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Experimenting With Prayer

The human mind is a complex creation. We must admit that, when it comes to understanding man, his extrasensory powers, and other forces within him, we are still in kindergarten. The recent publicity given to Dr. Franklin Loehr and his experiments with praying for plants will be seen by some as merely a demonstration of the power of mind over matter. Others will view it as a wonderful proof of God's willingness to answer men's prayers.

Dr. Loehr, formerly a Presbyterian pastor and Air Force chaplain, is now Director of Research for the Religious Research Foundation, Inc., in Los Angeles. His early training as a chemist made him anxious to find some scientific means of measuring the power of prayer. He decided that plants offered the most promise, so he conducted a number of experiments. He used various techniques in the experiments but there was a basic similarity. Two trays of seeds were planted under precisely the same laboratory conditions and at exactly the same time. One tray was ignored; the other received the attention of Dr. Loehr's prayer group. Precise measurements of growth were then taken at varying intervals. In nearly every case, scientific analysis showed the plants which had the benefit of prayer were noticeably superior.

He conducted over nine hundred such experiments with more than a hundred people taking part. The detailed story is told in his book, *The Power of Prayer on Plants*, published by Doubleday early in April.

Some will say that experiments like this are sacrilegious. And yet, has God not challenged us in His Word to put Him to the test? Has He not said that if we will meet certain conditions He will give us certain benefits, even to granting us a good harvest?

Thomas wanted convincing proof that Jesus was risen from the dead. "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails," he said, "I will not believe"; and Jesus, always willing to prove Himself to a sincere seeker after truth, paid another visit to the disciples and let Thomas touch His hands and feel the nail prints.

We can prove Him as the One who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire, even as the prophet did at Mount Carmel. "The God that answereth by fire, let Him be God," he said, and God did not leave anyone in doubt very long. He sent the fire. "Prove Me now," God says.

Jesus did not rebuke Peter for demanding a miracle as proof of His identity. Peter said, "If it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water," and Jesus accommodated by letting Peter walk upon the sea.

If men and women are sincere in their desire to know the truth, God will show it to them. He loves to answer prayer. The trouble is that many people fail to give Him the opportunity. They never make the "experiment." They bottle up their troubles, fears, and sicknesses within them, as though they had no Friend to care, no God to help them. God does not demand more faith than we are able to summon. He is pleased when honest hearts put Him to the test.

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WHICH HARVEST?

By Gayle F. Lewis

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THERE ARE SEVERAL PORTIONS OF Scripture to which I would call your attention as a foundation for the thoughts I want to bring to you. They are found in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, and Revelation 14:14-20.

In these portions of Scripture we have three harvest scenes brought before us: The harvest of wheat, spoken of in the Book of Matthew; and the harvest of the earth and the harvest of grapes spoken of in the Book of Revelation. There are a multitude of signs given to us in the Word of God, prophecies that are pointing unerringly to the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. But of all the prophecies and of all of the signs, there is none that speaks so loudly to us today as the sign of the ripening harvest.

First of all, I want us to consider the ripening earth, spoken of in Revelation 14:14, 15. "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

THINKING IN RETROSPECT

To understand this portion of Scripture, it would be necessary for us to go back just a little and trace the history of this world. You will recall that Benjamin Franklin and Israel Putnam died in the year 1790, or 160 years ago. Franklin was a great states-

man, while Putnam was a great soldier. If we would go back to their day, look upon this world as we would find it at that time, we would discover that there had been very little change in this earth from the days of Abraham and Sarah, who lived no doubt nearly 2,000 years before Christ and nearly 4,000 years before the death of Franklin and Putnam. In other words, if Abraham and Sarah could have been resurrected from death, placed back here upon earth in the year 1790, they would scarcely have found a thing in all this world that they would not have been more or less familiar with. Abraham would have found that it was still proper to write with a quill pen. He would have discovered that still the proper means of water travel was by oars and by sail. Sarah would have discovered that it was still perfectly in order to prepare the meals over the open fire and to wash the clothes on the stones. Perhaps the only two things with which they would not have been familiar would have been the introduction of moveable type, and gunpowder.

