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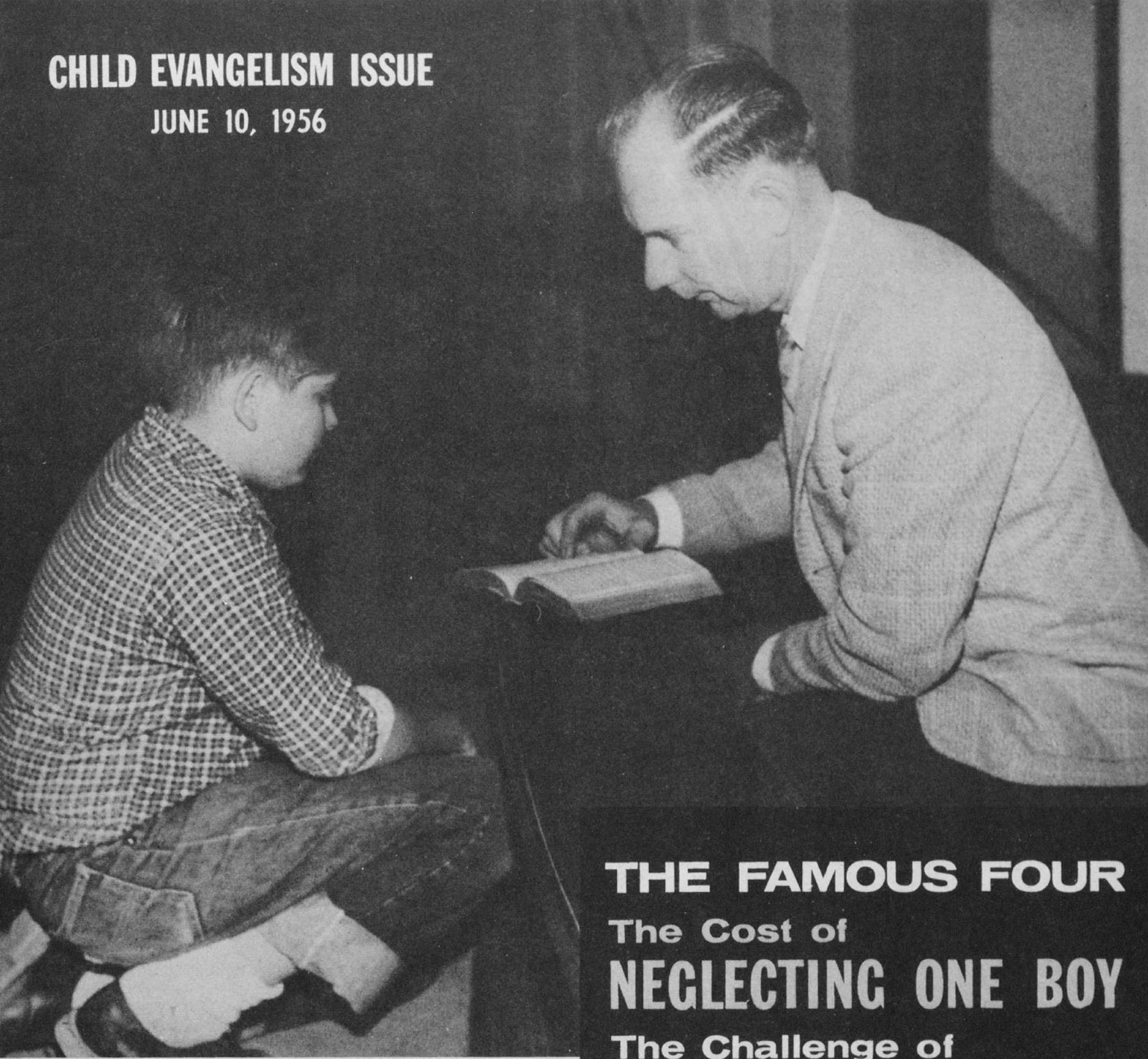
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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Evangelizing the Children

"Unless we take care of the rising generation, the present revival of religion will be only the age of a man." It was John Wesley who made that statement many years ago, and his words can be applied to the present Pentecostal revival as truly as to the early Methodist revival. We must win the boys and girls to Christ and we must indoctrinate them with the full gospel truth or the world-wide Pentecostal flame will flicker and die.

Not only should we think of preserving this Movement, but we should remember that children are the key to open the hearts of many adults. The early Methodists found it so. Wesley said, "Is this not a new thing upon the earth? God begins His work in children. . . . Thus the flame spreads to those of riper years." Many a family has been reached and won for Christ by getting one of the children into a children's meeting or Sunday School; and many a parent has been saved through the truth that a child has taken home.

But the main reason for child evangelism is the urgent spiritual need of the children themselves. Satan is getting his grip on them at a very early age these days. There has been an alarming increase in the number of boys and girls below fifteen years of age that have been arrested during the past year. It is more imperative than ever that we win them while they are young. It will be far more difficult to win them after they are grown. An investigation revealed that ninety per cent of the Christians living today were converted between the ages of twelve and twenty. Have no doubt about the depth of a childhood conversion. Some of the soundest conversions take place between the ages of ten and thirteen. And what an opportunity there is to sow the gospel seed in the hearts of the young. No ground is more promising, more receptive, more fertile than the tender heart of a child—and the Master taught us to sow the gospel seed on good ground.

A ragged little girl recently walked into a Sunday School and asked, "Is this the way to heaven?" That is a good question. In many cases it is; in every case it should be. For the purpose in Sunday School and in all children's work of the church is to win boys and girls for Christ, and then to train them to live for Him.

The ideal of Sunday School teaching is well illustrated by two statues which the Swiss erected in honor of the great teacher, Pestalozzi. The first statue represents the teacher with two children by his side—a boy and a girl. But the children's faces are turned up toward him. Their eyes are fixed intently upon him. A number of years later, the Swiss people decided it did not truly represent their great teacher, so they built a second statue in which a single child stands beside Pestalozzi. As in the first statue, the face of the teacher is turned down toward his pupil, and he appears to be pouring out his very heart for the boy's enlightenment. But the eyes of the boy, instead of being fixed on the teacher, are gazing out into the great beyond.

Our task is not to attract the children to ourselves, nor even to our church, but to point them to the Saviour.

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LIFE HAS SO MANY COMPLEXITIES. Many times we are not sure what we should do. How often our decisions are affected by some crisis of life. We submit to a situation as long as we can bear it, until the breaking point comes. Then, forced to a decision at the last moment, we take a desperate chance in hope of survival.

Very few people live tranquil, uneventful lives. And even if someone's life *seems* to be without a ripple, it may be only because we are not close enough to him to observe the tempest when the storm strikes in its fury.

We face a changing world with constant fluctuations in every sphere. From the heights of divine revelation to the depths of reality—such is life for most of us. Christ descended from the Mount of Transfiguration to the valley below, where He was immediately confronted by the father of a demon-possessed boy. Job, who had lived in security and wealth, was plunged suddenly into poverty and sickness. David, at the height of his career, commanded Joab to number the children of Israel, and this act resulted in 70,000 deaths for his people and deep humiliation for himself. Peter, who by revelation said, "Thou art the Christ!" also thrice denied his Lord shortly afterwards.

ACCEPTING A CHALLENGE

When meeting an obstruction, men must rise to the challenge or accept defeat. Second Kings 7 tells about four leprous men who sat at the gate of Samaria. These men could not get into the city to live normal, protected lives, because they were lepers. And the city was besieged by the Syrians, so that their food supply was gone. Hence, these four emaciated fellows squatted dejectedly by the city gate, discussing their meager chances of surviving a few days more.

In one of these men, the human craving for food and nourishment reached the limit of endurance. He demanded of his fellow sufferers, "Why sit we here until we die?" This is the first basic reason why these four became famous: faced with starvation, they accepted the challenge and refused to remain passive any longer.

THE FAMOUS FOUR

by Howard S. Bush

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Many today are still waiting for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, the opportunity that is just around the corner. But, neighbor, the implication of the leper's question is obvious: *to sit is to die!* Sitting and dreaming will never support a family, build a church, operate a business, or stabilize a government. Death is the natural result of just sitting and doing nothing.

Christ compared the kingdom of heaven to an owner of an estate who went out in the morning to hire workers. Throughout the day he continued to employ such as he could find. "About five he went out again and found still others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here all day doing nothing?' They answered him, 'Because nobody has hired

us'" (Matthew 20:6, 7, *Williams*). We give so many excuses for not being hired. "The job isn't right." "I'm not suited for that type of work." "I'm afraid I can't do it." And so, because we are dissatisfied, fearful, unconcerned, afflicted with Lazy-bone-itis, we do nothing.

The famous four knew that if they were to stay at the gate, death was inevitable for them. In their desperation, they determined to risk their lives by going to the Syrian camp for food. It was a terrific struggle to drag their weak, weary, pain-racked bodies over that dusty road to the Syrian camp—but they made it. Praise God, they made it! And what a surprise awaited them! No welcome committee. No outer guards. No one at all in the camp! Could it be possible that the camp was deserted? Yes! the enemy had fled very suddenly, leaving everything behind. "For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, . . . even the camp as it was, and fled for their life."

Eagerly the four hungry lepers stumbled into the first tent they found, and pounced upon the food. For the moment, everything else was forgotten in their craving for food. They forgot the famine at home, and the Syrians who might return suddenly. All they could think of was the good taste of food in their poor shrunken stomachs. They were glad they had accepted the challenge and had ventured forth. Will you accept the challenge to try life, explore it to the full in the will of God, and find the solid satisfaction Christ offers you?

SHARING GOOD NEWS

The four lepers had won a great physical victory. Next they won a great moral victory. "Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us:



by Margaret Bernhardt

"I MAGNIFY

ARE THEY NOT FOLLOWING THE Lord afar off? Have they not missed the Lord's will for their lives?" These and other questions have undoubtedly arisen in the thinking of many well-meaning, sincere Christians concerning our Bible School graduates who have entered the field of public education.

Permit me to speak in behalf of the Christian public school teacher. Perhaps I shall be able to answer some of your questions. Do not misunderstand me. This is not defense of all educational practices. No organization, religious or otherwise, is perfect. The character of the people comprising the organization and the principles by which these people are guided determine, to a great extent, the degree of perfection of the organization.

The apostle Paul, declaring himself to be the apostle to the Gentiles, said,

A Christian public school teacher discusses her profession in relation to the

"I magnify (glorify) my office" (Romans 11:13). What did he mean? A twentieth-century writer might elaborate by saying, "I hold an important position. Upon me rest many responsibilities." This is not the voice of pride, for at another time he speaks of himself as "the least of all saints." In this declaration Paul acknowledges his key position and expresses his awareness of the magnitude of the task assigned him. That he was devoted to the cause of preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles cannot be denied. Many times he must

have mused: "This is an important role assigned me by the Master... a role which not everyone can fill. I shall strive to please the One Who has chosen me. Let it be said of me, that on life's stage I played my part well. Perhaps by glorifying my office I shall be able to arouse those of my own flesh to become more concerned about their spiritual condition."

The attitude of Paul toward his work should be the attitude of every minister, teacher, or public servant. Do we consider the school an important part of

The Famous Four (Continued)

now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." These men recognized their obligation to their brethren who were also starving. With a good supply of food all around them in the Syrian camp, they said, "If we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us."

Friend, have you ever stopped long enough to consider the needs around you? The cold fact is that most people are totally indifferent to the needs of others. Their vision is limited. Their desires are selfish. Most folk do not respond with vigor to the "call to duty"; they are lackadaisical. But think what a reward awaits the person who not only responds to the call of duty, but goes above and beyond what is required of him! Thank God for those consecrated saints who have laid their all on the altar of sacrifice, and have willingly labored in behalf of Christ and souls.

We have a moral obligation to help lift the load of others. If we ignore this challenge "we do not well." Jesus told the story of a traveler who was attacked by robbers, who stripped him and wounded him and left him half dead

by the roadside. A certain priest passed by that man, and left him there. Shortly afterwards a Levite also passed by with upturned nose and a "holier-than-thou" attitude. Neither one had time nor desire to stop and see if the fellow needed help. But a Samaritan, moved upon with pity and compassion, stopped and poured oil into his wounds, and took him to an inn for rehabilitation. In terse language Jesus concluded the lesson by telling his audience, "Go, and do thou likewise."

In the city of Samaria, the prophet Elisha had predicted plenty on the morrow, but one unbeliever had protested, "Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?" Oh, how often we find it difficult to exercise faith in the hour of fear. Torn between the promise of the Spirit and the reality of the flesh, men find it hard to believe. Some find it easy to pray for others, but so hard to pray for themselves. In the darkness of mental gloom they say, "Can God possibly open the windows of heaven? Does God have windows in heaven?"

And then it happened! There came the shrill cry of the four men outside the gate, "There is plenty! If you want

food, go help yourself!" Ah, there is the answer, neighbor. There is food for the taking. But you must take it yourself. I would like to think that the spokesman who first suggested that the four go to the Syrian camp was the same one who suggested returning to Samaria to share the good news of food. He encouraged the other three. They became the "famous four" because of the unselfishness of their leader.

In the New Testament there was another group of four who are also famous. Unknown as were the four lepers, they won their fame by carrying a man to Christ. When obstacles confronted their path and it looked as though they were not going to be able to reach Jesus with their sick friend, they made a hole in the roof and let him down before the Master. Healing was granted because of their faith and because they accepted the challenge to help their brother.

May God help us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Either we shall accept the "do nothing" attitude and die, or we shall arise to the occasion and be strong in mind, in faith, in body, and in spirit, fulfilling God's will in our lives and thereby saving ourselves and others.

MY OFFICE"

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work of the Kingdom of God.

our democratic society? Is it possible for democracy and the freedoms for which it stands to survive unless its adherents have a proper understanding of the principles of Christianity? Is it important that our educators be of sound Christian character? With our society becoming more and more complex, and with conflicting ideologies bidding for the minds of our youth, it becomes increasingly more important that our youth have a keen sense of moral and spiritual values to hold back the flood tides of iniquity that would engulf them. In times of crises we must be able to draw strength and courage from spiritual resources. That nation is strong whose trust is in God. The church alone cannot do it; neither can the school nor the home. The church, the school, and the home must co-operate in building character in our youth.

According to J. Edgar Hoover, only half of the youth in America are being reached by the church. On the other hand, public school attendance is required. Our secondary schools have had a growth unparalleled anywhere in the world outside of Russia; over nine million boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and seventeen are enrolled in our secondary schools alone. Add to this number the millions enrolled in the elementary schools. True, we teachers are not permitted to teach religion in our classes, but the students may certainly be subjected to the godly, faith-inspiring influence of a Christian teacher who puts into practice her religion.

The position of the Christian school teacher should be magnified because of the services rendered. As counselor, a teacher is often in a position to discuss problems with the student who



Students in science classes are sure to be influenced by their teacher's personal beliefs.

feels that he cannot discuss these problems with his parents. The teacher's love for her students, her patience and kindness mingled with firmness, her joy in performing her tasks, and her understanding of the problems of youth surely make her "a living epistle" known and read by all her pupils. Even the non-reader understands this language of the spirit.

Are you a young person looking for a vocation with a challenge? The field of education presents just that. It calls forth the best in a teacher's Christian character and also exposes one's weakest points under stress. No one will deny that Christianity is needed in our school system. Godly influences within the ranks of education (let us call it "infiltration tactics") will work far more effectively than pressure extended from the outside. What a challenge to bear

the fruit of the Spirit among many who are not spiritually minded! As the light of the world and the salt of the earth, the Christian teacher's influence may be felt by dispelling spiritual darkness and preserving from moral decay. Teaching presents an intellectual challenge which few vocations present. The teacher must be an informed person on all important current issues. Teaching brings one in contact with rich and poor, bright and dull, challenging one to understand and work with all classes.

