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Great as the past accomplishments have been, we believe we are on the threshold of even greater victories. The revivals that God has given in a few places He wants to duplicate in every place. He is moving by His Spirit throughout the whole earth. He is using not the mighty and the learned, but the humblest instrumentalities, to do His work. He is choosing a people in whom He alone will be glorified. He is taking the things that are weak, even things that are foolish, and is using their weakness and nothingness to show forth the superiority of His power over all human power.

God is especially blessing our national workers in various lands. Our missionaries, realizing that the nationals are the key to world evangelization, have established fifty-three Bible-training schools in foreign lands where throngs of promising young people are being trained to be pastors, evangelists, and teachers. Already there is a mighty army of five thousand trained national workers standing shoulder to shoulder with our seven hundred missionaries in the battle for souls. They are proving their effectiveness. If political conditions should force the missionaries to leave a country, the national ministers will carry on the work by themselves.

Our missionary efforts must continue and be intensified in the days ahead. We must redeem the time, for the hour is growing late and our King will soon appear. May God help us to be true to our high calling. Many *Evangel* readers are praying faithfully for the salvation of the lost, and the Lord is answering their prayers. Many are giving generously and sacrificially to supply the funds that are needed for this great missionary enterprise. May a double portion of God's Spirit be the reward of each one. Most of our churches take up a missionary offering regularly every month. But there are some that fail to do this. The report of *church participation in missionary giving* in any one month shows that only about two-thirds of our churches have sent an offering. If every church will send an offering every month, even if it is just a few dollars, our missionary program can be expanded—and the ranks of the redeemed will be increased all around the world.

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Are the Heathen Lost?

By OSWALD J. SMITH

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE heathen are lost, and that they are lost now, even though they have never heard the gospel.

If they are not lost until they hear, then we had better leave them as they are. If only those who definitely reject Christ are to perish, we should never tell them about Him. Better to leave them in their ignorance than to bring them under condemnation. But the teaching of the whole Bible is that men without Christ are lost, and that their only hope of salvation is in the gospel.

Paul speaks of the heathen world in these words: "Dead in trespasses and sins, children of wrath, having no hope and without God" (Eph. 2:1, 3, 12). Could language be plainer? That is their condition. They are irretrievably and eternally lost apart from the gospel.

Now there are two Bible passages that settle it once and for all. The first is Acts 4:12, where it reads: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." None of their gods, none of their religions can avail. The names of Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha, and all others are ruled out. Christ, and Christ alone, can save.

The second statement is found in John 14:6 where Jesus says: "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." There is no other way to God. It is either Christ or damnation. "I am the way," He declares. No one else can be. No one else is. If the heathen are not lost, then these two verses do not mean what they say.

But, you say, it is unjust. You find fault with God. You think a God of love would not and could not permit it. Does God owe us salvation? If so, then it is not of grace at all; in offering salvation to men He is simply paying

It is incredulous that such an argument should have to be presented, yet here it is

a debt. But that is not so. We deserve nothing. It is all of grace.

My friend, you can rest on one great statement and it is this: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" I do not know what He will do, but I do know that He will be absolutely just. He will do right. I can leave it in His hands. And when at last I find out what He has done, I will be completely satisfied. I will agree with the verdict of the angel: "True and righteous are His judgments" (Rev. 16:7).

Remember, there are degrees of punishment. The Bible speaks of many stripes and of few stripes (see Luke 12:47). The heathen, apart from Christ, will never get to heaven, but they will be dealt with fairly. It is a mystery now; it will be plain then. Meanwhile it is our duty and privilege to give them the gospel and to do everything we can to win them to Christ.

It may be that God is calling you to be a missionary and that He wants you to go abroad with the gospel. If so, obey the Spirit. Do not be disobedient to the heavenly vision. Answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me." It may be that He wants you to send a substitute. If so, earn as much money as you can and put that money back of some substitute. Send someone in your

place. Do your part to evangelize the world. No doubt He is calling you to pray. Do not fail Him. Become an intercessor. Take missions on your heart. Pray the laborers out to the fields. Pray the money in. Pray until the world has been evangelized.

Why waste your life here in America? Why settle down to the humdrum and the monotony of making money? Why not get a vision? You can go where no one else has gone. You can invest your life in something really worth while. If you stay here, you will be treading on someone else's toes. If you go out there, you will have plenty of elbow room. Why not live a life really worth while? You, too, can be a pioneer.

Oh, I know what you are saying. I have heard it said again and again. You are quoting Acts. 1:8, but you are not quoting it correctly. This is the way you quote it: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, *first* in Jerusalem, then in Judea: after that in Samaria, and, last of all, to the uttermost part of the earth." But that is not what it says. Let me quote it for you now: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me *both* in Jerusalem, *and* in all Judea, *and* in Samaria, *and* unto the uttermost part of the earth." It is not "first" but "both." And what does the word "both" mean? It means at one and the same time, does it not? In other words, we are to evangelize Jerusalem, and, at one and the same time, Judea, and Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth. We are not to wait until we have completed the work here, before going there. We are to work both fields, the home and the foreign, together.

Oh, my friend, let me urge you, in the short time that remains, to turn from everything else, and to bend every effort to send out the gospel, for this is the primary task that Jesus left His Church to do. ◀ ◀

BECAUSE OF CALVARY



Into All the World

BY ALLEN BOWMAN

WHEN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE Church of Scotland met in 1796, many delegates hoped for a quick, smooth handling of routine business. They wanted to get back to their regular tasks. But among them was a man of vision and courage, a man deeply agitated. To their consternation he introduced an unheard-of resolution—a proposal to *evangelize the heathen*.

To many the idea seemed chimerical. They pointed out that, after more than two centuries of effort, the denomination hadn't even brought its schools up to acceptable standards, or occupied more than a small part of the home field. A counter resolution was quickly introduced: "To spread abroad the

knowledge of the Gospel amongst barbarous and heathen nations seems to be highly preposterous, in so far as philosophy and learning must in the nature of things take the precedence; and that, while there remains at home a single individual every year without the means of religious knowledge, to propagate it abroad would be improper and absurd."

The atmosphere was tense as delegates steeled themselves for a long debate. But they were in for another surprise. The honored Dr. Erskine arose and asked the moderator for a Bible. The request was granted. Then, in a voice that burst upon the assembly like a clap of thunder, he read the Great

Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

What was the answer to *that*? There was none—except to *obey* it. A new day had dawned in the history of the Kirk.

"Go ye into all the world. . . ." *What is our answer today?*

More than 1900 years have passed since Jesus uttered those compelling words. Yet in our day, in terms of absolute totals, there are more unevangelized people on our planet than ever before.

We wouldn't think of using the out-moded argument against foreign missions that blindly conservative church members were using in the eighteenth century. Perhaps all of us are theoretically committed to the cause of world evangelization. But actions speak louder than words. To be sure, Christians in the United States are giving millions of dollars annually to missions. For that they are to be commended. But the total is a mere fraction of what is given to operate the church at home. Most of our effort is in behalf of territory that is already evangelized.

I am thinking of one local church which represents a missionary-minded denomination and maintains a much higher level of spirituality than the average church in America. Its two hundred or more members are paying a good salary to their pastor, a good part-time salary to their assistant pastor, and varying amounts to their music director and other members of the staff. Last year the local salary budget alone totaled over \$9,000. Their budget for foreign missions was only \$416! Of the total listed by the treasurer for *all* purposes during the year, scarcely two per cent went to evangelize the heathen.

Fortunately the women of that church, through their two missionary societies, brightened the picture a little by raising some hundreds of dollars more for the cause. But is it any wonder that some of the members, appalled by the lack of balance between home and foreign outreach, were giving regularly to missions outside of regular church channels?

After hearing the last annual financial report, that church voted to assume the support of a foreign missionary. Better late than never!

Last year fully one-third of all funds raised by church people in the United States went into buildings—not for the

foreign field but for finer structures here at home.

We need buildings in which to worship the Lord; but there are teeming multitudes who have never even heard of Jesus Christ.

We need workers at the home base, and they should be well paid; but there are vast areas in the world where there are no Christian workers at all.

We need to hear the gospel every Sunday, just as we have been hearing it all our lives; but multiplied millions haven't yet heard it once.

Music from fine organs may be a valuable aid to religious worship; but the heathen hear no music at all except wild drums and degrading chants.

A minister whose world vision is so

contagious that his congregation is supporting dozens of foreign missionaries, has used a striking illustration to shame complacent American Christians. Picture five thousand men, besides women and children, ranged in tense, expectant rows on the grassy hillside near the Sea of Galilee, waiting to be fed. They are desperately hungry. Will there be food enough for all? The twelve apostles begin passing out the loaves and fishes which Jesus is miraculously providing. The people in the first row receive their supply and begin to devour it; they are so hungry, in fact, that before the second row is reached they are calling for more. The first row is more easily reached anyway. And so, while the other thousands still wait,

the apostles pass more food along the first row.

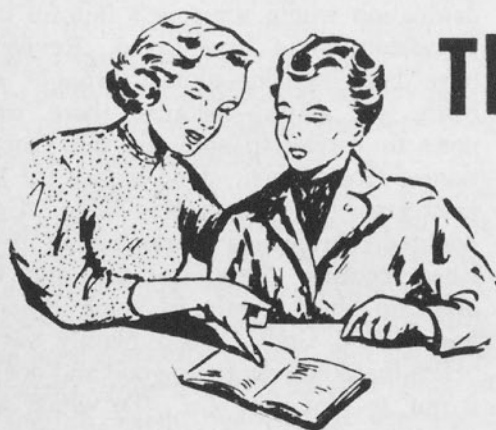
But stop! Peter, James, John—all of you—what are you doing? Don't you see all those other weary rows of hungry people? They haven't had a bite yet! Isn't there plenty for all?

The apostles seemingly hear not the protest. They are too busy with their front-row duties to give heed. They pass the loaves and fishes a third time—to the first row.

What would Jesus say?

"Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the gospel to *every* creature." When the great Day of the Lord comes, we shall have to give an account for our incredible blindness, our crass complacency, our soul-searing selfishness.

"I want peace so much," said



The Portuguese School Teacher

By MARY LEE BOBBY

GENNY IS A GIRL YOU WOULD ENJOY knowing. Her real name is Maria Eugenia Teixeira da Costa. She has big, black eyes that snap as she talks, and she possesses a unique sense of humor—plus the ability to express abstract ideas in interesting, concrete, and picturesque phrases.

She is Portuguese but was born in Mozambique and spent her youth, until she became 16, in South Africa. Because of her dual contact with the Latin and English peoples, she is unusually open-minded when it comes to accepting the good and ignoring the bad in a given culture.

I met her one day over a year ago when I visited two teen-age American girls who were enrolled in her school for American children. The girls had recently accepted the Lord Jesus as Saviour in my Sunday School class. One of them had tried to witness to Genny, but she had only laughed in disbelief at the thought of a personal and self-revealing God.

I was drawn to her vivacious per-

sonality from the start and said to myself, as I left the classroom and started down the steps, "If that girl would own Jesus Christ as Saviour, I'm sure she would be used greatly by the Lord."

From that day on I began to pray that the Holy Spirit in great convicting power would work in her heart.

Not many weeks after, Ann, one of the American school girls, came to our home. She was obviously concerned over her school work and disturbed by the fact that in the science courses Genny was teaching materialistic ideas that left no room for the God of creation. "Besides that," she said, "she is cynical and sarcastic to me and the others; she has dizzy spells in the classroom until she is blinded, and the class has to be stopped!"

Ann and I prayed together then that somehow Genny would find Jesus Christ and find Him to be all-sufficient in her life. I gave Ann a gospel booklet and asked her to give it to Genny to read.

I met Genny on the street sometime later, and she greeted me with these words: "I appreciated very much the booklet you gave me to read. I'm in a great turmoil so I don't believe it did me much good, but I wish you would pray for me." Pray for her! To hear the word "pray" from her lips was a wonderful encouragement. The Lord was working in her heart.

She came to our home one day not long afterwards, sat down, and in her frank, open way said, "I want to know all about this business of the Lord's saving people. I need spiritual help."

I took the Bible in my hands and responded, "First, before we look into God's Word, may I just give a few words of personal testimony? I have the most wonderful peace in my heart because..."

And before I could finish my sentence, she burst out, "Peace! Oh, I want to have peace, so much, so much!"

The next two hours we spent in Bible study, poring over the glorious message for the sinner of reconciliation to God through His Son. Several times, when I was trying to explain a truth to her, she would stop me by saying, "Now, don't give me so many wonderful and deep things at the same time. I'll learn those later. Let's just keep to the simple truths, for I'm just a tiny baby."

Before she left that afternoon I encouraged her to read God's Word every day.

The next time she came to visit, she was beaming. "Why, I never dreamed the Bible contained such wonderful things. I've been reading it every day,

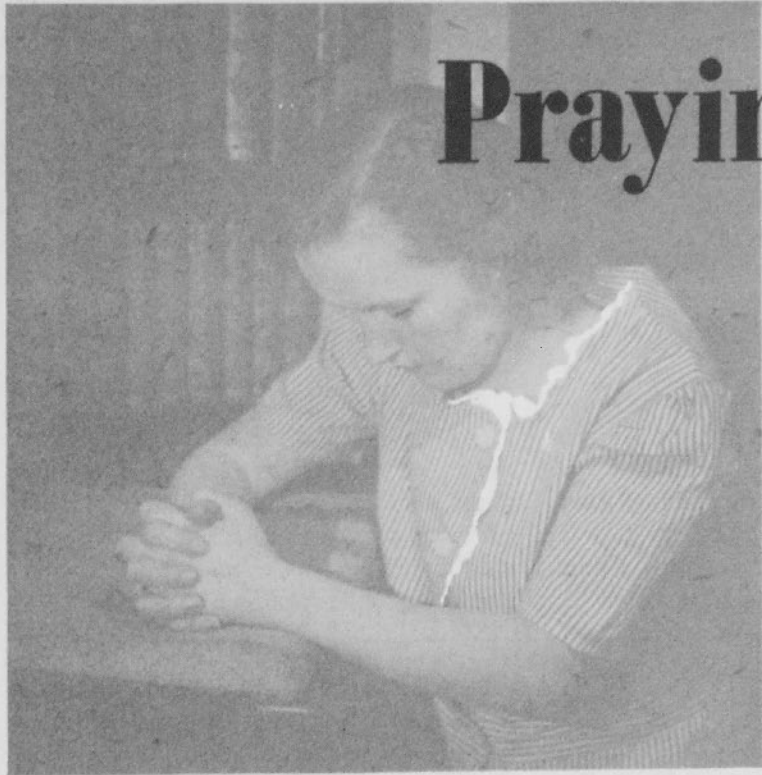
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Praying For Missions

In the Local Church

"GIVE OF THY SONS TO TELL THE MESSAGE GLORIOUS,
GIVE OF THY WEALTH TO SPEED THEM ON THEIR WAY;
POUR OUT THY SOUL FOR THEM IN PRAYER VICTORIOUS—
ALL THAT THOU SPENDEST JESUS WILL REPAY."

