere, can "preach by print."

Whistler's mother was called "a preacher in skirts" because she distributed tracts to the workers on the railroad between Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

A Christian ticket agent gave away a tract with every ticket he sold. In the years that followed he was overjoyed to receive word from more than twenty persons who said that the tracts he had given them had been blessed to their conversion.

WHERE TO PLACE TRACTS

Tracts can be enclosed in each letter you write. I know a housewife who makes a list of people's names and addresses and then systematically sends them tracts, backing her work with earnest prayer. After some time she writes a personal invitation letter to the person she is burdened for. The Lord blesses her efforts with about three or four conversions a year. Her daughter also takes part in this work. One result of their tract mailings was the conversion of a young man who was training for the Catholic priest-

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There's Power in the Printed Page!

By NATHANAEL OLSON, Springfield, Mo.

THE WORLD IS BECOMING LITERATE AT the amazing rate of ten million each year, according to Dr. Frank Laubach. Therefore we must give these people Christian literature to read. "One soul is won to Christ for every 14 cents invested in literature overseas," declares Oswald J. Smith.

Communists know the thirst of these people for literature. States Dr. Fred Schwartz: "Communism is now conquering the world. They have 800,000,000 souls under their control. The greatest single contributing factor to this incredible advance has been literature distribution. The pen has preceded the sword. It is imperatively urgent that we deluge all missionary fields with Christian literature. I know of no other project so desperately necessary or that will pay equal dividends . . . in the winning of souls."

What is the secret of the rapid growth of the so-called "Jehovah Witnesses"? They have neither famous preachers nor great churches. They have simply discovered the fruitfulness of the printed page and personal work. Can we not learn a lesson from these "unappointed witnesses"?

TRACTS ARE EFFECTIVE

Over seventeen hundred people let Dr. Chickering know that they attributed their personal conversion to the reading of his tract, "What Is It To Believe

on Christ?" Dr. Jacob Chamberlain counted an equal number who had been won to Christ by a tract he had written. Just think! Over 3,400 souls won by the distribution of these two tracts!

William Penn, founder of the city of Philadelphia, wrote a religious tract that helped free 12,000 Quakers imprisoned for their Christian testimony.

Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, was won to Christ by a simple gospel tract.

An evangelist in England found a beer shopkeeper's wife on her deathbed. She was rejoicing in Christ her Saviour. She had found the Lord by reading a portion of one of Spurgeon's sermons in an American newspaper. "This newspaper was wrapped around a parcel which was sent to me from Australia," she told the evangelist. Think of that! A sermon preached in London, reprinted in America, the paper sent to Australia, then wrapped around a parcel sent to England, climaxing in the conversion of this woman! There's power in the printed page!

A depressed, degraded gangster in California was on his way to commit suicide. He had found nothing in sin to satisfy his hungry heart, and he had decided to end his life. But then a Christian woman gave him a tract which offered peace, joy, and salvation in Christ. What wonderful news! It prompted him to attend a soul-winning church, and there he was wonderfully converted. Today he

Door-to-Door Evangelism

By GEORGE COLLINS, San Pedro, Calif.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE HARBOR AREA around San Pedro, California, a small roll of good reading has crossed your front porch some time in recent months. Behind it is the courtesy of "Dad" Salzman, 76, Assistant Pastor of the San Pedro First Assembly of God.

Dad has a twofold burden: lost souls and lost literature. As church janitor he felt a twinge of regret every time he lit the incinerator to dispose of a batch of gospel literature just because it was out-of-date. A sizable stack of back-dated EVANGELS in the stock room also caught his eye and goaded his thinking.

As usual, Dad thought of his neighbors first. Undaunted by the fact that his neighbors owned more than 18,000 porches he resolved to favor each one with a piece of gospel literature. Turning to his stockpile of tracts he made two careful selections, one for salvation and one for healing. These he rolled inside a back-dated EVANGEL and snapped on a rubber band. This made a compact but spiritually prolific package.

Delighted, he unfolded a map of the area and plotted his strategy. Enlisting missionary-minded assistants to prepare his munitions, he loaded the rear seat of his auto and spearheaded an invasion. His zeal soon exhausted the supply, and he appealed to his church members to look in their attics for more EVANGELS. A few bundles came in and were quickly distributed, leaving Dad again without literature to distribute.

"If one clerical storeroom contained old EVANGELS there must be others," he decided. "But how to locate them and get them to San Pedro?"

Dad had an inspiration. He sat down and requested want ad space in the same publication he had been distributing. When the editor received the ad he rummaged through his own storeroom, came up with 1200 copies, and with them returned the want ad request thinking the need was met. Dad, however, is an ambitious man and within a week urgently renewed the request. In response, a notice was inserted in the EVANGEL.

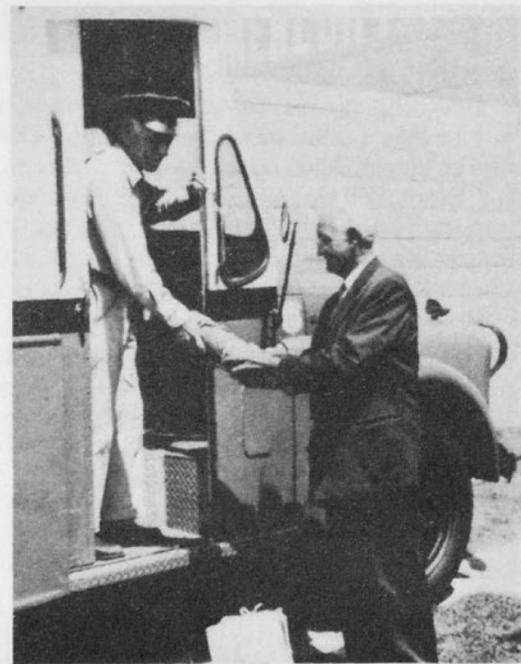
The result was quick and inundating. From thirty-six States people forwarded bundle after bundle of EVANGELS. Two boasted postmarks from Canada, and one bundle half-circled the globe from "down under" (New Zealand).

In a frantic race with the postman, WMC members teamed up to roll the EVANGELS, and Dad set a goal of two hundred a day for distribution. In less than three months every front doorstep

in San Pedro had been graced with the impact of this salvation, healing, gospel package. Still well-supplied with EVANGELS and enthusiasm, he moved in on a neighboring community and now has it more than half covered.

