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

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49th State
Is on
the Move!*
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Eskimo girl and Alaskan scene near Fairbanks (photo by Griffin's)

Unconscious Influence

A young woman went to the superintendent of her Sunday School and said, "I can't do a thing with my class of boys. I don't seem to have a bit of influence over them." The superintendent tried to reason with her but without success. She gave up her class.

A short time later one of her boys was in a group where the story of Jonah and the big fish was being discussed. Someone said the story was incredible. Her boy spoke up with a ring in his voice and a fire in his eye. "I'll bet if you heard my Sunday School teacher tell it," he said, "you would have believed."

One of the teacher's friends overheard this remark. She passed it on to the teacher, who promptly called up the superintendent and said, "I want my class of boys back; I did not know until now what influence I have had over them."

If the truth were known, we would all be surprised at the extent of our personal influence over others. As Christians we are tempted to think our neighbors do not pay much attention to the way we live. We testify to them and so often it seems a waste of time. Parents are prone to wonder if their children really listen to any of the advice they give. The fact is that every word, every action, every look that is conveyed from us to others has its effect, either for good or for evil.

Read once again the words in Exodus 34:29—"Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him." Moses had been communing with God in the lonely mountain. During that period of holy communion he absorbed a bit of the radiance of the Divine Glory, and when he returned to the camp there was such an unearthly glow on his face the people actually were frightened. The Lord told him he had better veil his face to accommodate the people. But as for Moses, he was not conscious of the glory resting upon him. Why should he be? Had he looked in a mirror, the glory that amazed the people would have seemed but dim to him who had seen the Effulgence of Divine Glory in the mount.

One of the characteristics of genuine holiness is that the person who possesses it is not aware of it. It is not necessary for us to know what influence we exert. Our responsibility is but to live close to God, to commune daily and hourly with Him, to learn of Him and to do His will. If we maintain that close relationship to the Lord, our lives will radiate a godly influence.

Do you think Stephen was conscious of the angelic glow that illumined his face as he testified before the Jewish Council? No, he knew it not, but the Council members noticed it. And when they heard him praying for his murderers they were convicted in their souls. At least one man was haunted by the unconscious influence of Stephen's life and had no rest until he surrendered to Christ on the Damascus road.

When this life is past and we enter into the joys of our Lord, we will discover the full extent of the influence we have exerted. And if it has been a godly influence, that will be soon enough.

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These umbrella pines frame vistas of Lebanese homes set in terraced gardens of mulberry trees and grape vines. This view is from one of the highways leading up into the high Lebanon Mountain peaks northwest of Mount Hermon.



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LEBANON IS ONE OF THE MOST beautiful countries we visited in the Near East. It has a colorful coastal area along the Mediterranean, and inland there are rich agricultural areas and high, majestic mountains.

This nation is much in the news today. She is a friend of the West, an ally of the United States. The Communists, who are strong in Syria, are trying to control Lebanon as well. The United States has landed thousands of Marines, supported by the Sixth Fleet, to protect the independence of this little nation.

We need to pray much for Lebanon and its many Christians. It is the only Arab country with a larger Christian population than Moslem. It is possible that Lebanon may become friendly to the nation of Israel and help to fulfill the will of God in these last days. Isaiah says of the kingdom of Israel: "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee . . . and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel."

In my study I was surprised to learn that Lebanon was promised to Israel as part of her inheritance in Canaan but was never possessed by her. Joshua 1:2-4 tells of God's command to Joshua: "Go over this Jordan . . . unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast."

Moses had prayed, "I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon."

Even though God had promised Lebanon to Israel, several years later the Lord said to Joshua, "Thou art old and stricken in years, and there

remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. This is the land that yet remaineth: . . . all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath. All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee." Forty-five years later the land of Lebanon had not been taken by Israel (Judges 3). The inhabitants were left "to prove Israel."

Israel was satisfied to stop short of her full possession. In Lebanon was some of the best land promised to Joshua. How often God's people fail to possess all that God has promised to them in our day. Very often the best promises are not possessed. Let us consider some of them.

LEBANON -

Promised But Not Possessed

By **L. H. HAUFF,**

San Bernardino, California

PROMISE OF SALVATION

God has promised and provided salvation from sin for the whole world. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, hung on the cross of Calvary to satisfy God's justice and atone for our sins. "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

In spite of God's great promises of salvation, multitudes of men and women have not possessed it. Some teach that all men will finally be saved regardless of how they have lived. This is not true, for none will be saved unless they have made the effort to come to Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour. Salvation is promised to all sinners who will come to Christ. The Lamb of God has become our substi-

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THE 49TH STATE IS

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW FRONTIER STATE MUST KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT LIES AHEAD.

BY DAVID M. HOGAN

Anchorage, Alaska



Chief Johnson's totem in Ketchikan

ON JUNE 30, 1958, THE U. S. Senate voted overwhelmingly to admit Alaska as the forty-ninth state in the Union. Proponents of statehood have long believed that the development of this territory, which is over two and one-half times the size of Texas, and one-fifth the size of the whole United States, would be aided tremendously by such a move.

Now that statehood has been granted, new life and new hopes have been generated. Vast land reserves in the past held by the federal government will be opened for private enterprise; and the huge oil and mineral resources will be developed rapidly. This great country will come into its own in the next few years.

But as surely as there are plans for the material development of this frontier state, so surely does God have great plans for Alaska. In the days of the Klondike, hordes of people came

northward seeking the gold of the hills and streams. Thousands lost their lives; lifetime savings were invested and lost; sinful towns and settlements grew up overnight; a wild, reckless, godless spirit prevailed. Men had no thought of God. They lived only for the temporal things of this world. Gambling, drinking, and lustful living were the order of the day. While some gained fortunes, the majority drifted back in time to their homes in the States. Those that remained built trading posts and small settlements. But the godless tradition and the code of the gold rush days are ingrained in the society of this far north country.

In spite of these conditions which have made Alaska a hard and stubborn field for the church, the evangelical movements have made great strides in the past twenty years. Among them the Assemblies of God, with its thirty-seven congregations and three children's homes, has made inroads in this land till we are recognized by the territory (now a state) as one of the leading denominations.

The greater part of the inhabitants of the territory live in the central section of Alaska. We are glad to report God is helping us to give a clean-cut witness of His power to redeem men

from sinful lives. This year more people have been won to Christ, more have been filled with His Spirit, and more progress has been made in the churches of this section than ever before.

Brother and Sister Oscar Butterfield, former pastors from Southern California, have held a number of revivals in this area. In each place God has met Christians in a special way. Souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and sick bodies have been healed. A monthly fellowship meeting has proved a great encouragement. In spite of the distances between churches, they have been well attended.

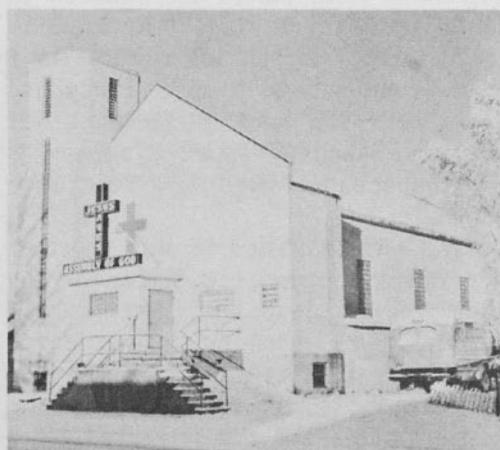
The church in Anchorage has had a great move since the first of the year. In the watch-night service a sergeant in the Air Force, who had been raised a Catholic, came and was gloriously saved. His wife had been saved a few weeks before in the services. The sergeant had smoked for 26 years; from that hour of his conversion he never smoked again. He immediately contacted his friends and brought them to church. Since then scarcely a service has been held but what someone has found the Lord, and to date twenty-eight have received wonderful Pentecostal experiences. In many services the glory of God has hovered over the people as they have waited on God until the early hours of the morning. The servicemen's center has been thronged by servicemen hungry for God as my wife, Brother Doyle Smith, and I, have, with the aid of the members of the church, furnished the servicemen a spiritual home of fellowship while they are away from their homes.

Letters arrive weekly from young men whose lives have been blessed through the ministry of the church: some in Germany, some in Korea, some in the States, some out on remote DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar sites.

The church has been able in the past year to complete the auditorium,



The Hogans at Anchorage airport



Gospel Tabernacle in Anchorage

ON THE MOVE!

Sunday School rooms and servicemen's center. We have just been host to the All-Alaska Convention. Close to 200 registered delegates, visitors and ministers attended the six-day gathering.

Brother G. F. Lewis, our Executive Director of Home Missions from Springfield, Missouri, while up here on a tour, was able to dedicate the lovely new church building at Wasilla. Brother Paul Riley and his congregation have worked hard and have built a fine church there in the heart of

the fertile Matanuska Valley. The Children's Farm Home near there has made substantial improvements in the past two years.

The beautiful and picturesque Chugiak Chapel with its neon cross presents a constant witness to all traveling over the Glenn Highway. Here Brother Bernard Tewell and his congregation have added to the building (which was built by its founder, Brother Wilburn Craig). With this addition, which serves as Sunday School rooms,

they are ministering to a fast-growing community.

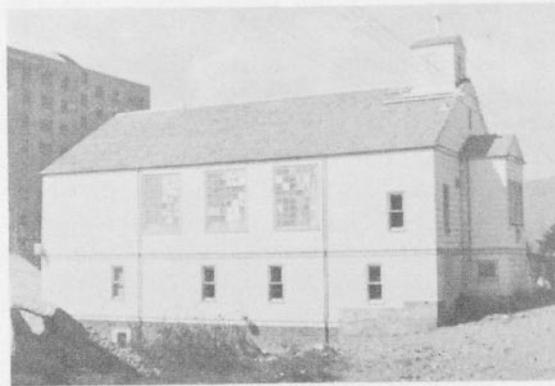
In Fairview, a suburb of Anchorage, Brother Noel Hodges opened up a new church this year. They have obtained lots and are now planning on erecting a church. They have good prospects in this growing community and have been aided much by workers who have come to this area.

Further down on the Kenai Peninsula this past year we have seen a new congregation started. This was an answer to an appeal made through *The Pentecostal Evangel* for a worker to go there. Brother and Sister Carl Glick read the article and after praying felt the Lord would have them go. They resigned their church in Pennsylvania and moved to Kenai. They were

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Pelican Assembly (Bob Cousart, Pastor)



Ketchikan Assembly (William Ponge, Pastor)



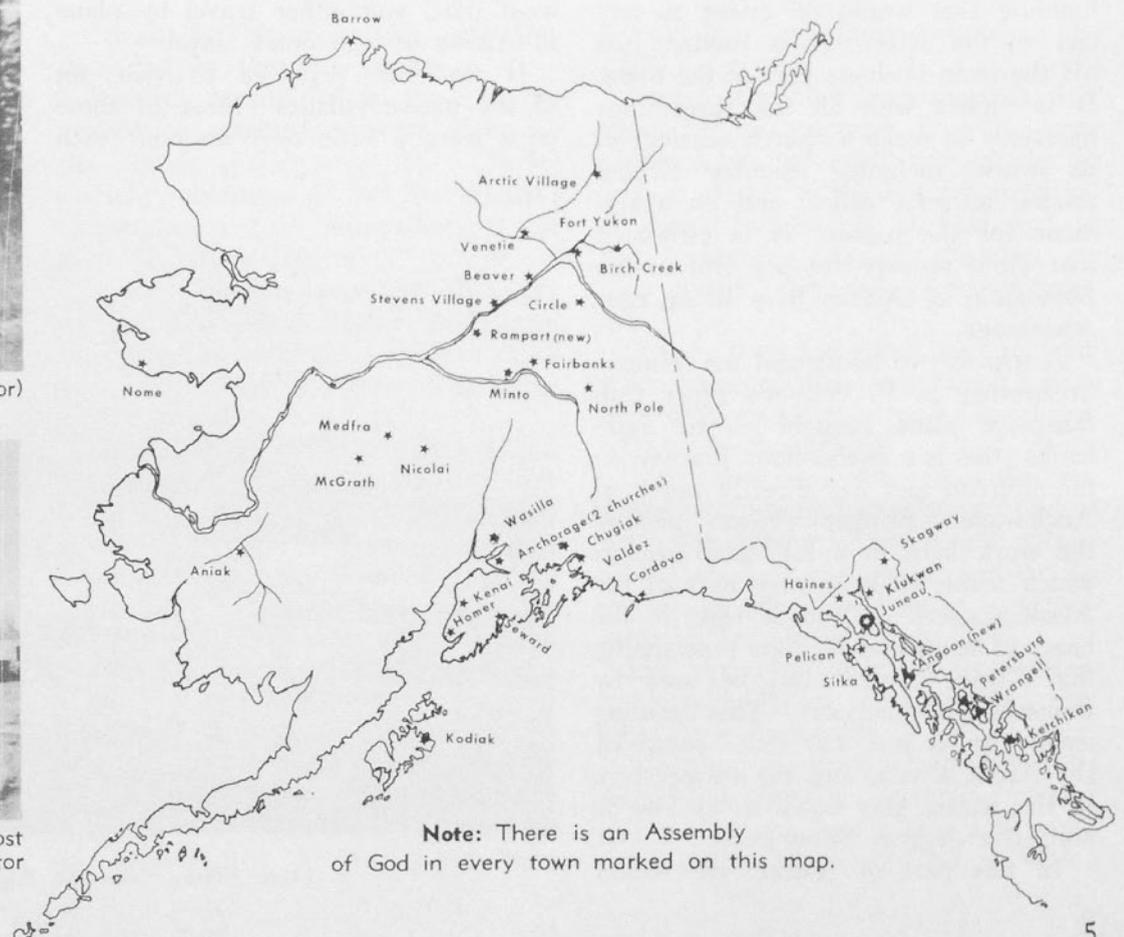
Barrow Assembly (Paul Bills, Pastor)



Fort Yukon Assembly (John Covlasky, Pastor)



Minto Assembly, pastor's cabin, and post office (right). Gordon Olson serves as pastor and postmaster.