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER



CHRIST'S "GO YE" IS FOR ALL—SO we were taught in a great missionary body before the outpouring of the Latter Rain over fifty years ago. We were told that "the field is the world," and every true believer was a potential missionary through person, purse, or prayer. The outpouring of the Spirit intensified this conviction and the full consecration, which brought the Pentecostal power, found marvelous missionary expression as new zeal and holy fervor stirred to greater action than ever before.

Some of those early scenes would read like modern chapters from the Acts of the Apostles. There was sacrificial going, giving, and intercession—real praying in the Holy Ghost for the salvation of the lost throughout all the earth. Where the Pentecostal fire burns brightest there has been continued going, increased hilarious giving, and effectual fervent praying.

Everyone is a potential missionary—even we who are not privileged to go. Gladly we can give to spread the "Good News" until it hurts; then continue giving until it ceases to hurt! Do we forget that our only reason for existence as Christians is to hasten the message to the ends of the earth? Can we enjoy our morsel alone while multitudes die in despair? *Perhaps it is because we are ceasing to pray as real Holy Ghost intercessors that we do*

not give as we could and should. Our gifts usually follow our prayers.

This matter of missionary intercession is a vital life-line. That late apostle of missionary accomplishment, A. B. Simpson, told the story of a certain pearl diver at work down in the ocean depths. His brother came to that part of the ship from which the diver had descended. Fancying the supply man who controlled the oxygen pump was a bit negligent, the brother upbraided him with strong words, adding, "He's my brother and I want you to tend diligently to your business, or you will have to reckon with me."

Out there in a black sea of heathenism, degradation, and bondage our brothers, our sisters are battling against entrenched powers of evil. They are seeking to gather priceless pearls for Christ, and our constant business should be to pump "divine oxygen" to them through prevailing prayer. Some day we must reckon with God Himself if we are negligent in upholding them before the Throne of Grace.

There has been shameful indifference over this vital need of prayer in some places, and we might as well confess it to God and one another. There has been a grievous lack of earnest, systematic intercession in behalf of our missionaries, national workers, and believers; and also for the heathen themselves of whom vast hosts are as yet

untouched by one cheering ray of light.

Souls have gone out into eternal damnation whom someone's faithful intercession might have saved. Revivals have been denied—almost brought to birth, yet stayed—because there was none to travail in soul for the visitation of God's Spirit. God looked for an intercessor, and there was none. Undoubtedly promising workers have perished because there was no one to hold up their hands in some crucial hour. And God's Word plainly says, "Him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." To which we add Samuel's solemn words, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:33).

Striking examples have reached us of those obedient prayer-warriors who have heeded the Spirit's prompting even in the dead of night, arising from their bed to wrestle in prayer for some missionary. Long afterward they found such heaven-prompted intercession was exactly timed to an occasion of desperate need, and a gracious deliverance granted. "Laborers together"—with the glad prospect of rejoicing together when the sheaves are laid at His feet.

"Away in foreign lands they wondered 'how'
Their simple word had power;
At home, the Christians 'two and three' had
met
To pray an hour.

"Yes, we are always wondering 'how'
Because we do not see
Someone, unknown perhaps, and far away
On bended knee.

"The hands were steady till the setting sun,
No need to wonder more
'How' courage, faith and hope were all supplied
From heaven's store."

All this on the side of our responsibility. But what about our privilege? We all recognize that opportunity brings responsibility, and every divine responsibility becomes a privilege when we consider in this particular case that it means the hastening of our Lord's return. You alone, or in company with others, can touch the whole world for God. Acquaint yourself with the various fields and the missionaries thereon. If desirable, make prayer lists, devoting certain days to different fields. Enlist yourself as a definite foreign intercessory missionary.

Put yourself in each missionary's place and try to realize how you would appreciate Holy Ghost prayer backing. The missionaries are just as human as you are, but with intensified powers of evil marshaled to hinder their endeavors. In any life or church where such intercession is emphasized and practiced there will be spiritual quickening, rich enlargement in God. Such prayer concern, like a boomerang, always tends to revitalize and bless the one who prays. (See Isaiah 58:10.)

An aged servant of God was found dead one morning, kneeling beside his bed. Before him was stretched a map of Africa upon which various mission stations were marked; and, evidently, as was his daily custom, the departed brother was pouring out his soul to God for needy ones across the water in the last moment of his earthly existence. A close friend noted the stations marked, and wrote to the workers at each concerning the aged brother's homegoing, and what his habit of prayer had been. Later came the answers, each telling of special revival at every place marked on the map. They knew nothing of the faithful intercessor, but our God who seeth in secret gave the promised open reward. We are "laborers together"—with a harvest to be shared.

God help us to know the same consecration, devotion, and obedience in intercession shown by those in active service across the seas. We are "laborers together" in the same glorious task—tersely but convincingly expressed by one brave little missionary thus—

"Two grinding at the mill
To give the hungry bread;
Two grinding at the mill,
That dying souls be fed.

"Hard is the grinding task,
But we labor not alone,
Your hand on mine by prayer,
And so the lost are won."



REVIVAL OR RUIN

BY GEORGE L. FORD

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The failure of the Russian propaganda offensive as evidenced in Hungary and Poland and the growing unrest in other satellites has increased rather than lessened the threat of imminent global war. Our own military leaders fear that a new desperation behind the iron curtain may result in sneak attacks at any moment, for red leaders now realize that their only hope for world conquest is by military force.

The Soviet is well prepared for such a move. General Alfred M. Gruenther speaking at a meeting which I attended just one week following his retirement as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe pointed out that the free world is superior to the Soviet only in long range bombers and surface ships, and that advantage may not continue. Russia has the largest land army in the world with 175 divisions, more than 20,000 airplanes which are constantly being improved, and over 400 submarines.

To understand the significance of the red submarine fleet, it should be recalled that at the beginning of World War II Germany had less than 75 and the total submarine strength of the free world is now less than 80. The bombardment of American coastal cities with submarine-based atomic weapons is militarily possible any day.

The seemingly insoluble dilemmas facing the world today clearly show that hope lies not in military strength or

diplomatic maneuvering alone. The real answer is spiritual, and the primary need is revival. We must seek the face of God. We must personally apply 2 Chronicles 7:14. God said, "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

But even the healing of our land which may stay the devastation of war is not the deepest motive for revival. More important is that we may see the will of God done in our own lives and lost souls brought to Christ through the ministry of a revived church.

Realizing the imperativeness of revival, the National Association of Evangelicals, in preparation for the World Day of Prayer, March 8, has chosen 2 Chronicles 7:14 as the theme text. Bible-centered worship material built around this verse and emphasizing the need of humility, intercession, worship and repentance on the part of God's people may be obtained by writing to the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois. Worship material booklets and advertising posters will be supplied in any quantity desired without cost, but a freewill offering for the NAE's evangelical advertising program is requested where the material is used.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY, MARCH 8

OPEN HEARTS IN NEPAL

BY SAM BECKDAHL

WE READ IN REVELATION 3:8, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it..." These words were our Lord's message to the church in Philadelphia, yet they ring true in present-day circumstances, for our Lord opens doors at the right time and no man is able to shut them. This is true of the door to Nepal which has been closed for centuries to foreigners as well as nationals who would like to bring the glorious message of deliverance to men and women of that land.

Within the last few years the new government of Nepal has made marked social progress. It has granted freedom of religion by its constitution... yet has restricted foreigners within its borders from using this freedom. Even the presence of foreigners is limited to those who promise to engage only in welfare work for the social uplift of the nation. Several missions have already taken advantage of this provision and have established hospitals, dispensaries and local schools. But that is as far as they can go.

God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. For forty years our own parents and other missionaries

have labored along the borders of Nepal waiting for the doors to open to the gospel. Well do I recall the hours of prayer and streams of tears shed in the desire that God would open the door. That burden has become ours. Through the providence of God, circumstances brought me into close contact with Nepali people. During the second great war I had the privilege of serving as an officer in a Gurkha regiment. We know their language, mannerisms and customs. Loving these people naturally brings us a burning desire that the nine million souls in Nepal might be saved.

We hoped for immediate entry into Nepalese work in our first term as missionaries but the door remained adamant. The need for a missionary couple in the James Harvey Memorial School and orphanage was presented and we found ourselves challenged by the task of helping to train young people "in the way that they should go"... trying to fit them for a life of service to God and to their country. God did not erase the burden for Nepal but let us have the joy of bringing some Nepalese boys to the school where God has saved them. Some of them are in Nepal today and others we trust to see working for the

Lord in their own country, should Jesus tarry! God answered prayer and supplied the necessary missionary personnel for the James Harvey Memorial School, so we are now engaged in Nepali work along the border. We know God is opening the door and we are looking for Him to be glorified where He is not yet known.

It took three months to obtain a ten-day visitor's permit. My heart was filled with praise to God the moment the plane left the ground in India. I could hardly wait to plant my feet in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, an hour later. Only ten short days to see the country for which so many years of prayer have been spent, and no bus or railway system in the country except in the city of Kathmandu itself where there are roads and cars!

We first visited a large hospital which missionaries were permitted to establish in the capital. The Roman Catholics were the first to enter and they are operating a large school for boys. Another missionary who had waited eighteen years to enter the land was finally granted permission to open a girls' school in Kathmandu. Then there is a dispensary at Batgaon where two young

A Nepalese looking at the "Fish Tail" of the Annapurna Range



A group of Nepalese travelers outside a typical wayside inn





The boy in the center—formerly of the James Harvey Memorial School—is a technician

American nurses are permitted to work. Syrian Christians from South India have opened a small hall for worshipping the living God in the heart of the capital.

All missionaries wishing to enter Nepal must do so under one Mission called "The United Mission to Nepal." There are now twelve missionaries of various faiths... yet not one Pentecostal worker as yet.

The territory around Kathmandu is covered with temples and the people are filled with superstitions and fears. Hinduism is predominant although there is also a large element of Buddhism. We have visited many temples in other countries and have seen idolatry practiced, but never have we felt the power of evil spirits more than in Kathmandu. It is no wonder, for the devil is worshiped in various hideous forms with



At Pokhara, an indigenous church is in operation. The people destroyed their monkey god and turned to the Lord. They called the Nepalese church "Antioch." The pastor and family are shown with the missionary in the foreground.

sacrifices of blood. Satan has done a devastating work... but where sin abounds the grace of God still more abounds. How God's heart must bleed for these people! We who are saved by the blood of the Lamb must present the message of deliverance before it is too late.

Leaving Kathmandu, we journeyed to a place called Pokhara where some English lady missionaries have built quite a large hospital out of quonset huts. These huts were flown into Nepal piece by piece by a pilot who wished to do something to help. Here in Pokhara, quite apart from the hospital work, an indigenous church is in operation. The people smashed their monkey god idol and have called their village "Antioch," because it is the place where Nepalese were first called Christians in Nepal. These two missionary ladies had labored on the border in India for fifteen years without seeing results, but now within a few years God has saved an entire village. The villagers built their own house of worship, and now support their own native pastor with such food and grains as they have themselves.

A gazette order, passed recently, states that where conversions take place from the Hindu religion, the convert will be fined Rs. 100—(many months' wages) and then go to prison for three years, after which time he will be entered into the lowest caste of Hinduism. This has been done to retaliate against those who have become Christians in "Antioch." The gazette order has not yet become law. The Christians are preparing for this eventuality by committing vast portions of Scripture to memory in case they must go to

prison without the Word of God in their hands.

The door that has begun to open appears as if it may again be shut. But no one can shut the door against the Lord's will! It is time for the Christian world to pray for Nepal earnestly. We believe in our hearts that this is the hour for Nepal's salvation, and that Nepal needs a Pentecost. Will you not pray that we, too, may take the wondrous message of the gospel right into Nepal? The time is short. Jesus' command was to go and preach this message to all nations—and that includes Nepal.

Famine Relief in Peru

This is a translation of a letter received from Domingo Torres, Peru. It was addressed to the Foreign Mis-



A group of Peruvians that received relief

sions Department in acknowledgment of help sent.

"Fraternal greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I am writing you to express my profound gratitude for the offering that the brethren at Springfield sent to the brethren at Cuzco in answer to their petition for help. I want to say that the brethren give thanks in the love of the Lord, for I was able to take them food stuffs from Lima such as potatoes, rice and lard. Not only the brethren of Cuzco have received this help but also brethren of Apurimac which is another district that was also affected by the drought. We have just returned from a trip through this province. The people are in such a sad situation, as they have had no harvest. We made the effort to take a little corn and rice and we gave it to the poor. They were very grateful. They live in places far off from the highway.

"Our greetings and gratitude to the brethren at Springfield.

"Your brother in Christ,
(signed) Domingo Torres"

Teaching East Africans To Read God's Word

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT GOGO TRIBESMEN in Tanganyika, East Africa, stole their neighbors' cattle. The raiders were seldom caught—and, if captured, they were not convicted. Why? They paid tribute to their sub-chief who kept them out of jail.

Then a Christian missionary moved into the area and began working among the natives. She and some African assistants began a literacy campaign among those who could not read and write—the honest and the dishonest. She taught some 1,600 natives to read the Bible and Christian literature. Meanwhile, evangelists were busy preaching the Word of God.

The combination of the written and spoken Word was unbeatable. Thievery stopped; natives gave up drinking banana liquor and other alcoholic beverages; sexual immorality decreased; the whole moral tone of the area greatly improved as the natives were pointed to Jesus Christ.

Miss Beryl Long, Australian missionary who supervised that literacy campaign, and leaders of other denominations have met since to prepare for an all out mass literacy campaign for East Africa. Taking part in the three-month conference were missionaries, educators, laymen, and officials of the senior social department of the Tanganyika government. This group, which pooled ideas and experiences, included Mrs. Alice Udd. She and her husband, Ragmar, are Assemblies of

God missionaries in Nyasaland. One of the leaders in the conference was a well-known American religious journalist, James W. Carty, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee.

