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

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## God's Way Is Best

David passed through some gruelling experiences at the hands of his enemies. Often he must have been tempted to question the providences of God. Weaker men would have asked, "Why must my way be so hard? Why must King Saul persecute me so? Why must I suffer?" But David never weakened under pressure. He trod the rocky path that led to the throne, and in the day of triumph he looked back at the way by which God had led him and he sang, "As for God, His way is perfect."

God's way is always best, but it's hard for some of us to learn this lesson. One Christian man learned it through a parable in nature. He loved to study insects, and for nearly a year he kept the flask-shaped cocoon of an emperor moth under observation. This cocoon is peculiar in its construction. There is a narrow opening in the neck of the "flask" through which the perfect insect forces its way out from the chrysalis. In emerging it does not mar its "cradle" in the least. The empty cocoon is as complete as the one that is still occupied!

It is marvelous how an insect the size of an emperor moth can ever emerge through that narrow opening. It is never done without great labor and difficulty; and naturalists tell us that the pressure to which the moth's body is subjected in passing through the narrow opening is the Creator's method of making the beautiful wings so large and strong. The pressure forces the juices into vessels of the wings, which are less developed at emergence from the chrysalis than they are in other insects.

Our friend happened to notice the first efforts of the imprisoned moth to escape from its long confinement. Nearly a whole forenoon, from time to time, he watched it struggling and straining to get out. It never seemed able to get beyond a certain point, and at last the man's patience was exhausted. He thought he would help it out.

With the points of his scissors he snipped the confining threads to make the exit just a little easier. Immediately, and with perfect ease, the moth crawled out, dragging a swollen body and little shrivelled wings. And, sad to say, it remained in that pitiful form. The wings never developed. All the exquisite spots and patterns of beautiful colors were there in miniature, but the wings never assumed their proper proportions. The moth remained a stunted thing, an abortion, a deformed creature. It crawled painfully through that brief life which it should have spent flying through the air on rainbow wings!

That believer learned a lesson. He learned to understand what has been called "the hardness of God's love." Sometimes when he saw a brother in trouble, struggling with some sorrow or distress, he would be tempted to desire to set that brother free from his trouble—as though he were more merciful than God! What short-sighted fools we mortals be! How do we know that one groan can be spared in the Creator's perfect plan? God's love is more far-sighted than ours. His love is too strong to shrink from the pain of discipline. He chastens us that we may be "partakers of His holiness." He permits us to suffer hardness that we may be obedient soldiers in His army. His method is to bring His sons to glory "through much tribulation." Let us believe now, as we shall discover at the end of the journey, that, "as for God, His way is perfect."

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# A Mexican General's Conversion

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY BRIGADIER GENERAL N. MEDINA ESTRADA

WHILE SERVING AS A GENERAL IN the Mexican Army, on a certain day, as I was in consultation with the chiefs and officials who were under my orders, there came to my office a young woman. She was dressed in mourning. With tears in her eyes she told me of the sad situation in which she found herself.

She related that her husband had been killed a year previously when his plane had crashed, and that the only thing he had left her was a little house in Colonia Portales. She had not been able to continue to make payments on it, and now the people from whom they were buying it were trying to take it from her and throw her out without giving her a cent of what her husband had paid on the house. Because of this she came to offer to transfer the house to me if I would give her what had been paid on it. Then she would be able to begin to earn her own living with the money that I would give her.

She told me that she had already made the same proposition to several other people but that no one had wished to accept it. She had come to me as a last resort.

I was deeply touched by the sad condition of this widow and felt in my heart the desire to help her so that she would not be the victim of such inhumanity. I resolved to buy the house, giving her the full amount that her husband had paid on it and paying the balance to the company that was selling it. As my mother had just arrived from Los Angeles, California, it was decided that she should live in the house.

At that time I lived in the Municipality of Tacuba, on the north side of the City of Mexico, and Sunday after Sunday I came with my four children to spend the day with my mother. From her conversations I gathered that she was attending an evangelical church near by, and she invited me to go with her. I was a renegade as far as religion was concerned. I considered all religion to be mercenary and false, so I would not yield to her desire. I always thought that if I went to Church I would just miserably waste time that



General Medina

I could use in more profitable ways. In view of my resistance she became very sad.

One day, having heard of a very serious problem in my military career, she made a prayer request (as she informed me later) in her church. Three people kept a prayer watch without ceasing, twenty-four hours a day, to pray over my problem. The matter was exceedingly grave—a calumny had been raised against me with the object of ousting me from the important post that I occupied. It was known that there was no fair way to oust me since I had always been a slave to duty. This difficulty was resolved in a miraculous way—to my great surprise, I must confess.

When I informed my mother of this fact, indicating that I could not understand how it had happened, she immediately told me that there is nothing impossible with God and that He Himself had worked on my behalf. Then she revealed to me that for more than a month a group of the members of her church, whom she called brethren,

including her pastor, had been upon their knees interceding with God on my behalf.

Many were the questions which I asked her on that occasion in regard to how God heard their prayers, and she answered that without the Lord we can do nothing; that Christians obtain their victories upon their knees. Then she suggested that I should go to church with her to show my gratitude to God who had worked such a wonderful miracle for me. But I resisted her suggestion, as I had the idea that religion was only for women and old people. I thought it unbecoming for a soldier to be religious.

But my mother continued to talk to me in such a convincing manner, and with such love begged me to go to the house of prayer and give God thanks for the wonderful thing He had done for me, that I could no longer resist her entreaties. The first Sunday of December, 1933, I went to the Temple in the morning, accompanied by my wife and four small children, arriving when the Sunday School had already begun.

I can tell you that from the moment I stepped on the threshold of that church I felt in my heart the presence of the Most High God, and as I went into the interior of the building my feet seemed to sink into the floor as though I were treading on a mattress sixteen inches thick.

With difficulty I placed myself with my family on one of the benches, as the temple was almost filled. We heard the teaching of the Sunday School lesson with much attention and remained for the morning service. The sermon preached by the one in charge of the work made a very deep impression on me. I felt unworthy to be in that sacred place; I felt as though the bench on which we were sitting was sinking and rising again in a continual movement, and perspiration broke out all over my body. At that moment, a member of the church, a very humble woman of the servant class, came towards me. I was leaning forward on the bench in a sort of ecstasy, and then she spoke into my ear inviting me to come to

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# Israel Today and Tomorrow

BY JAMES C. DODD

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*Today—a regathering of exiles and a national rebuilding.*

*Tomorrow—a reconciliation with God and a spiritual restoration.*



Sign posts on the Plain of Esdraelon

THE STORY OF FULFILLED PROPHECY in regard to Israel constitutes one of the most fascinating narratives of all time. How thrilling it is to read how holy men of old, speaking as the very mouthpieces of God, predicted events that would take place thousands of years in the future. And to see these predictions fulfilled to the letter, after long centuries of waiting, makes the Word of God so very real to the Bible student.

The return of more than a million Jews to the land of Israel, after wandering throughout the earth for two thousand years, is the most amazing miracle of our generation. And to think that it was foretold in detail by Jeremiah twenty-five hundred years ago! "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; BUT, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers" (Jer. 16:14-15).

We are all familiar with the mighty miracles that accompanied the exodus from Egypt. He brought His people out by a series of miracles that are some of the most remarkable in all the world's history. And Jeremiah, looking forward to our time, said there would be another great exodus which we are witnessing today. Our generation has watched with awe this mighty

stream of refugees coming into Israel from Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Poland, Germany, and other countries throughout the world.

The days will come when a further exodus of the Jews will come from the "land of the north." What will it be like when God shall say to the leaders of Russia, "Let my people go!" The iron curtain will lift and untold thousands will flee back to Israel like doves borne by the wind. David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel, made this statement: "There is no doubt, however, that the ingathering of the Exiles has not ended, it has only begun!"

As we circled the cities of Haifa and Tel Aviv and then landed at the very modern airport at Lydda, I thought of the tens of thousands of Jews that have returned to their land by plane from the various countries where they had lived for centuries. As we disembarked and the Israelis greeted us with the age-old salutation, "Shalom!" which means "Peace," we experienced some of the thrill that must have been felt by the ones who had come from afar in answer to the call of God.

It was at Lydda that Peter prayed for Aeneas. There are four runways, each one a half mile long and 330 feet wide. It is one of the finest airports in the East and it has been crowded with refugees that seem to come in a steady stream.

The majority come to Israel by ocean liner and disembark at the British-built harbor of Haifa. Jews from the four corners of the earth have landed

here. Talmudists from Lithuania, Latvia, Poland! The unlettered but devout from Turkestan and Afghanistan! The artists and sophisticates from London, Paris, Vienna, Rome! Black-skinned Jews from Ethiopia and Africa! Stalwart pioneers from Australia, Canada, United States, New Zealand, Scandinavia! They continue to come, a colorful procession of humanity, imbued with a fervency of faith and a dedication to the land. Hear the words of Jeremiah: "The Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnants of His people, and He shall assemble the outcast of Israel and gather together the depressed of Judah from the four corners of the earth!"

As we walked the noisy streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, or rode the

Young Jews are proud of their vineyards.



little boat across Galilee, or crossed the Negev Desert, ancient words seemed to haunt us: "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root!... In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed!... The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose!"

Of all those who returned, the homecoming of 40,000 Yemenite Jews from southern Arabia was perhaps the most dramatic. This return from Yemen was foretold by the prophet Isaiah 2500 years ago. "Fear not, for I am with thee; I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth!" In the original Hebrew the word "south" means Teman, and the word "teman" in Hebrew is also "Yemen." I saw many of these dark-skinned Yemenites, small of stature, wearing their side curls, wiry, full of energy, very friendly. I think they must be the shyest people I have ever met.

The kingdom of Yemen, from whence they came, is situated in the southwestern part of the Arabian Peninsula, next to the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. These Jews emigrated there before the birth of Christ, probably when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple. For many generations they were lost to the world. During this long space of time they cherished a tradition that someday they would be carried back to the homeland on eagles' wings. They were students of the five books of Moses and probably got their faith for such from Exodus 19:4, where God says: "I bare



A partial view of Jerusalem, showing the round-domed building (center) where the U. N. commission held its meetings and decided to partition Palestine.

you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself!"

