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## Fruitful Boughs

In the natural order, each tree bears its own particular fruit. Apple trees bear only apples. Peach trees bear nothing but peaches. But in the spiritual life it is different. Each Christian may bear all the fruit of the Holy Spirit—which is “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” (Galatians 5:22). When the Great Husbandman comes to gather fruit He is pleased if He sees each of His trees bearing the full variety of the fruit of Christlikeness.

Jacob of old made a prophecy, saying, “Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well.” A well ought to be an asset to a vine. In one case, however, it was a liability. In this case the grapevine was poor and sickly, although the rest of the vineyard was strong and flourishing, so the owner decided to dig and find the reason. He found an abandoned well which had been covered over with a circle of wood and shallow earth thrown on top. The vine had very long roots dangling in the thin air of the well. Many Christians are like that: they do not have good soil for their roots; they are getting no nourishment from the Word of God. No wonder they are sickly in their spiritual life, and bear no fruit.

It is easy to tell a tree from a post. Set a post and it will begin to decay. Plant a tree and it will begin to grow. The growth may not be noticeable at all times; nevertheless the process is continuous. When it is not sending branches upward it may be sending roots downward; and roots are indispensable to fruit-bearing.

The fruit indicates the nature of a tree or vine. It also is a sign of maturity. Fruit-bearing need not stop with old age. It is said that at Hampton Court Palace, in England, there is a grapevine a hundred and sixty years old which is still bearing large clusters of sweet, juicy grapes. It is trained over a high-arched trellis under a glass roof. It has the best of expert care and shows no sign of dying. The Bible says, “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age” (Psalm 92:14) for the trees of the Lord have His constant loving care.

Sometimes the Husbandman cuts our branches, as it were, in order to get more fruit. We may think our branches are very beautiful, but God knows how to shorten them in order to increase the quantity and quality of the fruit. He is looking for “fruit”—“more fruit”—“much fruit” (John 15:8). Do not be surprised if you feel His knife cutting on your branch. Annie Johnson Flint put it beautifully in her poem, “The Pruning,” which goes like this:

“It is the branch that bears the fruit that feels the knife,  
To prune it for a larger growth, a fuller life.  
Though every budding twig be lopped, and every grace  
Of swaying tendril, springing leaf, be lost a space.  
Oh, thou whose life of joy seems reft, of beauty shorn;  
Whose aspirations lie in dust, all bruised and torn,  
Rejoice, tho’ each desire, each dream, each hope of thine  
Shall fall and fade, it is the hand of Love Divine  
That holds the knife, that cuts and breaks with tend’rest touch,  
That thou whose life hast borne some fruit may now bear much.”

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# SERVING OUR GENERATION

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AS PAUL WAS DELIVERING HIS MESSAGE in the synagogue at Antioch he made a comparison between King David and the Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "For David, after he had *served his own generation* by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: but he [Christ,] whom God raised again, saw no corruption" (Acts 13:36, 37). David served his generation and then died. Jesus Christ served all generations, died and rose again, and is alive forevermore!

The Scripture relates many interesting accounts of those who served the generation in which they lived. Noah served his generation by obeying God in the building of an ark, so that those who accepted this refuge were saved from the Flood. Joseph served his generation by being submissive to the will of God, even though it entailed personal sacrifice of liberty and justice; and thereby he was able to provide his people with food. Moses served his generation by "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Esther served her generation by championing the cause of her people and saving them from liquidation.

After the canon of Scripture closed, God still raised up spiritual giants to serve their generation, as did John Wycliffe when he cried out for reform in the church. John Huss in Bohemia, John Calvin in Switzerland, Martin Luther in Germany—these and many others served their generation by the will of God and helped lead their people to the truth. The great revivalists—John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Charles Finney, D. L. Moody, and others of more recent days—have been raised up of God and have been used by Him to serve their generation.

Among the spiritual forces of these last days is the great Pentecostal Revival, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born in the hearts of Christians as

they sought God in earnest prayer at the beginning of this century. God heard their prayer, and revival came.

Many Christians received a Baptism like that experienced on the Day of Pentecost. The precious truths of the Word of God, hidden so long in the house of the Lord (2 Kings 22:8), were received with gladness. The doctrines of Divine Healing, the Second Coming, Holiness, and other truths were welcomed by a hungry-hearted generation.

Without natural resources or outstanding human leadership, the revival spread until its humble missions, tents, brush arbors, and plain tabernacles were thronged with people. Young and old came out of curiosity and remained to pray. Curiosity turned to conviction; and conviction resulted in conversions.

Today the Pentecostal movement has grown up. Its fine churches and commodious tabernacles are found on the avenues and boulevards of our cities. Its message is flung around the world by radio. Our printing presses are producing full gospel literature by the ton. Growth has come and enlargement of influence has been given us that we might better serve our generation.

The "perilous times" of which Paul spoke have also come. An hour of dire crisis now threatens the world. This is a generation which has lost its sense of spiritual, moral, and ethical values. It is a generation that places personality above character, and ridicules honesty. It wallows in social chaos, totters in economic instability, and rages in unbridled criminality. It worships at the shrines of education, science, and pleasure.

Brethren, we are eleventh-hour workers. Urgency is upon us. We do not have a lifetime for service. Whatever we do for our generation must be done quickly. Let us be faithful to our responsibility of reaching our generation with the life-giving truth of the Word of God.

Many churches and Christian work-

ers are asking, "How can we best serve our generation? Shall we adopt the Laodicean method of pleasing the people, tolerating their lukewarmness, giving them what they want instead of what they need?" Weymouth's translation of 2 Timothy 4:3, 4 graphically portrays the general spiritual conditions today—"A time is coming when men will not tolerate wholesome instruction, but, wanting to have their ears tickled, they will find a multitude of teachers to satisfy their own fancies, and will close their ears to the truth and will turn away to fables." Some among us are being carried away by winds of doctrine which emphasize so-called "signs" of oil, and blood, and fire, and angels, instead of adhering to the Word of God and its cardinal teachings.

Our message to our generation must be "the more sure word of prophecy" (2 Peter 1:16-19), which exalts Christ instead of man's gifts. This message, nearly 2,000 years old, is as effective to change the lives of men today as when Jesus preached it on the Mount, as when the disciples took it to the villages, as when Peter proclaimed it on Pentecost, and as when Paul preached it on Mars Hill and shook the city of Rome with its truth.

The Christ-exalting message has never been improved upon. It can still attract the multitudes. It is a message of deliverance from the power of sin and sickness. It provides instruction in righteousness for the child of God, and offers him divine guidance on his pilgrimage from earth to heaven. God help us that our message to this generation be based upon the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

We will serve our generation well if we remember the word of Paul to the Ephesians, "Be filled with the Spirit," and determine that our message shall be preached in the power of the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist came to his generation with the light of God in his eyes,

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# After My EISODOS

BY J. NARVER GORTNER

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO I WROTE AN ARTICLE which appeared under the caption, "After My Exodus." I had seen in my Greek Testament that the word rendered "decease" in Luke 9:31 and also in 2 Peter 1:15 is *exodus*, which is a compound word composed of *ex* which means *out* and *hodos* which means a *traveled way*. Thus the literal meaning of *exodus* is the *way out*. It is rendered "departing" in Hebrews 11:22 where we read, "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the *departing* of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones." The second book of the Bible is called *Exodus* because it tells of the way the children of Israel went *out* of Egypt.

The Greek word *eisodos* means *the way in*, in contrast with the word *exodus* which means *the way out*. It is rendered "entrance" in 2 Peter 1:11 where we read, "For so an *entrance* shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Our Lord's object in bringing the Israelites out of Egypt was that He might bring them into Canaan, and so we read in Deuteronomy 6:23, "He brought us out . . . that he might bring us in." And God's object in bringing us out of sin has been that He might bring us into fellowship with Himself, and finally into heaven to be forever with Him in the glory. Our Lord's death was indeed an *exodus*, but when His spirit went out of His body it went into Paradise. This is evident for He not only said to the Father, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," but He said to the penitent thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." His *exodus* was therefore immediately followed by His *eisodos*.

My heart has been made to rejoice at the thought that the *exodus* of the saints at death, like that of their Lord, is immediately followed by their *eisodos*, their entrance into the glory where they, like all the inhabitants of heaven, are with Christ, and will be with Him forever. Our Lord said to the Father, when He was praying for His disciples—and when He prayed for them He prayed for us—"I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24).

If my Lord continues to tarry my *exodus* will soon take place, but it will be followed—and followed immediately, I verily believe—by my *eisodos*. I shall pass *out* from the tabernacle I have been inhabiting for more than eighty-three years. But I shall not pass out to be a disembodied spirit, a spirit without a home; for my Lord has prepared for me "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1), and I shall enter into that house, and be forever with my Lord. The body that I shall enter into will be a spiritual body, and the realm in which I shall live forever will be a spiritual realm, a heavenly realm.

We have never been in heaven; but if we are God's children, and if we confirm our calling and election by our faith and fidelity, we shall be there some day. And God in His Word has told us quite a bit about it. I here note three facts among the many that could be cited.

I

After my *eisodos* I shall see the face of Him who died for me when He was here in the flesh. The incarnation



Brother Gortner in his library

is a mystery. We do not understand it, but we believe it. We know that "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," and that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." His earthly life began when "He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary," and it ended with His death upon the cross, culminating in His resurrection from the dead and His exaltation at the right hand of the Father where He now intercedes on our behalf as our great High Priest.

How wonderful it will be to see His face! Artists, in harmony with ideas formed in their imagination as to how He looked, have depicted His features upon canvas, and some of the pictures have become quite famous; but we have no assurance that any picture ever painted represents Him as He really was. Photography was unknown in His day, and no one of His disciples who knew Him in the flesh saw fit to try to give us an idea of His personal appearance. It is quite evident that after our Lord's resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven all the apostles felt as Paul felt when he said, "Though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more" (2 Cor. 5:16); that is, no more after the flesh. They knew Him from that time forward as the exalted Son of the Father, to whom all authority had been given, and who was now King of kings and Lord of lords.

We are told concerning our Lord that when He was here on earth He never laughed, and only occasionally did He smile, but this is mere tradition and is without known facts upon which to rest. The Word tells us that He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted

with grief," and that He sometimes wept, but it tells us also that He rejoiced in spirit," and if at such a time He did not smile His face must have been illuminated with a heavenly radiance that was as far above a smile as heaven is above the earth. The sadness in evidence at other times, a sadness due to the sin of the world and the fearful harvest it was reaping, must have been absent at a time like that. He was able to look beyond the night and see the morning. We are even told that "for the joy that was set before him [he] endured the cross, despising the shame" (Hebrews 12:2).

We have all formed ideas as to how our Lord will look when we see Him, but it is likely that His appearance will be altogether different from what we have imagined. John has described Him as He appeared in the apocalyptic vision, but it was in a *vision* that John saw Him. We shall see Him as He is. People talk about thrills here in this world. What a thrill that will be in the glory! I am sure it will be my most wonderful thrill after my *eisodos*.

\* \* \*

I am sure it will be a most wonderful sight  
To look on the face of my Lord,  
Where never shall come the dark shadows  
of night,  
And the glories of heaven are stored.  
One glimpse of His face I am sure will repay  
My heart for the griefs I have borne,  
And thankful I'll be, when His glory I see,  
That I shared with Him here the world's  
scorn.

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## II

After my *eisodos* I shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to render an account of the deeds done in the body. We are not saved by works; we are saved through faith in Christ. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). So, the question to be settled before the judgment seat of Christ will not involve my security in Christ throughout eternity; that matter has been settled by my acceptance of Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and is being confirmed by my continuance in the faith. At the judgment seat of Christ my works will be judged in order to ascertain the degree of the reward that is to be mine; for, while we are saved by grace, through faith, apart from works, we shall be rewarded according to our works. If

we build upon the true foundation, which is Jesus Christ, we shall be saved, even though our works may be burned up as "wood, hay, stubble," but we shall be saved, "yet so as by fire" (1 Cor. 3:15). How important, then, it has been, and is, that our works be in harmony with the divine will in order that they may meet the approval of our Lord! Is our service acceptable to God? Are we seeking God's glory or are we seeking the glorification of self rather than God? Are we exalting the human rather than the divine?

My soul, God has decreed of thee,  
That thou shalt stand before  
The judgment bar of Christ, thy Lord,  
Upon that farther shore.  
See then that thou thy works prepare,  
Apart from carnal pride;  
And let thy Lord His grace afford—  
Thy works will then abide.

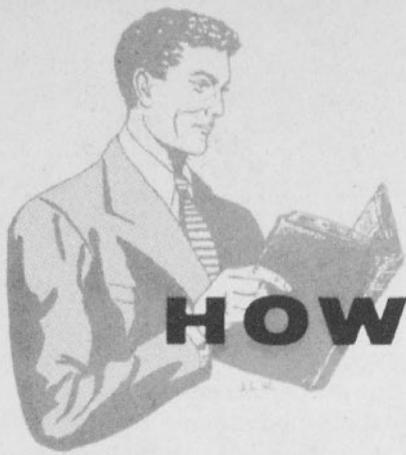
For know, my soul, that if thy works  
Are disapproved by Christ,  
And He shall say that they as hay,  
Wood, stubble, have been priced,  
A grievous loss thou shalt sustain  
As ages come and go,  
Though thou be saved, "yet as by fire,"  
Since thou thy Saviour know.

## III

After my *eisodos* I shall be in a realm that is free from sin and from all the effects of sin—all pains and aches and illnesses of the flesh and of the mind. Ever since Adam sinned and brought sin into the world through his disobedience, the sad consequences of sin have been in evidence. The first child born to Adam and Eve became a murderer and the second child was murdered. "The wages of sin is death." Some one has said that we begin to die as soon as we are born. Death has been at work in every one of us since the earliest days of our infancy; and, finally, if our Lord tarries, our bodies, rendered lifeless by the final stroke of death, will be carried to the cemetery and laid away beneath the cold sod to await the resurrection.

In the meantime, while we are awaiting the termination of our earthly lives, we suffer physically, some more and some less. We *all* suffer. No argument is needed to prove it. And we *all* grow old, if we do not die in early or in middle life; and the infirmities of old age are manifold. We dread them before they come and dislike them when they are here. But in heaven none grow old. There we shall live on forever in perpetual youth, and shall know neither sickness nor sorrow. All the evil evi-

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You may be one of the many  
Christians who have never learned

# HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

BY OSCAR E. FEUCHT



**B**EGIN PRAYERFULLY. OPEN YOUR Bible as you would no other book. It is the Word of God (John 17:17). As you read, the Holy Spirit will bear witness to this fact.

Come to it reverently, for the Bible opens to everyone who comes to worship. As you begin to read, ask God to give you a humble and teachable spirit. Say with the Psalmist, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalms 119:18).