These participants were faced with a major problem that exists in most countries in what is known as the "Dark Continent": illiteracy prevents church members and new converts from reading God's Word. They can become stable Christians only as they are grounded in the Word. Gospel literature is also an effective evangelist in areas where the natives can read.

Approximately 90 per cent of the adults in the 120 tribes in Tanganyika are illiterates. The proportion of those able to read is, of course, higher in some tribes and lower in others. For example, among the Ilamba and Turu tribes, only two per cent of the adults can read.

Therefore, the work of the conference centered primarily in how to teach the natives to read. However, those attending were also instructed on how to write more inspirational and improvement materials that will be needed in the future as more adults learn to read.

Teaching the Africans to read is one way of opening their hearts to the gospel, for Christian literature and the Word of God can help turn Africa to God. The Bible is also an indispensable anchor for new converts, keeping them from returning to their old superstitions and paganism.

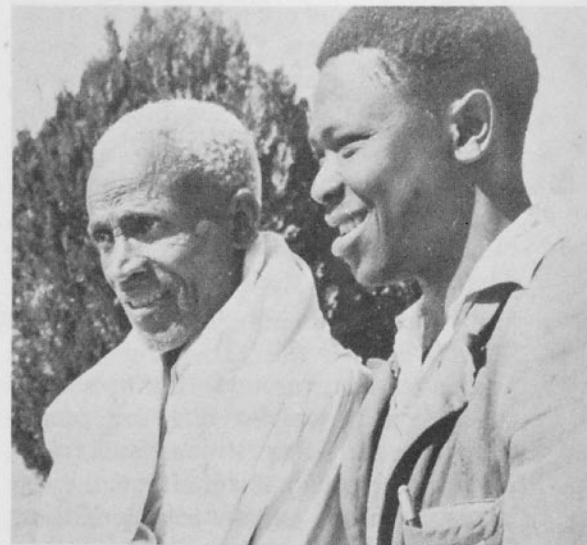
WHAT IT MEANS TO BELIEVE

When the great missionary, John C. Paton, was translating the Scriptures for his South Sea Islanders, he found that apparently there was no word for "believe" in their native tongue. For a long while he was baffled. Then one day a native came into his study who was tired out. The native flung himself down on a chair, placed his feet on another chair, lay back full length, and said it was so **good to lean his whole weight** on those chairs. Instantly Dr. Paton noted the word the man used for "lean his whole weight on." The missionary had his word for "believe." He used that word in translating the Scriptures. Try it for yourself, in any verse where the word "believe" appears, and see how well it fits.

—Griffith Thomas, in *New Sermon Illustrations*



Mrs. Alice Udd, Assemblies of God missionary, and Dr. Wesley Sadler, United Lutheran Church missionary-linguist, review a newspaper, "Arumeru," used in a mass literacy-literature project



Teopilo Makala, right, African teacher, prepares to help an elder from the Ilamba tribe, left, learn to read



Ilamba tribes people from Kinampanda, Tanganyika, watch their cattle resting in front of the mud-brick house

Photos by James W. Carty, Jr.

The Captain of our Salvation does not conquer by the spear or sword, but by His undying love

I WANT TO PASS ON TO YOU A verse of Scripture which to a great extent revolutionized my outlook on mission work, one that made clear to me the victory of Calvary: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

In the Weymouth version it reads, "But to God be the thanks who in Christ ever leads us in His triumphal procession, displaying everywhere through us the sweetness of the knowledge of Him."

I believe the apostle Paul here takes a simile of a Roman general who, having led his army victoriously in battle, returns to Rome to take part in a great triumphal procession or victory parade. Leading the procession is this great general, either seated on a beautiful charger or riding in a victory chariot. As he drives up the great streets of the capital city, cheer after cheer comes from the populace.

Just behind him are the soldiers of his victorious army bearing their glittering armor. After them there comes a defeated army, the men who fought against Rome and were vanquished in battle. They are the picture of misery, dejection, and hopelessness. These men—their wounds unwashed, their blood still clotted upon their bodies, their garments still stained with battle—trudge along, weary and filthy from the long journey. This is the hour of their humiliation. The cheers of the populace turn to jeers as this defeated, broken army is led along. After they have been mocked by the people, the defeated soldiers are appointed either to slavery or to death, according to the whim of the Roman general.

The apostle Paul saw in that a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, leading a host of captives. Christ did not conquer these men and women by the spear and the sword, but by His love. He overmastered them when He bled for their sins upon the cross of Calvary. You and I were in rebellion against God, but Jesus subdued us by His love and His compassion. He brought us into captivity and then led us in this victory parade.

THE VICTORY PARADE

By FRED BURKE

South Africa



But what a contrast! He bound our wounds and healed them up. He washed us and covered us with spotless garments. He bestowed upon us His glory. He clothed us with His armor, in order that we might become His soldiers. And instead of leading a defeated, broken army, He made us to be a glorious, conquering army, partakers of His victory on Calvary. Oh, thank God for the blood of the Cross, where our rebellion was completely broken, and we became the love-slaves of Jesus!

In that victory procession I see another group—a great host of malignant forms with dark, sullen faces. They are the evil spirits, defeated but still defiant. In Colossians 2:15 we find something of what the victory of Christ meant upon the Cross: "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." The Weymouth version reads this way, "And the hostile princes and rulers He stripped off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them."

I would like you to see the Cross as the scene of the greatest conflict of the ages. There Satan, the prince of darkness, came to the Son of God. He came to destroy Him. He came with his rulers and with his princes in order that they might leap upon the Christ of God in the hour of His weakness.

At the last moment, as the blood was draining from the body of Christ,

as His body was wracked with excruciating pain and fever, the evil one drew near the Cross and said to the Son of God, "Now you are finished. This is the hour of my triumph." He was about to take the life of Jesus and become the king of death. But just at that moment Christ by faith cried out to the Father, "Thou hast delivered me from the horn of the unicorn. . . . It is finished." And He died. He said, "No man taketh it [my life] from me, but I lay it down of Myself."

Oh, thank God, He not only cheated Satan of that great victory by laying down His life, but He conquered death. He put all those princes and rulers of spiritual darkness to an open shame when He rose from the dead to lead this victorious army of the Blood-bought ones. He chained old Satan to the chariot wheel. He displayed him as His conquest. And now, dear friend, we are facing a defeated foe. As God sends us out to the mission field, we are following a Leader who has absolutely defeated Satan, and we are marching in His victory parade.

When I saw this truth out in Africa it changed my conception of missionary work. It was no longer necessary for me to go out in fear and trembling, for I knew that I was following a victorious Leader. I knew that I was in a victory parade.

I remember putting up the gospel tent in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, a few months ago. Everything was against us. It seemed that the devil had tried in every way to forestall our having a tent meeting among the Africans. When we tried to put the tent up, somehow one of the workers got it laced the wrong way, and we had to take it down and unlace it. When we tried to put it up the second time we ripped

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PLAN TO ATTEND THE

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Wesleyan Methodist Printing Plant Destroyed by Fire

An all-night fire, described as the worst in the history of Syracuse, New York, did \$500,000 damage to the First Methodist Church and the headquarters of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. According to press reports, the publishing house of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination was completely destroyed.

Nile Mission Press Closed

After a long and noble history of Christian missionary service among the Arabs, the Nile Mission Press has been closed by edict of the Nasser government. Its big printing works are padlocked and the property has been sequestered by Egyptian authorities.

Rabbis Protest Desecration of Wailing Wall

Israel's two Chief Rabbis registered protests at Jerusalem against the desecration of the Wailing Wall, which stands in Jerusalem's Jordan-controlled Old City. The Wall, the only remaining part of the ancient Jewish Temple area, is called "the holiest site in Judaism." The Chief Rabbis charged that Communist propaganda posters had been pasted on the Wall, and called upon Jordanian authorities to take effective measures against the "defilers."

Prisoners Plan to Enter the Ministry

Eight inmates of Draper Prison, Speigner, Alabama, have decided to enter the ministry after they complete their prison terms. The men range in age from 24 to 40, and are serving terms ranging from 5 to 10 years, indicating they will yet be able to give much time to serving God. The men currently are active in the prison's religious programs. The chaplain of Draper Prison reported 365 conversions last year.

ASSEMBLIES SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONTINUE EXPANSION

Statistics recently released by the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God reveal that our Sunday Schools are continuing to expand. Reports for the year from October 1, 1955 through September 30, 1956 show a total of 7,358 English-speaking Sunday Schools in the U.S., with an enrollment of 824,096 and an average attendance of 595,998. (This is an 18,914 increase in enrollment and a 9,769 increase in attendance over the previous year.) These schools are served by 88,296 officers and teachers, and reported 73,580 conversions during the year.

In addition to these schools, there are 482 Sunday Schools of Foreign-Language Branches of the Assemblies of God in the U.S. These schools have a total estimated enrollment of 53,984, with an average attendance of 39,042.

A combination of these figures shows that Assemblies of God Sunday Schools in the U.S. have an estimated total enrollment of 878,080, with an average attendance each Sunday of 635,040.

The Sunday Schools are currently engaged in a program to have one million persons enrolled by 1960.

Juveniles Sentenced to Attend Church

Seven youths who bombed a synagogue at Skokie, Illinois, last Hallowe'en have been sentenced to a year of church-going and religious instruction. The judge ordered them to attend church every Sunday and meet with clergymen of their choice for weekly instruction in religion.

The youths planted a homemade bomb in a synagogue in the Chicago suburb—just for fun—causing damage estimated at \$3,000. They pleaded guilty to charges of destruction of a public building.

World's Hottest Furnace

An announcement from Washington, D.C., says the air force plans to use the sun for energy to fire "the hottest furnace known to exist in the world today." The projected solar furnace, to be built in New Mexico, will use mirrors to attain temperatures from seven to eight thousand degrees Fahrenheit. Such terrific heat is needed for research and testing of materials for high-speed, high-altitude aircraft and for duplicating the effect of nuclear weapons.

This announcement brings to mind another fire—an eternal lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels, the destination of all who refuse to accept God's Son as their means of salvation. We do not know the temperature of the lake of fire, but we do know that the Bible says of the God-rejectors who are sentenced to it: "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night" (Rev. 14:11). If you wish to avoid such a fate, accept Christ as your personal Saviour today.

Minimizing the Work of Christ

From the pen of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Roman Catholic radio and television speaker, comes this startling item:

"St. Gamma Galgani, of modern times, one day was interceding with Our Saviour for the soul of a certain sinner. As Gamma pleaded for mercy, the Saviour recounted one by one his frightful and abnormal sins. After the Saviour had refused three times, St. Gamma Galgani said: 'Then I shall ask your Mother.' Our Lord answered: 'In that case I cannot refuse.' An hour later the sinner in question came to the confessor of the saint and made his full confession."

This item appeared in the September 1956 issue of *Prophecy Monthly*, with the following comment:

"This worship of Mary necessarily involves a minimizing of the work of Christ and His mercy. Hence Roman Catholic writers and speakers, such as Bishop Sheen, are driven to the place where they must picture the Saviour as stern and austere, while Mary is compassionate and tender. Is it anything but blasphemy to declare that Jesus Christ is unwilling to hear prayer while Mary stands anxious to intercede for us? Such a shameless caricature of the Person of the Lord must be repulsive to all who know Him."

Gift Packages Can Now Be Sent to Hungary

The government says that mail service to Hungary has been resumed and the Communist government has agreed to let gift parcels come in duty free. Gift packages worth up to fifty dollars can be mailed from this country direct to individuals or to religious or charitable organizations in Hungary, without applying for export licenses.

Evangelicals Oppose Visit to Red China

A number of church leaders and editors in Evangelical circles have come out strongly in opposition to the proposed visit of American clergymen to Red China. They feel that such a visit would be a source of great discouragement to the leadership of the vital evangelical segment of the Chinese Church.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor of the National Association of Evangelicals pointed out that evangelicals in the U.S. supported "over 2,000 Christian missionaries in China prior to 1949 when missionary activity on the Chinese mainland became impossible." He added that these missionaries left a "vigorous body of evangelical Christians" who had refused to "collaborate with Communism," whereas the "liberal segment of Chinese Protestantism submitted itself to the Communist ideology" and thus had become the "government-approved" church. Any visit of Protestant churchmen to Communist China would be in conjunction with the program of this "government-approved" church, he maintained.

City Reconsiders; Issues Street Meeting Permit

A City Council committee of Greensboro, North Carolina, voted that Thomas Hardy, a Baptist layman, should have a permit for street preaching after all. Hardy had been arrested for preaching on the street without a permit. When convicted, he appealed to a higher court, contending that the city's ordinance was unconstitutional because it limited freedom of speech.

The city fathers reconsidered the matter and decided that if Hardy would comply with certain restrictions, he could have a permit. He will have to refrain from preaching closer than fifty feet to a corner, and must limit his preaching to the evening hours between six and nine. He must not interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and he "must not conduct himself in a manner so violent as to frighten children." Mr. Hardy agreed.

Introduce Bill to Ban School Sports on Sundays

A bill to ban the holding of school sports events on Sundays has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature. Church leaders have pointed out that Sunday games have become very common in Massachusetts in recent years.

Forty-four states now prohibit school sports events on Sundays. The only states that do not are Louisiana, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

What About Personal Holiness?

The future moderator of the Church of Scotland, George McLeod, is disturbed because the Billy Graham type of evangelistic campaign seems to have stimulated a growing desire for personal holiness among religious people. He said that he considers the Biblical concept of holiness to do with righteousness, politics, and public affairs and feels it shouldn't be watered down to a mere personal piety.

We wonder, however, how it is possible to have holiness in "politics and public affairs" without having personal holiness. No group is ever stronger than the individuals who make it up.



Richard H. Ellington, secretary of the American Bible Society, offers Hungarian Scriptures to refugees in Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

HUNGARIAN REFUGEES SAY ...

"We Want Bibles"

There probably has never been a greater evidence of the power and need for the Bible than has been shown by the thousands of requests for Scriptures received by the American Bible Society from the desperate and homeless Hungarian people.

"The very first convoy of trucks driving into Budapest found terrible depredation—absence of bread, loss of great stocks of clothing—but the cry was for an adequate supply of Scriptures," according to a report made to the Bible Society by a reliable source.