Touring Our New State



BY LELAND R. KEYS

FLYING FROM Seattle one is set down in a very few hours in Alaska's largest city, Anchorage. Perhaps one of the strangest things to the visitor in Alaska is the length of the days, particularly in June when I arrived. On this particular day sunrise was at 2:19 a.m. and sunset at 9:41 p.m., thus making the day 19 hours, 22 minutes long. However, at this time of the year it doesn't get really dark at any time during the night. Farther north, the sun never sets during summer.

Anchorage is, in many respects, quite like any other small American city. Its main streets are paved, familiar chain store names are in evidence, and there are splendid public buildings. The Alaska railroad begins here and ends in Fairbanks, as does the main highway. Our largest Assemblies of God work here is housed in a modern adequate building that would do credit to any city in the states. It is located just off the main business part of the town. It is replete with all the furnishings necessary to make a church efficient in its work, including Sunday School rooms, nursery, office, and an apartment for the pastor. It is estimated that about seventy-five per cent of the population of Alaska lives in or near Anchorage.

A trip of two hours and ten minutes in Brother B. P. Wilson's Piper Cub fourplace plane brought us to Fairbanks; this is a twelve-hour journey on the railroad and lies directly north of Anchorage. Brother Wilson pastors the work here in a log cabin church which seems to be a very part of the Alaskan scene. It, too, is right in the heart of town and its sign proclaiming that "Jesus Saves" can be seen by thousands of shoppers. This bustling small city is just 130 miles south of the Arctic Circle, and the temperature in the winter gets down to as low as sixty-five degrees below zero.

In this part of Alaska, the winter

days are very short, with perhaps only three hours or so of real daylight. This is country where parkas (fur-lined coats with fur-lined hoods) are a "must." Both the railroad and the highway end here. If one travels north, east, or west from Fairbanks it has to be by plane. Brother Wilson uses his plane in visiting the native villages on the Yukon River, and in helping our workers to get in and out of the villages. Since his home, located in the snug church building, is the last stop before taking off for these isolated places, it becomes a veritable crossroads haven for the missionaries. Both Brother and Sister Wilson are warmly hospitable to those who, out of sheer necessity, make Fairbanks their purchasing headquarters before returning to their fields of labor.

Brother Wilson has the reputation of being one of the best bush pilots of Alaska and is often engaged in rescue operation for planes forced down by weather or engine trouble. For the most part, you either travel by plane in Alaska or you don't travel.

It was our privilege to visit six of the native villages. Most of these trips were a little over an hour each

way in Brother Wilson's plane. The unpaved landing field is usually about a quarter of a mile from the village and it may only be a rather indistinct mark in the tundra (grass). Some are better, being made of rough stones. Upon landing on such a field, the passenger wonders that the plane is not literally shaken to pieces for he has the feeling that *he* is!

However, soon the plane comes to a stop. Immediately, as occurs in any foreign land, the natives are on hand from the village to meet the plane. Children, young people, a few adults, and often a friendly dog or two, accompany you down the path until you come to the village. Here you meet the chief man of the village (Indian) or go directly to the missionary's cabin. It may be at midday or it may be in the afternoon or evening, but if you want a service in the log church all you need to do is to tell the children or one or two of the adults. In no time at all the news has spread that there is going to be "church." Often the ringing of the church bell is the signal for the village folk to come for a service. Time means very little here, and although our churches have regular days and times for services, the villagers are always ready for a service no matter

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The Photo Shop Studio (used by permission)

Sitka, Alaska, with Mt. Edgecumbe in background

Highlights of the **ALASKA** Convention

By GLADYS M. BUTTERFIELD

Missionary to Alaska

SOME TWO HUNDRED MISSIONARIES, delegates, and visitors were registered during the Seventh Biennial All-Alaska Convention which was held June 17-22 at the Assemblies of God church in Anchorage. Members of the host church, of which David Hogan is pastor, as well as from the nearby churches of Chugiak and Fairview, opened their homes to receive the missionaries and families. Fairview Chapel was converted into a men's dormitory.

The three resident pastors who have been serving as an executive committee for supervision of our Alaska work were re-elected for a two-year term. They are B. P. Wilson, Fairbanks, chairman; David M. Hogan, Anchorage; and H. I. Maley, Juneau.

G. F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department, conducted a minister's institute for three mornings. Leland Keys, president of Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California, was the night speaker.

Doyle Smith, chairman of the program committee, directed the convention choir. The cream of Alaska talent was present so we enjoyed a varied musical program. The convention opened with a missionary-C. A. choir singing our national C. A. chorus, which was followed by a great rally.

Souls were saved during the convention, backsliders reclaimed, and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

John Covlasky of Fort Yukon and David Schmidt of North Pole were



Congregation at one of the services during the All-Alaska Convention which was held in Anchorage in June.



Left to right: David Hogan, presbyter of central section; G. F. Lewis, executive director, Home Missions Department; H. I. Maley, presbyter of southeastern section; B. P. Wilson, northern presbyter; Leland R. Keys, convention speaker.

ordained, and the Schmidt's baby was dedicated in the last service.

Reports, in addition to those of the convention committees, were given by the three presbyters, by Charles Hirschy, chairman of the Servicemen's Committee, and by supervisors of the three Children's Homes.

Helen Johnson reported that the Juneau Children's Home has from thirty-five to thirty-eight children of all ages, with seven workers. The home is free of debt.

George Whitfield of Palmer (Children's Farm Home) stated that this home has only boys at present, and it is staffed by five workers. Since the last report they have installed a heating system which provides heat and all the hot water they need. He requested prayer for the spiritual need of the children.

Brother Houghton of the Valdez Home reported that their dormitory building is 36 by 56 feet and is almost finished. They too have an adequate furnace installed. At present they have

ten children with four workers on the staff.

Immediately and spontaneously following these accounts, several young people who had been brought up in one or another of these homes testified of their thankfulness to God and to the Assemblies of God churches for their shelter, love, and Christian training.

Among them was Abbie, a young man now attending the Anchorage Church, who is planning to attend one of our colleges in Springfield.

There was not a dry eye in the congregation as these young people told of their appreciation for the homes. Many of the children are grown and in the service of the Lord; some are missionaries in Alaska.

For our social time, we took a trip to Portage Glacier which is about fifty miles from Anchorage.

Missionaries, delegates, and visitors went home from the convention blessed and encouraged, with a new determination to fight the good fight of faith.

Some Things Your Pastor Cannot Do

The pastor cannot do it all. The success of Peter and of the other apostles was as much the result of the united faith and prayers of the church as it was of their own consecrated labors.

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

THE PASTOR HAS HIS DUTIES TO perform and is responsible to the Lord for doing them faithfully and diligently. But there are some things he cannot do. The pastor cannot do the praying of his people for them. Many expect to have God's blessing upon the services and to see souls saved, believers filled with the Spirit, and the work of God prospering, but they fail to pray, or else they do not continue in earnest intercession until God answers.

Much unjust criticism is heaped upon the pastor because things do not move as they ought. But if the time spent in faultfinding were devoted to earnest intercession in his behalf and in behalf of the work, all would be different.

People sometimes forget that the pastor is human, just a fellow Christian. He feels pressure as well as others. He knows heartaches and discouragement. And when the spiritual tide is low he likely feels it more keenly than any of his flock. While some in the pews may be sitting back and finding fault, he is wrestling in prayer, seeking to pull what may be an almost "unpullable" load. He must be actively engaged in seeking to lead the service up into the atmosphere of God, searching the Scriptures, and trying to minister the Word. At the same time, unsympathetic hearts may be hindering his message by their unresponsiveness and their lack of spiritual burden, prayerlessly failing to co-operate with him in his conflict against the unseen powers of darkness.

How different it might be if the saints all took the work to heart and earnestly upheld their pastor with loving sympathy and prayer. C. H. Spurgeon was one of the greatest preachers of the last century. But back of his message was a united official board who were in prayer in an adjoining part of the building while he

preached. Charles G. Finney is well known for the wonderful revivals that accompanied his preaching. But while he preached Brother Nash was concealed in his bedroom, wearing his life away in wrestling against the forces of evil that the Word of the Lord might have free course and be glorified.

If only the people knew the load it lifts off a pastor's heart to see an appreciative smile or hear the earnest petitions of the saints in behalf of his humble ministry, surely they would pray more. But in many of our churches there is no prayer before the service begins; instead of there being the quiet hush or the earnest prayer the people listlessly look about or idly talk until the opening song is announced. There is no burden, no apparent concern!

These people have likely come from prayerless homes for a service, and expect the man behind the sacred desk to bring the power to flood the room with glory. They suppose that at the impulse of his word a revival will ensue. Then if the results are not forthcoming, instead of taking things to the Lord in prayer they start whispering, "We need a new man here, one who can meet the need, for things are drying up."

Then, too, after the pastor has toiled in preaching and he seeks to bring souls to the altar and get them through to God, the church sometimes becomes a babel of voices. There is no burden for souls. Folk just greet one another and have a little social time, while a few faithfully try, amid the confusion, to help some wanderer into the fold or to hold on to God in prayer. Such a church is far from revival. Instead of laying the blame on him who has stood between the living and the dead, the church members needs to bewail their own indifference and unbelief.



God honors faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please him." This is true in regard to the success of our services, as with anything else. But the pastor cannot do it all. The success of Peter and of the other apostles was as much the result of the united faith and faithful prayers of the believing church as it was of their own consecrated labors. What preacher could not succeed with such backing as these men had when the church lifted its voice with one accord and said, "Lord, thou art God. . . . Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." The place was shaken where they were assembled, not by the praying of Peter and the other apostles, but by the united believing prayer of a consecrated and sympathetic church.

Too many in our churches insist that the pastor have all the faith. Some expect him to trust God for his salary, whether or not they contribute to his support. They expect him to pray them back to health when they are sick and to accomplish every other requirement of faith. And if he fails, or if they think he has failed, they do not blame themselves but put the blame on him, seeming to think he can do the impossible. No, my friend, there is a limit to the pastor's faith, just as there is to yours. Paul knew his need of faithful brethren and said, "That I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." And the pastor needs the prayerful faith of all the members of his

church if his ministry is to be a success.

The pastor cannot do our personal work for us. We go to church and hope for a crowd—we go, that is, if the weather is fair. And if the crowd is not there, we think our need is a pastor whose pulpit ability will draw the people in. How much have we done toward trying to interest the people? Many have not invited one soul during the entire week. What the church needs is live, wide-awake, believing, praying men and women who will become personal workers, going out into the highways and hedges, giving forth the gospel, inviting the people in.

Many of us are almost entirely asleep to our calling and opportunity. The Bible has not said, "Sinner, come to the church and be evangelized." It says to the Church, "Go ye . . . and preach the gospel to every creature." We cannot get every creature into the church to hear, but we can go outside the church to every creature.

The major part of the harvest reaped by the church is the fruit of personal ministry. People will pay evangelists and spend hours in meetings, seeking a blessing for themselves, while they do not give one hour to personal evangelism. Then they wonder why there is no revival. They are too selfish, too engrossed in seeking their own pleasure, and too unconcerned about their fellow men.

People saved are fruit. And most of them (often the best of them) are hand picked. Paul preached publicly *and* from house to house; and if the church neglects the house-to-house and heart-to-heart aspect of evangelism it need not look for great revival.

Much of this personal evangelism cannot possibly be done by the pastor. If he is a faithful shepherd, by the time he has ministered to the sick, called on the bereaved and other members of his flock, and performed a multitude of other duties of which his congregation is unaware, he is pressed for sufficient time to prepare his sermons. The principal part of personal evangelism must therefore be carried on by the faithful church members. Then, after getting the people into the house of worship, while the united church prays in faith, God makes His Word quick and powerful; and the fruit of our united labor is revival and joy in our own hearts.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers," and "go ye . . . to every creature."



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What is your opinion concerning Christians joining secret orders?

My opinion is that this ought not to be. How can a Christian swear allegiance to a secret brotherhood with the ungodly? "Blessed is the man that walketh *not* in the counsel of the ungodly." "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." See 2 Corinthians 6:14 to 7:1.

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What is the meaning of the verse, "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away"? (1 Corinthians 13:10)

Verses 8-12 show that in our present state we are limited in many ways and that at best we enjoy only glimpses into the glory which awaits us. Since we are thus limited, our chief desire should be to obtain and grow in love, for faith, hope, and love will abide when our limited knowledge may fail or come short (v. 13). Who dares to say he has perfect knowledge? This knowledge will not be our portion until we see and know, even as also we are known (v. 12).

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The name "Caleb" is said to mean "dog," and we know the Jews looked upon the Gentiles as dogs. Was Caleb a Gentile; and if not, why does Joshua 15:13 say, "Unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah"?

Caleb was of the tribe of Judah (Numbers 13:6). That he was given his inheritance among the children of Judah tells us that he inherited within the tribe of which he was a member.

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What is the meaning of "not discerning the Lord's body" in the Lord's Supper? (1 Corinthians 11:29)

We must see more than the emblems of the broken body and shed blood in the Lord's Supper. We must by faith see what the emblems stand for, the great work of redemption which Jesus has provided. We must appropriate to ourselves what Christ is to us; we are all "partakers of that one bread." We must also see our relation to each other; in the Body of Christ. Not to discern these two facts may result in weakness and sickness and, according to the writings of Paul, may even bring about

death (v. 30). We should approach the table of the Lord in confidence and joy, yet with sincere self-examination. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (v. 31).

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Is there any place in the Bible which indicates that we should seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13) and taught the disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49). While waiting for the Promise, the disciples "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14).

"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

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Can you explain how Paul's lying could be to God's glory? (Romans 3:7)

The verse reads, "For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?" The following verse shows that it was being slanderously reported that Paul's doctrine was a doctrine of lies, a teaching of "Let us do evil, that good may come."

