

The Pentecostal

# EVANGEL

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

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### *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*

Brightly beams our Father's mercy  
From His lighthouse evermore,  
But to us He gives the keeping  
Of the lights along the shore.

Dark the night of sin has settled,  
Loud the angry billows roar;  
Eager eyes are watching, longing,  
For the lights along the shore.

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother;  
Some poor sailor tempest tossed,  
Trying now to make the harbor,  
In the darkness may be lost.

—P. P. Bliss

## Hilarious Giving

Two things among others, characterize a Pentecostal revival—great joy and great generosity. Wherever people receive an outpouring of the Holy Ghost, they respond with an outpouring of gifts to finance the work of the Lord. Their hearts really *overflow* with joy and generosity. They become “hilarious givers.”

Perhaps you have heard the quotation, “The Lord loveth a hilarious giver,” and wondered whether this was an accurate translation of 2 Corinthians 9:7 or just a coined expression of someone taking undue liberty with the Word of God. The quotation is quite Scriptural. You may not find it in any modern Bible version but the word translated “cheerful” in 2 Corinthians 9:7 is the Greek “hilario” from which our English word “hilarious” is derived.

J. B. Phillips in *Letters to Young Churches* gives this very interesting interpretation of the verse—“God loves the man whose heart is in his gift.” A few verses earlier he quotes the apostle as saying, “I should like it to be a *spontaneous* gift, and not money squeezed out of you by what I have said. All I will say is that poor sowing means a poor harvest, and generous sowing means a generous harvest” (verses 5 and 6). In our day when the rate of births is so much greater than the rate of conversions, the Church is challenged to open its purse wider than ever. There cannot be a generous harvest of souls without generous giving on the part of all God’s people.

There are four great revivals described in the Bible, each of which is closely associated with money (1) The building of the Temple—1 Chronicles 29:6-19 and 2 Chronicles 5:6-14. The people were generous toward God in giving their time, their treasures, and their livestock; and the Lord was generous toward them. He gave them such a blessing that the entire temple was filled with the cloud of His glory. (2) The revival under Hezekiah—2 Chronicles 30:13 to 31:10. The people began paying their back tithes and the financial needs of the temple were quickly met. (3) The revival under Josiah—2 Chronicles 34. Probably there would not have been any great return to God had not the people given liberally to repair the house of Jehovah. (4) The day of Pentecost—Acts 2:41-47. The joy and generosity of the believers who had been filled with the Holy Ghost was so great they did not give merely a tenth of their income but put *all* their belongings on the altar.

Today the need of finances to promote the work of God is very great. There are churches to be built, Bible schools to be maintained homes to be kept for children and old folk. Ministers need support in order that they may spend their time at spiritual work rather than secular employment. Missionaries need to be sent forth. The poor need to be helped. Gospel radio and literature programs need to be financed. May the Lord grant such a reviving in our hearts that we will give generously and hilariously to promote His kingdom.

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# The Need of the Hour

NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH HAS THE CHALLENGE OF SATAN GONE SO UNHEEDED AS IN THIS PRESENT PROSPEROUS GENERATION

BY EVANGELIST H. E. HARDT

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**T**HE FULL GOSPEL TESTIMONY CAME into being about the turn of the century. At that time many true Christians felt an unrest and a deep concern regarding the spiritual state of the church. As this concern continued, a spirit of prayer settled upon many. As they prayed, a fresh anointing came upon them and they found a new joy associated with prayer. Soon many received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the ministry of prayer cleared the atmosphere, drove back the powers of darkness, defeated Satan's aims, and brought about this Full Gospel movement. During the past fifty years this movement has encircled the globe, changing the lives of millions both at home and abroad. At the present time a thing once thought incredible is taking place—mass evangelism in the foreign fields.

But however great this revival has burned during the past decades, the need for spiritual reinforcements is staggering. Satan is now massing his legions for a last great attack before the coming of the Lord. The great need of this hour is prayer.

To meet that need men and women must rally in a great crusade of prayer.

In James 5:17 we read that "Elias [Elijah] was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly." In this verse the Holy Spirit calls our attention to the prayer life of a man who met the hosts of Satan and saved the worship of Jehovah from complete destruction. Some have warned that it is needless to attempt to imitate the experience of Elijah, and that his experience was intended only to meet the emergency of

his day. However, I do believe that we are admonished to attain this type of prayer life.

Little is said in the Bible about the early life of Elijah. He was a Tishbite of the land of Gilead—east of Jordan. This was a mountainous country covered with dense forests. Its people, cut off from the main body of Israel by the Jordan River, were very poor and uneducated.

Elijah probably dressed in the ordinary garb of his native land—leather trunks, sandals, and little or no clothing for the upper part of the body.

Ahab, the wickedest king that ever ruled Israel, had come to the throne. Concerning him the Bible says, "And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him" (1 Kings 16:30). He violated every principle of God's law as though it were a light thing—chose as his wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians—and went and served Baal. When Jezebel moved

into the royal palace of Israel in Samaria, she brought with her 400 prophets of Baal whom she paid from her own private purse. She then ordained 450 prophets from among the Israelites, paid from the treasury in Samaria. These prophets were instructed, under threat of death, to break down the altars of the Lord and slay His true prophets. This would stamp out the worship of the true God and turn the people to Baal worship.

For a time it appeared that they would be successful in this awful mission and that soon the true God would be forgotten.

Elijah no doubt reasoned that they would soon cross Jordan, thus endangering his own life. He feared that the cause of the Lord would be lost, but he loved God and was very jealous for His cause. Elijah could not marshal an army against wicked Ahab and his cruel heathen wife; but he remembered that God had said that if Israel rebelled, He would close the heavens and there would be no rain. This then became his approach. He set himself to pray, calling God's attention to His own Word.

How long he prayed we are not told, but the Bible says that he prayed earnestly. Friends, here is a real challenge. The need is greater now than in Elijah's day. Satan's forces are loosed upon a Christ-rejecting world. The Church is torn by doctrinal differences. The body of Christ is staggering under strife. Many of God's dear children do not know or understand Satan's tactics and are playing into his hands. The challenge is so great that

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H. E. HARDT

By Gayle F. Lewis

Assistant General Superintendent

In our WMC's many women are

# Unnamed- Yet Serving

SOME OF THE FINEST PERSONALITIES in all of Scripture are unnamed—the Shunamite woman, Peter's wife's mother, the "little maid." Some of the mightiest examples of character are portrayed by people whose names are not known—the widow of Zarephath, "a virtuous woman."

Among the best-known and most-commended are the importunate widow, and the widow with the two mites—yet they are unnamed.

Somehow we associate the Shunamite woman with a setting of gracious hospitality. Her thoughtfulness, her generosity, her provision for a weary traveler, her service to a servant of the Lord are unexcelled in all of Scripture. Yet she is not named. Then at a time of greatest possible stress, when her son lay dead in her arms, she maintained her poise; in the moment of severest trial her confidence and serenity were uninterrupted. *"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."*

One of the loveliest sketches we read in the Bible is that of the healing of Peter's wife's mother. Her name? We have not been told. To me the focus of the story is the fact that when Jesus touched and healed her, she instantly arose to serve Him and His friends who were with Him. *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

The one who testified to a heathen army captain, with the result that he vowed to worship the Lord God of Israel forever, and who was instrumental in his being healed of leprosy, is not named. We know her only as "a little maid." With reverence "the little maid" spoke of her master as "my lord." Early in life she learned reverence.

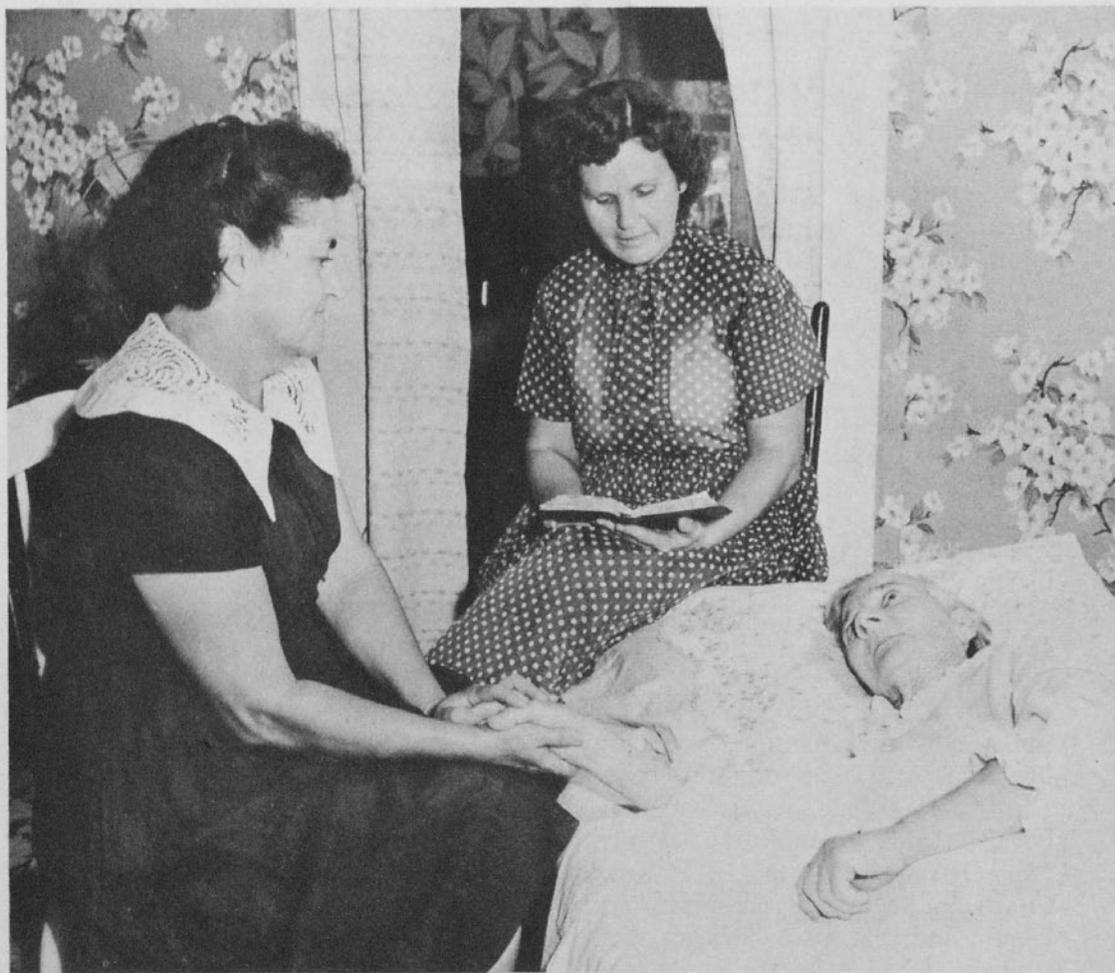
She was trained to serve her master, and she displayed courage in witnessing.

One of the most gripping dramas in all the Old Testament is that of the widow of Zarephath. According to the story, she was gathering sticks with which to make a fire to bake her last meal when Elijah appeared and asked for food. Her last bit of meal was in her hand. There was just enough oil for one small cake. Naturally she was momentarily seized with fright. What of her son, even though she might not

consider her own hunger? Could she let her boy perish? She listened to the words, "Fear not." Then she obeyed the command of the servant of the Lord, "Make me thereof a little cake first...and after make for thee and thy son." Her selflessness has won her a place among the all-time "greats" of the Bible—but to us she is not named.

Proverbs 31 has been declared to be literature's most perfect picture of the ideal woman. Though brilliant and magnificent the portrayal, she too is unnamed! The words of this chapter come from the heart of the godly mother of a king, who admonished her son to seek for a virtuous woman. From the tenth verse to the end of the chapter her virtues are spread before our gaze till there is built up within us a sense of completeness: her diligence in her work, her loving care for her family, her effectiveness in business, her generosity to the needy, her foresight, her words of wisdom, the effective use of her time and her spiritual resources—no wonder it is written that "her price is above rubies."

Turning to the New Testament we have one of the best-known stories of the Bible, that of the woman who is known only as "the importunate widow."  
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# A Midnight Visit

BY KENNETH D. BARNEY

Lubbock, Texas

A NOTED PREACHER HAS WRITTEN a book entitled, *Great Nights of the Bible*. If you are a student of God's Word no doubt you have noticed that many important Biblical events *did* happen at night. There was the night of Belshazzar's feast, Daniel's night in the lion's den, the night of Jesus' interview with Nicodemus, the night of Christ's arrest, and many others.

The night scene to which I would call your attention just now is the night of the first Passover feast, as recorded in the twelfth chapter of Exodus. This was the climax of a long struggle between Pharaoh and Israel, and these words from God Himself are recorded in verse 12: "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord." And in verse 29 we find the fulfillment of God's warning: "And it came to pass that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle."

There are conditions prevailing in our times that parallel that hour of long ago. First of all, it was a night when the judgments of God were abroad in the land. This final stroke of divine wrath that killed the firstborn of every man and beast did not come by a whim of the moment. It was the culmination of a long build-up of resistance to the Word of God on the part of the Egyptians.