As soon as the refugees began crossing into Austria all available supplies of Hungarian Scriptures in Western Europe were rushed to Vienna for free distribution. But the several thousand available volumes were not enough for the one hundred thousand refugees. More Bibles were needed. Arrangements were quickly made to ship 60,000 Hungarian Gospels of John from American Bible Society stocks in the United States. Through the co-operation of the Federation of Swiss Bible Societies 100,000 copies each of Luke and John were to be printed in Zurich for delivery by December 15. Before Christmas the Society planned that there would be enough Gospels on hand for free distribution to every refugee so that he could read the Christmas story himself.

Presses in England were already printing 10,000 Hungarian Testaments for the British and Foreign Bible Society, and authorization was given to increase the edition to 20,000 volumes. These Testaments will be ready by March 15. And what about whole Bibles? The Bible Society learned that printers in Holland had paper and an available press. Printing of 30,000 Testaments and 15,000 Bibles could begin immediately. Delivery of these books has been promised also for March 15, thanks to the modern method of printing from photo-offset plates.

Faced with this unexpected crisis it was only a matter of days before a program of printing, shipping and distribution involving six countries and four Bible Societies was initiated. Already delivered or on the presses for delivery within a short time are 260,000 Gospels, 50,000 New Testaments and 20,000 Bibles. The American Bible Society is responsible for 80 per cent of this production and free distribution. Its expenditure so far is about \$35,000.

Scriptures are also being supplied for Hungarian refugees arriving in the United States. Secretary Richard H. Ellington has been meeting the refugees at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and personally and with the added help of the Chaplains at the Camp offering them either a Hungarian Bible or a New Testament. These Scriptures have been eagerly received.

Since 1953 Hungarian Scriptures have been printed in Hungary. The American Bible Society has sent 110 tons of paper to the Hungarian Bible Council, which has published about 125,000 volumes for distribution throughout Hungary.

Who's Who Among Hungarian Refugees

The majority of the Hungarian refugees settling in the U.S. are younger men; most of the remainder come as families.



Joseph Peeples reads the Bible to his wife and their two sons at family altar time. He speaks for the benefit of the boys who can hear, and interprets in the sign language for his wife.

Winning the Deaf

by ELVA M. JOHNSON

JOSEPH AND MADGE PEEPLES WERE educated at the Arizona School for the Deaf, at Tucson. Both had been deaf since early childhood. Although they knew about Christ, they had not accepted Him as their Saviour. They went to Los Angeles, California, after their marriage, and Joseph worked as a carpenter, the trade he had learned in the School for the Deaf.

They made new friends and enjoyed their home in California. Then they began attending a church for the Deaf

in Los Angeles, and found Christ as their personal Saviour. Things were different after that. They were happier than they had ever been in their lives, but they kept remembering that many of their deaf friends in Arizona did not know this joy that was theirs.

They knew there was no church of any kind for the Deaf in Phoenix. And finally, in response to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, this deaf lay-couple moved back to Phoenix with their two boys. They were not preachers—just

consecrated laymen who felt a responsibility to share the good news about Christ and His power to save. They knew that many were in darkness and did not understand the gospel because they could not hear.

They wrote to the National Home Missions Department and asked if a minister to the Deaf could come to Phoenix. Meanwhile, Pastor Ernest V. Shores of Phoenix First Assembly showed a keen interest in their desire to reach the Deaf for Christ. With his help and cooperation a Sunday School class for the Deaf was soon established in his church. Starting from nothing, the class has now reached an average attendance of 22. During a recent revival meeting, nightly attendance averaged 35—and approximately 14 have accepted Christ in recent months.

Pastor Shores pays the following tribute to the work of the Peeples: "From the start the class was a success. This is due largely to the work of the Peeples and the high regard the Deaf have for them. Sister Peeples is the teacher and does an excellent job with the class. Brother Peeples helps in many ways, and supplies as teacher when for some reason she cannot be present.

"From time to time an evangelist for the Deaf has visited this class, and revival services are conducted in the Christ's Ambassadors chapel. On these occasions several have been saved. Surely this is the result of the sowing of the good seed by Brother and Sister Peeples.

"The attendance of the class' has always been good, reaching a high of 30 or above. It is the desire of the class and the Peeples to have a hearing person come and interpret for the regular meetings in the church. They feel their need of this ministry and are hungry for this spiritual blessing. . . ."

A letter recently written to the Home Missions Department by Sister Peeples shows their great love and earnest desire to reach the Deaf for Christ. In the letter she tells of a young Catholic boy whom they had visited in the State Hospital last year. Later he came to their home with two friends and questioned them about the Bible. She says, "He read and studied my old Bible for quite a while, and finally he asked if



Class for the Deaf taught by the Peeples (front row extreme right) at First Assembly Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walpole, seated next to the Peeples, were visiting the class when the picture was made. Mr. Walpole is a National Home Missions Department field representative, and a minister to the Deaf

I would give him the Bible. This was very hard for me, for the Bible was given me by my mother when I was fourteen years old. But he was hungry for God, and he was very poor. I gave him the Bible, and he could hardly believe that he could have it for himself. He was very happy. And

An Argument With Myself

If I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary in home and foreign fields.

If I give less than heretofore, I favor a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.

If I give the same as formerly, I favor holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement. My song is, "Hold the Fort!" forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go!"

If I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join this class?

Resolved: I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries; therefore, I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.

—A Lover of Missions

ever since that night he has searched for the Truth in that Bible. He came faithfully to Sunday School carrying the Bible. And when we had a revival, he gave his heart to Jesus at the altar.

"And now I have news. The postman came a few minutes ago. He gave me a package. And when I opened it, there was a brand new Holy Bible. I can't help but shed tears, and I want to thank the one who gave me the Bible."

The Peeples have been ministering to some of the Deaf in Tucson also. Of their work in that city they write: "It is hard to win souls there. Whenever I teach there, I can feel the battle against an evil spirit. We will not give up the work, as we refuse to let Satan have those souls. We need your prayers for us."

A new booklet entitled *Ministry to the Deaf* is now being prepared. You may send your request for your free copy to the address below. Offerings for this ministry should be designated for DEAF WORK and sent to—

HOME MISSIONS
DEPARTMENT
434 WEST PACIFIC STREET
Springfield 1, Missouri

The Reason Why Missionaries Are Going

There are 2,400,000,000 people in the world. Over half of them have never heard the name of Jesus.

There are 400 million Roman Catholics; 130 million Orthodox Catholics; 200 million Protestants.

There are 310 million Confucianists and Taoists; 300 million Moslems; 300 million Hindus; 140 million Buddhists; 130 million Animists; 30 million Shintoists; and 12 million Jews.

Every Moslem is a missionary. Roman Catholics have 85,000 missionaries, while Protestants have 27,000—but only 22,000 are active.

Nearly half of all Protestant missionaries are in Africa.

Every day 230,000 babies are born; there are 170,000 deaths every 24 hours. Thus the world's population increases 60,000 souls a day. Of those who die daily, over 100,000 die without any knowledge of Christ whatsoever.

—India's Challenge

TODAY IS WMC DAY!

IN EARLY MANHOOD DAVID LIVINGSTONE resolved, "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ."

Later, after enduring the most severe hardships in order to preach the gospel in Africa, he humbly declared, "I NEVER MADE a sacrifice. We ought not to talk of sacrifice when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us."

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"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.'"

Today is a great missionary day in the Assemblies of God. The WMC message, "Lighten the Load," emphasizes various ways in which we can share the burden. It has been said, "There is one thing you cannot do for missions; that is, get rid of your responsibility."

Let us be careful to listen when the Holy Spirit speaks to us.

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HOARDING OR SHARING?

Job 31:16-28

"If I have eaten my morsel alone!"
The patriarch spoke in scorn;
What would he think of the church, were he shown
Heathendom—huge, forlorn,
Godless, Christless, with soul unfed,
While the church's ailment is fullness of bread,
Eating her morsel alone?

"Freely ye have received, so give,"
He bade, who has given all.
How shall the soul in us longer live,
Deaf to their starving call
For whom the blood of the Lord was shed,
And His body broken to give them bread,
If we eat our morsel alone?

—Selected

The Epileptic Son

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BY GEORGE C. CLARK



ESTHER WAS TERRIBLY GRIEVED. Eli, her epileptic son, had been having convulsions all morning. Her heart went out to him as he suffered; her wide eyes filled with sudden tears. If only Ezra, his father, would take him to the Master, she knew he'd be healed.

But Ezra was not easily convinced of the reality of the miracles they had been hearing about, and had refused to take Eli to the Master.

Another convulsion tossed the lean and wasted body of Eli, sending him toward the hearth. Esther, rudely awakened from her thoughts, caught the boy just in time.

The door opened, and Ezra entered to relieve his wife. As he looked down on his son, tears dropped from his misty dark eyes. His strong arms placed the youth back on the pallet.

For a long moment there was silence and a quiet that seemed almost ominous in that room. Then Ezra looked at Esther and asked, "What did Dr. Joseph say about him this morning?"

"He told me there was nothing else he could do for Eli. He left some medicine—the same kind that Dr. Amos gave him last year when he was so sick. But you know that didn't do any good."

Ezra nodded. "He's growing weaker every day, Esther. There must be someone who can help him."

"But there is. . . ."

Ezra turned sharply. "Not that Healer whom you speak about. I've told you time and again that I have no confidence in Him and want nothing to do with Him. I'm not the fanatical type, Dear. And you must remember that we are Pharisees."

Esther bit her lip to keep from crying. Then she stooped over the pallet and pressed her hands against the pale cheeks of her tortured son. "Ezra, if only you had faith and would take Eli to this great Healer, I'm sure he would be cured."

"No! Not me," muttered Ezra, frowning at the mere thought. He squared his shoulders and walked toward the front door. "I just can't believe in such things."

Esther started after her husband. "I've been praying all morning that you'd change your mind and take Eli to the Healer. He's not far from here,

and they say that He is healing more sick folks than ever."

Incredulous and suspicious, Ezra stared at her and snapped, "Hush, Esther." Then his countenance changed and he rushed to his son who was again convulsing and grinding his teeth.

Ezra gazed into the lad's face. He knew he could not go on living like this. Something had to be done—and soon. The Healer? Well, why not? Perhaps He *could* help. "Esther, if you can in some way help me to have faith, I'll take Eli to the Healer. He can't go on like this. I'll try it, Esther."

"You'll never forgive yourself if you don't," replied Esther, and breathed a deep sigh of relief.

For a moment he didn't answer her. He just stood there, gazing out the window. Then, looking at her, he said gravely, "You're right; I must go. But I hardly know how to start."

"You'll believe when you see others being healed, Dear," Esther encouraged him.

Ezra nodded. "All right, we'll go today; it's not far."

Esther prayed as they went. When they reached the foot of a mountain near the city where the Healer was supposed to be, they learned from the throng that He had taken three of His disciples and had gone up into the mountain to pray.

A look of discouragement clouded Esther's face. "But wait," someone

cried. "His other disciples are here. They will pray for your son."

"Wonderful!" replied Esther, and she and Ezra began pushing their way through the crowd to where the disciples were. The disciples commanded the boy to be made whole—but nothing happened. They commanded again and again, but still nothing happened. There was a bitter reaction from the crowd; a few catcalls from the skeptics.

Esther's strength began to leave her. What would Ezra think now? What would he say? Wasn't there anything to this business of healing?

Ezra saw how pale his wife had become and hurriedly made her sit down on a nearby rock. There they rested for a few moments and then Ezra looked over at his wife, his face wrinkled in disgust. "Why did you get me into this? I couldn't believe it was true when you told me about those healings. Now I've come and I see that it isn't true. I've never been so mortified in all my life. Why, those scribes probably think I believe in this healing business. And I'm a Pharisee."

Esther met her husband's glance and sighed. What could she say? She had been so sure the Healer could help. If only He had been there personally.

... Suddenly a cry rang out from the crowd. "There He comes! The Master is coming!"

Esther leaped to her feet. "Come on, Ezra. Bring Eli to the Master; I know He can heal him."

One had only to look at Ezra's face to know that he had little faith to make another attempt. But when he saw the Master, he saw such compassion written on that Face that he knew he must ask for help.

Ezra cried aloud (as recorded in Mark 9:14-29), "Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not."

When the Master heard this, He answered by saying, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me."

So Ezra brought the boy to Jesus. But when he did, the evil spirit that was in the lad tore him, and he fell on the ground, wallowing and foaming at the mouth. The Master asked the boy's father, "How long is it since this came unto him?"

The father answered, "Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him."

Then Ezra summoned all his courage and, disregarding the assembled crowd, cried out in anguish, "If thou canst do
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Bible Quiz for Juniors

BIBLE MISSIONS

Choose the answer which best completes each statement or answers each question.

- Which of the following would not be considered a missionary? (a) Jonah; (b) Judas; (c) Paul.
- In which one of the following cities did Paul not start a missionary church? (a) Philippi; (b) Thessalonica; (c) Jerusalem.
- The "Great Commission" is recorded in the books of (a) Matthew and Mark; (b) John and Romans; (c) Acts and Ephesians.
- The "Great Commission" deals with (a) receiving the Holy Spirit; (b) going to all nations with the gospel; (c) how to earn money for the Lord's work.
- Which of the following Epistles was not written to a church started by a missionary? (a) Corinthians; (b) Colossians; (c) Philemon.
- The command of Jesus, known to us as the "Great Commission," is (a) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"; (b) "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high"; (c) "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

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ANSWERS: 1-(b); 2-(c); 3-(a); 4-(b); 5-(c); 6-(a).