Last, but by no means least, teaching may be an open door for greater Christian service. Foreign mission fields are requesting more and more that prospective missionaries be trained as teachers, thus recognizing teaching as an important phase of the Christian ministry. Is it any wonder that I magnify my office?

"...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."



Brother and Sister Webb and their children, Tommy and Sue, are shown in their home. Brother Webb, an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, is Executive Director of the National Sunday School Department.

"Train Up a Child"

by BERT WEBB

THE WORD OF THE LORD CONTAINS the promise, "Train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

This unqualified statement of fact adds substance to the hope of all Christian parents. Faithful instruction in the Scriptures and proper training according to the Scriptures will prepare a child to accept Christ and help him to walk in the paths of righteousness.

God's order to Israel was that they should teach their children the right ways of the Lord, to the end that the children might become God-fearing heads of families. Thus a strong nation would be developed as an example to all the surrounding nations, showing that the wise thing to do is to serve the living God.

Something of the value of parental instruction and example is indicated in the New Testament also. The apostle Paul wrote to the young man Timothy, saying, "I call to remembrance the un-

feigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." There is every guarantee in the Scriptures that if parents faithfully teach their children from infancy the ways of the Lord, the children will confess Christ as their personal Saviour when they reach the "age of accountability" and will take the proper course in life. It is impossible to divorce proper instruction from the actual surrender of a life to Jesus Christ.

The secular world gives abundant testimony of the value of Christian training. The law courts report that children who faithfully attend Sunday School seldom become delinquent. Human experience proves the truth of the scripture, "Train up a child... and when he is old, he will not depart..." Some have taken this to mean that even though a child is properly trained he may possibly stray away and forsake the ways of righteousness for a time,

but that "when he is old" he will return to the Lord. But this is not the primary meaning of the scripture. Thank God, there is reason to believe that if children who have been properly trained do depart from right living, they eventually will return to the straight and narrow path that leads to everlasting life. However, the paramount meaning of the text seems to be that faithful training and a definite experience of conversion will hold the child to a true Christian life from which he will not depart.

Proper "child evangelism" requires this faithful systematic teaching of our tenets of faith, as well as Bible stories, which will lead to definite conversion. This great climactic experience of personally accepting Christ might be called the second phase of "child evangelism." It leads logically to the third step—"Bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord." That is to say, after children are converted they should be fed the spiritual Bread of Life so that they may grow to the full stature of Christian attainment.

To repeat, the three phases of "child evangelism" may be stated thus: (1) show the children that they need to be saved; (2) lead them to a personal experience of accepting Christ as their personal Saviour; (3) train them to live for Him. In the early years of human life the mind has retentive powers that later grow dull and uncomprehensive. Thus the years of childhood are a period of golden opportunity both to implant the gospel truth in a child's mind and to lead his impressionable young heart to a definite surrender to the Lord.

The power of example is of tremendous importance in child training. All the teaching and admonition we can give the children will fail to accomplish our goal unless we also furnish a daily example of godliness, sincerity, and Christian character. Children will forget what we preach unless it harmonizes with what we practice. It is not by accident that children grow to walk and talk like parents. It is not by chance that they adopt the same attitudes that are seen in their elders. We may say to them, "Do as I say, don't do as I do," but it will not alter the fact that children are influenced more by our walk than by our talk. The great apostle Paul admonished his converts, saying, "Follow me as I follow Christ." Would that all parents could say the same words to their children!

The Cost of Neglecting **ONE BOY**

EX-GOVERNOR DICKINSON, OF THE State of Michigan, told the following story. We heard him relate it to a thousand people.

A young lad, the son of a business-man, walked up to his busy father and said, "Dad, if you do not send me off to a state institution today, I am going to commit suicide tonight." This was startling to a father who had been busy making money, looking after public interests, but neglecting his own offspring. The young lad went on to relate that he was socially diseased. And it is appalling when we learn that millions of our American youth are in this same condition today.

Mr. Dickinson said that the business-man's son was sent off to a state institution for treatment. In a year he came back home thinking he was cured. But God says that the sins of the fathers are visited unto the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him. Whatever a boy sows in his early life, he shall reap in his later years.

This lad married a beautiful young girl. Their first and only child was a son. The mother died in childbirth. The young diseased father went over and looked at a half-blind, idiotic baby. He exclaimed, "It is more than I can bear." He picked up a revolver, went outside the bedroom and took his own life.

The baby lived. In later years he stood in a long line in Buffalo, N. Y., to shake the hand of President William McKinley. When his turn came, he stretched out one hand to the President, drew a revolver with the other hand,

and out went the life of William McKinley.

It was not long until this young man was brought to justice. He was sentenced to die. And one of the saddest sights on earth is to see a young man awaiting his day of execution! What a pity that the state has to take the life of any young man or woman!

The ex-governor said that five tragedies resulted from the failure of the church and state to save one boy.

First, there was the premature death of a young mother. She paid the penalty of the sins of another by losing her life.

Second, there was the birth of a baby, born with criminal tendencies.

Third, there was the suicide of the young father.

Fourth, there was the tragic death of President William McKinley, a Christian statesman.

Fifth, there was the execution of a young man who had been neglected in his formative years, and who knew nothing but a life of crime and shame.

It was costly business to fail to save Leon Czolgosz. Five tragedies came out of this one lad's sin. And it may be that the boy at your door, or just around the corner from your home or church, will commit a crime which will shock the state and nation, if he is not won to the Sunday School and to Christ.

You say that it costs money to erect

Sunday School rooms, buy literature, and carry on the work of Christian education. I agree that it does. But, it is ten thousand times costlier not to do it. We may take our choice in the matter—more Sunday Schools, or more penitentiaries—which?

—*Sunday School Digest*

If we work on marble, it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble into dust. But if we work on immortal minds; if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten all eternity.

—*Daniel Webster.*



How Was Genesis Written?

by E. J. G. TITTERINGTON

Moses probably quoted directly from the original annals of the various families in recording the genealogies of Genesis.

MANY STRANGE THEORIES HAVE BEEN propounded as to how the Book of Genesis came into being. Some have held the view that it was based on oral traditions, handed down from generation to generation. Skeptics say that it was pieced together, rather clumsily at times, from a series of different documents of unknown origin by an equally unknown compiler. According to the theory, it was based largely on Mesopotamian legends, purged of their crudity and polytheism.

But about twenty years ago a book written by British Air Commodore P. J. Wiseman appeared. It was called, "New Discoveries in Babylonia about Genesis." Air Commodore Wiseman, a distinguished officer and also a competent archeologist, took advantage of a long stay in Mesopotamia by familiarizing himself with the archeological work being carried on in that area and with the ancient records which were discovered.

As a result of his studies of this ancient literature, he noted the similarities between the literary forms in which these writings appeared and the structure of the book of Genesis which was written, except for the closing parts, in lands belonging to the same cultural tradition. Thus, in his book he sought to prove that *"the book of Genesis was originally written on tablets in the ancient script of the times, by the Patriarchs who were intimately connected with the events related and whose names are clearly stated. Moreover, Moses, the compiler and editor of the book as we now have it, plainly directs attention to the sources of his information."*

Many encounter difficulties about Genesis because they consider it in relation to the way books are written

today. However, there were no writing materials such as we have today. Records were inscribed on tablets of clay or sometimes stone, such as the Law that was given on Mt. Sinai. The forms of composition, of course, were suited to this medium.

In a modern book it is quite easy to preserve the sequence of a narrative because the pages are bound together in order. But even so it is sometimes necessary to adopt other devices as well. So we number the pages, give chapter titles, and we often repeat the chapter title at the head of the page. In important correspondence we often put at the foot of the page the first word or two from the page following so as to give a better continuity.

Something like this was even more necessary when records were inscribed on tablets. These could not be bound together like a book; and when a record required more than one tablet, it was very necessary that their connection be clearly shown. So a tablet would usually end with what is known as a colophon, giving the title or contents of the tablet and the name of the person who compiled or owned it. A series of tablets would often be numbered. Also, catch words and phrases would sometimes be employed—that is, some words at the end of one tablet would be repeated at the beginning of the next.

It has long been recognized that one of the keys for understanding the structure of Genesis lies in the expression, "These are the generations of. . ." This is repeated eleven times in the book, and divides it into sections. But the significance of this expression has been missed through a lack of familiarity with this type of literature. Often, but not always, this expression is followed by a

genealogy, and it has often been taken to refer to this and to relate to the record that follows. But commentators have been perplexed by the expression in Genesis 2:4, "These are the generations of the heavens and the earth." It clearly relates to what has preceded it, and some commentators have said that it was misplaced. But clearly the heavens and the earth have no genealogy in the sense of offspring. The word here translated "generations" is the Hebrew word *toledoth* which is commonly used in the sense of records, annals, and history. It is a word quite different from the usual Hebrew word for generation in the ordinary sense. The word *toledoth* is especially used for the history of *origins*; and thus the translation, "generations," refers to ancestry rather than descendants. And so the phrase, "These are the generations of. . .," even when followed by a genealogy, refers not to what follows but what precedes; the genealogy itself is part of the section that follows.

If we accept this theory, another remarkable fact comes to light—that every section, without exception, could have been written from his own personal experience by the person or persons whose names are attached to it. Thus, for example, "the book of the generations of Adam," which ends at Genesis 5:1, covers events which occurred during Adam's lifetime; so it is also with the others.

The word "book" coming this early may surprise some; it certainly implies a written record of some sort. Was writing in existence in Adam's day? Not so many years ago it was questioned whether writing existed even in the time of Moses; but now we can go back a thousand years before Moses. In fact, we do not know of any period in history when writing did not exist. A number of tablets have been found which go back very nearly to the time of the Flood, and one is thought to belong to the time before the Flood. An ancient king of Mesopotamia has left on record a statement that he devoted study to writings from before the Flood. Thus it is by no means impossible that Adam could have devised some means by which he could record events for the benefit of posterity.

This theory also explains other things that have puzzled the critics. An example of this is the repetition of words, phrases, and incidents which serve to connect the various parts of the narrative together.

Records formed in this way would have possessed the character of family annals and would have been treasured by the heads of different branches of the families. Undoubtedly they made copies or translations for their own use, and it would not have been difficult for these to fall into the hands of Moses.

Of course, he could have used them to compile a continuous record of his own; but instead he seems to have put the records together with very little editing, except for an occasional word of explanation—for instance, the identification of a town where there had been a change of name. The names of the original authors are left untouched.

All Moses had to do was add the story of Joseph, the scene of which is set in Egypt, where different literary forms were in use.

We certainly believe that the Holy Spirit, who is the Author of all Scripture, inspired the original writers as to what they should record and also inspired Moses in his compilation so that he left the records practically untouched. If so, we have in Genesis not merely history, but the very basis of history—the original records of the witnesses of the events recorded.

(Next week: "What the First Chapter of the Bible Teaches About God.")



A SUIT FOR THE PASTOR

by OLGA FELTON, Peru (as told to Inez Sturgeon)

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL groups are found in many parts of the world—in most large cities of all continents, in many villages, and the isles of the seas. And the story of the beginning of a WMC group two and a half miles high in the Peruvian Andes is no doubt somewhat typical of all beginnings, for it was motivated by the desire to do something for the Lord and His servants.

The village of Gollarisquiza, Peru, is situated on the barren slopes of the Andes Mountains. There is a very small but thriving Assemblies of God church there. One of their number, a young woman named Justina, had just returned after having attended the Bible School in Lima, some two hundred miles distant. She met eager inquiries from the other women, such as, "Do the women in the city find anything to do for the Lord?" It was thus that they learned of the WMC work which had been organized.

The next Sunday morning when their itinerant pastor came to minister, they saw with new eyes his very shabby and badly worn clothing. He lived such a

sacrificial life—pastoring eight or ten groups of Christians scattered over thirty or forty miles. His only route to reach his widely separated flocks was up and over those towering mountains. This usually meant walking where centuries of passing feet had worn twisting, torturous trails in the face of the earth. The offerings which the poverty-stricken people could give him were barely enough to keep body and soul together, and utterly prohibited the purchase of any new clothing.

The next time the women got together (there were only five of them) they asked Justina if providing a new suit for the pastor would be considered WMC work. They were quickly assured that it certainly would be, but they were at a loss as to the next move since they had no money.

One sister said with a smile that although she only had a few sheep she would give a portion of their wool for the suit. This offer was enthusiastically accepted.

The day came when she brought the wool and happily dropped it in a pile before the other women. Here was work

for many days to come.

As those five women looked at the pile of dirty wool they could already see it as a suit for their pastor. There certainly was nothing unusual in this procedure, for this was the work they did for their families each year.

At their next meeting they gave the wool a hot bath and then took it to the nearby icy stream for a thorough rinsing. This left it white and fleecy. Then they spread it on the rocks to dry.

When they met again, the wool was ready for carding. This, of course, had to be done by hand. Each worker was given a portion of the wool, and there they sat, pulling the wool this way and that, removing the thistles and other foreign matter. Then each sister took a portion home to be spun into balls of yarn. But this process need not wait for the women's arrival at home, for Indian women are never idle. As they left the meeting places their nimble fingers were spinning the wool into the yarn that would make the pastor's suit. At the same time their feet knowingly followed the steep climb to their homes.

So step by step the processes went on—each woman happy to be fulfilling the motto of the WMC, "We minister as unto Christ."

Their joy knew no bounds when one Sunday they were able to present to their young pastor the suit of clothes. The Gollarisquiza women had a successfully functioning WMC group!



Mrs. Felton with two of the women of the Gollarisquiza W.M.C. group. They are spinning the wool into yarn. Justina is on the right.



THIS PRESENT WORLD . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

Head of G-Men Gets Bible Society Award

FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover was named recipient of the Chicago Bible Society's annual Gutenberg Award. He was honored as an outstanding advocate of deepening religious life in the home as a major method of curbing juvenile delinquency.

No Sectarian Instruction in Argentine Schools

The Argentine government has reaffirmed its adherence to a law which calls for non-confessional teaching in public education. Its youth are to be educated "according to the universally acknowledged principles of Christian ethics, and . . . dogmatic teaching of any sort is to be banned."

Active Catholics in Argentina in Minority

A special correspondent, writing from Buenos Aires for an American newspaper, said, "About 95 per cent of the 19 million people in Argentina tell the census taker that they are Catholic. But not more than 10 per cent of them practice their religion, according to one well-informed priest."

412 Billion Cigarettes Go Up in Smoke

More than 412 billion cigarettes will be manufactured in the U. S. this year, it is predicted. Evidently the many medical reports warning of a probable cause-and-effect relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer are having less effect on the public than the tobacco companies' glowing advertising. It would seem that the 53 per cent of American men and the 25 per cent of American women who smoke cigarettes regularly are more concerned over self-indulgence than over self-preservation. They care more about a so-called pleasure than about their own health.

Who Is Their God Now?

When Stalin was the all-powerful dictator of Russia and her satellites, this verse was part of a Bulgarian kindergarten primer:

*"Uncle Stalin is our Daddy
From him come all good things:
He it is who cares for all the children,
He is our Heavenly Father."*

But the former "god" who spearheaded this blasphemy has fallen into disfavor with the present Communist rulers. He has been denounced by them as a blood-thirsty tyrant who killed his own wife and multitudes of others who dared oppose him.

We wonder who is to take the place of Stalin as "god" to the Bulgarian children. It seems the Communists made a bad mistake.