God resorts to judgment only when His mercy is spurned. The fires of His wrath smoulder a long time before finally bursting into flame. Prior to the death of the firstborn, Egypt had had nine specific visitations of divine displeasure; they already knew what the Lord could do, if necessary. Yet on the night their homes felt the awful sting of death, the people went to sleep as peacefully as ever. They apparently



had not the slightest realization that the chariots of wrath were thundering down the highways of the sky and were headed straight toward them. But it was a night when the judgments of God were abroad, and before dawn every home in Egypt had felt the crushing blow.

Does not the discerning mind realize that at this very hour the judgments of God are again abroad in the earth? The last forty years have seen rivers of blood gushing over the battlefields of the world. War has ignited the whole earth twice in a generation. The specter of famine has stalked through nations as never before, leaving thousands of starved corpses in its path. Tragedies

of all kinds—earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, and other rampages of the elements—have increased unbelievably.

Violence is filling the earth. The FBI director warns of a coming crime wave that will exceed anything ever seen before. High taxes and the high cost of living are draining the wealth of every nation. The titanic force of Communism is engulfing the world like a flood spewed out of hell. The world situation is such that a nation, in order to survive, must turn itself into an armed camp.

Along with many others, I have a conviction that these alarming events cry in thunderous tones that the judg-

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# NUNZIO

## Finds a Wife

A TRUE STORY BY ANNE SANDBERG

**N**UNZIO WAS SEEKING A WIFE. WHEN a man turns twenty-seven, it is right that he thinks of marriage. The girls at the village dance in Corato, Italy, were charming enough, but he wanted to be sure. His marriage must be permanent. Had not the priest declared that what God joins together man was not to put asunder?

So when he arrived at the dance that night, his head was filled with serious thoughts.

He looked at Nicoletta, lovely and light of feet (sometimes he wondered if her head was as light as her feet). For exhibition performances, none like Maria could follow his expert, intricate steps. (But she also could exhibit bad temper. Her flashing eyes would narrow angrily if he did not please her in every little thing.) With flirtatious Rosa he always had a good time, but she was not a woman one would want to marry.

Nunzio was disturbed as he left the dance that night. Here was not the place to seek the wife he longed for—one with whom he could live happily the rest of his life. He needed one who knew how to cook *pasto u sciuta* well, who would be a kind and obedient wife, and good to their children. One who would never miss Mass.

He retired heavy-hearted. The next morning Mother DiZanno's firm voice called: "Quick, my son, you will be late for church." Gulping his breakfast of *zuppo di latte* he hurried into the golden brightness of Italy's sunshine. Mama was proud of her stalwart son. "Mind you listen carefully and tell me

what the priest said." Every Sunday morning he devoutly trod the same road to the little white-spired church, listened attentively to the sermon, and gave his mother a report.

But life does not always go on the same.

One morning he was greeted by a happy-faced young man, with pamphlets in his hand. "I perceive you are going to church. You must be interested in things pertaining to the soul, and it is well. I would like you to read this paper. It contains news very important to such a one as you."

He read the tract, folded it into his pocket, and with a quick "thanks" hastened on to Mass. After the service he again read the leaflet which described "The Two Roads." It said that Jesus was the way to eternal life. "Ha, Protestant rubbish," he thought; "it is a sin to read such words." He had heard of these people who held meetings at the far end of Main Street. The priest had warned against the heretics who dared say salvation was not in the Mother Church, and who refused to do homage to the Blessed Virgin. Everywhere they were reviled and spoken against. But he was disturbed. \* \* \*

Sunday morning again. Would he see the man at the corner? Yes, there he was at the same place, with the same eyes full of peace, and a cheery "good morning."

"How can you say that Jesus alone is the way?" Nunzio argued. "Don't you know that the Holy Mother Church says we are too sinful to approach

Him? The Blessed Virgin must intercede for us."

"It is true, we are sinful," the evangelical gently replied; "but look"—and he withdrew a small black book. "This is God's Word. I will read to you: *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus* (1 Timothy 2:5).

Nunzio's hungry heart absorbed every word. Still, he was not sure.

Suddenly the church bells broke into their earnest conversation. "Oh, Mother of God, the service has closed and I have not been to Mass! I do not know what the priest said, and what will I tell Mama?"

Mama was waiting: "How was church today? What did the priest say?" Mama always greeted him with the same words.

Nunzio fumbled: "I am sorry, Mother; I—didn't go. I was talking with a man about God, and the time went so fast—"

For a moment there was a shocked silence as the mother gazed at her son incredulously.

"The *Protestante!* Nunzio, a son of mine, talking to that dangerous heretic! I forbid you to ever listen to him again," she warned hotly.

But Sunday after Sunday, there was the persistent young man with the tracts. He talked to Nunzio for hours, speaking loudly enough for others to hear. Nunzio was embarrassed and attempted to avoid him. But he seemed to be everywhere—even when he took a stroll on the broad boulevard. Nunzio

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House that is being remodeled into a church in the city of Himeiji

It happened that Brother Martin at this time was holding services at Bethel Temple, Fort Worth, Texas, where Charles Jones is the pastor. The news was conveyed to Pastor Jones who presented the need to his congregation. The people quickly gathered up the needed \$1,000 and sent it off.

Now the church has been built and dedicated. Already ten new people have accepted Christ as Saviour and are regular attendants with the other faithful ones.

More army surplus buildings are available. More churches can be built

# Army Surplus Aids the Gospel

BY LEONARD NIPPER, JAPAN

**T**HE COMMON PEOPLE OF HIMEIJI heard the Word of the Lord—and the Church of Jesus Christ has some new members!

It happened in the spring of 1956, when Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin came to Japan and held a tent campaign in Himeiji. Many responded to the gospel invitation and these new believers began meeting regularly for worship. They rented a hall and also



Kishibei Sensie, head of Department of Evangelism in Japan; pastor of the Himeiji church; her co-Worker; and Tokugi Sensie, Presbyter.

met in the home of one of the converts. Difficulties and discouragements arose, but God saw the young congregation safely through the stormy period.

In 1957 a new pastor was installed to care for the group. Another tent campaign was held with gratifying results. A proper building must be obtained. But how? The people prayed earnestly and God graciously answered. Evangelist Martin was able to raise enough money to purchase land in a good location in Himeiji near the public bath house. This encouraged the congregation—then further developments took place which made the people praise God for His goodness to them.

Many of the U. S. servicemen were leaving Japan and were selling their houses at a reasonable figure. By faith we secured a fine two-bedroom house for a moderate price. I say, by faith, for we had no money. We wrote Brother Martin of our action, stating that for about \$1,000 we could have a church building in Himeiji. This would include the purchase price of the house and pay for it to be dismantled, shipped over 600 miles by train, and reconstructed at Himeiji.

in Japan if we are quick to grasp the opportunity. You can help take advantage of this favorable circumstance by sending an offering designated "Leonard Nipper Building Fund" to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. ◀◀



Leonard Nipper (left), chairman of Japan Field Fellowship, and Earl Taylor who supervised the construction of the Himeiji church.

# Missionary Erects a New Church Building Each Year

by **ROBERT EDWARDS**, South India

The biennial South India Assemblies of God Conference was held recently. This is composed of three Districts—Kerala, Madras State, and Bombay State—plus a fourth (Mysore) now in the making. These Districts were well represented with 143 voters. They elected Victor Joseph from Madras State as their new Superintendent.

As reports were given from each District, it became evident that a revival is breaking throughout South India.

Just previous to this, we had our Madras State Conference here in Kanakkapillai Valasai. This is a new District, but it was blessed with 70 voters and we felt a sweet spirit of unity.

Ten days before our Conference, the Andersons from Junnar were with us. During this time we had evangelistic meetings in Tuticorin and Kanakka-

pillai Valasai. Nine were baptized in the Spirit and eleven in water. The Andersons were a real asset to our church and our fellowship with them brought a time of refreshing to our own souls as well.

We have averaged erecting one church building a year since we have been in India. The church for this year is in Kaytar and we hope that it will be finished soon. Our Industrial School boys gave the first donation on this church by missing meals to make up their Home Missions offering of sixty Rupees. Last year, we had revival meetings at Kaytar and twelve precious souls who knew nothing of the worship of the true God were saved and baptized in water.

These churches can only continue to be built as special offerings designated for church buildings are sent to us. We feel that this is a great opportunity for

causing the results of the campaigns to be much larger than they otherwise would have been. Propaganda circulated in these countries had stated that the Protestants were all divided and were weak as a result. The Crusades showed this to be untrue.

Large crowds attended the crusades in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina and converts were many. Prayer was an important factor in preparing for these meetings. Prayer chains were formed so that intercession was made twenty-four hours a day in many places. National pastors and missionaries are intent in a follow-up program to establish the converts in the faith.

our dear ones back home who want an established work in India.

Continue to pray for the Industrial School, that its needs may be met, as we take in destitute boys. In March we expect to graduate our first class. These boys will leave with a new grip on life, having been trained to support themselves, and having a new faith in God and in their capabilities for the future. We look upon them as our very own, and feel sad at the thought of parting with them; but our sorrow is turned into joy when we think of replacing them with others, as friends rally to this cause by sending the \$5.00 per month needed to keep a boy in school.

## MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

December 1957

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,568.05	N. Calif.-Nev.	33,616.68
Appalachian ..	835.44	Northwest ..	43,127.17
Arizona .....	1,621.01	Ohio .....	17,015.90
Arkansas .....	3,560.75	Oklahoma ..	13,865.17
Eastern .....	15,299.04	Oregon .....	22,014.15
Georgia .....	2,479.40	Polish Br. ...	42.00
German Br. ...	1,100.15	Potomac .....	10,262.41
Greek Br. ...	5,382.18	Rocky Mtn. ...	10,330.78
Hungarian Br. ...	225.60	S. Carolina ...	440.20
Illinois .....	12,422.23	S. Dakota ...	2,317.28
Indiana .....	5,240.23	S. Florida ...	6,271.17
Italian Br. ...	795.87	S. California ...	45,018.78
Kansas .....	14,454.55	S. N. England	3,256.76
Kentucky .....	945.77	S. Texas .....	10,204.72
Lat. Amer. Br. ...	1,549.04	S. Idaho .....	3,069.67
Louisiana .....	2,423.07	S. Missouri ...	10,473.93
Michigan .....	16,945.98	Tennessee ...	4,305.81
Minnesota .....	15,917.54	Ukrainian Br. ...	249.18
Mississippi ...	1,139.42	W. Central ..	8,384.97
Montana .....	3,511.32	W. Florida ...	3,086.09
Nebraska .....	3,424.15	W. Texas .....	6,992.22
New Jersey ...	7,426.26	Wis.-N. Mich.	10,062.58
New Mexico ...	1,929.22	Wyoming .....	869.56
New York .....	12,579.59	Alaska .....	204.42
N. Carolina ...	1,663.47	Canada .....	382.20
N. Dakota .....	6,293.30	Hawaii .....	296.07
N. N. England	921.98	Foreign .....	128.00
N. Texas .....	12,870.26	Miscellaneous	25.00

Total Amount Reported .....	\$421,837.74
District Funds .....	\$ 14,230.55
National Home Missions .....	3,500.19
Office Expense .....	4,826.09
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	120,213.09
Received for Council Missionaries .....	\$279,067.82
Received for Non-Council Missionaries .....	6,749.06
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State .....	83,247.97
Total Receipts .....	\$369,064.85

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....	\$133,345.46
Missionary Equipment .....	45,230.74
Missionary Work .....	53,074.79
National Workers Abroad .....	8,911.47
Buildings in Foreign Lands .....	38,923.34
Missionary Transportation .....	42,794.25
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts .....	\$322,280.05
.....	46,784.80
.....	\$369,064.85

## Latin American Crusades

Word has been received from Jack McAlister that a series of meetings by Oswald J. Smith of Canada, held in several Latin American countries, have been highly successful. Brother McAlister, son of the General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, accompanied Dr. Smith during these seven weeks of ministry.

A feature of these meetings was the unity among members of various denominations and missionary societies,

### YES OR NO?

The restless millions wait  
The light whose dawning  
Maketh all things new;  
Christ also waits—  
But men are slow and few.  
Have we done all we could?  
Have I, have you?

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Israel

### NEW POTASH SUPPLY DISCOVERED

Potash in concentration five times as great as that in the waters of the Dead Sea has been found in an artesian well which has been discovered in the course of drilling for oil in the Mount Sodom area of Israel.

### TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY OFFERS PROGRAM ON HOLY PLACES

Tel Aviv University will offer bachelor degrees for studies of Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places in the Middle East. The innovation in higher education is scheduled to be introduced during the next academic year.

### ISRAELI DISPUTE SETTLED WHEN SABBATH DUTIES ARE ASSIGNED TO NON-JEWS

A dispute over Sabbath work at an Israeli paper mill ended when the plant manager agreed to let five non-Jews tend the paper-making machines on the Sabbath. Formerly twenty Jews had performed Sabbath maintenance work in the plant.