Our Family Altar

Monday, February 25

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 1:1-17
TODAY'S GEM: "Whither shall I flee from thy presence?" (Psa. 139:7).
FOR THE PARENT: This week we will study the life of Jonah. Point out (1) God's command to Jonah; (2) Jonah's flight, trying to get away from God; (3) his punishment. Stress that it is impossible to hide from God (Psa. 139:7-12). When God asks us to do something, we ought to obey Him.
QUESTION TIME: What did God command Jonah to do? (v. 2) What did Jonah try to do? (v. 3) Did he succeed? How did God then deal with Jonah? (vv. 4-17) What happened when the sailors threw Jonah overboard? (v. 15)

Tuesday, February 26

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 2:1 to 3:3
TODAY'S GEM: "So Jonah arose, and went into Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord" (Jonah 3:3).
FOR THE PARENT: After Jonah was swallowed by the great fish (review yesterday's lesson), he admitted his disobedience and asked God for forgiveness and help. God heard his prayer and caused the fish to vomit him up on dry land. Then God gave Jonah another commandment; this time Jonah obeyed.
QUESTION TIME: How long was Jonah in the belly of the fish? (1:17) What did he do there? (2:1) Then what happened? (2:10) Did Jonah obey God after this? (3:2, 3)

Wednesday, February 27

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:4-4:11
TODAY'S GEM: "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).
FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the story of Jonah thus far. Then point out Jonah's message (3:3), the reaction of Nineveh to it (3:5-8), and God's mercy (3:10). Then deal with Jonah's reaction and God's dealings with him (chapter 4). We should be thankful for God's love and mercy, for without it none of us could be saved.
QUESTION TIME: What was Nineveh's reaction to Jonah's message? (3:5-8) Why hadn't Jonah wanted to go to Nineveh? (4:2)

Thursday, February 28

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:1-14
TODAY'S GEM: "Suffer [allow] the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).
FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Christ, the Compassionate Friend" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Show Jesus' love for children, emphasizing that He wants them to come to Him. He stands ready to protect and help them. Older folk need to be childlike in their faith and humility.
QUESTION TIME: What did Jesus mean by His statement in Matthew 18:3? (v. 4) Is there an indication of guardian angels here? (v. 10)

Friday, March 1

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 18:1, 2, 17-41 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)
TODAY'S GEM: "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).
FOR THE PARENT: Because of Israel's wickedness, God sent a severe drought. Elijah was God's prophet, used to announce the drought and to bring its end. Review the story of the true God versus the false god, Baal, emphasizing how God proved Himself true.
QUESTION TIME: Why had God sent the drought in Israel? (see above) Who was Elijah? (see above) How did God prove to Israel that He was the only true God? (vv. 24, 37-39)

Saturday, March 2

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45:1-20 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)
TODAY'S GEM: "Be ye kind one to another . . . forgiving one another" (Eph. 4:32).
FOR THE PARENT: Review briefly the story of Joseph studied thus far. Point out how God fulfilled the dream He had given Pharaoh, sending seven years of plentiful harvests, then a time of famine. Show how Joseph's brothers came to buy food. Stress Joseph's example of forgiveness, and the need of our forgiving others, even as Christ has forgiven us.
QUESTION TIME: Why do we need to forgive those who wrong us? (Matt. 6:15) Did Joseph recognize God's hand on his life? (v. 5)

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anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

The Master quickly replied, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Tears welled up in Ezra's eyes as he cried, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

Then Jesus rebuked the foul spirit that had entered into the boy, saying, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him."

The spirit cried and tore the lad, but finally came out, leaving the boy limp and still. In fact, many of the onlookers said he was dead. But Jesus took the boy by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

It was a happy family that made their way home late that afternoon. "How lovely everything seems," said Eli. Ezra and Esther smiled at each other and heartily agreed.

That evening as Eli started to bed, he looked at his father and asked, "Can I go to see Grandmother tomorrow? I want her to know what Jesus did for me."

"Yes, Son, and go to your Aunt Martha's, too," Ezra gently replied.

Ezra and Esther sat for a long while together, thinking deeply. They began to recall the early and happy days of their marriage.

"Ezra, we've been tied down with Eli in his afflictions for so long that I hardly know how to accept this freedom. It's so wonderful what God has done for us through the Healer."

"Yes, Esther," answered her husband. His voice trembled with emotion. "And you know, Dear, when I saw the Master today, I saw more than a Healer. Esther, we've found the Messiah for whom we have waited so long! Jesus of Nazareth must be the Christ of God! And to think that I doubted Him. We must tell others, Dear, so that they, too, can know Him. It's the least we can do."

"I'm sure you're right, Ezra. After all, the Messiah is the hope of Israel—and of the world. We must and will serve Him faithfully for the rest of our lives."

And so that family, after meeting the Master, became a source of blessing and comfort to their community. That is what always happens when people meet the Master.



Dignitaries present included (left to right) Sectional Presbyter J. W. Dollins, Evangelist Ralph Love, Choir Director Paul Johnson, Pastor R. Keeth, Paul Ferguson, Mrs. Keeth, Lester Prichett, Southern California District Superintendent F. C. Woodworth, Paso Robles' Mayor Russell Gates.

New Church Dedicated in Paso Robles, California

Sunday, November 4, 1956, was a day of rejoicing for Pastor Paul R. Keeth and the people of the Assembly of God in Paso Robles, California. On that day they dedicated their lovely new church building to the Lord. Southern California District Superintendent Floyd C. Woodworth brought the dedicatory message. Special music was furnished by the Southern California Bible College choir. There were 650 present at the service.

The new church, with 13,000 square feet of floor space, features a 20-by-17 foot stained glass window depicting Christ knocking at the door. The window was given as a memorial to Philip Stewart, son of missionaries Sterling and Lois Stewart of El Salvador, by his grandmother and uncle. Little Philip died on his third birthday, October 9, 1949, in El Salvador where his parents are still laboring. By making friends with the natives, little Philip had greatly helped his parents when they first went to the field. The natives liked him,

and because of him, many contacts were made.

In spite of heavy expenses during construction, the church doubled its usual missionary offerings by giving a total of \$5,000 last year.

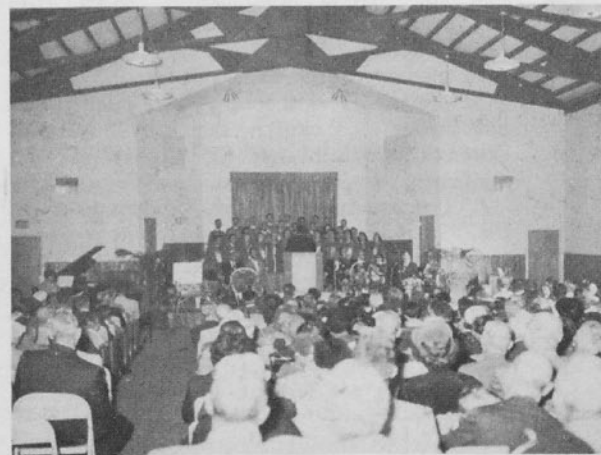
Pastor Keeth planned the new building and supervised its construction. An insurance company has appraised the value of the building as exceeding \$150,000. Because of the faithfulness of the people in giving and working (about 90 per cent of the labor was donated) the total indebtedness, including furnishings, is only \$30,000.

The main auditorium and balcony will comfortably seat 530 persons. The church has both a nursery and a toddlers' room, and a full basement with Sunday School rooms. A large basement auditorium can also be converted into Sunday School rooms by means of folding doors. There is a large prayer room back of the platform on the main floor.

Outside view of Paso Robles Assembly of God



Portion of the 650 present for the dedication



The Portuguese School Teacher

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and it has opened a new world to me!"

From the other things she said, it seemed that she was ready to make a decision for Jesus Christ. We studied the same passages of Scripture together again. The Holy Spirit was revealing God's Word to her in a marvelous way.

I can still remember the prayer she made on that day as we bowed our knees before Him. It went like this: "Lord, I'm sure that my words are going up to You. I want to thank You for dying in my place at Calvary. I want to thank You for cleansing away my sins with your blood. I accept You now into my heart as Saviour. Oh, please help me to please You each day by what I do and say and think. . . . Oh, it is hard for me to say what I mean, but I know that You understand. . . ."

And thus a new child was born into the family of God. This one who had used her intellectual capabilities to try to disprove the Bible had been touched by the witness of the Spirit in the Word of God. Now she had yielded herself to the Saviour who had bought her with His blood.

After such a radical change in her life, she was not understood in her home. She and her father had once been an invincible team, scoffing together and confusing with scientific arguments anyone who advocated any sort of religion.

"Genny," her father now says, "what has come over you? You're a changed person. Before, you used to be my partner in cutting down anyone who believed the Bible. Now you only want to read the Bible and pray and talk about the Lord!"

We have had wonderful spiritual fellowship together since the day that Genny became a new creature in Christ. My husband and I have been thrilled as we have watched her grasp new spiritual truths in God's Word and grow thereby. We see her suffer deeply because of uncontrollable circumstances in her personal and family life. We have seen her walk the floor with tears streaming down her face and saying, "Well, if the Lord wishes me to suffer, then I'll gladly do it for His sake, for Him who suffered so much for me."

In her own words (translated here from Portuguese) Genny describes the marvelous change that was wrought in her life when she took Jesus Christ as Saviour:

"It is only by the Word of God and by the presence of the Holy Spirit that one finds happiness. Only when our spirits are enlightened by the Word do we understand that we have a Saviour, One so good and kind, who died on the cross that we might live. Only then do we understand that there is another happiness in this life, that in the midst of all the earthly trials and joys there exists a life so marvelous, and that He is the only One that can satisfy and overflow the heart.

"I drifted for 28 years like a boat lost on the high seas, without purpose, tossed here and about by the circumstances that navigated me. I had prosperous times and bad times, but I always thought that happiness was to be found in the money that I was able to waste upon the pleasures of this world.

"But my heart and soul were growing weak and old because of the lack of spiritual food, and I began to sense a vacuum in my life. Materially my life was prospering, and it was hard for me to understand why everything made me unhappy and why any little irritating experience made me feel as if I were the most despised human on earth.

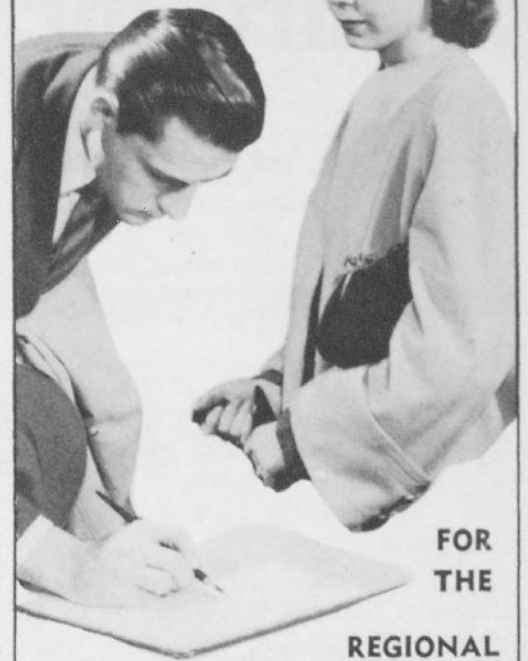
"I began to rebel against it all, and the bitterness I experienced was so great during that time that I began to believe that it would be very easy to go insane.

"But God is great, and I saw that His eyes so full of mercy were upon me. I realized how dark had been my life when I saw the Light of Life that shone so brilliantly. Since the day that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, the peace, the joy, and the marvelous certainty of eternal life in the company of God and the Lord Jesus have never left me.

"I know now the incomparable joy of being born again. May my life which now belongs to Him help to bring others to the Lord Jesus so that they, too, can enjoy this happiness that completely fills my being."

—The Missionary Broadcaster

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Their anticipation is high, and rightly so, for ahead are two and a half days of inspiration, valuable Sunday School instruction and Christian fellowship.

There will be three great evening rallies, 17 different conferences on all phases of Sunday School work, visual demonstrations, both Sunday School and commercial exhibits.

These are just some of the activities that will fill the time of the fortunate folk who attend the conventions yet to be held.

The first convention in Jacksonville, Florida, was from February 5-7. But there are still five to go! Check the dates below. Attend the one nearest you. These Sunday School gatherings are packed with vital information that will help you to greater Sunday School work for God in the days ahead.

SOUTHCENTRAL
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
MARCH 5, 6, 7

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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
APRIL 23, 24, 25

A Cure for Loneliness

BY ARTHUR B. EDWARDS

Lincoln, Nebraska

PRISON IS A LONELY PLACE. THE despair of loneliness settles down upon a man's soul and he asks himself, "Is life worth living?" Scores of men and women that I know have answered in the negative.

But I have good news for my fellow prisoners. God did not create us to be defeated, discouraged, frustrated, wandering souls seeking in vain for peace of heart and peace of mind. He has a larger orb and a greater life for us. The answer to your problem is as near as your Bible; as simple as first-grade arithmetic; as real as your heartbeat.

The Bible says, "In all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

The Bible teaches that "whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

Upon the authority of God's Word I declare unto you that Christ is the answer to every baffling perplexity. In Him is found a cure for care, a balm for bereavement, a healing for hearts torn to bits because of bad news.

Thousands have found that Christ is the answer for loneliness. You could be in a great city like New York or Los Angeles, and still be lonely in the midst of a crowd, if you did not know Him.

The English poet, Rupert Brooke, was sailing from Liverpool to New York. He noticed that everyone else had friends to bid them farewell, and he was overcome with a feeling of loneliness. Then he noticed a little dirty-faced boy on the wharf. He rushed

down and said, "Young man, do you want to earn sixpence?"

The little fellow nodded in the affirmative.

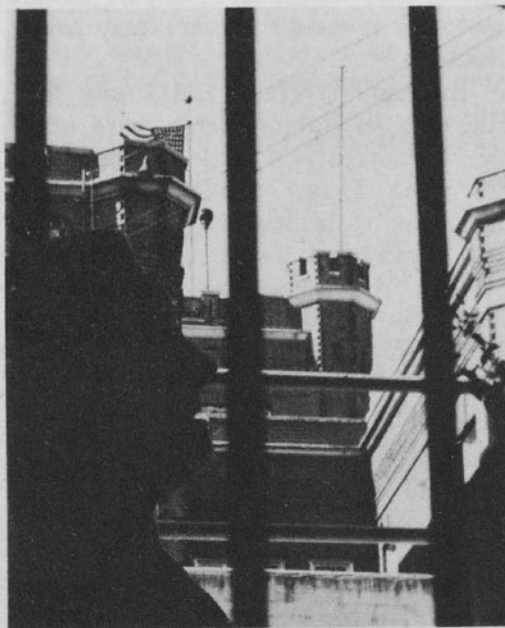
"Then wave to me when the boat goes by," he said.

Brooke said he never forgot this little urchin who, waving with a dirty handkerchief, took from him his loneliness.

Many prisoners are living lonely lives that seem unbearable. The world to them is shut off. They are locked behind walls, away from the pleasures of outside living. Social barriers have prevented them from doing what they wish to do. Personality barriers thwart and hinder them. They suffer in a world of blighting solitude. Perhaps loved ones have forsaken them just because they are in prison. But loneliness invades the hearts of people on the outside, too.

Queen Victoria said, after the death of her husband, Albert: "There is no one left to call me Victoria." Even though she was a queen she knew the pain of loneliness.

Many turn to drink because of lone-



This helpful article was written by one of the many prison inmates who are taking the Assemblies of God correspondence courses of Bible study.

liness; others lose their sanity; and some commit suicide. But Christ said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

The Hebrew youths were not alone when they were hurled into the fiery furnace. One was with them like unto the Son of God.

