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Still the Best Seller

In spite of Communist claims to the contrary, the Bible is still the world's best seller. It is estimated that over a billion and a half Bibles were distributed between 1917 and 1957. This compares with the estimate that a billion copies of the works of Marx and Engels, Lenin and Stalin, were published from 1917 to 1954.

The *Index Translationum*, issued annually by UNESCO, published figures which indicated that Communist writings had passed the Word of God in circulation, but the American Bible Society states the figures were incomplete. The publication work of the Bible societies has not been adequately reported in the past. Future editions of the *Index* will more accurately reflect the true picture.

From 1917 to 1957 the American Bible Society distributed 393,246,474 volumes. To this should be added the distribution of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which was somewhat larger than that of the American Bible Society, and of other Bible societies. In addition, there are the commercial Bible publishers who do not make public their figures; also the Gideons and other groups.

Prior to the advent of the Bible societies, however, Bibles were scarce and very expensive. It was the story of Mary Jones that altered the situation. Mary was a Welsh girl. Her parents were too poor to own a Bible, but they had God's Word in their hearts and they taught their little daughter from memory. She came to love the Scriptures very dearly, and every Saturday she would visit a home two miles away in order to read their precious Bible. At the age of ten Mary decided her one ambition in life would be to possess a Bible of her own, so she did extra jobs and saved her pennies very carefully. It took her six years to save enough money. Even then, she had difficulty in finding a Bible for sale, but she learned that a minister at Bala named Thomas Charles had a few copies. Sixteen-year-old Mary walked barefoot to Bala, a distance of twenty-five miles, to buy her Bible. Charles was so impressed by her deed that he went to London and addressed a group of Christian men on the subject of Bible distribution. They were so moved by the story of Mary Jones that they established the British and Foreign Bible Society. Twelve years later (in 1816) the American Bible Society was formed.

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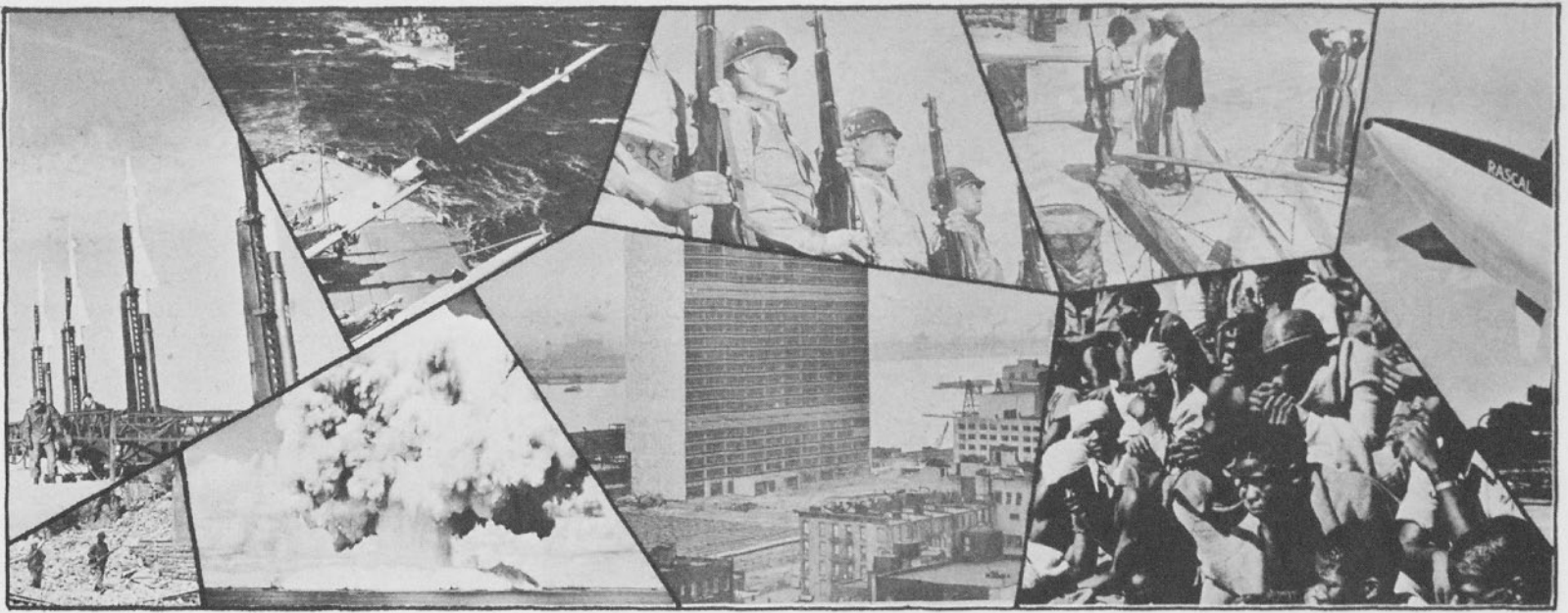
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World Tensions—What Do They Mean?

By James E. Hamill

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ON OUR RECENT TRIP OF SOME 30,000 miles through more than thirty countries, we were constantly aware of the many tensions prevailing everywhere. In fact, it seemed we arrived in some of the countries at a most critical moment. We were in Berlin, which may set off the next war. We were in Moscow, the very seat of the most godless, atheistic philosophy ever devised by man. We were in Budapest, which is overrun by the forces of Red Russia.

We visited Cyprus, an island filled with troops and beset by violence, terror, and death. In Athens we were aware of very real tensions. We stood in the streets of Beirut, Lebanon, where violence stalked. In Jordan we witnessed demonstrations of anger when

the king was turned back from his vacation flight by the Syrians. While we toured Israel, border skirmishes were the order of the day.

We were in Accra, Ghana, when the All-African Peoples Conference was in progress and when men in responsible positions shouted for all Europeans and Americans to get out of Africa.

Just before flying home by jet, we were in Paris during the NATO meeting. There the ranking ministers of fifteen western nations wrestled with the problem of keeping the peace in Western Europe and in all the world.

WORLD TENSIONS

The seeds of war are planted in more than a dozen parts of the world and any one of them or any combination of them may precipitate the conflict that will set the whole world on fire. May I briefly point out a few of these difficulties.

In Berlin, the divided city 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain, the seeds of trouble are sprouting fast. Although West Berlin is protected by French, British, and American garrisons, enough food, fuel, and supplies to care for more than 2,000,000 people must be brought in through a narrow corridor across East Germany. Russia's Khrushchev has said that on or before June 1, 1959, control of communications and

of this corridor will be turned over to East Germany. This undoubtedly would bring all of Berlin under the control of Communist East Germany.

A West Berlin newspaper warned against this calculated move to get the Allies out of West Berlin in these words: "We know how it will be done. Adolph Hitler used it; Joseph Stalin was not bad at it. Spontaneous rallies will be held, red flags will appear, there will be brawls, and then someone will call for the Communist People's Police. They will come to maintain peace and order and the police will stay. That is how it is done. The Communists have done it often. That would be the fate of the free city of West Berlin."

The West has said "no" to the tactics of Soviet Russia and we all realize that something must give within the next few weeks. Recent newspapers carried the statement by Mr. Gromyko, Soviet foreign minister, that Berlin may bring about a global war.

I cannot explain to you the tenseness that seemed prevalent in Moscow, the seat of Red Russia. The very air is charged with it. The people of Moscow seemed to be resigned to the inevitability of war with the West. Their whole economy is geared to war.

The little island of Cyprus is filled

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Gene Martin and J. E. Hamill with guide in Uganda.



On Sunday evenings Paul Morris and elders follow New Testament injunction to pray for others.

DISCOVERY AT HILLSIDE

The flock was thinning out; the minister was discouraged; finances were "perennially sour." Then these Presbyterians found the secret.

by Harold Bredesen

Reprinted from CHRISTIAN LIFE

"**H**OW CAN I GIVE UP MY BRIAR pipe?" This was the question that plagued the Rev. Paul L. Morris, minister of the Hillside Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, New York City, when he began to pray for revival for his church a few months ago.

But God was faithful. He gave Morris an answer to his prayer that revolutionized his own life and revitalized his church. In fact, so staggering a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit has been witnessed by

this Presbyterian church that it is easy to recall Paul's words to the saints at Rome, "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed. Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God" (Rom. 15:18-19).

Actually, however, any change was most welcome, for the Hillside flock had been thinning out for years. Into the neighborhood came waves of new families—Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Jews, Catholics, but only a few Protestants.

"I was bewildered," confesses the youngish pastor. "I just sat and watched. Of course I tried to fish these surging waters once in a while, but soon came home discouraged. The trouble was I had no real love for souls."

Hillside finances were perennially sour. Bazaars, dances, suppers, bakes and a vegetable booth somehow kept mortgage payments on schedule, but a caravan of current expenses plodded months behind.

The heartbroken minister often scanned "Help Wanted" columns in the *Sunday Times*. But he scanned the New Testament, too, and found it asking: "How could the apostles launch the Gospel in a world just as difficult as Jamaica and succeed? Wasn't it because they waited for Holy Spirit power? He's the one who made their preaching live—convicted sinners—worked miracles—made Jesus real to everybody. Get the Holy Spirit in Hillside and see what happens."

Reports of revival among Presbyterian churches in the Hebrides confirmed God's power to draw people to His church if someone would pray through and meet His conditions. So, late every night this city pastor began pleading with God for help. "Bring souls from the north and south, the east and the west."

"Sometimes I'd fall asleep and wake up at two o'clock in the morning, with an arm cramped in knots under my chest," admits Morris. "But the Lord is gracious, and what prayers I did offer, He heard."

Morris had been hoping for a quick harvest, but discovered that first came a pruning season, and the branch to be cut back was the preacher himself!

Victim number one was his briar pipe. "O Lord," he prayed, "it has soothed me so, and I never could stop for more than a week. Now I trust You alone to calm my nerves. And please take away my craving for tobacco..."

He did.

Next, God put His finger on a cluster of hostile feelings—real anti-trustee gripes. Still more pruning. This time sins rooted in the heart. "After much pleading, searching, and failing, I read, 'He is able to save to the uttermost.' Then faith increased and Jesus gently took them away also," asserts Morris.

As the Lord brought this victory in Jamaica, the Billy Graham Crusade

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came to Madison Square Garden. Graham urged every church to pray for the Crusade, and a few members from Hillside responded to the call.

Nights later a group gathered at the manse to pray. Suddenly the Spirit fell. "It was as if that living room had in that moment become the upper room and we had entered the very dimensions the twelve found themselves in that first Pentecost.

"We had all been *born* of the Spirit but that night we were *filled* with the Spirit. By faith I had known that I was His—but He came in and took possession. Up to that moment I had been praying. But now He had come in and was praying through me—with a power, a faith, an intensity entirely different and so much more wonderful than my own. In *experience* I was now the temple of the Holy Ghost," explains Morris.

All were amazed and comforted—filled with a holy joy and a love for one another unlike anything they had ever experienced. Jesus had sent the Comforter!

"Scarcely had I gone to bed that night," relates Morris, "when from deep within me came words in another language, and soon I was speaking fluently in an unknown tongue. It was as if something dumb and inarticulate within me had suddenly been given a voice and with David of old my mouth was praising Him. I could feel the Holy Spirit's tingling warmth and life settling all over my body.

"The Spirit made the presence of Christ so real, it seemed He was standing right there in the room, almost close enough for me to reach out and touch Him. His grace and loveliness overwhelmed me."

Next morning Morris left for New York Synod and shared the Holy Spirit experience with a minister's wife.

"That's the kind of thing *all* of our churches should have. It seems to me our programs ought to be going a lot deeper," she responded.

At Synod his ministerial roommate listened attentively and declared his experience a valid one. Other Synodical delegates listened—some with interest, none with antagonism, all with amazement. Meanwhile, Helen Morris was busy spreading the good news around the church. The Clerk of Session and his wife, together with the wife of another Elder, were instructed and received the Holy Spirit eagerly.

Before the weekend, seminary stu-

dents from Manhattan phoned, "We're total strangers, but would you take time to tell us about the Holy Spirit? We have been trying to find someone in a Presbyterian church who can instruct us."

That Sunday Morris announced to his congregation, "If there are any changes around this church from now on, it's because the Holy Spirit has come. Some of us received Him this week and in the near future I'll tell you about it in detail."

The day following he told his Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery Executive, the Reverend Frank Wallace. "Test the spirits," admonished Wallace. "Let your worship be decent and in order."

This Morris and his people did. As they searched the Word of God and continued in prayer other gifts according to First Corinthians 1:12 appeared. All this came in a quiet, orderly manner accompanied by an increasing sense of love among the congregation.

Prayer life around the church changed dramatically. A radiant few even clustered daily in the manse or sanctuary for praise and supplication instead of praying at home singly, dutifully and tediously. "Prayer used to be sheer drudgery, but with the Spirit it is like soaring on wings," said one.

Hymns sparked with new vitality and meaning. Each service proved refreshingly different from any before—a gem of order, beauty, and reverence as the Holy Spirit led them into new truth.

A Lutheran visitor said, "I always was told the Holy Spirit gifts were something to be avoided because they are 'emotional,' but here I find them

so reverent and dignified they inspire me."

Three months after the Holy Spirit's outpouring in the prayer meeting, Morris believed the Lord wanted him to give details and explanations to the Sunday morning congregation.