After the news of Israel becoming a State came to them, they obtained permission from the King of Yemen to return. They gathered together their very meager possessions and began their journey. Weary months of traveling through arid, desert lands took its toll and many fell by the wayside. Others were victims of robbers. Eventually the survivors came to Aden and great planes came to take them the rest of their journey. And, although they had never seen an airplane in all their life, they walked unafraid into the planes, for to them the planes were the "great eagles" God had promised would come to carry them home! They returned to Israel, not because they were interested in the cause of Zionism, but because they believed the Messiah would short-

ly appear and they wanted to be in the land when He came.

A Jewish photographer told of one incident that happened at the Lydda airport. A Yemenite Jew, 75 years of age, got off the plane, carrying his father, who was 106 years old. This old dad wanted to return to the land of Israel to die. The son had carried him 160 miles across the desert from Yemen to Aden, had put him aboard the great plane, and now carried him on to Israel's soil. He tenderly laid him upon the ground and whispered "Father, we are now in Israel!" The old man rolled over and kissed the earth—then quietly died!

The King of Yemen could not have restrained these people, for Isaiah foretold that the Lord would say to him, "Hold not back!"

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Modern equipment used to bale hay on the Plain of Sharon



Street scene in the Jewish section of Jerusalem



# POWER THROUGH PRESSURE

*"For this slight, momentary trouble is producing for us an everlasting weight of glory that exceeds all calculations, granted we do not fasten our eyes on the visible but on the unseen . . . "*

2 Corinthians 4:17, Berkeley Version

**T**HERE IS A PREVALENT IDEA THAT the power of God in the human life should lift us above all trials and conflicts. The fact is, the power of God brings a conflict and a struggle. One would have thought that on his great missionary journey to Rome, Paul would have been carried by some mighty providence above the power of storms and tempests and enemies. But, on the contrary, it was a long, hard fight with persecuting Jews, with wild tempests, with venomous vipers, and all the powers of earth and hell, and at last he was saved, as it seems by the narrowest margin. He had to swim ashore at Malta on a piece of wreckage and barely escaped a watery grave.

Was that like a God of infinite power? Yes, just like Him. And so Paul tells us that when he took the Lord Jesus Christ as the life of his body, a severe conflict immediately came; indeed, a conflict that never ended, a pressure that was persistent, but out of which he always emerged victorious through the strength of Jesus Christ. The language in which he describes this

is most graphic. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be manifested in our body."

What a ceaseless, strenuous struggle. It is impossible to express in English the forcible language of the original. There are five pictures in succession. In the first, the idea is crowding enemies pressing in from every side, and yet not crushing him because the police of heaven cleared the way just wide enough for him to get through. The literal translation would be, "We are crowded on every side, but not crushed."

The second picture is that of one whose way seems utterly closed and yet he has passed through; there is light enough to show him the next step. The revised version translates it, "perplexed but not unto despair." Rotherham still more literally renders it, "without a way, but not without a by-way."

The third figure is that of an enemy

in hot pursuit while the divine Defender still stands by, and he is not left alone. Again we adopt the fine rendering of Rotherham—"pursued but not abandoned."

The fourth figure is still more vivid and dramatic. The enemy has overtaken him, has struck him, has knocked him down. But it is not a final blow; he is able to rise again. It might be translated, "overthrown but not overcome."

Once more the figure advances, and now it seems to be even death itself. "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus." But he does not die, for "the life also of Jesus" now comes to his aid, and he lives in the life of Another until his life's work is done.

The reason so many fail in their Christian experience is because they expect to have it all without a struggle, and when the conflict comes and the battle wages long, they become discouraged and surrender. God has nothing worth having that is easy. There are no cheap goods in the heavenly market. Our redemption cost all that God had to give, and everything worth having is expensive. Hard places are the very school of faith and character; and if we are to rise over mere human strength and prove the power of life divine in these mortal bodies, it must be through a process of conflict that may well be called the birth travail of a new life. It is the old figure of the bush that burned, but was not consumed; or of the Vision in the house of the Interpreter of the flame that would not expire, notwithstanding the fact that the demon ceaselessly poured water on it, because in the background stood an angel ever pouring oil and keeping the flame aglow. Thus we cannot fail if only we dare to believe God, hold fast, and refuse to be overcome. ◀◀

## PRESSED OUT OF MEASURE

Pressed out of measure and pressed to all length;  
Pressed so intensely it seems beyond strength;  
Pressed in the body, and pressed in the soul,  
Pressed in the mind till the dark surges roll.  
Pressure by foes, and a pressure from friends,  
Pressure on pressure, till life nearly ends.

Pressed into knowing no helper but God;  
Pressed into loving the staff and the rod.  
Pressed into liberty where nothing clings;  
Pressed into faith for impossible things.  
Pressed into tasting the joy of the Lord,  
Pressed into living a Christ-life outpoured.

—L. S. P.

**W**HAT A WONDERFUL HERITAGE THE born-again Christian has! Probably few Christians realize what riches are theirs in the Lord. They are too content with small things, indifferent to anything deeper in God. They have the name and the reputation without the full enjoyment of the reality of their rightful heritage.

Too many Christians are like Absalom, who, though he had returned to his home, the city of his father the king, still "dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face" (2 Samuel 14:28). For many days

tion, "The bird with a broken pinion never soared so high again." But I assure you that this thought is not scriptural. God has said, "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm" (Joel 2:25). Too often we say we will let good enough alone, but nothing short of the best is, in reality, good enough.

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Who dare to stand the test,  
He has His second choice for those  
Who will not have His best."

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# An Unclaimed Fortune

BY EVANGELIST EDNA GOODWIN

he had wandered, far from his father's residence, because of his disobedience. Finally, through the ministration of Joab, a reconciliation was effected and Absalom returned to his former position and place in the community—except that he never saw the face of the king.

It is indeed a glorious thing for a backslider, who has wandered in sin so long, to be brought at last back into the old situation and restored again to favor and prestige among the brethren. But there is still a lovelier, grander location for the child of God—that of sitting at the feet of the King and beholding His face.

When we consider the prodigal son of the New Testament, we realize that he was presented with all the status of a son in the family when he returned from his wanderings. His father put on him the robe, a ring, and a pair of shoes. The fatted calf was killed. And as we read the account we understand that the son was delighted to receive this, and quite likely he took advantage of every opportunity to be with his father.

Not so with Absalom. He was restored to outward favor—he was replaced in his old residence and re-established among the folk—but he never saw the king's face. Could he not have done so? Yes, merely by recognizing his lack and demanding his rights, for as the son of the king he was heir of all that he had formerly lost.

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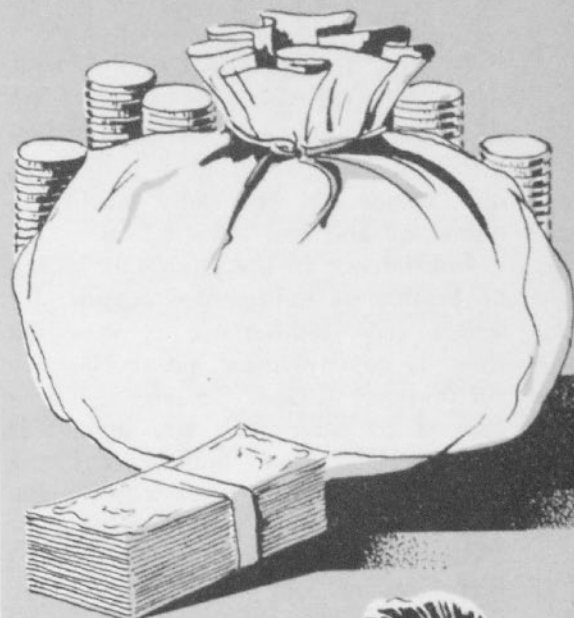
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It is difficult to know what was in the heart of Absalom that would cause

him to remain separated from the immediate presence of his father for so long. Perhaps he felt *unworthy*. Many of us do. Unworthiness is a commendable virtue, when recognized, unless it becomes an instrument of estrangement. To realize and recognize one's insufficiency is indeed approved of God, for if rightly used it is a means of gaining admission to the presence of the Father. True, no worth or virtue of our own will ever merit a favor from the Father—neither will the lack of it. But our realization of that lack, coupled with determination and assurance through the promises of God, gives us a genuine reason for demanding our prerogatives and forcing, if necessary, our way into the presence of God, into the Holiest of All. God has said we may "come boldly unto the throne of grace." We are told, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

Perhaps it was *fear* on Absalom's part that kept him from the king. We might be tempted to say, "Rightly so, for Absalom had been arrogantly disobedient," but God has said, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more," and "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Forgiveness is forgotten sin, and past errors are not to be dealt with or recognized in the new order of things subsequent to our return. Not only should Ab-

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salom be back in the old circle, but he should also be enjoying all the accompanying privileges.

Perhaps it was *indifference*. Most of us find that, generally speaking, indifference is the root of most of our difficulty. We seem glad enough to quit wandering, but sadly lacking in animation and zeal toward God.

Indifference in the church is almost as deathly as indifference outside, for where such indifference is prevalent there is no enjoyment, no revelling in the presence of God. To see the King's face is to come into His immediate presence. The one hundredth Psalm says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." Psalm 16:11 declares, "In thy presence is fulness of joy." The lack of joy in the lives of many, then, would indicate that they have never entered into the King's presence or seen His face. More than likely, indifference is one of the underlying causes of our great lack.

Or, maybe it was just plain *ignorance* on Absalom's part that kept him isolated. Possibly he did not know that there was anything more for him until the two years of deprivation were expired. It is true that many do not know. They are content with so little when there is such an abundance. They remain deprived, never realizing it. Their ignorance keeps them at a tremendous disadvantage.

Many folk come to the family altar, but only go through a routine and never get near the King. Alas, too many never even have the family altar, or a private altar, or any other. They declare that they are Christians, but they never spend any time in the presence of their Heavenly Father. They hope it is well with their souls, but never have any joy in their believing. Do you know why? It is because they do not *praise* their way into the presence of God. They do not know, or even attempt to estimate, the value of praise. I am sure that if they would praise the Lord for even a few moments they would find themselves in the immediate presence of their Father the King. Again I say, sheer ignorance is depriving a great many Christians of their heritage.