GOD'S LAW OF GROWTH

But about the time that Franklin

and Putnam died, a change began to take place in this world, a change that is in perfect harmony and keeping with the divine laws of God, for God has ordained that in every phase of life, whether vegetable or animal, there is first a long formation period, but, outside of growth, there is no change. Then the hour of bringing forth comes quickly. For instance, you have a rosebush in your yard. In the spring of the year you'll discover that a tiny bud has formed on that rosebush. Then the days and the weeks come and go. That bud may get a little larger in size, but its general appearance remains the same through a number of weeks of formation period. Then one morning you notice that the petals are beginning to loosen a little, and in just a few days, in comparison with those weeks of formation, that rose bursts into full bloom; and then in another few days the petals fall off and are gone.

A RAPID RIPENING

The farmer goes out in the fall of the year and prepares the soil and plants his wheat. In a little while the blade springs up. As you drive through the country you look out across those wheat fields and they are green with the growing grain. Then the long winter months come, and into the spring. While that wheat may get a little taller it remains the same, always green. There is no change, until perhaps in the early part of June the farmer looks across that wheat field and notices a change beginning to take place. The green is beginning to disappear and a golden touch is coming in its place. And when he sees that, he knows it's time to get out his threshing implements. He knows it will only be a short time now, in comparison with that long formation period, until the wheat will come to a full ripe stage, and unless it is reaped it

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BIBLE VERSE



Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. PSALM 51:2, 3

This sermon was preached in Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, on Sunday night during the annual convention of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Brother Lewis was guest speaker representing both the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America of which he is Chairman. The sermon was published in the Foursquare Magazine.

will be lost. So it is in every phase of life, God has ordained that formation period, and then the hour of bringing forth comes quickly.

For 4,000 years, outside of increased population, there was little or no change in the earth. But in the last 160 years, and especially in the last 50 years, in comparison with that long formation period, we have seen this earth undergo a change and a transformation until if Franklin and Putnam could come back today they would not find a thing they would be familiar with. Franklin discovered there was such a thing as electricity. But the development of electricity has today revolutionized our way of life.

GOD'S INTERVENTION NECESSARY

The telephone, the radio, and now the television have come in this period of time, bringing the four corners of the earth into our homes instantaneously. How this has changed our means of communication.

Steam came, and with it its power of locomotion, and how it changed our means of travel. It took our forefathers nine or ten weeks to cross the Atlantic; now it is only a matter of three and a half days. The gas motor came, and finally the jet, until today men are traveling between San Francisco and New York City in a matter of hours.

When Abraham Lincoln was born, there were 6,000 manufactured articles in the world. Today there are more than 365,000. Yes, if Franklin and Putnam could come back today, they would not find a thing in this world they were familiar with. Franklin would find out he didn't know anything about electricity or statesmanship. Putnam would find out he didn't know anything about war. I submit to you that it is a ripening earth. From the time the first bolt of lightning flashed in the skies in the day of Noah, we have had electricity. As long as there have been fire and water on this earth, we have had steam. But all of these things have been hidden away like the kernel of wheat in the stalk, to be revealed at harvest time—in this atom and hydrogen age, when men have at their disposal the means of complete annihilation of this earth, if this power is ever turned loose.

I recently overheard two different conversations in two different places, carried on by two men of the world. Their conversations ran parallel to each other. In each case, one man said to

the other, "What does the future hold for us?" And the man to whom he was speaking replied: "If we go as far in the next twenty-five years as we have come in the last twenty-five years, only God knows what the future holds." And I say to you, if Jesus tarries and permits this world to move on as far in the next twenty-five years as we have come in the last twenty-five years, man will annihilate himself! There isn't a statesman or soldier in the world today but what will tell you that if we ever get into another war and atomic energy is released, there isn't one out of ten of us that has the ghost of a chance of being here when it is all over. This thing *demand*s the soon coming of the Lord.