"Isn't God wonderful," one woman exclaimed, "to single out our church for such blessing!" Others talked long after in the nave—marveling that God could be so good. From that time on Morris claims he simply reported for work Monday mornings and asked for a Scripture assignment to study and proclaim the following Sunday. "And with it always came fresh illustrations—better than anything I had filed away."

"My biggest problem was a stubborn nature and a lifetime of wrong habits to undo. The Lord showed me I had to keep flexible as potter's clay, so He could re-mold me the way He wanted. He corrected a lot of wrong work habits and attitudes."

The Bible says, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." To Morris this meant he was to do his pastoral calling in the morning and evening. "I used to go out in the afternoons," he laughed, "and seldom found folks at home."

"So I was gracefully eased from my swivel chair in the study to the hard sidewalks of Jamaica where I had orders to fish for men. To my amazement the Spirit led me to where they were biting."

One morning Morris planned to call in St. Albans, but after prayer felt he should see a sick lad in Queens Vil-

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A group gathers Fridays at 10 p.m. to praise and intercede as late as 1 a.m.
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THIS WE BELIEVE

A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BASED
ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS
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BY P. C. NELSON



PART ELEVEN: THE MINISTRY AND EVANGELISM

THE CHURCH IS BOTH AN ORGANISM and an organization. As an organism it is an expression of the life of Christ implanted in each individual (Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:3), and in the whole group as His mystical body (Romans 12:4, 5; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13, 27; Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:18, 19). As an organization, each member has his particular duty, power, gift, or function to perform for the common good. This is very clearly stated, argued, and illustrated in 1 Corinthians 12. For the sake of emphasis and clearness the following propositions are set forth.

1. *Christ Is the Head of the Church or Assembly of God.* In Ephesians 1:22, 23, we read that God "gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body." See also Ephesians 5:23. As the head controls the activities of each member of a normal human body, so Christ is to direct the activities of every member of His spiritual body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). He is our Lord and Law-giver. He has power to direct even the minutest details of our lives, and he who refuses to recognize this authority and ignores and disobeys His will in his daily walk, can never know the sweetness of the Christian life.

2. *When Christ Ascended on High, He Gave Certain Gifts to His As-*

sembly (Ephesians 4:9-16). These gifts are the divinely appointed leaders for His Church. One can hardly imagine a more aimless object than an army without officers. The most helpless thing on earth is a flock of sheep without a shepherd, and the assembly is likened to a flock of sheep (John 21:16, 17). The word "pastor" occurs several times in the Old Testament, but only once in the New (Ephesians 4:11). This is the Latin word for *shepherd*, which occurs several times in both Testaments.

3. *We Must Distinguish Between the Gifts of the Spirit and the Gifts of Christ.* The gift of the Spirit (Acts 2:38; 11:17) is the bestowment or endowment of the Spirit Himself to abide with us forever. See John 14:16, 17. This experience we identify with the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5; 2:1-4). The gifts of the Spirit are graces, powers, enablements bestowed by the indwelling Spirit on believers (1 Corinthians 12). The gifts of Christ are officers or leaders specially called, authorized and qualified by Christ, the Head of the Church, to lead, feed, direct, instruct, and discipline the Church for its own good and development, and for the furtherance of its work for Christ on earth (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 4:1, 2; Hebrews 13:7, 17). See also John 15:16.

4. *In the Great Spiritual Temple of God, Christ Is the Chief Cornerstone, and the Apostles and Prophets Are Foundation Stones.* (Ephesians 2:20). The apostles and prophets are the two ranks in the ministry given first mention by Paul in the list of gifts which Christ bestows upon the assembly (Ephesians 4:11). Evangelists rank third. Their special work was to spread the gospel, where before it was unknown. The fourth place is given to pastors and teachers. These two functions are joined together because the bishop or pastor should be "apt to teach" (1 Timothy 3:2), and we might add that the teacher should be apt to preach. The crying need today is for a Bible-teaching ministry. Pentecost cannot live on "manifestations" alone, nor can it live on doctrine or teaching alone. Here is God's gracious promise to Israel: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15).

5. *The Words "Pastor" (or "Shepherd") and "Bishop" Denote the Same Office.* The word "bishop" translates a Greek word meaning overseer. In some churches there was more than one bishop (Philippians 1:1; Acts 20:28, where we have the same Greek word translated "overseers"). The qualifications for this high and holy calling are set forth in Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. No amount of learning, no natural ability, no affability or eloquence or mental acumen can qualify a minister of Jesus Christ to perform his arduous, responsible duties. Even three years of special training under the personal guidance, instruction and example of the peerless Teacher could not adequately prepare the apostles for the services they were to render. With great emphasis they were commanded to tarry for the endowment

THE MINISTRY AND EVANGELISM

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edifying of the Body of Christ. Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:11-13.

—Statement of Fundamental Truths, adopted by the Assemblies of God

they received at Pentecost (Luke 24: 49; Acts 1:4-8). Surely no less equipment can be sufficient for the ministry now. Even our Lord Himself did not undertake His ministry before He received a mighty anointing for His work (Matthew 3:16, 17; Luke 4:14-21). If our ministry is to be a continuation of His, or rather His ministry is to be continued through us (John 14:12, 13), we must have a similar endowment of power.

6. *The Purpose of the Divinely-Appointed Ministry Is Twofold:* (1) To evangelize the world, and (2) To edify the Assembly of God. Assemblies must be formed before they can be edified. One of the greatest needs in our movement today is for more men and women who have the ability and the sacrificial spirit that is required to go forth and preach in neglected regions at home and abroad, and establish "works" which may grow into strong assemblies and may become centers of activity like Antioch and other gospel centers in apostolic times. Another need is for more God-given pastors and teachers who will develop, teach, and train these assemblies for the work of Christ—pastors who will love and care for the flock and shield them from dangers and keep away wolves which would divide, scatter, and devour the sheep.

7. *A Heavy Responsibility Rests Upon the Gospel Ministry.* The minister of God is a watchman on the walls of Zion. He sees the danger, and must warn sinners of the wrath to come, or he will be held personally responsible for the loss of these souls. Read

again Ezekiel 33:1-16. The most awful denunciation of lazy, sleepy, faithless, greedy, drunken, and gluttonous shepherds is found in Isaiah 56:9-12—"All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all the beasts in the forest." "Just come and help yourselves to the sheep," Isaiah cries in derision, for the sheep have no defenders. He continues: "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." The twelfth verse accuses them of drunkenness and gluttony. (Read also the rebukes to unfaithful shepherds in Jeremiah 6:13, 14; 23:14; 50:6; Ezekiel 34:2-16).

8. *As the Responsibility of a Minister of Jesus Is Great, so His Reward Is Proportionately Great* (Mark 10:28-31). 1 Peter 5:1-4 in Weymouth's version: "So I exhort the Elders among you—I who am their fellow Elder and have been an eye-witness of the sufferings of Christ, and am also a sharer in the glory which is soon to be revealed. Be shepherds of God's flock which is among you. Exercise the oversight not reluctantly but eagerly, in accordance with the will of God; not for base gain but with cheerful minds; not lording it over your Churches, but proving yourselves patterns for the flock to imitate. And then, when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the never-withering wreath of glory." ◀ ◀

BABY HEALED OF LEUKEMIA

We have so much to be thankful for that I want to tell others what the Lord has done for us.

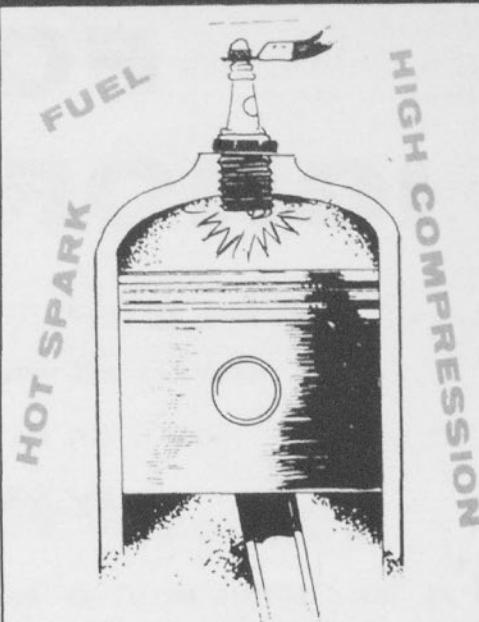
When our son Randy was eighteen months old, he became so weak and lifeless he could not stand or walk, and he had no appetite at all. We were giving him medicine every day. His blood count had risen to 32,500. (The normal range of white cells in an average person of good health is from 5,000 to 10,000.) His case was diagnosed as leukemia and we put him in the Long Beach Hospital on December 10, 1957. Our pastor at that time, L. H. Sheets, and the congrega-

tion of the Gardena (California) Assembly of God prayed earnestly for Randy's recovery.

His improvement was so rapid that he only needed one blood transfusion, and he was dismissed from the hospital on December 19. We made only a few visits to the doctor's office after that and he was pronounced completely cured. His blood count returned to normal and he is now in perfect health. We surely praise God for Randy's healing and trust that this testimony will encourage others who are desperately ill.—Mrs. Thomas B. Brooks, Crawford, Colorado.

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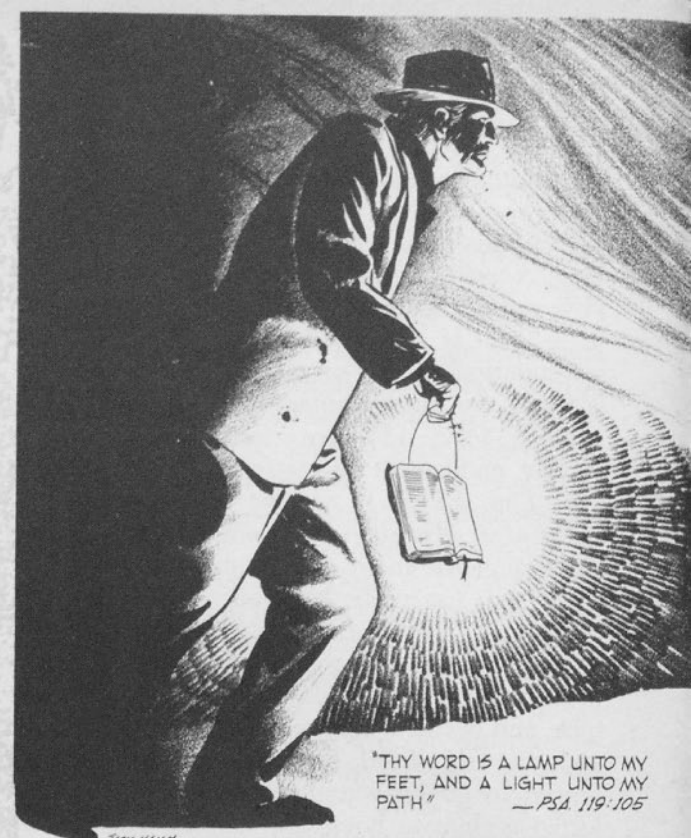
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God does not want us to be ignorant concerning

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That is why He gave us the Bible.

By John Dyke



"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY
FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY
PATH"
—PSA. 119:105

Divine Illumination

THE BIBLE IS THE ENEMY OF IGNORANCE in every shape or form. In lands where it is accepted and its teachings are practiced the darkness of ignorance recedes. Wherever its light is extinguished, there superstition, illiteracy, mental and moral bondage will flourish.

But far too many Christians make the testimony of the blind man, "One thing I know..." an excuse for remaining in the dark. They do not realize that he soon passed from the elementary principles of his enlightenment to a fuller awareness of the Lord Jesus (John 9:35, 36). Contentment with the first principles leads to stagnation, while continued and progressive apprehension of the deeper things is God's plan for us.

The apostle Paul was concerned because the believers in his day were ignorant concerning certain matters, and this he sought to remedy. His ministry was pre-eminently a ministry of enlightenment. Often the phrase, "I would not have you ignorant..." occurs in his writings.

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One thing he continually emphasized was the oneness and unity of the Body of Christ, and he sought to enlighten the saints concerning the privileges and responsibilities of this relationship. The believer is not merely a member of a local society; he is an integral member of the universal, mystical Body of Christ. For this reason Paul could confidently appeal to the churches: "We would not, brethren, have you ignor-

ant of our trouble..." (2 Corinthians 1:8). He and his companions were in desperate straits. Pressed beyond measure by many burdens, troubled by believers, persecuted by unbelievers, he looked to the churches to share his burden in prayer and practical sympathy. He did not look in vain, for those who were not ignorant of their bond with him rose to the occasion and gave help and comfort.

Many believers fail to appreciate their union with others. Sheltered within their own little circles, they live for themselves in utter unconcern of the needs and troubles of their brethren in Christ. This selfish spirit often invades the local church, and reveals itself in narrow parochialism and a couldn't-care-less attitude toward other churches in the fellowship. The needs of overseas and home evangelism are ignored. The lost and perishing call in vain. The privation of poorer brethren and churches is ignored. There is indifference to all else but "me and my church." Is there a surplus above the local need? Then a local need will be created to absorb it in complete indifference to the needs of others and in utter disregard of the teachings of 2 Corinthians 9. In such cases the four walls of the church become a prison or a monastery. There is far more selfishness in a monastery than anywhere else on earth, and more yet if the "monastery" happens to be a Pentecostal one!