Ministers Urged to Fight for Traffic Safety

Tennessee's Governor Frank Clement called on the state's clergymen to join the fight for traffic safety. "The time has come," said the governor, "when we must recognize from the pulpit that he who acts in such a way as to endanger the lives of others on the highways is violating the laws of God."

Southern Baptists Hunt for Babies

Southern Baptists were hunting for babies—one million of them—in a drive to enroll that many in the denomination's cradle roll department during Family Week (May 6-12). The superintendent of cradle roll work for the Baptist Sunday School Board said, "A baby is an open door to every home. . . . Each baby is the center of the love and thoughts of his parents. Through an infant son or daughter, the hearts of the parents can be won."

Restaurant Owners Want Competitors Licensed

If churches and other groups wish to go into the food-serving business, let them be required to get a license just like anyone else. That is the sentiment of the Racine chapter of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association. Churches, factories, caterers, and various tax-free organizations are giving the restaurant keepers a lot of competition, and they feel that if restaurants have to go to all the trouble and expense of meeting health requirements, it is only fair that other groups should do the same.

Greek State Church Afraid of Religious Freedom

Religious freedom includes the right of the individual to choose his own church and apparently the Greek Orthodox Church is afraid of this. In Greece, because it is losing some members through what it terms "proselytizing," it is urging the government to modify the constitution regarding religious freedom. It can take no action against the "proselytizers" now because the Greek constitution, even though it favors the Greek Orthodox Church as the State Church, still provides for religious freedom.

The High Cost of Alcoholism

Figures released by a public affairs committee reveal the yearly cost of the nation's four million confirmed alcoholics to the U.S. taxpayers as \$37 million for medical care; \$25 million in jail maintenance; \$89 million in accidents; \$188 million in crime; and \$432 million in lost wages.

These are only monetary figures. Statistics can never show the cost in nervous and physical ailments, disrupted friendships, broken homes, neglect of children, and all the other evils associated with alcoholism.

File Suit to Get State Aid for Nonpublic Schools

The South Burlington (Vermont) School Board has filed a suit to force the State Board of Education to grant aid to local districts, who, because of their size, discharge their educational responsibilities by sending students to parochial and private schools. But Attorney General Robert T. Stafford still contends that there is "neither legal nor constitutional authority" for making such grants. South Burlington and 95 other Vermont communities stand to lose nearly \$20,000 in state aid as a result of the ruling, as long as their pupils attend parochial or private schools.

Claim Union Law Violates Religious Freedom

The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to rule whether the dismissal of two railroad workers from their positions, because they refused to join a union on religious grounds, violated their constitutional rights. Both are members of the Plymouth Brethren Church.

Their appeal from an adverse decision of a California federal court, contends that the Railway Labor Act has operated to deprive them of religious freedom and also that it deprives them of their property without due process of law by compelling them to pay money to a labor union as a condition for continuing their railroad employment.

Children's Crimes Increased in 1955

A total of 80,122 children under 15 in 1,477 cities were arrested in 1955, reports FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover. This marked a sharp increase from the 65,541 arrested in 1954. Burglary was the commonest crime committed by these young lawbreakers, 12,384 being arrested for this crime in 1955. Auto theft was next, with 4,211 youngsters charged.

Other charges against these boys and girls ran the whole gamut of crime—murder, negligent manslaughter, armed robbery, assault, rape, prostitution, lesser sex offenses, drunkenness, forgery, and embezzlement.

These statistics are mute testimony to the fact that Satan is capturing the boys and girls while they are very young, and the Church cannot win them for Christ at too early an age.

Methodists Officially Approve Birth Control

The Methodist Church, at its quadrennial General Conference in Minneapolis, went on record as approving birth control. The delegates without a dissenting vote passed the following statement: "We believe that planned parenthood, practiced in the Christian conscience, may fulfill rather than violate the will of God."

In another action, the Conference approved full clergy rights for women pastors in the Methodist Church. The decision, ending so-called discrimination which had existed between the sexes, means that women now can apply as candidates for places in the church's ministry on the same basis as men.

The delegates also voted to establish a million-dollar Methodist school of international service on the campus of American University, Washington, D. C. They were told this would insure that "Protestants train their share of the future foreign service officers and diplomatic representatives who will speak for our nation at international conferences." It was reported that at present 40 per cent of all who enter careers in America's diplomatic corps are trained at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service which is operated by the Jesuit (Roman Catholic) Order.

TV Takes Up Too Much Time

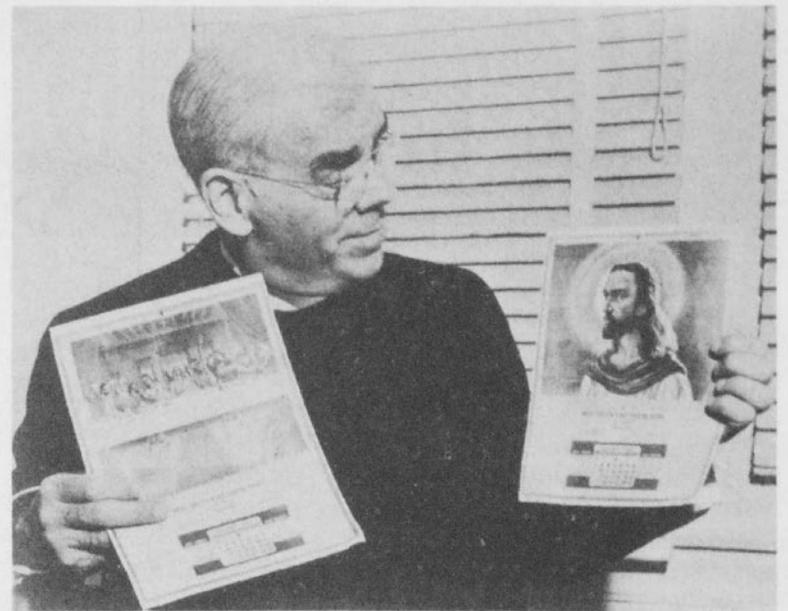
The Methodist General Conference was told that people spend more time watching television than in any other occupation except sleeping and working.

Missionary in Japan Sells Beer

A letter to the EVANGEL from a missionary in Japan reveals the startling fact that there is a church-operated mission for seamen in Kobe, Japan, where beer is sold. At the bar in the mission and in the mission's printed advertising is this information: "Beer on sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m."

The missionary reports that he spent over an hour witnessing to the chaplain in charge—who himself is considered a missionary—regarding his personal relationship with Christ. Our missionary friend also discovered that the bartender was a Buddhist but he was reprimanded for speaking to him about Christ during working hours!

What a pity that any so-called missionary cannot find a better project than merely to provide a quiet place where sailors can drink beer! We wonder if the people who contribute to this missionary society realize that their offerings are being spent in this way.



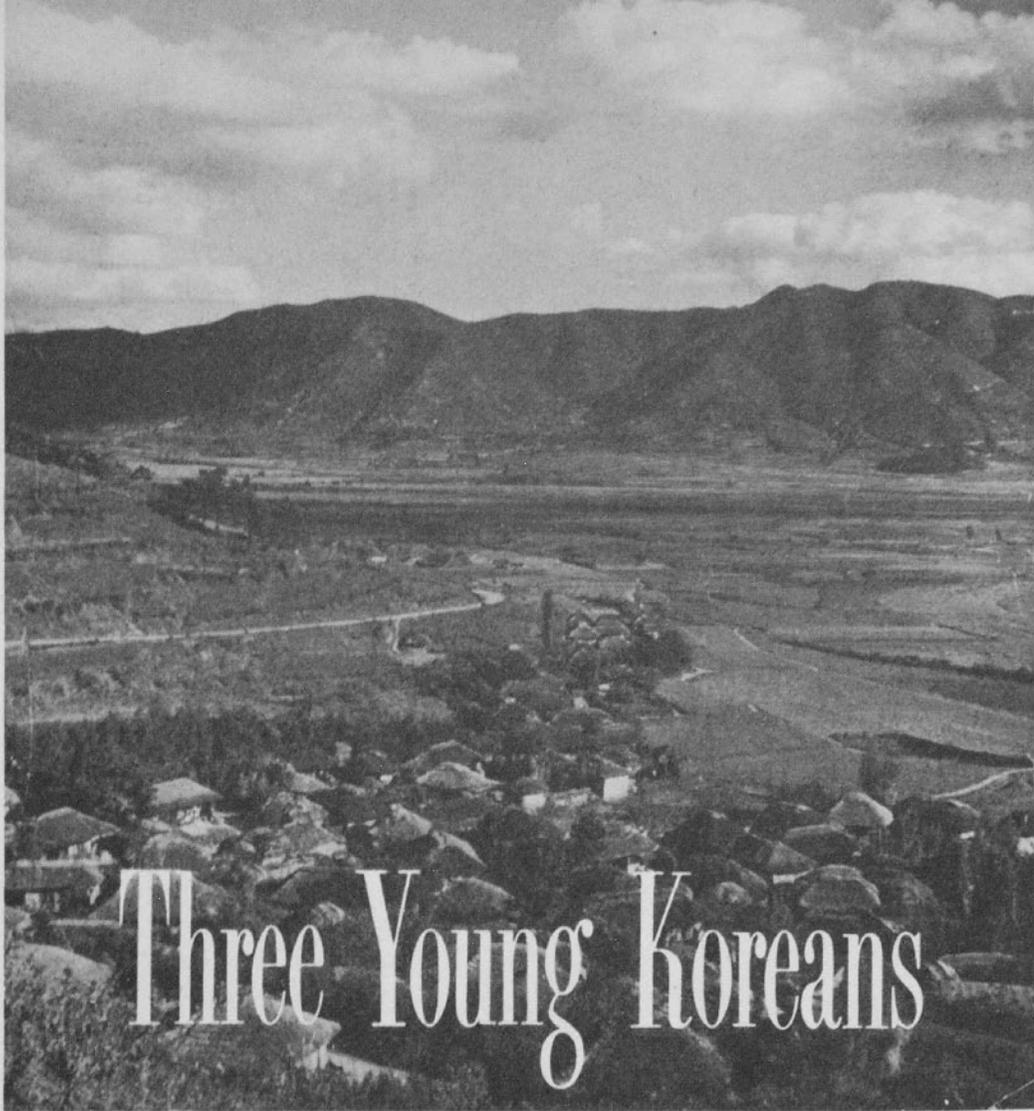
Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Philadelphia clergyman, holding two liquor store calendars which carry religious pictures. See story below. (Religious News Service Photo.)

START CRUSADE AGAINST RELIGIOUS PICTURES ON LIQUOR CALENDARS

A crusade against the use of religious pictures on liquor store calendars, started by a Philadelphia clergyman, is now being extended over the country by a national temperance organization.

The minister, Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, is shown in the photo above with two of the offending calendars. One shows the head of Christ and the other Da Vinci's famous "Last Supper." Both bear the name and address of a Louisiana package liquor store.

One of the officials connected with the crusade said, "This is the first time liquor interests have gotten so bold as to use religious themes directly in their advertising appeal." He added, "They are seeking to exploit religion by giving the impression that churches approve of their product and that they themselves are religious."



Three Young Koreans

A Story by JOHN STETZ, Korea

HERE ARE BRIEF SKETCHES OF RECENT incidents in the lives of three young men which took place almost simultaneously, though in different towns. These are examples of how God answers your prayers!

IN SUWON: After Chongtae, a young man of nineteen, began attending Pastor Chang's church, he realized that he was lost and needed to be saved. Chongtae took Christ as his Saviour and two months later was baptized in the Holy Spirit. He was so poor that he could not afford to buy a whole Bible, but he studied his New Testament diligently and attended services regularly. In seeing Chongtae so hungry for the Word of God, Pastor Chang devoted one hour each day in giving him personal instructions. Young Chongtae grew rapidly in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. A striking change had taken place in his life. Once he was a troublemaker, and fought much; but now, even though he is persecuted and beaten for the gospel's sake, he stays meek and refuses to retaliate.

Recently the pastor sent him to fill a call to preach at a Presbyterian church in another city. After arriving there he noticed a demon-possessed woman on the street, but he just passed her by. Then the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart to pray for her deliverance. This he did. He stopped her and commanded the devil to leave, and she was immediately delivered. Chongtae walked away, but the woman cried after him, "Pastor, Pastor, you healed me! what shall I do now?" Chongtae smiled and took her to church with him. This was the first time the woman ever attended church. When this incident was noised abroad other people brought their demon-possessed friends and relatives to be delivered also. Praise God!

IN RIMOK: A nominal young Christian of twenty-four began to attend Pastor Kim's church a few months ago. A short time later this young man was greatly blessed of God and was filled with the Holy Spirit. He became so enthused with this new power he found in Christianity that he went back to his home town to get his demon-

possessed sister to be prayed for. His twenty-six-year-old sister would go into fits, tear off her clothes and act like a maniac. He brought her to the church in Rimok, and the Christians prayed fervently as Pastor Kim rebuked the devil. The following morning the girl realized that she was completely delivered. No more was she tormented by Satan! No more of those crazy fits! Four days later she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

When the father heard the news he made a special trip by taxi from another town to see his children. Not only was he astonished at the miracle which took place in his daughter but also at the wonderful change in his son's life. When the father returned to his home, one of the first things he did was to purchase a Bible which resulted in a transformed life for him also.

IN CHONGCHON: A chain of events took place when Chinhee took an interest in the Assembly of God in his town of Chongchon. After this twenty-year-old young man heard the full gospel preached under the anointed ministry of Pastor Yang, he became very earnest for God. In fact, he was so zealous that he would rise as early as three o'clock in the morning to go to church to pray—hours before the other Christians would gather for early morning prayers. God blessed Chinhee and filled him with the Holy Spirit. He spoke in "other tongues" and prophesied.

The Holy Spirit gave Chinhee a burden for the lost souls in his town. He became very active. On market days when all the people from the villages come to town Chinhee passes out tracts and witnesses to them. Through Chinhee's transformed life and testimony another young man was won to God—a school teacher who six months before was at the point of death with tuberculosis. This teacher was wonderfully saved and soon afterwards was completely healed in answer to prayer. Today both of these young men seek God earnestly in the wee hours of the morning at the church.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
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Mayan Tribes Mission

by JOHN FRANKLIN, Guatemala, Central America

WE ARE BUSY BUILDING OUR EVANGELISTIC center, Bible School and missionary dwelling. Each morning is spent in giving the children their school lessons. Our main struggle is with this new dialect, for which we need your prayers.

NO WORD FOR "LOVE"

In our study of the Cakchiquel dialect we discovered there is no word for *love*. Instead they use the word *want*. John 3:16 is like this:

"Roma ca ri yalan xrajo Dios ri ruvachulef, chi ru yoon pe ri juney ru Cajol, richin ca chi ronojel ri xtiniman rija, manek xtisach ta can, xa xticoje el ru caslen richin jumul."

Try substituting the word *want* for *love*... it just doesn't sound right. Is it possible that a race of people could lose the word *love* from their vocabu-

ary? Or is it likely that it never existed? This brings another thought to missionary work: are we here to show by word and deed that God so loved the world...? Perhaps we shall never be able to coin a new word for love; but we can tell them that God must have *wanted* the world considerably to have given His Only begotten Son!

NEW FACES

Some of these Indian faces... you should have seen them in the beginning of their Christian experience. Years of wretched depravity had left their evil marks of fear, distrust and hatred. But now there is a difference. For instance, there is old Antonio Xiquin, one of the most recently converted witchdoctors. I cannot forget the first night he came to the mission church after he had accepted Christ in his home, high on



Antonio Xiquin

the mountain. He looked frightened and out of place. He hardly knew how to breathe the atmosphere of his new environment. But now, after several months, the hardness is gone from his wrinkled face. You can see the transformation. His features have softened. Something is there that wasn't there before... in the place of the man who was once called the chief of a den of thieves.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown of Indonesia have a new daughter. Sandra Lee arrived April 30.