Remember that these sixty-six Books contain more of history, poetry, prophecy, and precious gospel than the prophets possessed; more than the three favorite disciples of Jesus beheld when they were with Him in the holy mount (2 Peter 1:19-21). Come expectantly and prayerfully, and you will never be disappointed.

Holy Scripture touches life at every point. It meets all life's problems. The Bible gives peace and comfort, hope and help you can get nowhere else. Come to it with your need of the day, whatever that may be. It frankly reveals your sins, yet only the gospel of that Book is the power of God that works forgiveness of sins to everyone that believes in Jesus (Romans 1:16). Here the disturbed conscience can find rest. Here the thirsty soul finds the fountain of life.

The life of Christ is indeed "the greatest story ever told." The Gospels are full of His assurances: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life"; "Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee"; "Be not afraid, only believe." Jesus says to you, "I came to give My life a ransom for you."

The Bible reveals the Heavenly Father's mercy, the Saviour's redeeming love, the intent of the Holy Spirit to renew and bless your whole life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This Book contains things so simple and clear that a child can understand them. And yet it is so grand and profound that even in a lifetime one will

not be able to gain all its treasures. This is why people never tire of reading it. No matter who you are, you can never say, "I completely know my Bible."

Come prayerfully with your need to this Book. Observe these five points in your Bible reading:

1.

*Make a decision to read your Bible daily.* Satan, the world, and the flesh offer many reasons against reading the Bible, but not one good reason.

Accept Bible reading as a habit that belongs to every Christian's pattern of living. God says: "Study," "meditate therein day and night," "continue in my word," "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Discipline is a part of discipleship (Luke 14:27). Select one or two periods each day best suited for private reading of the Scriptures, and guard against allowing interruptions or postponements. Read a Bible verse at the breakfast table, as you ride to work, or before you begin your tasks. Let that verse accompany you throughout the day. Gain more reading time by using part of your noon hour or of your evening. Give God *at least ten minutes* to speak to you each day. It will make all the difference in the world.

2.

*Make a suitable selection of Scripture.* The Bible is a library, not just a book. Your needs vary. Its literature will meet your every need and mood. Use the Psalms to get yourself ready to listen to God. For the beginner we suggest something simple, say the Gospel of Mark. It is short, pithy, and full of action. Then go on to the Acts of the Apostles. Follow with several of Paul's Epistles. The Book of Acts prepares you for these.

Then go into the Old Testament and read the great Book of Genesis. Get acquainted also with a few of the Prophets. Read the Epistles of John before or after the Gospel which bears his name. The other General Epistles

fit in nicely with Mark and Luke. Read the Book of Hebrews before or after the Gospel of Matthew. You will be surprised how many books of the Bible can be read in a period of fifteen minutes each, and how many more can be read in a half hour.

You can read your whole New Testament in twenty weeks if you read two chapters a day. Then you will want to read the whole Old Testament.

3.

*Let the chief purpose determine the length of your reading section.* Are you one who has never read much in the Bible? Then you will want to read eagerly from one Book to another to get an overview and a general acquaintance with God's great thoughts. Or would you like to master a smaller section in order to get more lasting benefits? Read and reread a whole Book. Thus you will learn just where certain verses are found, and with each new reading the Holy Spirit will grant you flashes of insight for greater understanding. This is the way to make it your possession for life. Memorize important passages; outline the Book in your mind; apply its teachings to your life.

If your time is limited, take a shorter portion: a chapter, or a paragraph, or even a few verses. It is always best to read by units of thought or paragraphs (watch for markers) rather than verses.

For devotional reading some have found it helpful to read until they find a verse that gives them special help. This they underscore or mark in the margin (a marked Bible becomes more valuable). The next day they go on from the verse that helped them most.

4.

*Read with an open, inquiring mind.* Be as observant as a child who sees an object for the first time. Take care not to read your thoughts into the text, but let God speak to you in His own words. Scripture was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by godly men—

but men like you and me. Find how human the Bible is—and yet how divine! Watch for everything: persons, places, events, time, teaching, especially what it says about Christ. Read it not as history but as “His story.” Faith in Christ opens the meaning of Scripture.

Look for doctrine, comfort, prayers, encouragement, hope, promises. Read it not as something written for others, but as a message intended for you. Put yourself into the scenes and events. Relate yourself to its sayings.

Three questions will aid you greatly. Use them in all of your Bible reading, as you pass from paragraph to paragraph or from verse to verse: What does it say? What does it mean? What does it mean to me? Use your marginal references. The Holy Spirit is His own best Interpreter (2 Peter 1:21; John 16:13; 1 John 2:27).

5.

*Learn to meditate.* This is necessary to really taste the goodness of the Word of God (Hebrews 6:5; Jeremiah 15:16). Scripture is so rich that you may read the same passage many times throughout your life and always get a fuller meaning from it. A single verse can be read as many times as it has words, placing the emphasis on a different word each time. Try this with the statement, “The Lord is my shepherd,” and see how its meaning increases. That is why the Word of God is called “honey,” “milk,” “meat.” Meat must be masticated.

Four steps are included in meditation. *Approach:* “God is speaking to me. This Book is a message from heaven.” *Inquiry:* “What is God giving me? Is it counsel? doctrine? warning? promise? a principle to live by?” *Prayer:* Quietly speak to God about the very things He has spoken to you. *Action:* “What am I to believe? to do? to be?”

It is in the willing submission of the reader’s will to God’s will that reading comes to its climax. When God condemns, bow penitently; when He offers help, place your hope in that assurance; when He commands, obey.

Read with Abraham’s faith. He believed that God was able to perform what He had promised (Romans 4:20, 21). After faith come works. God leads to higher knowledge only after we translate into character and living what He has already taught us.

And now, take up your Bible at once, and claim for yourself God’s presence and power, His peace and happiness.

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## THIS WEEK'S COVER

Berea Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan, has completed its beautiful new building. The approximate cost was \$350,000. Theodore E. Ness is the pastor of this thriving work.

The building is 197 feet long. Its auditorium has a seating capacity of over 900 when the balcony is used. A large prayer room behind the platform will accommodate over 100. Adjoining the church auditorium is the three-story Sunday School unit, 65 feet square.

The main entrance is of aluminum and glass. The side entrance has a car port in connection with a huge parking lot. The church also has a late model Hammond organ with two Leslie speakers. Just off the balcony, there is a nursery for mothers. In the same building there is a caretaker’s apartment and a comfortable room for evangelists.

Berea Tabernacle had its start forty-four years ago when L. C. Grant began

holding services in a small store building. Following him, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kline became pastors. Under their ministry a lovely new church was built. During Brother Kline’s 32-year ministry at Berea the debt was paid off, and many young people entered the ministry from his church. Brother Kline passed away last year in Florida.

The next pastors were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wilson, from Chatham, Ontario. The work continued to progress under their ministry, and the Sunday School attendance rose to new heights. The Wilsons resigned in 1953, and the church called Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Ness to be their next pastors.

Plans were immediately laid to sell the old building and erect a new, larger building at 13400 Schaefer Road, Detroit, Michigan. The church was officially dedicated November 25, 1956, by Charles W. H. Scott, Michigan District Superintendent.



# God's Guided Missile

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BY HARRY J. STEIL  
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THE NEWS OF RECENT WEEKS DISCLOSED that our U. S. Government is planning to spend within the year the sum of six billion dollars in the development of the Guided Missile Program. One hundred thousand of our nation's best men and brains, both military and scientific, are working on ICBM, Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles.

For instance, the Air Force has its SNARK, a guided missile with a nuclear warhead, designed to travel 5000 miles through space, across the ocean if necessary, to strike its target. Again, there is the NAVAJO, designed likewise to travel 5,000 miles at a speed of 2000 m.p.h.

Convair, working under military supervision, has its ATLAS Rocket, designed to travel 5500 miles. This guided missile stands 90 feet high. It is designed to be shot 700 miles straight up, then to level off and fly at a speed of 15,000 miles per hour; thirty minutes after being launched it is to hit its intended target 5500 miles away.

News reports state that Russia is not one whit behind us; some even insist she is far ahead in this guided missiles race. They state that since 1955 Russia has fired one hundred guided missiles. It is claimed that Russia's guided missiles are powered by engines which are twice as powerful as America's. It was reported during this year's Suez crisis—when Israel, France, and Britain invaded Egypt—that Premier Bulganin threatened to give the three invading nations a taste of Russia's guided missiles if they did not withdraw.

Thus we see mankind preparing to commit global suicide! Imagine civilized nations hurling guided missiles at cities and towns—missiles containing nuclear warheads a thousand times more powerful than the ones dropped on Japan, precisely striking their intended target five thousand miles away at a speed of 15,000 miles per hour! How else could Paul have described it than by saying, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then *sudden destruction* cometh upon them... and they shall not escape"?

The missiles won't miss. They'll hit their target! People everywhere, including a number of scientists, are alarmed, terribly alarmed. They are imploring the authorities to call a halt to all nuclear warfare experiments, lest civilization be destroyed. But once an avalanche is started can it be humanly halted or controlled? Are not all the nations currently caught in the maelstrom which will carry them to Armageddon?

But let us take courage. What man cannot do, God can and will do. Human power cannot halt the avalanche, but God's supernatural power can. And God intends to halt it. He declares, concerning the coming time of world trouble, "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24: 21-22). In wrath He will remember mercy; He will send His Guided Missile to bring an end to the wicked designs of men.

God's Word declares that one day

soon a "stone cut out of the mountain without hands" shall by divine design and intent come hurtling down from above, out of eternity and from the presence of God. It shall smite our whole system of human government a destructive, annihilating blow. It shall scatter man's frail, ungodly accomplishments "like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors." And this Stone missile shall become a great mountain (kingdom) and fill the whole earth (Daniel 2:34, 35).

In the days of His humility the Saviour looked forward to this event, when He would come hurtling back to earth as God's Guided Missile, and He uttered the significant words, "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matthew 21:44). Christ, the despised and rejected Saviour, the Rock of Offense, the Foundation and Chief Cornerstone—He will be the Smiting Stone, God's Guided Missile, who shall smite a Christless, materialistic, militaristic system of mankind to shatter it and scatter it like chaff.

One of the guided missiles in our nation's armament is of the interceptor type. It is designed to be launched into space and by "electronic intelligence" to find, intercept, and destroy enemy guided missiles launched against our land.

Likewise, God's Guided Missile will be an interceptor. God intends to intervene before a Christ-rejecting generation succeeds in totally destroying itself. The Lord Jesus Christ shall appear in person and power to terminate Armageddon's international slaughter. He will "smite the nations" remedially (Revelation 19:15) and reign as Prince of Peace (Psalm 2:7-12).

From "outer space" God is about to launch His Interceptor Guided Missile. It is designed to intercept our planet Earth before Satan can lure it on to destruction. The Almighty has set the "day and the hour" (Matthew 24:36) when the Returning Christ, God's Guided Missile hurtling earthward with the speed and power of the lightning (Matthew 24:27), shall strike the image of human government to its very foundation. Mankind, having been misgoverned by monarchy, autocracy, democracy, and anarchy, shall finally and benignly be governed by a Theocracy. "In [those] days... shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

God withdrew from direct government in earth's affairs when He wrote "Ichabod" over the door of Israel. Ezekiel saw His glory, the Shekinah, receding into the silence of heaven (chapter 11:22-25). Human government, the times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24, then commenced. But while we no longer see God's direct rule, we do see everywhere that our God overrules. A higher court may always overrule the actions of a lower. God allows rebellious man to govern himself—the blind leading the blind, sick physicians prescribing unworkable panaceas for a sin-sick humanity! But whenever the world's leadership threatens to lead the nations down to annihilation, then God overrules human misrule. He intercepts, interposes, and steps into the picture.

The entire second chapter of Daniel is an inspired illustration of this truth. Human government, the times of the Gentiles, is portrayed as a gigantic and glorious human image. Note the earthy character of this image of human government. It is utterly lacking in heavenly qualities and is made up of earthy

minerals—gold, silver, brass, iron, clay. From these substances men have formed their kingdoms and empires — their image of human government. But in God's eyes the whole system is beastly. Read Daniel 7 and see how God described the gold of Babylon as a ravening lion; the silver of Medo-Persia, a rapacious bear; the brass of Greece, a feral leopard; the iron of Rome, a flesh-devouring, bloody monster. And how significantly ironic that the nations today use blood-thirsty beasts of prey as their national symbols! Thank God, Daniel 7 also shows us the Conqueror of the beast.

Even as men have names for their guided missiles (SNARK, NAVAJO, ATLAS), so God has a name for His Guided Missile. He is called the Stone, the Rock (Daniel 2:34, 35; Matthew 16:18). To His Church, our blessed Lord is the Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4), the Foundation Stone, the Corner Stone (Ephesians 2:20-22). To unbelieving Christ-rejectors He is a Stone of Stumbling (1 Peter 2:6-8; Romans 9:32, 33), the Smiting Stone (Matthew

21:42-44). Just as Convair's ATLAS from 700 miles off the earth's surface will strike its target, so the returning Christ will smite the unbelieving and disobedient people of this world. He will smite the nations; He will "dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel"; He will "scatter them like chaff."