II

Consider now the ignorance concerning the afterlife. What misconceptions some folk have of the future! Many believe that all eventually will go to heaven, irrespective of belief or practice. Religious and irreligious are indiscriminately lumped together. The bishop goes through the pearly gates with a brewer on one arm and a bookie on the other! Some believe in purgatory, that monkish invention with its cleansing fires for venial sin. Others degrade human personality to the level of the beasts that perish, denying the immortality of the soul and conscious existence after death. Then there are those who believe that disembodied souls float around seeking to make contact with the living. These people believe in the *post mortem* continuation of all the evils of earth for they write of sinning in this spiritist heaven!

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). It is a relief to turn from the contradictory theories of men to the reliable teachings of the Word of God. This makes it plain that death is not a terminus but a junction; that the grave is the resting place only of the body, but not of man himself. The body is laid in the grave, but the soul goes to one of two places determined by the attitude towards the Saviour during the earthly

life. The godly go to Paradise in the third heaven, there to await the first resurrection (2 Corinthians 12:1-3, 5:1-6; Philippians 1:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). The ungodly to a place called *hades* to await the general resurrection (Luke 16:23; Daniel 12:2; John 5:29; Revelation 20:12-15). The eternal destiny of both are as distinct and definite as their difference in life.

III

Observe yet another kind of ignorance, that of many Christians concerning the Spirit and His gifts. "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost" (Acts 19:2). "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (1 Corinthians 12:1). There is a modern rejection of the Holy Spirit equivalent to the ancient rejection of God the Son. This is not so much the sin of the ungodly but rather of the godly. Is there any cause for wonder that the Church makes so little impression upon the world when she rejects or neglects the Spirit who came to convict the world? (John 16:8).

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul lists the spiritual gifts and powers that form part of the divine equipment which enables the Church to combat the forces of materialistic intellectualism and demon supernaturalism. These gifts conform to, and are operated in accordance with, certain spiritual laws. Ignorance of these laws led the Corinthian church into extravagances which brought reproach upon the gifts themselves. This was repeated in the early days of the present outpouring of the Spirit. This has generally corrected itself in the course of time, but there is still in some quarters a spirit of fanaticism and extravagance springing from ignorance. Believers possessing supernatural gifts, especially the three inspirational ones—tongues, interpretation and prophecy—fail to observe the regulations laid down in 1 Corinthians 14, or to recognize human responsibility in the exercise of these gifts. Stirrings of the emotions are often interpreted as promptings of the Holy Spirit. The fallible human instrument or channel is confused with the infallible Holy Spirit, the agent, with dire results. Much heart-burning and confusion would be spared if more careful attention were given to the regulations laid down by the apostle.

IV

Finally there is ignorance concerning

the great dispensational movements (Romans 11:25). Paul sought to enlighten the saints regarding the great prophetic sign, Israel. When we wish to know the time, we glance at the clock or the sun, for they tell us the hour of the day. The position of the Jew upon the international stage is one of God's great time-marks of the end of the age. To observe that nation independent in Palestine for the first time in centuries, is a portent of great significance. While the day and hour of the Lord's return are carefully guarded (Matthew 24:36), nevertheless, the Christian is expected to know the times and seasons (1 Thessalonians 5:1).

There are other great international signs. To the Bible student the revival

of ancient nations after centuries of inertia seems like an international resurrection. The ancient kingdoms of Babylon and Persia live again in Iraq and Iran. Egypt, long the basest of nations (Ezekiel 29:15) prepares for her future role as king of the south (Daniel 11:40). Russia has awakened from the slumber of centuries in preparation for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 and 39. The final stages of the "Times of the Gentiles" with their domination of the Near East is approaching.

Of these great signs, among others, we should not be ignorant. "Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh!"

—*Elim Evangel*

DISCOVERY AT HILLSIDE

(Continued from page five)

lage. Visiting there was the boy's grandmother who gasped, "Reverend Morris—just the person I'm wanting to see! Could I come to your church the next time you receive members?"

"You mean you want to get straightened out with God?"

"That's it. When can you show me how?"

That grandmother heard the Word and received the Lord. So did her husband. So did 33 more persons during three months of calling activity. In addition, 22 others, adrift for years, were re-instructed and launched again on the adult level in Christian experience.

At the year's end the trustees had something to cheer about: their books showed a surplus for the first time in anyone's memory.

Faith among members of Hillside Presbyterian church increased. They became bold in prayer—especially for the sick, many of whom the Lord healed in response to their petitions. Arthritis, asthma, tumors, migraine headaches, colds, fevers all have disappeared at the touch of the Physician who "heal-eth all thy diseases."

One woman, grateful for deliverance from a breast infection, ventured to make an appointment for her husband to receive instruction with her. "At least he can listen," she said.

He did. Upon receiving Christ he asked, "Would you mind instructing my son and daughter, too?"

A young mother in the church phoned to tell Morris about her infant son who, completely dehydrated, was dying in a hospital incubator. Parents and grandparents were gathered in hospital smocks, weeping.

That Wednesday afternoon in released-time classes all 48 pupils and six teachers were mobilized for special prayer. By Saturday, the baby was restored and safely home. His father came seeking instruction.

Hillsiders found a new love in their hearts for their own members, outsiders and, above all, for God Himself.

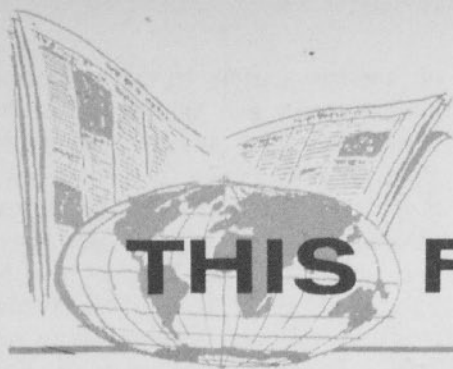
"What is there about this church that's different?" whispered one woman, sensing something in the air she couldn't define.

"It's the Holy Spirit," answered another beside her. "I feel His presence the minute I step in the door. That's why I came to this church."

Some areas of the church life are still not visibly changed. Some church members have yet to experience salvation. But clearly the power of God is being demonstrated today at Hillside Presbyterian church.

Elma Brunner, a deaconess in the Women's Prayer Group, summed it up saying, "I still don't understand all about the Holy Spirit, but I'm sure glad God sent Him to our church."

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Radio

NRB CRITICAL OF PROPOSAL TO CURB "FREE TIME" CONTROL

The National Religious Broadcasters, meeting in Washington, D. C. adopted a resolution sharply criticizing a suggestion by a member of the Federal Communications Commission that all requirements for free public service time be dropped insofar as regulation of American radio and television stations is concerned.

The broadcasting group, which is affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals, said it "unanimously disapproves" of the proposal made by Commissioner T. A. M. Craven.

The commissioner's proposal would eliminate the requirement that stations report on their allocation of free time when making applications for regular three-year renewal of licenses. Should this view prevail, radio and television stations would no longer be under obligation to give free time to any group, including religious organizations.

The religious broadcasters said the FCC should require "proper program balance in the public interest," particularly as a service to the youth of America to curb juvenile delinquency.

Scriptures

GIDEON BIBLE DISTRIBUTION MOVES FORWARD IN PHILIPPINES

The Philippine branch of Gideons International had its annual convention in February. The businessmen in its membership were told that some 2,500 Bibles and 40,000 New Testaments have been distributed by the branch since it was organized in 1953. Some of the Scriptures were placed in hotels, others in schools and hospitals.

FOREIGN STUDENTS IN KANSAS GET SCRIPTURES IN THEIR OWN TONGUE

Overseas students attending two Kansas colleges will have Testaments or Bibles provided for them in their own tongues.

The American Bible Society has been providing foreign students at Kansas State Teachers' College and the Presby-

terian College of Emporia with the Scriptures in their own language. Some of these, including Mohammedans, have never previously had access to the Christian Scriptures.

This year, translations of the whole Bible in 16 languages ranging from Arabic to Russian are being placed in the libraries of both schools.

Delinquency

SENATE VOTES TO CONTINUE STUDY OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The United States Senate has voted to continue its special subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency and to give it \$150,000—twice the appropriation of last year—to continue its study of the question.

Senator Thomas C. Henning, chairman of the subcommittee, told the Senate that 603,000 children faced juvenile courts in 1958. Senators Estes Kefauver and William Langer also will be members of the probe group.

Mr. Henning said that further investigation of the reasons for youthful crime and the means of reducing it is

urgently required. The Senators would do well to talk to some Pentecostal young people; they would tell them that Christ is the answer to juvenile delinquency.

AUTOMOBILES, ALCOHOL, AND UNEMPLOYMENT FACTORS IN CRIMES BY YOUTHS

Automobiles, alcohol, and unemployment were the big factors in most crimes heard in Boys Court in Chicago, according to Judge Walter J. Kowalski. The court hears cases involving young men whose ages are 18 through 20, says the *Chicago Tribune*.

Judge Kowalski said he found that the greatest percentage of crimes are committed after midnight and that in nearly 70 per cent of the cases they are committed after a bout of drinking.

Morals

RUSSIAN NAVY TO BE "CLEANED UP"

From Moscow comes an announcement printed in a recent issue of *Sovetky Flot*, the Russian navy newspaper, of a campaign to get rid of cursing and tattooing in the Soviet navy. The newspaper described cursing as "a



PRESENTED CITATION—Vice-President Richard Nixon, center, was recently given a citation by the National Religious Broadcasters during the annual meeting of the group held in Washington, D. C. Mr. Nixon was cited for his "distinguished example and conduct" in public life. Shown above making the presentation are: (l. to r.) Dr. W. T. Willingham, treasurer of NRB; Thomas F. Zimmerman, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and first vice-president of NRB; Vice-President Nixon; Dr. Eugene Bertermann, president of NRB; and Charles Leaming, member of the NRB executive committee. Brother Zimmerman was re-elected first vice-president of the Broadcasters during the Washington meeting. Previously he has served as president. Named secretary of the group was Dr. James DeForest Murch, managing editor of *Christianity Today*.

remnant of the past," an indication that one is lacking in culture. It went on to say that the tattooing of picture galleries on chests and biceps also was a holdover from a terrible era when "seawolves" wore beards and earrings.

BRITISH SHIFT TO HARD LIQUOR

Statistics made available recently in Britain show that beer drinking there fell off 20 per cent in the years between 1946 and 1956. Consumption of spirits went up about one-third in the same period, however, and the use of tobacco is up substantially.

Miscellaneous

SLAIN MISSIONARY'S FATHER ASKS MERCY FOR KILLER

Haakan Stjarne, father of a young Swedish woman missionary who was murdered by bandits near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, last fall, cabled Emperor Haile Selassie asking mercy for one of the bandits who has been captured and sentenced to death.

In his message to the emperor, the father begged that the bandit be given a chance to hear the gospel of Christ and to redeem himself.

MOTOR LAUNCH USED IN THAILAND

A new motor launch is assisting the American Bible Society in its work of Scripture distribution in Thailand. The Bible launch will bring the Scriptures to thousands living on the waterways of Thailand. A loud speaker, given to the Bible Society by a friend interested in its work there, brings many people to the river front for a copy of the Scriptures.

AMERICAN CHURCHES OVERSEAS

The newest of 87 all-American community churches which have been established in foreign lands are located in Seoul, Korea, and New Delhi, India. With more than a million American civilians living overseas, the trend toward the organization of such churches, with American pastors, is increasing.

"PASTORS' SUNDAY" DEMANDED BY WEST GERMANY PASTORS

Protestant clergy groups in West Germany are campaigning to have Monday designated as "Pastors' Sunday."

They are recommending that every Monday be officially set aside as a rest day for all clergymen except a few who must remain available for emergencies. Their contention is that pastors can no longer preach about the Third Commandment in good conscience when they themselves do not take a day of rest.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

STUDENTS FROM EVANGEL COLLEGE and eleven other evangelical colleges went to Washington, D. C., last month for a close-up view of government operations. They met several key figures at the White House and the Capitol and also visited the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, State and Defense Departments. The Washington seminar is an annual event sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals for college students interested in federal service as a career opportunity.

A CONTROVERSIAL "EVOLUTION BILL" has been withdrawn from the Arkansas House of Representatives. The bill, sponsored by Mrs. Gordon P. Oates, Pulaski County representative, would have repealed a 1928 law which prohibits teaching of "the doctrine of the ascent or descent of man from a lower order of animals." Mrs. Oates withdrew her measure after meeting considerable opposition from ministers and church people who do not want the evolution theory taught in Arkansas schools.

A PAPERBACK HYMN BOOK will be appearing on public newsstands within a year, if present plans of the National Council of Churches materialize. The National Council's Commission on Music has spent four years selecting 118 hymns which, in its judgment, will satisfy all Protestant churches and will be suitable for the most liberal groups! They hope the book will be sold in drug stores and supermarkets in addition to all book stores.

A "CITIZENS' AFFIDAVIT" was filed against 13 merchants in Columbus, Ohio, charging that they kept their places of business open on Sunday in violation of the state law.

MORE THAN 10,000 PERSONS jammed West Melbourne Stadium for the opening rally of Billy Graham's 16-week evangelistic crusade in Australia and New Zealand. Following the rally 622 men and women made "decisions for Christ." Due to a serious eye ailment the evangelist is preaching 25-minute sermons, only half as long as formerly.

A CLERGYMAN FROM RUSSIA says church attendance in that country has increased 15 per cent in the past five years. Paul Sokolowsky told an audience in Edmonton, Canada, that "about 35 per cent of Russia's 200 million people attend Russian Orthodox churches."

FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR, membership in the Methodist Church of Great Britain declined in 1958. The new total is 736,781 (2,899 less than last year).

PRAYER RUGS FOR THE USE OF MOSLEM PASSENGERS will be standard equipment on the Czechoslovak Airlines' TU-104 jets which are scheduled to begin twice-weekly flights to Cairo soon. The planes will be in flight at the Moslems' early morning prayer times, and the faithful Moslem never fails to say his prayers.

EMANCIPATION FOR MOSLEM WOMEN IN ALGERIA moved a giant step nearer when President de Gaulle signed a new decree concerning marriage and divorce. Under the decree, women cannot be married without their consent. Neither can the husband divorce his wife by merely saying "I divorce thee" three times before witnesses. In future, girls must be 15 years old before marriage, and divorces may be effected only by a divorce court.

Pentecostal Joy in JAPAN

By Earl A. Taylor

WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE best tent meeting I have ever seen in Japan. Brother Kishibei (from Kobe) and Brother Matsuzaki were the evangelists for the ten-day meeting. During the revival, 93 Japanese signed decision cards. The night after the meetings closed 35 presented themselves for the welcome service at the church.

The last night of the meeting Satan interrupted while the evangelist was teaching the new converts to pray. A lady kept shouting out questions. Several times Brother Kishibe asked her to keep quiet and listen. Finally she did, but when he finished teaching the people how to pray she said that his method was wrong and Japanese people should pray differently. She began making strange motions with her hands and peculiar noises with her mouth, starting into what looked like a snake dance. Not until the pastor and one of the Christians put her out

of the tent was peace restored. The pitiful part of the story is that her husband wants to be saved and has apologized for his wife's strange actions. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will bring them into God's kingdom.

MISSIONARY News Notes

Cables have been received from the following telling of their safe arrival:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb in Nigeria;

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Giordano in Uruguay;

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schultz in French West Africa.

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J. Burdette Wiles from Ghana arrived on January 25. Mrs. Wiles and daughter returned home earlier due to

illness. Their temporary address is 13403 Justice Road, Rockville, Md.

Mrs. Alberta Daniels and daughter Elaine, of Uruguay, arrived in the U.S. on January 5. Their address is 576 Willow St., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. LaFon and children left the U.S. on January 25 for Honduras, Central America.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Zeissler and children left California on January 17 for Manila, Philippine Islands for another term of service.



Kanjiro Kishibei



The Ben H. LaFon family



Mr. and Mrs. C. Zeissler and children



Photos at left: Jitsuya Matsuzaki, third-year Bible school student, preaching at tent meeting. Kiyoko Nakagava leading songs in the children's meetings. (Song sheet in background.) Photo below: Sunday morning service following the tent meeting.





First building of the Bible Institute of Malaya rising above the ground

A New Sign Appears in Malaya

By D. L. Guynes

DRIVING DOWN A BUSY STREET IN Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, one is suddenly confronted with an unusual sight. A flashing rocket is preparing for a take-off. The exhaust flames shoot downward and the rocket soars upward to an altitude of some thirty feet. There it explodes into a beautifully illuminated sign that frames a single word—FORD.

Of course, this tricky bit of neon work is well anchored just outside the premises of the Ford Motor Company of Malaya.

Proceeding further down the street one catches sight of the very familiar "Flying Red Horse" turning about, high above the tallest buildings, proclaiming that *Mobilgas* is for sale in Malaya.

However, neither of these attractive signs nor any of the thousands of others hold the meaning we see in a newly-erected sign facing a modern, four-lane street on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. The white lettering against a deep blue background simply reads, "Assemblies of God, BIBLE INSTITUTE OF MALAYA," in both English and Chinese. This is a sign of rich significance.

It is a SIGN of PROGRESS in our missionary endeavor in Malaya. The Spirit of God is being outpoured, young men and women are responding to the call of God, and God is work-

ing with us to provide a Pentecostal Bible School from which may flow a stream of Spirit-filled, Bible-trained, national workers.

It is a SIGN of CHALLENGE for it reminds us that the Assemblies of God have only two established churches among 6,000,000 people in Malaya and only three established churches among 1,000,000 people in the Colony of Singapore. What are these five among so many? We are confident that these five growing churches, together with a Spirit-anointed Bible School, can and will change the Malayan picture in a few years.

It is a SIGN of TOIL for many faithful missionaries and local Christians have labored in Malaya's tropical heat for years to bring about this victory. Others will join their labors in years to come as they give their strength in teaching consecrated young people, praying with them, and directing them into paths of great usefulness for God.

It is a SIGN of FAITH and this faith has already been graciously rewarded. Behind this sign there are two and one-half acres of government-granted land valued at more than \$15,000. This has come to us as an outright gift of the Federal Government of Malaya. The manner in which it was received is a beautiful story in itself. Behind this sign the first ex-

cavations are being made for dormitories, classrooms, chapel, and staff quarters. To date, almost \$9,000 of the \$15,000 required this year to meet government building requirements has either been given or pledged. An added blessing of incalculable value has come to the Institute in that the efficient and dedicated ministry of Brother and Sister Howard Osgood has been assured. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable."

Our faith endeavors to reach out to embrace the future needs of the institution. The balance of funds needed this year, regular monthly contributions for the operating expense of the school, sponsors for needy students who cannot pay the \$20 needed each month for their maintenance, the furnishings, funds for buildings to be erected in 1960, and most of all the gracious, constant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon student and teacher, are needs that must be provided. Is our faith great enough? God is utterly faithful and we cling earnestly to His great faithfulness.

Will you stand by MALAYA'S NEW SIGN and all that it stands for? Offerings or pledges should be marked "Bible Institute of Malaya," and sent to our Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. ◀◀



TRIPLED IN TWELVE YEARS

The Indiana District has made great strides in Church Extension since its organization. Read here the stories of four of the district's newest churches.

By **ROY H. WEAD** *Indiana District Superintendent*

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE progress made and for the blessings of God on our efforts in Indiana, but are also very conscious of the scripture, "But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." We realize we have done very little, comparatively speaking, for there is *much land yet to be possessed*. The Indiana District hopes to begin seventeen new churches this year, which is its part of the national goal set at the National Home Missions Seminar last September.

When we organized as a district in 1946 we had 52 churches and present records show that we have 156 Assemblies. We had approximately sixty ministers twelve years ago, and today we have 295 affiliated with our district.

Our Sunday School average attendance has increased from two thousand per Sunday to sixteen thousand in this period of time. We have more than

doubled our foreign missionary giving and we expect this year to reach an all-time high.

Bible School students and other interested workers are invited to come to Indiana and accommodations are provided for them at our camp until such time as they can be located in a pioneer work. Quite often I visit our Bible schools before spring vacation to interview students and prospective pioneer workers.

The suggestions of the National Home Missions Department relative to the "Big Brother" Church Plan have been used quite successfully. Loans from the Church Extension Fund and the National Home Missions Department have been of great benefit.

Our district is divided into twelve sections. Presbyter and fellowship officers of each section are considered members of the District Home Missions Committee. In fact, every preacher in the section is considered a member of the committee and is encour-

aged to initiate activity in Home Missions advancement as far as possible. Red tape is cut to a minimum. Individuals, churches, and sections are encouraged to step out and do everything possible to spread the gospel and to establish new congregations.

In 1958 seven new churches were opened, as follows: Bethel Assembly of God, Covington, pastor, Paul Van Winkle; Faith Assembly of God, Beech Grove, pastor, James Monson; Evangel Assembly of God, Evansville, pastor, Hardy L. Thompson; Assembly of God, North Vernon, pastor, Robert W. Hawkins; Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Walkerton (Fish Lake), pastor, Charles W. Johnston; Assembly of God, Staunton, pastor, John Jones; Assembly of God, Osceola, pastor, John Yoder.



Calvary Assembly in Elkhart. Dale C. Zink is pastor.

Following are the stories of four of our new churches.

HULMAN STREET ASSEMBLY TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

The Hulman Street Assembly of God in Terre Haute had its beginning in April, 1954, in the YMCA building. Plans had been formed by Nolan D. Lee for the church building to be situated in one of the finest locations in the city. The Lord blessed the first Sunday School with an attendance of 37, and 23 adults were listed on the charter membership roll. Having a missionary vision from the very beginning, the church designated the Sunday School offering the first Sunday of each month for missions.

In May they moved services to a tent at the church site. Two weeks later they started their first revival with the William Lovicks. At the close of the revival, the Sunday School was up to 104.



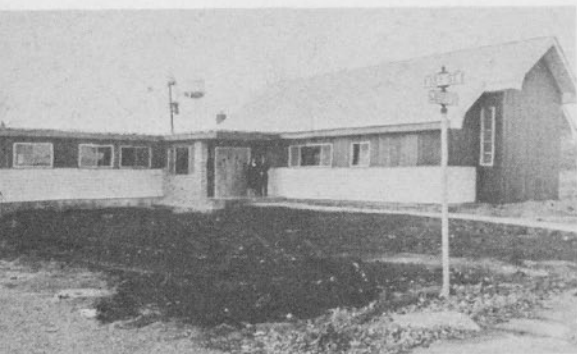
Roy Wead
District Superintendent



William Van Winkle
Home Missions Director



W. L. Thornton
District Secretary



Bethel Assembly in Covington. Paul Van Winkle is pastor.

In July the district superintendent spoke at the ground-breaking ceremony. The following day construction was started and the building, designed by Earl Rodgers, now a member of our National Home Missions Architectural Committee, began to rise.

On the following Easter Sunday, just a year after organization, the first service was conducted in the beautiful mahogany-paneled auditorium.

The T-shaped, tri-level building has an educational wing in the rear portion and the lower level is a half basement which houses the Sunday School. The auditorium is 62 by 62 and will seat 450. The connecting overflow area will accommodate another 150. The building is heated with hot air with provisions for future air-conditioning. Built mostly with donated labor, the church has 10,500 square feet of floor space. It cost approximately \$70,000 and the present market value is estimated at \$150,000.

There are five other Assemblies in Terre Haute: First Assembly of God, 2210 N. 13th Street, William D. Saunders, Jr., pastor; Christian Assembly, 618 N. 5th Street, Archie Brown, pastor; Chamberlain's Chapel, R. R. 5, Wilson Shabaz, pastor; Full Gospel Tabernacle, 1610 N. 25th Street, Jimmy



Groceries and cash offering presented to pioneer pastors at Sectional Rally in Richmond

Schaffer, pastor; First Assembly of God, 708 National Avenue, Lewis Clifton, pastor.

CALVARY ASSEMBLY ELKHART, INDIANA

Dale Zink has built new churches in other districts as well as two of our finest here in Indiana. He served as full-time secretary of the district a number of years and was not without opportunity in well-paid fields of ministry. But two years ago this summer he felt led of the Lord to pioneer a church in Elkhart.

God blessed their efforts from the beginning, and as a result of a revival meeting held in South Bend that same summer three new families and other individuals from Elkhart started attending and supporting the new church.

In less than two years they gathered a lovely congregation and Sunday School averaging one hundred. But meeting in a little store building on the outskirts of the city had its problems. They had reached capacity and further growth there was impossible.

As they prayed, God answered. The First Baptist congregation right down in the heart of the city reversed its previous decision to sell the property for a commercial building site. Instead, at a substantially smaller figure it made the church available to the Calvary Assembly of God congregation. For \$45,000 this Assembly acquired a lovely building, completely equipped, and two large dwellings. Thus they could accommodate a congregation and Sunday School of more than three hundred. The ground alone is worth more than that for commercial purposes, and bankers and real estate men assure them that it will increase in value.

This is still a big undertaking for a new and small congregation, but with valuable real estate security they are now selling Broadway Bonds. Last October, with the district superintendent present, they had a special thanksgiving service dedicating the building anew to God and a full-gospel Pentecostal ministry.

New folk are constantly coming to the church. The Sunday School is averaging 192, and Pastor Zink has 85 in his Adult Bible Class. Their regular income exceeds the budget, and they are already a leading church in missionary giving. They have pur-

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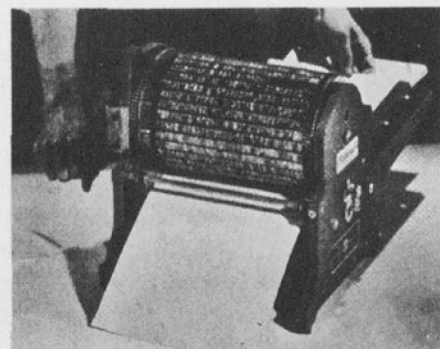
If you were blind...

Would you be happy to have Sunday School quarterlies printed in Braille? This blind young lady sincerely appreciates her quarterlies which are provided by Mrs. Whitney, a Wisconsin housewife who had such a burden to supply gospel literature for the Blind that she started printing it with a small Braille writer which requires hours for one copy.

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Springfield 1, Missouri

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chased lots on the highway where they hope to build another Assemblies of God church in a few years with plans furnished by our National Home Missions Department.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY COVINGTON, INDIANA

In the summer of 1957, a group of people caught the vision for a church in a new and growing section of Covington. They secured four choice lots on a corner in a very desirable location. They then appealed to the Indiana District for a pastor. Paul Van Winkle was recommended by the district and was chosen as pastor.