Man would annihilate himself if left alone; but God has something to say about the program of this earth, and one of these days there is going to be a cry come forth from heaven: "Put in thy sickle and reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." This



STILL THE SAME

Our Lord is still the Way
Amid the twisting maze
Of all the world's perplexing paths,
Its many crooked ways;
Still plain and clear He waits
To lead our straying feet
Past quicksands, treacherous and deep,
Into His straight firm street.

Our Lord is still the Truth
Amid confusing lies;
The world's conflicting theories,
Wild guesses and surmise;
Still plain and clear He waits
To guide the seeking mind
Past doubts and false beliefs,
His certain Word to find.

Our Lord is still the Life,
Abundant, rich and free;
He longs to break our chains
And give us liberty;
Serene and calm He waits
Our poor, weak selves to take,
And like His glorious self
Our futile lives to make.

—Annie Johnson Flint

earth is yielding its increase. I don't believe man has suddenly become smart. It is simply harvest time! It is the time for earth to yield its increase, and those things that have been hidden for generations are coming forth. And just as the wheat must be harvested when it is ripe or it will be lost, this old earth must be reaped by God or it will be annihilated.

RIPENING SIN

But let us go a little bit further. We see another harvest scene, along with our ripening earth. In Revelation 14:17, 18 we read: "And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the cluster of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."

Since these grapes are going into the winepress of the wrath of Almighty God, they can refer to nothing else but ripening sin, for it is sin that is going into the winepress of the wrath of God. And I believe it is significant, that in recent years, running parallel with what we term an advanced civilization, parallel with this age of modern science and invention, there has come a wave of sin and crime and iniquity unparalleled since the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. And what is it? Again I say to you, it is ripening sin. It is the day in which the sin, the vileness, the corruption of the human heart is coming out and manifesting itself. For generations we have looked at the description which God gives in His Word of the natural man. Sometimes we have wondered if, after all, man was as bad as God said he was. For instance, we turn to that Scripture which says that "man's heart is deceitful, desperately wicked, who can know it?" And again, God compares it to "wounds and bruises and putrifying sores." We are living in a day when we are discovering what God has seen for generations! We are seeing that corruption, that vileness of the human heart bursting like a rose into full bloom, coming out, getting ready for harvest.

DAYS OF SODOM REPEATED

A few years ago it started with what we frequently termed a wave of immodesty of dress. Every one of us

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DIVINE HEALING

in God's Plan of Redemption



A WORLD CONFERENCE ADDRESS
BY LEONARD STEINER

THAT THERE IS HEALING IN God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ, is a vital part of our faith. The testimony of divine healing has been faithfully proclaimed in the Pentecostal movement. It has its important place in world evangelism. Some of our flaming evangelists preach it at home and abroad to mammoth crowds. Also large sections of the churches beside our movement are opening to the truth that Christ heals today. This is reason to praise God.

On the other hand we cannot ignore the fact that there is still much sickness among God's people, including the Pentecostal people. The pastor who faithfully desires to care for his flock finds that his faith is often sorely tried by cases of prolonged sickness and death. He has to battle with problems which may remain entirely unknown to the itinerant evangelist. Is it therefore to be wondered if his approach to the subject may somewhat differ from the one of the preacher who continually moves on to new fields? It is helpful and necessary to look at the doctrine of divine healing in the light of the entire Word of God.

First of all let me point to the important *factor of natural health*. That faith contributes essentially to the recovery of a sick person, is a generally known fact. "A merry heart does good like medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). The suffering patient seeking medical help must have faith in the doctor or in

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the drug prescribed. Modern therapy has properly recognized the need of physical treatment which in the final analysis aims at raising the faith of the patient.

Let me say a word concerning *Christian faith* in general. If natural faith exerts a curative effect, how much more will this be so with Christian faith. Trust in an almighty, all-wise, and loving heavenly Father will call for a mobilization of all the healing virtues hidden in man.

Let us now look at the faith that matters above all: *the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ*.

There is one faith required by God and offered to us by His Word: the faith in the person of the Son of God, who became man, who died on the cross and who rose again. It is the faith in His unique position among men, in His power and compassion, in His Word and work, and in His ever-abiding presence.