As long as Jews were working on the Sabbath, the Chief Rabbi in Israel refused to let prayer books, Bibles, and other religious works be printed on paper from this plant. As a result, forty publishers in Israel were forced to use other brands of paper for the past five months.

## Buildings

### CONTROVERSY CONTINUES OVER DESIGN OF AIR FORCE ACADEMY CHAPEL

Controversy over the modernistic design of the proposed \$3,000,000 chapel at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, broke out anew in Congress last month. Senator A. W. Robertson (D.-Va.) said:

"The designing architects claim that structures heretofore built as houses of worship are outmoded and that the Academy boys should have a chapel reflecting a new concept of religion in keeping with modern art.

"I confess to being old-fashioned in my views on modern art. When I look

at a painting, I want to see something I can identify instead of merely a splash of colors.

"I am also old-fashioned in my religious views, and would not donate my personal funds for a house of worship which might just as well be a museum of modern art or a skating rink."

The Virginia senator said the "hard-earned tax dollars of constituents with old-fashioned views" should not be spent on a structure which looks like "a series of wigwams, accordions, or something of the kind." He introduced a joint resolution which, if adopted by Congress, would require the Air Force to get final plans approved by the House and Senate committees on the armed services, before starting construction. He said this precaution would insure that the design is one appropriate to a house of worship.

### CONSTRUCTION OF CHURCH HALTED BY WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Judge Andrew W. Parnell ordered a new Church of the Open Bible congregation in Appleton, Wisconsin, to cease construction on the \$40,000 church building it had planned. The church property is in an area zoned for one-family residences. An Appleton real estate broker and thirteen residents instigated the court action, claiming the church building would violate the city's zoning ordinance.

The judge pointed out that zoning ordinances which exclude churches generally are invalid on constitutional grounds. He said that restrictive covenants, however, have generally and universally been enforced.

### EVANGELICALS SPONSOR CHURCH ARCHITECTURE CONTEST

*Christian Life* magazine and the National Association of Evangelicals are sponsoring a church architecture contest that is open to all evangelical Christian architects, engineers and designers. Joe Kimbel, the magazine's architecture consultant, said the purpose of the contest was "to stimulate interest in the provision of suitable churches

to meet the needs of the rapidly growing number of congregations being established by evangelical Christians."

Winner of the contest will be announced at the NAE convention in Chicago April 14-17.

### CALIFORNIA CHURCH IS DENIED USE OF RESIDENCE AS HOUSE OF WORSHIP

A Baptist church in San Mateo, California, has been denied permission to use a home in a residential area for church services and Sunday School. By a 3-2 vote the local planning commission agreed with residents of the area that the use of the home for religious services would cause "disadvantages" to other residents. (Their neighborhood is so exclusive they don't even want God to move in, it seems!)

## Communists

### EXTREMIST DOUKHOBOR GROUP SEEKS ENTRY INTO RUSSIA

The Sons of Freedom, an extremist group of the Doukhobor sect, have sent a delegation to Russia to seek permission for 2,500 of their number to enter that country. The Doukhobors are a religious sect that believes in communal living. They came to Canada from Russia early in the century under an agreement that they would not be required to bear arms. Numbering about 12,000, they are confined almost entirely to British Columbia on the west coast.

Most of the Doukhobors are law-abiding and co-operate with authorities but the Sons of Freedom, representing about one-fifth of the sect, have frequently caused trouble by holding nude parades, burning school buildings, and committing other acts of violence. They wish to emigrate to Russia because, they claim, they are not free in Canada to worship and live as they wish.

### COLUMNIST SAYS THE REAL THREAT TO WORLD PEACE IS ATHEISM

David Lawrence, writing in a recent issue of *The United States News and World Report*, went to the root of the trouble when he said the reason America can't believe any promises made by

the rulers of Russia is that "they don't believe in God." He wrote:

"In the Western world, theism is the basis of every constitutional right, every principle of free government. We are confronted in Moscow not with theoretical or philosophical atheists, but with practicing atheists.

"For atheism is unmorality. It has no regard for human life. It worships instead at the shrine of a materialistic and godless ideology.

"The world is not going to be safe for any of us as long as atheistic Communism is enthroned in Eastern Europe. There is nothing else to do but to shore up our defenses. At the same time we can fervently speak what is in our hearts to the peoples behind the Iron Curtain and pray with them for deliverance. For in the millions of them who still believe in God rests the hope of mankind. They must inevitably find a way to set up a government of freedom."

## Temperance

### KILLED BY DRINKING DRIVERS

Out of the 225 deaths that resulted from traffic accidents over 1957's 30-hour Christmas holiday period, at least 67 were killed in accidents involving drinking drivers. The National Safety Council has found that a drinking driver is involved in about 30 per cent of all fatal highway accidents.

### LEGAL LIQUOR VOTED IN NINE NEW AREAS LAST YEAR

The Distilled Spirits Institute at Washington, D. C. reports that about 83.8 per cent of the nation's population now live in areas where liquor is sold legally. During 1957 there were 358 elections held on the question of permitting or prohibiting the sale of liquor. The wets claim an edge in the voting. They say there was an increase of nine political units (ranging from precincts to counties) in the number that permit the legal sale of distilled spirits.

## Miscellaneous

### GOVERNOR ASKS THAT SUNDAY SALES BE REGULATED

Governor Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey has called for a "statewide pattern" of laws regulating Sunday sales "with a recognition of local needs." In his message to the 182nd legislature the governor declared that "increasing commercial activity is drastically changing the character of Sunday as a day of rest."

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE will enroll in the C. A. "Character College" on National C. A. Day, April 20. The "Character College" is a special campaign to help Assemblies of God youth develop strong Christian character. The campaign will run for five weeks, ending on Pentecost Sunday, May 25.

A CURFEW ORDINANCE was passed by the city council at Scobey, Montana, at the urging of local churches and police. The ordinance forbids juveniles to be on the street or in public places after 11 p.m. on school nights and after 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD and other religious groups testified in Washington, D. C., on behalf of legislation to curb the distribution of obscene literature. Ralph W. Harris, Editor of Church School Literature for the Gospel Publishing House, was one of a number of churchmen who appeared before a sub-committee of the House of Representatives and urged passage of the Dowdy bill. The bill sponsored by Rep. John Dowdy (D.-Tex.) would permit violators of the Post Office rules against the mailing of lewd and pornographic materials to be tried at the point to which the mail is addressed, as well as where it is deposited in the mails.

THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE reports that total membership in Baptist churches in 105 countries has increased to 22,068,058 — an increase of over a million in a year. Most Baptists (19,447,899) are members of 17 U. S. Baptist bodies.

CHURCH LEADERS IN MICHIGAN are increasing their pressure for a proper observance of Sunday as the Lord's Day. The Michigan Council of Churches joined with the Michigan Pastors' Conference and the University of Michigan Extension Service in adopting a resolution asking all "responsible" business leaders in the state to keep their firms closed on Sunday. The council also asked Michigan residents to "refrain from giving business firms your patronage on the Sabbath." (Firms whose operation on Sundays "is vital to the health and welfare of their communities" were excepted by council officials.)

THE EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF INDIA had about 2,000 persons present at its seventh annual conference in Vellore, South India. Delegates of 43 Protestant denominations attended the four-day meeting.

THE NAE COMMISSION FOR WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP will be moved from Boston to Chicago on April 1. According to J. Palmer Muntz, chairman of the commission, the move to larger and more centrally-located offices was made necessary by expanding operations. There are now 21 countries having National Fellowships associated with the WEF. The purpose of the NAE Commission is to serve these National Fellowships throughout the earth and to provide leadership for Conferences on World Evangelism.

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM has been preaching to large audiences on his Caribbean tour. In Jamaica 30,000 turned out to hear him, the largest crowd ever to gather for any event in the island's history, and there were 1,600 decisions for Christ. In Barbados, more than 60,000 of the island's 230,000 persons attended the evangelistic rally and 1,180 stepped forward to make decisions.

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## Christ Teaches About His Return

Sunday School Lesson for March 2, 1958

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Every parable of Jesus was intended to teach one outstanding lesson and only one. To attempt to build doctrine upon every detail of a parable is to depart from a sound, practical exposition of God's Word, and to create confusion, strife, and discord. Therefore, we shall consider the main thought and lesson of the parable before us, its principal parts, and a few practical lessons which may legitimately be drawn from it.

**THE COMING OF THE BRIDEGROOM**—In the parable of the ten virgins Jesus used an illustration very familiar to his hearers, namely, the Jewish bridal procession. It was the custom for the bridegroom to go with a party of his companions to the house of the bride, then to take her to his house, where a marriage feast was prepared. The bride was accompanied from her father's house by her own friends (the virgins of the parable), who waited for her at a certain point and then joined the procession and shared the joyous festivities of the marriage feast.

**THE MAIN THOUGHT OF THE PARABLE**—Lack of preparation on the part of the foolish virgins excluded them from attendance at the wedding feast.

**THE MAIN LESSON**—Only those with a genuine and living spiritual experience will be received by Christ at His coming.

**THE VIRGINS** represent those who profess religious faith in Christ. They represent Christendom, the professing Church of these last days.

**THE LAMPS** may be said to represent the individual's outward profession of Christianity.

**THE OIL** represents the Spirit of God, which produces spiritual life, power, and character; it represents the power of the indwelling Spirit, without which there can be no light, or in other words, no genuine spiritual experience. However, there is absolutely no scriptural foundation for the teaching that the foolish virgins represent those who are not baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures do teach that apart from the Holy Spirit no one can be saved or possess a genuine spiritual experience. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). Those who have light concerning the Baptism and the Spirit-filled life ought certainly to feel obligated to be filled and to keep filled with the Spirit. But Paul tells us (1 Thessalonians 4:16) that those who are "in Christ" shall be resurrected and ready for Christ's coming; this certainly includes thousands of godly people who know little or nothing about the baptism in the Spirit as evidenced by speaking with tongues.

**CARELESS PRESUMPTION**—The foolish virgins carelessly *supposed* that they were ready to meet the bride-

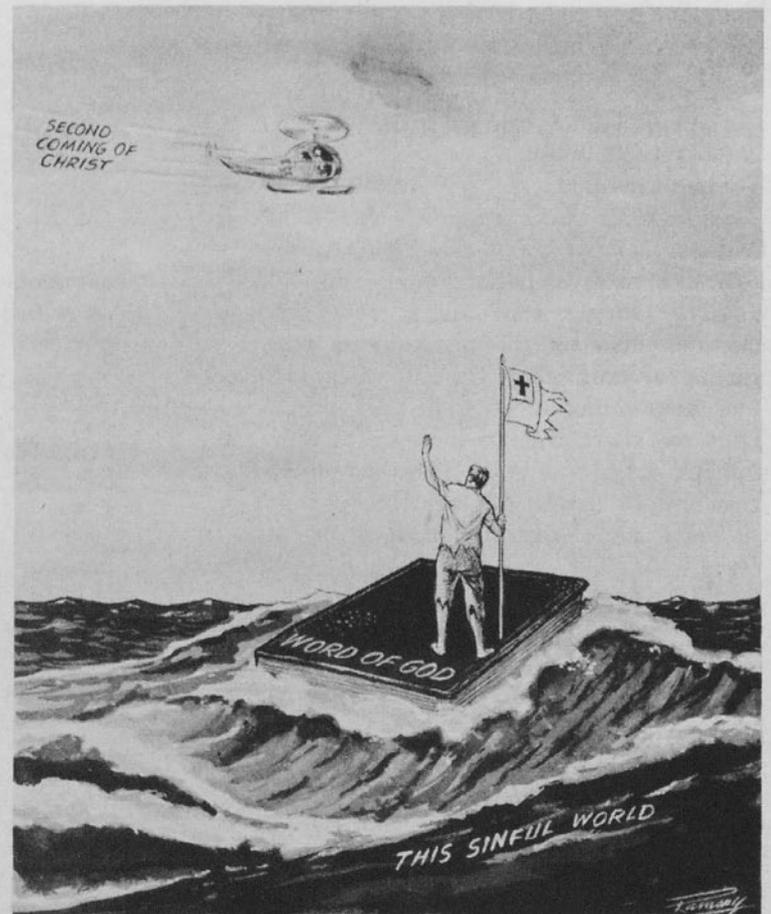
groom. The parents of Jesus *supposed* that He was with them and went on without Him (Luke 2:41-44). Are we in danger of similar presumption? Do we neglect fellowship with Christ, Bible reading, and church attendance, supposing that everything is all right? Are we trying to live on some wonderful experience of the past, forgetting that we need a daily supply of the oil of the Spirit? a daily meal from God's Word?

**READINESS FOR SUDDEN SERVICE.** The bridegroom came and found the foolish virgins unprepared. So it will be with many when Jesus comes. Yet there is a sense in which Jesus comes to us all very often (Matthew 25:35). He comes in the form of opportunities for ministry and service. Are we prepared for these surprise visits? Paul said, "Be instant in season, out of season."