Dad prefers to go out in the morning, when possible, because more people are working in their yards and he is able to witness personally to them as well as distribute the literature. To date he has handed out over 19,000 rolls of such literature and declares his intention to continue until his supply of EVANGELS is exhausted.

At a later date Dad plans to go back over the city, ringing doorbells and witnessing more directly as a follow-up of the literature crusade.



"Dad" Salzman is shown receiving another package of EVANGELS from the postman. He has distributed over 19,000 copies from house to house since Easter.

C. A.'s to Distribute Another Million Tracts

OUR COVER PICTURE SHOWS R. STANLEY Berg handing a "Hi Neighbor" tract to a tourist who was visiting the headquarters of the United Nations in New York City.

Similar scenes will be enacted all over America in the weeks ahead as Christ's Ambassadors plunge into their TRACTemphasis Campaign which begins September 11.

It was in the spring of 1954 that the National C. A. Department launched its all-out tract distribution program known as the "One-Eight Crusade." A special and very colorful series of tracts was printed. Each tract carried on its illustrated, two-color cover the cheery and casual greeting, "Hi Neighbor." The message of each tract had a human-interest slant and concluded with a direct approach to salvation.

Christ's Ambassadors everywhere joined in the effort, and through individual and group participation distributed over four million "Hi Neighbor" tracts in less than a year. To show the tremendous accomplishment of this concerted effort, it has been pointed out that one man distributing a total of one thousand tracts each week would need eighty years to distribute four million tracts. But our C. A.'s in their united effort distributed eighty thousand tracts each week! Just think of that—eighty thousand small but mighty witnesses going out each week in a direct, bold effort to reach the lost.

What we have begun so effectively we

dare not terminate. Our youth have made a successful start toward a "live wire" witnessing program. An attractive tool has been put into their hands. The crusade must go on!

Since its initial effort the One-Eight Crusade has embodied a more complete program that will include emphases on Bible reading, Bible study, and scripture memorization. All three of these should lead to better Christian witnessing.

The tract distribution phase of the Crusade for 1955 has been named TRACTemphasis, and the plan calls for a nationwide inauguration on September 11. The day will be called Hi-Neighbor Day. The whole effort will continue for fifty days, through October 30, and the distribution of one million "Hi Neighbor" tracts has been set as a nation-wide goal. Once again local groups will be encouraged to participate through both group and individual activity.

Order blanks for TRACTemphasis supplies were mailed from the Gospel Publishing House to all our churches on July 25.

We have a conviction that this second consecutive tract distribution effort will yield a bountiful harvest. Best of all, the program is helping our young people to take their place in the front lines of personal evangelism for the full gospel testimony.

—Harold Schmitt

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Communist Literature

The Communists believe in the power of the printed word, and they are distributing pamphlets and magazines by the billions. They have already placed some 800 million in Africa, which is an average of four pieces each for all the people on that continent.

Distributing Tracts in Japan

A missionary in Japan writes: "God is working in many hearts through gospel tracts. In fact, they are more effective in leading souls to Christ than most of our evangelistic work. We are reaching 1,000 people or more daily. The Word, mixed with faith and powered by the Holy Spirit, does the work."

Laboring for the Lord

To many workers in Britain's printing and publishing industry, Labor Day is a reminder that they are working for the Lord as well as for a commercial employer. These workers have formed a new fellowship called the Printing and Allied Trades Christian Association (PATCA). Hugh Redwood, popular British author and Christian journalist, spearheaded the new organization. Explaining the purpose, he said:

"Its members do not preach at their fellow-workers but seek rather that the spirit of their own working lives may commend their Master to those who do not know Him. We believe that to every Christian is given his field of witness—his home, of course, but also his place of employment. Here he will regard his work as part of his Father's business, and so find joy in putting his best into it."

Greetings From Bulgaria

A frail woman from behind the Iron Curtain attended the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches this summer, and brought greetings from Pentecostal brethren in Bulgaria who still languish in prison for the gospel's sake.

She appealed to the delegates to remember these suffering brethren and to pray continually for them. A number of the leading Pentecostal ministers in Bulgaria were imprisoned in 1949 by the Communists in a wave of anti-Christian persecution. Some of them have served their prison terms and have been released; others are still prisoners.

Throngs of people at the World Conference were moved to tears at the thought of these dear brethren who, though still behind the bars, were thinking of the Conference and wishing they

could attend to enjoy the blessings of fellowship and freedom once again. Thank God, though we cannot communicate with them we can still pray for them.

Hoover Recommends the Bible

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, warns that juvenile delinquency is increasing at an alarming rate, but insists that it can be prevented. "It is not a scourge which rules with an inevitable necessity," he says. "One of the best weapons with which to attack this malady is religious training. The young boy and girl trained in the teachings of the Bible have a moral reliance which serves as a compass for everyday living. They know the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. They are able to conquer the temptations of life."

"Ten Seconds To Live"

Two years ago Raymond M. Eastman, young Des Moines advertising man, wrote a widely quoted article, "Ten Seconds to Live." It was an imaginary portrayal of the thoughts of a motorist about to be killed in a traffic accident.

Eastman, age 29, and another young man died recently of car crash injuries. The sheriff said Eastman's car "clipped" another automobile while passing it and careened into a bridge. He said it was not known who was driving.

One wonders if Raymond Eastman was conscious ten seconds before he was killed; and if so, what he thought in those ten seconds.

He, of all persons, after having written such an article for automobile drivers, should have been prepared for a sudden and violent death. We trust he was—but how about you?

Are you ready to meet your Maker? If not, take the time right now to settle the most important matter in life, by definitely placing your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Any of us may have only "ten seconds to live."

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA—In two weeks of special meetings the George Evangelistic Team, Ken, Patsy, and Don, of Hobbs, New Mexico, saw very gratifying results. Seven were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.

—David A. Roper, Pastor

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ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA — Battons Cross Road Assembly of God recently experienced a real revival under the preaching of Evangelist Marvin L. Smith of Coral Gables, Florida. The crowds were very good. Neighboring churches co-operated in the revival and were blessed thereby.