From many of the healings recorded in the Gospels, it is evident that this faith was conditional. Jesus asks the two blind men; "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" (Matthew 9:28) He assures the woman with the issue of blood: "Be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matthew 9:22). He says to the woman of Canaan: "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt" (Matthew 15:28). To the wavering father of the lunatic boy He affirms: "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

The Gospels make it quite clear, however, that Jesus does not advocate a self-acting, almighty faith, able to produce all kinds of miracles inde-

pendent of His person. He unmistakably is speaking only of that faith which links itself to Him. The statement, "All things are possible to him that believeth," has the obvious meaning: All things which Jesus wills, are possible to them who trust in His power and compassion.

This was in no way altered after the Ascension. Henceforth it is the faith in the risen and exalted Lord who is present in His Word and Spirit. Peter proclaims to Aeneas: "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole" (Acts 9:34). The apostles give the explanation of the healing wrought in the lame man at the gate of the temple as follows: "The faith which is by him [the Name of Christ] hath given him this perfect soundness..." (Acts 3:16).

If faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the time of the early Christians was accompanied by healing, there can be no argument based upon the Holy Scriptures why the same healings could not be expected in the twentieth century.

I will now try to give a summary of the doctrine of Divine Healing in five points.

I

Sickness Is a Result of the Fall

All physical suffering is an outworking of the punishment inflicted by God upon disobedient man. It results from the law of death which since the Fall has rule over him (Romans 5:12; 8:10). In addition to this it often results from individual falling, from sin and transgression (Deuteronomy 28:15, 59-61). With the rule of death in this world, all the powers of decay and disease in their many forms have

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gained control over the human race.

Man's natural vitality is too weak to resist in the long run the assault of the billions of germs of disease and the presence of continuous wearing out. The real cause of his weakness is his loss of the communion with God. Cut off from the true source of life and health, his spirit, soul, and body, the entire man has fallen ill. Modern research has confirmed the Biblical truth of the inseparableness of man's soul and body. Man must be looked upon as an inseparable entity, in his immortal dignity as well as in his mortal frailty.

II

There Is Healing in the Atonement Through the Cross of Christ

Because through the Atonement man's sin has been taken away, the judgment lifted, and the way into communion with God reopened, the entire man, spirit, soul and body can be made whole again. In the end he will be delivered completely also from the dominion of physical death (Romans 5:15; 8:2, 11). This glorious and fundamental truth is proclaimed by Isaiah in his great statement: "He hath borne our griefs" and "with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4, 5).

All healing flows from the Cross. We find life and health in the broken body and the shed blood of the Redeemer.

III

Healings Are Acts of the Living Christ Who Is Ever Present

They are wrought in His Name, upon His command, and under His guidance. This seems to me an additional channel through which divine healing comes to us. We must acknowledge *two principles operating*: the one is the law of life in the Atonement of the Cross through the blood of Christ—the other is the intervention of the living Christ exalted in heaven and working among men through His Spirit (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:4). While the former channel of healing (comparable to an ever-flowing fountain) is accessible to all at any time, the latter is rather a manifestation of the living Son of God, acting in His full sovereignty.

Such interventions of the Son of God are in a certain way always extraordinary happenings. We meet them in the Gospels, especially in the Gospel of John, where Jesus did miracles to prove His Sonship without waiting

for faith and often with the obvious purpose to create such. Jesus said to the nobleman: "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe" (John 4:48); and to the Jews: "Though ye believe not me, believe the works, that ye may know and believe" (John 10:38).

IV

Healing Includes the Spirit, Soul, and Body of Man

Just as the disastrous consequences of the Fall came upon the entire man, so also the beneficial effects of the Atonement come to the entire human person. The primary concern of God, however, is the restoration of the inward man, his immortal soul. The healing of the outward man, the mortal body, comes normally as a secondary result.

The general program of Christ's activity is, according to Luke 4:18, the healing of the broken hearts. "The poor, captives, blind, and bruised" in this message must be looked for in the first place in the spiritual realm. The terms describe the inward condition of fallen man.