**SPIRITUAL PARASITES**—The *sacculina* is a tiny animal which possesses neither legs, nor eyes, nor mouth, nor throat. But by means of its twining roots, it takes its nourishment ready prepared from the body of the hermit crab. It boards entirely at the expense of the crab, which supplies it liberally with food, shelter, and everything else it needs. Some people are like the *sacculina*, in that they become spiritual parasites dependent entirely upon others for spiritual strength. We need pastors, friends, revival meetings, and church attendance, but we cannot depend upon these alone for spiritual life. We must have a spiritual life of our own—a vital, living relationship with Jesus, a constant supply and inflow of grace as a result of personal fellowship with Him. If we neglect this, the crisis will come and find us unprepared! (John 15:1-7.) Our safety is to be found in abiding in Christ!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### RESCUE PLANE



# Bleeding Stops in Answer to Prayer

I became quite ill on October 23, 1957. I thought my kidneys were bleeding. I called my daughter-in-law, and she came right over. She urged me to see a doctor. I must admit that I was frightened, so I went to a doctor. After a few tests he said, "I am going to tell you the truth. Your bladder is bleeding, which means one of three things—a bad infection, kidney stones, or cancer. I can't do anything for you; you must go to a specialist." So he made an appointment for me for the next day.

The specialist made more tests and told me the same thing. He told me to come back the next Monday, October 28. I went home very discouraged.

On Sunday morning I went to Sunday School, quite sick and depressed. I sat through Sunday School, and when our pastor finished making the announcements in the church service I spoke up and said, "Brother Friend, I am quite sick. Will you anoint me and pray for me?"

He said, "Yes, and anyone else who needs healing should come."

Sister Friend was nearby, and she laid her hands on me, too. Brother Friend anointed me, and the whole church prayed. My whole body felt new, and the bleeding stopped.

On Monday I told my husband there was no use to go back to the specialist. He said, "Maybe you should go, just to see." But God seemed to say, "Hands off, I have healed you." I knew He had, but I went. I told the nurse and doctor I was healed, but he prepared to take X rays. He took seven or eight and made other tests. Suddenly I felt that I was dying. I called the nurse and she called the doctor.

I knew I had gone against God's will for me. I heard the doctor say, "Give her more oxygen." The nurse said, "She doesn't have any pulse." All of a sudden Jesus appeared to me,

dressed in white, one hand outstretched. I prayed. I began to feel better. After two hours, I was able to sit up.

The doctor said, "You surely had a close call." He took my blood pressure and said, "Your blood pressure dropped from 180 to 120 in less than three minutes."

After another hour or so I saw the doctor and asked him what he had found. He replied, "Your bladder is completely healed; you don't need surgery." I said, "I told you God healed me."

I am so thankful for the healing power of God, and for the many people who prayed for me.—Mrs. A. A. Harvey, Bakersfield, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Ernest L. Friend, Pastor, Niles Assembly, Bakersfield, Calif.)*

## Delivered From Diabetes

I can never thank God enough for His goodness to me. When I was stricken in November 1956 with a bad sore on my leg I decided to let a doctor see it. A test for sugar showed that I had diabetes, and the doctor said, "We doctors have no cure for it; we only use insulin to hold it down." But I told him the God I loved and served could heal me. So I called Beulah Skidmore and another minister to pray for me. God healed me, and without one shot of insulin. I still have no sign of my old disease. I want all sufferers of sugar diabetes to look to God and trust Him, and He surely will heal them.—Mrs. Gertrude Palmer, Hardy, Va.

*(Endorsed by Beulah Skidmore, Pastor, First Assembly, Roanoke, Va.)*



Jonathan Paul Radick, age 5 months

## Baby Spared

Almost immediately after our baby Jonathan was born (on June 14, 1957), two doctors came into my room and told me there was no hope for his life. He had water on his lungs, they said. Besides, he was born prematurely, and weighed only five pounds. They put him in an oxygen tent, but each day he grew weaker. He could not take food, and had great difficulty in breathing.

However, God spoke to me daily from His Word, assuring me our baby would live. The doctors could do nothing at all for him. As a last resort they called in a top specialist, but he said the baby would probably bleed from his bowels and die.

The following morning the spirit of prayer was upon me for hours, as I was alone in my hospital room. The same morning the baby began to take nourishment. After much prayer by God's people, we brought our baby home. We had spent 17 days in the hospital. My baby is perfectly well and is good-natured. All praise to our wonderful Lord!—Mrs. Olga Radick, 6776 York Rd., Parma Heights, Ohio.

*(Endorsed by W. L. Rhyand, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, Cleveland, Ohio.)*

# The Christian and the

**I**N A WIDELY READ PERIODICAL THERE recently appeared an article by an avowed evangelical who ridicules the mentality of those who ask such questions as, "Is it worldly to go to a show?"

Such reasoning is unfortunate and calculated to hinder instead of help earnest Christians to please God.

Dr. R. A. Torrey said in a sermon in London, "I repeat, knowing the stage as I do know it, not only as I have read about it in books, but from contact with a good many theatrical people, and having had a good many conversations with theatrical people, I would rather see my daughter in her coffin than see her on the stage."

In another message the same evangelist pointed out, "In all that I am saying I am not legislating for the world. If it were in my power to pass a law that there should be no more dancing, no more card playing, no more theaters, no more movies, I would not pass it. I would not believe in it. No, I am not legislating at all for the unsaved about

these matters, or other matters. I am simply trying to tell men and women who profess to be Christians how to get the most out of your Christian life, and, in particular at this time, how to have power in prayer. And, beyond an honest question, these things rob prayer of power. The Christian who dances, or goes to the theater, or plays cards, or attends the movies, or does many other things which are not pleasing to God, cannot be a man or woman of power in prayer."

This is the manner in which the real believers spoke a few years ago; but whatever the reason, a different and less positive note is currently being struck. Perhaps television has blunted our spiritual senses and robbed us of the ability to stand true-blue with Jesus Christ against evil. When Nebuchadnezzar subjugated the Kingdom of Judah the issues in Jerusalem were clouded by quislings or "fugitives that fell away to the King of Babylon" (2 Kings 25:11). One wonders if there is not a close parallel today.

*I do not go to theaters.* Permit me to spell out the reasons.

1. I boycott the shows because there isn't time for such indulgence in a cosmos as needy as our twentieth-century world. Life is brief, and the river of time flows with amazing rapidity. Hence the dedicated, all-out Christian determines with the apostle Paul to "press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14, A.S.V.). "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12).

2. I decline to attend the theater because going there would place me at once in the wrong company. It is a matter of simple observation that believers who are getting aggressive Kingdom work accomplished are just not there. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1).

A young man went to a pastor and



Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom, manager and speaker; Miss Shirley Kean, pianist; Miss Barbara Goodwin, soprano; Mrs. David Olshevski, alto, and David Olshevski, tenor.

## Evangelizers Report on 1957 Tour

More than 60 one-night rallies were conducted by the 1957 Evangelizers on their recent five-month, 15,000-mile evangelistic tour of 17 states in the eastern half of the nation. Besides the one-night rallies, six meetings of three or more nights were held, and three campaigns of two or more weeks were conducted by the five-

member evangelistic party. Souls were saved, the sick were healed, believers were filled with the Spirit, and churches large and small were revived as The Evangelizers ministered enthusiastically in music, preaching and personal evangelism.

Organized and managed by Evangelist Wayne Fagerstrom from Florence, Oreg., the 1957 Evangelizers consisted of a mixed trio and pianist. All four of the musicians both sang and played musical instruments. The excellent music and faithful praying and altar work of the musicians, coupled with the effective Bible preaching of Evangelist Fagerstrom, stirred the hearts of thousands.

This was the third annual tour sponsored by Evangelist Fagerstrom in which outstanding singers and musicians from among our Assemblies of God youth were employed. The next Evangelizers tour is planned for the west coast starting Sept. 6, 1958. These tours have taken on the nature of a "school of evangelism" as Brother Fagerstrom coaches the team members in the best methods of doing evangelistic work. As a part of this personalized "learn by doing" program, a different member of the team is assigned each day to lead the devotions of The Evangelizers. On these occasions as well as while traveling during the day, Brother Fagerstrom lectures to the team on such subjects as Ministerial Ethics, Expository Preaching, Church Administration, Sunday School Methods, Public Relations, Church Publicity, and Vocabulary Building. Many former Evangelizers are now serving successfully as Ministers of Music, Religious Education Directors, and Assistant Pastors in some of our finest churches.

# Theater

stated that he would be willing to join his church with the understanding that he could have his liberty. He was connected with various worldly organizations and was fond of the dance, the theater, and the social life of the world in general. "All right", said the pastor, "you may come in and have your liberty if I may make one or two stipulations."

"That's fair," said the young man.

"Will you be in your place as regularly as possible in the prayer meeting, and always give your testimony, or lead in prayer?"

"It can't be done," said the young man thoughtfully.

A most provocative verse appears in Judges 18. "Then the five men... came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt in security [careless], after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, for there was none in the land, possessing authority, [margin, *the power of restraint*]" (verse 7, A.S.V.). To hobnob with those who dwell carelessly is not the pilgrim way of discipline and discipleship.

3. I refuse the invitations of friends to "see a show" because when I did attend some years ago I invariably saw things which were the antithesis of the lovely, pure, and virtuous (see Philipians 4:8). The most cursory glance at the theater advertisements today is conclusive proof that the theater is no better now than formerly. As a contemporary Christian has pointed out, "It is the place of worship of false gods. They worship the god of lust, the god of power, the god of unreality, and the god of progress."

"But by going and taking enough more Christians like yourself you can reform the business. You can make your weight felt." So spoke one wily worldling. It would be interesting if it were sound, but it is not a sound argument. We cannot reform the show business, because it would not be acceptable to the world when reformed. People want that sensual, sexual coloration. For this precise reason they choose to remain sinners.



Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

Even if the picture is innocuous, off-color pictures are slipped in by way of whetting appetites for the presentation of the following week. Henry Ward Beecher's utterance may not be repudiated because of its date; the statement is as valid as it ever was: "There is scarcely an evil incident to human life which may not be learned at the theater. There one learns how pleasant a thing is vice; license is prospered, and the young come away alive to the glorious conquest of lust."

4. I refuse to patronize the modern theater because an important principle is at stake: by my attendance I would support the godless Hollywood set.

One has only to read the newspapers, pay a visit to the city of Hollywood, or inquire of anyone living in that area, to know that divorce runs rampant, marital infidelity is frequent, and that actors and actresses generally are not wholesome people.

A warning at this point is apropos. Christians whose consciences forbid their attending the theater should be careful not to let those identical show people enter their front rooms via television. TV programs will be closely censored by consistent Christian parents.

5. When eternity's values are rightly rated and the Word of God is permitted to speak for itself, one can readily see that Hollywood productions belong to this present world, the thing that Christians are admonished *not* to love. The Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the

world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). In the *Devotions and Prayers of John Wesley*, edited by Donald Demaray, Wesley is heard saying, "True love of God engrosses the whole heart, takes up all the affections, fills the entire capacity of the soul, and employs the utmost extent of all its facilities." Hence "the world" is excluded.

Some people insist that they are discerning and can select the shows that are clean and educational. Are not such people forgetting the law of love (Romans 14:15)? Paul's law of love should deter us from doing anything which might cause another to be weakened in his Christian life (Romans 14:21). By noting that I go to shows (How seldom he doesn't know, nor how careful I may be in my choice) he follows my example, and soon the keen edge of his love for Christ is blunted. What a serious responsibility I have assumed, and what a solemn answering will be mine!

A missionary hero has said that after his conversion the question ceased to be, "Can I do this?" and became, "Will I be helped in my Christian life by this?" That should be our standard. There is plenty of clean, wholesome recreation for young people these days; and the question confronting us is: Do we want to walk the high road with God, or shall we drift to and fro with the crowd on the misty flats? It is still true that "*Many crowd the Saviour's kingdom; Few will bear His cross.*" ◀◀

*"Use hospitality one to another, without grudging."*



# Hospitality Without Grudging

BY MAX FREIMARK  
*Alamogordo, New Mexico*

**H**OSPITALITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A great trait of the Jews. Even in Jesus' time there was the Upper Room, where He would assemble with His disciples. It was quite natural that they should find room and a cordial reception "into whatever house" they entered (Luke 10:5, 7).

The modern Jew, of course, has his guest chamber just as the rest of the "refined" world does. But in Europe, among the orthodox Jews, we still find the specially dedicated upper room. It is the largest, best lighted, and best equipped room in the house, generally situated on the second floor. The family takes particular pride in this room and makes it a showroom for visitors and friends, and this room is used for social gatherings of Jewish rite.

Adjoining the upper room is the bedroom, which is always kept scrupulously clean and ready for occupancy. It is not used, however, as one might presume, only for visiting relatives or people in high standing; the poor Polish or Russian outcast and beggar who goes from town to town and from house to house occupies this bedroom and the upper room if he comes to the place toward evening. Of course, he also sits at the same table with the family.