They began services in an old Baptist church outside of town while plans were being made to build. In April, 1958, ground was broken for the new building. The church had decided to use the "Harvester" plan recommended by the National Home Missions Department. The concrete floor was poured the last week of May with the heat ducts of vitrified tile laid in the floor. The superstructure went up swiftly and although the church was not completed, the first service was held in the new building the first Sunday of July. Since then the work has progressed rapidly.

The congregation has been growing with the building. Recently the church had 78 in Sunday School. The people have rallied admirably in purchasing subscriptions and also in donating labor. The building thus far has cost approximately \$10,000, while the estimated value is well over \$20,000.

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The Church Extension program in many districts is advancing so rapidly that the district offices have been unable to meet all the requests for assistance. In order to assist the districts in this great work, the National Home Missions Department has set aside a special fund for **NEEDY DISTRICTS**. Those who have faithfully contributed to this fund from time to time have helped to make many a district superintendent happy, for he has been able to help a struggling pioneer work that otherwise might have had to give up. Your offering is needed greatly at this time. Send it, designated clearly for **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND**, directly to

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Are You Missing the Boat?

By E. C. Laswell

WHEN MEN FAIL TO GRASP OPPORTUNITIES that come their way we sometimes say they have "missed the boat." The Bible tells of a time when the whole world, with the exception of one man and his family, "missed the boat" and perished.

Noah and his family were saved because they obeyed God and prepared the ark. No doubt other men derided Noah, but he kept on building and preaching. He warned men of judgment to come, just as God's ministers are warning men today, "Come and be saved or face judgment."

What great opportunities are afforded men and women to accept Christ in these times! The Word of God is constantly preached, but many are still *missing the boat*.

Are you one of these? You may have a good job, a lovely home, a fine car, but an empty heart. You may have earned many of the material blessings of life, but when it comes to the most important thing that can ever happen to you *are you missing the boat?*

God tells us that the ark was the means of saving Noah and his family from perishing. Today the Lord Jesus is the only means of saving us from everlasting loss. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Although you may have succeeded in obtaining those things which make

life pleasant here, what is your hope for the future? There can be no real and lasting satisfaction in the mere possession of things. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," Jesus said.

The people in Noah's day enjoyed prosperity. They engaged in the normal pursuits of life. They ate, drank, married, raised families—but *they missed the boat* because they left God out of their thinking and planning. Are you doing the same thing? They ignored the warnings of God in that ancient time, "until the flood came and took them all away."

Jesus warned of this possibility in the story He told of the wealthy man in Luke 12. In the end, after this man had accumulated his riches, God said, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be?" He had gained riches, but still *he missed the boat*. When you are face to face with God, how will it be?

The Bible is full of God's invitations to you. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). How can God give such an invitation? Because Christ shed His precious blood as your sacrifice for sin. God says you can trust Him and be saved and kept safe for eternity. Noah was only safe in the ark. You can only be safe in Christ. If you reject Him, you will "miss the boat."—*American Tract Society*

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What the Loyalty Campaign Means to Our Sunday School



Bond P. Bowman

By Bond P. Bowman

Pastor, Brightmoor Assembly, Detroit, Michigan

THE LOYALTY CAMPAIGN IS A HIGH point in our Sunday School year. With anxious anticipation we look forward to this time when for seven weeks the Sunday School truly takes first place in the church program. These are very special weeks as the whole program in its very nature and concept awakens the Sunday School conscience of the whole church. This, to me, is very important as the church must have a Sunday School conscience if it is to be Sunday School conscious!

I would like to mention six things I believe the Loyalty Campaign does for our church. (It does far more, but for the sake of brevity I shall confine myself to these points.)

First, it is a time of organized, concentrated, and united effort on the part of every department in the Sunday School to hold every member, enroll every visitor, and win every prospect. Every member of the Sunday School—especially the staff—is made conscious of the program and the goal.

Nothing will strengthen and inspire an organization like a united effort with a definite objective. The feeling of belonging, co-operating, sharing, and winning together is a noble intangible in any organization. The old axiom comes into play here, "There is no limit to what can be done if no one cares who gets the credit." Teamwork triumphs where individual effort fails. "We grow when we all go"—and teamwork will make it so. We are all workers together.

Second, the Loyalty Campaign is a

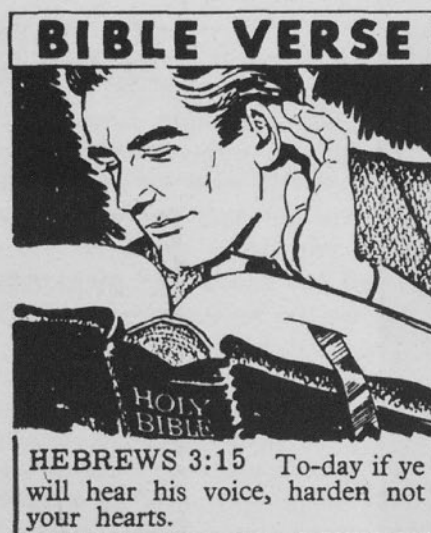
time of rallying around a series of great Bible truths. Hosea said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." One of the primary functions of the Sunday School is to impart knowledge—especially Bible truth. The Loyalty Campaign gives great emphasis and honor to Bible truth and provides a program of bringing the same people back to hear and to be taught consecutive truths. Many times, because of absenteeism, we are not able to give the main body of our Sunday School consecutive truths, but these seven weeks are designed for that very purpose. It is a time of gospel seed-planting that is sure to produce a rich harvest: for God's Word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that which He pleases.

Third, the Loyalty Campaign, following the great Easter service, is a

logical and practical time to enlist into our Sunday School those persons who usually attend only at Easter and Christmas. It is a time to fish for the souls of men! To catch fish, we are told, we must go where the fish are. At the Easter season the "fish" come to us, and all we have to do is throw out the net. The Loyalty Campaign is an excellent net to use in gathering the souls of men.

Fourth, this annual campaign provides the opportunity to impress students with the importance of loyalty in the Sunday School. We constantly stress loyalty at weekly and monthly conferences, but the students are too far removed from these activities to benefit from them except as the teacher emphasizes them in class. The Loyalty Campaign teaches everyone loyalty. Newspaper advertisements, the radio, posters, and banners all join in one great chorus: "Be loyal to your Sunday School!" No one escapes the clarion call of the Loyalty Campaign, for it is so general in its scope and so personal in its application that it misses no one. Our entire church membership is affected by it and the many friends of the church respond to it for, like the gospel, it calls for "whosoever will."

Fifth, the Loyalty Campaign solidifies, strengthens, and inspires the whole School to consistency, a personal characteristic so vital as the summer months approach. Summer slump certainly can hurt the Sunday School if definite planning for the summer season is not



made. We have found that just as Rally Day is an excellent "kickoff" for the fall program, the Loyalty Campaign serves to "kickoff" the summer program. The enthusiasm of attaining a goal and the accompanying feeling of accomplishment create a victorious faith with which to challenge the summer months and round out a strong, healthy, spiritual year.

Finally, the campaign emphasis teaches a great Christian and moral principle: loyalty to a cause. Business organizations teach their employees loyalty to the management; we pledge allegiance to our flag and to our nation; the immigrant who becomes a citizen pledges allegiance to his adopted country; the soldier, sailor, and aviator all take an oath of loyalty to their nation and the cause for which they are fighting. There is no greater cause on earth than the cause of Christ. This being true, I then endorse heartily the program that has been designed to teach loyalty to the Sunday School, to the church, and to the cause they represent.

Who Is Outstanding?

He who manifests a cheerful, inspiring, encouraging spirit that is born in the closet of prayer holds one of the most important positions in any church. He encourages the minister in good gospel preaching. He makes the visitor want to come again. He puts working life into the church program. He keeps the fires of evangelism burning.

He is "salt" with seasoning power. He is "light" with real brightness. He reaches down the slope and leads the backslider back to God. He builds the fiber of courage anew in the battle-worn saint. He is the one, and the only one whom God can use to lift the bowed, hopeless faces of men whose minds are confused by the battering torrents of sin.

May God help us, above all things, to desire and to strive to be this kind of Christian.

—Lyman Jollay

Lord, what a change within us, one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take;
What parched ground refresh as with a
shower!

We kneel! and all round us seems to lower;
We rise! and all the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel! how weak! We rise! how full of
power!

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Who are the 144,000 spoken of in Revelation 14:1?

I believe them to be the Jewish remnant which are to be sealed during the judgment period (Revelation 7:1-8).

Are tobacco and snuff mentioned in the Bible? If not, why do we condemn their use?

Tobacco and snuff are not mentioned in the Bible, but we are told to cleanse ourselves "from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit" (2 Corinthians 7:1). I think this includes these habits.

Does Paul condemn all jesting, or only jesting concerning filthy things? (Ephesians 5:4)

The verse reads, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient [fitting]: but rather giving of thanks." The Williams translation indicates that we must avoid indecent suggestions: "There must be no indecency, silly talk or suggestive jesting, for they are unbecoming. There should be thanksgiving instead."

Life might become very drab if all conversation were intensely sober. There is nothing wrong with an atmosphere of cheerfulness. But at all times our conversation should be edifying. We should not indulge in foolish talking, especially such as would be wrongfully suggestive.

What did the angel mean when he told John that he was to eat the little book? Why would it be sweet to the taste, but bitter when it had been eaten? (Revelation 10:8-10)

I believe the thought is that it would be pleasant to accept what was written, but that suffering would result from the eating. We may thus apply the meaning:

We may rejoice in embracing scriptures which point out that we "must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." The taste is sweet. But when it comes to sharing the "tribulation" or testings, this is often bitter. We joyfully embrace the warnings, but suffer when enduring the experiences.

Where will Jesus and the redeemed be when the earth is destroyed? (2 Peter 3:10-12)

Christians are "partakers of the heavenly calling." We may well believe that the redeemed will be gathered away from the present earth during the time of renovation in preparation for "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1). The details are not yet revealed to us.

I have recently begun to attend an Assemblies of God church and cannot understand the criticisms concerning women's dress. Some wear brooches and flowers on their clothing; some wear sheer blouses: yet these same people criticize others for their "worldly" manner of dress. How are we to determine what is right?

The Bible teaches modesty in dress. The apostle Paul wrote: "I will therefore . . . that women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Timothy 2:9). "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel" (1 Peter 3:3). "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed" (Romans 12:2).

Christian women should avoid the appearance of worldliness. Their appearance should be such as brings honor to the Lord.

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).

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



BARABBAS

Sunday School Lesson for March 22, 1959

MARK 15:7-15; ISAIAH 53:1-6

Our lesson centers around three persons—Pilate, Barabbas, and the Lord Jesus Christ. What striking contrasts they present and what great truths and lessons they either suggest or symbolize!

THE CUSTOM OF ROME

"Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired." Each year during the Feast of the Passover the Roman governor, in a move calculated to appease his Jewish subjects, authorized the release of any one prisoner they chose. Such a custom made possible the releasing of a criminal, regardless of his crime, and left the choice to mere whims of the people. This was a gross miscarriage of justice and had a most detrimental effect upon the moral concepts of the public.

THE OFFER OF PILATE

"Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?" It seems evident that Pilate was convinced of the innocence of Jesus, "for he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy." He therefore sought for a way to release Christ by means of the custom mentioned above. In Matthew he puts the question before the people in this way: "Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus..." Evidently he thought that the people would surely desire to release Christ rather than such a notorious criminal as Barabbas. But Pilate failed to realize the depths of wickedness to which human pride and wickedness will stoop.

THE CHARACTER OF BARABBAS

"And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection." Behold the man whose life was preferred before that of Christ! The verse above describes him as a murderer, traitor, and revolutionist. John tells us he was a "robber." Matthew says he was "a notable prisoner," that is, a man notorious for his crimes.

THE DECISION OF THE PEOPLE

"Will ye therefore that I release unto you the king of the Jews? Then cried they all again saying, Not this man, but Barabbas" (John 18:39, 40).

"What will ye then that I shall do unto him, whom ye call the king of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him.... And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified." Thus was completed the most outrageous miscarriage of justice in human history. Consider the following lessons:

1. Pilate was a slave of human opinion. He was thoroughly convinced of Christ's innocence, yet he thought more of his own popularity, more of the opinion of others,

than he did of righteousness. And how often conscience, and loyalty to principle, and loyalty to God are cast to the winds by men who value the opinion of others more than the approval of God.

2. In the deliverance of such a sinner as Barabbas and the binding of such an innocent One as Jesus we have a picture of the atoning death of Christ for sinners. The name "Barabbas" means "son of the father." Thus the sinless Son of the Father was condemned in order that every sinning son of the earthly father (Adam) might be set free.

3. In the minds of the people Jesus was a greater offender than Barabbas. There is a sense in which this is true. For, in taking our place on Calvary, Jesus "became sin for us" taking upon Himself the sin of the whole human race. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13).

4. The preference of the people for Barabbas instead of Jesus is a reminder of the fact that Christians in all ages are hated more by the world than those guilty of great sin against God and against humanity. We are not greater than our Lord. Our sufferings are thus sanctified and ennobled because of His!

5. The sin of rejecting Christ in favor of Barabbas is repeated by all who prefer sin, worldly gain, lust, friends, and self to Christ. Anything that keeps a person from accepting Christ as Saviour, anything that prevents him from enthroning Christ as Lord and Supreme Master, becomes an opposition candidate to Christ in his heart, and causes him in reality to choose "not this man, but Barabbas."