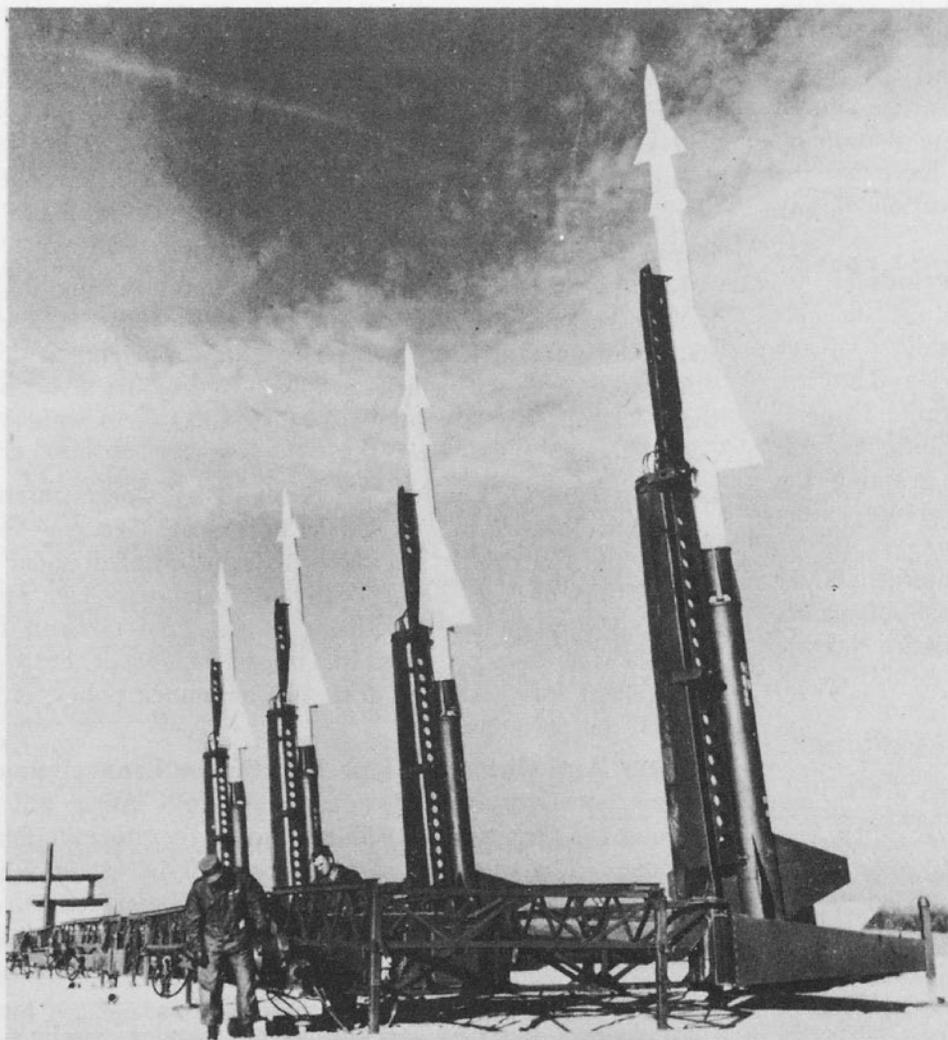
A dreadful contrast is pictured in Revelation 6:12-17 as God's Guided Missile is about to strike its target, Earth. All of the earth's inhabitants who have missed the rapture are depicted as praying "to the rocks and the mountains." Kings, generals, millionaires, statesmen, bondmen, freemen—all are portrayed as praying to the cold, inanimate rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from heaven's missile, the Rock of Ages. Imagine! Men who still in this day of grace may flee to the living Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ, and in Him find shelter and refuge, forgiveness and salvation, but who spurn Him—these same misguided men in their belated and fateful hour will cry to the cold stones and mountains.

How about you, reader? Do you know Christ, whom to know is life eternal? Have you made Him the Rock of your salvation?

It is said that Augustus Toplady was taking sick-rest at the seashore, when he noticed a dark storm rapidly approaching from the sea. In his sick and weakly condition he wished to avoid a drenching in the rain, and yet he realized that he could never get back to the shelter of his lodgings in town before the storm would overtake him. Therefore he gazed along the shore and spied a mass of rock at the edge of the sea. He ran for what he hoped would be a partial shelter from the coming storm, and arrived at the rocks just as the storm began to break. To his relief he discovered a "cleft" in the rock, a cave, in which he was able to take refuge and remain completely dry and safe. This inspired Toplady to write,

*"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee."*

Friend, the world's worst and final storm is fast approaching. Have you a shelter? Is it storm proof? For this coming world-wide storm, only One guarantees a refuge that is absolutely safe and secure. You are safe only in Christ; if you will come to Him He will set you free from sin and preserve you from judgment. ◀◀



Devaney Photo

Four Nike guided missiles in vertical firing position at launching site, Lorton, Va.



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Businessmen as Missionaries

"In the mission fields, the doors are closing to preachers and missionaries, but they are open to businessmen," Evangelist Tommy Hicks told delegates gathered at the fifth annual convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. "Businessmen are doing something they have never done before—leaving their businesses for short periods and going out to the ends of the earth to witness to the untold dying millions, and paying their own expenses to do it," the evangelist said. More than 175 businessmen responded to the challenge to become "part-time missionaries."

## Methodism Declines in England

The Methodist Church of Great Britain, at its General Conference, reported that its membership declined by 1,877 in 1956 and now stands at 742,444. Great Britain was the birthplace of Methodism under the Wesleys.

## Urges Fire Drills in Churches, Sunday Schools

An inspector of the Dallas (Texas) Fire Department urged that informal fire drills be arranged in churches and Sunday Schools to prevent panic in case of emergency. "Panic kills more people than fire in large places of public assembly," he said. "However, the average church will not take the time for fire drills." He said that many people in a congregation always enter and leave by the same door, and may not be aware of the location of any other door.

## Permit to Child Evangelism Fellowship Rescinded

After granting permission to the Child Evangelism Fellowship to contact children on streets and public property in Wichita, Kansas, to give them Bible messages and stories, the City Commission later rescinded the permit. Protesting the action was the Wichita Council of Churches. According to a spokesman, the group opposed granting the permit because children (unaccompanied by parents) must be protected against being approached by strangers.

(The Child Evangelism Fellowship is an interdenominational group. Its aim is to evangelize unchurched youngsters by means of Bible-story sessions in public parks, private homes, and similar places.)

## ATTENTION: VISITORS TO CLEVELAND

Eastern Daylight Time is in effect at Cleveland, Ohio. If you are among the thousands of ministers, delegates, and visitors who will be going to Cleveland to attend the General Council of the Assemblies of God, August 28 to September 3, you will need to take this into consideration when making your plans.

Ministers who wish to shop during the convention should be sure to have their current fellowship certificates with them for identification. The four largest department stores in downtown Cleveland have very kindly agreed to allow a 10 per cent discount to all ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God. The four stores are: May's, Higbee's, Taylor's, and Halle's.

## City in India Outlaws Liquor Advertising

Advertisements for whiskey and other intoxicating liquors have been banned by the Chief Commissioner in New Delhi, India.

## A Governor's Opinion of Liquor

Connecticut Governor Ribicoff asserted, as he signed a bill shaving liquor sale hours, "The fewer the hours that liquor is sold, the better off the public will be."

## Campaign Against Taverns Brings Results

A campaign waged against taverns by two ministers in Fayetteville, North Carolina, has brought results. Warrants have been issued to eleven tavern owners for violating state laws by selling liquor to young people and by allowing drunks to loiter in or around their taverns.

## Poles Open "Sobering-Up Stations"

The rapid increase of drunkenness has caused the Polish government to open a number of "sobering-up" stations. Stomach pumps are used on the worst cases, and injections are given to calm drinkers' nerves, reports *Watchman-Examiner*.

## Baptists Have Organized Works in 100 Countries

There are now 100 countries in which Baptists have organized works, according to Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. The 100th country in BWA records is New Guinea, where first converts were baptized in 1956. Today there are 865 Baptists.

## Rapid Increase of Jewish Rabbis in U.S.

In 27 years the number of Jewish rabbis serving in the U.S. increased by 2,506. In 1927, according to the Jewish statistical Bureau, there were 1,751. At the end of 1954 (the latest year for which complete figures are available) there were 4,257. By comparison, in 1900 there were only 526 rabbis in the U.S.

## German Church Leaders Threatened by Communists

Church leaders in the Soviet Zone of Germany who oppose the Communist regime will be prosecuted under its "Protection of the Peace" law, according to Dr. Hans Bloch, deputy minister president of the East German Republic. The law provides for imprisonment or death as punishment for those who criticize Communist policy, either publicly or privately.

## Tighter Anti-Obscenity Law Enacted in Pennsylvania

Governor George M. Leader signed into law a bill increasing the penalties for selling obscene literature in Pennsylvania. The measure also outlaws "tie-in" sales which force newsdealers to take objectionable publications in order to get popular magazines. Maximum penalty for the sale of obscene literature under the new law is \$2,000 and two years in jail.

In signing the new law, Governor Leader wisely said, "We must protect our young people against the degrading influence of obscene literature."

## CE Youth Warn Against Habit-Forming Products

Delegates to the 44th biennial convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor adopted a resolution urging young people to consider the harmful effects of habit-forming products. The resolution called on youths to reflect the harmful personal, physical, social, financial, and spiritual effects of tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and narcotics "rather than merely follow the crowd or be swayed by the high-sounding phrases of advertisements." It added, "The Bible affirms that our bodies are the temples of God, that His Spirit dwells in us, and we are bought with a price."

## Colombian Leader Promises Religious Liberty

Colombia's new foreign minister, Senor Carlos A. de Santamaria, has declared that the new government in his country is dedicated to religious liberty and will do all in its constitutional power to restore freedom of worship everywhere in Colombia. He made the statement personally to the president of the Lutheran World Federation who was touring Lutheran missions throughout South America.

Meanwhile, the Colombian ambassador to Costa Rica has maintained that neither the government of Colombia nor the Roman Catholic Church has been responsible for the persecution of Protestants in the past nine years. He blamed the incidents on illiterate people and certain parochial priests. He is of the opinion that these incidents would not occur if the Protestants were not so aggressive in their evangelization! (Probably not, for then the priests would have nothing to be upset about!)

The ambassador apparently sees nothing incongruous in the fact that he claims his country's constitution guarantees freedom of religion but not freedom to propagate anti-Catholic ideas. He predicted that "Colombia will never have the religious liberty enjoyed by Costa Rica and Ecuador." Said he, "The phenomenon of evangelical hospitals and radio stations, and the great multitude of missionaries and evangelists, is something that will always be foreign to my country."

## Record-Breaking Crowd Hears Gospel at Yankee Stadium

The New York Crusade under Evangelist Billy Graham reached a tremendous climax with the gigantic rally at Yankee Stadium on July 20, but the evangelist and his team decided to continue for at least three weeks more.

The scene at Yankee Stadium had never been equalled. Not even for the World Series had the crowd been so large, for after the seats were filled the people were packed into the outfield. The crowd was estimated at 100,000 persons, with more than 10,000 others turned away. It was one of the hottest evenings of the year, but the crowd listened reverently. An estimated 2,500 persons raised their hands to indicate a willingness to accept Christ as Saviour.

Special guest for the occasion was Richard Nixon, Vice President of the U.S. The Vice President remarked to Graham that it must bring a great satisfaction to attract the largest crowd in the history of the stadium. The evangelist replied, "I didn't fill this place. God did it."

Millions more witnessed the service on television. A mother of three, in Atlanta, Georgia, called and said she and her husband had watched the service. As a result, she said, they had dropped plans for divorce. "Billy Graham gave us the answer to our problems last night," she said.



**REVIVALTIME IN GREAT BRITAIN**—The mobile recording unit shown above (with Hedley Palmer) has recently been placed at the disposal of Revivaltime in Great Britain. (Photo courtesy of "Redemption Tidings.")

## MOBILE UNIT INCREASES BRITISH INTEREST IN REVIVALTIME BROADCAST

A different speaker, different music, but the same name and the same aim. That is a brief description of the radio program, Revivaltime, sponsored by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland. Patterned after the well-known Revivaltime broadcast of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A., the British program features J. Nelson Parr, pastor of the largest Assembly Church in England, as its speaker, and has a variety of accomplished British musicians. The program is heard weekly by hundreds of thousands over Radio Luxembourg and IBRA Radio (Tangier, North Africa).

Since broadcasting in Great Britain is controlled by the government, no commercial time is sold. Thus programs of this type are not broadcast in that country. But Britishers are accustomed to tuning in commercially-owned Radio Luxembourg, one of the most popular stations in Europe.

With the addition of the mobile recording unit, the British Revivaltime broadcast can now originate at churches in various parts of the country. The recording unit was put at the disposal of the broadcast by John Friday, technician for the program.

Support for the broadcast is supplied by the members of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland. Hedley Palmer is the producer of the program.

## Sudan Government Nationalizing Mission Schools

The Sudan government began a program of nationalizing the country's mission schools on April 1. Affected are a sizable number of Protestant, Anglican, and Roman Catholic institutions.

A mission leader said the program was launched despite vigorous protests from Christian leaders. He said the government had rejected all claims of the right of the churches to teach, and the right of parents to choose which schools their children should attend.

## Report on Obscene Literature in Kansas City

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, general secretary of the Kansas City (Missouri) Council of Churches, is visiting virtually every store, newsstand, and hotel magazine counter in the metropolitan area at the request of Mayor H. Roe Bartle and police officials. Dr. Stuber was asked to make a survey in connection with a campaign to amend city ordinances against obscene literature.

Part way through his investigation Dr. Stuber said, "I am simply amazed and disgusted with the amount of trash which is now on sale in Kansas City. I am tremendously concerned about what the reading of such filth will do to persons, and especially youth. I am convinced that sex crimes are encouraged by the sale of such morally debasing literature."

# Vereeniging Revival Grows

by **MABEL PETTENDER**, South Africa



The first workers training course was attended by 125

Another large baptismal service has taken place, with 109 immersed in water. What a sight to behold, as hundreds of Blood-washed saints paraded on bicycles and motorcycles, in cars and hired buses, wending their way to the river several miles from the church. Hundreds of spectators came out of their homes to watch the scene and listen as the Christians sang hymns along the way.

Bob Hoskins, the twenty-one year old evangelist from America who has been visiting and holding services around the country, was mightily used of God in nightly meetings before the baptismal

services at Vereeniging. Many were healed and converted, and young people surrendered and dedicated their lives afresh to God.

Three weeks ago Sunday our African worker, Brother Mpongose at Vanderbylpark, wanted Mr. Pettenger to go for a special service. He went with Mr. Shaffer, our missionary to the colored people. Between four and five hundred attended the services. Brother Mpongose had invited the Manager of Non-European Affairs of the District, his assistant, and the location superintendent. After singing and prayer, these white government officials were intro-

duced and welcomed to the service.

Then came the "special." What was it? Twelve members of the congregation stood up and testified of what the Lord had done for them. One related that he had been a murderer and had been in prison, but God had saved him and changed his heart and life. Then the Manager of Non-European affairs was called upon to make some remarks. After his greetings he asked the converted murderer to stand up again. He told the congregation that he was acquainted with this man, and that his testimony was true. At the close of a three-hour service, Mr. Pettenger took the officials out to their car. They expressed their appreciation of our African ministers in their district and added that they, as officials, would be glad to be of any service to the Assemblies of God.

The work in and surrounding Vereeniging thrives and grows under the able and faithful ministry of Philip Molefe, our young Basutu worker. Hundreds have been converted and are standing firm and strong for the Lord. The work has become self-supporting and self-propagating. Nine new assemblies have been started around the district by this new mother church. Over a dozen young men of the assembly have been sent to our Bible Training School at Witbank, and are being supported by their own people.

In addition to the expansion of the work already mentioned, we praise God for the privilege of training others. The first workers training course in South Africa was held in Brakpan, Transvaal, June 15—22. Although this is our cold season, 125 attended and 115 enrolled for the course. The number included African white and colored and Indian ministers, Sunday School workers, and young people.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



The following missionaries have recently returned on furlough:

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin W. Peterson and children from Liberia. Their address is Star Route, Box 67, Motley, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hymes from Japan. They are now located at 18124 State Road, North Royalton, Cleveland 33, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cimino and family from Nigeria. They are making their home at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield Mo.