—Emmett O. Cordle, Pastor

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PORTLAND, OREGON — Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush recently spent three weeks in Evangel Temple and the church greatly enjoyed their ministry. Souls were saved, believers filled with the blessed Holy Spirit, and sick bodies were healed. Brother Quanabush, formerly a musician in a dance band, gave his testimony "From Pit to Pulpit."

—Joseph Dunets, Pastor

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STONEY POINT, OKLAHOMA—Two weeks of special revival have just been concluded in Birches Chapel. Ten were saved, some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were healed. Testimonies were given of healing from cancer, arthritis, crossed eyes, kidney trouble, gallstones, crooked spine, ulcers, and many other afflictions. The meetings proved a real blessing to nearby churches who co-operated in the effort.

—Leroy Kilpatrick, Pastor

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NORWICH, CONNECTICUT—Evangelists Olive and John Kellner of Geneva, New York recently held a brief series of meetings in a pioneer church in this city. Neighboring pastors H. D. Hanson of Willimantic and O. Petterson of New London co-operated in the meeting. Some 49 came forward to accept Christ and many people were healed. A Catholic family brought their fifteen-year-old daughter for healing. She was totally deaf in one ear and almost so in the other. Her father had the entire story printed in the newspaper and the family is now attending the regular meetings.

—Robert J. Lundstrom, Pastor

RATON, NEW MEXICO—The three-week evangelistic meetings led by Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Ray of Denver, Colorado, proved to be a great benefit to the church and Sunday School. Many visitors came to the church and several backsliders were reclaimed. Several received physical healing, including a man who had had something in his eye for thirty years. The Sunday School attendance showed a good increase.

—Dave E. Laughlin, Pastor

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NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA—The three weeks of special meetings conducted by Evangelist R. M. Hargis were greatly blessed of the Lord. A number of people were saved or reclaimed, nine were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and six were baptized in water. On the night of July 4 the altar service continued until 2 a.m. The revival continues in that one has been filled with the Holy Spirit since the services closed and others have been saved.

—J. R. Daily, Pastor

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—An open-air evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Apostolic Light Assembly of God, and with James Nicholson of Springfield, Missouri, as the evangelist, has just been concluded. Originally the meetings were scheduled for three weeks, but because of the mighty work of the Holy Spirit the campaign lasted five weeks. As a result of the meeting, many new people are coming to the church and the results are very gratifying. There were many testimonies of physical healing. One man who was completely paralyzed on his left side because of damaged nerves was instantly healed. He could neither stand or walk without crutches, but is now perfectly well and attends the services regularly. A woman who had a withered hand for six years was delivered. One lady was healed of a cancerous tumor, several deaf were healed, and one man who had suffered for twenty-seven years with chronic headaches was instantly healed. Many were saved and a number filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Roberto Reyes, Pastor



BAPTIZING CONVERTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

An unusual revival has been sweeping Vereeniging, South Africa, under the leadership of our missionary, Vernon D. Pettenger, and a young Sesuto evangelist, Philip Molefe. Newspaper accounts tell of large quantities of stolen goods and dangerous weapons that were surrendered to the evangelists following the conversion of hundreds of people. A three-piece bedroom suite was the largest item returned. Other articles included 36 table knives, 31 forks, 62 teaspoons, 68 tablespoons, a brass-topped occasional table, five lengths of garden hose and a variety of tools and garden utensils.

Pictured above is a part of the crowd at a baptismal service at which 325 converts were baptized.



CROWDS ATTEND CALIFORNIA REVIVAL LED BY WILBUR OGILVIE

Here are scenes from a recent area-wide tent revival embracing the North Sacramento-Roseville-Carmichael vicinity of California. The meetings were led by Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie (inset) with Pastor E. L. Snyder of North Sacramento serving as General Chairman. Many adjacent Pentecostal churches co-operated and were blessed in this evangelistic effort. As the meetings closed on August 7 there were good reports of many being saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed by the power of God.

PRINEVILLE, OREGON—Some fourteen individuals were saved and one was baptized in the Holy Ghost in a series of special meetings conducted recently in the Crestview Assembly of God with Johnny Hoskins as the evangelist. There were also a number of people who received physical healing. In the baptismal service that followed the campaign there were thirteen who followed the Lord in baptism.

—W. E. Morris, Pastor

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA—The greatest evangelistic meetings in the history of the church have just been concluded. The evangelists were Paul Glover and Jim Collins of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Eight souls were saved and fifteen were filled with the Holy Spirit. A number claimed physical healing. Three were baptized in water and eleven new members came into the church.

—C. E. Gilbert, Pastor

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI—Evangelist Q. D. Edwards and his brother Dwight of Garland, Texas, concluded a two-week series of evangelistic meetings on July 17 in the First Assembly of God. Their ministry in music and word was a blessing to the church. Several sought the Lord for salvation and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Another result of the campaign was a good increase in Sunday School attendance.

—R. C. Davis, Pastor

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS—A unique missionary revival was conducted recently by Evangelist Edith Little. Sister Little laid emphasis upon Women's Missionary Council and children's work. Good crowds gathered from the surrounding area, and during the meeting the Sunday School attendance record was broken.

—L. J. Ray, Pastor

SUMMERDALE, ALABAMA—The church here has been greatly revived under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. G. D. Zercher of San Antonio, Texas. During the meetings some thirty-one came forward for salvation and there were many evidences of the healing power of God. Blind eyes were opened, crossed eyes were straightened and some suffering from arthritis for years were instantly healed.

—A. W. Jackson, Pastor

ATLANTA, GEORGIA—Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Barnes recently held a very profitable revival in the Washington Street Assembly of God. Many who were going through testings were encouraged to hear Brother Barnes tell of his wonderful deliverances from demon torments. The highlight of the revival was a special service wherein the evangelist combined the morning service with the Sunday School and spoke to the entire school. There were approximately 35 saved in that service.

—Jimmy Mayo, Pastor

MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS—A stirring series of meetings were held in the Assembly of God by Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Four were saved and four reclaimed and a number of sick were healed. Each service was different as the presence of God moved mightily upon the people.

—Martha Reed, Pastor

ALTON, ILLINOIS—The Edwards Street Assembly of God recently had an unusually successful evangelistic campaign with the Kenneth L. Marshall Evangelistic Party. On the second Sunday night sixteen came to the altar for salvation. There were a number of miraculous healings and many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, including a young Methodist minister.