We realize then why hospitality, now almost a lost art, is given such prominence in the New Testament (Matthew 25:25; Romans 12:13; 15:7; 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8; Hebrews 13:1-3). "Use hospitality one to another, without grudging," Peter exhorted (1 Peter 4:9).

Paul did not refer just to Abraham when he said, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2), for he gathered the experience "in his own hired house" (Acts 28:30).

It is a great blessing to have others about you continually. You will soon find that they are not strangers, but brethren whom the Lord wants to make one with you. Apart from what you will learn through them as His ambassadors, He multiplies His grace to you so that things which in the presence of others are offensive to you are properly put down by you as your own weakness, your wrong way of living; and you will ask God to cleanse you of your hidden faults. For who can know his own shortcomings, except by the light of the Holy Spirit? (Psalm 19:11, 12).

You will learn to safeguard your tongue, for you will soon find out that

the things which you "just mention" will be proclaimed from the housetops. And how can you expect others to keep secrets which you yourself could not keep? Your life will become more and more a walk before God, not merely a profession in church.

The presence of others, with their bodily and spiritual needs, brings you into a real prayer life, so that you would rather pray for others than eat. The Spirit gives you discernment to discover the weaknesses of others, and authority to loosen them from the claws of Satan. Surely the children of God are endeavoring to do their best, but often do not know what binds them. As your brethren go from you, you are able to follow them in prayer, and keep in contact through a blessed ministry of writing. You yourself will grow stronger as you strengthen the weak. Even as you keep before the Lord those who go to foreign fields, He will show you their condition and needs by many means, natural and supernatural.

To "use hospitality," then, is as much a command as to "be filled with the Spirit." Everything that God recommends is good, is Godlike, and brings boundless blessings to the doer. He opens your home to others so no man can shut it, either day or night. He regulates your own way of living, so





# Thanks to the WMC's

BY ELVA JOHNSON

**O**N BEHALF OF OUR HOME MISSIONARIES, our Alaska Children's Homes, and the many pioneers whose work has been made more effective through the WMC's, the National Home Missions Department says a hearty "Thank you" to the National WMC Department, and to every local WMC member.

Your works of faith and labors of love have been an inspiration both to the staff of the Home Missions Department and to the workers who have reaped the benefits.

Many of our home missionaries have written to this department expressing their appreciation for the WMC's.



Girls of the Valdez Home use ironing equipment provided by the WMC's.

Mrs. James Houghton, matron of the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home, said recently:

"It is with grateful hearts that we express our appreciation to the Women's Missionary Councils for their faithfulness to the Home. Surely it must please the heart of God to see Christian women take their place as true handmaidens of the Saviour, with willing hands and hearts, sacrificing for the sake of these children.

"As we look about the Home we realize that we have little that was not made possible by the WMC's, either through outright purchases, or through offerings which enabled us to obtain needed items.

"When we were in great need of ironing boards and covers, an iron,



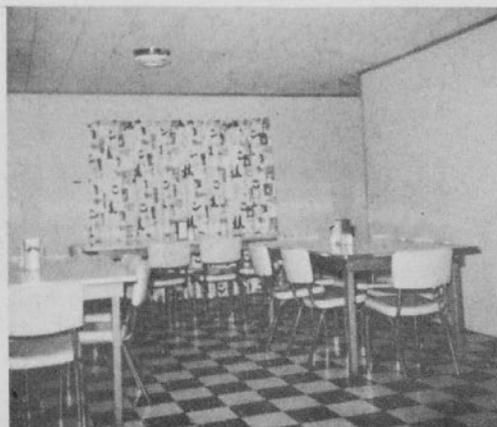
One of the girls displays the mixer provided by the WMC's.

towel racks, and other equipment, they sent in the funds with enough extra to purchase a much needed electric mixer.

"Sheets, pillow cases, quilts, clothing for the children, and foodstuffs including dried fruits, cake mixes, and jellos, which they have sent, all help immensely to lift the financial burden.

"Their willing hands have provided much needed household items such as dish towels, sewing needs, rugs, and many other items too numerous to mention.

"Our humble thanks go to each and every one. We know that we can depend upon the WMC's as our needs arise. Their prayerful spiritual support has also brought untold blessings to all of us."



Dining room chairs at Valdez were provided through offerings from EVANGEL readers

In Northern New England, the WMC's have made a valuable contribution to the work of the pioneer pastors. One of these pastors, Mrs. J. E. Barney, of Lancaster, N. H., wrote to her District WMC president, and the letter was passed on to us. The letter reads in part:

"We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for what the WMC of the district has meant to the young work here in Lancaster. The many boxes of clothing which have been brought to us from time to time have certainly met a real need here.

"We have a converted Catholic mother and six children attending Sunday School regularly. At one time they could not have come had it not been for



WMC's of Calvary Assembly in Philadelphia, Pa. This group is helping pioneers in New Hampshire.

the clothing that was provided through our district WMC. New shoes for the mother and three boys were purchased by an offering you received when you heard of the need. The Worcester WMC also contributed to the needs of this family. The spiritual growth of the mother has meant much to us. We want to thank you also for the linen and blankets we received for the parsonage.

"I'm sure that all the pioneer works of this northern section are deeply grateful for the various types of help received through district WMC headquarters."

Gloria Kinney, a new missionary to the American Indians in New Mexico, writes:

"The Oregon District churches have certainly been wonderful to me since I came to the field. The Gresham church sent a drum of jam, not only for my own use, but for distribution to the Indians. This has helped make many new contacts. Also the district sent a drum of vegetables, and much used clothing. During the Christmas season the churches sent a number of boxes of lovely gifts. To God be the glory for His goodness. Many an Indian heart was made glad at the Christmas season because of the WMC."



Gloria Kinney

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This somewhat hidden ministry of consecrated lay women continues to be a great blessing to our workers. The national WMC office is to be commended for its effective efforts to coordinate the activities of district and local groups. The cooperation between local groups, district leaders, and national offices, has resulted in much greater blessing for more home missionaries than could possibly have come through individual effort. God bless the WMC's!

## No Time to Lose!

If you need more **Evangels** in your weekly church order, there's no time to lose. It's time right now to check with your secretary before she puts the quarterly literature order in the mail.

The other day a pastor told us, "There's always a scramble for copies at our church; we just don't have enough **Evangels** to go around."

An officer in another church said, "We always run out of copies, so I'm hoping the pastor will order more **Evangels** for next quarter."

It's time right now to make out your order for church and Sunday School supplies for the second Quarter. Be sure you order enough **Evangels** so that every family in your church can have a copy—and allow for extra copies for visitors, too.

# How Beecher Found God

Few American pastors exerted so enormous an influence as did Henry Ward Beecher of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

Beecher was raised in a godly home where the *fear* of the Lord was carefully cultivated. That was part of his trouble. Of those early years he used to remark, "I do not believe that any heathen in India ever went before monstrous-mouthed idols with more quaking than I felt when I thought of Jehovah."

In those days Beecher would sing with terror the hymns of Isaac Watts, where he threw blood upon the blazing throne and quenched divine indignation. He would read what the Bible and preachers said about hell fire and almost collapse in alarm.

Not that Beecher rejected those views. He afterwards preached on occasions, sermons as scorching as Jonathan Edwards ever delivered. But at this early age what Beecher hungered for and needed was not more terror. He testified, "I was terrified enough. I had too much fear." What this convicted man needed was an appropriation of mercy to mitigate his misery.

Because Beecher was a preacher's son, everyone expected him to enter the ministry. Thus, although still unsaved, Henry enrolled in Lane Seminary. "I

studied theology there without a hope," he related, when referring to early experiences in that institution.

Then something happened to Beecher. All eternity will never erase the change that was effected in his life. This young scholar was meditating upon a lesson when the blessed idea of the *goodness* of God dawned on him. Truths which formerly had been only theological propositions became personal realities. "Christ reveals God to seeking men—to me. Christ imparts salvation to me because I need Him so much, and not because I can ever deserve Him."

At that moment the clouds lifted and the whole heaven seemed radiant. Beecher arose and exclaimed, "I have found God!" He could not remain indoors. The relief caused by his born-again experience was so great he could hardly contain himself. "I have found God, and he is a good God!" Beecher declared, as he rushed out into the surrounding fields. And this famed Congregationalist pastor, in describing the event later, would relate, "That was the first time I had found Him. And I went, like one crazed, up and down through the fields, half crying, half laughing, singing and praying and shouting like a good Methodist!"

—Raymond L. Cox



## NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN RIVERTON, NEBRASKA

On November 11, 1957, the new Assemblies of God church at Riverton, Nebraska, was dedicated. District Superintendent Lester W. Dickinson was the principal speaker.

In July 1955 about 9000 board feet of native lumber was sawed and stored to cure for the beginning of the new church. The first spade of dirt was turned over on March 3, 1956 for the foundation. The building was finished under the ministry of Pastor LeRoy Eichman, who is in his second year of labor at Riverton.

The structure is valued at \$12,000, although the actual cost of the material was only \$7,500. With the exception of about \$79, all labor was donated by the pastor and church people.

"Study to show thyself approved  
unto God . . . rightly dividing the word. . ."



Photo by A. Devaney

# Bible Study

## —A PRIME NECESSITY

BY DONALD GEE

THE WORLD CHRISTIAN DIGEST publishes an interesting article from the *Baptist Times* by "Rover," in which he says that the future of Chile seems to belong to the Pentecostal churches. This is a notable statement.

Yet after writing appreciatively of the uninhibited prayer and the naturalness of their worship he says, "What might be done if this enthusiasm were linked with sound Bible teaching? Perhaps they will learn, as their brethren in the United States have learned, that a true Pentecostal movement needs the nourishment of quiet Bible study."

This considered opinion is repeated worldwide, for the same plea comes from Argentina, from Pakistan, from

Indonesia, and indeed from all the continents. The problem of linking "quiet Bible study" with the fiery enthusiasm of a Pentecostal movement is extremely difficult, for enthusiasm is the essence of the movement. Enthusiasm is the secret of its success in Chile. Where the Pentecostal movement loses its enthusiasm it dies as a revival and becomes just one among the other denominations, with its only distinctive feature being a denominational creed with one or two new doctrines.

Pentecostal enthusiasm always has something of rebellion in it—rebellion against formalism, rebellion against almost any form of order and government. And the rebels are very much afraid of losing their liberty. One of their favorite texts is, "Where the Spirit

of the Lord is, there is liberty." Of course, they take it right out of its context and interpret it incorrectly, but it does voice a deep longing and a rugged determination to enjoy uninhibited freedom in worship. It is a claim for life.

Unfortunately, it is a fact that Bible study is linked in the minds of most enthusiasts with the kind of bondage from which they have escaped; and they regard it with deep suspicion. Bible study is "quiet"; it necessitates some use of the intellectual powers; it calls for an orderly approach. Therefore they are wary.

This suspicion of Bible study must not be supposed to include any lack of love for the Word. Pentecostal enthusiasts usually love Bible preaching. But it has to be of an "enthusiastic" order—not very logical, appealing to the emotions rather than the intellect, often using the Bible in a highly typical manner—"teaching" being limited to exhortations to believers as distinct from evangelism.

The problem, therefore, resolves itself into making real Bible study an integral part of Pentecostal enthusiasm so that it will in no sense quench the fire, but will only direct and regulate it to the further increase of revival.

There is no place for the stuffy academic teacher, who may be thoroughly versed in hermeneutics and quite orthodox in doctrine but unable to catch fire. Unhappily it is men of this type who have been largely responsible for the unpopularity of Bible teaching among the enthusiasts.

The answer to this problem is to have *Pentecostal* teachers—Pentecostal not only in name, but also in fact. They must be men full of the Holy Spirit, men whose genuine enthusiasm is beyond question—yet genuine teachers, and not merely exhorters. I am sure such exist, for they are one of God's spiritual gifts to the Church (Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:6).

I am convinced that the deep final answer lies in the personality of the teachers themselves. They must be men in the truly Pentecostal category. Their ministry of teaching must be by a spiritual gift, over and above any natural gift for teaching. Their souls must be on fire. They must teach because, in one sense, they cannot do otherwise. They must have a divine ability to make essential truth simple, palatable, and memorable. They must possess a gift

from the Holy Spirit, and manifest the Spirit. They must leave Pentecostal enthusiasm regulated and directed, but unquenched.

Needless to say, there is a fleshly enthusiasm which will have to be dealt with kindly but firmly. If allowed free rein it would mar any revival, ruin the testimony of any local assembly, and damage even the most sincere personality. There is a need for discernment between good and evil. This discernment is not always easy. A man true in his

own spirit is not likely to be deceived. The supreme need is humility.