Mrs. L. Carruthers of Hawaii. Her address is 1521 W. 82 St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright and children left for Nyasaland, East Africa, on July 15 for another term of service.

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Alta Hodge would like to inform her friends of a change in address. She is now located at 1675 Webb Ave., Apt. 204, Detroit 6, Mich.

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Paul Hutsell and family left for Paraguay early in July and have arrived safely. They will continue to Argentina when they receive permission to enter that country.



The Paul Hutsell family



The Paul Wright family

# Report on Egypt

BY JOSEPH AND EDNA BROWN

We are grateful to the fine pastors and their congregations whom we have met on our itinerary, who have been so kind in making it possible for us to return to the land of our calling for a fourth term of service. Thank you so much for pledges of support through prayers and offerings. The WMC's have been so generous also; our linen closet at the Bible School in Egypt will be well supplied!

Twelve students graduated from the Bible school in Port Said this year and are going out into pioneer areas. We in-



Port Said Bible School graduates of 1957, with Joseph Brown center in middle row.

tend to work with each one in helping him get started in his ministry. Of course, conditions in Egypt do not favor evangelistic meetings on a very large scale, so we may not have the freedom of former years. Pray about this.

We had the graduation exercises on June 29. Each of the graduates gave a short message. In the afternoon we had a communion service, and at night the graduation service. This is a service we will long remember. At the close of the service, after the diplomas were given out, all the students and the visiting pastors were standing on the platform. The students began to sing and the blessing of God came down upon us; thus the graduation ended with a great volume of praise and worship. Many remarked,

"What a fine group of young men." They are well trained and have a burning zeal for the work of God. They are good speakers and are in demand in the churches.

One of the best things about our students is that they are thoroughly Pentecostal and that all but two have grown up in our own Assemblies of God churches. Good reports are coming in from our churches and outstations (many of them on the edge of the desert), as our young pastors and pioneer workers labor faithfully at their posts. Some are laboring in difficult places and meeting much opposition.

In some villages the congregations have outgrown their church buildings and need to build a larger place to accommodate their people. In other places our student pastors are in the process of building churches where formerly there were none. They are finding it very difficult, as prices are rising and necessary building materials are very high. Everyone is feeling the pinch of a financial crisis.

We drive through so many, many villages where there is no church of any kind and no Christian worker. Praise the Lord for these students who are filling in the gaps. We ask you to pray more diligently and give more liberally that the young men who are called to the Lord's work may be trained for it. Fifteen dollars a month will support a student in Bible School. The sum of \$540 for a three-year course will prepare another gospel worker to enter the harvest field. You may win souls in Egypt by helping to train these young nationals.

Let us reach Egypt while it is yet open. We know not what tomorrow may hold.

## TO SAVE THE WORLD

*How can we save a dying world?*

*That problem has been solved Above:*

*The key is found in Calvary,*

*The only way is LOVE!*

—Mrs. Booth-Clibborn

## MISSIONARY CANDIDATES NEEDED

Missionary candidates with special qualifications are needed for Japan.

The Foreign Missions Department is anxious to secure the services of a minister who has had Bible School training, is ordained, and in addition has had training along the lines of technical work in radio.

The particular ministry is that of coordinating our Assemblies of God radio programs in Japan and also caring for the recording equipment which is used.

Candidates should apply to Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN °MISSIONARY °GIVING

June 1957

Rank	District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1.	N. Dakota	50	46	92%
2.	Nebraska	84	69	82%
3.	Oregon	195	157	81%
4.	Montana	67	54	81%
5.	Kansas	167	133	80%
6.	Northwest	269	209	78%
7.	Wis.-N. Mich.	135	103	76%
8.	Rocky Mtn.	125	95	76%
9.	Potomac	166	126	76%
10.	West Central	219	166	76%
11.	Michigan	176	132	75%
12.	New Jersey	102	76	75%
13.	Illinois	204	145	71%
14.	S. Missouri	327	231	71%
15.	Minnesota	147	102	69%
16.	New York	156	107	69%
17.	Ohio	175	119	68%
18.	W. Texas	128	87	68%
19.	New England	105	70	67%
20.	Wyoming	36	24	67%
21.	S. Dakota	48	32	67%
22.	Eastern	261	165	63%
23.	S. California	367	224	61%
24.	New Mexico	77	46	60%
25.	Indiana	154	90	58%
26.	N. Calif.-Nev.	335	193	58%
27.	S. Florida	160	92	58%
28.	Georgia	129	74	57%
29.	S. Texas	258	143	55%
30.	N. Carolina	71	39	55%
31.	W. Florida	137	75	55%
32.	N. Texas	508	271	53%
33.	Tennessee	93	49	53%
34.	Alabama	251	129	51%
35.	Louisiana	155	78	50%
36.	Oklahoma	493	242	49%
37.	Kentucky	65	30	46%
38.	Arizona	81	35	43%
39.	S. Carolina	54	23	43%
40.	S. Idaho	57	24	42%
41.	Mississippi	88	37	42%
42.	Appalachian	75	31	41%
43.	Arkansas	451	172	38%

# Answering the Call of New England

BY JAMES STOREY

I FOUND NEW ENGLAND A PLACE very proud of the tradition of the fathers. Historical landmarks causing the heart to admire the birthplace of our nation were in abundance. But—WHERE WERE THE CHURCHES? Congregational, Methodist, Catholic, and occasionally an American Baptist, but how few and far between!

How I recall the familiar picture of three or four churches in a single block in many of our nation's cities, but it is not so in New England. What about the Assemblies of God? "Who are they?" is the usual reaction to this question.

As I saw that in all of the six New England States there were only 102 Assemblies with 113 ordained ministers lifting the gospel of Light, my heart cried, "Here is the most tremendous field for home missions that I have ever seen!"

Boston, New England's largest city, has only one small work. Springfield, Massachusetts (250,000) has one Assembly, New England's largest. Hartford, Connecticut (177,000) has only one Assembly, with 200 in Sunday School.

If this was the birthplace of our freedom to worship God in spirit and in truth, then why the gross darkness in

*Editor's note: The writer of this article was a minister in a district of which he says, "A comparison of figures showed that there are nearly four times as many ministers as there are churches in existence." Compelled by the Holy Spirit to search for a needier home missions field, he journeyed to New England and found his place of service. Perhaps other ministers, seeking to serve God in an area of great spiritual need, will find the answer in his story.*

New England? Have we failed to include our homeland in our vigorous missionary programs of fund-raising and sending forth laborers?

As I talked with Brother Grady Fannin, District Superintendent, he told me of a number of larger churches open for pastors, and then he began to relate the story of Windsor Locks, Connecticut—a small town between Hartford, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts.

Windsor Locks has a population of 7,000 people with one Catholic church and one Protestant (Congregational) church. Since 1953 the town has added more than five hundred new homes, along with new industry. I was told that friends in Boston had given \$1,000 which was set aside for opening a work in this town.

Naturally, I desired a church that could support me full time; however, there appeared a sense of responsibility to this need so I traveled back to the west coast and described this need to my wife. Within one month we had sold all our furniture, settled our business, and were on our way to New England.

We arrived at district headquarters with \$18.00 and the word of Brother Fannin that we could stay in the Fannin home until we could get established. During our travels we were more convinced each day that Windsor Locks was our calling. The problem of housing was impossible—no rentals suitable or reasonable. For two months we searched almost daily for a place to live. Finally as a last resort we bought a house in order to settle in the town.

Not knowing anyone in a town presents a problem in organizing plans for opening. With the help of the newspapers and leaflets and the Christian workers from Bethany Assembly of



Vocational Volunteers, Barbara Terry and Betty Montanye, with one of their Sunday School girls and the garage-church in the background.

Springfield, Massachusetts, we began the first service on October 29, 1955. During the following weeks of adjustment we saw our number increase, and the number coming from Springfield was gradually decreased.

A large unattractive upstairs auditorium was our first meeting place. "Memorial Hall" it is called, and it surely will be an outstanding memorial to us. The rent for Sundays only was \$60.00 per month, so we had a rather high overhead. However, it was a start, and apparently there were a few families that were more interested in the gospel than the building. Gradually our numbers increased, 12-15-20-25, not many in comparison with some large Assemblies; but everyone said the growth was wonderful for New England.

We have had more opportunities than we could accept in this short time. In our search for an auditorium we found a wonderful chance to start a Bible Story Hour at the public elementary school. This is not released-time education. My wife and I have now seen two school years go by in which we



Mrs. James Storey with the children of the Story Hour at an elementary school in Windsor Locks.

have reached over one hundred boys and girls by this means. Most of these do not attend our Sunday School. At the close of each school year our hearts have been filled with praise to God for the opportunity the final program gives us to meet many parents who have been well pleased with their children's interest in the Bible Story Hour.

At first we had no Christian workers to help us, so my wife took the Sunday School class with ages 2 to 14 and I took the rest of the group—the adults. By God's help we managed this way for seven months. Then Misses Betty Montanye and Barbara Terry, graduates from Eastern Bible Institute, felt the call of God to come and assist us as Vocational Volunteers. They were a blessing in superintending the Sunday School and teaching, and serving later on as C. A. leader and choir director.



Pastor James Storey digging for footings of the auditorium.

In April 1956 a new convert, Mrs. Viola Bustamonte, gave us the use of a garage free of charge as long as we desired it. All we had to do was to make it look like a church, so we set to work. We didn't realize that within one year we would be crowded out of that building, which seated forty-five people. Although our little auditorium is only twenty feet square, we have had as many as 68 present.

Circumstances made it necessary for us to find a full-time secular job, but God's blessings have been rich toward us. Many new people have seemingly come in without anyone inviting them.

The lady who let us use her building also gave us a parcel of wooded land, 145 feet by 185, which was a great step toward our present building program.

With this increasing number of peo-

ple searching for the truth, we found ourselves in immediate need of a building and yet unable to pay for it. However, with the need so great there was but one answer—BUILD BY FAITH. June 2, 1957, was the day to be remembered in our local history—ground-breaking in a pouring rainstorm. The building program is under way; footings have been poured, and foundation walls are scheduled for this week.

Having \$500 on hand to start a \$10,000 building is a test of anyone's faith. Yet over \$1,000 has been spent thus far on the building, and our account still has \$500 in it with \$1,300 pledged for the roof and structure and trusses. Our people love the Lord, and they have shown it by their faithfulness in giving and serving. Never have we seen so many definite answers to prayer as simple faith has brought here; not an abundance of outstanding headlines, but a continuous stream of everyday needs have been met. We have told our people that if they will do their best, God will make up the difference as we work for Him.

Our vision looks beyond our present building program to the great need of churches around us. Our hope is that when established we may be a Mother Church to many other new pioneer works, should the Lord tarry.

If a circle with a ten-mile radius should be drawn around Windsor Locks, at least six towns would be found without an evangelical church of any kind. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

New England is not a field where pastors' salaries are high, nor is the climate perfect; it is not a land often visited by evangelicals. Yet there is endless opportunity for service to our Lord in a great whitened harvest field.

Have YOU been wondering where is the greatest need, where people desire to hear God's Word, where the Lord would send you? Ask God to impress upon your heart the overwhelming burden of New England!

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## OUR SERVICEMEN



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## NOTHING SO STRONG

BY BETTY SWINFORD

**T**HE RANCH WAS QUIET. ONLY THE occasional bawl of the new calf in the corral or an eruption of gunfire from a quail hunter higher in the foothills broke the silence.

Carolyn laid aside her garden trowel and pushed back her auburn hair. She watched a whirling spiral of dust race across the desert floor, leap over a foothill, and finally vanish in the distance.

"Such a good life!" she whispered, taking a deep breath of the fresh clean air. "I never knew there could be such peace, such freedom anywhere!"

A sudden frown clouded her countenance. Why must this thought come back to haunt her each time she began thinking of her present life here in the roving Arizona foothills? Why could she not be content simply in the knowledge that she had won for herself and her daughter the security she had so carefully sought?

Her blue eyes stared unseeingly at the towering mountains that rose to the southeast of the ranch. How long ago was it? Yes—only a year. Only a year since she and ten-year-old Doris had come to Arizona to make a new life for themselves after the death of her husband. Only a year since she had met blonde, brown-eyed Jeff, himself a widower with a twelve-year-old son. . . .

At the time it had seemed so right, what she had done, for she had vowed to herself to be a good wife to him.

"But it's built on a lie, our marriage!" she told herself now, and half-frightened tears sprang into her eyes. "Two lies. . . . I told him that I loved him—and I—I told him that I was a Christian!" She shook her head slowly. "But I didn't know what a real Christian was till I met Jeff. I didn't—"

She broke off abruptly, picked up her trowel, and hurriedly got on her feet. This introspection was no good! Besides, she couldn't go to Jeff now and tell him that she had never experienced salvation through the Christ he loved so much. She could never tell him that she liked and respected him, but. . . .

There was a sound of pounding hoofs coming up the back trail, and Carolyn hesitated at the kitchen door. A moment later Jeff had dismounted and was coming toward her, a line about his mouth that she had not seen there before.

"Jeff! Are all the fences mended already? I haven't even started supper."

Carolyn dropped her gaze when he took her gently by the shoulders and looked down at her. His eyes were so direct—almost piercing!

"Carolyn, honey, there's been an ac-

cident. Larry came after me a few minutes ago, and—"

She thought back quickly. Doris and Larry had taken a walk in the hills. Larry had wanted to acquaint her with the open mine shafts around, so she could guard against them in the future. *The mine shafts!*

"It's Doris!" Carolyn cried. "Jeff, is she all right? Where is she?"

"I don't know yet," he replied soberly. "I've come for some rope and the jeep. You'd better come with me."

Even when they had brought the jeep to a halt high in the rugged hills, and were staring down into the awful darkness of the sheer hole, Carolyn could not believe that it was Doris. Not laughing, red-haired Doris!

Pleas for her to speak to them brought only a terrible silence. And the strong beam of the flashlight could not pierce the intense blackness.

"I begged her not to go so close!" Larry said over and over. "But she wanted to try and see the bottom, and then her foot slipped on the loose rocks, and—"

Carolyn stared at the boy, yet did not see him. Somehow she managed to say, "Of course, Larry—it wasn't your fault," in spite of her dry lips, her numb mind.

"Doris—Doris, honey, can you hear me?"

Suddenly Carolyn was staring at the strong man beside her, seeing him for the first time. Jeff not only loved her, he also loved her daughter—was as concerned now as a father would have been.

Quickly now Jeff began to work. He anchored one end of the rope to the jeep and dropped the other end into the dark, yawning hole. Before he began the descent he turned to Carolyn.

"Darling, there may be gas—or water seepage. The tunnel may branch off into other tunnels before I reach the bottom. I'm going after her, Carolyn—but don't get your hopes too high. Just pray and remember that God's way is always best."

He talked as he lowered his body into the eerie darkness, and finally his words faded and were lost altogether. Carolyn felt a hand grip hers—and was surprised to find Larry close beside her, his face white and frightened.