—James C. Kofahl, Pastor

LITHIA, FLA.—God signally blessed Evangelist Harry Gorsira in a two-week meeting in the Keysville Assembly. One of the worst drunkards in the community was saved and God completely delivered him from the drink habit. His wife and oldest daughter were also saved and his wife received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When the evangelist left, the pastor carried on the services, and in the final week James M. Turner, pastor of the Lithia Assembly of God, did the preaching.

—J. Russel Mayhue, Pastor

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN—This city experienced 18 wonderful days of revival under the leadership of the Muscial VanderPloegs of Toledo, Ohio. It was the first campaign in the new church building which is not yet finished. Forty-five were saved or reclaimed and 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Over 175 first-time visitors attended the meetings. The Sunday School record was broken on July 17 with an attendance of 194.

—George Krish, Pastor

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—Ross Hickman recently concluded a fine three-week meeting in the Trinity Gospel Tabernacle. The windows of heaven were opened and God moved sinners to repentance. The sick received healing. The church was particularly encouraged as the Pentecostal power fell in the old-time way.

Night after night Evangelist Hickman tarried with the seekers until the midnight hour, and many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Even after the close of the campaign some are receiving their infilling.

—E. Jeannette Jones and Zelma Argue, Co-pastors

“Jesus Christ Sets Man Free!”

An account of God's blessing during the Buntain Evangelistic Campaign in Colombo, Ceylon

By HAROLD KOHL

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS WERE conducted recently in one of Colombo's most popular parks with Evangelist and Mrs. Mark Buntain ministering under the gospel tent.

From the very beginning over 500 people filled the tent to capacity and it became evident that God was going to give us a harvest of souls. A spirit of victory prevailed on the grounds and continued throughout the entire campaign. A large banner over the platform bearing the words, “Jesus Christ sets

man free,” displayed the theme of the meeting.

The very first night a number of people went forward for salvation. Since the main purpose of the meeting was to reach the English-speaking population we considered the attendance at the services very gratifying. The new converts totaled well over 200 for the entire campaign. It was thrilling to see a company of people going forward each night and following our trained personal workers into the prayer tent where each penitent received personal instruction.

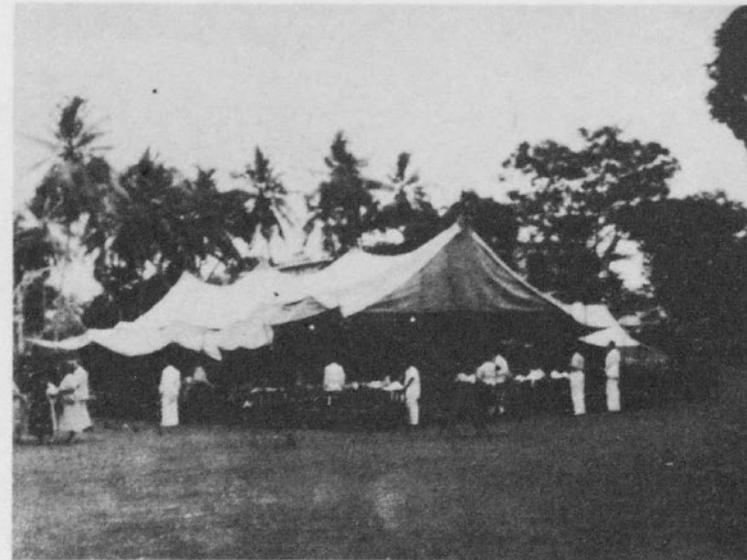
Prayer was offered for the sick, but the majority of those who responded went forward under genuine conviction of sin, and not with a desire for physical healing only. Of course, a good many wanted healing and received healing. Testimonies of healing came in later which delighted our hearts, but we were most happy over the work of grace wrought in the new converts. The healings emphasized the fact that Christ's power can set men free from all the works of the devil.

One outstanding case of salvation bears special mention. A gentleman had heard Brother Buntain preach when on his way to India several months earlier.

The remarkable thing was that conviction of sin had remained upon this man since that time—for almost ten months—but he had refused to attend church. When he learned that Brother Buntain was coming to Colombo for a campaign he purposed to hear him once more, and attended the first night service. Here is his testimony:

“God was dealing with me, but Satan was telling me not to go. I took some drinks which made me the more unhappy and confused. On Monday I came home from work with a headache, and couldn't eat, nor concentrate. I listened to the radio broadcast and heard Pastor Kohl's message, but was still getting worse and worse. That night I could not sleep and asked my wife to pray for me. As my wife prayed I pled the Blood of Jesus. She soon fell asleep and at about 2 a.m. I awakened her, shouting, ‘I am saved! I am saved!’

“At that time my wife really thought I had lost my mind; but I got up, put on the light, and read the Bible. The next day I went to the office, but the devil now driven out from inside started attacking me from outside. I couldn't concentrate on my job, and felt lifeless. I



The tent services were held in a beautiful city park



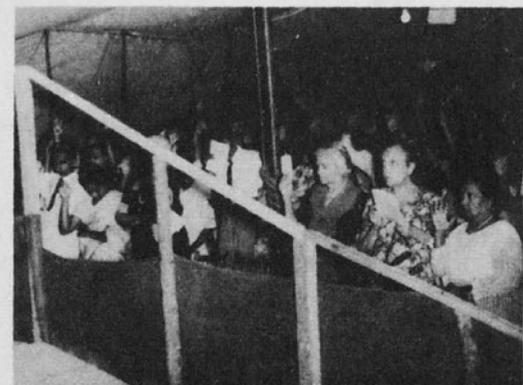
... The evangelists were used of God ...



... Brothers Kohl and Graves led ...



... The Radio group sang well ...



... Many souls were saved ...

came home and started to read the Bible and the tract, 'Ten Ways to Know You Are Saved.' While reading that I began to cry like a child. My wife told me that we could go to the service and let the pastors pray for me.