Many words of the prophets describe the sinful state of the human heart as a sickness for which there cannot be found a human remedy. The great word of Isaiah, "By his stripes we are healed," is applied by the apostle Peter in the first place to the healing of the erring human heart (1 Peter 2:24).

I want to point out that it is not scriptural to present the healing min-

istry of Christ as having to do only, or even chiefly, with the body. Jesus has come to save and to heal, in the first place, spirit and soul, and then also the body of man.

The message of Jesus was repentance, because the kingdom of God had come nigh. He proclaimed the defeat of Satan and offered deliverance from the power of darkness.

He preached salvation for the whole man. His great compassion moved Him often to heal the sick in great numbers. He cast out the demons and He raised the dead. Yet He made it clear that in doing so He was acting under the continual guidance of His Father. His healing ministry, as far as it concerned the bodies, did not fill His whole life. The repeated times where it is recorded that He healed all the sick, apply strictly to certain periods and should not be generalized.

The same must be said of the apostles. After the resurrection Christ commissioned the disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins, promising to confirm their preaching with signs following. They never preached healing, but they practiced it.

V

Divine Healing Is a Progressive Work

Healing begins the moment the sick person yields to the Son of God and takes by faith what He offers. He may experience a sudden touch of His wonder-working hand. More often, however, he will realize that he has found the true fountain of health. As he will continue to drink from it, he will make progress on the way to complete recovery.

The continued process of healings is beautifully illustrated in the parable of the rising "Son of righteousness" with healing in His wings (Malachi 4:2). In the measure that the sick person exposes himself to the rays of this sun, inasmuch as he lets himself be drawn closer into the fellowship of Christ for his sanctification, his healing will make progress more and more. *Healing and sanctification are inseparably linked together*. In their practical working out, neither will be completed until the day of resurrection.

And now the imperative question arises: What then is the will of God? If healing has chiefly to do with the inward man and if in this dispensation it is only of a temporary nature, if healing of the body is only a fore-

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HEALING TESTIMONIES

"I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26

The Healing of Kathy Lee Sanders

IN FEBRUARY, 1958, WHILE I WAS a student at Central Bible Institute, our four-year-old daughter Kathy Lee had a convulsion. At the hospital they told us it was due to dehydration. A few weeks later she had a second convulsion and we took her to a specialist. Her case was diagnosed as idiopathic epilepsy, and a drug was prescribed to cut down the frequency of her spells. She was having seizures at six to eight-week intervals. Then the convulsions began coming more often, until she was having them regularly every three weeks and sometimes one in between.

Quite concerned, we prayed and had her prayed for every time we had a chance. We tried a different doctor, but nothing seemed to do any good.



Kathy Lee Sanders

Then one day, when she had a spell in the car coming home from the doctor's office, we determined just to trust the Lord.

One morning last semester while we were having an exceptional move of the Spirit in the CBI chapel, the Lord spoke to me to go home and get my daughter. Since we lived on the campus in an apartment for married students, it took only a few minutes for me to go home and bring her back to the chapel. As we returned, Robert Cummings was leading in the song, "The Great Physician." Soon they began taking requests for healing and other needs. I took my daughter forward, and the faculty and student body united in prayer for her.

God definitely touched her body that day, for she has not had a spell since, and her general physical condition has greatly improved. We praise God for His healing power.—Carl Sanders, 1019 Valley, Carthage, Missouri.

(Endorsed by J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Central Bible Institute. He writes: "Kathy Lee has not had any convulsions in the six months since she was prayed for. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and should receive all the glory and praise for this present-day miracle.")

Delivered From Mental Illness

Nearly eight years ago God healed me of mental illness which had tortured me for over ten years. I was hospitalized six times and underwent every treatment prescribed, with only temporary relief. Several psychiatrists diagnosed my case as incurable. In

1950 I was placed on a two-year parole from the State Hospital with the understanding that if I did not improve I would possibly be confined for life.

My mother suffered from a similar illness as the result of a major operation and a fall which injured her brain. She was confined to the State Hospital for 28 years.