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The Harold Kohls of Ceylon arrived in the States on May 7. They are making their home at 413 W. Linden Ave., Linden, N. J.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Butler and family (see photo) sailed May 1 on the M. V. *Taurus* for West Africa where they will resume their missionary work.



Mr. and Mrs. Butler and family

Edith Dutton has returned from India and will retire from active missionary work. She will be making her home at 2901-82 Ave., Oakland 5, California.

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Mr. P. Henry Hall of Peru returned on furlough May 6 to join his family at Mission Village, Springfield, Mo.

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Josephine Furnari returned from Italy where she has been doing missionary work. Her address is 181 Grove Street, Brooklyn 21, New York.

This Missionary Needs Help!

Mrs. Carl F. Juergensen is one of our oldest missionaries, having reached the age of eighty-eight years. Forty-three of these years have been spent for the Lord in Japan where she and her husband largely pioneered the work.

The record of Mrs. Juergensen is one of loyal service and sacrifice for the cause of Christ and we believe her eternal reward in souls will be great.

We thank God for such a willing and capable missionary and count it a privilege to have her in our ranks. We also thank God for the faithful supporters of our sister over the years.

Now it is necessary that this beloved servant of the Lord return to the United States and we appeal to all the friends of our sister and the work she has been doing to assist in bringing her home. There will be subsequent living expenses in addition to her fare.

We believe it would please the Master if we adequately take care of this noble veteran of the gospel ministry. Send all your contributions to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., marked "For Mrs. Carl F. Juergensen's support or furlough fare."

Missionaries in Malaya

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Baker are now working in co-operation with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cavaness in our mission at Singapore. Missionary credit will therefore be given to churches designating offerings for Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Baker.



THE CHALLENGE OF NEW ENGLAND

Aerial view of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, a city of 50,000 without an Assembly of God.

by GRADY L. FANNIN

New England District Superintendent

THE CHALLENGE OF THE WORK OF God in New England is almost unlimited. There is not a single area in our district that has a sufficient number of churches. Multitudes have never heard of the Full Gospel and therefore know nothing of the Assemblies of God.

We have only three Assemblies in the entire state of Rhode Island, yet this little state has such a heavy population that it is often referred to as The City State.

Accompanying this article is an aerial view of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, a city of over 50,000 with no Pentecostal testimony. It is typical of 98 other cities in New England with over 10,000 population without an Assembly of God. Many of these range in population from 50,000 to well over 100,000. The villages, towns and cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants run into the hundreds.

To give you a little idea of the need here in New England, permit me to point out one more fact. If we were able to open twenty new churches every year, with not one failing and closing its doors, it would take us forty years to get one church for every 10,000 people. The great need is for consecrated work-

ers. There is hardly any limit to the places than can be opened, provided we are able to find the workers.

Here are the stories of some of our new Assemblies opened within the last two years.

SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Somerville is a delightful city with well over 100,000 population. It is one of the many cities in the Boston area with no full gospel testimony.

Over a year ago one of the students in the New England Bible Institute approached the District Superintendent about opening an Assembly in this large city, and told him about a vacant church. Together they went to the owners of the building, only to find the price was far beyond anything they could ever hope to pay. After several months the owners were again approached. Though the price had been lowered it was still far beyond their reach.

A Pentecostal businessman heard of the efforts being made to obtain this building for a new Assembly of God. He took up the challenge and finally obtained an option on the church for the low figure of \$8,000. This news was received with great rejoicing, but the fight was not over. When the banks were approached they flatly refused to loan money to a church, even though businessmen and property owners were willing to sign for it. More time elapsed

in an effort to raise the necessary \$8,000. Finally the student who had graduated from Bible School last June, said, "I have been saving for some time to buy an automobile, but I'll forego the convenience of a car for the time being and use that money toward the purchase of the church." A good Pentecostal sister loaned the balance, and at last the church is ours.

The building was re-decorated and the opening service and dedication were to be held May 5. By the time you read this the church will be having a full schedule of services—just one block from one of the main squares in this large metropolitan area. Let us pray it will be there until Jesus comes, showing multitudes the way to Christ. Samuel Bombara is pastor of this work.

RUTLAND, VERMONT

In Rutland another new church arises, dedicated to the task of reclaiming lost territory. New England, the cradle of liberty and scene of mighty bygone revivals, had seemingly become a spiritual graveyard with church spires as the markers and locked doors the final seal of failure. But into this land of the living dead the living God has been leading young men and women with a burning of pioneer spirit to reclaim and conquer in the name of Jesus. Church doors are opening, the sound of the gospel is reaching those who were dead in trespasses and sin, and here and there

raises the frame of a new church, attesting to the fact that our passion for souls impels us to be "more than conquerors."

The church in Rutland is being built by one of our pioneer pastors, Harry M. Snook. After opening and remodeling a closed church in Bridgewater Center, Brother Snook was led to start an Assembly in Rutland, a city of over 18,000. Without any funds, with little help and only seven regular attendants, they set out to build their 32 x 60 church with a seating capacity of approximately 200. Work was started last October. By February the roof was on and shingled. The opening is set for September.

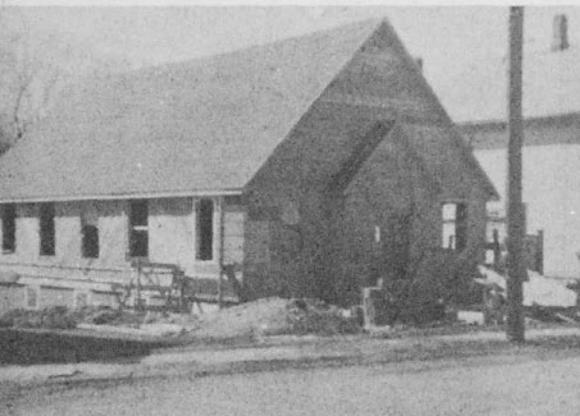
The Rutland congregation meets in a hall on Sunday nights. The average attendance is 40. *By faith* Noah built the ark; God sent the rain. *By faith* Solomon built the temple; God filled it with His Glory. *By faith* Rutland is getting ready, building a house that God is going to fill.

BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT

Bellows Falls is a lovely little city of 6,000 located near the border of New Hampshire. It is considered to be 75% Catholic and has had only two Protestant churches, both extremely liberal.

Charles Trombley, a young married man with two children, had just come into a Pentecostal experience and was living in Bellows Falls when he felt a burden to establish a Full Gospel church in his home town. Though he had never had the privilege of attending Bible School he started service in the Grange Hall on Saturday night, July 21, 1955 with the help of another young Pentecostal boy who is now attending Eastern Bible Institute.

The first night about a dozen people attended the service—in a hall that



This new Assembly is under construction at Rutland, Vermont. Harry Snook is the pastor.

would easily seat 500. Refusing to become discouraged, they obtained the use of the Women's Club rooms and continued the Saturday night meetings for several months. On February 12, 1956, they held their first Sunday service and Sunday School with 41 in attendance. The work has steadily grown from that time and they are now looking for larger quarters. Souls are being saved and filled with the Spirit and many hungry hearts are hearing the Full Gospel for the first time. As many as 35 have crowded into the pastor's home for the weekly prayer meeting.

A building fund has been started and they are looking forward to having their own church property.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(This report was written by the Pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Earle.)

The development of the Assembly of God at Concord, New Hampshire, has been marked by a series of unusually providential circumstances ever since its inception almost two years ago. This church which had been independent for a number of years had received some severe setbacks which had left the people in an extremely defeated attitude. However, the few who constituted the nucleus at the time of our arrival to as-



Formerly a closed denominational church, this building was purchased for \$8,000 to be the home of the new Assembly in Somerville, Massachusetts.

sume the pastorate in December of 1954 demonstrated an enthusiastic willingness to co-operate in whatever program might serve to cause the work to grow.

One of the first projects was the procuring of a new place of worship. For about eight years the congregation had been meeting in a renovated firehouse. While it was adequate for the small group it was quite evident that if growth were to be anticipated a more commodious meeting place would be necessary. We began negotiating for a closed Baptist church building which was for sale and which had fallen into

disrepair. Just when it seemed that the building would be made available to us, a business concern in the city began to show interest in it! They even went so far as to make a deposit, even though the manager of the concern was aware of our plans. After much prayer the pastor called on the manager and expressed his disappointment concerning the turn of events, and also reminded him that even yet if it were God's will for the Assembly of God to have the building it would be theirs. This conversation took place on a Saturday afternoon. The following Monday's paper carried the story on the front page concerning the bankruptcy of the in-



This building houses a congregation who were formerly an Independent Pentecostal group, but have recently affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

dividual who had tried to purchase the church!

Within a few days we were able to make the necessary arrangements to obtain the building. After several months of faithful labor and sacrifice on the part of our people, the building was renovated and we moved into our lovely new church home in one of the best locations in town.

The building is 103 years old and as firm as the day it was built. It would cost \$175,000 to replace it today, but our investment in it when fully equipped will be only \$25,000. To us here in Concord it is a modern-day miracle! The work of renovation included the repair of the beautiful stained glass windows valued at \$10,000 and the restoration of the 140-foot lighted tower. The acquisition of mahogany pews seating 240, and 120 opera chairs in the balcony, the carpeting, the pulpit furniture and new songbooks all evidence God's miraculous providence and faithfulness in response to the faith and sacrificial vision of His people.

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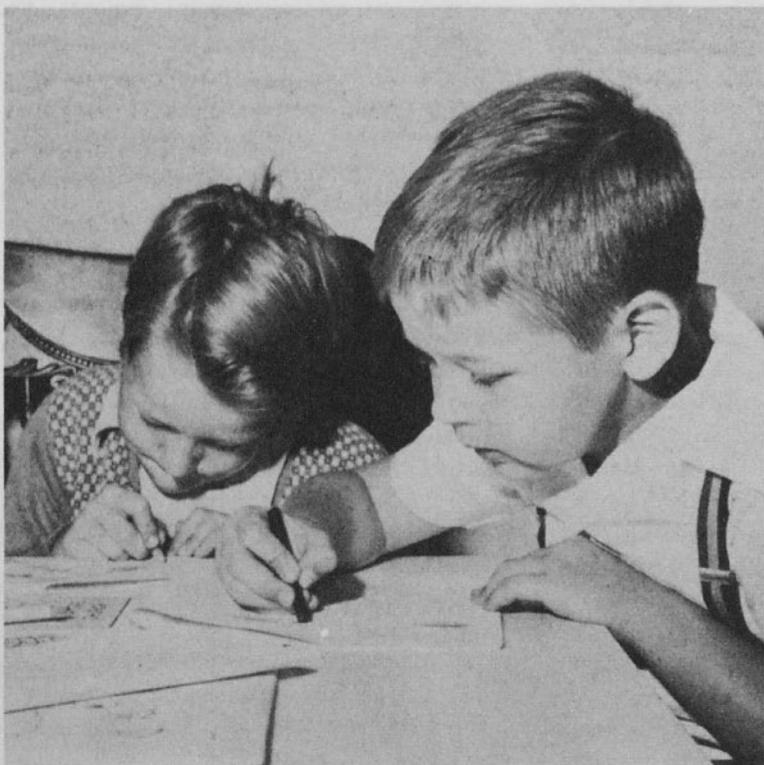
CHILD EVANGELISM

Pictures tell part of the story of how the Assemblies of God win children to Christ

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND when someone says Child Evangelism? Four hundred Christian workers were asked this question. Thirty-four said, "Winning children." Twenty-six wrote, "Sunday School." Twenty-four thought of VBS. Twenty responded with, "Children's Revivals." Others answered the questions by naming storytelling, Children's Church, summer camps, Bible clubs, and various other activities. This survey revealed that even Christian workers fail to see the wide scope and varied effects of Child Evangelism. Even though some had the full picture, most of the answers were given in the light of personal experiences.

Regardless of the differing replies, one thing was expressed by the poll. *Child Evangelism has potential unlimited!*

Each child is a potential unlimited. Gypsy Smith said, "Save a man and you save a unit; save a boy and you save a multiplication table." Each child that is saved represents many years of Christian influence ahead.



The youth of our nation are a potential for right or wrong. They stand forty million strong waiting to be led in the right way. Right now, twenty-eight million children in "Christian America" are unreached with the gospel of Christ. Satan has deliberately organized every effort in his power to destroy our children. We have the power of God to defeat him in Child Evangelism.

Evangelism is an emergency facing the church now. The future of the nation, the home, and the church depends on it. Ninety percent of all Christian people were saved before they were twenty-one. This means that only ten percent of a congregation will be won as adults.

In the light of these figures, consider the most profitable place for the investment of time and money. Much more money is spent by the church on the adults. Compare the expense of an adult revival and a Vacation Bible School. Experience has proved that the Child Evangelism efforts are far more fruitful percentage-wise. It costs the community six dollars a day, over forty dollars a week, to keep a boy in jail. How long does it take a church to spend forty dollars to keep a child in Sunday School?

Child Evangelism is a potential unlimited because it is not confined to any single activity. Sunday School should be basically evangelistic, but the progressive church will use other channels also to evangelize. Other possibilities are Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, Bible clubs, story hours, released time, children's revivals, Junior Church, and other weekday services. The unprecedented rise in population in the last ten years has not been equalled by the increase in over-all Protestant Sunday School attendance. The challenge for winning those who are untouched with the gospel must be met in additional activities.

Jesus said, "And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me" (Matthew 18:5). There could be no more rewarding ministry.

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Carolyn Mock conducts a Story Hour in a private home.



Mrs. Bill Reeves teaches the Word during Junior Church.



This club house in Portland, Oreg., is the scene of story hours for children of various ages. Miss Ackerman and Mrs. Ford have seen dozens of boys and girls saved through this effort.



Hundreds of children are saved each year at after-school evangelistic "pow-wows" like this service which was conducted at Chowchilla, Calif. by John McPherson, a converted Cherokee.



These workers from Assemblies of God and other churches are engaged in released-time religious education in the public schools of Maine, Vermont, and New York. In an average two-week period they taught 11,000 different children, many of whom receive no other religious training.



Typical of the 7,111 children who attended thirty-nine boys and girls camps last year, this class is shown leaving the Junior Tabernacle in Lubbock, Tex. Last summer there were 1,014 conversions reported in Assemblies of God children's camps, and 833 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.



The Readiest

Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, for they know they already have the desire and only need

by DOROTHY C. HASKIN

LITTLE FRANCES WAS ON HER WAY home from school in Boston when she passed a church. She heard beautiful organ music and went in. This was soon over but she sat listening to the preacher. She came from a well-to-do, moral home, but her parents were not Christian. She listened with wonder as the minister told how God's Son, the Lord Jesus, died for the sins of the world, and that any who received Him as Saviour might have eternal life.

She began to cry. A shoe merchant, who was a member of the church, came to Frances and asked, "Why are you crying, little girl?"

"Because I am such a sinner," she said simply, remembering that she had told a lie at school and stolen a penny from her mother.

"Come with me." Gently he took her by the hand and led her into the vestry. Slowly, patiently, tenderly, he told of the love of God and the sacrifice of God's Son. Then he explained Revelation 3:20 to Frances, and said, "Jesus is saying, 'If Frances will hear my voice and ask me to come into her heart, I will come!'"