Perhaps there never will be a great number of such men, but it is incredible that there should not be enough if the Lord is having His way in the willing obedience of His servants. Enthusiasm has accomplished so much that is glorious that it would seem a shame if its fruits could not continue to be reaped for the glory of God. It must not be allowed to destroy itself just for failure to make room for equally enthusiastic Bible study. ◀ ◀

## Nunzio Finds a Wife

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argued, but inwardly he was much distressed and thought deeply of the things he had heard. Then, once more he was invited to attend the Protestant church.

"Yes," Nunzio replied, "I will go and see for myself."

When they arrived, the congregation was singing. "Ah, what music! Never before have I heard songs like these," he whispered. His keen, intense eyes darted back and forth as he watched "the dangerous heretics." How happy they looked! "Jesus, Jesus"—how beautiful the Name sounded in their fervent prayer. "Ah, my soul, is not this for you?"

Repeatedly he attended the meetings, bearing the tearful reproaches of his beloved mother, the sneering taunts of friends. He was almost ready to decide. But one thing troubled him.

"My friend," he said to his new acquaintance, "I must tell you something. I am getting older. I would like to marry. In your church there are many men but few young women. If I should become one of you, I might not find a wife...."

"But I cannot continue like this. I am a sinner; I must find forgiveness...."

Weeks of battle brought him to a final, wholehearted decision for Christ. With that, a great weight lifted from his soul, and he committed his life into the hands of a Saviour he knew he could trust.

Some five thousand miles away, across the stormy sea, Andrew Ferucci teased his sister Mary: "Twenty-two years old and not married. Better hurry or you'll be left behind."

Mary's large, brown eyes deepened. "That's all right, if God so wills," she said.

Eight years before, Mary had left Corato, Italy, to come to America. She lived with a Christian aunt in the East until she learned to speak English, then attended Bible School. On graduating, she moved to Illinois where her brother lived. There she found a friendly little Pentecostal church and was comforted in her loneliness.

In the rooming house where she lived there were temptations. Handsome George, attracted to her petite brunette charm, coaxed: "You're too pretty to spend all your time in church, Mary. Come out with us tonight; we'll show you a good time."

Mary had been witnessing to the young people who lived in the same home. "But it is a great pleasure to go to church; come, see for yourself what it means to be a Christian," she would say.

"Some other time," they would answer.

So Mary walked with her Heavenly Companion. Sometimes the loneliness hurt. Especially when she received a letter from Italy that her younger sister was being married to a splendid Christian, member of the Pentecostal church in Corato. Mary's parents were ring-leaders of that group, which first began with meetings in their home. Later, because of continuous revival, they expanded to a flourishing church.

Sometimes she longed to be in Corato; but Italy was distant and the steamship fare high. She was saving, but it accumulated so slowly.

Then the letter came. "Father is

## College Teachers Wanted

As Evangel College expands for its fourth year, it will be necessary to add a number of instructors to the staff. These instructors should possess at least a master's degree, although a doctor's degree is preferred. They must have a major proficiency in the area they teach. Evangel will be adding persons in the following areas for 1958-59:

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Education—secondary or administrative specialty

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very ill; won't you come?" Mother Ferucci was pleading.

"Lord, shall I go? I would love to see Daddy again, perhaps for the last time."

When the Lord said "Yes," she made immediate plans to sail, taking three months' leave from her work.

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Nunzio, now thoroughly saved, occupied his usual seat in the Corato church. One Sunday he observed the Ferucci family entering with a stranger. "Who is the attractive young lady?" he wondered.

The God-ordained friendship quickly ripened. Joyous days followed. Mary's leave was about to end. America would be a fine place to live. They prayed. God whispered, "Yes, this is of Me."

It was a lovely wedding, where two lonely hearts brought together by the hand of God from two continents were united. God found Nunzio a wife, and such a one as he never dreamed of. For she would be a kind wife and mother; she knew how to cook *pasta u sciuta* well; and above all, she loved the Lord.

The Second Advent is the Christian's hope, and should be our constant inspiration. The assurance that our Lord will come again should nerve us for the fight, and steady us for our task. It should cheer us in our lonely hours, and move us to fresh effort when we are inclined to despair.

—Dr. W. Graham Scroggie

**R**ECENTLY I HEARD A MINISTER warn others against preaching too much of the "letter" of the Bible, for, he said, "the letter killeth." To support his position he quoted 2 Corinthians 3:5, 6: "Our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for *the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*" His counsel was that ministers should minister more of the "spirit" and less of the Word to our congregations. As far as I was able to gather from his words, he must have meant that it was our duty to stir up the emotions of the listeners, firing them with a spirit of ardor and enthusiasm, but using the Word of God only sparingly, for "the letter killeth."

Without doubt that passage in Corinthians is one of the most misunderstood texts in the Bible. It furnished Origen with what he considered sufficient authority to build his dogma that Scripture must be interpreted spiritually and allegorically, rather than sanely and literally. The modernist appeals to this passage for his rejection of all literal interpretation of the Bible's words. And it is this passage that causes even some Pentecostal folk to relegate the Word of God to a place of secondary importance. Believing that Paul had reference to the written Word, they feel that a protracted ministry of that Word or a strong emphasis upon it will destroy the spiritual life of the hearers. Nothing could be further from the truth, as a few facts will show.

Paul could not have been referring to the written Word of God by his use of the term "letter," for all his recorded sermons in the Book of Acts are based on Old Testament Scripture (see Acts 13:16-41; 17:2, 3, 11-13; 18:11). He also appealed to the written Word for proof that he preached the truth of God. His appeal was always, "Nevertheless what saith the scripture?" (Galatians 4:30). It was by searching the Old Testament scriptures that the Berean Jews ascertained that Paul's preaching was the truth (Acts 17:11). Paul instructed Timothy, "Preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2). It was Paul who said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Word of God is so far from being a "killer" that it actually generates faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans

# The Letter, the Spirit, and the Word

BY W. B. SHOWS

Rosenberg, Texas

10:17). That Word makes men "wise unto salvation" (2 Timothy 3:15); it sanctifies and comforts (John 17:17; Romans 15:4).

Jesus taught that the Word is "spirit and life" (John 6:63), not death and destruction. He declared that man shall live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4), not die as the result of those words. He also showed that error is a result of ignorance of the Scriptures (Matthew 22:29).

Many other facts could be produced, but these are sufficient to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that whatever Paul meant by the term "letter" it could not have been the written Word.

Probably the phrase, "ministers of the new testament," has contributed greatly to the belief that Paul's "letter" refers to the written Word. The average reader, seeing this statement, immediately thinks of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. But the Greek "diatheke," here rendered "testament," is best rendered "covenant." So a better translation of the verse would be, "Ministers [servants] of a new covenant." (There is no definite article before *diatheke* in the Greek.)

Paul is not here contrasting the written Word of God with the Spirit of God. He is contrasting the old covenant with a new covenant. The old covenant was legalistic, an "administration of death" (v. 7). This was the Mosaic covenant under which Israel struggled, a covenant that put upon their neck a galling yoke which they were unable to bear (Acts 15:10). It was a covenant which imposed upon unregenerate man a host of "Thou shalt's" and "Thou shalt not's." It could only kill, as it only revealed God's requirements without giving power for meeting them. It is hardly too strong to say that it commanded the impossible, since it furnished no power to do what was commanded. This was doubtless the letter which Paul declared "killeth."

The new covenant, which Paul said he was a minister of, is said to be an "administration of the spirit" (v. 8). This is the covenant of which Jeremiah spoke, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, . . . But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel . . . I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts . . . for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Hebrews 8:8-12 shows that Christ established this new covenant on the basis of grace, not law. Under this covenant men do not have God's requirements handed to them written on tables of stone, but written by the Holy Spirit "in their hearts." Thus this new covenant (here by metonymy called "spirit") "giveth life," while the old covenant (by metonymy called "letter") "killeth." The effects of the new covenant, being inward, furnish one both the will and the ability to do God's good pleasure, as Paul said, "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). Consequently, we under this covenant can say with Augustine, "Give what Thou commandest, and command what Thou wilt."

Let none of us feel, therefore, that God's written Word kills. Rather, let us resort to it constantly, for it is food for our soul. And as the Psalmist said, God's Word is "sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10).

There are vital qualities of life and spirit in God's blessed Word. The experience of a modern translator, J. B.



## Meet the Registrar

We would like to introduce Wilmoth Price, Registrar at Evangel College, and tell you something of God's gracious work in his life.

He was converted in the Assemblies of God Tabernacle at Crosby, Minnesota. Little did anyone realize that a revival meeting during the 1930's would affect the destiny of so many Pentecostal young people in 1958; but a thirteen-year-old boy was saved in

that revival meeting who today is an Associate Professor and Registrar at the Assemblies of God liberal arts college in Springfield, Missouri.

As a young man Wilmoth Price attended the Lake Geneva camp meetings, and received much inspiration and spiritual encouragement. Perhaps the similarity of his name and that of the speaker had something to do with his keen interest—for the camp-meeting speaker each summer was none other



Ph. D.'s at Evangel College: (left to right) Wilmoth C. Price, Harry Goldsmith, Daryl Larson, Robert Frost, Richard Strahan.

than the silver-tongued Dr. Charles S. Price.

Although Wilmoth Price has never attended a Bible college or pastored a church, he has worked for the Lord as a very active layman in Assemblies of God churches in all the communities where he has lived. He has served as C. A. president, Sunday School superintendent, and board member.

He obtained his Ph. D. degree in business education at the University of Minnesota. In addition to serving several years as a college instructor he has written for various periodicals in the business education field. Currently he is serving as editor of the Newsletter of the Council on Consumer Information. In 1955 he was awarded a fellowship in business by the Foundation for Economic Education.

Dr. Wilmoth Price is a Spirit-filled teacher who has dedicated his life to the training of Christian young people for the business world. He believes that a college education in a godly environment is an ideal preparation for a career in the days to come.

"Knowledge does not guarantee that an individual will be of good moral character," he says. "Even a knowledge of the right does not necessarily give an individual the desire or intent to do right. The training of the spiritual man is just as important as the training of the intellectual, social, and physical aspects of our lives."

Dr. Price is one of five faculty members at Evangel College who have received doctor's degrees. Each of them has been filled with the Holy Spirit. The students are impressed with the devotion to Christ and the enthusiastic interest in spiritual things that these expert teachers display in their daily lives. ◀◀

Phillips, makes this very evident. He states in the preface to his *Letters to Young Churches* that the quality of the material he was working with was so vital that he often felt like an electrician rewiring a house with the power on. Make no mistake about it, God's written Word bears spirit and life, not death. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Perhaps no better advice concerning the Word could be given than this: "Know the Bible in your head, store the Bible in your heart, sow the Bible in the world, and show the Bible in your life." ◀◀

## Spiritual Sponges

It is a well-known fact that many movie-goers who are continually being excited and stirred in the world of "make-believe" become emotional drunkards.

There are also religious drunkards, Bible conference drunkards, and church drunkards—who go from meeting to meeting, constantly being stirred but doing nothing about it.

Their souls soon become "fed-up," their moral muscles deteriorate, and they lose their capacity for being aroused. Presently they suffer from a

moral let-down, a religious hangover. They delude themselves.

They have heard the best preachers; they have read the best books; they have had their ears tickled and their emotions thrilled as with a stimulant; the doses have to be increased, so after a while there is no effect, no matter what they read or hear.

An alarm clock which fairly blasts us out of bed on the first morning may eventually fail to arouse us, if we continually ignore it. Something like that happens to those who join the band of travelers who hear—AND DO NOTHING!

—Vance Havner.



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# The Need of the Hour

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it calls for a united front among all God's children. This is the time for us to unite our forces in prayer.

It is quite evident that this is the hour of the world's greatest conflict. Satan is making his last stand. Everywhere there are wars and rumors of wars; international unrest; race hatred and strife.

What is our defense? How shall we proceed? How can we meet the challenge? Our greatest need is earnest prayer. Elijah was a man subject to human passions. Prayer worked for him, and it will work for us. He was not a superman, except in his prayer life. He was just an ordinary individual, but his consuming passion was to defend the honor of his God. To this end he directed his life. He prayed until he knew he had the answer.

Live or die, he would attempt a beachhead. Single-handed he crossed Jordan and marched to Samaria. He struck at the national head. When he stood before Ahab, he certainly was conscious that he was standing before a great potentate. All civil authority was vested in this man. But Elijah shouted to Ahab, "As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand..." He recognized that he represented One whose authority and power greatly surpassed Ahab's. There was a divine intelligence directing him and an authority that could not fail.

His words stung Ahab to the quick. The king stood frozen in his tracks, unable to call his bodyguards or valiant men. His defense was brushed aside by a man who prayed earnestly. We all know the story of the great drought that followed, then the fire and the rain from heaven—all the results of the life of a man who, though an ordinary human being, had learned the secret of earnest prayer.

Friend, it is up to us to accept the challenge that is before us. Begin to pray earnestly. God must answer. He will answer. The battle is the Lord's—and victory is sure, because we are on God's side.