—J. Bashford Bishop

DYING IN HIS STEAD



PILATE RELEASED BARABBAS...
AND DELIVERED JESUS...TO
BE CRUCIFIED. MARK 15:15

WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

ROM. 5:8

Healed by the Great Physician

The pain I had suffered from my hips to my ankles for about six months gradually became so severe that I decided to see a doctor. He took X-ray pictures and said he would like to show them to a specialist. He gave me some pills for temporary pain relief and asked me to return in a few days. When I returned he said it was very serious, possibly cancer of the bone. He told me not to work and to return for more X rays.

In my discouragement I turned to the Great Physician, Jesus. I decided to leave all to Him, because nothing is too hard for Him. That night at our church prayer meeting I asked Pastor Nicholson and the church to pray for me, which they did. I was not instantly healed, but felt encouraged to trust the Lord. The next day I was very sick, but that same night I fell asleep and had a good rest, the first in quite some time. Praise be to God, when I awoke in the morning I did not have a pain in my body, and the presence of the Lord was so real I can never forget it. I worked all day and nothing bothered me. I had truly found that nothing is too hard for the Lord. I was healed!

I then felt I should go back to the doctor and tell him what had happened. I asked him to take an X ray. He did so and again sent the X ray to a specialist for examination. They could not find a thing wrong, and the doctor glorified God with me. I shall never cease to be a faithful witness for the Christ who has done so much for me.—Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Clarkfield, Minnesota.

(Endorsed by Pastor Enoch C. Nicholson, Clarkfield, Minnesota.)

Healed of Epilepsy

Glen D. Bailey of Yakima, Washington, is enjoying complete deliverance from epilepsy after twenty-eight years of suffering its dreadful attacks. Brother Bailey writes:

"Many prayers had gone up to heaven in my behalf, but the seizures continued. Then one day I was walking about in the back yard of our home,

and suddenly I felt an inner assurance that I would be healed. When or where I knew not, but I was confident that it was to take place. For several days I did not mention what had occurred to anyone, not even to my wife.

"I had read the story of the healing of F. A. Graves in his little book, 'So He Made It Again.' This book had meant much to me, but I had loaned it and lost track of it. I wrote his daughter, Mrs. Myer Pearlman, in Springfield, Mo., and she kindly sent me her personal copy, the only one she had left. Again my faith was inspired as I read of Brother Graves' deliverance from the same disease I had—epilepsy. I requested Mrs. Pearlman to ask prayer for me, and she mentioned my need to a group of women who knew how to pray.

"One Sunday night I was kneeling between the seats near the altar at the close of the Sunday evening service at the Assembly in Yakima, Washington, where Brother Ralph Thomas is pastor. The Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and three times I heard myself curse this disease in the name of the Lord. My pastor came down the aisle just at this moment and I asked

him to pray for me. He said, 'Brother Bailey, I can't heal you but Jesus can.' And then he laid his hands on me and prayed. Immediately I became completely relaxed—such a contrast to the awful tension I had been under for so long. I was healed! To God be the glory! This was ten months ago, and I haven't had a seizure since.

"On November 18, 1958, I was examined by Dr. Hines, the state physician in Yakima. He found me perfectly well, and made a report to that effect to the State of Washington, Department of Assistance. He could only say that it must be a miracle, and that I have many good years ahead of me (I am 49 now).

"My insurance agent says he will insure me at the end of a year without any attacks, and I expect to go back to work this spring.

"I give this testimony for God's glory, and for the encouragement of those who may be suffering from the same affliction. How wonderful to know from personal experience that our God does answer prayer!"

(Endorsed by Pastor Ralph G. Thomas, North 16th Ave. Assembly, Yakima, Washington.)

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Teaching Children the Quiet-Time Habit

By Mrs. Mary Miles



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THE MINISTER'S VOICE WAS KIND AS he spoke words of encouragement and counsel to the boys and girls who stood to be received that morning into the membership of the church.

"Children," he smiled, "be sure to read your Bible and pray every day."

That was good advice, but I wondered how practical it was. These were sub-teen children, no doubt some of them from non-Christian homes. I pictured them trying to carry out their

minister's instructions, picking up their Bibles, turning the pages at random, reading a verse or two, perhaps even a chapter, then putting the Book away discouraged because they were utterly unable to understand what they read. Would they try again tomorrow, and the next day? Not likely. They might even forget to pray.

Some of them, I am sure, had Christian parents. Perhaps next day it would go like this: "Mother, Pastor said I should read my Bible every day. What shall I read?"

Unless the mother were a seasoned Christian, with the quiet-time habit herself, I doubt if she could help her child to find real pleasure and spiritual food in his own devotional reading of the Word of God.

The thought challenged me. I resolved never to tell a child, or even an adult babe in Christ, merely to "read the Bible." I would give him careful instruction as to *where* to read so that he would find food suitable for his stage of spiritual development. I would try to place in his hands a plan of daily Bible reading which would be simple enough for him to assimilate, so that he would rejoice in God's Word "as one that findeth great spoil" and not put it aside as being too deep for him.

I was privileged to have a father

who realized the importance of helping his children to establish good habits. As soon as we could read he encouraged us to have our own quiet time with God daily. It was never considered a compulsion but always a privilege. It was not in the same class as our piano practice or other daily duties; yet it was regarded as necessary as sleep and food. We understood that the Word of God was just as essential to our spiritual growth as food to our bodies.

Of course we had the priceless influence of our own father's example, for he was not one to preach what he did not practice. Our earliest memories of both father and mother were of knowing that at a certain time of the day each was alone with God. If by accident we opened the door on that sacred scene we felt as if we had intruded on a royal interview. We sensed the very presence of God, and very softly we closed the door and tiptoed away.

Little wonder that when father said we were old enough to have our own rendezvous with God, we felt highly privileged. I recall that he gave me a small notebook, in which he had set down in his handwriting a reading for each day—short passages from the Gospels, understandable to a child. The inside cover of the little book suggested

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

CODE MESSAGE

CODE

Here is a Bible message for you in code. The letters of the code are in reverse order from the way they appear in the alphabet. For example: "Z" should be "A"; "Y" should be "B"; "X" should be "C"; etc, right through so that "A" should be "Z".

MESSAGE

S-F-N-Y-O-V B-L-F-I-H-V-O-E-V-H
R-M G-S-V H-R-T-S-G L-U G-S-V
O-L-I-W, Z-M-W S-V H-S-Z-O-O
O-R-U-G B-L-F F-K.

(To check your answer, look up James 4:10.)

that I pray these words before reading:

*"O Lord, open Thou my eyes that
I may behold wondrous things out
of Thy law."*

And after reading the day's portion:

*"Let the words of my mouth, and
the meditation of my heart, be ac-
ceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my
strength, and my redeemer."*

The quiet-time habit, thus early established, became so much a part of me that until I am called Home no day will ever seem complete without those precious moments spent in reading the Word and communing with God. Not only that, but it has been my delight to help each of our children to establish the same habit as soon as they were able to read the Bible.

Why should our children wait until they are "older" before they begin their own daily devotional time? If they do, the chances are they may *never* begin. Devotional helps for children of every age are available through your own publishing house or a local religious book store. It is important that the child have a reliable guide when he begins his own devotions—a plan of Bible reading, preferably with a simple and direct comment, so that the Word of God early becomes a Book both loved and understood.

The question may be raised as to whether a child should be encouraged to read the Bible daily before he has made a profession of faith in Christ. Why not? Since "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," it is more than likely that the quiet-time habit will result in the child's conviction and conversion, for in the pages of the precious Book he will be brought face to face with the children's Friend and Saviour. Of Timothy, Paul said, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

Happy is the boy or girl whose mother or father encourages him to have a special time and a special place where he meets God daily. Such a child, when saved, will certainly "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." And it is more than probable that this invaluable habit, established early in life, will persist throughout a lifetime of devotion to the Lord Jesus and His precious life-giving Word. ◀◀

March 15, 1959



DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, March 16

Read: Psalm 11

Learn: "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth" (Psalm 11:5).

For the Parent: This psalm contrasts God's view of the righteous and the wicked. Point out these contrasts, emphasizing especially: (1) God knows all things, v. 4; (2) He is a God in whom we can trust, v. 1; (3) He hates wickedness and will finally destroy the wicked, vv. 5, 6; (4) He loves righteousness, and He will reward it in His children, v. 7.

Question Time: What is God's attitude toward wickedness? (vv. 5, 6) What verse indicates that God knows all things? (v. 4) What does v. 3 suggest to you?

Tuesday, March 17

Read: Psalm 12

Learn: "Woe is me!... I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5).

For the Parent: Sins committed through the tongue are probably the most common type of sins among Christians. Discuss some of these which are mentioned in this psalm: vanity, flattery, pride, lies. Stress that the words of the Lord are pure, v. 6, and that we should use Him as our example. Conclude with the prayers of Psalm 19:14 and Psalm 141:3.

Question Time: What are probably the most common types of sins committed by Christians? (See above) How are the words of God an example to us? (v. 6)

Wednesday, March 18

Read: Psalm 13

Learn: "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me" (Psalm 13:6)

For the Parent: This psalm of David was apparently written in a time of great trouble and difficulty, vv. 1-4. He asks God's help in delivering him from his enemies. Stress especially the last two verses in which David expresses his trust and confidence in the Lord. In times of difficulty it is good to remember the many past blessings that God has given us.

Question Time: Why did David say he would sing unto the Lord? (v. 6) What do you think this means? How can you relate this to the first four verses of this psalm?

Thursday, March 19

Read: Mark 15:7-15; Isaiah 53:1-6

Learn: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Barabbas" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the details available about Barabbas, showing how the people wanted a murderer released from prison rather than to have Jesus released. The story of Barabbas is basically the story of choice—whether men will accept or reject Christ. Describe the sufferings of Christ for us (Isaiah 53). Urge a complete surrender of every life to Christ.

Question Time: Who was Barabbas? (Mark 15:7) What can he teach us?

Friday, March 20

Read: Exodus 15:22-27; Numbers 9:15-23 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 89:1).

For the Parent: The children of Israel had many experiences on the way to the Promised Land. Discuss these from the passage read (Exodus 15:22-27). The succeeding chapters also give a number of other experiences. Deal with these as time permits. Stress the guidance of God (Numbers 9:15-23) and His care for them in spite of their unbelief and disobedience.

Question Time: Who led Israel through the wilderness, and how? (Num. 9:15-23)

Saturday, March 21

Read: Luke 17:11-19 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

For the Parent: Review the story of the healing of the ten lepers, stressing that only one was thankful enough to return to Jesus to say, "Thank you." Impress upon the group that Jesus wants us to be thankful for all He does for us. Discuss specific things for which we should be thankful, including some things which may seem unpleasant. Such things help us to "grow up."

Question Time: Should we be thankful for only good things? (See above) What lesson does the story of the ten lepers teach?

Revivaltime Contact Brings Blessing to Pioneer Church

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

THE MEDIUM OF RADIO AFFORDS ONE of the greatest ways of spreading the gospel to the unsaved everywhere. The ministry of *Revivaltime* has proven the effectiveness of this method. This ministry is continually reaching into communities, cities, and towns where there is no full gospel message. And every week people of every walk of life, from the lowest to the highest, are finding in the message of *Revivaltime* an answer for many of their personal and spiritual problems.

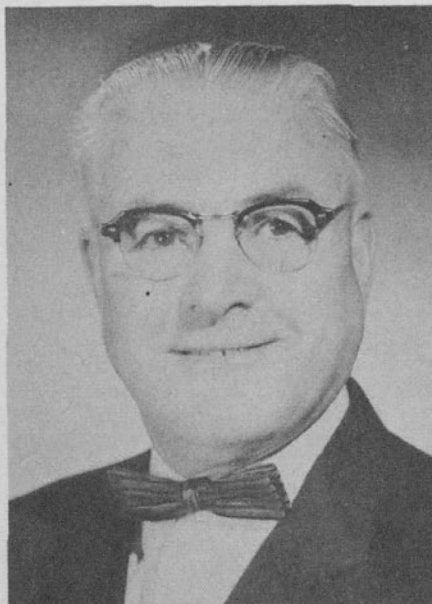
As this ministry reaches into millions of homes every week, many new contacts are made. These names are referred to the local district for follow-up. This has resulted in wonderful experiences for many pastors and has also guided a great many people to a full gospel church.

A striking example of what a *Revivaltime* contact can do is reported by Vernon Anderson, a pioneer pastor in Wrightstown, New Jersey. Brother Anderson is a building contractor and was formerly a deacon in the Neptune Full Gospel Church, pastored by Irving Meier. It was Mr. Anderson's burden and vision that caused the opening of nearby Point Pleasant Assembly a few years ago.

After this Assembly was established, he felt a burden to open a church in Wrightstown. However, it seemed impossible to carry on his contracting business and also start a new work in this city a number of miles from his home. It was a *Revivaltime* article in *The Pentecostal Evangel* that helped him decide to start services in Wrightstown.

After some months, the congregation began to grow until they were making plans to build a new church. Another big problem was how to finance such an undertaking. Then it happened! Mr. Anderson received a contact name that had been returned to the district from *Revivaltime*. Here is the testimony in Brother Anderson's own words:

"Upon receiving word from headquarters that a Mr. Lansing had contacted *Revivaltime* for some of Brother Ward's sermons, and that he was stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey, I felt burdened to go at once to make the call. I was to leave Friday of that week to go to the World Conference in Toronto so I made the call on Thursday.