There is still another possibility which must not be overlooked—*timidity*. Isn't it strange how bold folk are to demand their "rights" in everything except spirituality? They always want their "money's worth," and woe betide the one who would deprive them. But in the realm of the divine, people seem afraid of their own voices, and it is difficult to induce folk to praise the Lord. Their quick response to any admonition along this line is, "I do praise the Lord. I always do." But in reality there is never a note of praise escaping their lips; they have only beneficent thoughts of God. But God says, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15). And I assure you that if we will praise God we shall find ourselves often within His gates and inside His courts, where truly there is fullness of joy.

Timidity finds a larger place for activity in the religious sphere than in any other realm. Folk are not timid at the centers of social recreation or amusement. They are not timid in the financial world. But how overwhelmingly timid they become in the things of the Spirit, and just think what timid folk are missing! First of all, they do not have "fulness of joy." This is very important, for, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." The folk who protest, "I can't," are the ones who have no joy. They have few answers to prayer; they have not learned the secret of Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." They are lacking in spiritual fruit, for joy is one of the composite parts of the "fruit of the Spirit." They have not exchanged their mourning for the oil of joy. They are missing so very much and seem unaware of it.

The "renewing of the mind" is another lovely result of gazing into the face of our Heavenly King. It is true that we see now only "as in a glass the glory of the Lord," but we are being "changed into the same image from glory to glory," and soon we shall see Him face to face.

Many are bemoaning their spiritual lack, and envy others who are developing into mature Christians; they seem unaware that development must and does take place in His presence. A "Martha" Christian (a doer) will never attain the development of a "Mary" (a gazer and hearer), because divine attainment

is instilled into the heart that is in communion with the Divine. When the mind is renewed, knowledge is imparted and wisdom becomes evident. "Wait, I say, on the Lord."

Revelation is evident in the presence of the King. He reveals Himself, His will, His plans, His activities. Suspense, hesitation, trembling, fear, inanimation, and indifference melt in His presence at the revelation of Himself.

The worth of a building in its final stages will be just in proportion to the material used in the construction. John the Baptist caught the vision when he cried, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Too many of us increase, making the Lord decrease in our lives. Oh, come often into His presence. Draw strength from Him. Catch a new glimpse of His wonderful face. Let the joy of the Lord permeate your entire being.

Absalom awoke finally to the loss in his life and used drastic means to end his desolation. The result was that he was ushered at once into the king's presence. Immediately he fell on his face before the king, and the king kissed him.

Child of God, how long will you be content with "long distance" communication and "mail order" response? Make your way now into the King's lovely presence; praise God from your heart, until you are conscious of His nearness; and then, as the prophet Samuel said to Saul, "Do as occasion serve thee." Absalom fell on his face. What you will do is yet to be seen, but one thing is sure and certain—if you fall on your face before the heavenly King, He will surely bless you. ◀ ◀

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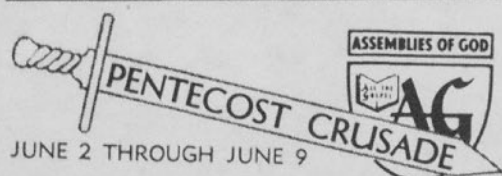
## GENERAL COUNCIL — Cleveland, Ohio —

Housing forms for the 27th General Council of the Assemblies of God are being enclosed with the Quarterly Letter to ministers early in March. Persons interested in attending but not receiving the housing form may obtain copies from:

**Howard R. Davidson**  
18408 Hiller Avenue  
Cleveland 19, Ohio

(Be sure to send a stamped self-addressed envelope.)

Sessions of the Council will begin August 28 with the evening service and extend through September 3.





# "What Shall We Have?"

BY OLIVE BISHOP BRANCH

**O**NE DAY PETER BLURTED OUT A question. It was an honest question and Jesus dealt with it in a frank and gracious manner.

"Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?"

What had Jesus promised His disciples when He called them to follow Him? To Peter and Andrew, He promised work, saying, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." To men who were accustomed to earning their living fishing, it was not a promise of an easy vocation but of hard toil, long hours, and seasons of disappointment as well as success. To Matthew and to Philip, He merely said, "Follow me." He made no glowing promises in order to entice men to follow Him.

He taught that to be His disciple meant self-denial, a daily cross, and that the only way to save their lives was to lose them in sacrificial service. He asked the rich young ruler to give up all his earthly possessions if he would gain heavenly treasure. To another would-be disciple, He promised only hardship and poverty in exchange for service. However, He did tell His disciples there was a time coming when every man would be rewarded "according to his works."

Peter's question has echoed in many hearts. "What shall we have?" This

is a proper question if our motives are pure when we ask it. Are we serving the Lord out of love for Him or for what we can get out of it? Do we give our service and material possessions to Him gladly, out of love and gratitude, or do we give because we expect Him to return to us more than we have given Him? Many times He will do just that, but God does not bargain with us. There may have been a little pride in Peter's reminding the Lord of what he and the other disciples had sacrificed. It was not a trifling sacrifice. Perhaps he reasoned they were in line for some choice rewards since they had given up so much to follow Him.

Jesus made one thing clear—there is no man whose self-sacrifice shall go without its reward. However, the reward may not always be in keeping with our expectation. If He does not give the very thing we look for, He will give us something better. The disciples found it difficult to give up the idea of an earthly kingdom and earthly honors. Jesus taught a higher conception of reward than the honors and acclaim of men.

The answer Jesus gave to Peter's question has puzzled many. "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the

gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:29, 30).

There are compensations in this life for sacrifices made for Christ. To put Him first even ahead of those dearest to us sanctifies earthly loves and possessions until they become more precious. The hundred-fold compensation in this life may not be such in kind, but certainly it will be such in value. Christ becomes a hundredfold and more to us than anything we give up for Him. In some instances, there may be compensations in kind. One missionary told of his reluctance to leave his home and mother, and yet in deputation work he found homes all over the country and fine Christian women who treated him as a son.

One man said the happiest time in his life was after his conversion, although it involved the loss of friends and fortune. He found his compensation in friendship with Christ. The happiest hour of his life was in Paris, he said, sitting on a stone, friendless and with only two sous in his pocket. He watched the gay crowds go by, but felt he was happier and richer than all. "Now Christ is all to me," he said. "I have no other friend; I have no other joy."

Jesus went beyond the promise of compensation now, and promised complete reward in the world to come. It would be hard to accept present injustices and inequalities without faith that a time is coming when God will set things right.

A faithful minister in Scotland had become aged and infirm. A military friend said to him, "If I had power over the pension list, I'd put you on halfpay for your long and faithful service."

The old man replied, "My friend, your master may retire you with halfpay but my Master will reward me with full pay. Through grace I expect a full reward."

What shall we have? If you have forsaken all to follow Christ, you may expect a full reward. It may not consist in earthly possessions or the acclaim of men. Much of your reward will not even be received in this life. But you are not home yet. If you continue faithful, there is a welcome awaiting you such as you have never seen, and a full reward. ◀ ▶



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## **British Bible Society in Record Output**

A record total of over 5,200,000 Bibles and Scripture portions was printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society during 1956. This compared with just under 3,000,000 volumes in 1955.

## **Presbyterians U.S.A. Approve Merger Plans**

Headquarters of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. announced that the required majority of its presbyteries have approved a plan of union with the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

## **Bolivia's Elected President Friendly to Missions**

For the first time in five years, Bolivia has as its president a man who was elected to office rather than one who seized control in a revolt. Missionaries rejoice that the new government is friendly to their work and that the threatened opposition was defeated.

## **European Stations Disfavor Gospel Broadcasts**

Dr. Miner B. Stearns of Global Gospel Broadcasts, Inc., reports from Brussels, Belgium: "Just as Radio Luxembourg has done, Radio Monte Carlo is now pushing all religious broadcasts either before 7 a.m. or after 11 p.m. At the present time the only religious broadcasts not yet subject to this rule are the Swiss Pentecostal broadcast in French, 'Radio Revival,' and the Seventh Day Adventist 'Voice of Prophecy.' It becomes increasingly evident that the very few commercial stations in Europe do not want Gospel broadcasts. . . ."

Most European radio stations are government-controlled and do not sell time for any type of broadcast.

## **Missionary Succeeds Where Government Failed**

A Free Methodist missionary in the Philippine Islands has been successful in establishing contact with an outlaw tribe—a feat tried unsuccessfully for years by the government of the Agusan Province on the island of Mindanao. The Missionary is Walter Groesbeck superintendent of Free Methodist missions in the Philippines.

Mr. Groesbeck first contacted the Magahats, also known as "the killers," last August, after a hazardous trip of mountain climbing through almost impassable country. When they arrived, they found the leader, Datu Taglion, and his men friendly.

Two important documents Mr. Groesbeck had brought with him he presented to the Datu. They were certificates from the court stating that no case was pending against the leader of the tribe. He also talked to the tribe of Christ, and tried to persuade the tribe to come out of the mountain so that the children could go to school. Taglion said he would not come out for the governor, but he would for the missionary. And he has. Many families of the tribe are now moving down into the valley and there have been reports of converts among them.

## **Egypt Discriminates Against Christians**

A Roman Catholic newspaper has reported there are signs of discrimination against Christians in Egypt. According to the article, "Christians are worried because they see that they are the target of discrimination in seeking employment." The paper further charged that many firms state, "We do not hire Christians any more. We have instructions to hire only Moslems."

## **Government Leaders Attend Prayer Breakfast**

Top leaders in the U.S. government attended the prayer breakfast that highlighted the annual conference of International Christian Leadership, Incorporated. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and members of the House and Senate were on hand to eat together, pray together, and listen to speeches by leaders in government, business, and industry. President Eisenhower sent a message of greeting and regret that, due to his meetings with King Saud of Saudi Arabia, he would not be able to attend.

Boyd H. Leedom, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, was elected president of the organization. He succeeds Governor Price Daniel of Texas. (Governor Daniel was elected president in 1956 while serving in the U.S. Senate, but resigned because of a Texas law which forbids the governor to hold office in any corporation.) Delegates from more than twenty countries were present. They re-elected Senator Frank Carlson, president of the International Council for Christian Leadership, the world body with which the American organization is affiliated. The purpose of the organization is to sponsor prayer breakfasts and luncheon groups throughout the U.S. and in foreign lands.

## **Catholic Periodical Hits Catholics on Luther TV Ban**

A leading Roman Catholic periodical has taken sharply to task the Catholics who blocked the television premiere of "Martin Luther." The Lutheran-produced film, scheduled to be shown last December by Chicago Station WGN-TV, was cancelled at the last minute through alleged Roman Catholic pressure.