Minutes passed in which the silence almost drowned the senses. Away in the distance a shotgun discharged, and then

## WHO SAID IT?

Here are some quotations from the Bible. Can you identify the person who made each statement? Statements by the following are included below: Paul, Jacob, Adam, Jesus, God, Cain, Peter, Abram, David, and the serpent in the Garden of Eden.

1. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."
2. "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman."
3. "Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice."
4. "Yea, hath the Lord said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"
5. "My punishment is greater than I can bear."
6. "Be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship."
7. "Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables."
8. "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."
9. "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen."
10. "Lo, we have left all and followed thee."

### ANSWERS:

1. DAVID (Psalm 19:1); 2. ADAM (Genesis 2:23); 3. JESUS (Mark 14:30); 4. THE SERPENT (Genesis 3:1); 5. CAIN (Genesis 4:13); 6. PAUL (Acts 27:21, 22); 7. GOD (Exodus 34:1); 8. JACOB (Genesis 32:30); 9. ABRAM (Genesis 13:8); 10. PETER (Luke 18:28).

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the silence became even more acute.

Carolyn felt she was about to give way to hysteria when there was a tug at the rope and the faint words, "I've got her, Carolyn. Pull her up carefully!"

Hours later Doris was resting peacefully in her own room in the long, flat-roofed ranch house. The doctor had come and gone. Doris had suffered several cuts and bruises and had been knocked unconscious. When Jeff had found her she had been in water up to her neck—but now the danger was past. She was going to be all right!

The evening was cool and Jeff had made a small fire in the huge stone fireplace. When Carolyn entered the room he was standing at the window staring out into the darkness.

"Jeff, I—." She hesitated. How did she go about putting into words what she felt, anyway? "I have to talk to you, Jeff." She waited until they were sitting together on the couch. Then she said, "What I must say is going to hurt,

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## Monday, August 26

**Read:** 1 John 3:1-10

**Learn:** "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

**For the Parent:** This passage promises the Christian that one day his Lord will come to take him to heaven. In view of this, the Christian should live a pure, clean life (v. 3), not continuing in sin (vv. 4-10). The thought expressed by these verses is not that a Christian never sins, but that he does not keep on sinning.

**Question Time:** What will happen to us when Christ appears? (v. 2) What is sin? (v. 4) Since Christ is coming for us, what kind of lives should we live? (v. 3) Why doesn't the world know us? (v. 1)

## Tuesday, August 27

**Read:** 1 John 3:11-24

**Learn:** "This is the message that we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (1 John 3:11).

**For the Parent:** Christians should be known by their love of others. This love will overcome envy (v. 12) and hate (vv. 14, 15). True Christian love will be shown by our actions more than by our words (v. 18). If we have this love and are pleasing to God, then He will answer our requests (v. 22).

**Question Time:** Why did Cain kill Abel? (v. 12) Is hate a serious crime? (v. 15) How will true Christian love be shown? (v. 18) What is the evidence of God's love to us? (v. 16) What is God's commandment? (v. 23)

## Wednesday, August 28

**Read:** 1 John 4:1-11

**Learn:** "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

**For the Parent:** From this passage point out (1) how we can distinguish truth and error, vv. 1-6; (2) the importance of Christian love, vv. 7-11. Love is of God, and God is love. Stress again how God's love to us was shown on Calvary, and how we should act because of this, v. 11.

**Question Time:** How can we tell false prophets? (vv. 1-3) What is true of the person who shows true Christian love? (v. 7) What does verse 8 mean to you?

# Our Family Altar

## Thursday, August 29

**Read:** Daniel 3:8-30

**Learn:** "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us" (Daniel 3:17).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Freed from the Fiery Furnace" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the story. Emphasize how these young men would not compromise their beliefs and how God honored their faith in Him. God is looking for people who will serve Him through difficult trials. He will always honor such.

**Question Time:** What had these three Hebrew young men refused to do? (v. 14) What was their expression of faith in God? (vv. 17, 18) How did God protect them? (v. 25) What was the final result?

## Friday, August 30

**Read:** Matthew 25:14-30 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men...for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23, 24).

**For the Parent:** Review the parable of the talents. Point out that each person has some talent—abilities and opportunities to serve God. God is primarily interested in our faithfulness to Him. All the things we do should be done as unto the Lord.

**Question Time:** What is meant by the talents in the parable? (See above) What do you think is the primary lesson of the parable? How does Colossians 3:23, 24 relate to school? to your chores at home? to your service at the church?

## Saturday, August 31

**Read:** Judges 6:1-16, 36:40 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "The Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee" (Judges 6:16).

**For the Parent:** This is the account of how God called Gideon to deliver Israel from their enemies. Have the group review the story. Then point out how Gideon made sure that God had called him, vv. 36-40. God always is looking for those who will serve Him and obey His commands.

**Question Time:** Why had God allowed the Midianites to oppress Israel? (v. 1) How was Gideon informed that he was to deliver Israel? (vv. 12-16) What test did Gideon propose to God and what happened?

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## FREED FROM THE FIERY FURNACE

Sunday School Lesson for September 1, 1957

DANIEL 3:14-25

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego beautifully illustrate what ought to be the attitude of every child of God toward the temptations and trials of this present day. Their preservation in the fire and deliverance from the fire is a guarantee of God's faithfulness to His children today.

### THE TEST (Daniel 3:1-13)

Nebuchadnezzar commanded that all men everywhere, at a given signal, bow down and worship the golden image of himself which had been erected in the plain of Dura. All who refused would be cast into a burning fiery furnace. The Jews had been expressly forbidden to bow down to images (Exodus 20:3-5). Daniel's three friends had refused to compromise in the matter of eating the king's fare, and they had no intention of compromising in this instance. Hence, they were summoned before an outraged king who offered them a second chance to pay homage to his image.

### THE TESTIMONY (Daniel 3:14-19)

"Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them . . . , If . . . ye fall down and worship the image . . . , well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." What a test! But what a testimony was given in response to it! Their answer revealed:

*Unflinching courage.* "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter." Nothing hesitant or vacillating about these boys! No doubt in their minds about the right course of action, no foolish attempt to find an excuse to justify them in doing the wrong thing.

*Faith in God's power.* "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." The stress of circumstances did not make these lads forget the strength of God. When tests come, let us dwell not upon our human weakness, nor the severity of the situation, but upon God's grace and power!

*Assurance of deliverance.* "And he will deliver." Faith in God's ability is not enough. Even Satan believes that much! It is faith in God's willingness that takes us through.

*Unreserved consecration.* "But if not . . . we will not . . . worship the golden image." Their loyalty did not hinge upon their deliverance. They would obey God at all costs. Some folk when tested say, "I will go through with God if . . ." To say this is to come short of true discipleship. These are days when men sacrifice principles for expediency. This a child of God cannot do. It is never right or necessary to do wrong. Unreserved abandonment to the will of God is the price of spiritual progress and power!

### THE TRIUMPH (Daniel 3:19-30)

"Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury. . . . These men were bound . . . and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace." This may have looked like defeat.

But was it? In their experience they found:

*A new sense of freedom.* They could walk in the fire without being harmed. What freedom and victory indeed! Moreover, the fire loosed them from their bonds; it burned the cords that bound them. God's people will get into the fire: the furnaces men kindle—open persecution, oppression, slander; the furnaces Satan kindles—temptation, accusations, doubts; and the furnaces God Himself kindles—bereavement, temporal losses, and sufferings. And what do God's people lose in these fires? Nothing that is of spiritual value! They lose spiritual bondage. They lose fear of man and of circumstances, for they learn to know God's power to strengthen and sustain and comfort!

*A new fellowship with God.* The king saw a fourth man in the furnace whose form was "like the Son of God." Christ has not promised to exempt us from trouble, but He has assured us that He will walk with us in trouble! And it is then that His fellowship is most blessed and most appreciated! Matthew 28:20; Psalm 91:15; 34:7; 46:1-3.

*A new power of influence.* The bold stand of the three Hebrews influenced a king, a city, and an empire toward the Living God! People may not be impressed by our doctrine, but they will take notice of a life that manifests supernatural grace and power!

*A new promotion in office.* "Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego." Every victory over temptation, every act of loyalty to God in time of testing, leads to promotion in God's kingdom. We are not living for this life alone! We are being prepared for places of responsibility in eternity. Let us live with its values in view!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### WHOSE HAND?



THY RIGHT HAND HATH HOLDEN ME UP. PSALM 18:35

Fancy



# Jesus Is the Joy of Living



The remarkable testimony of  
**DOROTHY J. TOLL**

**I** WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR IN AN automobile accident in March 1955 that claimed the life of my husband. Both my arms and both my legs were fractured; my feet were sprained; and I had a skull fracture and broken jaws, cheek bones, and nose. In fact, all my facial bones were fractured.

I wasn't a Christian before the accident, but I am now. I have learned that God is the giver of every good gift, and no person can be so sick that he cannot count his blessings and thank God!

Have you ever been so grateful for something that your gratitude overshadowed any suffering or unhappiness? I have! Can you imagine both your legs tied up in traction, a steel pin through each leg, and fifty-pound weights hanging from your feet? Both your arms and hands are tied up in traction, too. You can't do one thing for yourself. Your imagination starts running wild. It feels as if a million bugs are crawling all over you, and you can't do a thing about it. Your lips are parched, but you can't even moisten them with your tongue, because your tongue is locked within the prison made by your wired-together teeth.

Your heart and mind are sick with the knowledge of the death of your spouse. You wonder about your children (I have two little girls, ages six and three). Can you imagine yourself in this situation and not feeling an ounce of bitterness toward life, toward the man involved in the accident, toward God? It happened to me!

My soul cried out to God, and I felt His nearness the moment I knew I was in the hospital. I surrendered myself, body and soul, to His will! There was nothing now to fear. I was so busy thinking of what I had escaped that I didn't have time to brood over the injuries I did have.

The doctor told me that usually when anyone has facial fractures as bad as mine, not only are all the teeth knocked out, but also the bone structure in the mouth is destroyed, making even den-

tures impossible. I often wonder what would have happened if Christian friends had not been praying for me.

It is a miracle I am alive. The car was so completely demolished it is hard to believe anyone could come out of it alive. My head went clear through the windshield, but I was never unconscious. For all nine months in bed I never developed a bed sore. The membrane that covers a part of the brain was destroyed by my skull fracture, and the doctors were afraid that meningitis would set in, but there was never any infection. My face was so badly bruised some did not recognize me. My eyes were bulging and would not focus. My nurse removed large pieces of glass which were embedded in the back of my head. Although my appearance is changed I'm thankful I have but faint scars on my face. It is a marvel how wide my mouth will open.

I wasn't able to move the fingers of my left arm, and the doctors were sure I had a nerve injury. They had to cut the casts off my arm and chest in order to take me to surgery. When we got to surgery my fingers suddenly moved and they decided not to operate. It's wonderful how the Lord delivers at the right moment; my arm is perfectly all right now.

They told me my right wrist fracture was the worst they had ever seen. Today my wrist is as good as ever. The sores on my legs were infected and were so slow to heal. My doctor wanted to do skin grafting before he went away to a convention for ten days. I said, "Give me ten days to grow skin, and if by then you still think it should be done I'll let you." I had faith the Lord would take care of this, and He did. No skin grafting was needed.

A few months later, still hospitalized, I had an acute gall bladder attack and kidney infection. I was very close to death. Very earnest prayer was requested of our congregation, and things began happening. My infection quickly disappeared, my temperature went

down, and my gall bladder showed a very definite change. Instead of being enlarged, as is usually the case after a severe attack, the bladder had shriveled up; and the duct that had been closed off showed a definite passage.

Then there is the miracle of my walking. It was nine months before I stood on my feet. They told me at the hospital my legs were like toothpicks and might break in my attempts at walking and exercising. After viewing my original X rays they told me that most doctors would have amputated both legs. And yet, nothing they told me discouraged me. I knew that all things are possible with our Lord. Later X rays show that I now have adequate bone formation in both legs.

At my church I love to hear the choir sing their theme "Jesus Is the Joy of Living." How true this is! I have been so happy since Jesus came into my heart. I wake up in the morning with the knowledge that I am right with God and His world and His people. I've done more living in the past year and a half than in all the rest of my life. I have found true spiritual satisfaction.

I think it is wonderful how God can remold a human body so terribly wrecked. He does the same thing for twisted souls and warped hearts. What a wonderful privilege it is to pray and know that our prayers will be answered—maybe not in the way that we desire, but always the way that is best for us. God has done so much for me. He has given me victory over tragedy, life in place of death. I love Jesus and I'm always going to serve Him. Truly He is the "Joy of Living."—Dorothy J. Toll, 3247 Mac Ave., Flint, Mich.

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# The Church of God

(Headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee)



Houston R. Morehead  
General Overseer

**R**EMINISCENT OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY itself is the humble beginning of the Church of God in 1886.

The first congregation was composed of dissident Baptists and Methodists in the mountain country of east Tennessee and western North Carolina. This congregation of eight members was headed by two Baptist preachers, father and son, Richard G. Spurling, Senior and Junior.

For the first ten years of its existence, the single congregation made little progress. It was of the holiness tradition, and in sharp dissention with the spiritual laxity of the established churches of the Southeast. Ten years were spent in study of the Scriptures and evangelistic effort. The fruit of their separation and obedience came in a wonderful way in the summer of 1896.

A revival was conducted that summer in Shearer schoolhouse in Murphy County, North Carolina, under the guidance of such leaders as the younger Spurling, W. F. Bryant, Milton McNabb, and Joseph Tipton. Hundreds of souls were won to Christ and a life of holiness. Then something strange happened—or it was strange in that day. Many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in “other tongues” as had the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. The leaders searched the Scriptures in an effort to identify the marvelous blessing that was falling from heaven. Approximately a hundred persons received the experience during that revival. Outstanding healings also took

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place. Literally thousands swarmed to the little mountain schoolhouse to witness this strange thing that was happening.

With the impetus of this spiritual outpouring the young church began a fairly rapid growth—amid some of the worst persecution ever suffered by the Pentecostal movement. It would be ten years before the Azusa Street outpouring in Los Angeles would dramatically focus the attention of the world upon this spiritual blessing, so these mountain claimants and heralds of the Holy Ghost baptism were hated, feared and harassed on every side. Homes were burned, springs and wells polluted, churches dynamited. Members were shot, whipped and imprisoned. Still the church grew.

Four congregations existed in January 1906. At that time the groups, one in North Carolina, one in Georgia, and two in Tennessee, came together for a “general assembly.” This was the modest beginning of the massive General Assemblies to follow in later years. At this meeting the structure of a united Church of God with a strongly centralized form of government was outlined.