Vernon Anderson

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"Upon locating Mr. Lansing and introducing myself, he informed me that his buddy, John, would be very glad to meet me as he was an Assemblies of God boy. Mr. Lansing was not. I talked a little while with them and invited them to our services. They informed me that they were being shipped overseas on the following Wednesday, and wanted to spend the last weekend at home. It was necessary for me to leave as I had a four o'clock appointment.

"We went to Toronto and the day after we arrived home I visited our treasurer in New Egypt, New Jersey, who handed me some mail. In it was a letter from John, the serviceman that I talked to at Fort Dix. I was thrilled at the contents: 'It was truly wonderful the other day. You may think our meeting was somewhat accidental; however, I know it wasn't. It was more of an answer to prayer. I had some extra cash to give to the Lord's work and had been wondering where to place it. Now I know, thanks to the Lord and you.' He had written a check for \$500.00. Needless to say, it was a real encouragement to our faith. We felt God would be pleased for us to begin making plans for a building of our own in which to worship and reach others for Christ."

This gift of money will be used to help erect a church on the main highway near Fort Dix Army Base and McGuire Base. This is perhaps one of the largest concentrations of military personnel in the world today. Thousands of our youth pass through these gates.

New Jersey District Superintendent Richard Bergstrom states that a nice chapel, formerly located on the grounds

of Princeton University, has been purchased, and when the legal entanglements are solved it will be moved to the grounds obtained for the new Assembly of God of Wristtown.

This new lighthouse of the gospel will be a beacon to many souls passing along this important and busy highway. The contact made possible because of the *Revivaltime* broadcast will be a living testimony of what a radio gospel service can do. Your prayers and gifts will be a great encouragement to continue this ministry to the millions. Be sure to write us right away telling us of your concern and interest. Send your letter to:

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World Tensions

(Continued from page three)

with British troops and beset by violence, terror, and death. Cyprus has a strong nationalistic party dedicated to driving out the British.

While we were in *Lebanon* there were explosions and street fighting and some deaths. Even though the American troops had gone and Beirut was supposed to have been quiet and at peace, there was still a great deal of tension in Beirut that could very easily explode into war.

We were in *Jordan* when King Hussein attempted to fly to Switzerland for a vacation and was turned back by the Syrians. I witnessed demonstrations of anger in the streets, and while I was unable to comprehend the language I felt the tenseness of the situation as many truckloads of troops were brought up to Jerusalem. Jordan has refused either to bow to Nasser on the one side or to recognize Israel on the other. It is therefore cut off from the rest of the world. A very intelligent Jordanian said to me, "We are doomed; where can we go?"

To add to Jordan's misery, confusion, and frustration, more than half a million refugees from Israel live in tents and hovels and huts, nursing their hatred for Israel and the rest of the world. This is a tragic and explosive situation. These refugees can look across the border into Israel and see their former homes and farms occupied

by someone else. The tension in that little country is terrific.

There are almost constant raids and skirmishes along the border of *Israel* by the Syrians or the Jordanians. Violence, terror, and death are common. The Arabs have sworn that Israel will not live, and the West, more or less, is committed to Israel, so here we have the seeds of war once again.

The situation is such that it is impossible to go legally from Jordan into Israel, or from Israel to an Arab country. We had to fly all the way back to Athens from Israel in order to get a flight to Nairobi, Africa. We could not go directly to Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq or any of the Arab countries.

All over Africa there is a rising tide of nationalism. Some countries are earning their independence through legal, diplomatic, and political means, while others are advocating violence.

I was in *Accra, Ghana*, during the meeting of the All-African Peoples Conference. Everyone who was significant in African politics was there. Their aim: a co-ordinated move to bring independence to black Africa's remaining thirty-five dependent territories with a population of 130,000,000. It was quite a sight to behold—the multi-hued Nigerian robes, Kenya hairdresses, hand-woven Ghanaian togas, and the white turbans from Tunisia.

Don't underestimate the economic stakes in this struggle, for they are immense. The West African territories alone contain some two billion tons of iron ore and fabulous riches in diamonds, copper, bauxite, and aluminum phosphate.

Political leaders in the various countries of Africa made some strong statements during the conference. Kenya's



James E. Hamill, Gene Martin, and pastor of Andrei, Italy

young labor leader, Tom Mboya, said, "The scramble *in* Africa has got to become the scramble *from* Africa." French Somaliland's Abdillahi said, "The motto of the imperialist is no longer 'divide and rule,' but 'divide and quit.'"

Newsweek's comment on the conference concluded with this line: "The awesome lesson of events was clear, even to white South Africa. Black Africans will soon control the course and the pace of history on the Dark Continent."

WHAT DO THE TENSIONS MEAN?

These tensions are a sign of the times in which we live. In Matthew 24, Jesus tells us that there shall be wars and rumors of wars in the end time. These tensions, fears, frustrations, and conflicts are all a part of the end-time drama our generation is playing on the big stage of life.

What does the future hold for our generation that apparently has lost its direction? I am convinced that if our civilization does not return to God in old-fashioned repentance it will destroy itself.

There are so many sore places—so many political cancers eating away at our civilization—so many obstacles to prevent our finding a road that leads to peace—that the situation appears hopeless as far as man is concerned. But God's Word has promised us that the things which are impossible with man are possible with God.

I believe that we should work energetically and faithfully as a nation in the endeavor to bring peace to our troubled world. But I am even *more* convinced that we need to work as individuals to prepare for the future. I am not sure that this civilization and our nation and our way of life can be saved. But I am convinced that you and I as individuals *can* be saved—eternally and everlastingly saved.

The apostle Paul speaks in Hebrews 12 about some things that are unshakeable. We can have an unshakeable *faith*, an unshakeable *experience*, and an unshakeable *peace* if we trust in the unshakeable Word of God. I firmly believe that these are the last days that Jesus spoke about, and that each of us must, by faith, lay hold upon those things that are eternal and unshakeable. Nations, empires, kings, and rulers rise and fall, but God is eternal.



Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► **COTTONWOOD, ARIZ.**—There was a real move among the youth of the church here during a week's revival with Evangelist Jennie Powell of Phoenix, Ariz. One was saved, seven or eight reclaimed, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. The spirit of revival still prevails. In addition to her stirring preaching ministry, Sister Powell is a talented chalk artist.

—B. S. Bates, Pastor

► **POWELL, TENN.**—God moved in marvelous demonstration of His power here during the recent meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Luster Young. Capacity crowds attended, several backsliders were reclaimed, four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the church was greatly revived. Many nights people rushed to the altar hungrily seeking God.

—Howard H. Jones, Pastor

► **AZUSA, CALIF.**—Great spiritual victories were attained here during three weeks of revival with Evangelist C. L. Dixon of Covina, Calif. Several were saved, three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others were definitely healed. The young people were especially strengthened during the outstanding altar services. The anointed ministry was a blessing to the entire church.

—Oliver Swaim, Pastor

► **LONACONING, M. D.**—The first Pentecostal Church here recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelist H. B. Kelchner of Flintstone, Maryland. The theme of the meetings was, "Living Your Christian Life Now in the Light of Eternity." The unusual ministry was a blessing to all. One of the highlights of

the meeting was the Sunday night that Brother Kelchner preached to a capacity crowd on "Corn." Many people made a deeper consecration to the Lord.

—Charles E. Fussell, Pastor

► **ENTERPRISE, ALA.**—The Assembly of God here has been enjoying some times of real refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In early December, Evangelist Jimmie Mayo, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia, was used of God to bring a real stir to the young people. Several were saved and made consecrations to the Lord. Twelve were added to the church on the last night of the meetings. In early January the M. C. Allen Evangelistic Party of Shreveport, Louisiana, conducted two weeks of meetings. Ten received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit during those services.

—Howard P. Trawick, Pastor

► **LOMPOC, CALIF.**—The Musical Bennetts have just concluded one of the greatest revivals ever conducted in the First Assembly of God. The anointed ministry of B. D. Bennett and the music was enjoyed by all. Many testified of being healed by the power of God. One man had a spinal injury and was instantly healed. Many were prostrated under the power of God. The Sunday School came within nine of breaking an all-time record.

—Joseph O. Epperson, Pastor

► **GALT, CALIF.**—The congregation of Bethel Temple was greatly blessed during a week of special meetings conducted by Evangelist Albert P. Finch of Boyes Hot Springs. Services during the day centered around the theme of "Faith." Many were blessed by the services.

—Carroll D. Holloway, Pastor

► **SPRINGFIELD, OREG.**—First Assembly of God greatly enjoyed the fiery ministry of Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Salem, Oreg. Souls sought the Lord from night to night, and the whole church was revitalized by means of the Pentecostal blessings.

—Lester Carlsen, Pastor

► **STIGLER, OKLA.**—A real move of the Spirit of God was enjoyed by the congregation of the First Assembly of God through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Roy L. Brooks of Colorado Springs, Colo. People were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit under the anointed preaching.

—Frank M. Jones, Pastor

► **MARTIN'S FERRY, OHIO**—The Assembly here was recently blessed through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke of Dallas, Tex. The Spirit of God was present in each service to meet the needs of the people. The ministry of the Word and the anointed singing of the evangelists was a great blessing to the church. There were definite answers to prayer.

—A. J. Jensen, Pastor

► **UPLAND, CALIF.**—Evangelist Tommie Barnett recently conducted four weeks of meetings in Evangel Temple. This is probably the greatest revival in the brief history of the church. The church was packed out each night and overflow rooms had to be used. Souls came to the altar each night; well over 125 made a decision for God. The Sunday School reached a new record with 350 in attendance. Brother Barnett is a Spirit-filled young man, with a powerful message.

—Frank Lummer, Pastor



Crowd attending the evangelistic meeting conducted by Tommie Barnett at Evangel Temple in Upland, Calif. Frank Lummer is pastor.

► HARRISON, ARK.—Evangelist and Mrs. R. G. Hancock of Springhill, La., conducted two weeks of revival here in January. Several were saved and reclaimed, and all were drawn closer to God.

—Donald Walker, Pastor

► LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Evangelist Ethel Olson West conducted two weeks of revival in Calvary Chapel recently. During the meeting souls were saved, several refilled with the Spirit, and some testified to healing. The church was edified, encouraged, and blessed.

—Warren Berwick, Pastor

► EASLEY, S. C. First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a wonderful series of meetings with Evangelist John Eller of Greer, S. C. The hearts of the people were greatly blessed by the ministry and musical talent of this young man. Two were saved and six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—G. E. Wilson, Pastor

ADVANCED CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

The 1959 Advanced Christian Training School (A.C.T.S.) will convene June 1-5 at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. This school of advanced training for Sunday School leaders is sponsored annually by the National Sunday School Department.

Specialized classes are offered in seven categories: district S.S. directors, sectional S.S. representatives, pastors, S.S. superintendents, workers training instructors, child evangelism workers, and Christian education directors.

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For further information write the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

N. A. E. CONVENTION

17TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the National Association of Evangelicals, Hotel Statler-Hilton Los Angeles, Calif., Apr. 6-10. Evening speakers: Herbert S. Mekeel, Harold Erickson, Thomas F. Zimmerman, Paul S. Rees, L. Nelson Bell. Various N.A.E. commissions to meet in separate rooms each morning and afternoon. Luncheon address Thursday noon by John Noble, former prisoner of Russian Communists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEcoming and anniversary service at Assembly of God, Vulcan, Mo., March 22. Morning, afternoon and evening services. All former pastors and friends invited.—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.