In simple faith she knelt and invited the Lord Jesus into her heart. It was three years before she heard the name of Jesus again, except in casual conversation, but she knew she loved Him. When she was eleven she was invited to a Gospel-believing Sunday school and began to grow in the Christian faith.

She led her parents to the Lord. For over sixty years she has been telling children the story of God's love, and she has taught hundreds of Christian workers how to do evangelistic work among the children.

Yes, it is Scriptural to win children to Christ. The Lord Himself said, "Suffer (permit) the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). It is true that He did not say compel, force or even urge the children to come unto Him. He said suffer, permit, allow. That is because most children want to come to Him. They are humble and aware of their own need. They naturally love the Lord. It is we older people who fail them. We say they are too young, and they do not understand, and we hinder their coming to Him. This is a sin. The Lord said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones" (Matthew 18:10).

Many stories could be told of those who have been led to the Lord by their own parents. For instance, there was Pauline. Her father was a minister. She delighted in going into her father's study and talking with him. Often she found him on his knees in prayer. On one such occasion he looked up from prayer and said, "Pauline, you believe the Lord Jesus is the Saviour. You should receive Him as your own Saviour."

"I want to," Pauline nodded. She knelt beside her big daddy and invited

the Lord Jesus to come into her own heart. She is now grown, married and has led her own daughter, Shelley, to the Lord.

Most certainly, the children who come to Sunday School should be led to know Christ. It is not enough to feed them a diet of Bible stories. The teachers cannot educate them into the Kingdom. The children must be "born again," and the many who join the church each year, testifying that the Sunday School worker won them to the Lord, are proof that Sunday School evangelism is vital.

But too many testify as did Sallie, "When I was seven I attended revival meetings and wanted to go forward, but I knew the preacher would think I was too young. When I was eight there were no revival meetings but I still wanted to be saved. When I was nine I went forward, and though I was permitted to be baptized, the church deacons were not very elated. They were discouraged because the convert was 'only a little girl.' Yet when I was being baptized the Lord spoke to me about being a missionary." She is serving the Lord today in Formosa, teaching the boys and girls of that land about the Saviour.

Too, children can be won to Christ in street work. It is common practice to hold street meetings for adults. Why not for children? How else are many children to hear the gospel? Some of them live in homes where the parents are too unconcerned to send them to church on Sunday. Others live in homes where the Catholic, Jewish, or other nonevangelical religion is practiced. Unless the children have the privilege of attending a street meeting, they may never hear the Gospel. Margaret Clarkson lives in the Bay Area of San Francisco, and devotes all her time to talking to children on the street. Time

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the opportunity to come.*

after time the Lord encourages her heart by letting her meet some boy or girl who says, “Don’t you remember me? Two (or three) years ago you told me this story and I asked the Lord to come into my heart.”

Leading a child to Christ differs from leading an adult to the Lord in that you must be even more simple. You must not presume that the child knows the technical Christian language, even words such as “lost,” or “saved,” or “faith.”

Probably the easiest way to explain the gospel is by using the Wordless Book. You can buy one of these in most Christian book stores, or you can make one for yourself out of construction paper which you can buy at the dime store. The Wordless Book consists of four or five pages. The first page is black, the second red, the third white, sometimes the fourth is green, and the last is yellow or gold.

Most children are fascinated by a book which has no words and yet tells a story. It is often best to begin with the last page, which is gold. This stands for heaven. Tell the child what heaven is like and why everyone wants to go there. Study Revelation 21 and 22 so you can explain that there are no tears, no death, no sorrow, no pain in heaven.

Then turn back to the black page and explain that it stands for sin. Tell the child that is another thing which won’t be in heaven for it would spoil the place. Remind them that it is sin which spoils a person’s life. Then remind them that they have sinned. Most children are tender about their sins. They regret lying, stealing, and other sins but don’t know what to do about it.

When they have admitted they have sinned, turn to the red page and explain that it stands for the blood of Christ. Explain, “Sin has to be punished by our Heavenly Father because He wants us to be holy, but Jesus,

God’s only Son, loved us so much that He was willing to come from heaven and take our punishment for us. He died in our place, taking our punishment. God loved us so much that He was willing to let His dear Son do this for us. All of our sins, yours and mine, were charged to the Lord Jesus. He was crucified in order to pay for them all.”

Now you are ready to turn to the white page and explain, “The best part of all is that God has a wonderful plan by which you can get rid of your sins instantly, and be saved, and be ready to go to heaven the moment you die. This white page stands for a clean heart, and God promises in the Bible that He will forgive and blot out all your sins if you truly receive Jesus in your heart as your own Saviour, and believe that He died for you.”

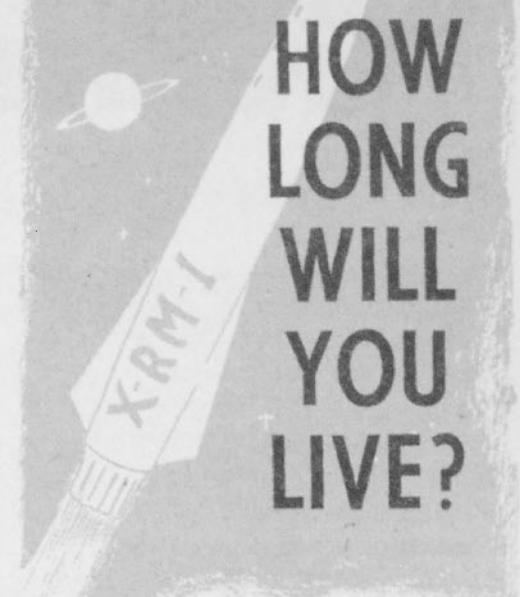
Stop at this point, and if the child wants to receive Christ as Saviour, pray with him. Ninety-nine out of a hundred children will want to receive the Lord Jesus into their hearts. Be sure you *let* the child make the decision. Don’t urge, but let him come to the Lord.

After the child has prayed, you may turn to the green page which stands for growth, and explain to the child how he can grow in the Lord by reading his Bible daily, by praying to the Lord, and by obeying what He says in His Word.

If possible, in the days which follow, help the child to grow. Take him to church if his parents do not come. Invite him to a Bible class in your own home. Or take the time to pray and read the Bible with him. When he comes to you with his problems, discuss them with him. As the years and months go by you will see gratifying results.

There is a rich reward for those who win boys like Gordon to the Lord. Gordon said, “I want to thank the Lord that eight years ago He saw fit to pick me up and establish me in the path of righteousness. I was only seven but realized that I needed Christ as my personal Saviour. Many people think that a child is too young at that age, but I believe he is accountable to God for his sin. I am now in my second year of high school, and have been able to witness to some of my fellow students. I thank God for Christian parents, too. The plan for my life after high school is to go to Bible School and train to become a missionary or minister.”

WILL ROCKETS HAVE REACHED
THE MOON BEFORE YOU DIE?



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"Gather the Children!"

by ZELMA ARGUE

IN THE MIDST OF MANY EFFICIENT efforts for instructing children, with excellent up-to-date helps, let us also remember the old-fashioned children's meetings, with altar services where the power of God truly comes down, spreading the "fire" to adults.

"Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children" (Joel 2:16).

"Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (v. 28).

Early records of our movement relate that many a time when hearts were adamant, and it was hard for God to break through, a revival among children proved to be the "kindling wood" that set the whole congregation afire for God.

Well do I recall such instances. In one midwest city our campaign had commenced but no particular break had come. One afternoon after school we had a children's meeting and gave an altar call. We talked right to the hearts of the children, and the children audibly called upon God. One little girl's cry was, "Walk right in, Jesus! The door of my heart is wide open. Walk right in!" Tears were flowing. Some were prostrate under the power of God. This seemed to spread to the adult service that night. A real break came. The power of God fell like rain from then on, so that seekers were coming through in every service, and in their homes as well. One lady was talking on the telephone, and upon hearing of the wonderful works of God she was filled with the Spirit then and there, coming through with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Another lady received in a similar way while ironing at her ironing board. Scores were saved and filled within a short time.

During the dedicatory campaign in a new tabernacle in a northwestern city a similar incident occurred. On a Saturday afternoon we had a children's service. These children really did hunger

and thirst after God, and consequently He began to fill them. Numbers were prostrate under God's mighty power, and young people stopping on their way home from work joined them. Some lay under the power of God until the time when people began gathering in for the evening service. This brought a great hush of reverence upon all. The message that night was very brief, after which there was a general move toward the altar. The people knelt all around the front, filling all available space, and God's power fell like rain. All through that night the praying continued. Many prayed through to a glorious Baptism and numbers did not leave the building until Sunday morning. Within about 24 hours 24 people were baptized in the

Spirit. Children filled with the Spirit can indeed be God's "kindling wood."

Miss Sarah Coxe said, regarding the early outpouring in India:

"Our Indian Christian girls would gather in groups to pray, some in the schoolroom, some on the verandah, others under a tree, and the missionaries in the bungalow, until a mighty wave of prayer ascended to God like incense. It reached His throne, touched His heart, and He came down and met us. One after another we missionaries and our Indian girls were baptized according to Acts 2:4. One little Indian girl who had been baptized was so happy that she laughed and laughed, then finally went up to Mrs. Schoonmaker and said, 'I am black, you are white, but He has given me the Baptism too!'

"The tiny girls had a saying that was very precious to me. As soon as anyone was baptized in the Spirit, they would say, 'She is in the boat too!' They were so happy when anyone received Him they would often clap their hands for joy.

"I did not yet have my Baptism. I went out. The fifteen little girls of my Sunday School class were waiting for me. They said, 'Why have you not received the Baptism, when God is pouring down the rain? Shall we pray now?' I said, 'Yes,' and they began to pray. In a few minutes all fifteen were pleading with God for me. Soon I began to sway under the power of God, then I fell back on the floor. It was very hot on the cement floor in India. One child ran and got a fan and kept fanning me, praying all the time. The rest made a circle around me and prayed hard. Three of these little girls drew near me and said in their own tongue, 'Sister, say, "The blood of Jesus"' That very day I was baptized in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and spoke in tongues as an evidence. The little girls ran to tell Mrs. Schoonmaker. They said, 'Did you know that Miss Coxe is in the



Pentecostal boat too?"

A. G. Garr, who went directly from Los Angeles to India in January, 1907, visited Pandita Ramabai's work at Mukti. He said that the voices of the children of India arose like the sound of many waters, as mighty thunderings. While visiting in our home in the early days he described the "little brown faces and little brown hands of hundreds, stretched heavenward in prayer."

Pandita Ramabai herself, who had rescued these children from the famine districts, said: "I move among the girls listening to them in awe and wonder. I have heard girls who knew no English at all utter prayers in your tongue. I have heard others pray in Greek and Hebrew and Sanskrit, and others pray in languages none of us understood."

Missionary H. A. Baker told of a very remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Chinese children in Yunnanfu, China. Meetings were held with these children twice a day. Suddenly in one of these services the heavens were opened. The glory of God so rested upon the place that all ordinary activities were suspended, while everyone sought the Lord earnestly day and night. Sleeping and eating appeared but mere incidents. After going to bed, children would often get up again, return to the prayer room to seek the Holy Spirit, and be lost in heaven-sent blessings until morning. Almost all that time, day and night, there were always some who lay prostrate under the power of the Lord. Some of the most profound revelations, most wonderful visions, were given to small and unlearned children—revelations and visions of things in the Bible they had never heard of. God showed them the persecution of believers, the plagues, and other events of the Great Tribulation. He revealed to them the miraculous and prophetic preaching of the gospel of the tribes of the earth in the midst of the Great Tribulation, attended by many miracles and supernatural works of God. Even children eight or ten years old would preach freely under the unction of the Holy Spirit in the streets of the city or out in the villages.

Children may taste and experience the supernatural power of God. Samuel heard from heaven in his boyhood. The power of the Spirit fell upon David in his youth. The Lord has promised, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." That promise is being fulfilled today.

How I Found Christ

by CHARLES H. SPURGEON

I HAD BEEN ABOUT FIVE YEARS IN THE most fearful distress of mind, as a lad. If any human being felt more of the terror of God's law, I can indeed pity and sympathize with him. Bunyan's "Grace Abounding" contains, in the main, my history. Some abysses he went into I never trod; but some into which I plunged he seems to have never known.

I thought the sun was blotted out of my sky—that I had sinned so against God that there was no hope for me. I prayed—the Lord knows how I prayed; but I never had a glimpse of an answer that I know of. I searched the Word of God; the promises were more alarming than the threatenings. I read the privileges of the people of God but with the fullest persuasion that they were not for me.

The secret of my distress was this: *I did not know the gospel.* I was in a Christian land, and I had Christian parents, but I did not fully understand the freeness and simplicity of the gospel.

I attended all the places of worship in the town where I lived, but I honestly believe that I did not hear the gospel fully preached. I do not blame the men, however. One man preached the divine sovereignty. I could hear him with pleasure; but what was that to a poor sinner who wished to know what he should do to be saved? There was another admirable man who always preached about the law; but what was the use of plowing up ground that needed to be sown? Another was a great practical preacher. I heard him, but it was very much like a commanding officer teaching the maneuvers of war to a set of men without feet. What could I do? All his exhortations were lost on me. I knew it was said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," but I did not know what it was to believe in Christ.

I sometimes think I might have been in darkness and despair now, had it not been for the goodness of God in sending a snowstorm one Sunday morning, when I was going to a place of worship. When I could go no farther, I turned down a court and came to a little Primitive Methodist Chapel. In that chapel there might be a dozen or fifteen people. The minister did not come that morning; snowed up, I suppose. A poor man, a shoemaker, a tailor, or something of that sort, went up in the pulpit to preach.

Now, it is well that ministers should be instructed, but this man was really stupid, as you would say. He was obliged to stick to his text, for the simple reason that he had nothing else to say. The text was, "Look unto Me, and ye shall be saved, all the ends of the earth." He did not even pronounce the words rightly, but that did not matter.

There was, I thought, a gleam of hope for me in the text. He began thus: "My dear friends, this is a very simple text indeed. It says, 'Look!' Now that does not take a deal of effort. It ain't lifting your foot or your finger, it is just 'look.' Well, a man need not be worth a thousand a year to look. You may be the biggest fool and yet you can look. A man need not go to college to learn to look. You, anyone can look; a child can look. But this is what the text says.

"Then it says, 'Look unto Me.' Ay," said he, in broad Essex, "many of ye are looking to yourselves. No use looking there. You'll never find comfort in yourselves. Some look to God, the Father. No, look to Him by and by. Jesus Christ says, 'Look unto Me.' Some of you say, 'I must wait the Spirit's working.' You have no business with that just now. Look to Christ. It runs: 'Look unto Me.'"

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Then the good man followed up his text in this way: "Look unto Me; I am hanging on the cross. Look! I am dead and buried. Look unto Me; I rise again. Look unto Me; I ascend; I am sitting at the Father's right hand. Oh, look to Me! Look to Me!"

When he had gotten about that far, and managed to spin it out ten times or so, he was at the end of his tether. Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I dare say, with so few present, he knew me to be a stranger. He then said, "Young man, you look very miserable." Well, I did, but I had not been

accustomed to have remarks made on my personal appearance from the pulpit before. However, it was a good blow struck. He continued: "And you will always be miserable—miserable in life, and miserable in death—if you do not obey my text. But if you obey now, this moment you will be saved."

Then he shouted as only a Primitive Methodist can, "Young man, look to Jesus Christ!"