The Judaizing teachers who followed the ministry of Paul among the Gentiles, to whom he taught salvation by grace without the deeds of the law, accused Paul of preaching a lie. They said that he encouraged evil living, because he opposed their doctrine that the Gentiles must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved. Paul did not teach lies, but meant that if his teaching was reputed to be lies, yet abounded to the glory of God in bringing salvation by faith through grace, why should he be judged as a sinner? He was only answering slanderous reports which were being circulated against him.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

"THE BOOK THAT LIVES" TO HAVE WORLD-WIDE READING

For the fifteenth year the American Bible Society will sponsor World-wide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The theme for this year's observance is "The Book That Lives."

Highlight of the program this year will be the observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 14.

It was a Marine on Guadalcanal who sparked the present program during World War II. He wrote to his family in the U. S. asking them to join with him in reading certain verses from the Bible each day. The idea has been spread around the world by the Bible Society. People of many lands read the same selected portion each day, particularly in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. A list of the 1958 readings may be obtained from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

FIRST BIBLE IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE SOLD AT AUCTION

A copy of the first complete Bible printed in any language in the Western Hemisphere was sold at auction for \$20,160. It is known as the Algonquin Bible because it was printed in the Indian tongue. Published in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1663, the book is still bound in its original black morocco leather with gilt panel sides. It was purchased by a rare book dealer in Philadelphia.

Denominations

SHINTOISM STRONG IN JAPAN

A recent survey of religions in Japan shows that the religion of Shinto clinches the top position with a giant record of some 89,232,642 believers. This means that almost all of Japan's 91 million people are Shintoists, a fact which does not prevent many of them from being followers of other religions as well. Evidence of this is the Buddhist claim of 42,573,844 worshipers.

A post-war phenomenon is the rash of religions which have sprung up to fill the vacuum created by Japan's surrender and subsequent occupation. The records show that these new religions in Japan (which are usually an amalgamation of Buddhism, faith-healing Shintoism, Christianity and Confucianism) claim at least 11 million adherents.

With a membership of around 400,000, the Protestants outnumber the Roman Catholics. Although their figures are habitually padded with baptized infants and all the members of the communicant's family, Roman Catholicism claims only 227,063 believers.

Assemblies of God missionaries report a total of 5,546 converts in Japan.

CANADIAN PASTOR CHALLENGES FREE WILL BAPTISTS ON MISSION WORK

Oswald J. Smith urged the National Association of Free Will Baptists to give the missionary cause the place it deserves in its church program. He declared that "world evangelism is too important to be put in a budget. You will have to pull it out of the budget and put it on the platform where the people can see it," he said.

Dr. Smith, pastor of the 3,000-member People's Church in Toronto, Canada, has inspired a fervent missionary spirit in his own congregation. Last year his congregation raised \$282,000 for missions and spent only \$39,000 on its operations at home. In the past thirty years it has raised three million dollars for foreign missions, he said.

SOME ILLNESSES MAY BE DEMONISM, SAYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

In a report on the church's Ministry of Healing ordered by the Archbishops of York and Canterbury, the Church of England said there may be cases of human illness which are caused by demons.

The report, based on investigation which has been in progress since 1953, concluded: "Some members of the

committee were not persuaded that demons may cause or complicate any malady. Yet on the other hand they recognize that medical knowledge is not, and cannot ever be, comprehensive. And they would not like to assert *a priori* that no case will ever be found of such an unusual character as suggests the need for exorcism."

Recommendation of the report was that any minister or physician who "has reason to suspect that a certain case demands exorcism" (that is, casting out a demon) should refer it to the Diocesan bishop before taking action.

Morals

CALIFORNIA DRUG ASSOCIATION URGES BAN ON INDECENT LITERATURE

The California Pharmaceutical Association has urged its members to ban from their drug stores any literature which may be "detrimental to the mental health of the public." It said "preservation of a clean and healthy mind is greatly threatened . . . by the appearance of printed matters which depict, condone and even glorify crime, lust and deviation."

ALCOHOL'S DEATH TOLL RISES

A World Health Organization report says deaths from excessive and habitual drinking are increasing in nearly every country that keeps tabs on toppers.

It goes on to say that even statistics no longer give the true picture of alcoholism because it is the direct cause or contributing factor in many deaths listed as accidents, suicides, murders or resulting from disease.

Cirrhosis of the liver, often caused by liquor, is listed as the big killer.

DECENT LITERATURE COMMITTEES FORM

A meeting was called recently to organize the Ohio Citizens for Decent Literature Committees on a statewide basis. Citizens committees, concerned primarily with removing smut from public newsstands, have already been organized in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Sandusky.

They include representatives of religious, educational, business, welfare and service organizations. The Cleveland committee has had notable success in getting convictions against vendors of obscene magazines and films.

Miscellaneous

WATER SHORTAGE EASILY REMEDIED

A news report from Chicago describes the seven long, dry years during which the 15,000 inhabitants of suburban Westchester suffered a water shortage. Now they have plenty, it says, and the remedy was a simple one.

Someone discovered, at long last, that three water main valves were partly closed. A few simple turns were made—and the water shortage was over!

Commented a minister: "Perhaps there's a good lesson here. Maybe we have been asking God for 'showers of blessings,' when all we needed to do was to turn a few valves in our own lives!"

CALIFORNIA'S ONE-TREE CHURCH HAS NEW LOCATION

The one-tree church of Santa Rosa, California, viewed by thousands of visitors to the city where the late Luther Burbank performed his wizardry with plants, is missing from its customary site. However, it still remains a prime tourist attraction, though in a new location.

Thanks to a \$15,000 community fund-raising project, the church was saved from destruction when the downtown land on which it has stood since 1873 was acquired by business interests. The church was built 83 years ago with 78,000 feet of lumber, all cut from a single redwood tree, one of the forest giants for which the Redwood Empire of California is justly famous.

LIFE-GUARD GETS ONE "THANK YOU" OUT OF FIVE HUNDRED RESCUES

A life-guard named Frank Turano received a "thank you" note from a person he rescued from drowning. He was pleased, of course, but was also quite surprised, for it was the first time anyone had thanked him for saving his life—in spite of the fact that in his twenty-two years of service he had rescued five hundred persons from drowning!

Thankfulness is a virtue every Christian should cultivate. How often have you thanked the Saviour who saved you from sin?

EVANGEL DEADLINE

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST will be the theme of a special issue of The Pentecostal Evangel that will be published September 7. Extra copies will be printed for the benefit of any Assemblies which may wish to distribute this issue in their communities. The price will be reduced to \$4.00 per hundred copies on this September 7 issue only.

THERE WILL BE NO "CAMPAIGN ISSUE" of The Pentecostal Evangel this year. The National Sunday School Department decided to offer a four-page folder entitled "Sunday School Today" in place of an Evangel for door-to-door distribution in the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. Copies of "Sunday School Today" may be purchased at \$2.25 per hundred copies (lower rates on larger quantities).

TEN YOUNG PEOPLE WERE AWARDED COLLEGE TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS in a nationwide elimination contest held this summer among the Christ's Ambassadors, youth division of the Assemblies of God. The ten youths, chosen from among 100 entrants on the basis of their high-school records and Christian character, will attend Assemblies of God schools.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PROCLAIMED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 as a National Day of Prayer and called on Americans of all faiths to pray for a just and durable peace "under the guiding hand of Almighty God."

THE VALUE OF NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION jumped to \$75,000,000 in July, an increase of \$5,000,000 over the June figure. The July total equaled that of the pre-recession July in 1957.

SIX THOUSAND CHILDREN CLAD IN WHITE marched through the streets of New York City last month. They represented 215 Spanish-speaking Protestant churches in the metropolitan area. The parade, viewed by 40,000 citizens and civic officials, was the climaxing event of Spanish Christian Children's Week.

SUNDAY SALES OF MERCHANDISE are now illegal in New Jersey. Governor Robert B. Meyner signed into law a bill prohibiting the Sunday sale of clothing, furniture, appliances, building supplies, and other general merchandise in all but three of the state's 21 counties.

THE SALVATION ARMY DOES NOT INTEND to abandon its traditional open-air meetings. A high official in the Army denied newspaper reports which said that Salvation Army Commissioners had decided to discontinue the open-air meetings and depend on television to reach the people.

THE FIRST CHURCH SERVICE EVER TO BE HELD ON A SOVIET SHIP was conducted a few days ago by Canon Harry Thorpe of Bathurst, New South Wales. One of 25 British passengers returning on the 7,500-ton Soviet liner Baltika from a tour of Russia, the Australian Anglican clergyman said permission for the holding of the service was readily granted.

FIVE THOUSAND COMMON-LAW COUPLES in Mexico City were united in marriage in a mass ceremony in the National Auditorium. Many of the couples were accompanied by their children.

Studied Serenity

"See that ye be not troubled" (Matthew 24:6)

By **GEORGE HOLMES**

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS ARE features of a godless age. It is not that such conflicts are predetermined by God and prophesied by Christ to continue to the winding-up of the present age; it is simply the pronouncement of a fact based upon the obvious. A man who lives to gratify himself will inevitably come into conflict with other men similarly engaged, for their personal desires are bound to clash. This causes war among individuals, which is only international warfare in miniature. When a man's aims and desires circle around himself instead of around the will of God, you have there, in essence, the spirit of the age and the germ of all world warfare.

Deliverance from the prevailing current of this world is possible and available through Jesus Christ, "who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil world [age], according to the will of our God and Father" (Galatians 1:4, ASV). It remains for believers to make this emancipation practical, demonstrating by their way of living that those who are at peace with God are in harmony one with the other.

The only salvation from strife—whether personal, civil, or international—is in personal salvation from sin and selfishness through the power of Christ. Consequently, the man or woman who circulates information concerning personal deliverance from sin through God's appointed means, is not only serving the cause of Christ most acceptably, but is also performing the most patriotic service of public benefaction. The praying and working Christian is not a parasite living on the State or country, but a national asset of sterling worth.

"Ye shall hear of wars." This is inevitable, but the Lord did not say we

should be overwhelmed by them or even deterred by their presence. He said, "See that ye be not troubled." This would seem to be not so much a comforting as a commanding word. In spite of the clash of arms and the impact of nations around you, notwithstanding all the aftermath of such slaughter, see to it that you do not get into a state of panic or tumult. Here is a precept concerning the behavior of the disciple of Christ; it is to be a life of studied serenity.

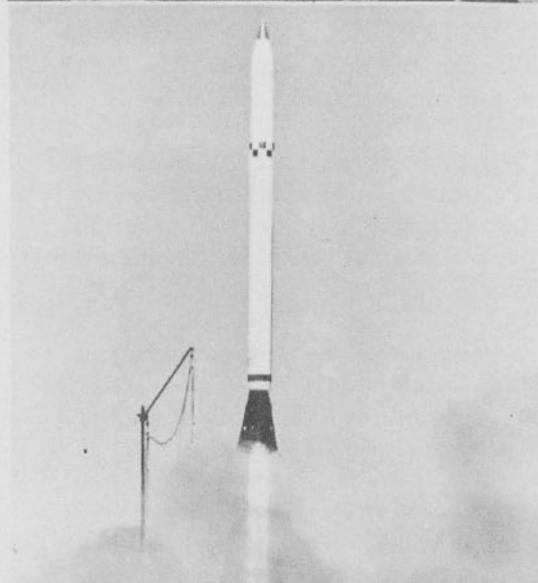
Did Christ give this command knowing it was impossible to obey? If we know anything at all of Christ and His ways we should dismiss such a question. We should make it our study to act normally, that is, according to the Christian norm. Many believers have to spend much of their time in business houses, institutions, or centers where the atmosphere is one of full preparation for the worst emergencies. In such conditions the spirit of fear is easily engendered. The finest antidote to this is to spend as much of one's leisure time as possible with other believers to whom "God hath not given... the

Bible Verse



Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

II Tim. 4:2



spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). In an atmosphere that is impregnated with the Spirit of God and filled with praise to Christ, besetting fears will flee away, doubts will disappear, and confidence in the goodness and wisdom of God will flourish.

It follows quite naturally from this that believers must be careful not to be thwarted from their attendance at the meetings of the church. Christians should show at least as much enthusiasm for the fellowship and witness of their church as their neighbors show for the taverns and cinemas. The once well-known slogan must become that of the Christian, "Business as usual during alterations"; for "the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2:17). Let us not forget that war with its cumulative effects has its origin, course, and climax in the world. "See that ye be not troubled." Resist the war fever; refuse to panic. God is still on His throne.

The Lord now proceeds with His instruction to disciples by declaring a principle concerning the necessity of the occurrences He has just mentioned: "These things must come to pass." Mankind must be given repeated and conclusive proof of the failure of unsaved man to govern the world. If kings will not be wise, nor judges instructed, and if neither will kiss the Son, then His wrath will soon be kindled (Psalm 2:10-12). Moreover, believers must learn how the power of the Holy Spirit is theirs to give them spiritual victory over the encroachments and fears of the age, to make more real the inward enjoyment of God's peace, which is enhanced by disorders without, and to make manifest the true disciples of Christ by gathering them together.

Lastly, lest any should be influenced by these statements in an extreme manner, the Lord added a precaution which is also a useful pointer concerning the winding-up of the age: "These things must come to pass, *but the end is not yet.*" There has always been a tendency in times of strain and stress for one to say, in effect, "Well, things are so bad that the Lord must come now." The fact remains, however, that He has not come yet. It is not wrong to long for the end of the age and the coming of the Lord, but world wars and disorders are not to be our only guiding lights; for, as we have seen, they

are the fruits of the age. Our chief business is shown by Christ in verse fourteen of this chapter as being the one thing bearing directly upon the consummation of the age: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; *and then shall the end come.*"

Let disciples of the Lord pursue their calling in the gospel and engage in the most important work of the times. Thus, while obeying their Master they will be giving their greatest service to their fellow men, their nation, and the world. ◀ ◀

"The human mind is like a checking account. So long as you keep putting enough money in the bank, your check book is the most magic book in the world. All you have to do is dip your pen in the ink, make a few flourishes and your check becomes the open sesame to your heart's desires. But just stop making ample deposits, and the magic evaporates with a curt and imperious message from the bank 'no funds.'" Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes in "The Professor at the Breakfast Table."