In 1909 a General Moderator was chosen to supervise the growing churches, which then numbered more than a score. Now called General Overseer, this office has been filled by the following men successively: A. J. Tomlinson (1909-1923); F. J. Lee (1923-1928); S. W. Latimer (1928-1935); J. H. Walker (1935-1944); John C. Jernigan (1944-1948); H. L. Chesser (1948-1952); Zeno C. Tharp (1952-1956); and Houston R. Morehead since 1956.

During its early years, the Church of God had great enthusiasm for foreign missions but was not financially able to sponsor this work. The first missionary was sent out in 1910—R. M. Evans, to the Bahama Islands. The church was still largely confined to the southeastern

United States. As it gained strength in the homeland, more and more missionaries were sent out to foreign fields. Today the church operates missions in nearly sixty foreign lands around the world.

The publishing program of the church also began in 1910, with the publication of *The Church of God Evangel*. The magazine has been published continually since that time. In 1917, the church established a printing plant of its own in order to print Pentecostal Sunday School literature and other church periodicals.

Today a mammoth plant, which cost over \$1,000,000 to construct and equip, is operated in Cleveland, Tennessee.

The first Church of God Bible Training School was organized in 1918. The beginning of this school was small but significant. Today the school known as Lee College, occupies a beautiful campus in Cleveland, Tennessee, and has a college of liberal arts, a Bible college, and a high school. It confers the Bachelor of Arts degree in both Bible and liberal arts. Regional Bible schools are operated in Minot, N. D., Estevan, Sask., and Fresno, Calif.

Other departments of the church were added as its growth accelerated through the years. An orphanage was founded in 1920, and today there are homes in Sevierville, Tenn., Kannapolis, N. C., and Gaffney, S. C. One of the most vigorous of all departments is that of Sunday School and Youth. Every two years a mass congress is conducted across the country for Sunday School and youth workers. This is only one of the various training programs of the department.

While the growth of the Church of God has at no time been phenomenal, it has been consistent and abiding. Beginning with eight members in 1886, the Church now has 278,753 members. In 1951, the Church of God effected an amalgamation with the Full Gospel Church in South Africa. Its horizons have been broadened by participation in various interdenominational associations and fellowships within the past two decades.

The General Assembly which was instituted in 1906 is the highest body in the Church of God. Until 1946 it was an annual gathering, but since that time it has convened biennially. The attendance at the modern assemblies approximates 10,000. Preceding each Assembly there is a council of ordained ministers which makes recommendations to

the Assembly on matters of polity and doctrine.

An Executive Committee is elected at each Assembly. This committee is headed by the General Overseer, who is now Houston R. Morehead; assistant General Overseers, at present, James A. Cross and Earl P. Paulk; and General Secretary-Treasurer, now filled by H. D. Williams. Assisting the Executive Committee between the General Assemblies are twelve councilors, who are also elected biennially. The present council is made up of L. H. Aultman, H. L. Chesser, Charles W. Conn, E. M. Ellis, Ray H. Hughes, W. E. Johnson, J. T. Roberts, A. M. Phillips, James L. Slay, J. Frank Spivey, Zeno C. Tharp, Ralph E. Williams. The Executive Committee with the twelve compose the Supreme Council, which is the highest body of the church between Assemblies.

Heads of the various departments of the church are as follows: National Sunday School and Youth Director, O. W. Polen; Editor-in-Chief, Charles W. Conn; Executive Missions Secretary, Paul H. Walker; Lee College President, R. Leonard Carroll; Business Manager, E. C. Thomas; and Orphanage Superintendent, Cecil Bridges.

The work of each state is supervised by a state overseer. Each state has an annual camp meeting and state convention, and each state is divided into districts.

The Church of God is optimistic about its future and that of the Pentecostal faith. At the 1956 Assembly several measures were passed that are indicative of our recognition, of our responsibility to our day. A committee on evangelism was named to accelerate the evangelistic interest of the church and to pave the way for a department of evangelism. A similar music committee was named. A national radio program was authorized and other measures to expedite speeding the Word by way of the printed page.



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**What proof have we that the Bible teaches church organization?**

The Universal Church is the Body of Christ. It consists of all saved people. Local churches—that is, congregations in local communities—also are recognized as churches. See 1 Corinthians 1:2 and Philippians 1:1. Without organization such churches could not function; therefore God has ordained that some should be chosen to positions of leadership. Read Acts 14:23; 1 Timothy 3:1-14; and Titus 1:5.

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**Why do you baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost?**

We do so because this is the formula given by Christ (Matthew 28:19). The unity of the Godhead is recognized in the "name," and the trinity recognized in the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

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**What is your opinion of ministers who open new churches and pay for church property through the giving of the people, and then hold the property in their own name?**

The General Council teaches that property purchased with funds contributed by the people should be the property of the people.

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**Please explain the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31, 32).**

The Church had a small beginning, but firm and good. As it was to grow there would come compromise; thus the door would be opened for unregenerate and worldly people to find a place as members within the church. The same birds which devoured the good seed in the parable of the sower would find lodging in the compromising, worldly, but professing church.

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**What did Jesus mean when He said that "the gates of hell" should not prevail against the Church (Matthew 16:18)?**

In ancient times walled cities were fortified with strong gates. At the gates were places of judgment also. Since Lot "sat in the gate of Sodom" (Genesis 19:1), it is believed that he became one of the leading men, or judges, in

Sodom. To "sit in the gate" meant to sit on the city council, as it were.

In saying that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against the Church, Jesus assured that neither the machinations of Satan, nor his organized power, would be able to overcome the Church which was built on the Rock Christ Jesus.

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**Ought we to use fermented wine when serving Communion? Some say the fermentation sets forth the resurrection life of Christ.**

The Communion does not set forth the resurrection of Christ; it represents His atonement. He said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

If a person has been addicted to liquor, the taste of fermented wine might revive in him the old appetite. The emblem of Christ's blood is spoken of as "the fruit of the vine." Let us be content with established practice and serve unfermented grape juice, rather than that which is fermented.

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**What did Paul mean when he condemned eating in the church, in 1 Corinthians 11:20-22?**

Paul was discussing the subject of the Lord's Supper here. In connection with the Sacrament there were love feasts in the Early Church. See 1 Corinthians 5:8 and Jude 12. These feasts of charity became corrupted. Those who had plenty spread it out and ate, while those who were poor were put to shame because they were unable to do similarly. Paul would have this corruption discontinued, and so advised that eating, other than taking the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of the Lord, should be done at home, not spread out for show in the house of God.

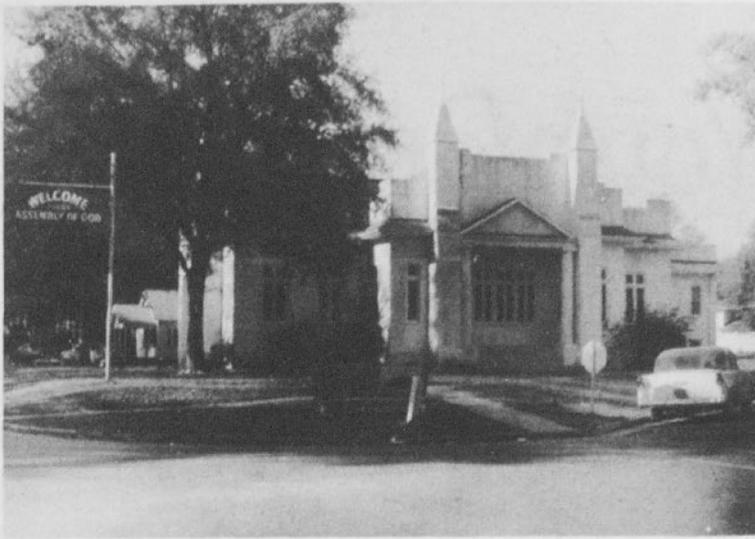
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At first Assembly, Hattiesburg, Miss., the Sunday School attendance was 61 the week before the Enlargement Campaign



District Sunday School Director E. E. Noland and Pastor G. P. Hertweck began making plans

# Pastor Shows Value of Enlargement Month

BY ALEX L. HUNTER

G. P. Hertweck, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, gives the following testimony as to the value of an October Enlargement Campaign.

The district Sunday School director, E. E. Noland, directed the campaign. Previous to his coming for the campaign, the record attendance was 168. The Sunday preceding the Enlargement Campaign 61 persons were in attendance.

The Sunday School was divided into two groups—Lightning Brigade and Legionnaires. The following point system was used in the competition between the two groups:

- 1 point for sending a card, or making a phone call.
- 2 points for each personal contact.
- 3 points for each visitor who attends Sunday School.

This system stirred up much interest and aroused the spirit of Sunday School enthusiasm.

Brother Hertweck reports that the following contacts were made:

	Cards	Phone Calls	Visits
1st week	24	134	382
2nd week	54	85	695
3rd week	361	174	958
4th week	1,714	197	2,294

As a result of excellent planning and hard work, the attendance increased from Sunday to Sunday.

The first Sunday the attendance was 113; the second Sunday, 144; the third Sunday, 166; and the fourth Sunday, 239.

You, too, will see enlargement in your Sunday School as you go forth "To the Harvest," enlisting your church to participate in the Enlargement activities during the month of October.

"To the Harvest" is the theme of the 1957 Enlargement Campaign. This affords every church and every Christian the opportunity to go forth and reap the fields that are white unto harvest.

The following are the sub-themes for each of the four Sundays of October: October 6—SOIL: Community.

The Sunday School will take a census



They mimeographed form letters to be used in contacting prospective members



By the end of the month S. S. Superintendent C. L. Richy was able to display with gratitude a new attendance record

of the territory to be covered on this Sunday afternoon.

October 13—SOWER: Service.  
Prospects located on the previous Sunday will be visited and invited to the church.

October 20—SEED: The Word.  
Gospel literature and materials publicizing the "Harvest Time Rally" to be conducted next week will be distributed on this afternoon.

October 27—HARVEST: Salvation.  
The "Harvest Time Rally" will be held on this final Sunday of the Enlargement Campaign and will tie the grand finale to the gathering of the "harvest" during the month.

This campaign affords every opportunity to win souls and enlarge your Sunday School. Let us, as the ant, be exceeding wise and reap the harvest today.

## Nothing So Strong

(Continued from page seventeen)

and you're the last person in the world I want to hurt."

He faced her squarely and his brown eyes told her that he already knew, had known for some time.

"Jeff, when I married you it was for one thing. Security for Doris and myself." Her voice was barely audible. "I lied to you about being a Christian, thinking you'd never know. You see, I didn't realize that it's impossible to fool anyone for long about something like that. . . . I'm so sorry now, and so ashamed for the lies and deceit! But Jeff," she went on, looking him full in the face for the first time in several weeks, "I want you to know that it's all different after this afternoon."

A spark of hope ignited in the brown eyes. "What do you mean, Carolyn?"

She swallowed around the lump in her throat. "I mean that, through this experience with Doris—seeing you risk your life for her, and realizing that you really do love her—my feelings have—well, they've been sorted out. Oh, Jeff, I've watched your life these past months

and compared it with my own—so empty and lonely and full of frustrations. I've seen my own need of a Saviour to cleanse my sins, but I was afraid to tell you. It—it was like being caught in a trap that I had built for myself! I wanted to pray with you, talk to you, and I couldn't."

Jeff reached for one of her hands, deep sorrow written across his bronzed face. "Honey, you can still know the Lord Jesus Christ. He's just as ready to forgive you right now as He ever was!"

"I know, Jeff, and I'm so thankful that's true. But there's one thing more. *I love you, darling!*" She paused and tears gleamed on her lashes. "I didn't know it before, but I'm positive now! If you no longer want me, I can't blame you, but I wanted you to know. I thought security and understanding were a foundation for marriage, but neither was strong enough."

He framed her face with his hands and kissed her gently. "Nothing is strong enough to build a marriage on, Carolyn, except real love and faith and, if a marriage is to last happily, there must be a mutual relationship spiritually." He studied her face intently. "You're really sure, aren't you, dear?"

Her blue eyes met his brown ones without flinching. "So very sure!" she replied.

## Leg Lengthened, After Prayer

Until God healed me I had to wear a shoe with the sole built up  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, since my left leg was that much shorter than my right leg. I also had pains in my back, because the short leg gave me a spinal curvature.

During Quentin Edwards' revival at our church in February 1957 he prayed and asked the Lord to heal me from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. As I walked away I could feel that now I was limping because I no longer needed the extra sole on my left shoe. I took all the extra leather off my shoes; today I wear ordinary shoes and don't limp. Gone also are the back pains. Praise God, He heals today.—Dewey Hicks, Montgomery, Ala.

(Endorsed by R. J. Ferguson, Pastor, First Assembly 350 Polk St., Montgomery, Ala.)

"SAY NOT YE, THERE ARE YET FOUR MONTHS, AND THEN COMETH HARVEST? BEHOLD, I SAY UNTO YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS: FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST" (JOHN 4:35)

# You Stand In the Midst of Grain!

You stand in the midst of ripened grain that must be gathered now. The storm clouds are billowing high and it soon may be too late!

Can you stand there indifferent to the need? This is not an ordinary stand of grain; it is a vast field of human beings—eternal souls without Christ! The storm about to break is that of God's wrath upon sin.

None of us as Christians are exempt from obeying the command of Christ, "Lift up your eyes . . . look on the fields . . . go ye therefore."

And few of us are so isolated that we can say we do not stand in the midst of grain to be harvested!

"TO THE HARVEST" is the call to Sunday School workers across the nation for the month of October. Join hands in your Sunday School and conduct an Enlargement Campaign. As we unite our prayers and our strength and go from home to home to invite people to God's house, we shall find the grain in which we stand ripe and ready to be gathered. We shall see the salvation of souls.

If you have not taken part in the October Enlargement Campaign before, write the address below and a booklet of helps will be sent you free of charge.

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# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **DECATUR, ALA.**—The church here recently experienced a revival under the ministry of Evangelists Edna Mercer, Frances Hill, and Harry H. Wheeler. God poured out His Spirit in a marvelous way. Seven were saved, 13 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 17 were baptized in water. Three were united with the church.

—*Albert Hodges, Pastor*

► **SKELLYTOWN, TEX.**—The church here enjoyed a very profitable revival for three weeks under the ministry of the Shultz Evangelistic Party. The team was made up of Louie Shultz, Clinton Spilman, and Harry Smith. Eighteen were saved, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 12 were added to the church. Seventeen followed the Lord in water baptism. A tank was set up under the tent for the baptismal service on the last Sunday afternoon.

—*Robin Byars, Pastor*

► **KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—Some 65 souls knelt at the altar for salvation in three weeks of tent revival with Evangelist Tommy Barnett and Musician Donald Brassfield, under the sponsorship of Victoria Tabernacle. The blessings of God rested upon the lives of these two young men. The music was grand. Best of all, the anointed preaching brought strong convicting power, and the revival spirit lingered even after the tent was taken down.