I did "look." There and then the cloud was gone, the darkness had rolled away, and that moment I saw the sun: I could have risen that moment and sung, with the most enthusiastic of them, of the precious blood of Christ,

and the simple faith which looks alone to Him. Oh, that somebody had told me that before: *Trust Christ, and you shall be saved.*

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The closing words of Mr. Spurgeon's last sermon are: "These forty years and more have I served Him, blessed be His Name! And I have had nothing but love from Him. I would be glad to continue another forty years in the same dear service here below, if so it pleased Him. His service is life, peace and joy. Oh, that you would enter in at once! God help you to enlist under the banner of Jesus even this day! Amen."

A NEW APPROACH TO AN OLD SUBJECT —

Eternal Security

by M. M. Johnson

YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN. SO AM I. PERHAPS you are a preacher. So am I. You believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell. So do I.

But you believe in the doctrine of eternal security—that is, if a person ever is saved, he can never be lost, no matter what he does. I do not believe this, and we cannot both be right.

I am fully convinced by the Scriptures that I am right, and you are convinced by the Scriptures that you are right. My texts do not convince you; neither do your texts convince me. And since we cannot agree on a doctrinal approach to the subject, I ask you to approach it in a logical and practical way.

First, your aim and mine is the same. We both earnestly desire (1) to lead people to Christ that they might be saved; (2) to exhort those who are saved to righteous living; (3) to help them finally to inherit eternal life. Let us see whether the preaching of the doctrine of eternal security will help or hinder us in accomplishing our aims.

Suppose you are right. Consider the results.

(1) You have not won sinners to the Lord by your doctrine—because sinners are not interested in doctrinal controversies. You have not held up a standard of righteousness that is attractive to the sinner, for he believes

that Christians ought to live like Christians. Moreover, you may have hindered them from accepting Christ, for who has not heard some sinner say, "If I ever get religion I want the real thing," or "If John has religion, I don't want it"?

(2) You have not exhorted Christians to holy living but have indirectly encouraged them to careless living by convincing them that they will be saved regardless of what they do.

(3) You have not really helped anyone gain heaven who has once been saved; for if the doctrine of eternal security is true, they will get to that blessed abode anyway, without any help from you.

But if you are wrong, you are (1) standing in the way of sinners; (2) indirectly encouraging Christians to live in a manner that brings reproach to the name of Christ; (3) causing many to go to hell while trusting in a false security and thereby bringing yourself under divine condemnation as a false shepherd.

If I am right in my belief, I have (1) held up a high standard which is attractive to the unsaved who are looking for reality; (2) exhorted Christians to righteousness by showing them the danger of careless and sinful living; and (3) influenced many to go on to eternal inheritance by showing them that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

But even if I am wrong, I have still worked toward my central purpose of (1) winning souls to Christ; (2) encouraging believers to holy living; and (3) thereby helping them get to heaven. I have put no stumbling block in their way, but have urged them to holy living which is essential to effective Christian service, if not to salvation. Thus, even if I am mistaken I have gained much and lost nothing.

Therefore, my friend, I would urge you not to teach that once a person is saved it is impossible for him to be lost, until you are convinced that such a doctrine is necessary, and beneficial to man, and pleasing to God.

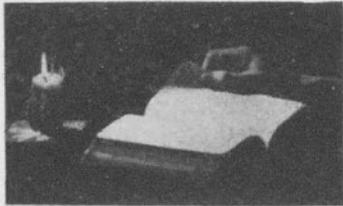
Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

SEVEN OTHER DEVILS (Luke 11:26)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR JUNE 10

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK





SUNDAY'S LESSON

THE FOLLY OF REHOBOAM

Sunday School Lesson for June 17, 1956

1 KINGS 12:3-15

"Shirt tails to shirt tails in three generations," says an old proverb, referring to a man who, through industry and thrift, amasses a fortune and then leaves it to be squandered and dissipated by his children and grandchildren.

David was taken from the sheepfold to be the shepherd of God's people. By the grace of God he established a strong and united kingdom. Solomon, beginning with the dedication and high idealism of youth, enhanced its glory. Wise in all else, Solomon, however, lacked the essential wisdom of self-discipline. Sensuous living led eventually to idolatry and invited the judgment of God so that he passed on to his son Rehoboam a kingdom already torn by dissension and ready to split asunder under the first touch of that arrogant young man's rude hand. Only the third generation, but we see illustrated again the inherent tendency of all things human to deteriorate except for the quickening, sustaining and elevating power of the grace of God.

Rehoboam came to the throne in a time of crisis; a crisis which presented an opportunity as well as a danger. The people offered loyalty in exchange for sympathetic consideration of their problems. Experienced men advised caution. A wise, moderate hand could still steady the ship of state; foolhardy rashness could founder it. Rehoboam chose the fool's course. Let us examine a few of the things which contributed to that folly.

LUXURY

David never forgot his humble origin or the trials of his youth. All the perfumed ointments of royalty never quite obliterated the odor of the sheep pen where David was concerned. His grandson, Rehoboam, pampered son of the palace, had no comprehension of the burdens and problems of his people. Unlike our Lord, he was not "Touched with the feelings of their infirmity."

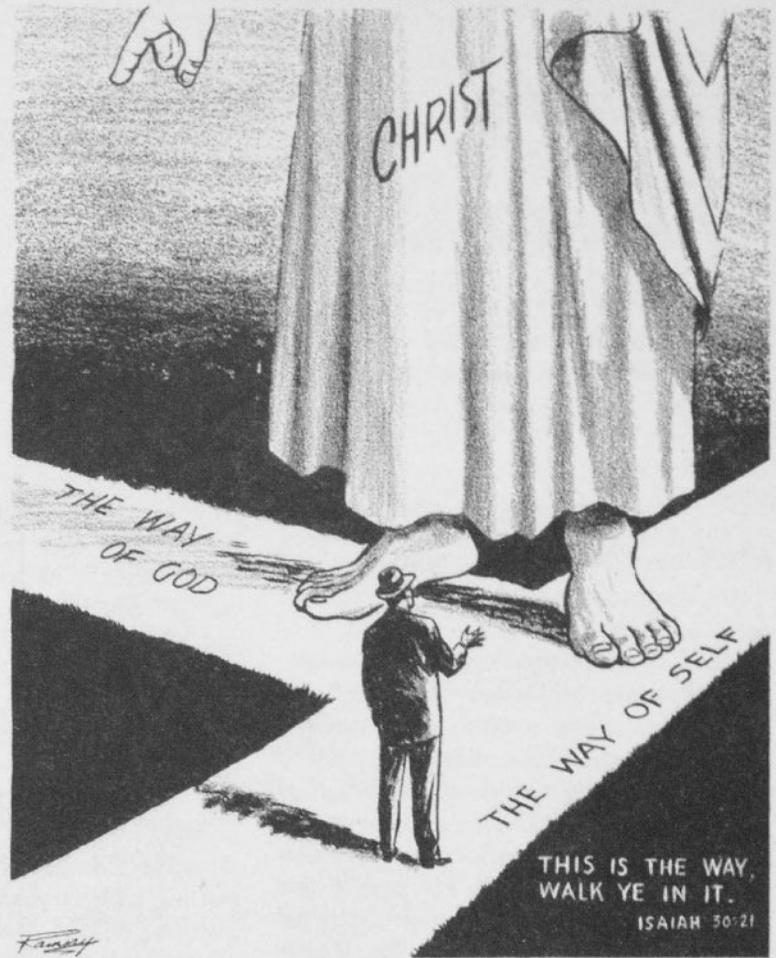
One of the great dangers of this generation is the danger of soft living. One of the greatest blessings God has bestowed is the blessing of work. It is not by accident that farm homes, where children learn early the discipline of industry and responsibility, have given to this nation and to the world truly great men and women out of all proportion to the number of farm families in the total population.

SELFISHNESS

In the thinking of Rehoboam, the kingdom existed for the sake of the king. The throne afforded an opportunity to get, not to give; to be served, not to serve. But Christ says to us, "He that would be the greatest among you, let him become the servant of all."

One of the most valuable lessons of my life I learned from the prayer of a deacon in the first church I served as pastor. The good brother, long since gone to glory, faithfully petitioned, "Lord bless our servant today." At first I thought it was a slip of the tongue. Then I attributed it to ignorance. When it finally dawned on me that the

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brother prayed deliberately and fully understood the implications of what he said, I complained to the Lord. To my surprise the Lord showed no sympathy at all. He merely enquired, "Son, whom did you think you came here to serve?" "Master," I replied, "I came here to serve You. I am perfectly willing to be Your servant but I don't appreciate the impertinence of people coming right out and calling me their servant." He only pointed to the Word, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these... ye have done it unto Me."

CONCEIT

Rehoboam rejected the counsel of the old men but not because of their age. He accepted the counsel of the young men but not because of their youth. He listened to the advice which flattered his ego, which echoed the voice of his own desire. To arrogantly refuse the petition of his subjects and show them who was master, appealed to his pride and so he counted them wise who counseled it. Conceit and stubbornness are twins in folly.

SELF-CONFIDENCE

Rehoboam, though he asked the opinion of his counselors, made his final decision entirely on the basis of his own inclination and judgment. He left God out of the consideration altogether. How different might have been the outcome if he has spent those three days praying for wisdom from above.

The wisdom of the world says: "Believe in yourself." "Improve yourself." "Exalt yourself." The wisdom which is from above says: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." "It is God that worketh in you." "Humble yourself." In the wisdom of the world there is disillusionment and death. In the wisdom which is from above there is life and hope. Which way will you take?
—by Donald Footo

Daily Devotions

Daily Bible Readings Based
on Next Sunday's Lesson



MONDAY, June 11

A KINDLY BROTHER—Genesis 45:1-15

"It was not you that sent me hither, but God" (v. 8).

How clear things become in retrospect that previously were baffling and mystifying! How much more revealing is the past tense than the present tense! In the bitter days of the past Joseph would not have said what he now states with confidence, "It was not you... but God." He could not see it in the pit where he was left to die; he could not see it in prison where he suffered unjustly. But now, when the fullness of time had come and the unfolding of God's wondrous plan has become increasingly clear he is able to declare with true magnanimity to his previously malicious brethren, "Be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life."

How rich in grace, how anxiety-free, how stable and secure our lives would be if we but trusted Him more and gave our unwavering support to the certain truth that "He doeth all things well!"

—ARNE VICK

TUESDAY, June 12

A KINDLY PRINCE—1 Samuel 18:1-7

Jonathan was a man of principle, a man who could enjoy another's success, a man who recognized the hand and blessing of God upon another and was willing to contribute to that success, even to the surrendering of his own position and equipment.

But most of all, he possessed that quality so essential to any man of God—he was blessed with the capacity to love, "...and Jonathan loved him [David] as his own soul."

No man can hope to succeed in the work of God without this quality of

love being predominate in his life and ministry. It was Jesus who asked Peter three times if he loved Him. There was no use for Him to tell Peter to "feed my sheep" until the fact of his love for Christ had been fully established.

This kindly prince, Jonathan, is also a beautiful type of Christ in his dealings with David. He "stripped himself" that David might be clothed as a prince, and a son of the king. Jesus stripped Himself of His heavenly glory, coming to the earth and taking unto Himself all of the problems of mankind. And with a love that even exceeded that of Jonathan, He too gave to us that which we need, that we might go out as did David to be victors in this great *spiritual* warfare.

Through His love, we have been privileged to lay aside our garments of sin and be clothed with His robe of righteousness. Now we not only *look* like a king's sons; we *are* the sons of God by virtue of what Jesus (our Jonathan) has done for us.

—J. O. HARRELL

WEDNESDAY, June 13

A KINDLY KING—2 Samuel 9:1-13

This account of David's kindness to Mephibosheth presents a beautiful picture of the grace of God. Saul had sought on different occasions to take David's life. Now David was king with all the power and authority pertaining to royalty. How easy it would have been to annihilate any possible aspirants to the throne. But David was a man after God's own heart. Retaliation and self-vindication were not a part of his policy. He had proved this in previous encounters with Saul.

Contrary to custom and the dictates of a carnal nature, King David sought out the descendants of Saul to show them kindness. When Mephibosheth was found, David restored to him all

that had been Saul's and arranged for the lame man to receive the benefits, but Mephibosheth himself was to sit each day at David's own table. He was to share in the royal provision, the royal feasts, the royal dainties. Thus David proved that not only did he rule Israel as king, but that he was also king in spirit and in heart.

—RUTH E. GARLOCK

THURSDAY, June 14

THE FOLLY OF MANKIND—Psalm 53

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (v. 1).

The heart is the fountain of atheism. Atheism is not the result of reasoning, for the atheist must shut his eyes and ears to the testimony of nature, to the Word of God, and to the experience of men. Instead atheism is the preference of a wicked heart. "Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

"As [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). A godless heart results in a corrupt life. The universal wickedness described in the first three verses of this Psalm is due to the denial of God.

But by denial of God we do not simply mean denial of the existence of God. Every man who leaves God out of his reckoning is a *practical* atheist. Such a man was the rich fool in Luke 12. He probably would have denied that he was an atheist, *yet he acted as if there were no God*. His ambitions were utterly selfish; his plans were made independent of God; he gave no thought to eternal things. Are not Christians also in danger of such practical atheism? Do our words and deeds testify to the reality of a living God?

—J. BASHFORD BISHOP

FRIDAY, June 15

SPIRITUAL FOLLY—Galatians 3:1-9

"Who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?" (v. 1).

The folly of the Galatian Christians, as well as of many present-day Christians, lay in the fact that they listened to teachers of false doctrines and failed to obey the truth of God as revealed by the Spirit and the Word.

The Christians of Galatia began well and made progress under the teaching of the apostle Paul, but after he left they were drawn away from the truth by some Judaizing teachers who taught that justification must be obtained by

faith in Jesus Christ and by keeping the law of Moses. They soon forgot Paul's teaching of justification by faith alone.

False teachers did not pass away with the Early Church; they are still seducing Christian believers today. If we will diligently search, accept, and obey the truths of God's Word, we shall not be "bewitched" by teachers of false doctrines and led off into error. Satan has many emissaries today who are seeking to lead true believers astray by teaching justification by faith in Christ, plus faith in man, or our own good works, or some ritual or ceremony. "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).
—NOAH P. WHITE

SATURDAY, June 16

TRUE SPIRITUAL WISDOM—Ephesians 4:17-24

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (vv. 23, 24).

The born-again experience brings man into the proper relationship with God. Every phase of the life and character of a person is thereby regenerated. The ignorance and hardness of heart that caused separation from God now are transformed into a responsiveness to the tender movings of the Spirit.

Spiritual wisdom replaces the empty aims of life, the unsettled impulses, and serves to make application of the truth of God. The discovery of truth shows proper relationships in all things. The Christian recognizes Christ as the very heart and core of truth. Everything that influences his life is evaluated in relation to Christ as truth.

Spiritual wisdom causes us to conform our new nature to Christ. Our conversations are measured according to this standard; we are stimulated by a desire for holiness and worship, and our lives are marked by righteousness because of true spiritual wisdom.

—DAVID B. DRAKE

THE HEIGHT OF FOLLY

It is a sorry thing to give God only the dregs of life. It is unreasonable to wait until old age to obtain an education, or to learn a business, and it is more unreasonable to delay until old age to give the heart to Christ. It is the height of folly to wait until the faculties have faded, the powers weakened, the conscience seared, before giving attention to the salvation of the soul.
—Selected.

Cast All Your Care On Him

CAST ALL YOUR CARES UPON CHRIST—the multitude of your temporal, physical and spiritual needs. Live not in anxious suspense; for what concerns you also concerns Him. If you are desiring to have God answer your prayers and take care of your needs and burdens, remember that He is much more interested and cares much more than you do. He wants to be responsible for everything in your life.