Withdrawal of the film was deplored and those behind the ban were strongly criticized in the February 15th issue of *The Commonwealth*, an independent Catholic weekly review of public affairs, literature and the arts.

"No matter how good their intentions," the editorial said, "these Catholics have damaged the church because they have caused others to regard it as a monolithic organization willing, even eager, to impose its will by mass pressure."

The magazine declared, "There can be little doubt that the Martin Luther affair was deplorable." It said that those who blocked the showing of the film "have damaged the fabric of our society because they have placed in jeopardy the still 'undefined' freedom of the TV screen." It deplored the fact that "other religious minorities were made subject to the will of a Catholic minority."

### Seek to Ban Liquor Advertising in Kansas

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas legislature that would ban all liquor advertising over television, radio, motion pictures, or in periodicals printed in the state. The bill was introduced by John Vermillion of Independence, Kansas. He is the publisher of a weekly newspaper at Independence and has turned down thousands of dollars in liquor advertising himself.

### Liquor and Cigarette Sales Soar

Church leaders have expressed alarm over the latest statistics on liquor and cigarette sales. Liquor sales last year were estimated at 210 million gallons, or 1.26 gallons per person, the highest in ten years. Cigarette sales, which started to drop in 1953 when much publicity was given to a probable cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and lung cancer, made a comeback and rose to an estimated 394 billion cigarettes in 1956, a gain of 12 billion over 1955. The public spent practically as much on liquor last year as on all educational work. There are 441,789 liquor outlets in the nation compared with 300,056 churches.

### Los Angeles Judge Points Up Liquor Factor in Crime

Liquor is the number one factor in Los Angeles County's increasing crime rate, Presiding Judge Vernon Hunt of the Municipal Court told a group of church leaders recently. "Seldom do we hear from the pulpit these days that drinking is wrong," the judge observed. "We need preaching on the subject, and we need a lot of it."

The *Los Angeles Times* also quoted Superior Judge Thomas Ambrose as concurring with this and pointing out that television tobacco and beer commercials were contributing to juvenile delinquency.

Judge Hunt declared, "The Sunday School is the best preventive for juvenile delinquency."

### Mayor Bows to "Voice of the Church"

The New Bedford, Massachusetts, Licensing Board has rescinded its vote allowing nightly dancing (except Sundays) in all cafes, taverns, hotels, and clubs because of what Mayor Francis J. Lawler termed "the voice of the church."

The mayor met with the board members in his office recently and asked the three men to reverse their stand. He said he had been "deluged" with letters and telephone calls from both clergymen and laymen objecting to the dancing for moral reasons.

At a public hearing preceding the board's original vote, strong opposition to the proposal was voiced by Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen. The ministers said that dancing in the liquor establishments would attract teenagers and cause a lowering of moral standards in the community.

### Jordan Bars Churchman for Telling Truth

Jordanian authorities have declared Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Isidoros, of Nazareth, *persona non grata* and have withdrawn his permit to enter Jordan territory. The action came after the churchman had denied Egyptian reports that Israeli forces had looted the historic Orthodox monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai.

Metropolitan Isidoros confirmed that he had publicly contradicted the Egyptian charges. "I am no politician," he said. "I am interested only in the truth. My Church was greatly relieved to find that the Mt. Sinai monastery was untouched, and naturally I said so publicly."

### CONTAMINATING THE ARTERIES OF AMERICA



### Mine or Thine?

Probably the most unusual item of the week comes from Columbus, Ohio. It concerns Albert H. Heinz, a pastor, who is police chaplain for the Columbus police department. Thieves recently broke into his car and took three dollars' worth of candy and two thousand copies of sheet music. Title of the song? "Not Mine, But Thine."

### Second Airline Offers Reduced Clergy Fees

Cordova Airlines of Anchorage, Alaska, became the second commercial airline to file a tariff schedule with the Civil Aeronautics Board offering reduced fares to clergymen. The airline connects a number of cities in Alaska with daily air service.

Major U.S. airlines have so far made no move to offer reduced clergy rates, although Congress last year passed a law permitting them to do so.

### Asks 100,000 Volunteers for Sunday School Teaching

Harold E. Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower for disarmament problems asked recently for 100,000 "qualified" Sunday School teachers to volunteer in the next year. By implication, Mr. Stassen took issue with Dr. Wesley Shraeder, Yale Divinity School professor, who had termed the average Protestant Sunday School as "the most wasted hour in the week." Mr. Stassen referred to it as "the child's best hour."

"With the great expansion of the child population of America, religious education takes on ever greater importance," he said. "There is always a shortage of good Sunday School teachers," he continued. "There is nothing better for young people . . . in their 20's and 30's than to volunteer for this necessary job."



Awards were presented to C. M. Ward (in appreciation of three years of continuous ministry as Revivaltime speaker) and to the representatives of two Districts that excelled in supporting the broadcast with their gifts during 1956.

**F**OR TWO YEARS IN SUCCESSION, THE Northwest and New York Districts have won special awards for outstanding giving for the support of the REVIVALTIME ministry. The Northwest District (Dwight H. McLaughlin, Superintendent and radio representative) led the nation in TOTAL GIVING while the New York District (Joseph R. Flower, District Superintendent and radio representative) led in AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH.

Top honor awards were presented on the REVIVALTIME broadcast February 17 to these two outstanding dis-

# REVIVALTIME

## CELEBRATES ITS THIRD

# ANNIVERSARY

tricts. For the year 1956, church and church-credited offerings from the Northwest District reached a total of \$18,869.82, or an average of \$72.86 per church in the District. Since Brother McLaughlin could not be present to accept this award, Ralph W. Harris, who has been a minister in that District for a number of years, was chosen to receive the award for him. As a result of this District's soul-winning vision, a total of nearly \$38,000 was given to REVIVALTIME in the past two years.

The New York District in 1956 exceeded any previous "AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH" by contributing an average of \$128.53 per church. During the previous year, the New York District churches contributed \$110.26 per church. Joseph R. Flower, District Superintendent and radio repre-

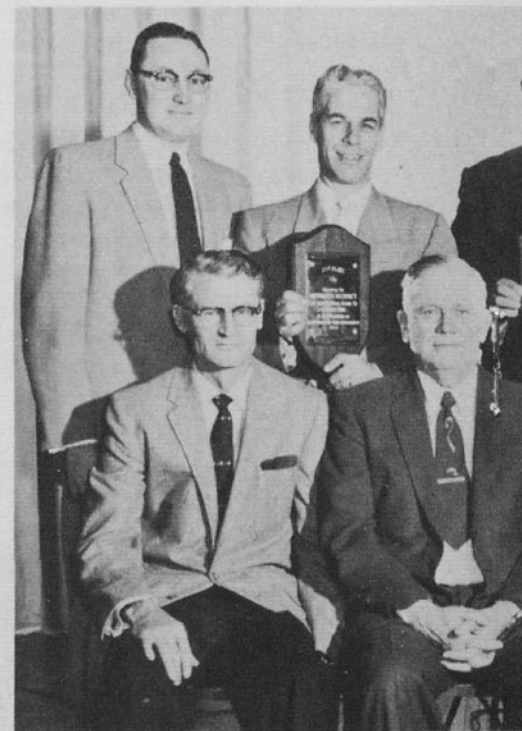
sentative, accepted this coveted award for the New York District.

This special recognition Sunday each year has also been chosen as Anniversary Sunday, to celebrate the launching of REVIVALTIME on the ABC network three years ago. Some 260 persons gathered in the studio during the broadcast on Sunday, February 17, to witness the presentation of the special awards and to commemorate the anniversary.

The Eastern District was second in TOTAL GIVING for the year with a total of \$17,337.65. A. Newton Chase is Superintendent and Leo Starner is radio representative. For second place in AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH, the New England District gave \$109.08 per church. Grady Fannin is Superintendent and George Flower is radio representative.



E. M. Clark, Radio Director, cuts birthday cake while other members of the Radio Department look on. Left to right: Bartlett Peterson, announcer; E. M. Clark, C. T. Beem, office manager; Stanley Michael, publicity director; Cyril McLellan, music director.



General Superintendent and the Revivaltime R. M. Riggs, T. F. Zimmerman, Bartlett Peterson, C. M. Ward, Joseph R. Flower, C. T. Beem.

The response of all our churches to the need of supporting the REVIVAL-TIME ministry is a source of great encouragement to the staff of the Radio Department. May God grant that together we can press on to greater victories in 1957 for His glory.

## Radio News Flash!

The following stations were added to REVIVALTIME'S radio log as of Sunday, February 17.

CHILLIWACK, B.C., CANADA (CHWK)

Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Contact cleared through C. A. Myhre

ELKINS, W. VA. (WDNE)

1240 kc., 250 watts

Sundays at 9:35 a.m. (Contact cleared through Edgar A. Hare)

NASSAU, BAHAMAS (ZNS)

1540 kc. Check local papers for time. (Contact cleared through John Wilkerson)

PAUL'S VALLEY, OKLA. (KVLH)

1470 kc., 250 watts

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Contact cleared through Billy McCarty)

MISSOULA, MONT. (KGVO)

1290 kc., 5,000 watts

Sundays at 2:00 p.m. (Contact cleared through Eugene Born)

NORTH PLATTE, NEBR. (KJLT)

Sundays at 2:00 p.m. (Contact cleared through Louis Roggow)

HILLSDALE, MICH. (WBSE)

1340 kc., 100 watts

Sundays at 9:30 p.m. (Contact cleared through E. H. Nunn, Sr.)



Revivaltime officials with award winners. Seated: E. M. Clark, Matt Peterson. Standing: Stanley Michael, Ralph W. Harris, E. H. Nunn, Sr.

March 24, 1957

# CONGRATULATIONS!

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EUGENE R. BERTERMANN, DIRECTOR OF RADIO, THE LUTHERAN HOUR

CHICAGO, ILL. 16 828AMC-

OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND REVIVALTIME STAFF ON THIS THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR MINISTRY IN THE SERVICE OF OUR LORD MAY HE GRANT YOU HIS RICHEST BLESSINGS IN THE IMPORTANT YEARS AHEAD.