—*H. W. Barnett, Pastor*

► **HAGERSTOWN, MD.**—The Bethel Assembly of God recently enjoyed four weeks of refreshing from the presence of the Lord under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead of Winter Garden, Fla. Several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Among them were some who had been saved for many years. Others were refilled, and some were reclaimed.

—*Arvel J. Barrett, Pastor*

► **SWEETWATER, TEX.**—Evangelist Don George of Hobbs, N. M., recently conducted a two-week revival at the Central Assembly of God. From night to night the power of God was made manifest. A goodly number were saved, and the entire church was blessed by the untiring efforts of this Spirit-filled evangelist. The largest crowds in the history of the church attended the meetings.

—*H. A. Tarkington, Pastor*

► **MILWAUKEE, WIS.**—The Full Gospel Church here had a most enjoyable and successful revival campaign with Evangelist Joseph DeGrado. His anointed preaching, which drew newcomers night after night, was a real blessing to the entire congregation. People attended the campaign from at least 26 denominations, and kept coming back to hear the faith-inspiring messages. Many souls were saved, several were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many testified to healing during the three weeks of meetings.

—*Marc D. Conley, Pastor*

► **EUREKA, CALIF.**—Over 200 attended the Bethel Assembly of God for the first time during the revival recently conducted by Evangelist Jimmy Mayo, Jr. Several of these were saved and have become faithful backers of this work. The church was greatly helped through the meetings.

—*H. C. Lafferty, Pastor*

► **DALLAS, TEX.**—Three months ago the Bethel Assembly of God was started with a revival. The present pastor, Lloyd Gates, conducted the first meetings, and later Evangelist W. W. Jones of Dallas conducted two weeks of service. More recently, Evangelist Parks Noris conducted further meetings. In these three months, the Sunday School has reached a high of 188, 70 have been saved, and 30 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Thirty-nine members have been received into the church, and there is a teen-age C. A. group of 37.

—*Lloyd Gates, Pastor*

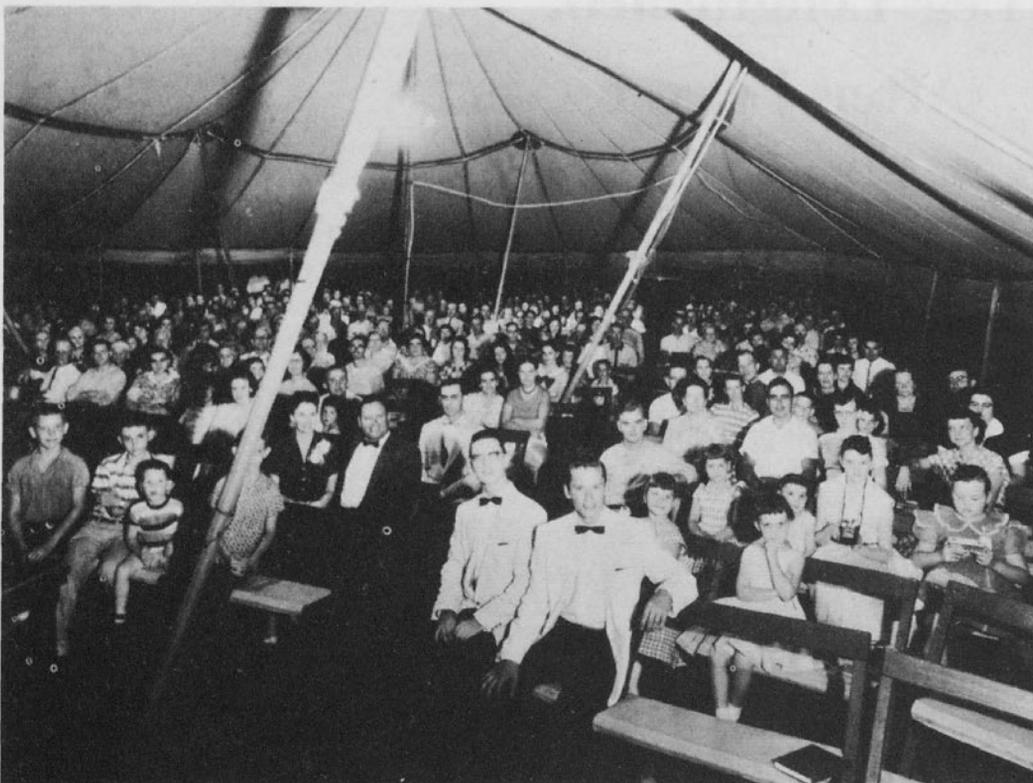
► **FRYEBURG HARBOR, ME.**—The First Assembly of God recently concluded a successful nine-day revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Waterman of Whitefield, N. H. At each service the Holy Spirit was present to minister to the needs of the people. From the very first night the atmosphere was charged with the power of God, as both Brother and Sister Waterman presented the Word under the anointing of the Spirit. Five were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there was one definite healing. Besides that, many were drawn closer to the Lord. This church is a pioneer work, and has only been open six months with a full schedule of services.

—*R. V. Miraglia, Pastor*

► **COLLINSVILLE, ILL.**—Evangelist David Nunn pitched his big tent here during June, and God stirred this area under his ministry. One of the outstanding features of this revival was the anointed teaching of the Word of God. Sinners, the sick, and the needy were ministered to with compassion, love, and patience. Almost every night sinners were in the prayer tent seeking the Lord. The hearts of the Christians were stirred, and many rededicated their lives to Him. In answer to prayer, people were delivered from a variety of afflictions including a stiff neck and back, ruptures, ulcers, and arthritis.

One young man who was an alcoholic and had not been sober three days in a row for three years, was delivered from the power of drink. A man with a defective ear drum since infancy had his hearing restored. A girl who was afflicted with a crossed eye had normal vision after prayer was made for her. A lady who had been blind received her sight and saw her husband for the first time in ten years. They wept and rejoiced together. Another lady came on crutches and walked away without them.

—*Howard T. Wicker, Chairman*



One of the crowds attending the tent revival conducted by Evangelist Tommy Barnett in Kansas City, Kans. Victoria Tabernacle sponsored the meetings.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► **SUDAN, TEX.**—The Assembly of God here has just closed a revival with 14-year-old Douglas Young of Plainview, Tex. There was a mighty visitation of God. Four were saved, three were healed, and many were drawn closer to God.

—*W. A. Torpley, Pastor*

► **ALVARADO, TEX.**—One of the greatest revivals in recent years has been conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth, Tex. The sound ministry saturated in prayer resulted in souls coming to the altar for salvation, the sick being healed, and the church revived and edified.

—*G. C. McGlothlin, Pastor*

► **CLEAR LAKE, WIS.**—The Gospel Tabernacle just closed a fine two-week meeting with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. In spite of hot weather, the folk were faithful in every service. The music was a real attraction, and over 75 visitors attended the meetings. A good number responded to the altar call and many new consecrations were made.

—*J. A. King, Pastor*

► **GARY, IND.**—The Glen Park Assembly of God enjoyed a refreshing and successful revival during May and June with Evangelist Carrie Hunsberger of Fort Wayne, Ind. Daily prayer meetings were conducted at 10 a.m., at which time written requests were distributed to everyone who came to pray. Among the requests were many for the unsaved. Of these, a number came to the Lord during the meeting. There were frequent manifestations of the Spirit and a number of people were healed in answer to prayer. During the meetings a special building offering was received, at which time God's power was mightily present. One evening at a mere suggestion a missionary offering was received which amounted to \$120.00. The services continued for four weeks.

—*Anthony Vigna, Pastor*

► **KANE, PA.**—Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y., recently conducted an evangelistic campaign here. Aside from preaching excellent sermons, Brother Robie carefully trained a special altar workers group showing them from his long years of experience how to use their Bibles in leading folk to Christ. During the meetings, every individual seeker was dealt with personally. Results were most gratifying. Many new folk came to the meetings. It was thrilling to note that as fast as people got saved they began to phone their friends and tell them about the wonderful things God was doing. As a result some of the friends came and were also saved.

There were several healings. A woman who was deaf for 35 years had her hearing restored even before the evangelist prayed for her. A man who had been bound by tobacco was soundly converted and baptized with the Holy Ghost. One night 19 young people gave their hearts to the Lord. It was a thrilling sight on the last Sunday to see so many young people volunteering for Christian service. The meetings were climaxed with a baptismal service. The church has almost doubled in attendance, and every Christian has been drawn closer to God.

—*Roger J. Rakon, Pastor*

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Lodi	First	Aug. 26—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	K. C. Prinzing
	Redlands	A of G	Aug. 13-25	Eskelin Family	A. K. Moore
Colo.	Pueblo	Eastside	Sept. 1—	Dewey Heath	Kenneth Crouse
Ill.	Granite City	Community Hts.	Sept. 1—	Billy Wolfe	Glenn Utley
Ind.	La Porte	* A of G	Aug. 26-30	Dedelow-Friederici	W. R. Wainscott
Iowa	Waterloo	A of G	Sept. 1—	D. E. Skiles Party	R. Thompson
Mo.	St. Louis	Central	Sept. 1-15	R. D. Hastie & wife	R. M. Crenshaw
N. Y.	Rome	First	Aug. 27-Sept. 1	David Wellard & wife	E. W. Darling
N. C.	Windsor	A of G	Sept. 1—	J. W. Farmer	Raymond Hoggard
Okla.	Bartlesville	Tuxedo	Sept. 1—	Billy Guthrie & wife	L. E. Cruncleton
	El Reno	A of G	Sept. 1-15	E. C. Lagmay	Ross Gentry
Oreg.	Waldport	A of G	Aug. 27-Sept. 8	Don E. Gossett	Alva E. Wunder
Pa.	Hillsdale	A of G	Aug. 10-Sept. 3	B. R. Reichard	Frank M. Yarnal
Tex.	Houston	Airline	Aug. 25—	James K. Bridges	J. P. Sterling
	Houston	Bellaire	Sept. 1—	Edward Willis & wife	N. L. White
Canada	Hamilton, Ont.	Central Tab.	Sept. 1-15	Watson Argue	J. H. Blair

\* Childrens Revival

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► **UPTON, MO.**—Peace Chapel Assembly of God enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was edified.

—*W. E. Campbell, Pastor*

► **STONEWALL, MISS.**—The church here enjoyed a time of refreshing from the Lord in a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. E. R. Anderson of Texas. God wonderfully met the people in every service. There were record crowds and interest. Thirty-eight souls were saved, two received the Holy Spirit, 20 were baptized in water, and 22 united with the church. Six young men and their wives who were saved are now working in the church very faithfully.

—*Rewel R. Newby, Pastor*

► **WEST MEMPHIS, ARK.**—The First Assembly enjoyed a mighty visitation of God during a recent two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe of Springfield, Mo. At least 20 sinners and many backsliders prayed through to salvation. Fourteen seekers received the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Also 27 were baptized in water, and 19 new members were added to the church as a result of prayer and anointed preaching. Though the evangelists have gone, the revival spirit continues.

—*Basil Edwards, Pastor*

► **BOKCHITO, OKLA.**—Evangelists Claudell Wren and Ethel Herring of Santa Paula, Calif. recently conducted two weeks of revival in the Assembly here. The glory of God was manifested in every service. There were three saved, and six filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified of definite healing. Eleven were baptized in water. The attendance was very good, and the Sunday School increased during the meetings. The church was helped spiritually, and the revival spirit continues.

—*Paul Michael, Pastor*

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### WITH CHRIST

THOMAS E. JAMISON, 74, Gulfport, Miss. went to be with Jesus on June 8, 1957. Brother Jamison worked as an evangelist. He was ordained in 1945.

JOHN C. SNYDER, 54, of Chico, Calif., went to be with the Lord on July 20, 1957, following a heart attack. Brother Snyder was a minister affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God for twenty-eight years, having been ordained by the Oklahoma District Council in 1929. He spent nearly all these years in pastoral ministry, pastoring churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, and California.

### MANY BLESSED AT YOUTH CAMP

MARLIN, Tex.—At least twenty-five young people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit at the Sectional Youth Camp held here July 15 through 19.

It was our first Sectional Youth Camp in this area. There were at least eighty persons registered as campers and visitors, besides a host of other visitors in the evening services. Services were held each morning and night. Afternoons were given to wholesome games and other recreation activities supervised by Connie Bailey and E. J. Ford, our Sectional C. A. Director.

The speaker in the night services was Jim Morrison, North Texas District C. A. President. Speakers in the morning services were C. T. Gray, C. A. Director from San Antonio Section, South Texas District, Evangelist Joe Mazzu, and our local pastors.

Every camper insisted that we have another Sectional Youth Camp next year. —R. Smith, Jr., C. A. Secretary-Treas. for Waco Section.

# Many Healed Through REVIVALTIME Ministry!

**E**ACH SUNDAY NIGHT AS THE REVIVALTIME broadcast comes to a close, Evangelist C. M. Ward prays for those who are sick and God performs many healing miracles for those who reach out in faith at that moment. Thrilling are the testimonies of those who have received a definite touch from God through this ministry.

In addition, there are a great number of men and women who mail in their prayer requests. God has been gracious, and people have been healed through the prayers of the REVIVALTIME staff. Here are some of the testimonies:

**HEALED OF ECZEMA:** "About two years ago I had eczema on the back of my neck so bad that I was ashamed to go out in company. I wrote you for prayer, and it left without a scar."—Fisk, Mo.

**CHOKING AND COUGHING GONE:** "I wish to thank you for your prayers. I thank my precious Saviour that now the awful choking and coughing is gone and that the goiter has gone down."—Hammett, Idaho.

**HEALED OF SKIN RASH:** "My father had a skin rash on his arm for more than ten years. He went to many specialists, but they could not cure or help this situation. One night he trusted God for healing as you prayed for the needy; and God removed this dreadful, painful rash from his arm. He has not had even a sign of it since that time."—Wheaton, Ill.

**SON HEALED OF CANCER:** "I asked you to pray for my son, and God so wonderfully healed him. When the doctor cut into him, there was no cancer. Fifty X rays had showed that he had cancer and that it was eating. Thank God for His power and the prayers of God's people. Jesus is real.

He has been my help and strength for 37 years."—Ionia, Mich.

**DELIVERED FROM SMOKING, AND HEALED OF LARGE MOLE:** "I am the lady who received a miracle healing of the habit of smoking. I never think of smoking a cigarette anymore. I have had a large mole on top of my head, which hurt when I touched it, and I had to be careful in combing my hair. Yesterday when I was combing it, I was rough with the comb; to my surprise the mole was gone, and there was no sign of it. There is no soreness. Praise God for another healing."—Wheeling, W. Va.