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**What were the keys which Jesus promised to Peter? (Matthew 16:19)**

In Israel when a man was made a doctor of the law there was placed in his hand the key to the place where the sacred books were kept. This meant that he was authorized to explain the Scriptures to the people. Peter made use of the spiritual keys when, at Pentecost, his message opened the door of the Church to the Jews. He made use of them again when he opened the door to the Gentiles at the home of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-47).

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**How do you explain John 20:23—"Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained"?**

One explanation is that the Lord remits the sins of those who accept the gospel, while those who reject the gospel still have the guilt of their sins upon them. Insofar as we give the gospel to people, or withhold it from them, we are (in a sense) remitting or retaining their sins. Paul showed that the presentation of the gospel was to mean either life or death. "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life" (2 Corinthians 2:15, 16). John 20:23 certainly does not mean that man has the power either to forgive sins or to withhold forgiveness.

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**What authority to bind and loose did Jesus give Peter in Matthew 16:19?**

The same authority which Jesus gave to Peter in this verse He gave also to the local church, the body of Christ, when it acts in the Spirit of the Lord (see Matthew 18:18). If the church decides a member must be disciplined, and this is done in a Christian spirit, Jesus approves the action. If the church later feels that forgiveness ought to be given, He approves this—for He is the Head of the Church.

For example, Paul instructed the church at Corinth to use discipline on one whose life was wrong (1 Corinthians 5:3-5). Later he felt the sinner had repented and ought then to be forgiven (2 Corinthians 2:3-7).

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**A Catholic friend asked me, "If a child dies, does he go to hell?" I believe sins are not counted against us until we reach the age of accountability. May we have your answer?**

St. Augustine introduced the doctrine that all unbaptized babies are lost. This seems to be the foundation for the doctrine of infant baptism as a saving ordinance. Later this doctrine came into question among the scholars of the Catholic Church; and many of them adopted the doctrine of Limbo—a place or condition of restraint or confinement on the edge of hell. Unbaptized infants were to go to this place, rather than to hell itself.

Let me quote from church history: "At the Council of Trent Augustine's doctrine was adopted, but its members differed as to the best method of disposing of the lost infants. The Dominicans fitted up a dark, subterranean cavern for them, in which there was no fire, at least not such as was in the infernal regions, and in which they might be at least as happy as monks. This place was called Limbo. The Franciscans, more humane in their doctrine, determined that the infants... should yet reside, not in dark caverns and holes of the earth, but in the sweet light and pure air of the upper world."

Largely the Protestant world believes that infants are saved by the grace of God, since "where no law is, there is no transgression" (Romans 4:15).

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



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► CALEXICO, CALIF.—The church here recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. Six were saved, one reclaimed, and one filled with the Holy Spirit. —*H. G. Hanks, Pastor*

► INDUSTRY, ILL.—The Assembly here just closed an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelists Helen Cox and Mable Brown. Their inspiring messages and singing as well as their untiring work around the altar brought great blessing. Some were saved and reclaimed, 16 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number were refilled. Though this is a new work in a small town, there were good crowds attending. God is answering prayer. —*D. L. Boyd, Pastor*

► SEFFNER, FLA.—The Assembly here just concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist Harold "Bo" Daniel of Atlanta, Georgia. Several came forward for salvation, and the entire church was blessed by the anointed preaching. Brother Daniel is only 19 years old, but his ministry is effective. —*C. J. Biddles, Pastor*

► ST. PAUL, MINN.—The Summit Avenue Assembly recently concluded a wonderful five-week revival meeting with Evangelist Ed Barg of Minneapolis. From the very first night, God moved in an unusual way. The anointed ministry of Brother Barg and the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit brought rich blessings. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit and healed by the mighty power of God. These meetings were preceded by a two-week youth revival with Evangelists Paul and Myrtle Hild of Minneapolis. These fine evangelists were a great blessing and help to the young people. —*Wilbur E. Weides, Pastor*

► GOLDONNA, LA.—First Assembly enjoyed a good two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas P. Minor of Shreveport, La. Six backsliders prayed through, and there were a number of definite healings. The power of God was present each night to minister to the needs of the people. In spite of bad weather, the crowds were unusually large. —*Mrs. J. F. Lonsford, Pastor*

► GREENSBORO, N. C.—It was good to see so many people enjoying the blessing of the Lord during the recent revival in Central Assembly with Evangelist Robert Gurganus of Norfolk, Va. The meetings lasted for three weeks and the results are still evident in the church. God moved upon the people night after night. Souls were saved, bodies healed, and many victories won. Brother T. V. Suggs, afflicted by blindness, was touched by God's healing hand, and a number of cases of asthma were reported healed. (H. S. Fortenberry is our pastor.) —*Jim Newsome, Church Secretary*

► FORT WORTH, TEX.—In co-operation with the designated Week of Prayer, a Deeper Life and Prayer revival was conducted in January at the Riverside Assembly here with Lois Cockerell as the speaker. On the opening Sunday morning a move of the Spirit began in the Young People's Department, and it was well after the noon hour when it lifted. A number of young people rededicated their lives as the spirit of conviction and prayer gripped them. In the worship service God's power so rested upon the people that an invitation was given without proceeding with the regular order of the service. Several testified to a complete change in their hearts and homes.

During the week God moved in both the morning and evening meetings. The hearts of the people were stirred and drawn to a more devoted life of prayer. Thanks to our leaders who emphasized this special week enough for it to take hold in our church. —*Elbert Wilkinson, Pastor*

► CLEVELAND, TEX.—The church here was blessed under the able ministry of Evangelists Bessie Greer and Ruby Anderson who preached the gospel of holiness. There were twelve saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. An elderly man was numbered among the redeemed during the revival and within ten days the evangelists were called upon to furnish the music for his funeral. There was rejoicing over the fact that he had made his peace with God even in the "eleventh hour." The powerful messages and inspirational songs and music were a great blessing. —*J. J. Anderson, Pastor*

► SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Grace Tabernacle here was established in 1918, and many old-timers have expressed the opinion that the recent meetings under the direction of Evangelist Joseph DeGrado of Los Angeles, Calif. were the greatest in the history of the church. People attended from all over the Syracuse area and from all denominations. Many were converted and brought to a new awareness of the power of God. Holy Ghost rallies were conducted with tremendous results. One entire Catholic family was filled with the Holy Ghost the first night. A Baptist family received a glorious experience and they in turn brought others of like faith who were also filled with this power from on high.

Many healings took place. The deaf heard, the lame walked, tumors melted, internal and organic afflictions were healed



Crowd attending the evangelistic campaign in Syracuse, N. Y. conducted by Joseph DeGrado. Many were saved and healed during this meeting. Charles H. Robertson is pastor.

as the power of God was manifested. There was a wonderful spirit of co-operation and unity. No doubt that was a reason why God could work so marvelously.

—Charles H. Robertson, Pastor

►WACO, TEX.—There was a time of spiritual refreshing in Faith Tabernacle recently when Evangelist W. V. Grant of Dallas ministered for two weekends of meetings. Many were stirred, some filled with the Holy Spirit, and others saved and refilled.

—A. C. Lane, Pastor

►PHOENIX, ARIZ.—A goodly number were saved, one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the whole church was blessed during the recent evangelistic meetings in Faith Assembly with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. Everyone enjoyed the children's stories, object lessons, and beautiful marimba music. In response to a lovely oil painting by Sister Warens about 40 visitors attended the meetings. The messages were deeply spiritual and challenging to Christians and sinners.

—Willis K. Hirschy, Pastor

►TOPEKA, KANS.—On Sunday, December 29, when the invitation was given in the Glad Tidings Assembly here, 15 people came to the altar for salvation. This made a total of 60 that were saved in the church during 1957. Three years ago the church was started as a pioneer effort on the west side of the city of Topeka. God has blessed the effort, and there is now a beautiful church building located on the main thoroughfare. The Sunday School is departmentalized, and the average attendance is 170.

—G. B. Manning, Pastor

►GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.—The First Assembly of God here has just concluded an old-fashioned revival meeting with Evangelists Gene and Ruth Martin. There were capacity crowds each night, and the atmosphere was charged with the power of God as Brother Martin ministered the Word. Fifteen received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and many were saved. The attendance was the best in the history of the church. To God be all the glory.

—R. G. Markey, Pastor

►LOCKPORT, N.Y.—A real move of God was experienced here during three wonderful weeks of meetings with Evangelist George W. Brooks of Vancouver, B. C. The meetings were truly Pentecostal from the very outset resulting in signs and wonders. Souls were saved and backsliders were reclaimed and refilled. Many were wondrously healed by God's power, while others received the fulness of the Holy Spirit. It was a joy to note the substantial increase in church offerings and the good attendance. To God be the glory for the prevailing revival spirit.

—Gordon R. Bender

►LIMA, OHIO—The Morris Cerullo Evangelistic Party of Newburg, N. Y. has just concluded a great revival meeting here. Night after night the Memorial Hall Auditorium was filled and Pentecostal showers fell. People of all denominations attended the meetings. The ministry of Evangelist Morris Cerullo and Ralph Bender will long be remembered. Canes and crutches were discarded, deaf ears unstopped, arthritis dis-

appeared, and heart conditions of many years' standing were instantly healed. One night 75 knelt at the altar for salvation. Another night 25 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The meeting was sponsored by the Full Gospel churches of the Lima area. It served to bring them together in a fellowship such as could never have been attained except through such a meeting.

—V. L. Wells, Chairman

►CLOVERDALE, CALIF.—There was a special move of God here in December without any special meetings being in progress. Three young couples came to the Lord. The Sunday School averaged 155 with a high of 176, setting a new record.

—T. L. Jeffrey, Pastor

►WELEETKA, OKLA.—During the first week of January, Evangelist N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Okla. conducted a Workers Training class here. It was a joint effort with some attending from Dustin, Okla. The average attendance was 47 and 40 certificates were issued. We enjoyed the teaching from the book, "Operation Sunday School."

—Palmer Bridge, Pastor

►HIALEAH, FLA.—Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. recently closed a fine revival meeting in Bethel Assembly. The anointed messages of Brother Minton were very inspirational.—L. P. Cutts, Pastor

►THE DALLES, OREG.—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Johnny Hoskins. In the meetings men and women knelt at the altar for salvation, and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. The highlight of the services was the Friday night Divine Healing meeting where people were healed by the power of God.

—D. W. Phillips, Pastor

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Mar. 2-4 at First Assembly of God, Madison, Tenn. Speakers: J. Philip Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jolley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb.—by Jay Alford, Pastor.

### WITH CHRIST

H. MARY EVANS, 82, Pinellas Park, Fla., went to be with the Lord January 20, 1958. Sister Evans was ordained in 1931. She was engaged in Bible School work before she was retired.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Colton	A of G	Feb. 23—	Bird Campbell	Thomas Benvenuti
	Westminster	First	Feb. 16—	Harry Hodge	F. E. Westbrook
Fla.	Key West	<sup>1</sup> Glad Tid. Tab.	Mar. 2-9	Dick Stevens Party	L. Wayne Pitts
	Lake Worth	Bethel Temple	Feb. 21-Mar. 2	Watters Gospel Team	Ira Stanphill
Ill.	Tampa	North Side	Feb. 23-Mar. 9	W. F. Voodre & wife	Morris Holbrook
	Carlinville	First	Feb. 25—	J. Haskell Wooldridge	Samuel Reaves
Ind.	Kokomo	Southside	Mar. 2-16	Carrie B. Hunsberger	Howard Watkins
Iowa	Correctionville	A of G	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Arnold Segesman & wife	S. A. Sanders
Kans.	Elwood	A of G	Feb. 18—	Moses E. Copeland	W. J. Lambertson
	Osawatomie	A of G	Feb. 23—	Stout-Elliott	I. D. Rayborn
Md.	Cabin John	A of G	Mar. 4-16	Alvin Kyle & wife	A. B. Marks
Mich.	Gladwin	A of G	Feb. 25—	E. T. Quanabush	B. L. Faulk
Miss.	Gulfport	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Robert Northrop	Woodrow Oxner
Mo.	Crocker	A of G	Mar. 1—	Geo. Hammett & wife	Earl Rogers
	Joplin	<sup>2</sup> City Auditorium	Mar. 2-16	Velmer Gardner	S. K. Biffle, Chm.
	Kansas City	Paseo	Feb. 25-Mar. 16	Musical Mathaus	Paul Brewer
	Lathrop	A of G	Mar. 4-16	J. D. Middlebrook	A. L. Schoonover
	Mercer	A of G	Feb. 18—	Abraham Solomon	C. M. Smitley
	Puxico	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Boyd G. Coday
N. Y.	St. Louis	Berea Temple	Feb. 23—	S. J. Colburn & wife	Wm. N. Sachs
	Olean	Bethel	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	James West & wife	Wm. Burkett
	Rochester	First	Mar. 2—	L. C. Robie	H. J. Snelgrove
	Rome	First	Feb. 23—	C. S. Tubby	E. W. Darling
N. Dak.	Minot	A of G	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Paul & Evelyn Sandgren	Harland Kingsriter
Ohio	Akron	<sup>3</sup> Krumroy	Feb. 23—	Otis Jones	Robert Roop
	Canton	Glad Tidings	Feb. 18-Mar. 9	John Higginbotham	A. B. George
	Columbus	Calvary	Mar. 2—	Joseph DeGrado	L. E. Loretz
	Litchfield	A of G	Feb. 25-Mar. 9	Joel R. Palmer	Chester F. Roig
Okla.	Arkoma	A of G	Feb. 17—	Charles Ogdon	Ed Williamson
Pa.	Muskogee	Philadelphia	Mar. 2-16	Bob Swaim & wife	J. R. Moreland
	Coatesville	Full Gospel	Mar. 2—	C. A. Kelly	C. E. Strauser
Tex.	Roaring Spring	Faith	Mar. 4-16	Ada E. Lear	David L. Weyandt
	Abilene	First	Feb. 19—	Bob McCutchen	Wilson G. Estes
	Denton	Faith Tab.	Mar. 2—	J. W. Farmer	Herbert A. Johnson
	Olympia	A of G	Mar. 2-16	Norman Gardner	Dave Carlson
W. Va.	Spokane	Glad Tidings	Feb. 18-23	Christian Hild	W. H. Boyles
Alaska	Cabins	A of G	Feb. 23—	G. R. Conrow & wife	David A. Lewis
Canada	Homer	A of G	Mar. 2-16	Oscar Butterfield	Arthur Nichols
Hawaii	Toronto, Ont.	Glad Tidings Tab.	Mar. 2-30	Helen Cox-Mabel Brown	H. R. Pannabecker
	Kapan	A of G	Mar. 3-9	Watson Argue	Norman Webster