ROBERT WALKER, EDITOR, CHRISTIAN LIFE MAGAZINE

AKRON, OHIO 14 409 PME

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF YOUR THIRD YEAR OF BROADCASTING ASSEMBLIES OF GOD REVIVALTIME DURING WHICH YOU HAVE DONE UNTOLD GOOD WE AT WADC ARE TELLING OUR MILLIONS OF LISTENERS ABOUT YOUR CELEBRATION BY WAY OF SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE ABC RADIO NETWORK EXTENDS TO YOU HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY ON OUR NETWORK WE SINCERELY HOPE OUR HAPPY ASSOCIATION WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MANY MORE ANNIVERSARIES. BEST WISHES.

DON DURGIN, VICE PRESIDENT, ABC RADIO NETWORK



*A tribute to Revivaltime on its Anniversary*

# Revivaltime Is a 'Home Missionary'

BY ELVA JOHNSON

THERE ARE OVER TWO HUNDRED home missionaries under appointment by the National Home Missions Department, and the department also recognizes and assists in the home missionary work carried on by our hundreds of pioneer pastors. But REVIVALTIME is one home missionary whose outreach for souls is not defined by field nor limited to any class of people.

Its life-giving message leaps prison walls, sends hope through a battery radio to remote Indian Reservations, enlightens a Jew in search of the Truth, cheers a pioneer pastor and his flock, and performs many other ministries which come under the classification of Home Missions. The great work of REVIVALTIME as a home missionary is not yet fully told; but the following excerpts, selected from letters in the REVIVALTIME files, show some of the impact the broadcast is making in the home mission field:

From behind bars, prisoners write:

"I heard your broadcast Sunday night, and as I prayed, God saved me from all my sins. I am happy serving the Lord Jesus Christ. I am serving three and a half years in prison..."

"I want you to pray for me. I backslid and got into trouble. I stole a car and some money. But I heard your program and gave my heart back to the Lord..."

"I am at present an inmate in the Reformatory here, but through the enlightening messages of your broadcast I have finally realized my past sins, and know that I will live for Christ... when I am released..."

A Jewess wrote, "I am a Jewess and I always listen to your program... Please pray that I may find my way back to Jesus..."

A Sioux Indian girl wrote, "It is good and a challenge to me to hear your broadcast every Sunday. I am a full blood Sioux Indian... Your program is such a blessing to my soul. The singing is wonderful..."

Our pioneer pastors recognize the assistance and encouragement REVIVALTIME gives:

"I am a young pioneer pastor who felt like quitting, but I knew I couldn't. As you prayed Sunday night, God flooded my soul and I knew that we accomplish, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts'..."

"Words can never express how much the members in our little pioneer work enjoyed the ministry of Brother Ward at our Bible Camp. Especially Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ who was saved through Brother Ward's ministry on REVIVALTIME..."

"We are in a new work... I especially enjoy and am grateful for your solid and faith-building sermons that give people a foundation to build their spiritual life upon..."

"I wish to express my personal appreciation for REVIVALTIME... It is reaching into homes with such a convincing message that many are being stirred... You are strengthening our hands in this work..."

"I am grateful for what REVIVALTIME is doing here for us. It has only been on (our station) three Sundays, and we have already had two contacts through this broadcast..."

The National Home Missions Department joins with our whole constituency in saying, "Thank God for REVIVALTIME, and may it continue to reach the lost for Christ."



## CONVENTIONS HELPED HIM

BY ROMAYNE HERTWECK

Are Sunday School Conventions profitable? If you ask Armando Valdez, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Phenix City, Alabama, he will say, "They certainly are." And he ought to know! After attending ten national conventions, three regional conventions, and one district convention he is convinced that these Sunday School gatherings pay big dividends.

Pastor Valdez speaks from experience. In 1948, a few months after coming to Phenix City, he attended the Sixth National Sunday School Convention with his local Sunday School Superintendent, J. B. Burk. It became plain to them both that their Sunday School of 100 members was not achieving its peak potential. They learned that they needed a departmentalized School, an Extension Department, and a Cradle Roll Department. So they returned home and put their learning into effect.

The first step was departmentalization. Four departments were organized: Beginner-Primary, Junior-Intermediate, Young People, and Adult. The result was amazing. By the end of the Sunday School year in 1949 they were averaging over 157 in attendance.

With this progress as a background, they departmentalized still further. Separate departments were organized for the Primaries, Beginners, Juniors, and Intermediates. A Workers' Training program was organized according to the pattern they had received at the con-

← Pastor Armando Valdez (center) has established something of a record for attending the Assemblies of God Sunday School Conventions. He missed the first National Convention in 1940 but he attended the second one in 1942 and the third in 1945. He has attended every year since that time. The picture, taken in Jacksonville last month during the Regional Sunday School Convention, shows Brother Valdez being congratulated by C. W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary, while Bert Webb, Executive Director of Sunday Schools, looks on at the left.

# "HE SAVED ME"

BY G. J. PETERSON

vention. By the end of 1950, their yearly average had jumped to 219.

After the 1951 convention they returned home to put the Loyalty Campaign into effect—which proved to be a valuable aid in holding their attendance after Easter. That year they earned a National Standard grade of 99 per cent and were awarded their first Gold Crown. It is interesting to note that the attendance had climbed to 233.

With their Sunday School fully organized, they turned their attention to new fields at the next Sunday School convention. Consequently a fellow-up system was added, Workers' Training was stressed, departments were graded each month according to the National Standard, and a weekly Sunday School paper was published. By the end of the 1952 Sunday School year the attendance had reached an average of 284.

This was just the beginning. A new brick building with adequate Sunday School facilities was completed in 1953. Each year new ideas which had been gleaned from the Sunday School conventions were put into practice. Today the work in Phenix City continues to move forward for God with a progressive, growing Sunday School.

There is a reason, Pastor Valdez will tell you, why he has traveled over 17,750 miles to attend Sunday School conventions. It is because he feels that they have brought more valuable, practical information to the local church than any other single factor.

I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other; and that the taller we grew in Christian character the easier we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other; and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower; and that we have to go down, always, to get His best gifts.—F. B. Meyer.

A traveler who was watching some fishermen on the shore of the Mississippi was surprised to see an old Negro leap to his feet and point at a passing boat with great excitement. "Look! Look!" he cried. "Dere's de captain!"

On a sloop coming down the river stood a very ordinary looking man, leaning against the mast. Although he was not within speaking distance, he waved kindly to the old man jumping up and down on the bank. Presently the puzzled traveler asked, "Who is this man? And what has he ever done for you?"

The answer was: "He's de man dat saved me. I fell into de water an' he jumped in an' flung his arms around me and saved me!" Then he added: "I'd jes' like to slave for him all my life; only my rheumatism's so bad I ain't no good. He runs by here once a month, and I watch for him, and I love to p'int him out. Ain't he de kindest-lookin' man you ever saw? I jes' love to p'int him out."

Yes, the old colored man loved to "point out" the one who had saved his life. But as born-again Christians are we just as enthusiastic about pointing out to others the Man who has saved us? If we love the Lord Jesus Christ even as much as the old fellow loved his benefactor, then we ought to delight in pointing Him out to those who do not know Him.

Jesus Himself has asked us to do this. In Matthew 10:32, 33 He says: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men,

him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." And in Acts 1:8 He says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me...."

The Bible also tells us: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

—Southern Presbyterian Journal

The spirit of the world is, at all times, utterly opposed to the Spirit of Christ; and it is impossible for any to respond or yield allegiance to a double dominance. If we would glorify Him who bought us with His own blood for this very purpose, we must dethrone every idol and cast out every usurper from the kingdom of our inner being. Christ is only glorified when He is the undisputed Master of the heart.—J. Stuart Holden.



## INSPIRED BY TESTIMONIES IN C.A. MEETING

More inspirational to me than any other part of our C. A. activity is the testimony service. During this service my spirits are buoyed on to new hopes in Christ as I hear other young people, just like myself, express the joy they have found in serving Him.

On the other hand, I feel strengthened as I tell of the peaceful happiness in my own life since I found Him as my personal Saviour. I feel a closeness to Christ at this time as the hearts of our young people join in unison in praising Him whom to know is life eternal.

—SHIRLEY MYERS  
St. Louis, Missouri





The twenty students and the faculty

## LESSONS IN FAITH

### at the Honduras Bible Institute

BY BEN LeFON

**T**HE STUDENT BODY OF OUR SCHOOL for this past year was composed of quite a variety of young people. There were those from poor homes, others from well-to-do homes. Some of the students were very spiritual while others who came to us were rather carnal. Some came from town life and others were from the country; this also made a difference. All were Indians or were Indians with a mixture. All this meant a few problems at the very first, but in a month or so the differences seemed to disappear. They learned to live together harmoniously and got down to real study.

There were twenty students all told who came for the eighteen weeks of Bible School. Fourteen of these were first-year students and six were second-year.

The Lord supplied the needs of the Institute in a marvelous way. This is a work of faith and there is no pledged monthly support. The year began with only \$100 on hand. The amount needed to run the Institute for the eighteen weeks is about \$650. I must admit my faith was rather small, and fear entered my heart, but I should have known my Lord would not fail.

During devotions one morning we turned to the Lord for help and I read Psalm 119:39, "Turn away my reproach which I fear." This seemed to be exactly how I needed to pray and so I did. God caused me to think of His redemptive name Jehovah-Jireh, "The Lord will provide." Psalm 34:4 came to mind, "I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from

all my fears." These promises inspired my heart and the fears left. I knew the Lord would provide and go before us.

Things went well and all things were supplied until the last week of the Institute when our faith was again tried. We needed \$50 to finish out the term. Another missionary and a native pastor took it to the Lord with me in prayer. The next day, one of our native workers who gets his Sunday School material through our Post Office box called me over and as he unrolled his hammock he said, "Here, I have something for you." It was a letter with a check for \$40 that had been misplaced with his mail five months before! With this and what came in through offerings there was more than enough to see us through.

However, we are most grateful for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the last week of the Institute. We dedicated this week to prayer and asked the native workers and pastors to join us. On the first day one of the girl students received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. She had been the most timid student but when the Holy Spirit filled her she danced around the altar. Later another received the Baptism in the Spirit and spoke in English though she did not know any English. It made us rejoice. Five more received the infilling of the Spirit including one of our native pastors. Four of the students dedicated themselves to pioneer new works.

To each of you who have prayed and given to make the Institute possible this year, we say, "Thank you and God bless you!"