I was obsessed with fear and preferred death to life-long confinement. At least four times I attempted suicide, but always something intervened. One morning during the winter of 1951 I was contemplating suicide. I planned frantically, reasoning that this time it would be final. I heard a voice on the radio say, "It is *Prayertime* in America... it is *Prayertime* in Denver... it is *Prayertime* in your home." It was the voice of Pastor Charles Blair. Then came the hymns, "The Love of God" and "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

My mother and family were Christians. I was saved at the age of twelve but had allowed my fears and confusing circumstances to rob my mind of His peace. As I listened to *Prayertime* the bitterness melted; my pride crumbled; it seemed I felt a ray of hope. I asked God to restore my mind and fellowship with Him.

I wrote Pastor Blair and requested prayer. Christians came and prayed with me. Several women from the church drove over forty miles to take me to the Thursday prayer meeting. Pastor Blair anointed me and prayed for my healing. Gradually, my thoughts became organized. I was able to sleep and make decisions. Everything was changed.

Before I was healed I made things very miserable for my husband and two children, and spoke often of divorce or suicide. I have had no recurrence of this illness. Two years ago I gave birth to a chubby baby boy, after my doctor said I could not possibly terminate the pregnancy. I had lost two babies prematurely before this.

I thank God for His love and the healing wonder of Calvary that can bring the blessed relief of peace and full assurance. Calvary covers it all. Praise His name!—Mrs. Elsie Van Beber, Gill, Colo.

(Endorsed by Charles E. Blair, pastor of Calvary Temple, 200 S. University Blvd., Denver, Colo.)



SIXTY NEW CHURCHES IN

This thrilling story of pioneer evangelism will challenge all who are looking toward the Christian ministry

By **ANDREW STIRLING**

District Superintendent

THE PAST DECADE HAS WITNESSED a tremendous influx of pioneer pastors into North Carolina. The efforts and the sacrifices of these pioneers have resulted in the opening of about sixty new Assemblies throughout the district which has almost tripled the district in size.

An amazing factor concerning our pioneers is that they accepted a challenge from a small district that could offer them nothing but opportunity. *All North Carolina pioneer pastors are self-supporting.*

Although the district cannot commit itself to definite financial aid to pioneers, its Home Missions policy is to share with its pioneers any helps available from any source for home missions. The National Home Missions Department, *Revivaltime*, home churches in other districts and others (plus the Minute Man Plan) have rallied to the challenge of introducing the message of the Assemblies to North Carolina and aiding our pioneers.

The blessings brought by pioneer pastors are also reflected in the growth of the district. Now two full-time executives maintain a busy schedule; two

district parsonages are being purchased; two camp grounds are debt free and are being further developed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Foreign missionaries have gone from the new district to India, Japan, and Africa and other missionaries are being supported. Missionary giving increased from \$3,089 in 1950 to \$25,563 in 1958. The Men's Fellowship, the WMC, and other auxiliary organizations are active in the district. In 1958, we opened six new churches. Our part of the national goal for 1959 calls for nine more.

The district was organized in 1944 with only seven churches affiliated with the General Council and sixteen in cooperation with the district. In 1958, our yearbook showed eighty-three Assemblies in North Carolina. Eight additional churches have since been organized or are in the process of being started.

Also at the beginning, we had only fourteen ordained and fifteen licensed ministers, making a total of twenty-nine. Now, 126 ministers are affiliated with the district.

There are still many outstanding opportunities in North Carolina for pioneer ministers with a message and a vision and a willingness to sacrifice. Those who have a desire to work for

God in North Carolina should contact District Superintendent Andrew Stirling, P. O. Box 174, Dunn, N. C.

Following are the stories of some of our pioneer churches.

FIRST ASSEMBLY, CONCORD

First Assembly of God in Concord was started by Tom Whidden, Jr., eight months ago in a theater building. Within two months land in a new subdivision was purchased by the congregation. The National Home Missions Department granted a \$500 loan for the down payment on the property. The balance was financed with a General Council loan. The congregation decided to use the blueprints from the National Home Missions Department for building and chose "The Conqueror."