HOMEcoming at the Assembly of God, Cayuga, Texas, March 28. D. M. Rice founder of the church and presbyter of the Palestine section, North Texas District, will speak at 10:00 a.m. Afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. A revival will begin Sunday, March 29, with A. A. Calloway of Silsbee, Texas, as evangelist. —A. Heflin, Pastor.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	First	Mar. 22-Apr. 5	W. O. Stephens & wife	W. F. Taylor
	Phenix City	Girard	Mar. 22-Apr. 5	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Emory Andrews
Ark.	Little Rock	First	Mar. 1-15	Gene Jackson & wife	L. A. Kessinger
	McGehee	First	Mar. 15-29	Gene Jackson & wife	C. B. Anderson
Calif.	Bakersfield	Niles	Mar. 22-29	H. Ralph Love	Ernest Friend
	Hawaiian Gardens	Calvary	Mar. 15-22	Glen Taylor	Gladson-Drake
	Merced	First	Mar. 17-29	Kenneth Roper & wife	Earl Gould
	Rio Dell	A of G	Mar. 15-Apr. 5	J. H. Williams	Esle L. Snyder
	San Jose	Friendly Bible	Mar. 10—	Don George	Rayford Aderholt
	Tracy	*First	Mar. 18-23	Virgil Warens & wife	Eugene Lawrence
Colo.	Fort Collins	First	Mar. 17-29	Paul Wood & wife	L. A. Messick
	Pueblo	First	Mar. 18-29	Christian Hild	Richard Emerson
Fla.	Jacksonville	*Calvary Temple	Mar. 23-29	Dick Stevens Family	Harold Schmitt
	Jacksonville	*Murray Hill	Mar. 16-22	Dick Stevens Family	Harold Tyus
	Keuka	A of G	Mar. 8—	Wm. & Ethel Voodre	M. F. Clark
	Miami	Calvary Bible	Mar. 17—	Moses Copeland	Loine Honderick
	Panama City	First	Mar. 18-29	Warren Litzman	Keetah Jones
	Punta Gorda	Beacon Chapel	Mar. 1-15	H. E. Hardt	Leslie Clevenger
Ga.	Vidalia	First	Mar. 22—	F. P. Bachman	Claude Collins
Ind.	Hammond	A of G	Mar. 15—	J. G. Hall	Harold Duncan
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	First	Mar. 22-Apr. 5	G. A. Snavelly & wife	Lawrence Huffman
	Waterloo	First	Mar. 15-23	Louise Nankivell	Russell Thompson
	Woodbine	A of G	Mar. 17-29	Frank E. Martin & wife	G. E. Fogelman
Kans.	Wichita	First	Mar. 11-29	Musical Vanderploegs	Robert Morrison
Md.	Sparrows Point	Bethel Pent.	Mar. 15-29	J.B. Woolums	Thos. P. Miller
Mich.	South Haven	A of G	Mar. 17—	John Higginbotham	Ross P. Simmons
Minn.	Dodge Center	A of G	Mar. 10-15	Garfield J. Unruh	H. L. Hagemeister
	Rochester	Gosp. Tab.	Mar. 17-22	Garfield J. Unruh	O. E. Carter
Miss.	Greenville	First	Mar. 15-29	Robert Gurganus	Douglas Stone
Mo.	Bismarck	A of G	Mar. 15-29	N. B. Rayburn	Harry E. Jenkins
	N. Kansas City	First	Mar. 17-29	A. V. Segesman & wife	R. A. McClure
	Tarkio	*A of G	Mar. 16-29	Fred & Gladys Voight	Lee Roy Rogers
	Trenton	A of G	Mar. 17-29	The Roland Hasties	Norman Brewer
	Versailles	A of G	Mar. 18-29	Paul Hild	T. D. Jennings
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Highland	Mar. 15-29	Leland Lewis	Robert Northrop
	Portales	First	Mar. 18—	J. W. Farmer	Earl G. Vanzant
N.Y.	Huntington Sta.	*Vine Pent.	Mar. 15-29	Helen Simeneta	Chas. M. Shaffer
	Rochester	Glad Tidings	Mar. 1-15	Carl Cline	David M. Carlson
N.C.	Dunn	Glad Tidings	Mar. 22-Apr. 5	B. R. Minton	Robert E. Palmer
Ohio	Perrysburg	A of G	Mar. 15-29	Smith-Rasmussen	B. D. Graves
Okla.	Eakley	A of G	Mar. 4—	Charles Ogdon	Cecil R. Percy
	Nowata	First	Mar. 17-29	Fred Carrington & wife	P. A. Henegar
	Okmulgee	First	Mar. 22-29	Velmer Gardner	Don McKinney
Ore.	Hermiston	A of G	Mar. 22—	Wesley W. Fleming	Bert Allbritton
Pa.	Dover	Rohler's PT	Mar. 11—	V. H. Mathan & wife	Wm. Farrell
	Irwin	Pentecostal	Mar. 17-29	William H. Kautz	J. L. Pittman
	New Castle	Full Gospel Tab.	Mar. 10-22	Leon Morrow	Thomas V. Cross
	Walkertown	A of G	Mar. 17—	Irvin E. Ade	Clifford Yates
	Williamsport	A of G	Mar. 18-Apr. 5	H. A. Christopher	T. B. Terry
S. Dak.	Watertown	A of G	Mar. 22—	Bonetta C. Rabe	B. C. Heinze
Tenn.	Memphis	Hollywood	Mar. 15-29	Earl E. Blythe	T. E. Scruggs
Tex.	Big Spring	First	Mar. 18-29	Norman Jones	S. E. Eldridge
	Brownfield	First	Mar. 1-15	Norman Jones	J. R. Brasher
	Dallas	Grace	Mar. 15-29	C. H. Asher	Fred Davis
	Hereford	First	Mar. 23—	Roy L. Lee	V. W. Marcontell
	Houston	Heights	Mar. 15—	John McDuff	J. C. Miner
	Houston	Lindale	Mar. 4-15	W. A. (Bill) McCann	James McKeehan
	Houston	Park Place	Mar. 17-29	W. M. Stevens	J. O. Savell
	Sinton	First	Mar. 2-8	C. W. Gregg	Ernest Maxwell
	Waskom	A of G	Mar. 1-14	Billy R. Jones	Lester Royce
Va.	Salem	A of G	Mar. 17-19	Calvin Melton	Glen Strickland
	Triangle	A of G	Mar. 15-22	Byron D. Jones	W. C. Blewitt
	Winchester	Hayfield	Mar. 17—	Frank G. Sharp	C. B. Glover
Wash.	Spokane	First	Mar. 15—	Marvin L. Moe	W. S. Bragg
W. Va.	Marlowe	A of G	Mar. 15—	L. H. Sheets Family	C. E. Schwab
Wis.	Portage	A of G	Mar. 15—	Bob Olson	Harley Hansel
Canada	Abbotsford, B.C.	Pentecostal	Mar. 17—	Johnny Hoskins	James W. Ruthven
	Chatham, Ont.	Evangel Tab.	Mar. 18-29	H. B. Kelchner	G. P. Tunks
Nicaragua	Managua	W. Steelberg	Mar. 15—	B. D. Bennett	Russell Kensinger
		Memorial Bldg.			

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Some who have been on the mountain top would like to remain there, but we must come down into the valley and share with others that spiritual light and radiance which we have found on the mountain's height.

If we do not frequently visit the mountain top, we shall be overcome by the valley miasma. If we do not share our experience with others, we shall lose it, and this old world will be more and more lost in darkness and confusion.

—War Cry

Let us always remember that it is not the amount of religious knowledge which we have, but the amount which we use, that determines our religious position and character.

—Alexander MacLaren



E. P. Cooper, pastor of Bethel Tabernacle, Tipp City, Ohio, receives keys to new car

NEW CAR PRESENTED TO VETERAN PASTOR

The congregation of Bethel Tabernacle in Tipp City, Ohio, recently presented Pastor E. P. Cooper with the keys to a 1959 Bel Air Chevrolet.

Looking back over his seventy years, Pastor Cooper recognizes God's hand of guidance and blessing in his life. He was a railroad station agent when he was converted in 1911 through the personal witness of a railroad conductor. When A. B. Cox began his work in Dayton, Ohio, Brother Cooper served as his assistant pastor and song leader.

In 1925, Brother Cooper went to Tipp City and began street meetings, then rented a hall for services. In 1929 the present church was dedicated. Through the years many have been saved and filled with the Spirit in Bethel Tabernacle. A number of Christian workers have gone out from the church and two are now in Bible school preparing for ministry.

In July, 1957, Brother Cooper was found to be suffering from cancer, and despite some treatment, the doctors doubted that they could help him. But God intervened and six months later, on the day after his seventieth birthday, a checkup revealed the miracle of healing.

In a recent revival with Harold May, Jr., of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, several were saved and at least five filled with the Spirit. It was during the revival that the car was presented. Brother Cooper writes concerning this:

"On January 22, Brother May called Mrs. Cooper and me to the platform, saying he had a present for us. He handed us a large box. We opened it and found a smaller box inside. After opening a series of small boxes, we opened the last one. In it were two keys to a 1959 Bel Air, four-door, Powerglide Chevrolet, with radio and heater!

"We were instructed to go to the sales room of the Tipp City Motor Company

and drive the car home. Our congregation then gathered at our home and we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship together.

"I am still going strong for the Lord, visiting hospitals and homes, and officiating at funerals. I hope I can be here when the trumpet sounds, which I believe will be soon. I am looking for the Lord to come!"

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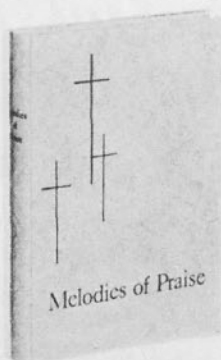
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PAYING THE PRICE TO WIN CHRIST

BY EVANGELIST MILTON R. SEARLES

ON THE DAMASCUS ROAD, SAUL OF Tarsus received such a revelation of Christ that he determined to lay aside every weight, sin, or other hindrance that he might win Him as his heavenly Bridegroom. At his first glimpse of Jesus, Paul fell so deeply in love with Him that he never got over it.

Perhaps you have wondered what Paul meant when he wrote to the Philippians, "I have suffered the loss of all things... that I may win Christ." Certainly he was not referring to winning Christ as Saviour, since salvation is "not of works, lest any man should boast." But the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that Christ longed to be not only his sinbearer but his Bridegroom and Lover Lord as well. This was the relationship for which Paul gladly suffered "the loss of all things."

Recently the Spirit brought this truth home to me as I viewed some pictures portraying a very unusual custom of the Fulani tribe in northern Nigeria. When a young man of that tribe is seventeen or eighteen years of age he is put through a cruel ordeal before all the village to prove whether he is truly brave and capable of winning a bride. Stripped to the waist, he steps forward to receive an unmerciful beating with long, flexible canes. Many stripes are laid across his chest and around his body as one after another of his fellow-villagers strikes him forcefully with the canes. At one side of the group of spectators are young girls of marriageable age. In order to gain their admiration, the young man must not flinch nor show signs of pain. This is not easy, but he encourages and keeps a check on himself by holding a mirror constantly before him.

The Spirit of God impressed me with this thought: if the Fulani of Africa will go through such an ordeal to prove their worthiness of an *earthly* bride, can we not boldly face the world and prove our determination to win our *heavenly* Bridegroom? Can we not gladly prove to the One whom we desire as our heavenly Bridegroom that for His sake we can "bear all things"?

Peter wrote, "What glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called."

In a moment of discouragement we may be tempted to say, "I am not going to take another thing from that person—no more buffeting for me." Or we may say, "I am going to give up; my lot as a Christian is too much to endure any longer." But that is flinching before the gaze of the One we desire to win as our heavenly Bridegroom. Let us look—not at those who are buffeting us and causing us the pain—but into the *Mirror*, the Word of God (James 1:23-25).

As a Christian under testing looks earnestly into this Mirror he is given courage and kept from fainting or flinching under the rod of affliction. Paul was able to say, "None of these things move me." He stood for Christ through a lifetime of trial, and at the end he could testify with confidence, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Oh, fellow-Christian, let us also endure hardness because of our love for the Lord Jesus. Then some day He will be pleased to say to us, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." It will be worth it all to hear Him say, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." But I am reminded of another scripture that warns us, "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Let us therefore *stand* and *prove* to our Lord and to the world that we are Christians, not for the loaves and fishes, but because we love Him who has suffered for us.

Keep your eyes on the Mirror which is His Word, and never neglect it. As you behold the sufferings of Stephen and of Paul and of other saints, your own "light affliction" will be much easier to bear. Christ has promised, "My grace is sufficient for thee."



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We're Going Home!

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

IT OFTEN HAS BEEN SAID, "THERE is no sickness like homesickness." And those who have experienced this malady will readily agree. The acute, unsatisfied longing for the dear familiar scenes and the handclasp of a loved one is much easier felt than described. For the one who is homesick, all other desires are subordinated to the longing for home.

If such desire can be experienced for an earthly home, is it inconceivable that we Christians should feel at times an unutterable longing to be with our heavenly Father in our eternal Home? Our souls were never meant to find complete rest and satisfaction in the world and in material things. We are made for God and we can only truly rest in Him. David knew homesickness for the eternal when he said, "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

One remedy for homesickness is to become totally absorbed in one's immediate surroundings, devoting as much time and energy as possible to them. Unfortunately, this same procedure will also dull the Christian's vision of heavenly things, and the zest for heavenly things will become but a memory.

Jesus knew this and He warned of the danger in these words: "Take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be surcharged with self-indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares, and that day catches you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all the dwellers on the face of all the earth. So be on

your guard at all times, praying that you may be worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of man" (Luke 21:34-36, Centenary).

The eagerness with which some started the journey heavenward is in pathetic contrast with the obvious contentment they now have in the scenery along the way. It is as if the heavenly goal is almost forgotten except for an occasional spurt in the general direction.

How strange it would be if some homesick student who had left college to begin the homeward journey took a devious route instead of the most direct. What would we think if he insisted on a leisurely banquet at every meal-stop along the way? We could hardly be convinced of his desire to get home if he settled down to live indefinitely in a hotel along the way instead of merely stopping for the night. For this is not the nature of homesickness.

Home is as a magnet to the homesick one. And to the Christian who presses "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," heaven has an attraction which cannot be ignored. It takes "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" to stay within heaven's magnetic range. But it is to them that look for Him, to them that keep their hearts in tune with heaven, that Christ

will appear the second time. Material things, legitimate activities, natural desires—these are ever tugging on us to pull us back to a mediocre level of existence. But Paul speaks a word that challenges us to walk worthy of our high calling: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth; for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

The thoughts of home and the love of good parents have kept many a homesick young person in the right path. And so it is that the more a Christian's heart is filled with thoughts of Home and the love of a heavenly Father, the less he is tempted to live carelessly.

Speaking of the second coming of Christ, John wrote, "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2). It is the knowledge of our very vital relationship with Christ and the anticipation of His soon return that gives us victory over temptation.

A student started home from college with very little luggage. "Aren't you taking more than that?" asked a friend.

"No," replied the student. "I'm traveling light for I'm going home!"

That was the attitude of Abraham and of many others who gladly "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth." They kept a loose hold on the things of this world. This is a glorious confession, "for they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. . . . Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city" (Hebrews 11:13-16).

The Christian makes the best progress who is willing to "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset" him. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

Let's travel light—we're going HOME! ◀◀