## A Letter From Anna Jeske

Reunited With Her Husband  
After Twelve Years in Poland

Dear Ones:

Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus!

I am so glad to be free to write after so many years of silence, and in doing so need not fear that I will be under suspicion.

It is all so different now, thank God! Here I am in Hamburg, Germany, with my children. My dear husband met me in Buchen and accompanied us to Friedland where altogether 125 people from Poland were given a hearty welcome. There we were registered as refugees, and after considerable red tape we received 240 German marks and tickets to take us to our destination.

I hesitated to leave the land of my adoption where I had spent thirty years, but I believe it to be God's time. I have been conscious of God's presence with me all the way, particularly when we were at the station and the train approached. The glory of the Lord swept over me and a supernatural utterance burst forth. It was to the effect that the Lord Jesus Christ would soon return and we would be with Him in glory. How it thrilled our little flock who were present! They had been filled with sorrow, but the message brought cheer to their hearts.

I wish to thank God's children for standing with us in the hour of trial, and wish to extend our thanks to the Scranton (Pennsylvania) Assembly for the way they helped my husband.

May I ask prayer for the believers who were left behind in Poland who have severed connection with the main authorized church and are seeking recognition from the authorities to exist as a separate body. If their petition is refused, they will be deprived of much liberty. Please pray for them now!

Yours in His loving service,

(Signed) ANNA JESKE

Editor's Note:

Sister Jeske was born in Scranton, Pa., and went to Eastern Europe in 1926. She later married Oska Jeske

who was drafted in the war and later became a prisoner. After his release he went to Western Germany while his wife had to remain in Poland. Every means was tried by Mr. Jeske to get his wife free to join him, but to no avail, and they were separated for twelve years. Brother Jeske is the highly respected pastor of the church in Hamburg.

It is imperative that the Jeske family (there is a boy twenty-one and a girl nineteen) come to the States for at least a year to re-establish American citizenship. Funds are needed to bring them here. Offerings should be marked, "Jeske Fare."

## MONTHLY REPORT

### Foreign Missions Department

January, 1957

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,115.17	N. Texas .....	9,030.24
Appalachian ..	631.14	Northwest .....	21,252.63
Arizona .....	1,800.81	Ohio .....	22,174.55
Arkansas .....	2,974.29	Oklahoma .....	11,160.50
Eastern .....	13,339.57	Oregon .....	9,635.62
Georgia .....	1,847.62	Polish Br. ....	40.00
German Br. ....	1,248.41	Potomac .....	6,632.63
Greek Br. ....	161.04	Rocky Mtn. ....	3,151.09
Hungarian Br. ..	67.29	Russian Br. ....	57.86
Illinois .....	7,582.12	S. California ..	27,508.78
Indiana .....	5,407.41	S. Carolina ....	462.48
Italian Br. ....	201.50	S. Dakota .....	1,482.93
Kansas .....	5,987.37	S. Florida .....	5,384.92
Kentucky .....	642.08	S. Idaho .....	1,219.31
Lat. Amer. Br. ..	995.29	S. Missouri ....	8,111.30
Louisiana .....	2,419.87	S. Texas .....	6,682.51
Michigan .....	12,824.73	Tennessee .....	2,350.02
Minnesota .....	7,670.29	Ukrainian Br. ..	30.22
Mississippi .....	1,067.20	W. Central .....	5,219.10
Montana .....	3,645.25	W. Florida .....	1,615.88
Nebraska .....	3,670.10	W. Texas .....	2,304.61
New England ..	3,723.30	Wisc.-N. Mich. ..	5,001.93
New Jersey .....	4,805.35	Wyoming .....	639.58
New Mexico .....	1,364.49	Alaska .....	162.55
New York .....	10,881.56	Hawaii .....	66.04
N. Calif.-Nev. ...	15,276.59	Canada .....	1,665.69
N. Carolina .....	1,160.21	Foreign .....	392.00
N. Dakota .....	2,288.14	Miscellaneous ..	37.00

Total Amount Reported .....	\$269,470.16
District Funds .....	\$12,617.65
National Home Missions .....	3,210.78
Office Expense .....	4,351.18
Given Direct to Missions .....	39,634.68
	59,814.29

Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$209,655.87
Received for Non-Council Missionaries .....	5,489.89
Missionary Offerings not allocated to Any State .....	86,315.95

Total Receipts .....	\$301,461.71
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#### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$115,286.84
Missionary Equipment .....	24,305.88
Missionary Work .....	55,410.59
National Workers Abroad .....	7,744.44
Buildings on Foreign Lands .....	19,919.93
Missionary Transportation .....	55,055.88

	\$277,723.56
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts .....	23,738.15
	\$301,461.71

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One of our churches in Yugoslavia

# God's Work in Yugoslavia

BY ULLEN LUDWIG

WE DESIRE TO SHARE OUR REJOICINGS with you for the blessings of God here. We cannot write of great mass revivals, such as are being held elsewhere according to THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL, but we do have much for which to praise God. We praise Him for even one soul who is saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and we praise Him for the success of His work through all His servants here in our land.

As the Word went forth in various parts of our country, many were the open hearts of those who heard. The Holy Spirit made the way of salvation plain to them and they responded.

The Assemblies of God is known as the Christ Pentecostal Church in Yugoslavia. In the past year, 125 converts were received into the church. They were baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19. Many of these were baptized in the Holy Spirit even before their water baptism.

During the year there were eight new churches opened, which brings our total to thirty fully organized churches and eleven mission stations. The membership is about 900. We have also been able to build two very fine prayer houses. We thank our many brothers and sisters in America who were led of the Lord to help financially.



Workers and others who attended the convention in Osijek, Yugoslavia



# The Blessing of Christian Hospitality

BY BRUCE C. MEADOWS

**H**AVE YOU EVER ENTERTAINED AN angel in your home? If not, maybe it is because you have neglected to be hospitable to someone.

A Christian minister befriended an old gentleman. He visited him when he was sick, comforted him when he was distressed and occasionally invited him to his home for Sunday dinner. He did all this out of a heart of Christian love, not thinking of a reward. When the old gentleman died he willed to the pastor's church a large sum of money to be used in the building program. When this happened the pastor was reminded of Paul's admonition, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Of course, Paul was referring to Abraham's entertaining three men by inviting them into his shepherd tent and spreading before them a hearty meal. These men were angels of blessing who told aged Abraham and Sarah they would have a son.

Though hospitality may be a lost art in civilized America, a modern Bedouin sheik would receive travelers arriving at his camp in about the same manner as did Abraham. Perhaps because we in parts of the Western world have lost the art, we also lose the blessing.

Most ancient nations regarded hospitality as one of the chief virtues. In Egypt its practice was thought to favor the soul in the afterlife. By kindness to strangers the Greeks secured the approval of Zeus Xenios, their protector. For the Romans, hospitality was a sacred obligation.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome that one way to serve the Lord was to be "given to hospitality." Serving the Lord in this way has many rewards. "I was converted to the Lord Jesus Christ because of the hospitality of a Christian family," declares a young man, now a Bible school student.

In his last year of high school the worldly youth was attracted to a Christian young lady. He asked her to go with him to the senior prom. Of course she refused. Instead she invited him to visit her home the evening of the prom. "The testimony of her Christian family made me compare my life with theirs," he recalls. He desired to have the exuberant peace and joy which they manifested in their home.

The family welcomed him to go with them to a Bible Camp for a week. He accepted the invitation, not realizing what would happen. The first night there the family had devotions. While

they sat around the kitchen table, each one of them prayed. He relates the incident: "The one before me prayed. Did they expect me to pray? I tried. But I had never prayed before and didn't know how or for what to pray. What I prayed I don't remember. But I do know my first prayer meeting with that Christian family flooded my sinful, stubborn heart with conviction. That night I did not rest. This was due partly to one of the young men with whom I was sharing a tent having put a broom under my straw mattress, as I discovered the next day. But conviction of sin in my heart was the 'broom' which would not let my soul rest. I was saved the following evening. Christ gave me that peace that passeth understanding."

A family shared their home, their transportation, their time, their prayer and their camp. A soul was saved. What greater reward could they ask for?

The Bible has many narratives of the blessings which came to households because they showed kindness to men of God. We are told that Elisha passed through Shunem one day (2 Kings 4). A certain woman insisted he eat with her and her husband. This he did. The fellowship must have been a mutual boon. "And so it was, that as oft as (Elisha) passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread." The welcome mat was always at the door for Elisha.

The Shunammite woman wanted to do more for the prophet. "And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, . . . and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither."

## Code Message . . . for our junior readers

Here is another important message for you in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

### CODE

26-A; 25-B; 24-C; 23-D; 22-E; 21-F; 20-G; 19-H; 18-I; 17-J; 16-K; 15-L; 14-M; 13-N; 12-O; 11-P; 10-Q; 9-R; 8-S; 7-T; 6-U; 5-V; 4-W; 3-X; 2-Y; 1-Z.

### MESSAGE

19-22    7-19-26-7    19-26-7-19    13-12    9-6-15-22    12-5-22-9    19-18-8  
12-4-13    8-11-18-9-18-7    18-8    15-18-16-22    26    24-18-7-2    7-19-26-7  
18-8    25-9-12-16-22-13    23-12-4-13,    26-13-23    4-18-7-19-12-6-7  
4-26-15-15-8.

(To check your answer, look up Proverbs 25:28.)

Does this story give you an idea for your extra room? Why not have a prophet's chamber?

But there is more to this story of the Shunammite woman. For this kindness the Lord blessed the heretofore barren family with a baby boy. One day the child took sick and died. He was brought to the man of God in the prophet's chamber. In this same room Elisha raised the boy from the dead. What a recompense for any bother or inconvenience this servant of the Lord may have been to them!

Many pastors have a problem finding someone to entertain special speakers, musical groups or missionaries who come to minister in the church. Would this situation be different if Jesus were the visiting speaker? Does not every housewife envy Mary and Martha the privilege of having Jesus in their home? If He were to come, probably all the families in the church would flock immediately to the pastor and implore him to let them take Jesus to their home.

Jesus is searching for families to entertain Him. To His disciples going out to minister, He declared, "He that receiveth you receiveth me, . . . He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; . . . and whosoever shall give to drink . . . a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." When you entertain His disciples, you entertain Him and receive a prophet's reward.