Moses was not alone in the desert when God came to comfort and call him to a wider ministry. Elijah was not alone at the cave for God was near and He spoke with that still, small voice. Paul and Silas were not alone in the Philippian jail for God came down and gave them a song at midnight.

Whoever you are, Christ can give you comfort and companionship. Whatever your color, race, or creed, your heart yearnings are the same. The lonely, aching spot can be filled by Christ if you will open your heart and let Him in.—*The Happy Harvester.* ▶▶

A Prayer for Compassion

by MARY DURHAM

O Lord, give us a compassion for the lost. Help us, Lord, to see them as You do—not to look on outward appearances, but to see deep into their hearts, never looking with scorn.

Make us, O Lord, feel the dark despair that fills the heart of the drunkard as he tries to break the chains of alcohol, only to find he has no strength. May we feel the anguish he knows as he finds his honor and self-respect slipping away.

Cause us, O Lord, to realize the frustration of the wife and mother as she looks at the abject poverty about her and sees her children hungry and ragged. Let us know the yearning that fills her heart as she waits for the sound of the footsteps she once loved, but now dreads, as her drunken husband staggers home.

O Lord, help us feel the loneliness and fear of the small child whose parents are too busy seeking their own pleasure to love and care for him. Let us feel the terrifying anxiety of the heathen as they bow before their idols, seeking to turn the wrath of their gods from them by torturing their own bodies. May we feel the unutterable weariness they feel as they dip in their sacred rivers, trying in vain to wash away their sins.

O Lord, help us to undo the work of Satan in the lives of people everywhere.



CHRIST, THE COMPASSIONATE FRIEND

Sunday School Lesson for March 3, 1957

MATTHEW 18:1-14

According to Jesus, those who are greatest in the eyes of God are those who are the most childlike in their relationship to God and man. If childlikeness is so important, then it follows that the child himself is equally important. It behooves us to concentrate upon both.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDLIKENESS (vv. 1-4)

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." To be *childish* is to be immature, silly, foolish, thoughtless. A child is expected to grow out of those undesirable traits. To be *childlike* is to possess a child's finer qualities, those qualities which are to be retained and cultivated all through life. A child is believing, trustful, simple and implicit in its faith; a child is dependent and must lean upon its parents. So ought a child of God to be in his relationship to his heavenly Father and to Christ.

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little

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child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." The quality of true humility, which is so characteristic of childhood, is essential both to entry and to greatness in the spiritual realm. Why is it that "not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble" are saved? Because intellectual pride, self-esteem, and self-love prevent them from humbling themselves to admit spiritual need!

True humility does not "try to be humble." Neither is it self-depreciation. A child is free from self-consciousness and self-importance. When he loses these qualities, he loses some of the most beautiful and desirable of all childlike qualities. Likewise, in the spiritual realm, the greatest, the most spiritually influential, are those Christians who are the most self-forgetful and God-conscious.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILDREN (vv. 5-10)

"Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." The child is the representative of Christ. Jesus is saying, "I regard your treatment of the child as your treatment of Me." Children are the men and women of tomorrow. They are easy to influence and easy to mold. As parents, teachers, or friends of children, we control the destiny of the world. Let us never belittle the importance, dignity, glory, and possibilities of the ministry of parenthood, or the ministry of teaching children!

In verses five through ten, Christ points out the seriousness of doing spiritual harm to children. Such harm is done to children in four ways:

(1) *Through false doctrine or teaching.*

(2) *By ungodly or inconsistent example.* How much harm is done to children by the wickedness of unsaved parents, or the inconsistent and un-Christlike conduct of Christian parents, Sunday School teachers, and Christians in general!

(3) *By improper discipline.* "Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged," but "bring them up in the nurture [discipline] and admonition of the Lord." As parents we must not be foolishly indulgent and unwilling to correct our children, but neither are we to be harsh, impatient, and irritable. We ought to treat our children regarding discipline as we want our heavenly Father to treat us.

(4) *By neglect of spiritual training.* Parents, pastors, Christian workers, "take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones," by neglecting to lead them to Christ and failing to give them the best possible spiritual training. If God values them enough to assign them guardian angels, we must give them the love, time, attention, and spiritual training they need.

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILDREN

(vv. 11-14)

Let those who disapprove of attempts to lead children into spiritual experiences (salvation and the Baptism in the Spirit) take notice that this special edition of the parable of the lost sheep was spoken in relation to the children. These verses emphasize the following points: (1) Children need saving, for they are "lost" and there is the possibility that they may "perish." (2) Christ is eager to save them. When? As soon as they are lost, which means as soon as they are accountable. And since we do not know just when they become accountable, we ought to lead them to Jesus as soon as they are able to receive Him!

—J. Bashford Bishop

MISSIONS AND THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

BY F. J. HUEGEL

IN THE FIELD OF MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY endeavor the difference between a life of *imitation of Christ* and *participation with Christ* is most telling. It is here that I have myself put to the test this principle of identification with Christ in death and resurrection. The result has been so overwhelmingly satisfying, so far-reaching, so incalculably blessed, that I look upon the years prior to the experiencing of the power of the Cross, as well-nigh wasted. I walked with an uncertain step; I aimed at an uncertain goal; I employed uncertain weapons; I garnered exceedingly unsatisfying fruits. I see now that much of my labor was not only unsatisfactory, but positively harmful.

I preached Christ in the power of a "self-originated" fervor and consequently mutilated Him. It gave Him no chance to reveal His true self. Christ must be preached in the power of a Christ-centered, Christ-possessed, Christ-empowered life. Christ is never truly preached until the one who bears the message is himself so hidden away with Him in God, that it is no longer the messenger who speaks, but Christ speaking through him. He (the messenger) must learn to bury himself in the Saviour's wounds, so to speak, and die to his own life, if he would present Christ in apostolic fashion to perishing souls.

Rivers of living water must accompany the message—the listener must be inundated in a Divine life, if he is to be given a chance to appraise the Christ of God, and see Him in His true glory. Unless the gospel is preached with "the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven" it is not the gospel at all, no matter how true one might be to "the letter." "The letter killeth—it is the Spirit that giveth life."

Mission secretaries and pastors in all lands are painfully aware that missions today are passing through a crisis. The triumphant note is gone. The great expanding machinery moves as never before since the Great Commission, and yet missions are not breaking the power of heathenism. The crux of

it all is that we have not exalted the Cross. A watered-down gospel wins adepts and experts among the heathen, but it can never bring the results the Lord seeks, nor cope with the subtle forces of heathenism and break their power.
—From "Bone of His Bone."

Four Men

by A. H. TOWNSEND

THIS IS A STORY OF FOUR TYPICAL men. I found them in widely separated places, living under widely varied circumstances.

I. THE MURDERER

I read about this man. He was condemned to die in Sing Sing because he had taken two lives. He had stolen their most precious possession!

Murder is a ghastly deed. A murderer robs God of His authority. God alone has the right to take a life. When a murderer takes a life he sends a soul to judgment prematurely. If he kills a sinner he damns a soul! That soul will never have another opportunity to accept Christ as his Saviour.

Capital punishment is different. God has given authority to lawful governments to take the lives of murderers, but the condemned are given ample time to repent and receive God's forgiveness before retributive justice takes

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"God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Gal. 6:14.

*You ask me why I see no charm nor glory
In this world's pleasures, or its wealth or fame?
And why I love that Galilean story
Of One who died upon a Cross of shame?
It is because my soul hath known her sinning,
The grief and darkness of that cry "Undone,"
And at that Cross has found a new beginning,
Life through the death of that dear dying One.*

*You ask me why I find no rest or gladness
In paths where selfish ease would wile my hours?
And why I toil where hearts in bitter sadness
Lie crushed beneath sin's overwhelming powers?*

*It is because I know life's thread is slender,
But one short hour, one little stretch of road.
Then learns my heart with love divinely tender
To seek the lost and bring them back to God.*

*You ask me why, what gifts I have, what graces
Are poured an offering at His holy feet?
And why I brave the cold contemptuous faces
Of those who love this world and find it sweet?
It is because I see a distant morning
When stand God's sons around His jasper throne.
I see bright crowns those holy brows adorning,
And I, too, long to hear my Lord's "Well done."*

—E.M.G.

its toll. Wilful, deliberate murder is another matter. The Christian would never condone the theft of a life.

2. THE ADULTERER

I met this man a few months ago. He had been married three times. The women he married were the wives of other men. He was guilty of *the theft of wives*.

Our nation has not yet condoned the stealing of lives, but it has largely condoned the stealing of wives. Society has accepted—and sometimes applauded—the man who deliberately takes for himself the wife of another man. Divorce and remarriage are common.

But the Bible-believing Christian does not approve, much less practice, this flouting of God's laws. He condemns divorce and remarriage for he knows what the Bible says.

3. THE ROBBER

This third man, surprisingly, claims to be a Christian. I have heard him testify to the fact that he has been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. He is highly respected by his family, neighbors, and all who know him. Certainly he would not stoop to adultery or murder. He would not think of stealing wives, or stealing lives—but he is guilty of *the theft of tithes*.

He is the kind of person God was talking to when He said, "Ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8). This man, evidently, is robbing God.

4. THE TITHER

The fourth man of my story is one I met just the other day. He is a cheerful fellow, and I soon discovered why. He is a tithe-paying Christian. He is not a robber of lives, wives, or tithes. He has yielded himself, purse and person, to Jesus Christ. In fact, he is not only giving one-tenth of his income to his church but he is giving an additional tenth to support the Revivaltime radio broadcast. He is a really happy man. He is living it straight and the Lord is blessing him.

I have not written this article to condemn anyone. God will forgive the murderer if he repents. He will also cleanse away the sin of the wife-stealer if he confesses his sin and receives Christ as his personal Saviour. He will deal with the tithe-dodger the same way. If you have been robbing God of His tithe, you need to repent and ask His forgiveness. Believe me, it pays to tithe. If you doubt this, read Malachi 3:10 and Luke 6:38.



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

I have a conviction against looking at worldly programs on television. Others attempt to justify themselves by saying, "We turn off that which we think not fitting"—but do they?

If you have conviction against looking at television, obey your convictions. Then pray that others will do what is right. Usually we can help people more by praying for them than by criticizing them.

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What measure should a born-again Christian take toward a member in the church who spreads false and malicious reports against him?

The first thing to do is to have victory in one's own spirit. By that I mean that any steps toward correction should be taken in the right spirit. Remember, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). Then my suggestion would be to follow the course outlined by Jesus (Matthew 18:15-20).

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Are we to accept a present trend that it is all right to attend shows, go to wrestling matches, wear make-up, and do other worldly things so long as it brings no guilt to our conscience?

What is needed where these things are condoned is a fresh, heart-searching revival that lets sin be known as sin and that convicts people of the need of consecration to God and separation from worldliness. The gospel has not changed, but some cold confessing Christians' hearts have.

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The Bible says Moses married an Ethiopian woman. Was she a Negress?

Young's Concordance and other commentaries inform us that *Ethiopian*, as it is translated in the Authorized Version, refers to the descendants of Cush, one of the sons of Ham, son of Noah. Before the building of the tower of Babel, all the sons of Noah—Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their descendants—lived fairly near each other. It was through the confusion of tongues that "the Lord scattered them abroad

upon the face of all the earth" (Genesis 11:9).

The Pulpit Commentary credits Egypt, Arabia, and Canaan as being settled by the descendants of Ham, and says, "The original settlement of Cush is believed to have been on the Upper Nile, whence he afterwards spread to Arabia, Babylonia, and India."

It is therefore difficult to determine from which branch of the family of Cush the woman came whom Moses married. The fact that she was not a descendant of Shem, through which Israel came, gave Miriam the ground she wanted for her criticism of Moses. It also teaches us that racial and class spirit is not something new, but has always existed among people whose hearts are still carnal.

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Where did the black man come from?

All men have descended from Adam. Among these are the Caucasoid, Mongoloid, and Negroid races. In some of these the color is more pronounced than in others. It is generally considered that Negroes are descendants of Ham, one of the sons of Noah.

Does the Song of Solomon (chapter 1:5, 6) teach that Solomon was a Negro?

Solomon was a son of David, and therefore a Jew. He was not a Negro. Careful reading of these verses discloses that the one who is speaking of herself as black but comely is a woman. Many Asiatic women are very dark, yet very beautiful. The one described in this chapter gives a reason why she is dark—"because the sun hath looked upon me." She had been tanned by the sun. Speaking spiritually, this woman becomes a fair description of the Bride of Christ, suffering persecution (verse 6) and weathering the varied conditions in this world.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.

TESTIMONIES OF PHYSICAL

HEALING

RECEIVED THROUGH PRAYER

"I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE" (EXODUS 15:26)

Crippled Nervous System Becomes Normal

From the time I was a small boy I had not been well. I would vomit whenever riding in a car or playing in a swing. As I grew older I began to realize what a difficult time I would have because of my impaired health. I was not able to exert myself without becoming ill. After I finally finished school I found that my physical condition made it difficult for me to work any length of time.

In the fall of 1941 we went to California. I secured a job in an aircraft plant, but soon I began to lose weight. I was sent to the plant doctor, who advised me to take B1 shots—about 20,000 units a week. I took these every week for a year. Even so, I would be so completely exhausted when I came home from work that I could hardly walk into the house. I could hardly speak above a whisper, or eat a meal and keep it down. This doctor also gave me strong drugs to help me sleep—one kind and then another, until I felt like a walking drug store.

I lived like this for about eight and a half years. At last it became so bad that I would awake in the morning, turn my head, and vomit. I just could not work! My wife had to get a job to supplement the family budget. This was not easy on her, with four small children to care for, and it was demoralizing for me.

Finally my wife and I paid our doc-

tor another visit. He told us that there was no use taking the vitamin shots any more, as they had worn themselves out on me. Also, I should not take any more drugs, as they had failed. He said that one person out of every thousand is born with a crippled nervous system and could never have a well day; and that such a person should really be on pension. He said I was one of these!

Now I was desperate! I felt I had no future, so as a last resort I went to my pastor and asked that he and some of the members pray for me. To my amazement they made fun of it, and said that if I could be healed I would never have to die.

Helpless, hopeless, and almost faithless, I made up my mind to end it all. I would commit suicide! I began to drink wine, and always kept a sharp knife with me intending to slash my throat, but though I often put the knife blade to my throat I never seemed able to go through with the act. Oh, the mercy of God!