Have you made a deposit in your mind today? Have you read God's Word that your heart and mind might be enriched?

In the Secret of His Presence

In the secret of His presence, how my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low;
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty, 'neath the shadow of His wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Saviour rests beside me, as we hold communion sweet;
If I tried, I could not utter what He says when thus we meet.

Only this I know; I tell Him all my doubts, my griefs and fears:
Oh, how patiently He listens! and my drooping soul He cheers:
Do you think He ne'er reproves me? what a false friend He would be,
If He never, never told me of the sins which He must see.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow: this shall then be your reward;
And when'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face.

—Ellen Lakshmi Goreh



A District Superintendent Comments on College Day—Sept. 21, 1958

Soon after accepting my present office I appointed a special study committee to review our qualifications for the ministry. The findings of this committee were to serve as a guide to our District Presbytery in counseling our younger ministers in the development of their own ministry. On this committee, the strongest advocates of a special reading and training program as a requisite for ministerial recognition, were those men who had had no previous Bible school training. They knew only too well the struggle to attain a well-developed ministry without special training.

In this day of specialized training many industrial and business concerns finance the education of some of their employees. Should not we who are engaged in the greatest task of all—the evangelization of the world—support our Assemblies of God colleges as they engage in the training of the future leaders of our denomination?

COLLEGE DAY, September 21, 1958, affords us an excellent opportunity to lend both moral and financial support for our Pentecostal institutions which have already contributed so much to the leadership of our church. Let's back every school! Now!

—T. E. GANNON

District Superintendent
West Central District, Assemblies of God





Formula for Sunday School Growth

BY HAROLD D. BURRIS

National Sunday School Representative

THREE WORDS WHICH ARE IN EVERY Sunday School worker's vocabulary may well be the formula for a successful Enlargement Campaign in your church this October. They are: enthusiasm, effort, and enlargement.

Your lot may appear to be impossible, but there is hope. Jesus said, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). In the face of this promise, excuses should be brushed aside, obstacles surmounted, and a positive, aggressive program of Sunday School expansion should be started.

"Fear God and work hard" were the last words publicly uttered by David Livingstone in Scotland. Herein we have the secret of his life, and it is good advice for us today. *Enthusiasm* plus *effort* equals *enlargement*.

ENTHUSIASM

Although I cannot find this word in the English Bible, I am confident it has a direct connection with positive Christian service. Webster says it is derived from a Greek word *enthousiasmos* meaning "to be inspired or possessed by the god." Its common usage today is "ardent zeal or interest; fervor." Certainly anyone who reads the Book of Acts will see that the members of the Early Church were possessed by their God. The Holy Spirit's anointing and infilling will provide the same impetus for Sunday Schools today. Enlargement must be promoted *enthusiastically*. Organizational plans will prove that talk is not an end in itself. We must allow the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the possibilities, and let Him use us to accomplish what needs to be done.

EFFORT

In my work as a Sunday School leader I have often heard pastors and laymen offer explanations as to why their particular Sunday School did not grow. Epidemics, shifting populations, religious intolerance, poor facilities—the list could go on indefinitely. I have heard very few acknowledge (even though I suspected the real cause many times) that the greatest factor lacking in that particular Sunday School was honest effort. Excuses, no matter how reasonable they may seem, cannot vindicate us if we fail to accomplish our God-appointed tasks. We may carelessly drift with the tide of indifference and succumb to circumstantial hindranc-



es, or we may shake ourselves and rise to the challenge of the untaught and unreached multitudes, and build a thriving Sunday School for God. October presents a challenge to grow; effort will make that growth a reality.

ENLARGEMENT

Often Sunday School advance has been stalemated by inadequate facilities and insufficient personnel. Buildings must be adequate to accommodate the anticipated attendance if the campaign is to be successful. Any substantial expansion of classes or departments calls for more teachers, secretaries, and superintendents. Adequate records are vital to an effective visitation program. Any one factor missing can become a "bottleneck" to successful Sunday School enlargement.

During the flu epidemic last fall, many churches were battling attendance losses, but Pastor V. L. Hertwick and his flock (First Assembly of El Centro, California) were not to be outdone. They put forth an enthusiastic effort for enlargement.

On the last Sunday of September things were about as usual. Their attendance for the day was 333 as compared to 334 for a year ago. Then an Enlargement Campaign was launched. Around sixty workers participated in a community census and over 1,500 homes were contacted. About 200 families were found to be prospects. These prospects were mailed a personal letter from the pastor and put on the church mailing list. The names and addresses were filed for visitation purposes and further contacts.

Publicity also played an important part in the success of this campaign. The associate pastor, E. R. Hertwick (former publicity supervisor in the National Sunday School Department) proved that the media of newspaper, radio, and direct mail are vital to successful promotion. Sample newspaper clippings tell of an installation service with names of staff members and teachers, a historical summary present-

ing thirty years of local church growth, a Cradle Roll presentation, and the Boys and Girls Missionary film, "The Word for the World"—all graphically illustrated.

Partial results are reflected by the following attendance figures:

	1956	1957
1st Sunday	304	356
2nd Sunday	318	374
3rd Sunday	284	379
4th Sunday	292	374
Average	299	371

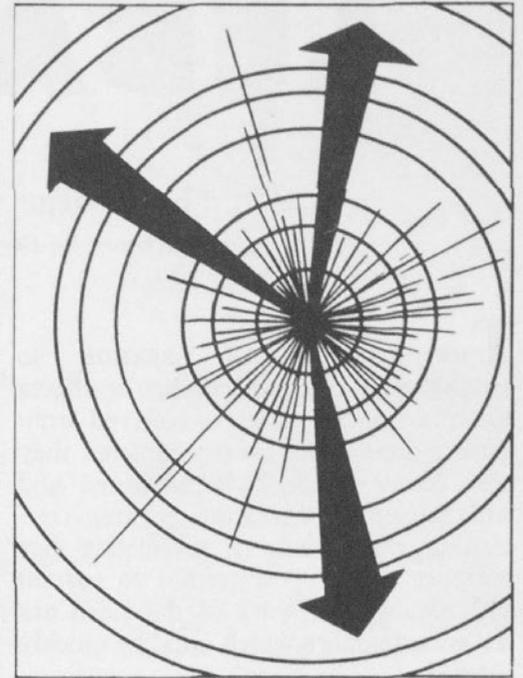
The outstanding fact is that in 1957 the church promoted an Enlargement Campaign and in 1956 it did not.

Apart from the direct promotion of the campaign, several other activities conducive to Sunday School growth were spearheaded. New pews were made for the nursery and primary departments, seats in the main auditorium were reupholstered, and a new edu-

cational unit which would provide a fellowship hall, a new Junior department and classrooms was approved by the church.

The best part of the story is that nine months later the Sunday School is maintaining the pace set by the Enlargement Campaign. Recently E. R. Hertwick said, "It looks as if we will have one of our best years."

Plan now to promote the 1958 Enlargement Campaign in your Sunday School. The "Go to Sunday School" crusade will help find, reach, teach, and win those in your community who are not presently attending a Sunday School. Use the helps provided by the National Sunday School Department, combined with Holy Spirit enthusiasm and personal effort, and you can't miss—ENLARGEMENT WILL BE THE RESULT! ◀ ◀



OCTOBER IS ENLARGEMENT MONTH!

Enlargement! Improvement! Expansion! Growth! Prosperity! Increase!

Achieve these goals in your Sunday School by conducting a "Go to Sunday School" Crusade this October—Enlargement Month! The Sundays and their respective goals are:

- October 5—Census Day Goal: Find those who are ready.
- October 12—Contact Day Goal: Reach those who have been found.
- October 19—Bible Day Goal: Teach those who have been reached.
- October 26—Rally Day Goal: Win those who have been taught.

October—Enlargement Month—time for your "Go to Sunday School" Crusade!



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HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Rejoicing at McDermitt

The Ralph Holders recently moved onto the Fort McDermitt Reservation to begin a new work. They were formerly working among the Indians at Carson City, Nevada.

They are having excellent attendance at their services. Average attendance at an eight-day meeting was 100.

This is only the second month of its existence. Around 30 to 40 have been saved and about 50 more are seeking salvation. Their record Sunday School attendance so far is 87, with an average of 65 for the month.

Sisters Virginia Hodson and Eleanor

Black have assisted in the preaching and special music.

One little retarded Indian boy three years old had his leg lengthened one and one-half inches through prayer, right in front of the whole congregation! Others have been miraculously healed as well.

Brother Holder is now using a schoolhouse which he expects to lease for a church building. It has several rooms suitable for Sunday School classes. Two rooms are large enough to hold 150 people each. They are in need of funds to pay the lease, which they expect to cost about \$200 per year. Offerings for this need may be designated "Fort McDermitt" and mailed to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



Mrs. Crutcher and Wayne whose short leg was lengthened in answer to prayer.



Photo of Sunday School in Fort McDermitt taken in front of schoolhouse they plan to lease for their church building.

FOCUSING ON LEBANON

by George Carmichael

Field Secretary for Europe and the Middle East



Easa Fakhoury

THE TURMOIL IN LEBANON IS brought very close to us when it affects our missionaries. Letters received from them indicate how greatly affected they are. Many things have happened and will happen in this strategic area concerning vital events of prophetic importance. Any opportunities to sustain and advance the work of the Lord are last-minute doors which must be quickly entered.

Following the coup d'etat of neighboring Iraq, U. S. Marines and paratroopers of the 24th Infantry Division entered the area. British troops moved into Jordan in the support of King Hussein. Unrest in Lebanon has been severe and in recent weeks street fighting has been intensified. The situation in Arab countries is grievous but has been anticipated by Bible students.

The rebels in Lebanon have been fighting President Chamoun's (Christian) government. According to the present constitution a Moslem president is not allowed. The Moslems would like to overthrow the government and have an all-Arab republic. Generally speaking, the Arabs resent outside interference whether western or eastern. Their strong religious belief in Allah would seem to be unfavorable to atheistic communism.

Mr. and Mrs. Toufie Khoury, Lebanese missionaries, were directly in the path of street fighting. The house in which the Khourys lived was a dangerous place. The din of guns from six tanks directly outside their home was terrific and explosions were nerve-shattering. Cries of wounded soldiers could be heard by them in spite of the

roar. Two soldiers were killed immediately outside the house. A bomb exploded, shattering glass and showering the living room with the pieces.

Mary Khoury (who went to Lebanon as Mary Como, a Finnish missionary) was taken by her husband to a secluded spot in the house where she seemed to be safer and where the awful noise was less audible.

Another of our workers was also affected by the warfare. He is Easa Y. Fakhoury. Two bombs exploded at his home and much shooting occurred there. His daughter Eline was shot in the arm, and another, Alice, was frightened so badly she suffered a number of convulsions. He was ordered by the army to evacuate the house, which he did following the next Sunday morning service, for services were continued in spite of the fighting. Mr. Fakhoury, a widower for twelve years, took his children to Zaleh, a village over the mountain range between Baalbek, where he was stationed, and Beirut.

It would have been ideal could he have taken the children to pro-western Jordan, but this was impossible because of a lack of transportation across the closed border, and shortage of finances prevented them from being flown out. Returning to Baalbek near the Syrian border with the injured Eline after leaving the rest of the family (there are six) in Zaleh, Mr. Fakhoury continued conducting services each day and on Sunday morning. The people are intensely interested in the Word of God and especially the prophecies concerning the soon return of the Lord.

It would appear that some disturbers

have infiltrated from Syria, stirring up the rebellion.

Though word has not been received to confirm this, it is possible that Mr. Fakhoury has been evacuated to a less dangerous place since the Syrians have brought troops to the border. With regard for his children, the worried father had stated in a letter that he would like to send them to the United States, but this might take years under the immigration quota.

Mr. and Mrs. Khoury, while in Chouiefat, near the landing place of the U. S. Marines, visited Miss Yumna Malick, an American citizen of Lebanese heritage, who started a mission school thirty-three years ago. The school is now large and self-supporting. Miss Malick is associated with the Assemblies of God which is recognized by the Lebanese government.

The national workers and other Christians of the Assemblies of God are in dire need of relief. We urgently request help at this crucial time. Kindly send contributions to the Lebanese Relief Fund, c/o Foreign Missions Dept., Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Let us not fail these, our brethren, who are in the center of turmoil while we still enjoy peace and freedom in our own land.

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The W. Franklin McCorkles



The C. C. Davis Family



The Lester Kenneys

NEWS NOTES

The T. O. Johnston family sailed for Bolivia on July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin McCorkle and daughter to Ghana on June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Davis and daughters to Chile on June 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer and family to Peru on July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hasch sailed from New York on July 7 to Tanganyika, East Africa, where they will be opening a new work.

Charles E. Lee and family returned to West Africa on June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sorbo and children sailed from New York on July 10 for South India.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haydus returned to Guatemala, Central America.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kenny and family sailed for the Philippines on July 7. These are new recruits.

Wayne Turnbull and his family left Mimai on June 17 for the Dominican Republic and word has been received of their safe arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. David Plymire and son sailed to Formosa on June 17 and word of their safe arrival on July 10 has been received. Pray for these new missionaries.

Helen Rye returned to Jamaica on July 15.

Minnie Ecklund returned to Nigeria for another term of service. Word has come telling of her safe arrival on July 10.

David H. Peck and family arrived

in New York on June 25 from the Belgian Congo. Their address is 918 S. Marlborough, Dallas, Texas.

Mary Katherine Bush of South India arrived in the States on June 24 and receives mail % H. L. Bivans, 314-15th St., Lewiston, Idaho.