Who knows? You may entertain an angel unawares. Or your Christian testimony might draw someone to Christ the Saviour. The King of kings will be your guest through His prophets. But with whomever you share your home, one thing is certain: hospitality brings innumerable blessings. Don't lose out. Be hospitable and be blessed.

—*The Alliance Weekly*

#### PRAYER

He who has charge of planets  
Is mindful still of me;  
Though I am weak and sinful,  
He heeds my faintest plea.

From scenes of radiant splendor  
He notes one crimson drop  
Of my heart's lonely bleeding;  
The choiring angels stop

And gaze, all lost in wonder,  
As He, the undefiled,  
Stoops low in love to succour  
His sinful, suffering child.

—*Martha Snell Nicholson*



### Monday, March 25

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 29

**TODAY'S GEM:** "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (v. 2).

**FOR THE PARENT:** The first part of this chapter deals with a contrast of the righteous and the wicked. Point out some of the differences mentioned here. Stress the importance of praying for our rulers, v. 2, and have special prayer for all peoples under the rule of Communism.

**QUESTION TIME:** What happens when the righteous are in authority? (v. 2) When there is no vision? (v. 18) When we fear man? (v. 25) When we put our trust in God? (v. 25)

### Tuesday, March 26

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 30:4-14

**TODAY'S GEM:** "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness" (Prov. 30:12).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Point out (1) the purity, importance, and finality of God's Word, vv. 5, 6; (2) the requests of the writer, v. 8, and why he wants them, v. 9; (3) the fact that our own righteousness will never get us into heaven, vv. 11-14. Point out how we can be cleansed from our sins by coming to Jesus and asking Him to forgive us.

**QUESTION TIME:** What will God be to those who trust Him? (v. 5) What does this suggest to you?

### Wednesday, March 27

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 31:10-31

**TODAY'S GEM:** "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

**FOR THE PARENT:** This passage deals particularly with the virtues of the godly woman. Point out the various characteristics mentioned here, stressing them as a goal for the girls of the family. Of greatest importance is trust in God.

**QUESTION TIME:** Name as many of the characteristics of a virtuous woman as you can. What is more important than favor and beauty? (v. 30) What does verse 26 indicate about the speech of the virtuous woman?

## Our Family Altar

### Thursday, March 28

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 24:44-53

**TODAY'S GEM:** "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Act 1:11).

**FOR THE PARENT:** (Additional material on "Christ, the Ascended Lord" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out that (1) Jesus appeared to His disciples many times after His resurrection from the dead; (2) He told them to tarry until they were filled with the Holy Spirit. He wants us to be filled with the Holy Spirit, too.

**QUESTION TIME:** Why do you think it is necessary for the Christian to be filled with the Holy Spirit? How do we know that Jesus is coming again? (Acts 1:11)

### Friday, March 29

**SCRIPTURE:** Ezra 1:1-4; 3:10-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3).

**FOR THE PARENT:** After years of captivity in Babylon, the Jews were allowed to return to their homeland. Point out (1) that God had promised this many years before; (2) how He worked so the promise was fulfilled. Stress that God always fulfills His promises. This should give us confidence in Him.

**QUESTION TIME:** What happened that caused Cyrus to make the proclamation he did? (1:1) For what reason did he send the Jews back to their homeland? (1:2)

### Saturday, March 30

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 13:17 to 14:14 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**TODAY'S GEM:** "He led them forth by the right way" (Psa. 107:7).

**FOR THE PARENT:** Review the story of how God delivered the children of Israel from Egypt (Ex. 12:1-13). Today's passage is a story of how they began their journey. Point out how God was with them, guiding and directing them. Even though the Egyptians chased them, they didn't have to fear, for God promised to fight for them.

**QUESTION TIME:** How did Israel know God was guiding them? (13:21) Why didn't they need to fear their enemies? (14:14) Do we need to fear our enemies?

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## CHRIST, THE ASCENDED LORD

Sunday School Lesson for March 31, 1957

LUKE 24:44-53

### THE RISEN CHRIST TEACHES (vv. 44-49)

These verses contain a brief summary of various instructions given by Christ to His disciples during the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension.

*Divine Quickening.* "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures." This verse undoubtedly refers to John 20:22, at which time Christ "breathed" on His disciples and imparted to them a quickening of the Holy Spirit. This act revealed (1) the transcendent nature of spiritual things, far exceeding natural reason, Isaiah 55:8, 9, (2) man's insufficiency to understand rightly the Word of God apart from the direct operation of the Spirit upon the mind and soul, 1 Corinthians 2:11, 14; (3) that the disciples' manner of interpreting the Old Testament had the sanction of Christ.

*Divine Instruction.* Christ then summarized the basic facts of the gospel in which they were to center their preaching; namely, His suffering, death, and resurrection, and the necessity of repentance to receive forgiveness for sin. In these days when so many "gospels" are being preached, let us be sure we follow Christ's instructions here!

*Divinely-Appointed Responsibility.* "And ye are witnesses of these things." The disciples had been with Jesus, had seen His sinless life, had beheld His power to change lives, heal bodies and minds, raise the dead. They had seen Him dead, buried, laid in a tomb. They had seen Him many times after His resurrection. Now they must testify to His Lordship and saving power "among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." This solemn responsibility is also laid upon all who have come to know Christ.

*Divine Enablement.* "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." What was this power they were to receive? Was it power to work miracles? to heal the sick? to live holy lives? These were undoubtedly included in this power, but above all else it was the power to speak so convincingly for Christ that men would be saved! How we need this power today! Charles G. Finney, whose preaching and witnessing swept a hundred thousand souls into the kingdom, wrote in his autobiography that when he found this power to speak convincingly began to wane, he would lay aside everything and spend the entire day in fasting and prayer before God. When he did so, he invariably found this power would return. We, too, would find more power for witnessing if we always took time to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

### THE RISEN CHRIST ASCENDS (vv. 50-53)

*The Benediction.* "And he led them out as far as to Bethany and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them."

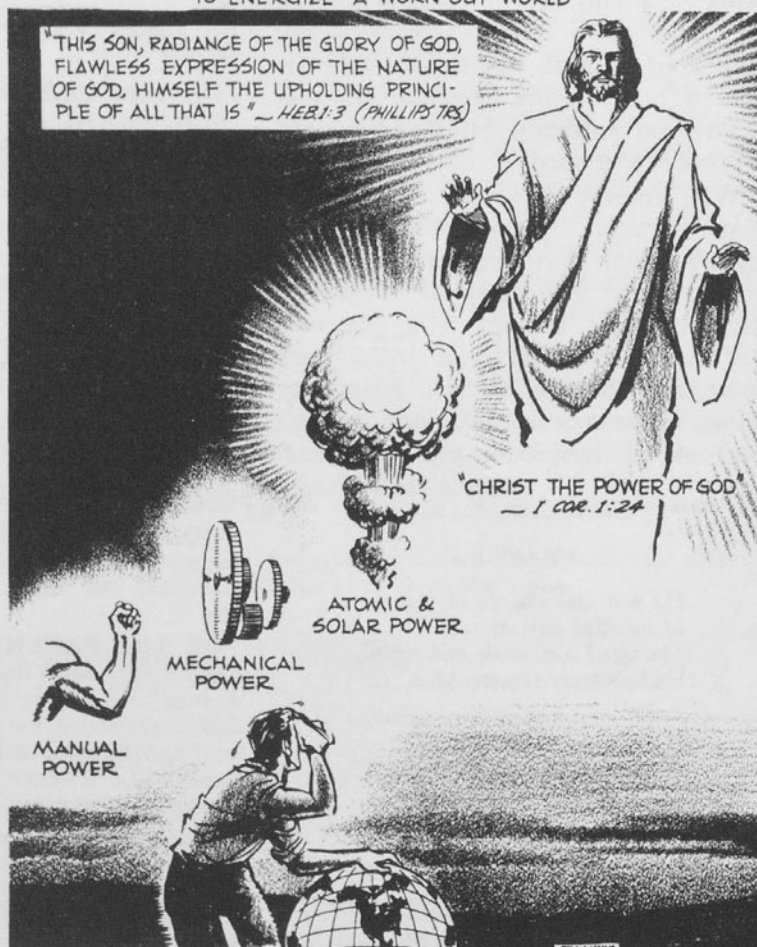
Like the high priest when he had finished his service, Christ lifted His nail-pierced hands, and blessed them.

*The Parting.* "And . . . while He blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." His posture in parting is indicative of His abiding attitude toward His followers through the ages—hands still raised in intercessory prayer on our behalf, hands still extended in eagerness to save and to bless. This parting scene was no painful tragedy. It was an abundant entrance into heaven—the most triumphant of all triumphal entries! Christ's ascension witnessed to the completeness of His sacrifice, to its acceptance by the Father, to His presence within the veil as our all-powerful Intercessor, to His elevation to supreme authority as King of kings (Eph. 1:19-22; Col. 2:15; Heb. 6:17-20).

*The Praising.* "And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." What a change had taken place in the disciples! When He had first appeared unto them He had found them locked behind closed doors, cringing, fearful, and downcast. Yet after His ascension their doubts were replaced by expectant faith and joyous anticipation of the promised Comforter! How can we account for the change? Not only because He had appeared, and they had witnessed His ascension, but because He had breathed upon them, imparting to them an earnest of the Spirit whom they would soon receive in fullness! They knew that though He was removed in bodily presence, yet He was alive and with them. And we, too, who live on this side of Pentecost and who know Him, should never think of Him as far away. He is the living, loving, all-sufficient Christ dwelling by faith within every true child of God!

—J. Bashford Bishop

TO ENERGIZE A WORN OUT WORLD



# General Medina's Testimony

(Continued from page three)

the altar. She took me by the arm and I, with all humility, yielded to her plea. I was moved, without doubt, by the Holy Spirit. Other members of the church came near to pray for me, and there on my knees I continued in a strange condition, feeling in my heart something indescribable such as I had never experienced before.

Suddenly I thought, "How is it that I, a high-ranking officer of the Army, find myself kneeling humbly at an altar?" I stood up, looked behind me, and although the temple was even more crowded than when we entered, I saw no one. A strange thing had happened to me. My eyes seemed to be blind to everything material. Standing there, with the same persons still praying for me, I bowed my head, and in that attitude a great peace flooded my heart such as I cannot describe. I raised my head and looked up. I was amazed to see, flying in the space above us, what seemed to be angels, and in that moment I promised to serve my Lord Jesus Christ all the rest of my life.