"Just as I was getting ready for service the devil began to torment me again. I felt that I was going to die, so I shouted—I don't want to go to any meeting. Get a doctor; my mind and body is being choked.' Without telling me, my wife sent a message to Pastor Kohl and Brother Buntain asking them to come and pray for me. The pastor sent word that they would pray at once and come after the service. At about 5 p.m. I told my wife that I felt much better. When

the ministers came to our house after the meeting and prayed I felt the oppression leave me and it has never returned. I now attend the services regularly and am a happy born-again Christian."

This testimony is only one of many that could be published as a result of this campaign.

Following the tent meetings, we moved to the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle for the closing services as a part of our follow-up program. Brother Buntain brought a series of messages on "Victorious Christian Living." We contacted all the new converts by mail and invited them to the meetings. The church was crowded out, and the meetings were so deeply effective that a number of con-

verts are now seeking God to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We praise God for sending the Buntain party our way.

Our problem at the Tabernacle is now one of limited space. We have no room for the people and must buy larger quarters. At present there is an opportunity to buy a certain large church, but funds are still insufficient to make the purchase. Our Christians here have raised \$5,000 themselves but that is not enough.

If you would like to help us buy the property please rush your offering, designated for the Colombo Evangelistic Center, to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Kindly remember this need in prayer.

More Than a Thousand Study Bible Courses

By KENNETH E. WEIGEL

Director, Home Study Division, Southern Asia Bible Institute

THE TEACHING INFLUENCE OF SOUTHERN Asia Bible Institute extends far beyond the borders of its classrooms. Throughout Southeast Asia hundreds of students receive their Bible studies by mail.

As far as we can determine, the first student was enrolled on June 17, 1952. Alfred Cawston was then Principal of S.A.B.I. and in the midst of a busy building program. Joseph P. Thomas, who had a busy teaching schedule in the Institute, was appointed secretary of the correspondence school on a part-time basis.

Because all courses were sold at first, only a few enrolled, for not many could afford to buy them. Since that time, however, the prices have been drastically reduced. First they were cut from one dollar for each book to forty-two cents. In June of this year the price was again reduced to eighteen cents. Shortly a new advertising campaign will be built around this low price.

Until November 1953 only thirteen enrolled. In that month the "Introduction to Life" broadcast announced over Radio Ceylon that all who would request it could take the course on *The*

Life of Christ free of charge. A few days later, Harold Kohl, the program director, sent fifteen names to secretary J. P. Thomas. When the writer arrived in India on January 4, 1954, about fifty-five students were taking the correspondence course.

The new director took charge in June, 1954, when the enrollment had increased to 160. To supplement the radio advertising, leaflets, posters, and circulars were sent to many missionaries and national workers. Later, cards urging students to enroll a friend were enclosed with every study book sent out.

The advertising effort seemed to have failed, for not until August 30 did the 200th student enroll. But the numbers grew, until by October 14 there were 300; by November 12, 400; and the year ended with 508 home study students. When school closed this spring there were over 900 enrolled. A record was set on February 13 when 86 new names were received in one day. By August 1, 1955, the enrollment had increased to over 1100 which was indeed a great victory for the school.

Before many months it was evident that the course on *The Life of Christ* which was written for Americans needed revision to serve India better. D. D. Dasen, J. P. Thomas, and the writer have completed the revision of the first book. Book Two is now being revised and Book One is being translated into Tamil. Before long, translations of the course on *The Life of Christ* will be started in several other languages.

Many have expressed their appreciation in terms similar to these—"This course has been a great help to me. Though I was taking various Bible courses I never spent much time on them as the papers were easy. I really had to spend sufficient time on this one. It inspired me to study. I find it very helpful to my Sunday School teaching."

Many students have no knowledge of Christ as their Saviour. Some are new in the faith, while still others are mature Christians studying for their personal edification. Pray for these 1100 students.

We are going forward as fast as funds permit, but our pace is slow at present. You can help us progress more rapidly by sending your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department designated "K. E. Weigel for the Home Study Division."

MISSIONARY News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cummings arrived in New York from India on August 8.

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The Bronnie Stroud family of Gold Coast, West Africa, arrived in the United States early in August.

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Glenda Joy arrived on August 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pettenger in South Africa.

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A cable was received from Djakarta, Indonesia, telling of the safe arrival of the H. R. Carlblooms.

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A news note in the July 24 Evangel read that P. E. Brown and family had arrived safely in Buenos Aires. This should have read, "Since the unrest in Buenos Aires is over, Paul E. Brown and family are safe."

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
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PAUL THE COURAGEOUS—Acts 27:20-44

“And now I exhort you to be of good cheer” (v. 22).

Paul had a message of faith and deliverance for men in the midst of a storm so terrible that they had given up hope for their lives. That was wonderful. But what is much more wonderful is the fact that we can afford to be of good cheer as we face the storms of 1955! How?

1. By remembering our relationship to God. “Whose I am,” said Paul. There is strength in knowing that we are God’s, and that God will take good care of His property! See Philip-
 pians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:5; 2 Timothy 1:12.

2. By serving God and not ourselves. “Whom I serve,” said Paul. Paul was not running his own errands. He was not engaged in advancing the interest of his own ego! On the contrary, he was motivated purely by the love of Christ and devoted entirely to the person and service of Christ. If we are serving Christ and not self, we cannot lose out in any storm!

3. By believing God. “Sirs, . . . I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.” The Lord sent Paul an angelic messenger with a specific word for the specific occasion. Paul had no New Testament, hence the angel. We have the Word. If we will wait on God, in the time of storm He will bring to us some specific word by the Spirit. Let us believe God. “This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

—J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THURSDAY, September 8

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST—Romans 8:31-39

“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (v. 34).

WATER FROM ABOVE



Daily
 DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, September 5

DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN—1 Chronicles 11:10-20

“And the three brake through the host of the Philistines” (v. 18).

This is a day of majority rule. The crowd sets the pace. Men seem possessed of a desire to be like everyone else. However, that is not true with God. In this instance three men outwitted and overcame the hosts of the Philistines to draw water out of the wells of Bethlehem so that their master David might drink.

Jesus said, “If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Evidently God puts a premium on the two's and three's who will trust in Him completely.

Public opinion is very strong, but Christ did not always observe and concur with public opinion. Neither did the apostles, or the Old Testament worthies. Caleb and Joshua were in the minority. David fought Goliath alone. Many times Moses stood out against the murmuring of all the children of Israel. Nehemiah was a solitary figure while going through the ruins of Jerusalem.