Behold the birds of the air and the lilies of the field—does not your heavenly Father care for them? And you are much more precious to Him than they are. Has He not promised to supply all your needs? The *all* includes everything—all you need for spirit, soul, and body.

Even reason itself tells you that it profits nothing to be anxious. By worrying you cannot change any situation one tiny bit. Your fear and worry will only hinder the Lord from doing the

very thing you want Him to do.

Let Jesus take care of you. Cast all your burdens upon Him. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Your part is to be trusting—not anxious. God's part is to take care of you.

"Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Your part is first to pray; next, by thanksgiving, to prove that you trust Him; and then to go your way rejoicing.

Live not in anxious suspense; rather, live in restful trust, secure in the knowledge that your heavenly Father is caring for you and all that concerns you. Your trust will open the way for God to supply every need. Just rest in your Lord—trust in His love—"casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you."
—Anne Sandberg

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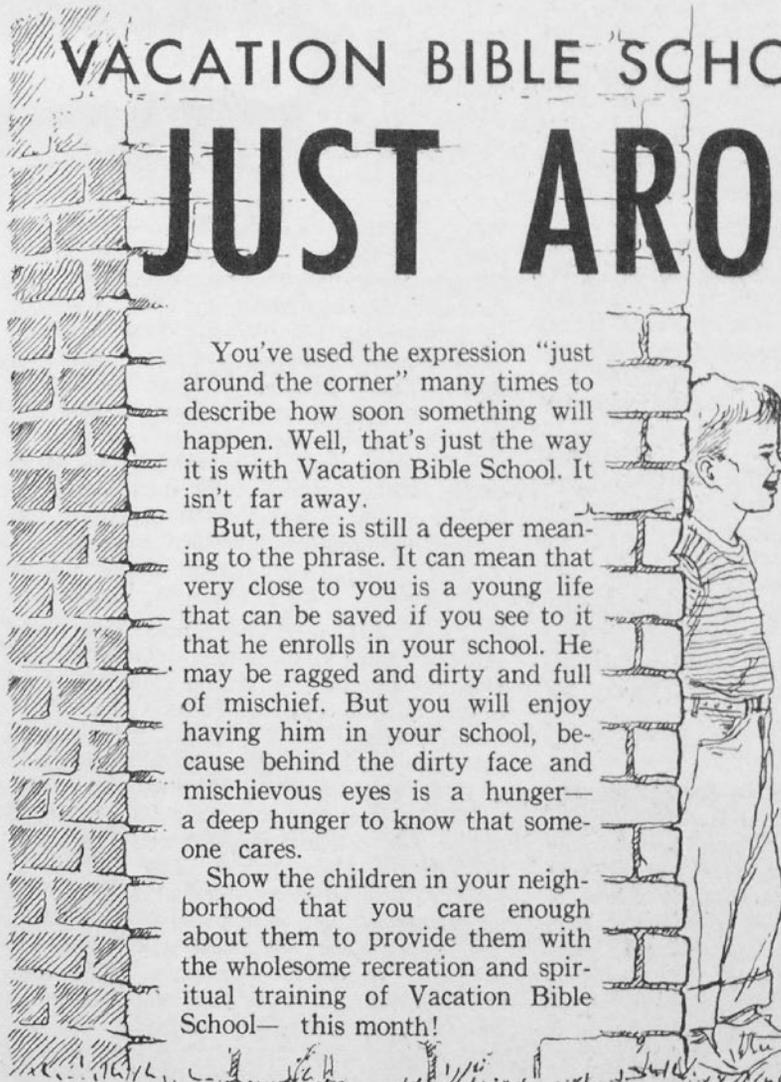
JUST AROUND

THE CORNER

You've used the expression "just around the corner" many times to describe how soon something will happen. Well, that's just the way it is with Vacation Bible School. It isn't far away.

But, there is still a deeper meaning to the phrase. It can mean that very close to you is a young life that can be saved if you see to it that he enrolls in your school. He may be ragged and dirty and full of mischief. But you will enjoy having him in your school, because behind the dirty face and mischievous eyes is a hunger—a deep hunger to know that someone cares.

Show the children in your neighborhood that you care enough about them to provide them with the wholesome recreation and spiritual training of Vacation Bible School—this month!





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **BAYTOWN, TEX.**—Trinity Tabernacle recently enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsop of Oklahoma City. A goodly number were saved, and a large group received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—*W. S. Graham, Pastor*

► **LINCOLN, NEBR.**—Evangelist Dean Gillespie recently closed five weeks of revival in the Havelock Bible Assembly of God. During the meetings several souls sought Christ for salvation, people were filled with the Spirit, sick bodies healed, and the church was built up spiritually. There were many new people in attendance, and the Sunday School attendance record was broken.

—*A. H. Edwards, Pastor*

► **EAGLE LAKE, TEX.**—The church has been gloriously revived as a result of special meetings with Evangelist Bert Clendennen. Several experienced real salvation, and a goodly number received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some were healed of deafness, heart trouble, and other afflictions. The evangelist is expected to return during the summer for a tent revival.

—*Don Young, Pastor*

► **MANHATTAN, KANS.**—There has been a gracious spirit of revival in the regular services of the First Assembly of God here. Since the first of the year about 25 have sought the Lord for salvation and nine have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A new attendance record in the Sunday School has been set seven different times, culminating in an attendance of 220 on Easter.

—*Ernie Camery, Pastor*

► **BIG RAPIDS, MICH.**—The church here enjoyed the greatest spiritual stirring it has experienced in many months. Evangelist Patrick O. McLane of Asheville, N. C. ministered in a two-week revival meeting. The morning prayer meetings seemed to be the key to the revival. Two souls were saved, backsliders sought God, and one was refilled with the Spirit. One lady from another denomination also received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—*W. W. Menzies, Pastor*

► **EUGENE, OREG.**—Since opening the new church building at the First Assembly of God (in March, 1955) the congregation has enjoyed several wonderful revivals with Howard Rusthoi, Arthur Arnold, and James Nicholson. During that year 108 have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a similar number have been saved. Fifty-six have been baptized in water, and 60 new members have been received into the church. On Easter 534 were present in Sunday School.

—*E. Elsworth Krogstad, Pastor*

► **HOMER, ALASKA**—On Easter, Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa, closed a three-week meeting at the Homer Gospel Tabernacle. The church greatly appreciated the anointed messages and the well-rounded ministry of Brother Wolfe. A number sought the Lord for salvation, and others were healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*Arthur Nichols, Pastor*

► **MARYVILLE, MO.**—In recent meetings here more new people were in the services than in a long while. The evangelist for the services was Walter Lascelle of Seattle, Wash. A number of souls were both saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to definite healings. The ministry of Brother Lascelle was a definite blessing to everyone.

—*A. J. Sovern, Pastor*

► **STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLO.**—The Assembly here was blessed in five nights of preaching as Evangelist Park W. Reed unfolded precious prophetic truths. A great need was met in the congregation as Brother Reed taught of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and brought his teaching from both the Old Testament and the New. Seven knelt for salvation, and revival fires were kindled in the hearts of many believers.

—*John D. Miller, Pastor*

► **MINERAL WELLS, TEX.**—Waves of glory swept over the well-attended, Holy Ghost-anointed services conducted at First Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth, Tex. Numbers were saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Spirit. There was an increase in Sunday School attendance, and the entire church was revived. Several new families continue to attend the services. The ministry in song, timely Bible teaching, and anointed evangelistic messages inspired the church to extend an invitation for a return meeting.

—*A. Everett Burns, Pastor*

► **ALTON, ILL.**—Alton Gospel Tabernacle rejoices over a continuing revival which prevails following a recent campaign held by the Musical Vans of Toledo, Ohio. Originally scheduled for two weeks, the meetings extended another two weeks as the Spirit of God was manifested. Inspiring reports attest to the fact that well over 100 responded to the altar call and many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The C.A.'s, especially, enjoyed great spiritual blessing. A number of families were added to the church. The crowds were excellent with some 100 first-time visitors in attendance. The consecrated talent of these fine evangelists was sincerely appreciated and enjoyed, and the church looks forward to a return engagement.

—*C. L. Gruver, Pastor*

► **ARLINGTON, TEX.**—The moving of God was felt in each service of a three-week revival held recently at First Assembly by Evangelist J. M. Cockerell of Fort Worth, Tex. Souls were saved and healed, and revival fires are still burning.

—*Harry H. Engel, Pastor*

► **GALLUP, NEW MEX.**—The Lord blessed in a second series of meetings conducted here in recent months by Evangelist Freadus S. Seal of Burbank, Calif. The revival closed on May 6 with a total of seven saved, seven reclaimed, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Seal's ministry was a real blessing to the church, and the folk are looking forward to a return engagement in the near future.

—*David F. Uttz, Pastor*

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW PARSONAGE

RANDLE, WASH.—We had a glorious service Sunday afternoon, April 22, when our District Superintendent, D. H. McLaughlin, was with us for a ground-breaking service for our new parsonage. We appreciated his faith-building message.

The Lord has blessed our efforts here. The Sunday School has tripled in number, and several were saved in a recent revival. God supplied our needs during several difficult months when most of our men were not receiving pay checks. A lot of work has been done on the church, too. The interior is trimmed with beautiful Alaskan cedar.

—*David R. Westerfield, Pastor*



Left to right: D. R. Westerfield and D. H. McLaughlin at ground breaking service in Randle, Wash.

►FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—Response was good during a very successful campaign just concluded at Central Assembly with the Reid Evangelistic Party of Springfield, Mo. The church still benefits as a result of this two-week revival.

—James Cheshier, Pastor

►IMPERIAL, CALIF.—Evangelist Viola Duncan of Quartz Hill, Calif, recently held a successful revival at the Assembly of God here. Three were saved, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number received healing. The church as a whole was revived.

—H. G. Hanks, Pastor

►MILL CITY, PA.—A grand spirit of revival prevails since the two-week campaign recently conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White of Fort Myers, Fla. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and there was a real reviving of the saints.

—Theodore Kessler, Pastor

►PRAIRIE CITY, OREG.—A two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Beaty of Brooks, Oreg. stirred souls to seek Christ for salvation. A number were also reclaimed. The church rejoices over a record Sunday School attendance.

—G. R. Miller, Pastor

►MEMPHIS, TENN.—One of the best campaigns that First Assembly has ever had was recently brought to a close. The evangelist was Bill Lewis of Long Beach, Calif. Between 50 and 60 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and a large number professed Christ as Saviour. Many also reconsecrated their lives to God.

—James E. Hamill, Pastor

►PUYALLUP, WASH.—Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad recently conducted three weeks of special meetings in the Assembly of God here. There was a rising tide of spiritual blessing throughout the campaign, and souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. There were many strangers in the meetings. The whole church enjoyed the anointed ministry in Word and song.

—A. S. Ellis, Interim Pastor

►MIDLAND, TEX.—The folk at First Assembly are enjoying a deep moving of the Spirit following a recent revival conducted by Evangelist Leslie and Oleta Eldridge of Calif. Some 20 professed salvation, and about the same number received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The ministry of the evangelists was a great blessing to the people, as well as the testimony of Sister Eldridge's healing.

Mrs. R. I. Stewart, Co-pastor

►ELVINS, MO.—The First Assembly of God here has enjoyed a glorious move of the Lord under the ministry of Evangelist Betty Lewis of Dallas, Tex. During the two weeks of the meeting 14 souls were saved and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several folks were wonderfully healed and every department of the church was thoroughly revived. Although the special services are closed the revival continues and souls are being saved in the regular services. There are still 20 who are tarrying for the Holy Spirit.

—Clyde R. Gunter, Pastor

►SPEARMAN, TEX.—The blessing of the Lord was evident in a two-week revival concluded recently with Evangelist Glen H. Lester of Waxahachie, Tex. Fourteen responded to the altar call, four were filled with the Holy Ghost, many were refilled, and several gave testimonies of healing.

—W. V. and Aloha Bentley, Pastors

►SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—A wonderful three week revival has just been concluded at Central Assembly with Evangelist Gene Dowdle. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the church was stirred and blessed by the straight-forward preaching of the Word.

—Raymond M. Hargis, Pastor

►ROHNERVILLE, CALIF.—Large crowds attended the recent revival conducted by the Singing Wyricks of Covelo, Calif. Many drove 200 miles to attend this Pentecostal outpouring. There were 21 who responded to the altar call, 25 were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 were baptized in water. There were many outstanding miracles of healing. The revival spirit continues to abide. The whole church anticipates a great moving of God when the Wyricks return in the summer.

—Joseph C. Murray, Pastor

►TUOLUMNE, CALIF.—The recent ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. T. B. Don Carlos proved a great blessing to the folk at Bethel Tabernacle. As a result of the anointed preaching of the Word people were stirred to consecrate themselves anew to God. Among those saved were two elderly folks in their seventies. Especially appreciated were the beautiful paintings made each night by Sister Don Carlos and given to those bringing the most visitors. This was of special interest in connection with the Loyalty Campaign.

—A. J. Schoonover, Pastor

►CLOVERDALE, CALIF.—The Assembly here at Cloverdale reports a precious spirit of revival in its regular services. Folks are being saved, and the Lord is blessing the saints. There has been a 17 percent growth in Sunday School attendance over last year. For the month of April there was a 32 percent growth over last year's record. We will be happy to contact new folks moving into this locality. Send names to 28754 Redwood Highway, Cloverdale, Calif.

—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor

►BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—During three weeks of meetings under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Benvenuti of Glendale, Calif. the Gospel Gleaners Church enjoyed one of its greatest revivals. A goodly number were saved, reclaimed, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and refilled. Among them was a young Catholic lady who was converted, received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, was baptized in water, and joined the church. Nine others followed the Lord in Water Baptism. On the last Sunday of the campaign six people united with the church. There were many first-time visitors.

—Ernest L. Friend, Pastor

►CARTHAGE, N. Y.—The folk at Calvary Assembly and the community as a whole received a great blessing as a result of a gracious revival under the ministry of John and Olive Kellner. At least 75 attended services for the first time, and many of these responded to the altar call. Remarkable cases of physical healing took place as the afflicted were delivered of growths, varicose veins, crippleness, and some had their senses of hearing, smelling, and sight restored. Sunday School attendance reached a new high with 136 attending the last Sunday. To God be the glory for one of the greatest visitations Carthage has ever experienced.

William H. Dickinson, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Crichton A of G	June 3—	V. H. Mathan	D. V. Williams
	Sylacauga	First	June 3—	Forrest Whaley & wife	W. J. Waller
Calif.	El Centro	First	May 29—	Moses Copeland family	William Brewer
	Hanford	*Glad Tidings	June 25-July 15	Gene Martin & wife	Gene Forrest
Colo.	Greeley	First	May 29-June 10	George Hayes	G. R. Kelly
Fla.	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	June 5-10	Eskelin Family	Harold Schmidt
Ga.	LaGrange	First	June 4—	Holcombe Brothers	M. G. Barfield
Kans.	Sublette	A of G	June 10-24	Singing Sandalls	Lee W. Harrison
Mich.	Flint	Bethel Tab.	June 6-17	Musical Vanns	Duane Wessman
Miss.	Yazoo City	First	June 17-July 2	Harry Hample	Robert Cook
Mo.	Festus	A of G	June 3-24	John C. Poteet	D. M. Dabney
	Sedalia	First	June 10-24	R. W. Hastie & Party	Floyd Buntenbach
N. C.	Hickory	Houck's Chapel	June 10-24	Glenn Lester	James D. Gitchell
Ohio	Berlin Center	Avondale A of G	May 29-June 10	Arnold Segesman & wife	Robert Cunningham
	Richville	Gospel Tab.	June 5—	Jack Stewart	Arthur Carpenter
Okla.	Miami	First	June 17-24	Paul Copeland	L. J. Choate
Pa.	Jeannette	A of G	June 11-17	The Duncumbes	A. A. Amerine
	Walkertown	A of G	June 12-24	Andrew Basell & wife	Clifford Yates
Tex.	Rockdale	First	June 17—	Jim Anderson & wife	R. H. Zecher
Va.	Lacey Springs	A of G	June 13-30	Paul Pittman & wife	Gordon Hensley
Wash.	Coulee City	Grace Full Gosp.	May 29-June 10	Orrin Kingsriter	Ernest A. Welk
	Davenport	Gospel Tab.	June 12-17	** Mel Johnson	Franklin Schneider
	Kettle Falls	A of G	June 12-24	Ruth Rachel Specter	J. P. Terry

* Tent revival

** Children's Evangelist

Announcements should reach us a full month in advance, due to the fact that the EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT BOB Saunders that captivated my attention immediately. He was a slightly built man, quiet and unassuming. Perhaps it was those characteristics that intrigued me. I greeted him warmly as he entered our church and soon discovered that he was a child of God.