One morning I awoke feeling much worse than ever. I vomited from four in the morning until late afternoon. I gagged so much and strained so hard that I walked stooped for the next three days. My eyes were so swollen and black that I appeared to have been in a fight. I decided firmly that if I ever had another spell like this, *nothing*

would stop me from taking my life.

Several mornings later I felt as miserable as before. I told my wife as she left the house that morning that I would not be alive when she came home from work. After she left I managed to get the children ready for school. Then I pulled all the shades, locked all the windows and the back door, to be ready to turn on the gas jets as soon as the children had left the house.

At eight-thirty, when I put my hand on the door knob to escort the children out, there came a rap on the outside. I opened the door and there stood a Christian woman in tears. She said to me, "There is something wrong here. I have been praying since early morning, and all I could see was this front door of yours." (She knew nothing of my plight.)

I said, "Yes, I am going to end it all. There is nothing to live for. I intend to turn on all the gas jets, as soon as the children leave for school."

She cried, "No! No!" Then she gave me the phone number and address of a Pentecostal minister whose life and ministry was devoted to helping people in distress. I called and made an appointment with Aubrey Lee, the "Sky Pilot," as he is known to radio listeners in Los Angeles.

My family and I drove to his home late that afternoon. I was the only one who went in. He talked to me for a short while, and it did not take him long to detect my condition. He then read the Bible verse, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:19). I then read the verse to him. He prayed earnestly for me. He told me, "Remember that, whatever you do, wherever you go, or whatever may happen, I will be praying for you."

This gave me a real ray of hope. He asked me to keep in contact with him, but because of fear and false impressions created by our church I failed to do so.

We had been listening to another radio minister whom my son (five years old at this time) liked to hear and seemed to have faith in. He is Brother Glover of Los Angeles. My boy asked his mother to help him write a letter to this man of God. He said simply, "I believe that if you pray for my daddy he will be healed."

We listened to the radio as Brother Glover read that simple letter and

prayed. In a few days I received a letter with a prayer cloth. I looked at it with a rather sarcastic grin, but on turning it over I noticed a Bible verse printed on it. My attitude changed, as I had respect for the Bible and what it might do for people. I looked up to heaven and said, "God, in case there is anything to this, I will wear it over my heart until something happens."

During this time I had secured employment again in an aircraft plant on the night shift. One evening while at work I felt a change take place in me. I felt fully relaxed and at ease. Many of the workers around me noticed the change and said, "What's happened to you? You are different!"

I went back to my old doctor, who had pronounced my condition hopeless, and asked him to check me over and see if something had happened. He told me the condition that had troubled me all these years was gone!

It had been about eight months now since I had first visited Brother Lee. So we decided to visit his church. I

felt so well and was such a picture of health that he did not recognize me. After the service I made myself known, and Brother Lee invited me back to the evening service to give my testimony. My, how the church rejoiced that night!

I had been skeptical of Pentecost when I visited the church, but I found that the things I had been told were untrue. I have received the Baptism and know from my own experience that Pentecost is real and the Bible is true. God has also led my brother and his wife, my sister and her family, and my mother and step-father into Pentecost as a result of my healing.

For the past eight years I have been well. I have been able to work hard and to eat anything I wanted. I am a living testimony of God's power to save, heal, and baptize in the Holy Spirit. To Him be all the praise!—Harney E. Olson, Artesia, California.

(Endorsed by Aubrey Lee, well-known pastor and radio preacher in Los Angeles, California.)

HEALED OF DIABETES

In April 1956 I went to see my father in Madeira, California, who was very ill with sugar diabetes. He was under the care of a doctor and had been taking insulin every day for over a year. The disease had already advanced to the stage where his feet had turned blue.

After I returned home I was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and I learned about Divine Healing. One Sunday night in May, I felt I should stand in the healing line and ask prayer for my father. The believers at Lighthouse Tabernacle and Pastor Cham Livingston prayed the prayer of faith with me.

Without telling my father what I had done, one day in June I called him by phone and asked about his health. In talking to him I learned that the doctor could now find no trace of sugar diabetes in him. I thank God for this gracious healing.—Mrs. Mary Harrison, 2102 East Tecumseh, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(Endorsed by Cham Livingston, Pastor, Lighthouse Tabernacle, Tulsa, Oklahoma.)

Pastor Healed of Cancer

In 1955 I began having cramps in my chest. After I had preached over a weekend the pain in and around the region of my heart would be very severe. On the night of January 28, 1956, after I had attended a city-wide training class, I went home and retired for the night. I was awakened to find myself very sick. I became unconscious, and my wife immediately called some folk in to pray for me. After some time they got me back on the bed.

I seemed to feel much better and went to my church that night, but I did not preach. From that time on I had pain and cramps in my chest.

In the latter part of July 1956 I went to a specialist for a complete check up which included heart-o-gram, X rays, and all kinds of lab tests. After a few hours the doctor sent me home. In three days he called me back to his office to have more X rays and tests. I told the doctor I wanted to know just what my trouble was. He had called

in another doctor to look at the X rays, and they told me that I had knots at the region of my heart. All the symptoms indicated malignant tumors of the lung, which could not be removed by surgery.

The doctors wanted me to go to the hospital for surgery so they could take a lab test from the lung to determine if the X ray treatments would help dry the tumors back for a while. They thought I could not live more than two or three months. So I was sent to a chest surgeon to arrange for surgery.

That night I went to my church, and after I had preached I asked my deacon board to anoint me with oil according to James 5:13-16. I wanted to do what the Bible teaches us to do when we are sick, even though my faith was weak. My body was tired, for I was coughing, and I had been spending sleepless nights. I had lost twenty pounds.

I am grateful that the Christians in my Assembly and in churches in Okla-

homa, Texas, and Arizona, prayed and touched God for my healing.

When the time came for me to enter the hospital I requested another X ray before surgery. I told the doctors I had been prayed for and felt that a change had taken place in my chest. They looked at me and said, "This thing doesn't clear up like that, Mr. Bagwell, but we will take another X ray to please you."

The picture showed that something had happened. A week later another X ray was made and it showed that the cancer was almost gone. The doctors were surprised. After four months they took another X ray of my chest and dismissed me with two good lungs.

Thank God, He still heals today. He deserves all the credit for my healing, for I did not take any medicine or have any shots of any kind.—E. D. Bagwell, Pastor, Midway Assembly of God, 614 South Harvey Street, Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma.

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **CYRIL, OKLA.**—A successful Workers' Training course was recently conducted at First Assembly by N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Okla. There was a good attendance throughout. Fourteen certificates were issued.

—H. P. Jacobs, Pastor

► **JOHNSVILLE, OHIO**—Nine souls came to the altar for salvation in the three-week revival campaign just concluded here by Evangelist and Mrs. Dean Ash of Bradford, Pa. The benefit of both numerical and spiritual blessings is evident in the church.

—Terry Diehl, Pastor

► **NACHES, WASH.**—The church here is rejoicing in the many victories during the recent evangelistic campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Dale Carpenter. Each night the crowds grew as the Lord blessed. Several found the Lord as Saviour, and several also were filled with the Holy Spirit. The move of God is continuing even after the meetings have closed.

—Kenneth R. Woll, Pastor

► **MARYVILLE, MO.**—The Assembly here rejoices over the blessing of God upon recent services conducted by the Anspaugh Chord Makers of Naponee, Nebr. A number of people sought the Lord for salvation; the Sunday School reached a new high of 189, and many new local folk were reached.

—A. J. Govern, Pastor

► **MERKEL, TEX.**—The Lord blessed in every service of a recent campaign held here by Evangelist and Mrs. Don Young of Baytown, Tex. Some were saved, a number were refilled with the Holy Ghost, and the entire church was uplifted as a result of the anointed preaching and singing.

—William S. Agnew, Pastor

► **SANTA MONICA, CALIF.**—Evangelist Watson Argue just closed an evangelistic campaign which attracted the largest crowds in many years. A large number came forward for salvation. The last Sunday of the meeting a record number of new members was taken into the church. The special serv-

ices attracted many new people, and strengthened every department of the church. During the campaign the evangelist raised \$3,100 for the Building Fund.

—Philip H. Hawtin, Pastor

► **SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.**—The church here enjoyed a fine revival with Evangelist Earla McKinley of Denver, Colo. According to old-timers in the church, the crowds were the largest in the history of the congregation. There is a spirit of gratefulness for those who were saved, as well as for the general blessing and uplift shared by all.

—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor

► **SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.**—The ministry of Earla McKinley was especially blessed of God in a three-week revival conducted at First Assembly during January. Souls were saved, believers healed and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was spiritually revived. Attendance was consistently better than we have had in several years.

—L. H. Hauff, Pastor

► **OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Jim Anderson recently conducted a one-week revival at the Latimer Assembly of God. A number were saved, some reclaimed, two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The climax came the last night of the campaign as Brother Anderson gave his personal testimony of being raised from a deathbed, and told how he lost his right arm as a direct result of disobeying God. The power of God came down upon the service that night in a special way, and continues to fall. Thank God for revival!

—Travis Freeman, Pastor

► **TAFT, CALIF.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Al Wyrick, known as the Singing Wyricks, recently conducted 12 days of revival in the Taft Heights Assembly which proved a blessing to every department of the church. Eleven persons knelt at the altar to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Eight of these were adults and three were teen-agers. At least three were gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost, and several definite healings were experienced. A new record was set in Sunday School attendance, the Christ's Ambassadors were greatly strengthened and inspired, and the entire church body was greatly edified.

—W. T. McMullan, Pastor

► **SANTA PAULA, CALIF.**—A two-week revival recently conducted here by Evangelist Arthur S. Arnold was signally blessed of God. The power of God was witnessed each night as souls were saved, sick were healed, and believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. At the very beginning of the revival Brother Arnold stated that he wanted an Acts 10:34 revival where the Holy Ghost would fall even while the Word was being

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Belleville	A of G	Feb. 24—	J. W. Shaw	Audrey C. Booher
	Russellville	First	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	J. C. Dickinson
Calif.	Downey	A of G	Feb. 27-Mar. 3	Star Thomas	Ray F. Curtis
	El Monte	A of G	Feb. 26-Mar. 3	Christian Hild	Harold Skoog
	La Jolla	A of G	Feb. 20-Mar. 10	Carl Oney & wife	Bill Popejoy
	Manhattan Be	A of G	Mar. 5-17	Oran E. Duncan	Marvin Henegar
	Stockton	* Calvary Tab.	Feb. 22-Mar. 3	Willard C. Peirce	Leonard Rogers
Conn.	Shelton	A of G	Mar. 1-10	Steve Bogdan & wife	Anthony Fote
Fla.	Plant City	Full Gospel	Feb. 27—	John D. Wetzel	Charles Raburn
Ga.	Columbus	E. Highland	Feb. 26—	Quentin D. Edwards	Jesse Smith
Ill.	Galesburg	Calvary	Feb. 10-24	Warren D. Combs	H. J. Waltermann, Jr.
	Granite City	Tri-City Pk. Tab.	Feb. 24—	Bob Alsup & wife	R. D. Shaw
	Wood River	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Paul Hild & wife	M. M. Brewer
Iowa	Le Claire	Full Gos. Tab.	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	Arnold Segesman & wife	K. E. Matschulat
Kans.	Palco	A of G	Mar. 5-17	R. W. Hastie	Don Bressette
	Wichita	S. Seneca	Feb. 12-Mar. 3	Singing Sandalls	John DeVasher
	Winfield	A of G	Feb. 26—	R. D. Hastie & wife	Gordon Nelson
Mich.	Flint	Trinity Tab.	Mar. 4-15	Harry J. Steil	J. H. Burgess
Miss.	Biloxi	Central	Feb. 17—	R. L. Kay, Jr.	Douglas Carroll
Mo.	St. Louis	Glad Tidings	Feb. 17—	Stephen Vandermerwe	E. P. Wright
	Sullivan	First	Feb. 20-Mar. 3	Musical Vanderploegs	O. H. Virgin
N.Y.	Valley Stream	Bethlehem	Mar. 3-24	John & Olive Kellner	Gerard Morriello
Ohio	Alger	A of G	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Dean Ash	Evan Richards
	Eaton	First Pent. Ch.	Mar. 3—	Billy Wolfe	W. W. Martin
Okla.	Durant	A of G	Mar. 3-17	E. C. Lagmay	L. F. Ammons
	Fairview	First	Feb. 20—	Chas. Chambers & wife	Clarence Glaze
Oreg.	Medford	Bethel	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Lawrence Krause
	Molalla	A of G	Feb. 24—	Johnny Hoskins	Lloyd F. Fosner
Pa.	Waynesboro	Calvary Tab.	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Watters Gospel Team	George Hatchner
Tenn.	Ripley	* Conner	Feb. 18—	O. R. Ball	Oliver F. Gay
Va.	Leesburg	A of G	Mar. 5-17	C. F. Radziminski	George Gowans

* Workers Training

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given out. Night after night this very thing happened, and a greater hunger for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost became evident. Among those who were saved are some fine families who plan to unite with the church. Each department of the church was blessed, and the Sunday School enjoyed a continued interest of over 250 average attendance.

—Paul W. Wells, Pastor

► GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.—The entire church was stirred by the recent ministry of Evangelist Bill Lewis at the First Assembly of God here. Six were saved, 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and there were several outstanding healings during this exceptionally fine revival. On Rally Day a new Sunday School attendance record was set with 383 present. Two weeks prior to the campaign a record attendance of 325 was attained.

—R. G. Markey, Pastor

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT WINSLOW, ARKANSAS

WINSLOW, Ark., Jan. 24—A new auditorium which God has so graciously helped us to build for the Assembly of God here was dedicated recently. The Sectional Presbyter conducted the dedicatory service and Edwin Burris, a District Presbyter, brought the message.

The building is of concrete blocks with a tile red concrete floor. The windows have steel frames with frosted glass. The size

of this new building is 32 feet by 54 feet. The older building has been divided into Sunday School rooms and joined to the new auditorium by an enclosed walkway.

We thank God for blessing in a spiritual way during the construction period. Since the first of April, 1955, when we came to the church, the Lord has sent several good evangelists our way and 24 have been saved, 24 have been baptized in water, 12 have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many have received wonderful healings for their bodies. Twelve have been added to the church. We greatly appreciate the blessing of the Lord on the efforts of the people who have worked together to see this progress in Winslow.

—by Max Francis, Pastor

ACCEPTS NEW PASTORATE

CASS CITY, MICH.—A little over three months ago, we came here to pastor the church. The Sunday School has doubled, the finances have tripled, and 13 have been saved. We are now building Sunday School rooms in the basement.