“And the three brake through. . . .” There is “water” in the well for those who will break through the hosts of the “Philistines” even today. Little is much when God is in it. Let us press through and overcome them. Trusting in our Lord we can say with the apostle Paul, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

—T. E. HOLLINGSWORTH

TUESDAY, September 6

THE GREAT KING—Psalm 2

“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh” (v. 4).

This Psalm concerns the end time, in which there will be deliberate and organized opposition to God in order to set aside the laws and interests of His kingdom.

Notwithstanding all hostile efforts of men, God is still on the throne. The fact that He is described as *sitting* shows that He remains altogether unaffected. He does not even arise from His throne in concern over world conditions, as though He had reason to worry. In spite of the rage of the nations and the consultation among the rulers, God sees no cause for alarm. So He remains seated in undisturbed confidence.

Not only does God fail to get excited over the rebellion of men—He even laughs. God is both reposing and amused upon His throne. If God does not worry over world conditions, why should we? Why should not the child of God be at rest in the full assurance that God has all events under His firm control?

—WALTER H. BEUTLER

There are few human feelings more unpleasant than that of being condemned. To be condemned by associates, friends, family, is agony far deeper than physical suffering, but to be self-condemned is perhaps worse yet. Almost every sincere Christian is faced ultimately with both types of condemnation.

Peter had to overcome the pain of remembering his denial of Christ. And later, faced by condemnation from without, he was able to say, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Paul knew anguish of soul, and in memory he must have despised himself, as he cried, "In my flesh dwelleth no good thing"; but he added in victory, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." He taught and lived the principle that a person ought to keep himself as nearly as possible above reproach, but when condemnation had to be faced he did not fear to magnify his office as a minister of the Lord.

David, too, accused himself mercilessly. "My sin is ever before me," he said. Yet because he repented he was vindicated before his enemies.

So it is with you and me. If we serve faithfully where God has placed us we need not fear condemnation from without, nor need we submit to the more subtle condemnation from within. So long as we love and trust our Saviour we can rest in the assurance that He intercedes before the Father for us.

—BILLIE C. DAVIS

FRIDAY, September 9

THE WEAK MADE STRONG—Joel 3:9-17

"Let the weak say, I am strong (v. 10).

It is generally conceded that Joel's prophecy relates to the end of this age and the events that will usher in "the day of the Lord." Probably there was a partial fulfillment in the history of Judah, but the final consummation is yet to come.

In verse 10 God hurls a strange and mocking challenge to His enemies and those of Judah, "Let the weak say, I am strong."

Two applications may be made of these words. First, the exegetical interpretation: In the end of this age the enemies of God, with whom He once pled, will become so universally antagonistic to God and His people that even the weak among them shall fancy themselves strong enough to oppose God. That day is even now upon us.

Secondly: the righteous, who are weak, may say, "I am strong," for the outpouring of the Spirit as promised in the preceding chapter will make them strong (Joel 2:28, 29). Those who receive this promise are empowered to resist the



Saved Through REVIVALTIME!

The message of REVIVALTIME has reached another home and another heart! A letter reached the radio office recently requesting prayer for a husband who needed the Lord. God heard and answered prayer. This husband was saved in his home and shortly afterward was baptized in water by B. M. Slye, pastor of the Assembly of God in Rockville, Maryland. This scene is pictured above.

Mrs. A. L. Little writes, concerning her husband's change: "I am truly thankful to God and to your staff who prayed with me. Many times the road looked so dark, but I didn't give up. I just held on to God in prayer. Yet, I couldn't get my husband to go to church with me, and he didn't understand the Bible very well. He then started reading and searching God's Word. He stopped working on Sunday, and started going to church and Sunday School with me. It wasn't long until he made confession

and was baptized, and now I am so happy for we pray together."

Mr. Little also expresses his joy. He writes: "Yes, Jesus loves me. He saved my soul and gave me knowledge. He has blessed me in many ways and I have surrendered myself to Him. I praise God for all He has done for me. I am going to thank Him all my life. I thank God when I go to bed, and when I get up. He is always present. I know God is with me. I can feel Him in my soul."

Every week, new letters similar to those above come to the Radio Department telling of souls that have been saved. Your offering is urgently needed to keep REVIVALTIME'S SALVATION MESSAGE going to those in need of Christ. Send your contribution today to:

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CURED OF CANCER (Acts 4:29, 30)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 4

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



enemy through the resources of the Holy Spirit.

—MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON

SATURDAY, September 10

ALL KINGS AND PRIESTS—Revelation 1:1-8

The Scripture clearly teaches that the children of God will reign with Christ upon the earth. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

Who will reign with Christ when "the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory" (Jer. 4:2)? Those who crown Jesus King of their hearts and lives in this world. Who will

be priests then? Those who live very close to His heart now and who drink into their hearts very much of the nature of Him of whom it is written, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). They will be priests unto Him when He comes into His earthly Kingdom, for His priests must have the nature of God.

If we are to reign with Christ in His millennial kingdom, we must allow Him to reign supreme in our hearts now. If we are to be priests then, we must engage in priestly intercession now. Let us prepare now for our eternal ministry as kings and priests.

—ALMA WARE CROSBY

REVIVALTIME Giving



Two top Districts will be honored as a result of their 1955 giving to REVIVALTIME. At the end of the calendar year, the offerings will be totalled, and two District Superintendents will be brought to Springfield and presented with an award on the broadcast sometime in February. One award will be to the District that gave the largest TOTAL AMOUNT during the year. The other will go to the District that gave the most PER CHURCH.

Help put your District among the TOP TEN each month by sending your offering to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO. Total giving from January through July, 1955, in both categories is as follows:

TOTAL GIVING		AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH	
1. Northwest	\$7,368.76	1. New York	\$43.27
2. Eastern	7,003.85	2. Ohio	37.37
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5. Southern Missouri	5,786.40	5. Northwest	30.20
6. Southern California	5,050.98	6. Montana	29.86
7. Michigan	4,609.47	7. Michigan	29.55
8. Illinois	4,383.41	8. Nebraska	28.73
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There's Power in the Printed Page

hood. He is now preparing for the Protestant ministry.