Clarence W. Ollson and family returned from Venezuela on June 6. Their address is % Roy Baker, Pender, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finkenbinder and children returned from El Salvador, Central America. They are making their home at 700 Elati, Denver 4, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Petroskey are home from Dahomey, French West Africa. Their address is % Steve Surcina, Route 3, No. Towerline Rd., Saginaw, Michigan.

Mrs. Nettie Juergensen wishes to inform her friends of her new address which is 5-2 Yatsubo Cho A-87, Kita Ku, Nogoya, Japan.

William Hart was born on Friday, June 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Brooke in Costa Rica.

Jack Randall was born on June 30 to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Schultz on furlough from Togo Dahomey, French West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gottschalk are the proud parents of David Keith who arrived in their home in Ceylon on June 22.

Sherilyn Joy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull on March 16. We regret the delay in publishing this announcement. The Turnbells recently returned to the Dominican Republic.



The Charles Lees



Minnie Ecklund

Helen Rye



The Ernest Sorbos



Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer



Mr. and Mrs. Hasch



The Wayne Turnbells



Mr. and Mrs. Haydus



The David Plymires

More Than a Duty

P. T. A. Is an Opportunity for Christian Mothers

BY MRS. R. RICHARD SEARLE

THE GAVEL STRUCK. THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order. A woman stepped forward and said:

"Standing before the United States Senate, Dr. Peter Marshall prayed: 'Help us to stand for something, lest we fall for anything.'"

Thus began the first devotional of another season for the city-wide council of Parent-Teacher Associations. Seated in the front were the speakers of the afternoon: the two candidates for mayor in the coming elections. Behind them were the educators of our city. The speaker continued:

"Since these famous words, a new age has been ushered in—the age of the hydrogen bomb. Scientists and educators understand the devastating power and threat of this bomb, against whose violence physical law can set no limit—and they have expressed their fear."

At this point in the devotional eminent authorities were quoted to corroborate the seriousness of the times. More parents and teachers had arrived by the time the vital question was asked, "Has the time come for us to define what is that 'something' for which we should stand? Indeed it has! Mr. J. Edgar Hoover says: 'The time has come for America to return to the true values of life—the values taught in the Bible.'"

"A mother at the juvenile court hearing for her teen-age son expressed to me the same opinion: 'If we followed God's laws, as set down in the Bible, we wouldn't get in trouble. And we can only know God's laws and God's will as we read the Bible.'"

At this opportune moment the listeners, both Jew and Gentile, were confronted with the Word of God:

"The something for which we should stand is summed up by God Himself in Deuteronomy 6: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with

all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.

"And in 1 John 3: And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he gave us commandment."

The speaker concluded: "As a Council serving the school, the home, and the community, insofar as the 'something' for which we stand is God's revealed will, we will be kept by God from 'falling for anything,' such as fear and panic. As we follow the commands of God, He will keep us from falling."

Thus ended my first devotional as Chairman of Character and Spiritual

Education for the Evansville, (Indiana) Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. But thus began a rewarding experience in an avenue of witnessing open to all evangelicals and heretofore overlooked by many. It is one of the most wide-open frontiers for the cause of Jesus Christ today.

After two years of PTA work, it was my studied opinion that evangelicals can be a very potent force in this wide-flung organization. I observed that our politicians have discovered the great potential in the woman's vote. In addition to their personal appearances, they write letters to the individual members seeking their support. I asked myself, "If women's influence is felt so keenly in the political field, why should not we as evangelicals use this great avenue as an inroad for the cause of Jesus Christ? Cannot each mother apply the words of the apostle Paul, 'a great door and effectual is opened unto me,' to her local PTA unit?"

Both individual and group-level opportunities are open to us. Working with those sharing the same aim of betterment will provide occasions for introduction to the Saviour who alone is able to better any person or community. By accepting positions in the PTA evangelical women can witness by their lives and by an appropriate word in

CODE MESSAGE FOR JUNIOR READERS

Here is another important message for you, but it is coded. You will find the code listed at the left and the message at the right. To read the message, simply fill in the letter that corresponds with the code in the space provided.

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To check your answer, look up Deuteronomy 6:5.

season. So when next our telephones ring with a request to be an officer of the PTA or serve on a committee, shall we not heartily consent to give our very best? May it be considered by each of us a divine appointment from our Lord!

Primarily, however, the Chairman of Character and Spiritual Education has the most effective opportunity for she must provide the devotional for each meeting. She can present tactfully a carefully prepared message, short in length, but uncompromising in content. We recognize that the school platform is not the time or the place to evangelize, but it does afford an occasion for confronting with spiritual values the parents of America's tomorrow. Another facet of her work is the field of counselling among the individuals who seek her out. As one who has a grasp of spiritual truth, she is often consulted, and deep needs are manifested by those who come. What a whitened harvest!

President Eisenhower says, "The Parent-Teacher partnership relation is one of the greatest privileges of a free government." What our children become depends largely upon the mother and the teacher. Cannot evangelicals be the guiding force in molding the standards of value of these two vital forces, and raising their sense of mission to a much greater degree? God alone affords the adequate motive to the practise of moral principles. Charles Eliot, the famous educator of Harvard, said: "Nobody knows how to teach morality effectively without religion. Exclude religion from education and you have no foundation on which to build moral character." The character of the student and his philosophy of life must be formed by the Bible. He must realize: I am come from God; I am here to glorify God; I shall return to God.

Young people look to their parents and their teachers for help. As evangelical women we *know* why we are here. We know what we are living for! Jesus Christ is the center of our lives. He is the source of our joy, and the hope of our future. Thus motivated we are qualified to challenge our youth, directly and through their parents and teachers. The opportunity is near to Mrs. America, and the witness is dear to the heart of God. Will you become part of this spiritual Mothers' March to influence for Jesus Christ the youth of America through the Parent-Teacher Associations?

—United Evangelical Action



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, August 25

Read: Psalm 126

Learn: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

For the Parent: This psalm points out: (1) God's delivering power; (2) we should be grateful to God for the great things He has done for us; (3) we are to be sowers and reapers in God's kingdom. In this connection, read John 4:35-38. Stress that we are to be faithful. Emphasize the certainty of the harvest—and the reward.

Question Time: What were the "great things" of v. 3? (vv. 1, 2) How do verses 5 and 6 tie in with John 4:35-38? What do you think we are to sow? to reap?

Tuesday, August 26

Read: Psalms 127, 128

Learn: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

For the Parent: These psalms point out the necessity of our depending on God for all things, as emphasized in v. 1. Other lessons from these psalms: (1) God will give us natural rest, 127:2; (2) children are a heritage from God, 127:3-5; (3) great blessings will come to those who fear God and walk in His way, keeping His commandments, 128:1-6.

Question Time: What meaning do you think Psalm 127:1 has for us today? What are some important lessons from these two psalms? Name the blessings that come to those who fear God.

Wednesday, August 27

Read: Psalms 129, 130

Learn: "If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared" (Psalm 130:3, 4).

For the Parent: Psalm 129 points out that Israel has gone through many trials, yet the Lord has never forsaken them. This same truth can be applied to the Christian's life. Psalm 130 stresses that God will and does forgive our sins as we confess and forsake them. God forgives our sins because of His mercy—not because of any merit on our part.

Question Time: What is the theme of Psalm 129? of Psalm 130? (See above) What is one reason God forgives our sins? (130:4) What is another reason? (130:7)

Thursday, August 28

Read: Habakkuk 2:1-14

Learn: "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Habakkuk, the Prophet of Faith" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This passage emphasizes a need to stand upon God's Word, v. 1. It also points out that we are to **live** by faith, recognizing that God is King over all, and that He will triumph over the wicked. As time permits, discuss some Bible heroes who lived by faith. Hebrews 11 forms a good basis for such a discussion.

Question Time: What does v. 1 emphasize? (See above) How should the just person live? (v. 4) Why? (Heb. 11:6)

Friday, August 29

Read: Daniel 1:7-15; 3:14-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

For the Parent: Review these two stories, pointing out the similarity in each: these men were true to their convictions and their God even though they seemed to be alone in doing it. Emphasize that at times when we stand for right, we may be alone. Stress the importance of obeying God—even if no one else does.

Question Time: What similarity is there in these two stories? (See above) What reward was there for obedience in each?

Saturday, August 30

Read: Ezra 9:5-15 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14).

For the Parent: Review the story of the return from captivity. Also review the reasons for the captivity—see 2 Chronicles 36:15-21. Then point out that the Jews were again falling into sin. Show Ezra's concern. Then stress that as we forsake and confess our sins, we can expect God to forgive them—He has promised to do it. Read 1 John 1:9.

Question Time: Why had Israel been taken captive? (2 Chronicles 36:15-21) What problem was there in Ezra's time? (Ezra 9:10) How can we have forgiveness? (1 John 1:9)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



Habakkuk, the Prophet of Faith

Sunday School Lesson for August 31, 1958

HABAKKUK 2:1-14

The prophet Habakkuk undoubtedly wrote his message during the reign of Judah's last king, Jehoiakim (609-597 B.C.). Josiah's revival was short-lived. National backsliding and apostasy soon set in. At the same time the Chaldean empire, which had rapidly risen to universal power, was threatening Judah. In such a time of crisis Habakkuk was called of God to deliver his message. He was not a preacher and apparently delivered no spoken message. The problem which he faced was one which troubles many today. And it is for our benefit that the story of the test and triumph of his faith is written for our admonition.

FAITH FORGOTTEN (1:1-4).

(1) *Habakkuk's questions.* "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! . . . Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance?" Two problems perplexed Habakkuk. First, why does God not hear and answer my prayers? Second, why does God not do something about Israel's sinning?

(2) *God's answers* (1:5-11). Hezekiah was wrong in thinking God did not hear his prayers. As a matter of fact, God pointed out that even then He was raising up the Chaldeans to be the executors of His righteous judgments. And God has often used wicked men as unconscious instruments to further His own righteous and eternal purposes.

(3) *Habakkuk's perplexity* (1:12-17). God's explanation only deepened Habakkuk's dilemma. How can a holy God use such wicked men to further His purposes? How can a just God allow wicked men to triumph over those who are certainly not as wicked as themselves? We dare not question God's methods lest we find ourselves slandering His character! Even if God were to explain a lot of His ways, we still could not understand the explanations.

FAITH FINDING ITSELF (2:1-20).

(1) *Habakkuk's wise decision.* "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me . . ." Even though he was puzzled, Habakkuk would not leave God out of his reckoning! Like David (Psalm 73), he had made the mistake of judging according to the appearance of things. But like David he had sense enough to wake up to the fact that he might find needed illumination in the "sanctuary" of God's presence!

(2) *God's revelation of Truth.* "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith" (2:4). In the first part of this verse God referred to the Chaldean king who represented his nation. Like Nebuchadnezzar, who would later rule this same

empire, the Chaldean was proud, defiant of God, presumptuous, unrighteous. Therefore he must perish, just as all people or nations founded upon unrighteousness must perish. But, as the second part of the verse states, those who live by righteousness shall live forever. In view of this principle, God described for Habakkuk's benefit the punishment which would come upon the Chaldeans for such specific sins as dishonest gain, covetousness, violence, drunkenness, and leading others into the sin of idolatry.

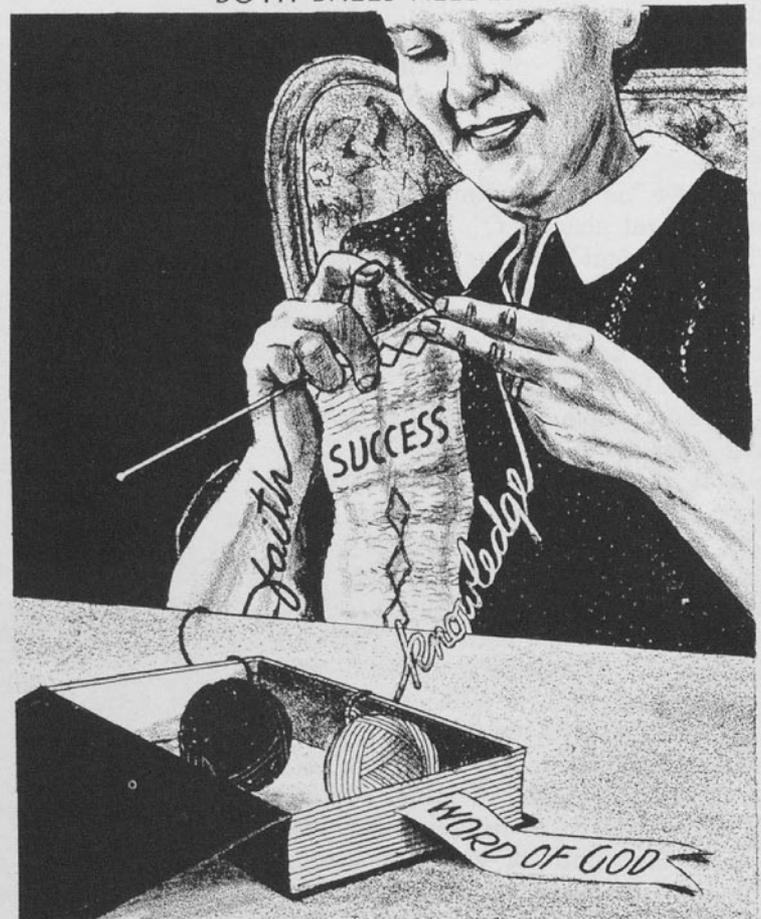
FAITH TRIUMPHANT (3:1-19).

Habakkuk had received the assurance that Israel's sins would soon be punished, and that, in turn, the Chaldeans too would be judged. He had also been informed, however, that this judgment of Israel's enemy might be long delayed. But Habakkuk's faith rose to the occasion. In impressive poetic language he described the coming of Jehovah to judge His enemies and redeem His people. While he waited for this great day he could, like Moses, endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

The closing verses of Habakkuk's message contain one of the most wonderful declarations of faith in the Bible—"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." And it is just this kind of faith which gives us the victory which overcomes the world of 1958!