<sup>1</sup> Kids Krusade

<sup>2</sup> Union Meeting

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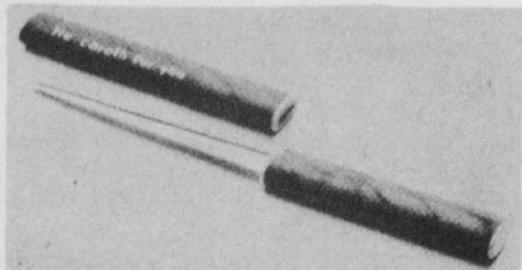
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A MINISTER IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
(Name Withheld by Editor)

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NAME WITHHELD BY EDITOR

### A Grateful Reader

I am grateful for the kindness of the friend whose donation has paid for my Evangel subscription. My husband is a shut-in and I could not afford to renew it myself. Please pray for us both.

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MRS. RUFUS GILMORE  
Evergreen, Alabama

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### "My Church Was Dark"

On Christmas night, 1957, my church was dark. Of course, we had a little program the preceding Sunday, but on Wednesday (which is our regular prayer-meeting night) the lights were out. My pastor said, "Surely no one would come to church that night after eating so much."

Again at New Year my church was dark. Terrifying things like Sputnik were taking place in the world, and it seemed that this year more than any other we needed to greet the new year with prayers and supplications, with earnest searching of our souls, with praise to God that we still had peace and freedom of worship, and for the blessed hope of His soon return to rescue us from the terrible times to come. Yet on New Year's Eve my church was dark.

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Someone gave a party that night. Our pastor thought he should go. Perchance they did prolong the gaiety until midnight and paused for a moment of prayer—I don't know, for I wasn't there. But what of the members who were not invited to the party? And what of those who wouldn't go but preferred an old-fashioned watch-night meeting? We had no place to congregate. Our church was dark.

I'm wondering—if Full Gospel people don't keep the church lights burning, who will?

A DISAPPOINTED READER

## A Missionary Writes

I wish to express my appreciation for the Evangel. I find it inspiring and helpful in many ways. I like the layout. The illustrations by John Weidman and Norman Pearsall are "tops." I profit continually by the answers Brother Williams gives in his column. For that matter, I feel that your whole choice of articles is grand.

God bless you in this great work, and may the circulation increase steadily so that many more may be helped.

ERNEST A. FRANCIS  
Nairobi, Kenya, Africa

## A Leper Gives Thanks

Please don't be surprised to receive a letter from an unknown leper in the far-away Philippines. Some unknown friend has subscribed to the Evangel for me, and I would like to thank her for this loving deed.

There is a Bible story of how Jesus healed ten lepers while He was here among men. Yes, there were ten lepers who were healed from their dreaded illness, but only one of them came back to thank Jesus for the wonderful gift of healing. People are so ungrateful. I don't want to be.

Thank you for your interesting magazine. I am looking forward to the Second Coming of my Lord.

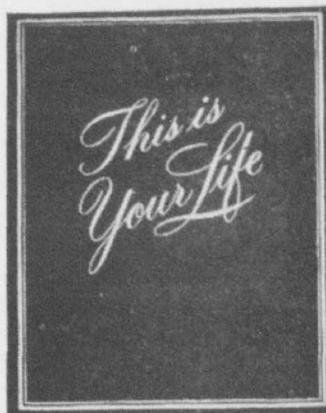
CORA FERNANDEZ  
Palawan, Philippines

## From Behind Prison Walls

It is with pleasure I send you these few lines to thank you for the Evangel. I am grateful for the generosity of the friends who provide me with this Spirit-filled magazine each week. I am always thrilled to receive my copy; the Lord blesses me as I read it. Other Christian men here in the state prison also read the Evangel and are blessed. It is a wonderful paper.

NAME WITHHELD BY EDITOR

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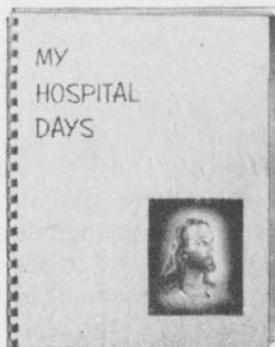


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# Do You Listen Well?

BY ALEX SOUTTER

SOME FOLK LISTEN WELL AND OTHERS don't. A good listener is a great help; a bad listener is a great hindrance. This is true whether it be in a small private gathering or in a public meeting. The art of listening is as important as the art of speaking. We give top priority to speaking, no priority at all to listening, and we lose out badly by so doing. Where there is no listening, there is no believing, for faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Some great people have been famed for their listening. They say President Roosevelt was a remarkable listener. Regarding another who acquired fame it was said, "He did not listen in silence. . . . His eyes shone with surprise and delight. However mild the anecdote you might be relating it became significant through his exciting interest." We may not all be able to listen just like that, but it is doubtless true that we can cultivate this art in a way that will help ourselves and others too.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can become a marvelous aid in a meeting by your listening. You can help the preacher immeasurably by listening attentively and appreciatively to his message. Many a preacher has received fresh inspiration by someone who had grace given to lend his ear and to lend it wholeheartedly. But, oh, the misery of having to preach to a poor listener! He droops his head, and that drooping head is a symbol of a closed ear and a dull heart. Sometimes of course the preacher may be at fault, but that's another story.

It is noteworthy that the first thing we read of our Lord doing after He

reached the years of understanding is just this: He listened. He listened to the doctors; He listened to the teaching of the Law of the Lord. No one listened to the Voice of the Scriptures as He did. And that hearing attitude was symbolic of His life as a whole. The Psalmist prophesied of Him when he wrote: "He wakeneth morning by morning; He wakeneth *mine ear to hear* as the learned." Can you wonder that He went forth each day to speak a word in season to the weary? See Him on the road to Emmaus. How patiently He listened. Then how skillfully He spoke. Patient listening leads to effective speaking. And, what our Lord practiced He preached. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear." That phrase is said to have been a rabbinical phrase. Christ used it time and time again, for none knew as He the imperative need of inclining our ear to God and to His Word.

In learning to listen well we must bear in mind the need of listening discriminately. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice—they know not the voice of strangers. They open their ear to the Shepherd; they close their ear to the stranger. That saves them no end of trouble, for it is in this way that they avoid every beguiling by-path and keep in the path where the Shepherd leads. Naturalists affirm that there are tiny creatures with auricular organs so constructed that they cannot hear the thunder of heaven or the speech of men. The only sounds recorded in their ears are the hum of bees, the call of the grasshopper, and similar noises. These still small sounds are for their profit; the big noises are not. So we need to hear *well* and we need to hear *wisely*.

—Indian Christian

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# Unnamed, Yet Serving

(Continued from page four)

ow." Here we see a person of vigorous persistence—one who is not deterred by delay and seeming denial, but who continues knocking, asking, beseeching till her request is granted.

Lastly let us go in with the throng of women as they enter the Court of the Women in the Temple at Jerusalem. Who would single out any one of them in that moving crowd? But it is Jesus Himself who calls attention to one of them—the very poorest of them all. Is it her poverty He spotlights? Never! She slips in trying to avoid notice, perhaps her head bowed in humility, for her gift is the very least. Yet it is she whom Jesus points out with commendation as she drops her two mites into the offering box. He said her giving out of humble devotion "exceeded them all." Who is this woman of quiet and humble devotion? She, also, is unnamed.

Today, February 23, is declared across the nation to be National WMC Day. Today the women of our assemblies are presenting the challenge of missions from their viewpoint. The theme of the special observance is SERVING—women serving Selflessly, Effectually, Reverently, Vigorously, Instantly, Nonassertively, Graciously. Take the initial letters of these words in sequence and they spell SERVING.

We cannot but see in the Women's Missionary Council a modern counterpart of the magnificent Bible characters we have just reviewed. And yet, for the most part, these women are not named but are known by their motto, "We Minister as unto Christ."

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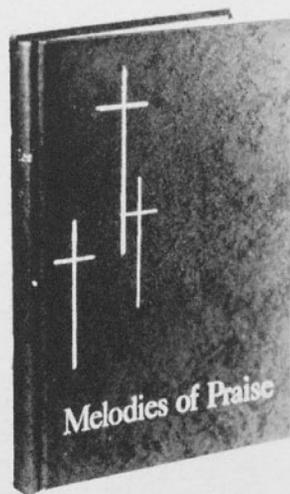
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# Fellowship of the Second Mile

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**I**N THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, Jesus encouraged the formation of a unique society which might be called "The Fellowship of the Second Mile" (Matthew 5:41). When He said, "If any one compels you to go one mile, go with him two," our Lord may have been referring to the Roman legionaries' practice of forcing the civil populace to carry their baggage. Or He may have had in mind those travelers who were sometimes stopped and forcibly recruited into the Roman postal service; they would have to turn back and retrace their steps for one or two stations along the Roman roads. These tyrannical customs were hated by men in every part of the empire.

There are two possible attitudes that a man can take toward the hardships and oftentimes injustices of life. He may become bitter and resentful, always seeking an opportunity to strike back at those responsible for his unhappiness. But to do so is to court disaster and eventual destruction.

Jesus pointed out a better way, a different attitude toward life. He set before men the way of love and forgiveness, of turning the other cheek, of going the second mile. Such a spirit does something for a man, releasing untapped reservoirs of power, lifting him and making him great. Lincoln was dedicated to this way of life. Before Lincoln's election to the presidency, Stanton had been one of his severest

critics, ridiculing him and talking about him in outrageous fashion. Imagine Stanton's emotions when the newly elected President offered him the highest office at his command and made him Secretary of State.

Membership in the Fellowship of the Second Mile is the distinguishing trait of a Christian. It is his badge of honor, which sets him above and apart from other men. It is not difficult to find men who will go the first mile. But it is the second mile, instead, that counts.

In business, the Christian gives "good measure, pressed down . . . [and] running over." I will never forget a little old man who used to run a neighborhood drugstore. He helped to prove a theory, held by some, that you can tell much about a man's character by the way he dips ice cream. This particular shopkeeper was an honest man. But there was no warmth or generosity in his makeup, and all of this came out when he sold his ice cream. He always gave exactly an even scoopful and no more. He was careful to put back in the can any extra bit that might be clinging to the outside of the scoop. Jesus' words *pressed down* and *running over* were foreign to his thinking. The druggist barely stumbled to the end of the first mile.

In his relationship to his church, the Christian can never be simply a spectator. He goes far beyond this; fulfilling the admonition of Paul to present

his soul, his body, and all that goes to make him a man, as a living sacrifice in the service of Almighty God. The Christian refuses to be fashioned according to this world and is continually being renewed and transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. He is willing to be burned out as he travels the second mile, and even the third mile, in the service of the Master. You see it exemplified by David Brainerd, in an earlier day, as he literally poured out his life in carrying the gospel to the Indians. His frail body was not strong enough to house his radiant, tireless spirit, and he died at the age of twenty-nine. Ever on the move seeking to win new converts to the Christian way, he cried out as he rode through the wilderness: "Oh, for more of God in my heart; oh, this pleasing pain."

Jesus always lived in this fashion. In the Garden of Gethesmane He was attacked with swords and staves. Yet He did not resist force with force although the very legions of heaven were at His command. Instead, He healed the injured servant of one of those who came in anger to do Him harm. He returned good for evil as He walked the second mile.

And He says to each of us: "Go and do thou likewise. Let your life and service add even more luster to the godly company that makes up the Fellowship of the Second Mile."

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