I left that service deeply impressed by all that I had experienced, and regarded these occurrences as something quite outside the normal life.

We went to my mother's house for dinner, and there again she explained to me that a man of himself can do absolutely nothing to save himself. She said that He who does the work is wholly and exclusively the Holy Spirit.

Great was my joy to find something that for so long I had been completely ignorant of. As the miner who in the midst of the dense darkness of his mine finds the coveted diamond, then goes and puts it in a safe place, so it happened to me on that occasion. There, in the mine of my own heart, I found the Diamond of a thousand facets—the God of all mercies, the Blessed Christ and the Holy Spirit who with His wings enfolded me and with all gentleness revealed Himself unto me as He is—full of glory and power. Thanks be unto Him for His bountiful mercies. Since that time I have dedicated myself unconditionally to His service. In me has been fulfilled the Scripture which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

I continued to attend services for a year, and then plans were made to hold a convention in the Church. I looked forward to it with great desire, hoping to enjoy spiritual fellowship with all the delegates who would be present. But, it happened that, due to the unhealthy climate and the intense work I was doing, having been appointed to a high military commission in the Port of Acapulco, I became extremely ill, and was taken to the Capital of the Republic. There lacked but two days for the opening of the Convention, and for the first time I laid hold of the promises of God that I might be able to be present.

I sent for the worker in charge of the Assembly, Brother Josué Mejía, who anointed me with oil and rebuked the disease in the name of Christ. They prayed for me, and in a marvellous way I was healed of the fever. But as I had been in bed several days I was very weak. So I asked my wife to call my mother and one of the sisters from the church to come and pray for me, that I might receive strength to get up and attend the opening session of the Convention. We were praying but a few minutes when God answered with fire, baptizing me with the Holy Spirit and giving me the strength that I had asked.

It was my birthday, and that was the best and biggest birthday gift I had ever received in all my life. I attended all the services of the Convention full of physical strength. I greatly rejoiced, testified, saw miracles and marvels take place, and my faith increased daily. Great was the joy in my heart as also in my wife and four children. Tears of joy and gratitude coursed down the cheeks of my wife. We never tired of giving thanks to God for the peace and blessings that had been so abundantly poured upon our home.

The Sunday on which the Convention closed, after the morning service, we were on our way home, when, right in the street, my wife received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, glorifying the Lord with new tongues. Four months later my eldest son, while saying goodbye to a worker who was leaving to serve the Lord in a country place, also received the Promise of the Father.

The years have gone by, but ever since I have known the great God of power He has done great things for me. First of all He washed me with His precious Blood, cleansing me from the leprosy of my sin. Then He called me His son, and I leaned upon His breast. Now I do not mind the conflicts nor distress; it does not matter if storms beat around me since I am safe in the shelter of the Rock. What does it matter if the days are cold and cloudy if my Sun, who is the God of love, represented in His Son and in the fire of the Holy Ghost, shines and burns in my humble heart where one day I received Him!

I left the feastings and the banquetings which I had frequented because of my social and economic position. I left the frivolous women with their silks and their levity; the tinsel and glitter and glory of this world, where all is false and deceitful since the truth is found only in Christ. I have renounced all the high political posts that I held, and can exclaim with Paul: "Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

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It matters not if the world despise me, or if those who at one time were my friends now reject me, since I belong to a royal family. My Father is a King, and I have many Christian brothers and sisters, all washed in the same Blood and having the hope that one day we shall be united with all the family, singing in the eternal Home and before the Throne of the Lord "to Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." What else matters if God is at my side, if in Him I have put all my trust and in Him have placed all my hope? He is all and I am nothing. I am happy to have known Him, and am grateful for His love and because He has said unto me, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness I have drawn thee."

I try to live so that my life may be acceptable and upright before God. I try to follow step by step in the footprints of the Blessed Master whom nothing and no one can hinder me from loving. I go forward with the help of God, taking account neither of the smiles nor of the curses of the world that crucified my Lord. Now my military decorations, my influence, my heart, my degree, my sword, my laurels obtained in battle, besides being at the service of my country, I have laid at the feet of the lowly Carpenter of Galilee, to whom I have given all my life and dedicated it to His service.

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## Christian Congregation Attends Synagogue

### Hebrew-Christian Evangelist Describes an Unusual Experience

While in a revival effort in Oak View, California, we had an unusual and thrilling experience. One Sunday night, when I was speaking on "Who Crucified Christ?" we noticed two Jewish people in the service. One of them was taking notes, jotting down the Scripture references; he seemed very much interested in the whole sermon. We thought perhaps they were newspapermen, or that they had been sent out by their people to take in the situation and report it.

What was our surprise to read an announcement in the newspaper the following Thursday that the Rabbi's sermon topic the next night in the synagogue would be "Who Crucified Jesus?" Could it be? Such a strange subject for a Rabbi! Were these two men who attended our services the Rabbi's helpers?

The pastor asked the congregation to come early to the meeting on Friday night so that we could be dismissed in time to

attend the synagogue service, which was to begin at nine o'clock. This we did.

And who was the Rabbi of the synagogue? None other than one of the Jewish men whom we had seen in the church the previous Sunday! He began his message by informing his congregation that he had been in a church where he had heard an exposition on the subject, "Who Crucified Christ?" He continued by giving my name, along with complimentary remarks, telling the people that I was a convert from Judaism. He acknowledged our presence and welcomed us as guests, inviting us to return at any time. Then he proceeded to give the outline of my sermon—but his message was quite different from mine, of course!

Oak View is near the city of Ventura, where I was reared and saved. After the Rabbi's message, when we were all dismissed for refreshments (a part of the Sabbath religious ceremony), I was greeted by several of the Jewish people who had known our family when we lived in Ventura. I was invited to stay for the after-service and fellowship. My brother, who is home on furlough from missionary work in Haiti,

also came with us. God gave him opportunity to testify of Christ to several Jewish friends there. The Christians, about fifty in number, remained also. God so ordered it that the Rabbi was seated next to me, and we had a pleasant conversation. He confessed that once he almost entered the Christian ministry because of an experience he had years ago.

Please pray for these blinded people who are still waiting for their Messiah to come. Pray that this contact which God ordained for the Christians to have with these Jews will be the beginning of a friendship and love that will draw them into the Kingdom!

—Evangelist Ruth Rachel Specter

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## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	El Dorado	Morn. Star Tab.	March 23-31	Louise Nankivell	H. E. Simms
	Malvern	First	March 31-Apr. 7	J. D. Middlebrook	John Paproski
Calif.	Cypress	A/G Ctry. Ch.	March 26-Apr. 7	Carl W. Oney & wife	D. D. Schmidt
	Hermosa Beach	Gospel Tab.	March 17—	Charles H. Cass	J. Van Oosbree
	Keyes	A of G	March 31—	L. L. Ammons & wife	C. J. Brown
	Long Beach	First	March 25-31	Velmer Gardner	T. C. Cunningham
Fla.	Dade City	A of G	March 20-24	LeRoy K. Dodge	H. W. Ponge
Ill.	Quincy	Bethel	March 17-31	Musical Mathans	Harley Smith
Ind.	Gary	West Side	March 31—	Carrie Hunsberger	B. E. Hillman
	Richmond	First	March 21-Apr. 7	Tanner Team	Wm. Van Winkle
Iowa	Sioux City	First	March 10-24	Bill Lewis	Kenneth Baker
Kans.	Chanute	A of G	March 12-31	Singing Sandalls	Glen Ahlf
	Kansas City	Full Gosp. Tab.	March 24-Apr. 7	Musical Vans	U. S. Grant
	Osawatomic	A of G	March 13-31	F. R. McAdams	I. D. Rayborn
Mass.	Pittsfield	A of G	March 19-31	Steve Bogdan & wife	Joseph Beretta
Mich.	Battle Creek	Ch. of FFG	March 31-Apr. 21	E. Quanabush & wife	E. A. Manley
	Detroit	Revival Tab.	March 20—	E. T. Quanabush	Orie Robinson
Minn.	Hutchinson	A of G	March 26-Apr. 7	A. Segesman & wife	R. S. Crouse
Mo.	Kansas City	Evangel Temple	March 31-Apr. 21	Watson Argue	A. A. Wilson
	Marshall	First	March 24-Apr. 7	Bob Alsop & wife	Warner Miles
	Sedalia	First	March 17—	Frank Lummer	Floyd Buntentbach
N. J.	Trenton	First	March 10-24	Wm. Dutton & wife	Ernest Morgan
N. Mex.	Santa Fe	First	March 20—	F. Don Rippy & wife	A. R. Aman
N. Dak.	Tioga	A of G	March 26-Apr. 7	Paul Sandgren & wife	C. L. Strom
Ohio	Akron	First	March 31-Apr. 21	Gladys Pearson	V. L. Hertweck
	Dayton	El Bethel	March 26—	Dean Ash & wife	A. Elicker
	Toledo	A of G	March 17-31	Barnett-Brassfield	James McMannes
Okla.	Boswell	A of G	March 24—	Charles Reed	C. W. Capers
	Miami	First	March 31—	Don Brankel	L. J. Choate
Oreg.	Oceanlake	* A of G	March 19—	Don E. Gossett	Ortha J. Passmore
Pa.	Trafford	Gospel Tab.	March 26-Apr. 7	Harvey McAlister	H. A. Christopher
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Tex.	Beaumont	Eleventh St.	March 31—	LeRoy Fleck	H. A. Sutton
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	Highlands	First	March 24—	Cecil E. Grice	Alton L. Parker
Wash.	Acme	A of G	March 26—	Dewey L. Heath	Raymond Wahl
	Colville	A of G	March 31—	Wesley W. Fleming	Harris Shane
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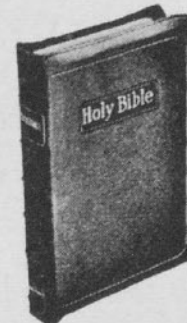
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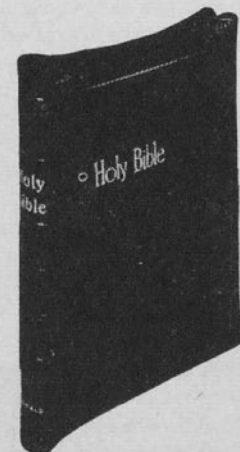


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