—J. Bashford Bishop

BOTH BALLS NEEDED





Missionettes and the mothers who attended a tea held in their honor in Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Dorothy Tolson, sponsor, is standing at left and Mavis Meier, president, is seated at right on arm of chair.

Tacoma Missionettes Enjoy Serving

"Six of our Missionettes were baptized in water and two have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit this year." These words were written by Mrs. Dorothy Tolson, Missionette Sponsor at Glad Tidings Assembly, Tacoma, Washington.

Much of the success of any group depends upon the enthusiasm of the leader, and this is especially true when working with young people. Mrs. Tolson devotes many hours to working with the thirteen Missionettes at Glad

Tidings Assembly where A. R. Mattson is the pastor. Their first project was to make puppies out of wash cloths and bars of soap for the Juneau Children's Home. Twenty-seven puppies were sent to Juneau last year for Christmas. One of the men of the church asked the girls to cover ice cream containers with wallpaper to be used as waste baskets in the Sunday School classrooms. Recently they have been working on plaques made of cottage cheese lids and pictures from used greeting cards.

In May the girls sponsored a tea for their mothers. Each girl pinned a rosebud corsage on her mother. They had a cake decorated with rosebuds and on which were the words, "God bless our mothers." The mothers were shown some of the girls' handwork and they all expressed their appreciation for the Missionette Club. One mother suggested that they begin a clothing barrel with the girls distributing the clothing to needy families. They are now working on this project.

On June 27, Grace Taylor, beloved Missionette secretary, went to be with her Saviour. She attended the mothers' tea two months before and was in perfect health at that time. Mrs. Tolson writes, "Grace loved the Lord and served Him in every way she possibly could. It pays to serve Jesus and it pays to work with the girls, and my prayer as a Missionette Sponsor is that all thirteen of the girls in our group, and any that join in the future, will be ready when He calls."

My Regret

by Edwin Raymond Anderson

Perhaps I could have been a wealthy man today . . . perhaps. It was only a few years ago that I was invited to enter into partnership with one who had invented a device of value to the automotive field. But I just couldn't see any possibility in the thing, and refused him, dismissing the matter.

I have regretted it ever since! The chap was right; the device had great possibilities, and has now become a standard item. He has a large manufacturing plant in the Midwest to prove his success. Perhaps I could be a rich man today if. . . .

But I have no regrets where the far greater stake of my soul is concerned. I received a most gracious invitation from the very Lord of heaven Himself, with eternal "possibilities." In

infinite mercy and wonderful love He came to where I was sinking in sin, and tenderly whispered, "Come now, and let us reason together . . . though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). There it was, full and free and clear before my hungering soul! Before me He spread all the marvel of His great salvation and said, "Come, for all things are now ready" (Luke 14:17).

I responded to His invitation and thus entered into partnership with God Himself. I have never regretted that move of repentance and faith, for all my days are now filled with reality like the Apostle who wrote, "for to me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).



Leading the Nation

January 1—June 30, 1958

**SPEED-THE-LIGHT
TOP TWENTY-TWO**

TOTAL GIVING

Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	\$4,450.00
Calvary A-G, Inglewood, Calif.	1,531.53
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.	1,347.64
1st A-G, Santa Ana, Calif.	1,175.00
A-G, Willmar, Minn.	1,126.86
Gospel Tab., New Haven, Conn.	1,001.00
Gospel Tab., Hartford, Conn.	980.10
A-G, Trenton, Mo.	917.52
Gospel Tab., Minneapolis, Minn.	906.11
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wis.	773.21
Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.	760.00
1st A-G, Memphis, Tenn.	760.00
Glad Tid. Tab., New York, N. Y.	726.00
A-G, Newton, Iowa	625.82
1st A-G, North Hollywood, Calif.	620.00
1st A-G, Madison, Tenn.	610.00
Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, Mich.	606.41
A-G, Fort Madison, Iowa	591.19
A-G, Gunnison, Colo.	547.00
A-G, Concord, N. H.	524.25
1st A-G, El Centro, Calif.	471.00
A-G, Mont Belvieu, Tex.	463.55

PER CAPITA

Per Capita giving is based on total offering divided by number of C. A. Members. Number of members is in parenthesis.

Gospel Tab., New Haven, Conn. (14)	\$71
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif. (90) ..	49
A-G, Gunnison, Colo. (13) ..	42
A-G, Concord, N. H. (14) ..	37
1st Pent. Ch., Hollywood, Fla. (7) ..	36
A-G, Fort Madison, Iowa (19) ..	31
A-G, Del Norte, Colo. (1) ..	30
A-G, Brattleboro, Vt. (6) ..	30
A-G, Trenton, Mo. (32) ..	28
A-G, Coleman, Tex. (10) ..	27
1st A-G, Santa Ana, Calif. (45) ..	26
A-G, Eads, Colo. (9) ..	25
A-G, Somerville, Mass. (12) ..	25
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash. (60) ..	22
Excelsior A-G, Versailles, Mo. (5) ..	22
Calvary A-G, Inglewood, Calif. (70) ..	21
A-G, Mason, Mich. (5) ..	21
A-G, Cortez, Colo. (20) ..	20
A-G, Mont Belvieu, Tex. (23) ..	20
1st A-G, Madison, Tenn. (30) ..	20
A-G, Newton, Iowa (30) ..	20
Gospel Tab., Hartford, Conn. (50) ..	19

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log:

BOSTON, MASS. (WEZE)

1260 kc.—5,000 watts

Check local newspaper for time

SEATTLE, WASH. (KIRO)

Sunday, 10:30 p. m.

710 kc.—50,000 watts

There has been a change in the release time over Station WBSE, Hillsdale, Mich. REVIVALTIME will now be heard over this station at 8:30 a. m. each Sunday.

THIS IS GLORIA— A MIRACLE BABY

BABY PRONOUNCED DEAD BEFORE BIRTH, NOW LIVES

My husband and I are of families in the Catholic faith. My parents were formerly Catholic, but my mother came to know the Lord as her personal Saviour when I was young. My husband is the only Protestant in his entire family.

In 1954, when our second baby was on the way, my doctor was making tests as he had done for our previous child. These were positive-negative tests which are recognized to be better than ninety-nine per cent accurate; their results had been correct for me before. I had begun to be ill and was afraid of losing the child.

At three and a half months, after such tests, the doctor called me and told me my child was dead in my body. This was on Good Friday, 1954. He suggested giving me penicillin regularly to ward off dangerous infection and planned to place me in the hospital on the following Wednesday. He said I would perhaps become very ill, and in



Gloria Massing

such event I should call him immediately.

I did not go to the hospital on Wednesday, but rather attended a Pentecostal revival that night. Prayer was made for the sick, and I went forward. When hands were laid on me and

prayer was offered (Mark 16:18), I instantly felt the touch of God upon my body. I received immediate relief for my leg, which had been causing me much pain.

Instead of becoming ill, I gained in health and strength. Ten days from the time the doctor had pronounced my child dead, I went back for more tests. The results were opposite to what the previous tests had proved. The doctor remarked, "Mrs. Massing, I'm terribly confused. These last tests were positive. Your baby is alive." I assured him that it was in answer to prayer and the unlimited power of God.

Our little girl was born August 31, 1954, and we named her Gloria in gratitude to God.

Very shortly after this wonderful experience my husband and I joined the fellowship of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kansas, where U. S. Grant is pastor. For some years my mother had attended this church. Now most of my family—my mother and brothers and sisters—are with the Assemblies of God. In 1955 the Lord did another wonderful thing for me when He filled me with the precious Holy Spirit.

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).—Mrs. Martha Massing, 2624 N. 20th, Kansas City, Kans.

(Endorsed by U. S. Grant, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Kansas City, Kans. Mrs. Massing's doctor who read this testimony, affixed on the account over his signature, "The medical facts herein are correct.")

Delivered From Cancer

I HAD SUFFERED FROM TUMORS—AND other disorders for years before God healed me. In 1946 I had a very serious operation, actually it was five operations in one; my condition was so bad that I was placed in a room alone to die. But the Lord brought me through.

However, the cancer remained in my body and in 1948 I had two more operations. Then followed a long period of suffering. I continued to go to doctors, and to take all kinds of medicine, but, like the woman in the Bible, I "was nothing bettered but rather grew worse."

In 1954 I became very ill, and for over four months could hardly sleep or eat. The last two weeks before I was healed I could not sleep more than two or three hours a night because of the pain. I was tormented at night with a terrible burning in my stomach. I began to pass blood and pus through my bowels. I could not hold food on my stomach.

In the midst of this suffering, I finally decided, "This is the end of my taking pills." I burnt them all and sought for people who could pray the prayer of faith.

A minister told me of a revival at Highway Tabernacle (Assembly of God) in Chester, Pa., where William Crew is pastor. I went, not knowing anyone there. Evangelist William Caldwell was preaching. The Lord began to deal with me and I began to cry. It was my first visit to an Assemblies of God church. I was a stranger but I was the first to be prayed for. I felt as if some warm oil went all over me, and then cool oil seemed to cover me in a second. I was instantly healed, praise God! I went home and ate a big hamburger with all the trimmings and it stayed down! That was the first time in almost five months that I could keep food on my stomach, and there was no pain.

The Lord also healed me of heart

trouble. I had had it for three years and my condition was getting worse. I was very nervous and my blood pressure was so low I did not have enough energy to do my housework.

One day I had a very bad attack; I collapsed on the couch and could not talk or sit up. Our daughter called Pastor Crew, who came and prayed for me. God took the pain away and healed me that very minute.

I thank God for a minister who believes in the whole Bible and preaches it.—Mrs. Geneva W. Hess, 305 N. Monroe St., Media, Pa.

(Endorsed by William R. Crew, Pastor, Highway Tabernacle, Chester, Pa.)

PALSY HEALED

Several years ago I became afflicted with Parkinson's disease (palsy). It began in my right hand and arm. After some time my left hand and arm became affected, so that it was very hard for me to do any work. My hips and legs became almost useless, and it was very difficult to lift my feet. It was hard for me to keep my balance. I

remained in this condition until 1956 when God healed me.

Not only was I badly crippled from the palsy—I also had diabetes, with complications. I was very weak and run-down. I could not walk anywhere without a cane. The doctor gave me capsules to steady my body, so that I could do what was necessary about my apartment. At times it seemed that I improved, but then I would become almost helpless again.

In July, 1956, Evangelist Edward Jones of London, Kentucky came to our church for revival meetings. I attended these services whenever I was able and when someone came after me.

One Sunday evening, at the close of the service, Brother Jones invited all who needed healing to come forward to be prayed for. Soon the altar was filled with those desiring healing. With the help of my cane I made my way to the altar. I was the last one.

When our pastor and the evangelist were through praying for the others, I raised my hand to request prayer. As they prayed, something happened. I found myself standing with upraised hands, praising God. I walked down the center aisle with perfect freedom

and without my cane. I continued walking around the church for some time, just thanking God for healing me. Then down the steps I went, and out to the car, unassisted. When I walked up the stairs to my apartment I carried my cane on my arm. That was the first time in over three years that I had been able to walk without the aid of my cane. I was also healed of the diabetes at the same time.

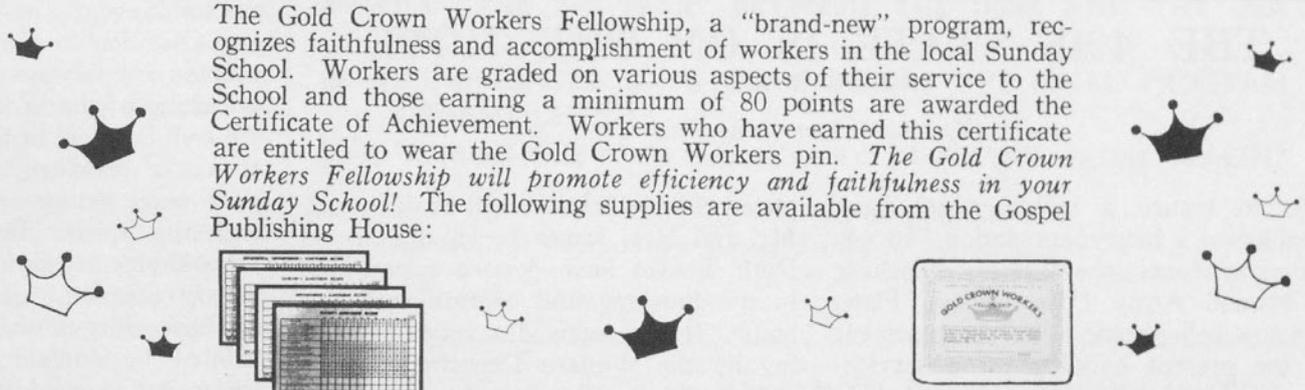
At the date of this writing (July 1, 1958) I can do almost anything I want to do. I can walk several blocks with perfect ease and freedom. I have gained fourteen pounds. I will be seventy-three years old on October 11, 1958, but I have not used my cane since God so wonderfully healed me. I am daily telling others of His love and power to heal.—Mrs. L. H. Myers, 120½ N. Plum St., Marysville, Ohio.

(Endorsed by E. F. Dana, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Assemblies of God, Marysville, Ohio.)

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

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**The Hon. Musa S. Amalemba, M.L.C.
becomes first African Member
of Kenya Cabinet**

NAIROBI, KENYA, BRITISH EAST AFRICA—For the first time in Kenya's history an African has been chosen as a cabinet minister. The young man to achieve this honor is Musa Amalemba, a newcomer to Kenya's Legislative Council.

Mr. Amalemba, a staunch Christian, was the first African to announce his intention of standing for a special seat in the Council. Having gained the position and the title, "The Hon. Musa S. Amalemba, M.L.C.," he was recognized by the governor as a man of courage. Within a short time he was offered a minister's seat in the Government. He is the "Minister of Housing."