Five months after the church was started the congregation moved into its beautiful new building. The property, including parking facilities, is valued at \$40,000 with an investment of approximately \$20,000. Much of the labor was donated. The auditorium seats 175 and the Sunday School wing contains eight classrooms and the church office.

On February 8, 1959, the church was dedicated with Andrew Stirling,



Congregation at the Assembly of God in Washington, N. C.



Assembly in Franklin, N. C. (Inset: Fred Sorrells, pastor)

NORTH CAROLINA

district superintendent, as speaker. All officials and the presbyter were present. (See photo on cover page.)

WASHINGTON ASSEMBLY

Mrs. Melvin Saunders, assisted by the Marshall Whites, began the Washington Assembly in a home with Sunday School in the afternoon. They soon moved to an old store building where God continued to bless and add to their numbers.

An interested Christian gave a lot on which to build. The congregation used what money they had and borrowed \$4,000 to finish the church. The faithfulness of the people in financial support and donated labor made this project possible, and the church was completed in October, 1957. The Sunday School now averages around 75.

FIRST ASSEMBLY, KANNAPOLIS

In 1955, Billy J. Tims and his wife began to feel a burden for Kannapolis, N. C. They rented a little store building and began services. Now they have a lovely new church, the auditorium of which is 34 by 66, and seats 192. There are two classrooms, a nursery, and room for one more classroom. The property cost about \$12,500 and is appraised at \$24,000. The indebtedness is only \$5,500.

CALVARY ASSEMBLY, ALBEMARLE

The church in Albemarle, a city of 20,000 was started in 1955 by the

Charles Browns. They began with a revival in an old store building in a good section of town. After three weeks of revival, they moved to another building. Here the Sunday School outgrew the facilities and a larger building was rented.

With the help of a \$1,000 loan from the Home Missions Department, they purchased a good lot. Work on the church was started with another loan of \$1,000 granted from the Pioneer Revolving Loan Fund and a grant of \$500 by the National Home Missions Department. Sectional ministers and members of the congregation donated most of the labor.

The present structure has a chapel, an assembly room, and four Sunday School rooms. It will be used later for an educational unit. The building is evaluated at \$10,000.

The congregation consists of a very solid group of people, and the Sunday School is now running forty-five and over.

CALVARY ASSEMBLY, ANGIER

A lovely church building in need of some repairs was purchased in Angier near the close of 1957. Pastor Gardner Altman, assisted by others, redecorated the building and services were begun on New Year's Eve. On the first Sunday morning, twelve were present for Sunday School and nineteen for morning worship. By the first Sunday of

1959, the Sunday School had increased to thirty-nine and other services accordingly.

FRANKLIN ASSEMBLY

This church was started as a home missions project, having only \$800 in its treasury at the beginning. A lot was secured for \$2,500, which was definitely a step of faith. The Forestry Service gave them twenty thousand feet of timber to be cut and they bought forty thousand feet more. Pastor Fred Sorrells drew the plan for the church which was built mostly by the congregation. (Brother Sorrells had been a contractor for some years before entering the ministry.) This church received a home missions grant of \$500 and a loan of \$500. The building and lot represent an investment of \$16,000 and the property is valued at \$44,000.

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The NEEDED DISTRICT FUND of the National Home Missions Department has been established to aid just such districts as North Carolina in their great work of church extension. North Carolina has received substantial help in its building programs as have other districts through the years. The increasing requests for assistance from rapidly expanding districts have depleted this fund recently. The Home Missions Department has not been able to meet all the needs. Your generous offering *clearly designated* for NEEDED DISTRICT FUND will be much appreciated at this time. Send it to

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Calvary Assembly in Albemarle, N. C. (Inset: Charles Brown, pastor)



Calvary Assembly of God in Angier, N. C.



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The Joy of JESUS

"For the joy that was set before Him (He) endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2). "Jesus rejoiced in spirit" (Luke 10:21).