From that first acquaintance it was not long until we became good friends. Time after time as I knelt beside him in prayer, I could not help but hear him interceding for the lost. He knew how to pray!

But the impression grew on me that he was laboring under a heavy burden. I sought opportunities to encourage him, and this seemed to cement our friendship.

One evening as we conversed I happened to speak about my mother, and her cherished hope that someday God would call me into the ministry. I went on to explain, however, that God had never led me to be anything more than a Christian layman. "I have my ministry in the Sunday School, the various activities of the church, and among the men with whom I work," I said. "I am sure that God would have revealed to me if this were not His will, and if He wanted me to be a pastor or a missionary.

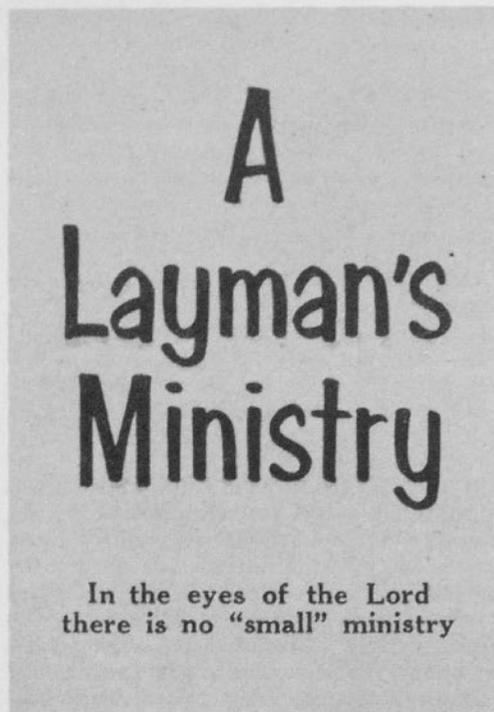
As I spoke, Bob just sat there, his shoulders hunched, his hands clutched together between his knees. I sensed it was a time to wait.

Finally he began to speak. "Brother Carl," he sighed, "I was saved in a small church some miles north of here about twenty years ago. Those were the days! The joy and blessings of the Lord were so glorious. I promised God that I would prepare for the ministry. However, one thing after another hindered me from doing anything about that call. I have failed God, Carl."

So this was his trouble! It was indeed serious, and I knew only too well the mental depression it could gender; but now that I understood his problem I had new hopes of helping him.

"Bob, your situation and mine are not parallel in every respect," I answered, "but there was a period in my life when it seemed somehow I must have failed the Lord. The heavens were as brass to me. I confessed every sin and shortcoming that I could think of, but I had no peace.

"The Veteran's Administration arranged for me to see a psychiatrist. His advice was, 'Keep yourself occupied.



Get a hobby. You need a sense of security, so do something in your spare time that will make you a little extra money.'

"And I found a 'hobby,' Brother Bob. I got busy in the church and the Sunday School. It took years, but being a co-laborer with God brought me a 'sense of security' that no amount of money could bring. I have the peace and joy today that seemed unattainable then. Perhaps the solution for you can come the same way."

But Bob was still dejected. I didn't know what else to say or suggest. He wasn't a gifted speaker and probably hadn't gone very far in school. He would need quite a bit of training to qualify as a Sunday School teacher. So we parted, and I promised to remember him in prayer.

The next time we met he asked me about the gospel tracts at church and whether he could get more of them.

"Sure, help yourself," I said.

"Well, I want a thousand."

That stopped me for a moment. "All right; I'll get them for you."

He told me that he liked one particular tract because of the simplicity with which it presented the gospel message. And so, Bob Saunders started buying and distributing tracts.

When he had passed out 10,000 tracts, he came to me again. He was still despondent over the same problem. He told me that even though he enjoyed giving out the tracts and planned to continue in another town the next day, he still had no peace. He felt as if he had failed God.

"Brother Bob, what do you feel your calling should be—ministering behind the sacred desk in a church to several hundred people?" I asked.

"Well, something like that—to be a preacher."

"You have ministered to thousands of people, one by one recently," I observed.

"That isn't the same, though," he interrupted. "I don't call that preaching."

"Perhaps not; but Jesus' ministry wasn't always to large crowds. Think of Nicodemus—and think of the woman at Jacob's well."

He shook his head. "I should be preaching."

I thought for a moment, then spoke again. "Brother Bob, after talking to you from time to time it seems to me that your problem really is that you feel God called you to do much for Him, and here you are doing, as you think, very little. It is a wonderful vocation to endeavor to win the lost. Jesus said, 'What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' It seems to me that we can paraphrase His words like this: 'Son, I can create another world, but you are worth more than the world. If you lose your soul, I can't make another *you*.' Jesus values the human soul so highly. Now, Brother Bob, since a human soul is of inestimable value to both the individual and our Saviour, I ask you *where is the small ministry?* When we deal with one sinner, we may influence what to God is worth more than the whole world. There are no small ministries."

I knew that God had helped me reach him.

Bob Saunders is still distributing tracts, happy in his "ministry." He has covered most of the towns within a thirty-five-mile radius, distributing more than 40,000 tracts. Bob Saunders' ministry is certainly not a small ministry.

You who feel that you have failed God by not heeding His call—remember, doors don't open for those who sit and wait. What happens after God's call depends upon your attitude and your actions. As God looks upon you busily engaged in "that which is least," He may open a wider door so that you may be "faithful also in much."

Ponder this, you who tend to despondency. Get busy for God. Find your field of labor. Remember, in the endeavor to reach the lost, there are no *small* ministries.

—Anonymous

REVIVALTIME Giving



January 1 to April 30, 1956

The Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District has made the major changes in both categories this month. In TOTAL GIVING, Wisconsin moved from 10th place into 7th place. A newcomer in this column is the South Florida District, moving from 11th to 9th place. In the AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH column, Wisconsin moved all the way from 6th place to take 2nd place.

TOTAL GIVING		AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH	
1. EASTERN	\$6,688.04	1. NEW YORK	\$36.58
2. SO. CALIFORNIA	6,609.40	2. WISCONSIN-N. MICH.	33.85
3. NORTHWEST	5,321.05	3. EASTERN	30.40
4. OHIO	4,966.60	4. NEW ENGLAND	30.37
5. NEW YORK	4,755.92	5. NEW JERSEY	29.72
6. ILLINOIS	4,702.92	6. OHIO	28.87
7. WISCONSIN-N. MICH	4,537.03	7. SO. FLORIDA	28.41
8. SO. MISSOURI	4,236.64	8. ILLINOIS	24.49
9. SO. FLORIDA	3,920.71	9. NEBRASKA	23.41
10. NO. CALIFORNIA	3,775.15	10. ROCKY MOUNTAIN	21.70

News Flash!

The following stations were added to the REVIVALTIME radio log beginning the week of May 13.

NEW STATIONS

PANAMA CITY, FLA. (WDLF)

Sunday—10:00 p.m.

(590 kc.; 1,000 watts)

Contact cleared through J. B. Davis

TUSCON, ARIZ. (KCNA)

Sunday—10:30 p.m.

(580 kc; 500 watts)

LOVELAND, COLO. (KLOV)

Sunday—2:00 p.m.

(1570 kc; 250 watts)

Contact cleared through E. C. Grauberger.

TIME CHANGE

GREENSBORO, N. C. (WCOG)

Now heard at 2:30 p.m. Sunday

The Challenge of New England

(Continued from page fifteen)

On Dedication Day, March 5, over 400 people were present to rejoice with us in what the Lord had done. Already several have found the Lord as Saviour in the new building, and a number of new folk have visited our services. On Easter Sunday all previous church and Sunday School records were broken. From the humble beginning less than two years ago, when twelve of the former group applied for affiliation with the Assemblies of God, the church has grown so that we had 88 in Sunday School and 129 in the morning service. A newly organized choir presented Easter music in both services.

Our Sunday School staff numbers twelve (we received a Gold Crown award last year); the Christ's Ambassadors group has been functioning for almost a year with an enrollment of over twenty; the Men's Fellowship was organized in April with twenty charter members. A Ladies' Tuesday morning prayer band originated six months ago has resulted in the establishment of a Women's Missionary Council in one of the outlying towns, as well as one in the local church, both in addition to the regular prayer group. Under the

direction of one of our ladies an interdenominational Pioneer Girls program is carried on at the church each Tuesday afternoon with about sixteen in attendance.

A door of ministry has been opened at the State Prison located in Concord and in recent weeks four of the prisoners have accepted the Lord. Several of them are taking the special course offered to prisoners by the Prison Division of the National Home Missions Department.

ROCKPORT, MAINE

On November 26, 1955, a small independent group of fine Pentecostal people in Rockport gathered and voted to instruct their secretary to contact the New England District and request affiliation and an Assemblies of God pastor.

In process of time they became one of our churches and steps were taken to locate a pastor for them. They have a lovely little church building all paid for, but workers are scarce and at the writing of this article they still do not have a permanent pastor.

Robert Dickerson and his good folks in Thomaston, Maine, have been filling the pulpit on Sunday afternoons, but we sincerely trust that by the time this article goes to press there will be a consecrated pastor and his wife in Rockport working with the people to win souls for the Lord.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into his harvest."

E. B. I. INSTRUCTOR MINISTERS IN FOREIGN LANDS

Walter H. Beuttler, an instructor at Eastern Bible Institute, is ministering in foreign lands during the summer. He is spending the month of June in a Bible teaching ministry in France and Algeria. He will be back in the U.S.A. during July to minister at the Sherburne and Lake View camp meetings in New York State, after which he will go to South America for a short-term Bible School in Brazil.

Brother Beuttler's articles have appeared in the *Evangel* from time to time over a space of several years. He has been a member of the faculty of Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pennsylvania, for sixteen years.

For the last five years the scope of his teaching ministry has been enlarged to include France, Italy, Iceland, Algeria, Germany, Portugal, and Tunisia during the summer months. Not only have his travels brought blessing to the people in these foreign lands, but the experience has also enriched his ministry to the students at E.B.I. Because of his trips abroad, the students have elected him to be Faculty Advisor to the Missionary Society for the coming year.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Music Hall, Houston, Tex., June 19-21. Pre-convention District C. A. Rally at First Baptist Church, 1020 Lamar, 7:30 p.m., June 18. A. N. Trotter, Joe Neeley, and Mrs. J. O. Savell, guest speakers.—by Willis E. Berry, District Secretary.

WITH CHRIST

WALTER H. HARRISS, 84, Long Beach, Calif., went to be with the Lord April 25, 1956. Brother Harriss was ordained in 1896. He had been active in the Southern California District for more than 30 years. He taught in the former Berean Bible Institute, San Diego, Calif., from about 1926 until it closed in 1948. After that time he was with the Bible School at Revival Center Church in Long Beach. While an instructor at B. B. I. he held two pastorates at different intervals, one in Oceanside and the other in East San Diego.

CHILD EVANGELISM MATERIALS



FLASH CARD STORIES THE STORY OF "SPUD"

by Zella M. Lindsey

"Spud" had once given her heart to Jesus, but had abandoned her walk with Him. Then she learned the meaning of taking up her cross and following Jesus and again she was on her way to heaven with heaven in her heart. A fine story to use with children who are not walking close to God.

19 EV 7920 75c

E-MIL

This missionary story for children is based on the experiences of a young Raday tribesboy named E-mil who lived in French Indo-China. The visual aid figures are attractively drawn in color on flannelblot stock. The story tells how E-mil met the Chief of the Skies and brought others to Him.

19 EV 7845 75c

PEACE AND THE CROW

by Grace L. Walther

The story of a little Indian girl who learned that peace of heart is possible only as the heart is right with God. There are twelve 12-inch figures to be colored and pasted on colored cardboard.

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CHOSEN BEFORE HE KNEW IT

by Frances N. Phair

A young boy who barely makes a living by selling newspapers is taken into a children's home that was operated by Uncle Ed and Aunt Fanny. They not only took care of the physical needs of their children but also the spiritual needs. An excellent story to present Christ's love for us to the children.

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Children should not be left out of the church's missionary training program. Special missionary services should be planned for them in which missions can be presented on their level. These Missionary Flash Card Stories are ideal to use in such services. These accounts will prove of special interest since they are true stories related by missionaries under assignment by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Printed in color and ready to use.

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For ages 4 to 14 in children's church and other groups. Six lessons each with directions, Scripture and songs. In book form, colored.

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by Arnold Carl Westphal

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What's New?



EVANGEL ART LESSON FOR FLANNELBOARD

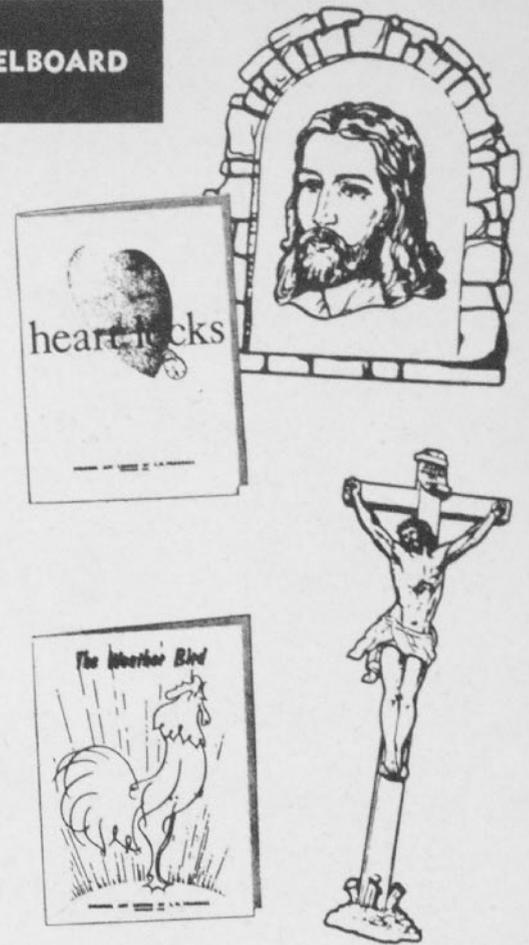
Visual sermonettes for the flannel board designed primarily for the Junior and Primary age. Beautifully illustrated by L. N. Pearsall, well known children's evangelist and artist.

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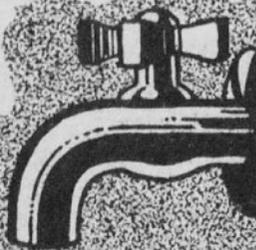
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