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Amalemba served as a member on the Nairobi City Council, and as an official of the United Kenya Club. Later he became Chairman of the African Affairs Committee—the first African to hold this position.

On coming to Nairobi he was one of

the first Pentecostal Christians there. He had a part in starting the church and assisting the missionary pastor, J. W. Skinner.

Born in 1923, Musa Amalemba received part of his early education at a Pentecostal school, and later completed his studies at the Church Missionary Society school in Maseno. His ability was shown when he joined the army and qualified for the high rank of S/Major, 1943-45.

In 1949 his early training in Christian schools bore fruit when he became a "new creature in Christ" and three years later he was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Musa Amalemba himself became a teacher and taught at the Pentecostal School at Tsimbalo. He also became sub-editor of several African newspapers.

The indigenous Pentecostal Assemblies of East Africa, of which Mr. Amalemba is a member, is an outgrowth of work begun in Kenya in 1915 by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Keller. These missionaries, both now deceased, were affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

This Pentecostal work today embraces over 300 churches and elementary schools in Kenya, besides a college for training African teachers and a theological school for training African ministers. Forty-five Canadian missionaries are active in Kenya. ◀◀

great blessing to the surrounding area.

Brother and Sister Charles O. Hirschy at Kodiak started a church in their home. Gathering a congregation, they purchased lots, and have just moved into their new building. When completed, this will be one of the finest churches in Kodiak. This church is the farthest west station the Assemblies has in Alaska. We do not have one station on the Aleutian Chain that extends 1,500 miles from the mainland. Many of the villages have territorial schools but no evangelical church. This field is a challenge to our church, and, God helping, we trust to see workers go to this area soon.

Alaska needs much prayer. Only the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to build churches for Christ in this difficult field. We will be able to move forward for God and take this great frontier state for Him as you support your faithful home missionaries in Alaska with prayer and offerings.

TOURING OUR NEW STATE

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what time or what day it is. It is a real thrill to hear these people, especially the children, sing.

Many of them are dressed in clothing distributed by our missionary through the kindness of the Women's Missionary Councils on the "outside." These people are always attentive to the preaching of the Word and the children are well behaved in the church building. It was a privilege to meet some who have been genuinely saved and filled with the Spirit. There are also some remarkable testimonies of healing among them.

These villages on the Yukon are inhabited by Indian people. The ones we visited ranged from 50 to 150 in population. The men engage in fishing, hunting, some trapping, and some work for the government in fire fighting. The women stay in the villages and care for the children, dry the fish, and make baskets and moccasins for the tourist trade.

Alaska is a hunter's and a fisherman's paradise. However, hunting and fishing, when engaged in by our workers, is not merely a sport, but often a means of furnishing the family

THE 49th STATE IS ON THE MOVE

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able to secure a building and have established a nice congregation. In addition to Kenai; they are also reaching Wildwood Army Post nearby. Plans are now being made to build a basement in the present building for a servicemen's center.

The Arthur Nichols' of Homer, a sea-coast village, are leaving for a needed furlough but Brother and Sister Gerald Lee are taking over. Plans are being made to build a new church on a lot which has been purchased and paid for during Brother Nichols' ministry. This locality is growing very fast. New schools have been erected and there is great promise of future development.

The August fellowship meeting will be held in Valdez and the newly com-

pleted children's home will be dedicated. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Houghton and Ruth Tomko have done a superb job in the finishing and operation of this home. It has received a very high rating by the Welfare Department. The church there adjoining the home has undergone many improvements under the ministry of Brother David Schmidt who has now gone to pastor the North Pole Church. Brother John Burnham, former resident of Valdez and recent graduate of CBI, has arrived to take over the Valdez church.

The church at Cordova where Brother and Sister Byron Personius are serving, has made progress. This past year they have sponsored "Revivaltime" on their local station. It has been a

larder with food. Thus it becomes of economic importance. Three of our workers were able to bring in a thousand dollars' worth of meat from one hunting trip. In many respects Alaska is a true missionary field and the cost of living is very high. Thus, a profitable hunting trip is of great help to missionaries.

Tribute should be paid to the wives of our missionaries who are enduring the privations, hardships, and isolation of life in Alaska. In these towns and villages, these noble women are standing by their husbands, making a haven out of their simple homes amidst the loneliness and darkness of an Alaskan winter.

In southeast Alaska the climate and living conditions are quite different. The weather in the winter is not too much unlike that of Toronto, Duluth, or Chicago. Here also, there are more modern conveniences, and one feels not too far removed from "outside." Juneau, for instance, the capital of the new state, is a very modern small city with many government workers. It is a center of industry and fishing, and a port for freight and passenger vessels. It has a mountain for a backdrop and the waterway is replete with beautiful coves, islands and other spots delightful to the eye; among these is the famous Mendenhall glacier.

Our church in Juneau is new, modern, comfortable, and convenient. Brother Harold Maley, the pastor, has done a commendable work.

Other towns we visited were Sitka, Petersburg, and Ketchikan. In each of these, and in others which we could not visit for lack of time, we found dedicated men and women, carrying on a splendid work for God.

Demands on the *Alaska Missions Fund* are very heavy: necessary support for some missionaries; emergencies; insurance on buildings; building programs, etc. Planes take a great deal of gas for trips into the remote villages. Living costs are excessive.

Many people have gone to Alaska *to forget God*. Others have *never been touched by the gospel*. Many natives *have never heard the gospel*. Alaska's future spiritually depends upon us at the homefront NOW.

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PREPARED BY C. M. WARD

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- . . . The Egyptian Nasser is playing a crafty game but will be caught in his own devices . . ."

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **LEAVENWORTH, KANS.**—Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. just concluded services here. The congregation is still praising God for those who were saved, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Howard Shelton, Pastor

► **ALTO, TEXAS.**—Evangelist Don Jeter just closed a ten-day revival at First Assembly. God's blessings were poured out upon the entire church. Six souls were saved, and there were four definite healings.

—Louis M. Bruno, Pastor

► **MONAHANS, TEX.**—The Lord blessed in a wonderful way in revival services recently conducted in the First Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. Norman Jones of Brownwood, Tex. The Christians continually sought God for more of His Spirit. There was also a wonderful fellowship with those from other churches.

—Ervin H. Anderson, Pastor

► **CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.**—Three persons were reclaimed and one young girl saved during five nights of revival in the LaGrande Assembly with Evangelist Viola Duncan of Lancaster, Calif. The preaching of Sister Duncan was very edifying to the church, and the ministry of her daughter, Mary Jane, was also appreciated.

—Roy L. McRee, Pastor

► **BATON ROUGE, LA.**—The Calvary Assembly of God has just concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart from Wisner, La. About 20 knelt at the altar for salvation, and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. As one young lady was filled with the Holy Spirit she spoke with tongues for two and one-half hours. Her experience brought

her entire family to God. On the last night of the meetings the church was packed and extra seats had to be brought in. During the last two weeks of the revival the Sunday School experienced its highest average attendance.

—W. L. Swaggart, Pastor

► **NEW ORLEANS, LA.**—Several evangelists have contributed to the spiritual welfare of the Gospel Lighthouse Assembly here during the past year. In March, Warren Litzman conducted a two-week campaign at which time some 30 people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A number of souls were saved and others received healing. New people were added to the church at that time and are now taking part in the church program. Shortly afterward W. V. Grant conducted a three-day meeting. The attendance was very good, and the power of God was manifested marvelously. Toward the end of April A. N. Trotter conducted a 10-day Deeper Life Convention, holding services both morning and night. God anointed and enabled him to present the truths of the Word vividly. The meetings will have a definite lasting effect upon the people.

—L. O. Waldon, Pastor

► **DESPLAINES, ILL.**—The Northwest Assembly here was privileged to enjoy the anointed ministry of Evangelists Calvin and Naomi Bacon. The meetings were a part of the nationwide Pentecost Crusade. Seventeen came forward to accept Christ during the nine-day meeting. A number testified to receiving healing. The highlight of the meeting was the service on the morning of Pentecost Sunday when, following special prayer for all the new converts,

the glory of God filled the church. For one hour and a half there was a mingling of tears and shouts of joy as the congregation prayed and praised God. A deep work was done in many lives, and nine stepped out for Christ that day. Two weeks later 15 were baptized in beautiful Beverly Lake.

—DeVore H. Waltermann, Pastor

► **PINELAND, TEX.**—The church here was greatly blessed by the anointed preaching of Evangelist Artie Jones of Tyler, Tex. Fifteen were saved and 15 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Afflicted bodies were healed, and the entire church was stirred.

—O. C. Hicks, Pastor

► **LA GRANDE, OREG.**—The congregation here is praising God for four weeks of meetings during the month of May with Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Byers. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit, among whom was 72-year-old brother. Many were refilled and encouraged in the deeper things of God.

—B. B. Robeson, Pastor

► **BELL GARDENS, CALIF.**—The First Assembly here experienced a wonderful visitation of the Holy Spirit in 10 days of meetings with Evangelist Watson Argue. Over 50 people came to the altar for salvation or to be reclaimed. It has been a long time since the congregation has seen such a move toward God among the unsaved.

—F. E. Robertson, Pastor

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—Evangelist Bill Sharp was a definite blessing to the congregation of the Evangel Assembly here. The people thoroughly enjoyed the ministry of the Word and music. Sister Sharp's vocal solos were greatly appreciated also. The evangelist's artistic ability was quite an attraction as he painted a Biblical scene each night. His paintings were given away to someone in the congregation. Visitors were present at practically every service. Many souls were reached and saved. The Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high during the meetings.

—Fred Smolchuck, Pastor

► **MARINETTE, WIS.**—The Twin City area of Marinette, Wis. and Menominee, Mich. was greatly blessed recently by the ministry of Evangelist Joseph DeGrado and family. From the first service, the blessing of God rested mightily upon the evangelist. Fifteen persons received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some of them had been seeking the experience for years, and others were new converts. There were many outstanding healings. A lady who had suffered a double rupture for 27 years was completely healed. Others were healed of deaf ears, arthritic conditions, and heart trouble.

—M. E. Hayes, Pastor



A Saturday night meeting in Marinette, Wis. during the evangelistic meetings conducted by Evangelist Joseph DeGrado. M. E. Hayes is Pastor.

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—The First Assembly of God recently experienced a most successful evangelistic campaign under the direction of the Eskelin Family of Lakeland, Florida. The preaching ministry of Evangelist Ernie Eskelin met with excellent response, and many of the sermon topics will long be remembered. The closing night witnessed a great move for God. The music of the entire family was a real inspiration. —James Kofahl, Pastor



The Eskelins at meeting in Granite City, Ill.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

OFFICERS ELECTED IN MISSISSIPPI

BILOXI, MISS.—The Mississippi District Council met in Central Assembly of God at Biloxi, June 9-11. Bert Webb, an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was guest speaker and God used him to bring blessing to the Council with his messages.

The following officers were elected: J. C. Burks, District Superintendent; R. C. Davis, Assistant Superintendent; E. E. Noland, Secretary-Treasurer; General Presbyters, E. E. Noland, and O. C. Hickman; C. A. President, S. H. Balias; C. A. Vice-President, J. A. Allard, Jr.; C. A. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Balias; W.M.C. President, Mrs. Thelma Comardelle; W.M.C. Vice-President, Gertrude Hickman; W.M.C. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Grisbee.

Gains were reported by all departments. Home Missions pledges amounted to over \$2,000 during the Council and at the closing service seven candidates were ordained to the Full Gospel ministry.

—E. E. Noland, Secretary-Treasurer

SPIRITUAL TIDE RISES HIGH AT BETHANY PARK CAMP

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—The Bethany Park Camp Meeting near Santa Cruz, June 27 through July 13, was one of the most fruitful in results and spiritual in content.

The District Superintendent, Leonard Palmer, presided. Both the evangelist, Watson Argue (substituting for B. Owen Oslin, who was incapacitated by a throat infection) and the Bible teacher, Arthur H. Graves, ministered the Word with great power. C. Ely Persing and Kelsey C. Prinzing had charge of the prayer room. Reliable reports indicate that 83 confessed Christ as their personal Saviour and 103 testified to being baptized with the Holy Spirit or refilled.