Before coming here, we pastored the Assembly of God in Ingleside, Texas for almost six years. The Lord helped us to build a six-room parsonage, finish the inside of the church and paint the outside. A number of good evangelists held meetings for us and many souls were saved. When we left, the church was free of debt.

—Pastor C. L. Hundley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the church in Findlay, Ohio, Mar. 3-10. J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker.—by W. J. Domm, Pastor.

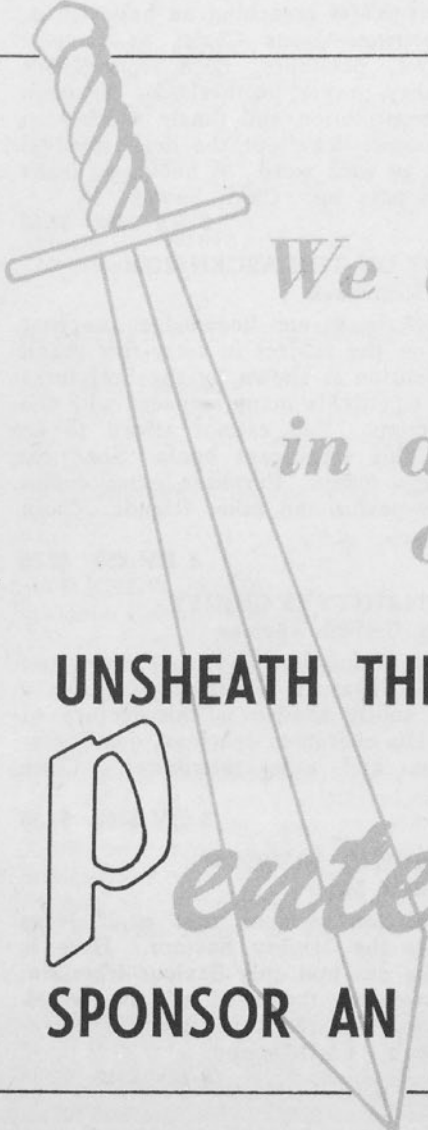
NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Apr. 23-25 at National Guard Armory, Ahsoskie, N. C. Day services to be held at the Ahsoskie Assembly, 101 Myers St. C. C. Burnett, Springfield, Mo. guest speaker. For reservations write Percy Benton, 503 Rhue St., Ahsoskie, N. C.—by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

WITH CHRIST

WALTER O. OLIVER, 76, Osborne, Kans. died of a heart attack January 9, 1957. Brother Oliver was ordained in 1914. He pastored churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska, and also engaged in evangelistic work.

ALBERT E. PETERSON, 64, went to be with Christ January 25, 1957. Brother Peterson was pastor of the Assembly in National Mine, Mich. He was ordained in 1947.

WILLIAM T. NORMAN, 52, Charlottesville, Va. went to his heavenly reward January 22, 1957. Brother Norman was ordained in 1938. He pastored churches in Round Hill, Purcellville, and Hamilton, Va. He was pastoring in Charlottesville at the time of his Homegoing.



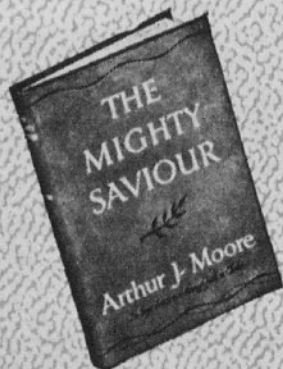
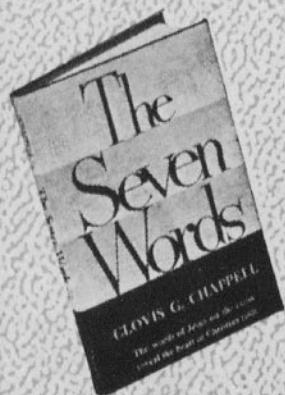
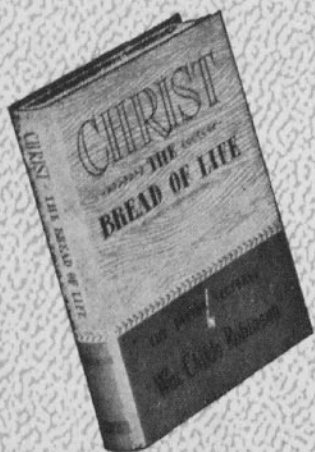
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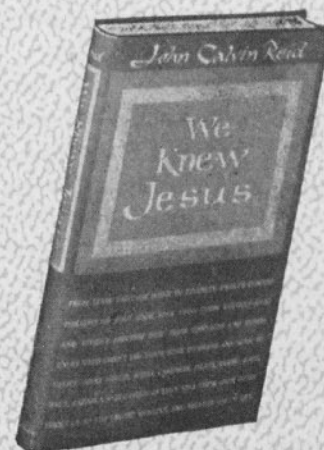
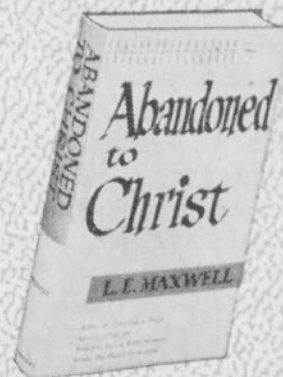
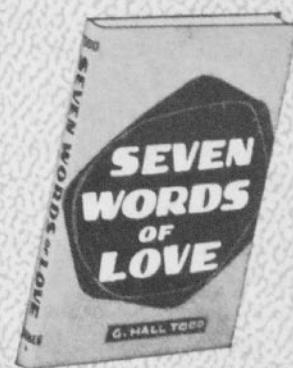
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The Night Cometh

WILLARD H. POPE

THROUGH THE PROPHET, THE HOLY Spirit warns of the approaching storm—that night of “great tribulation” of which Jesus spoke:

“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Joel 2:2).

God's prophetic Word keeps in step with the march of time. Worldly-wise men may laugh and treat with scorn the divine claim of Holy Writ, but prophecy marches on. Every age has had its Babel builders, and the pages of history are sordid with the inevitable results of their folly. It is even so in the tragic hour that has come upon this present world.

We know this age is to close in the darkest night of human history. World trends lead us to believe the awful night is rapidly approaching. The prophet Isaiah said it would be a night when spiritual “darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.”

Mankind, in that hour, will be left to the fearful consequence of his own treason. There will be no Mediator between God and man; the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit will be removed; and Satan will be enthroned. The fury of hell will be let loose upon an unsuspecting world.

Only a fear of the law protects your home now from the savage impulses of the criminal scum. Should this vigilance be relaxed for a moment, men soon would become beasts of prey: robbing, murdering, looting, plundering, raping. What will it be like on this earth in the tribulation hour, when Satan, the arch-criminal, is free to outrage the human race?

As the shadows of that night continue to fall across the world, there is only one source of light to guide the hearts of men. “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psa. 119:105).

To the Egyptians, the pillar of fire was darkness, but to Israel it was the light of God. “And it came between

the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them (Egyptians), but it gave light by night to these (Israel).”

The apostle Peter tells us that “we have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch, be sober, and work while it is day.

“Go labor on, spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went:
Should not the servant tread it still?”

“Go labor on, 'tis not for naught;
The earthly is heavenly gain.
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not?
The Master praises: what are men?”

“Go labor on while yet 'tis day;
The world's dark night is hastening on.
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,
It is not thus that souls are won.”

—Selected



Did Paul Ride a Horse?

Just a word of approval of the article on “Pentecostal Perils,” by Charles W. Conn, in the issue of October 28. It is really good and to the point.

But I note in the same issue that someone (Paul, of course) is set forth, in a children's identification quiz, as having been “stricken from a horse” on the Damascus road. There is not the faintest hint in Scripture that there was any horse involved. In fact, it is rather more evident that there was no horse, for when the journey was resumed, Paul being blind, they “led him by the hand” into Damascus. If he had been on a horse before, why did they not put him back on the horse and lead the horse?

This is not simply to be critical, but since the Evangel is our official paper we should be very careful to keep everything in harmony with “that which is written,” and not print un-Scriptural ideas just because they are the “popular conception” of the matter.

I think the Evangel is the one indispensable paper and cannot afford to be without it. This is the first criticism I have sent in.

M. M. JOHNSON
Russellville, Ky.

“Renew My Subscription”

I am sending \$2.50 to renew my subscription to the EVANGEL. We enjoy it very much, especially the “Sunday's Lesson,” “Our Family Altar,” and the children's feature.

VERNIE ASHER
Bixby, Missouri

First TV Revival in West

In the January 13th Evangel you reported Denver's TV Revival as being the first of its kind in the Western U.S. As happy as we are about Denver's experience we just can't stand for you to be uninformed about our own TV Revival which ran eight consecutive evenings, 7:00-7:30, April 22-29, 1956, on Channel 27. We feel fairly certain that ours was the first of its kind in the west.

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FLOYD L. HAWKINS
Pastor, The People's Church
Fresno, California

Dangerous Dogmatism

I noticed a letter in the Evangel about the danger of saying “I think” instead of saying “Thus saith the Lord.” I fully agree that our thoughts should be based on God's Word rather than man's, but I think there is danger of being too dogmatic in our teaching or preaching. Sometimes it is a sign of humility, not unbelief, to say merely “I think” rather than get puffed up over our own spiritual knowledge. Even Paul the apostle gave his mind on a very important subject when he wasn't sure it was the Word of the Lord.

Dogmatism has led many people into error. It has burnt the bridge over which they might have returned to safer ground at a later date. Let's be reasonable enough to say “I think” and give the other fellow the liberty of his own interpretation. He'll have his own opinion anyhow, no matter how dogmatic we are.

PERRY SMITH
Elkland, Missouri

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I sent for the EVANGEL first in 1917, a few months before I received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Someone told me it would help me. The EVANGEL sure has been a blessing, and it is getting better all the time.

MRS. A. P. TAYLOR
Palestine, Texas

Memorizing the Articles

I enjoy reading the Evangel and I especially enjoyed two articles in the December 16 issue—“Not a Word,” by Stephen Merritt, and “Others May—You Cannot,” by G. D. Watson. I have memorized these precious words and have written them in my heart. Thank you so much.

CASILDA HERNANDEZ
Taft, Texas

A Letter from West Indies

Thanks very much for the Evangel which comes to hand regularly. I and others enjoy the papers very much.

MRS. NELLIE BARNES
Netherlands West Indies

The Victory Parade

(Continued from page eleven)

the canvas. All day we tried to get the tent up, and at night we were no farther along. But nobody came to the meeting anyway, for the newspaper printed an article denouncing divine healing instead of using our paid ad! When we wanted to advertise the meeting with a loudspeaker we were refused permission. In every place we were frustrated.

By the second night we had the tent erected and a few people came out, seemingly uninterested. But as we began to pray and preach the Word, God miraculously opened the blind eye of one of the men.

The next night when we came together John S. Richards, who was leading the service, said to the people, "God opened the blind eye of one of the men last night, and I want him to come and give his testimony."

The old native stepped out and said, "But I can't see any more." Everybody in the tent began to laugh at us.

Brother Richards told the man, "You've doubted God. If you will believe God and repent, He will restore healing to you." And before those laughing, mocking Africans we commanded the blindness to leave that man's eye and it was instantly opened. The laughter of the people was turned to wonder. Within a few days people were flocking to the tent seeking healing and salvation, and God was moving. Beloved, we are in a victory parade! We are not a defeated people, but we are following a Leader who is taking us on to absolute triumph.

I see the apostle Paul with a little group of his companions on their way to Philippi. They don't look as if they are a victorious army. Their garments are travel-stained; they are poverty-stricken. Paul has a needle in one pocket—he is hoping to find work to earn enough money to keep the party going. As soon as they come into the city a demon-possessed girl begins to follow them, mocking, "These men are



A Layman's Thought for COLLEGE DAY

As one who has had considerable experience in secular education, it is my earnest conviction from close personal observation that our Assemblies of God faculties are as well qualified and trained to educate our youth as the staff of any other institution. In addition, when we consider the moral and spiritual values to be gained in our Assemblies of God schools, especially in the light of present-day utter disregard for character-building values, it is to be considered a privilege to have a financial share in these facilities. Our youth should avail themselves of these outstanding centers of training.



A. E. NELLI

Los Angeles, California

the servants of the most high God." And Paul, under the power of the Holy Spirit, turns around and says, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."

When she was delivered, how the people gathered around! It seemed that the demon left the girl and went into those who owned her. The men became so angry they caused Paul and Silas to be publicly flogged and cast into prison.

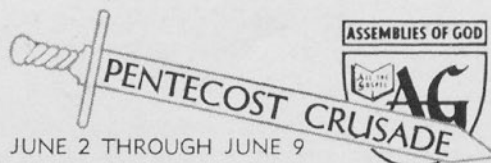
Now that didn't look like victory; it looked like absolute defeat. For a while, perhaps, Paul and Silas sat there in silence, not knowing what to say. Then they got their eyes on Jesus, and they began to pray.

At midnight, while they were praying and praising God, the old prison began to shake and their hands and feet were liberated. And when the jailor came in and wanted to kill himself, the Apostle said, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Then, you remember, the jailor repented and asked, "What must I do to be saved?" The prisoner became the warden that night, and the warden became the prisoner. And the apostle Paul came out of the prison not only

with glorious victory but also with a little group of people who had been saved as a result of that very trial.

And so the apostle Paul writes about this victory procession, in the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians: "On every side [we are] pressed hard but not hemmed in, without a way but not without a by-way, pursued but not abandoned, thrown down but not destroyed" (Rotherham trans.). Oh, friends, God in His infinite grace has allowed us not only to share the victory of Calvary with Jesus but also to share the sufferings of the Cross. And so in this victory procession we drink of the cup of which Jesus drank. We begin to suffer with Jesus. His shame, His reproach, something of the persecution that came upon Him, becomes the portion of His people. But again and again, just when it seems that the enemy has overcome us, just when it seems that we're down, God comes and delivers us.

"To God be the thanks who in Christ ever leads us in His triumphal procession. . . . We need not be defeated by the world and powers of darkness. God is calling upon His people to rise up in the power of the Holy Spirit and claim the victory of Calvary. Claim it in your body, claim it in your business, claim it in your ministry, claim it in every circumstance of life. Jesus overcame Satan and we too may overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony



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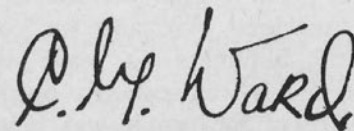
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C. M. Ward

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