**THROAT TROUBLE HEALED:** "I listen to your broadcast nearly every Sunday night and enjoy it very much. My throat has been giving me some trouble swallowing. Last night during your broadcast when you gave the invitation to put our hands on the sick part, I put my hand on my throat and prayed with you. This morning I was delighted and surprised to find I had very little trouble swallowing my breakfast. Thank God for His healing power, and you for your prayers."—San Jose, Calif.

**PAIN DISAPPEARS:** "A few weeks ago, you said you were going to talk to God and wanted all the sick who had faith in God to raise their

hands and join with you while you prayed. I was in so much pain that I couldn't be still. So when you began talking to God, I held my hand above the radio, believing His healing power was coming; and as you said 'Amen,' all pain and suffering was gone. It has not come back."—Macon, Ga.

**HUSBAND TOUCHED:** "My husband has suffered with arthritis now for about seven years. After hearing your talk about sickness last evening he was greatly touched and said he knew he would be healed."—Chicago, Ill.

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## "LEARN OF ME"

He who will not be sweetly ruled by the divine will is foolishly governed by himself; and he who casts off the easy yoke and light burden of love must suffer the intolerable load of self-will. May I breathe under the light burden of love, and be not restrained by slavish fear, nor allured by mercenary desire; but may I be led by Thy free Spirit, which may witness with my spirit that I am Thy child. For he who walks in the Spirit never remains in one state. His way is not in himself; but as the Spirit dispenses to him according to His good pleasure, now more faintly, nor more eagerly, he forgets the things which are behind and reaches forth to those which are before.  
—Bernard of Clairvaux

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# Serving Our Generation

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the authority of God in his voice, and the passion of God in his heart. Although he never raised a dead man to life, yet he raised a dead nation to "behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Those who heard this leather-girded, leather-lunged prophet with a heart-searing message went home to endure sleepless nights, until they brought forth "fruit meet for repentance." John was a voice, not an echo. His authority was from God. He could say, "Thus saith the Lord," because he received his message from the Lord. Thus he served his generation. This same unction and anointing is a requisite for every Christian worker if he would serve this generation.

After more than fifty years of Pentecostal blessing our Movement is faced with a choice. Either we can deteriorate into another mere denomination, or we can preserve our godly heritage of Pentecost, together with the fervor, life, and power of a Spirit-anointed ministry and membership.

Brethren, we must not be content to have mere equipment; we must have enduement. We must not be content with action; we must have unction. We must not be content with rattle; we must have revival. It is not enough to be dogmatic; we must be dynamic.

Uction is not the gift of genius, nor is it found in the halls of learning. No eloquence can woo it. No industry can win it. No ecclesiastical hands can confer it. It is the gift of God, His seal, His signet, His authority bestowed, His Holy Spirit resting upon the messenger. It is the "double portion" which Elisha asked for. It is the power which Christ promised as recorded in the last chapter of Luke and the first chapter of Acts.

This is the equipment placed at the disposal of the Church. Don't settle for Saul's armor, or a new Philistine cart for the ark of the Lord. God help us to keep this unction ever fresh upon our lives, our ministry, our services. It is that which interprets the revealed truth and backs it with all the power of

God, until men are pricked in their hearts and cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do . . . ?"

There is a little chapel in Nottingham, England, dedicated to the memory of the founder of the Salvation Army. On the wall of this chapel there is a brass plaque commemorating the fact that in this place William Booth met Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

One day an elderly veteran of the Salvation Army came into the church and stood looking intently at the plaque. He was lost in thought, completely oblivious to everything around him. Finally, noticing the custodian standing nearby, he asked, "Is it all right to pray here?" The answer came quickly: "Of course. This is the house of God, a place of prayer—go right ahead."

The custodian said the old man dropped to his knees upon the stone flagging, lifted the worn old hands in imploring gesture, threw back his face with intense earnestness, and cried, "O God, do it again! Do it again!"

May this same cry arise from our lips and from our hearts, "O God, do it again for us, and in us, as we go out to serve our generation." Let us go again to the Upper Room, as did the disciples after Pentecost, for a new enduement of the Holy Spirit, that we may be equipped to minister to this generation with the unction of the Holy Spirit upon us.

—*The Pentecostal Testimony*



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## After My EISODOS

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dences of the fall will have been effaced. Our bodies will be glorified bodies, incapable of disease or pain. They will be like the body of our glorified Lord, who is sometimes spoken of as "the Man in the glory." He is still man as well as God. He retained His human nature after He had finished the work He came to earth to do, and with it He ascended into heaven. He is my Brother as well as my Saviour and Lord.

"Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; for there will be richly provided for you an entrance [an *eisodos*] into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:10, 11, Revised). Meet me there in the glory. You can by the grace of God. Will you? ◀ ▶



# Light in the Shadow of the CAPITOL

BY J. RENTON HUNTER

FINDING MYSELF IN THE PRESENCE of a U. S. Senator for the first time in my life, I hardly knew what to expect.

"Mr. Senator, may we pray?" I said.  
"Yes."

The Senator and his private secretary bowed their heads and I offered prayer in Jesus' Name. When I said "Amen" the Senator grasped my hand and said, "Thank you so much."

The secretary added, "You don't know how much this means to us."

I was amazed yet greatly relieved at their reaction, for the Senator is not known as a religious man.

I had been in Washington, D. C. for only two months at the time of this incident. Most of my life had been spent in the Midwest and I had heard many things about conditions in the nation's capital—few of them good. It seems that people across the country are willing to believe the worst about this area. I would like to assure you that God does have "lights in the shadow of the Capitol." At the same time, I would urge you to join with us in praying for a great move of God's Spirit in this metropolitan area.

Four Assemblies of God churches in the District of Columbia, and a number in the metropolitan area, with other groups, are standing faithful to God, but need your prayers and God's help.

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The author is pastor of Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, an Assemblies of God church in Washington, D.C.

There is a Senate Prayer Group and also a House Prayer Group, which meet regularly and draw quite a number of Congressmen from week to week. There is also a Prayer Room in the Capitol, used by members of Congress exclusively, and individuals retire there quite often for a quiet prayer time.

The Trade Commission Prayer Group is well attended, members of the Civil Service Commission and occasionally a Supreme Court Justice being among those present. There are also Prayer Groups in the Pentagon. Policemen and Firemen of the District of Columbia have a weekly Prayer Service.

The Full Gospel Business Men have regularly scheduled meetings in a hotel just across the Plaza from the Capitol. The Full Gospel Business Women have a monthly meeting, majoring in prayer.

Each Friday, in a downtown Washington hotel, a number of businessmen, government workers, and others meet for an hour at noon, not to eat lunch but to kneel together in fasting and prayer.

It is possible, though not always easy, to meet the Congressmen and Government officials to whom one might wish to witness. However, there are believers filling various positions who are in daily contact with these influential people and who faithfully witness for Jesus.

There are born-again Pentecostal believers scattered through the many agencies and buildings. Sometimes a Christian is found faithfully witnessing in what would seem a most unlikely place.

In a Congressional barber shop there is a humble voice giving daily testimony. A few weeks ago he was taunted:

"You can only talk about cars and religion."

He replied: "Well, if that's so, I

guess I'll just have to quit talking about cars."

This believer has talked with many of our lawmakers about the Saviour and the doctrines of the Bible.

The chief counsel for a Senate Committee was led to Christ, shortly before his sudden death, by another worker.

Much more could be said to assure you that God is working at the capital. On the other hand, Satan is working also. Sin and vice are rampant, particularly in certain areas. It is reported that Washington, D.C., has "the highest rate of alcoholism in the world."

Our capital city needs prayer until she comes to *repentance*.

It seems that every brand of religious philosophy has invaded Washington. At the moment there are 509 "churches" listed, representing 82 different "faiths."

Pray for *revival*.

Most of the people in government service are subject to many pressures. Some of them have been disappointed and discouraged through the hypocrisy of so-called "Christians" or "church members."

Pray that the *reality* of Christ may be made known.

## PERHAPS BEFORE MORNING

To me the Second Coming is the perpetual light on the path, which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head upon the pillow without thinking that perhaps, before morning breaks, the final morning may have dawned! I never begin my work without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work to begin His own!

This is now His word to all believing souls: "Till I come." We are not looking for death; we are looking for Him.

—G. Campbell Morgan

# to the editor



### Special Jewish Edition

I truly enjoyed the Special Jewish Edition of the *Evangel*. I wish every Jew in this country could have one.

Please use the enclosed five dollars to send 100 copies to your missionaries who are evangelizing among the Jewish people.

MRS. SIGNORA HARPER  
Denver, Colorado

### Wrong City

Thank you for publishing the picture of the Mother's Day prayer service at our church. It turned out very well. However, the church is located in Keokuk, Iowa, and not in Mason City, Iowa, as the *Evangel* said (issue of July 7).

I was pastor in Mason City until this past Spring; no doubt that is why the mistake occurred.

A. L. ULLESTAD  
Pastor, Faith Temple Assembly of God  
Keokuk, Iowa

### A Timely Warning

One night last week the Lord awakened me and gave me this poem. Two days later one of my best friends dropped dead on his job, a well-known local businessman. He was my first convert. God saved him and baptized him with the Holy Spirit soon after my own conversion in 1950.

#### BE READY

What glory lights the eastern sky!  
The time has come to say good-bye  
A mighty shout, a trumpet blast:  
The Lord has come, has come at last!  
Angelic voices sweetly sing,  
"Arise, fair one, and meet thy King!"

The graves burst open at His word  
And death retreats before the Lord.

The dead in Christ immortal rise  
To meet the Bridegroom in the skies;  
The elect follow them in flight  
To God's eternal realm of light.

'Bove busy mart and traffic's roar,  
Beyond the farthest star they soar  
To iv'ry palaces sublime,  
Away from toil and tears and time.  
Be ready for that midnight cry—  
The time's at hand to say good-bye.

Oh, it pays to be ready to meet the Lord!

N. J. THOMPSON  
Pastor, Community Chapel A. G.,  
Porterville, California.

August 25, 1957

### A Good Way to Testify

Many thanks for publishing my testimony of Divine Healing in the July 7th issue. It is a great service you are rendering in giving us the opportunity to testify in this way. I have received several letters from readers, some searching for light, others asking for prayer; also phone calls. It means much to me to be able to witness for Jesus and to tell what He has done for me.

MRS. FRED THOMPSON  
St. Louis Missouri

### Requests "Evangel" Anthology

I want to congratulate you on the very fine magazine you are editing. From my point of view it is the best Christian magazine the Lord has ordained to be in circulation.

I have often wanted to keep back copies of the *Evangel* for future reference, but refrained from doing so because I felt the copies were too good to be held back from circulation and should be passed on.

Would it be practical to publish an *Evangel* "yearbook" containing the cream of the articles, stories, personal testimonies, etc. that have appeared in the previous year? This would be an excellent reference book for both ministers and laymen—an immeasurable source of blessing and inspiration—and a gem for a gift.

ULO KURIKS  
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DARRELL WILLIS  
La Belle, Florida

### From a Lonely Missionary

Just a line to let you know how much we enjoy *The Pentecostal Evangel*. We are all alone, far removed from other missionaries, and so we enjoy the fellowship we have with the saints in the homeland through the pages of the *Evangel*. The articles are a real blessing and a great inspiration in our lives. This is a new field; as yet there are no believers with whom we can fellowship, so we are dependent on written materials. May God richly bless you in your good work!

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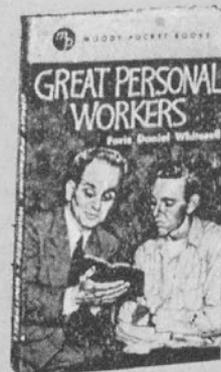
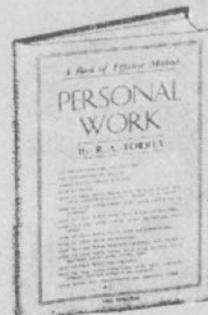
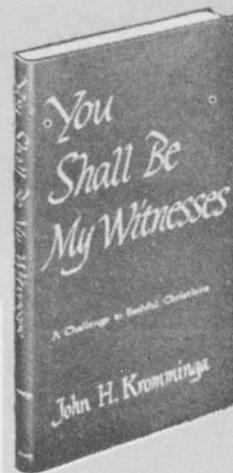
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There will be a sudden and distinct separation between persons. One moment they were working side by side in the field, or in the kitchen; the next moment they are separated. The return of Christ will bring to public view the separation that already exists within people's lives. Two men may be doing the same job in a factory, side by side, linked together by a common task, and yet there may be a great difference between their hearts. The one man's heart is attached to a job, a salary, an earthly life; the other man's heart is attached to his Lord. When the heavenward pull comes, the one who is attached to the things of this world will remain, as though fastened with a chain; while the other man, whose heart is linked to Christ, will respond to the upward pull. One shall be taken, the other left.

Perhaps you say, "That is arbitrary; it is unfair." Well, then, suppose you reverse the order, letting the worldly man be taken and the spiritual man be left. The one taken would be in misery and in terror. He would find himself in the presence of the Lord with no "wedding garment" and the shame of his nakedness would appear. He would beg to be allowed to go back to his worldly affairs. The one left would be even worse off. He would be in deep sorrow for having missed his Lord. Worldly things would seem to him more earthy, more drab, more distasteful than ever before.

Christ said, "Be ye also ready." The men and women who are ready will be taken; those who are not ready will be left behind. Who will be to blame? Not Christ, for He has given clear warning to all, saying, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of

man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). Are you acting on His advice or are you rejecting it?

Suppose a train is scheduled to depart at a certain hour. A would-be passenger is delayed with what he considers "most pressing business." The time arrives for the departure of the train. The train is ready but the would-be passenger is not. He is left behind.

He sees the train pull out of the station, and his friend who has caught the train is waving at him. The man is angry with himself. Does he blame the conductor or the engineer of the train? No. Does he blame his watch or the clock at the station? No, he knows it was his own fault. The train was ready and the passengers who were ready went on it. Those who were not ready were left behind.

That is what happened in the days of Noah. The ark was ready and all who wished to enter the ark were invited to do so. The door of the ark was shut on time, the rains descended on time, and the ark floated on the waters. All who accepted the invitation to "come into the ark" were saved. The rest were drowned. No doubt some people came to the ark after the door was shut, and begged for admittance, but they were too late for the rain of God's judgment had already begun to fall.

Christ warned us that, as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the day of His return. The hour of opportunity will not last forever. Man must seek the Lord while He may be found.

How can we be ready? By responding to the Saviour's invitation, "Come unto Me." Ask Him to forgive your sins and to cleanse your life through His atoning Blood. Turn away from all that is sinful and fix your affection on spiritual things. Ask God to fill you and keep you filled with the Holy Spirit. Feast your mind and heart on the Word of the Lord until your primary interest is in heavenly things, not earthly things. It lies within the choice of each of us to be either the one who is taken or the one who is left. We alone can decide whether or not we will be ready.