The following departmental leaders presented interesting programs: Walt Boring,

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Norwood	Aug. 19-Sept. 7	H. Syvelle Phillips	Leonard E. Page
	Mobile	First	Aug. 24—	Forrest Whaley	Leslie Baker
Ark.	Pine Bluff	First	Aug. 31—	C. L. Dixon, Jr.	R. A. Thompson
Calif.	San Bernardino	* First	Sept. 2-7	Virgil & Edythe Warens	L. H. Hauff
Colo.	Englewood	A of G	Aug. 24-Sept. 15	E. & Hallie Gaddis	Paul Perry
Fla.	Jacksonville	Norwood	Aug. 26-Sept. 7	P. D. Creel	J. Russell Mayhue
Ill.	Chicago	Lowell Ave.	Aug. 17-31	James Miller & wife	George W. Lee
	Springfield	First	Aug. 31—	J. Haskell Wooldridge	G. E. Mandel
	Zion	Christian	Sept. 2-12	Richard Vinyard	T. R. Brubaker
Ind.	Terre Haute	Chamberlain Chapel	Aug. 24—	Bill Ilnisky & wife	Wilson Shabaz
	Warsaw	A of G	Sept. 2-14	Ada E. Lear	Robert Poland
La.	Baton Rouge	** Calvary	Sept. 1—	Jimmy Swaggart	W. L. Swaggart
	New Orleans	Victory Temple	Aug. 24—	Charles Reed & wife	D. E. Stroud
Md.	Hagerstown	** A of G	Aug. 31-Sept. 21	J. B. Woolums	A. J. Barrett
Mich.	Battle Creek	Church of FFG	Aug. 10-24	Paul Cantelon	E. A. Manley
Minn.	So. St. Paul	* A of G	Aug. 19-31	Dick & Betty Stevens	Lawrence Mather
Miss.	Columbia	First	Aug. 17—	Tommy Lofton	R. G. Hardy
	Greenwood	First	Sept. 1—	Tommy Lofton	J. F. Patton
Mo.	Conway	*** A of G	Aug. 31-Sept. 7	L. B. Keener	Gordon Zercher
	Davis Crossing	First	Sept. 3—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	R. B. Melander
	Kansas City	Grandview	Aug. 24—	S. J. Colburn	Dwayne Friend
Ohio	Cleveland	First	Aug. 31-Sept. 14	Bob & Lillian Watters	Mel Brewer
	Weston	A of G	Aug. 31—	Smith-Ramussen	John Hammack
Okla.	Edmond	First	Sept. 1-14	Paul & Betty Wood	E. F. Pierce
Oreg.	Dayton	A of G	Aug. 31-Sept. 14	Carl & Beverly Johnson	Carl Allquist
Pa.	Irwin	A of G	Aug. 27—	Musical Vanns	J. L. Pittman
S. C.	Timmonsville	Glad Tidings	Aug. 11-24	John L. Eller	Merlin N. Steen
S. Dak.	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	Aug. 19-31	R. W. Hastie Family	Arthur Berg
Tenn.	Brownsville	First	Aug. 31—	Earl E. Blythe	L. T. Drumright
Tex.	Houston	Calvary Chapel	Aug. 31—	LeRoy Fleck	Charles Johnson
	Slaton	A of G	Aug. 17-31	The Roland Hasties	V. F. Love
Wash.	Camas	A of G	Aug. 24-Sept. 7	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Ernest Mattson
Wis.	Sheboygan	First	Aug. 26-31	Joel Palmer & wife	T. O. Grams
	Viroqua	A of G	Sept. 2-21	Joel Palmer & wife	Paul Ade
Canada	Collingwood, Ont.	Pentecostal	Sept. 2-14	Bob Swaim & wife	Lynn Pinkston
	Frankford, Ont.	First Pent.	Aug. 31-Sept. 14	W. C. Nelson	G. F. Pierce

* Children's Revival

** Tent Revival

*** Workers Training

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL* is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

C. A.; Dave Colbert, Sunday School; Goldia Anderson, W.M.C.; and Walter Hansen, Men's Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Leen served as children's workers. Paul Keinel was chairman of the program committee. Over 40 workers were on the camp staff.

Eight thousand dollars in cash and pledges were given for missions following an appeal by Charles Greenaway.

It was estimated that 3,000 persons attended the services during the July 4 weekend.

—Raymond Murray, Camp Meeting Chairman

HUNGARIAN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Hungarian Branch of the Assemblies of God met May 29-30 for their District Council in Detroit, Michigan. All officers were re-elected on the first ballot.

Council was opened with prayer around the altars during the whole forenoon of the first day. The spirit of unity, born of prayer, prevailed in all discussions, elections and devotions.

—Victor A. Hudak, Branch Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMECOMING—August 31 at Assembly of God church, 7th and Lizzie Sts., Keyes, Calif. Services at 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; lunch at noon. Former pastors to speak. Former members invited.—by C. J. Brown, Pastor.

HOMECOMING—August 31 at First Assembly of God, Roswell, New Mexico. O. W. Edwards and G. W. Risner, Jr., former pastors, to be morning and evening speakers.—by Edgar Newby, Pastor.

HOMECOMING—August 31 at Ennis Assembly of God church, 400 W. Ave., Ennis, Texas. All former ministers, members and workers invited. Everyone welcome.—by C. A. Caylor, Pastor

WITH CHRIST

J. ERNEST HANSEN, 47, died suddenly on July 19, 1958. Brother Hansen was pastor at Maxwell, Nebr. for the last few months of his life. Formerly he was greatly used of God as an evangelist among mid-western Assemblies. He sacrificed many things for the gospel's sake.



A Man With Empty Hands

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

THE OTHER DAY I MET A MAN WHO knows he hasn't long to live. He has lung cancer and a serious heart condition, but his diseases were not his chief concern that day.

Recently he has begun to consider his soul which will live on forever after his frail pain-racked body is laid to rest. And a feeble faith is gradually replacing a lifetime of doubt. But as he talked with us that day, great tears of remorse rolled down his withered cheeks.

I spoke to him of the comfort that should be his now that he has turned to Christ. He gave me a look of deep sorrow and held out his hands in a

hopeless gesture. His voice broke as he said bitterly, "Yes, but I come with empty hands."

I thought I had an answer for him when I quoted, "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling..."

But he brushed it aside. "I know that," he said. "But that's not what I mean." He groped for words and there was a far-away look in his eyes as he poured out his anguish.

"When a man has lived as I have, for sixty-eight years without God, it's different than you think."

He looked at his hands again. "I've got grown sons who are following in

my footsteps. They don't ever think of God. I could have taken them by the hand and led them to church and to God when they were little, but it's too late now.

"I don't know now if I'll live a day or a month or a year. My whole life's been wasted. That's what I mean by empty hands—and it's almost more than I can bear."

No words of mine could have changed the irrevocable truth of his condition. He will face God with those empty hands any day now. And the joy he should be experiencing as a result of coming to Christ even at the eleventh hour is beclouded with the knowledge of a wasted life.

As I listened to the simple but tragic confession of this man on his way to eternity with woefully empty hands, I thought of the many who today are saying, "I have my hands full just providing for my family."

In the light of eternity those same hands may be painfully empty all too soon. If you are among those who plan some day (but not now) to turn to the Saviour, think of this man.

The Bible too has a message for you. It says, "Behold *now* is the accepted time... *now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

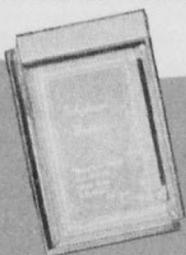
It is a solemn thing to consider, that even though one is spared to old age, and then saved, the wasted years are beyond recall. The influence he might have had is lost forever.

Turn to Christ today, lest you too experience the desolation of meeting God with empty hands.

Remember that every guilty compliance with the humors of the world, every sinful indulgence of our own passions, is laying up cares and fears for the hour of darkness; and that the remembrance of ill-spent time will strew our sickbed with thorns, and rack our sinking spirits with despair.

—Bishop Heber

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If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If a truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life like a star.

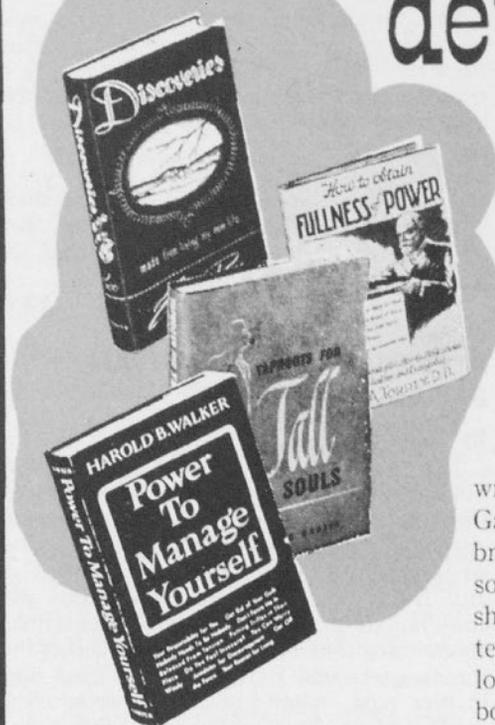
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Lebanon, Promised But Not Possessed

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tute, but each person must appropriate Him for himself.

PROMISE OF DIVINE HEALING

The Lord has promised healing for the body as well as salvation for the soul. It is God's will "that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." The psalmist David knew this truth, for he sang, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:2, 3).

Though God has given the promises of healing, we must make the effort to appropriate them. The Bible says, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:14, 15). Divine healing is for all who believe and obey.

Jesus said, "Many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian." Why was this? Because Naaman was the only leper who put forth faith and effort to obtain healing.

Crowds thronged Jesus in Capernaum. Doubtless many of the people were in need of physical help, but just one woman received healing. She was the only one who realized that Jesus

was her Healer and who touched Him in faith. "She said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed." Her faith gave her the courage and strength to press through the crowd and obtain what she needed. Touch Christ in faith and you will receive healing for your sicknesses. This is part of our inheritance.

PROMISE OF THE FATHER

Jesus told His disciples, before ascending to His Heavenly Father, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." This promise was the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gateway to a Spirit-filled life. Many who are converted to Christ stop short of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, either through ignorance or prejudice or self-satisfaction.

Lebanon's high mountains and fruitful land were not taken, because they seemed too hard to conquer. The best is usually the hardest to obtain. Whatever is worth having is worth striving for. Open your eyes, then, to God's full provision, and do not be satisfied until you have been filled with all the fullness of God. This experience will lead to a life of victory, fruitfulness, holiness, and believing prayer.

PROMISE OF WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL

"Ask of me," the Lord invites, "and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8). Many are lost in sin at home and abroad because we have not made the effort to reach them with the gospel. We must pray, work, witness, give, and go until sinners are saved the world around. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," we are commanded.

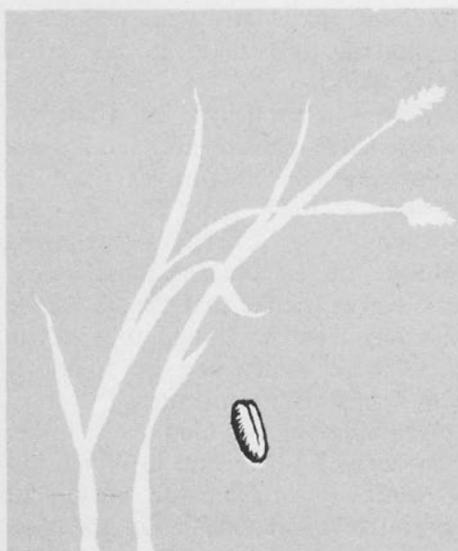
Because Lebanon was not taken for God, it was taken for Baal. While in Lebanon we visited the ruins of Ba'albek (Heliopolis) which was once a city of idolatrous worship. The influence of Baal was felt in Israel when Ahab married Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, and she brought the worship of Baal into Israel.

If we do not put forth an all-out effort to win the world for Christ, they will be won to Communism or Mohammedism or infidelity. The influence of these false religions is being felt in our land of America. Let us stir ourselves to possess the heathen for Christ, by strengthening our worldwide missionary program.

Israel received cedars from Lebanon but left the people of that land in idolatry. Similarly, we are in danger of becoming engrossed in the material things of life and forgetting to win men to Christ. We must increase our efforts to bring lost men and women to the Lord. If we fail to warn the wicked, their blood will be on our hands. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Remember that although Lebanon was promised it was never possessed. ◀ ◀

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The Inconvenient Life

BY NEALE D. SHENEMAN

FEW WORTHY THINGS HAVE EVER BEEN DONE BECAUSE of their convenience. This is verified by ancient as well as modern history. The things that are most worth while in our lives are usually those that require some sacrifice and inconvenience.

This truth is clearly taught in Old Testament experiences. Think of Abraham, the father of the faithful, the friend of God. Was it pleasant for him to leave his home country in Ur and travel into a strange land in response to God's call? There was much in Ur that he enjoyed and that was hard for him to leave. For him in his later years to leave home and wander in a strange land by faith was a tremendous thing. But oh, what spiritual blessing was the result.

You remember the experience of Joseph, who was deceived by his brothers and sold into Egypt as a slave. There he spent many miserable years. But in the end Joseph was promoted and enabled to be a great blessing to his family and to his nation. There was many a disturbing experience for Joseph; but because he bravely bore his "cross" and cheerfully did the inconvenient thing, he became one of the greatest characters of the Old Testament.

I marvel at the patience of Moses. He could have had such great opportunities in other fields of endeavor. He might even have become Pharaoh of Egypt. But he chose to suffer affliction with the children of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. He spent most of his mature years leading a murmuring, ungrateful, oft-backsliding people through the desert to the border of Canaan's land, though he himself died without entering that land of promise. Moses lived an inconvenient life during this time, but what a blessing he was!

We could speak at great length about the men of God in the New Testament who lived inconvenient lives. Was it convenient for Paul to heed the Macedonian call and accept the challenge? All of the apostle's ministry was characterized by sacrifice. That great man was one of the most learned of his generation, and could have held positions of authority and prestige and honor in his day, but from the moment of his conversion Paul chose to live and work for Christ regardless of the price. And so he was often stoned, or beaten with stripes, or shipwrecked, or went hungry, or suffered other hardships.

But we thank God for Paul's consecration; we are glad he paid the price and was faithful to his calling. How

"FOR AS THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST
ABOUND IN US, SO OUR CONSOLATION
ALSO ABOUNDETH BY CHRIST."
— II COR. 1:5



much poorer would be the Church if we did not have the rich instruction of his thirteen epistles!

What of our Lord Jesus? He certainly did a most inconvenient thing when He left the glories of His Father's kingdom and came to the world. As the Phillips translation puts it, "He, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to His prerogatives as God's Equal, but stripped Himself of all privilege by consenting to be a slave by nature and being born as mortal man. And, having become man, He humbled Himself by living a life of utter obedience, even to the extent of dying, *and the death he died was the death of the common criminal*" (Philippians 2:6-8). Through faith in His sacrificial, atoning death we are redeemed from sin!

The Christian life is one of sacrifice and inconvenience. "And he [Christ] said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

Is it always convenient for you to pray? Is it always convenient for you to pursue your private and family devotions? Is it always easy to attend the prayer meeting, and to testify for Christ on the job? No. Nor do you enjoy the jeers of the world for your Christian standards.

But, the inconvenient things are usually the most necessary, the most important. We give thanks that people before us were willing to do the inconvenient things to give us our Pentecostal heritage. Where would we be today if someone had not done that which is inconvenient?

Let us consecrate ourselves anew to our God-given tasks. It may be inconvenient to serve Christ, but it is blessed and rewarding. We may receive scorn from the world, but we will enjoy the blessing and favor of God if we are true. And it's His favor that really matters, after all. ◀◀