Children are delighted to receive colorful, interesting tracts. Give them tracts whenever you see them. If they can't read the tracts, you can be sure that they will bother their parents with a "tell me that story" plea until they find out what the tracts say. In this way you reach at least two souls with a tract that costs about half a cent. For the cost of a package of gum you can buy ten soul-winning tracts.

What about the milkman, baker, newspaper boy, or the others who call at your door? Do you let them go away without the good news? You don't have time to preach a profound sermon, but you do have time to hand them a gospel tract. There's a mission field right at your doorstep!

Do you leave a tip for the waitress? Why not leave a tract, too? Or leave a tract on the napkin holder.

When you travel, distribute tracts wrapped in red wax paper. After rolling the tracts in the paper, twist the ends tight, so it looks like a candy stick. The rain won't spoil them, thanks to the wax paper. You'll find it easy to throw these by farm gates, on the porches of city homes, or to people along the street. People are curious. They will want to see what's inside those "candy sticks."

In this way you can make every mile a "gospel mile!"

Bus and railway depots sometimes give permission for a church group to put a tract holder in the waiting room. By having an announcement of your church services stamped on the tracts, you may attract travelers to attend your services.

NO TIME TO LOSE!

The hour is late! Opportunity has wings! It's either now or never, Christ or chaos, revival or revolution! Sensing the need of spreading the gospel quickly, the Assemblies of God are spearheading another great, God-glorifying tract campaign. It calls for the wholehearted cooperation of every sincere Christian, especially our energetic C.A.'s.

These "Hi Neighbor" tracts are eye-catching and heart-warming. They are well-written and are printed on good paper. Support this tract campaign with your prayers, and help to spread the "good news" yourself.

Remember, it's not what you can do, but what you will do that counts! Do something and do it today! Give tracts to your unsaved friends, for there is power in the printed page!

NORTH TEXAS CAMP ENJOYS MINISTRY OF WILFRED BROWN

DENISON-SHERMAN, TEX.—We have had a wonderful camp meeting at the Woodlake Camp Grounds. Every service was crowned with the presence and blessing of God. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, was our camp speaker. His anointed ministry was inspiring and uplifting. His humble and gracious manner will be remembered by all who attended.

In every phase the camp this year seemed to be the best we have had. The Texas District

Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, Missionary Secretary, and other well-known ministers preached in the afternoon services. The people were jubilant in their praise and thanksgiving to God for His blessings. The North Texas Camp is expanding, and should the Lord tarry, we believe we will have even a greater camp next year.—Earl J. Rogers, Chairman.

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.

ANADARKO, OKLA.—Begins Sept. 11; George Evangelistic Team. (Olen Craig is Pastor.)

LUBBOCK, TEX.—Central Assembly of God, begins Sept. 11; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (Glen Stafford is Pastor.)

GLASGOW, MONT.—Aug. 30—Sept. 11; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (A. H. Miller is Pastor.)

DAYTON, OHIO—Central Assembly of God, 1420 E. 4th St., Sept. 6—18; Evangelist John Higginbotham, Cleveland, Ohio.—by I. W. Phillips, Pastor.

TRAFFORD, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, 504-510 Cavitt Ave., Sept. 11—Oct. 2; Evangelist L. C. Robie, Union Springs, N. Y.—by H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

CLOVIS, N. MEX.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 13—25; Evangelist Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick.—by Paul W. Savage, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Sectional Workers' Training Course, Sept. 11—16; Phil Wannemacher, Supervisor Workers' Training, Springfield, Missouri.

CRESO, PA.—Full Gospel Assembly, Sept. 13—25; Evangelist William A. Caldwell, Conyngham, Pa. (David Wellard is Pastor.)

MEMPHIS, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 11—25; Evangelist Willard Cantelon.—by James E. Hamill, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Assembly of God, begins Sept. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. E. H. Sherratt, Oakland, Calif. (R. H. Broadhead is Pastor.)

DAVENPORT, WASH.—Gospel Tabernacle, begins Sept. 18; Evangelist Allan Wood, Mountlake Terrace, Wash.—by Franklin Schneider, Pastor.

ROSEVILLE, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 30—Sept. 11; Musical Silvatones. (R. A. Wilson Sr. is Pastor.)

WEATHERFORD, TEX.—Assembly of God, begins Sept. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Ollen Sommerville is Pastor.)

GREENWOOD, S. C.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—18; Evangelist Hollis E. Petersen and the Musical Petersens.—by Ruby Hazel Duck, Pastor.

CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.—Begins Sept. 11; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn. (D. L. Rhodes is Pastor.)

BRIDGEPORT, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Sept. 4—25; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif. (Kenneth Crouse is Pastor.)

HAPPY CAMP, CALIF.—American Indian Fellowship Meetings, Sept. 16—18; Indian speakers.—by E. M. Clark, Pastor.

CAMDEN, ARK.—First Assembly of God, begins Sept. 11; Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Jepson, Ashland, Oreg. (A. W. Tanner is Pastor.)

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Normal Assembly of God, begins Sept. 7; Evangelist John H. Bostrom, San Gabriel, Calif.—by Floyd H. Jones, Pastor.

JORDAN, MONT.—Assembly of God, Sept. 7—18; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich. (Aura Arney is Pastor.)

CALDWELL, KANS.—Assembly of God, Sept. 11—25; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (John Morar is Pastor.)

YUMA, ARIZ.—First Assembly of God, Ninth St. at Sixth Ave., begins Sept. 14; Evangelist E. R. Winter, Deming, N. Mex. (O. W. Killingsworth is Pastor.)

MONTREAL, CANADA—Verdun Gospel Tabernacle, 252 Gordon Ave., begins Sept. 11; Hardt Evangelistic Party, York, Pa. (J. D. Piper is Pastor.)

FOREST GROVE, OREG.—Assembly of God, 17th Ave. and A St., began August 28; Evangelist and Mrs. Johnny Hoskins, Prineville, Oreg. (Ward Honey is Pastor.)

BRANTFORD, ONT., CANADA—Evangel Pentecostal Church, begins Sept. 11; Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (Don Emmons is Pastor.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, 12th and "C" Sts. S.W., begins Sept. 11; Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge, Tulsa, Okla.—by Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

LANCASTER, PA.—Tent meeting, Maple Grove Park, W. Lincoln Highway, Aug. 30—Sept. 11; Evangelist William A. Caldwell, Conyngham, Pa. (Herbert Jones is Pastor.)

GRESHAM, OREG.—Assembly of God, Lawrence and Kelly Sts., Sept. 4—18; Evangelist Paul Cantelon and party of Canada.—by Tom H. Fuller, Pastor.

SPRINGERVILLE, ARIZ.—Evangelistic Bible Conference, American Legion Hall, begins Sept. 9; Evangelist Byron D. Jones, Wilkes Barre, Pa. (Ann Dudish is Pastor.)

OWENSBORO, KY.—Owensboro Revival Center, 4th and Crittendon, begins Sept. 11; Evangelist and Mrs. Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex. (Waymon L. Rodgers is Pastor.)

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 1901—31st E., Sept. 11—25; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson. (J. Bashford Bishop is Pastor.)

STEELTON, PA.—Full Gospel Assembly, 215 Pine St., Sept. 6—18; Evangelist Albert D. Skymer, Audubon, N. J.—by Anthony R. Mayeski, Pastor.

GALESBURG, ILL.—Calvary Assembly of God, 266 E. South St., Sept. 11—25; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle, Seattle, Wash. (H. J. Walterman Jr. is Pastor.)

EASTERN DISTRICT RALLY—Living Waters Camp Grounds, near Cherry Tree, Pa., Labor Day, Sept. 5; Lorne Case of Canada, speaker. Special music by Erie Gospel Quartet. Services at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.—by David L. Hardt.

ALABAMA DISTRICT S. S. TOUR—Sept. 12—30; D. V. Hurst, Springfield, Mo. Mobile, Sept. 12; Demopolis, Sept. 13; Tuscaloosa, Sept. 15; Florence, Sept. 16; Birmingham, Sept. 19; Montgomery, Sept. 20; Anniston, Sept. 22; Sylacauga, Sept. 23; Phenix City, Sept. 26; Dothan, Sept. 27; Andalusia, Sept. 29; Monroeville, Sept. 30.

WACO, TEX.—Fifteenth anniversary of 18th and Pine Assembly of God, Sept. 25. Services 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:45 p.m. Dinner on the grounds at noon. Evangelist Richard Vinyard, who opens a salvation-healing campaign that day, will speak. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—by Hardie G. Weathers, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW CHURCH—We have started a new Assembly in Gallipolis, Ohio, located at 1413 Eastern Ave. If you have friends here, please send us their names and addresses.—R. E. Howard.

WITH CHRIST

FRED LOHMANN, 71, St. Louis, Mo. went to his heavenly reward August 12, 1955. Brother Lohmann had been in ill health for almost a year. He was ordained in 1911. He pastored the Trinity Tabernacle in St. Louis for 34 years.

MATTHEW L. THOMPSON, 56, of Jacksonville, Fla. went to be with the Lord July 25, 1955. Brother Thompson suffered a heart attack on July 22 while visiting relatives in Eldorado Springs, Mo. Ordained in 1942, he had resided in Jacksonville 12 years and was pastor of the Murray Hill Assembly of God. He also pastored the Norwood Assembly of God for several years.

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SEPTEMBER 11 - OCTOBER 30

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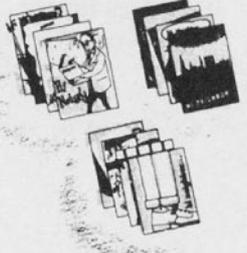
You can transform your young people from a problem into a powerhouse if you just put them to work!

C. A. groups everywhere are setting aside the time from September 11 to October 30 for an all out TRACTemphasis. The national goal is the distribution of one million tracts during this period. And Hi Neighbor Day is the KICKOFF!

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Gospel Mission At North Pole



need for a suitable place of worship became apparent. With this need weighing heavily upon their hearts, the Teeters decided to return to the States.

Brother Teeter was also suffering from complications resulting from an accident. He had fallen on an icy street and broken his hip. We are happy to report that he has now recovered sufficiently to return to Alaska where he is endeavoring to build a log church before winter. All of the logs have been cut for the structure. A lot valued at one thousand dollars has been given to the church by a business firm in North Pole. The people of the little town are anxious to complete the building and are helping in many ways. In the interim the mayor of North Pole has granted the group the use of one of the Civil Defense buildings.

Because of the condition in his hip, Brother Teeter cannot do many of the things he would like to do in the construction of the building. However, he plans to do all the wiring and plumbing. Funds are needed to finish the church before winter sets in at North Pole.

Situated near two large Air Force bases whose personnel is continually changing, this mission station will influence the lives of many people. Because you give, many a serviceman and his family will receive the Full Gospel.

National Home Missions Department
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield 1, Missouri

North Pole, Alaska, is a small settlement located fourteen miles from Fairbanks between two large Air Force bases. The original nucleus of pioneers has mushroomed into a sizeable town with a post office, store, garages, and the ever-present bars and places of worldly amusement. Made up largely of military personnel and their families, the population of North Pole numbers about six hundred. There are also large trailer courts, clusters of homestead settlers, and small business ventures along the busy highway.

On December 6, 1953, the Teeter family, together with their co-worker, Phyllis Bates, were impressed by the need

for a Full Gospel witness in this frontier town. They began holding services in an Army Surplus quonset hut, which also served as the town theatre. The hut was not insulated. When the temperature spiralled downward more cardboard boxes were flattened out and nailed to the tin walls; more coal was shovelled into the hungry stove; and more layers of fur clothing piled on top of an already capacity load.

In spite of the trying rigors of the first winter, attendance steadily increased. Average attendance at the present time is thirty-five with a record attendance of seventy-five at Easter.

When the quonset hut was sold, the

RIGHT: The Ford station wagon which serves as a Sunday School bus at North Pole. The operation is expensive, since gasoline costs from forty-six to fifty-two cents a gallon. Funds are needed to help meet the payments on this vehicle. A portion of North Pole can be seen in the background of the photo. BOTTOM LEFT: The Richard Teeter family. Left to right, they are Carrie, Mrs. Teeter, Bernice, baby Ricky, Mr. Teeter, Mac. BOTTOM RIGHT: The army quonset hut which was used for services the first year.