BY WILLIAM BURTON McCafferty

JESUS IS CALLED THE MAN OF SORROWS, and rightly so, for He came not only to share our sorrows, as was manifested at the tomb of Lazarus, but to bear them for us. Then too He had a sorrow of His own that the world of mankind can never know in the least degree until it has gone with Him into the Garden of Gethsemane. It was the sorrow of being separated from His Father's face during the awful time in which he should take the place of the forsaken scapegoat and die, with our sins upon His own head (Lev. 16:7-10; Isa. 53:6-11; Psa. 22:1; Matt. 27:46). It was the sorrow for the world of men—victims of Satan's wrath against almighty God. Yes, "He was acquainted with grief" in every sense of the word. His soul was "exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death."

But the joy of Jesus! Who can tell of that?

The world has a tradition that Jesus never smiled, but we doubt that very much. We believe He received the little children with a smile and rejoiced in their innocence. We believe He was filled with joy when He said to the impotent man: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee!" He was happy in soul when any poor lost sheep recognized in Him the Shepherd of his soul. He symbolizes this joy in the shepherd who had found the wandering sheep—having found it, "he layeth it upon his shoulders, rejoicing . . . , saying. . . Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

Yes, it is true that "Jesus wept," and that His tears and heart agony had marred His face more than any man (Isa. 52:14); but out through that

cloud of sorrow shone the light of His smile. The sweetest smile is the smile through tears. It is like the rainbow in the cloud. It is like the glorious sunset colors on a bank of clouds, or the "bright and shining after rain."

A young man held a revival in a certain city in northern Texas recently, and when the last night came and he was bidding good-bye to those gathered around him one grasped him by the hand and told him how he appreciated his work for the Master. The young man laughed—gently laughed his appreciation of those words. But such a laugh! It was broken with little suppressed sobs that vibrated upon my heart strings like the gentle wind upon an aeolian harp. I had never heard a sweeter laugh. It was the Holy Spirit of love rejoicing through a "broken and contrite heart"—"the greatest thing in the world." It was the Spirit of Jesus—the joy of Jesus.

So, while Jesus is called the Man of Sorrows, we know that He had joy that was constant, deep, full and complete. His wonderful words in John, chapters 13 and 17 inclusive, were spoken, said He, "that My joy might remain in you" (John 15:11). And He prayed to the Father thus: "That they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves" (John 17:13). And to the faithful He will say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21).

If we travel with Christ the *Via Dolorosa* to Gethsemane and Calvary, we will find the joy of Jesus in our souls.

*Oh, the Cross has wondrous glory,
Oft I've proved this to be true
When I'm in the Way so narrow
I can see a pathway through;
And how sweetly Jesus whispers,
"Take thy cross, thou needst not fear,
For I've trod the way before you
And the glory lingers near."*

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Ps. 27:1

The Lord is my light; and the darkness is past;
No longer do shadows my path overcast.
He graciously, clearly illumines the way;
The night of my soul has been changed into day.

The Lord's my salvation; He saves me from sin,
And gives sweet assurance my spirit within.
Though wand'ring and lost like a sheep far astray,
He brought me in peace to His sheepfold to stay.

The Lord is my strength; yea, the strength of my life;
He clothes me with might for the battle and strife.
I'm strong in His grace; and I fear not the fight,
For God is my strength, my salvation and light.

—William Burton McCafferty

I Am Thine...

By Frances Ridley Havergal

DAVID SAID, "I AM THINE . . . I HAVE sought thy precepts" (Psalm 119:94). This is a wonderful stone for the sling of faith. It will slay any Goliath of temptation, if we only sling it out boldly and determinedly at him.

When self tempts us (and we know how often that is), let it be met with "not your own" (1 Corinthians 6:19), and then look straight away to Jesus with "I am Thine."

If the world tries some lure, old or new, remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own . . . but I have chosen you out of the world" (John 15:19). And lest the world should claim you as "his own," look away to Jesus and say, "I am Thine."

Is it sin, subtle and strong and secret, that claims your obedience? Acknowledge that "ye were the servants of sin"; but now, "being . . . made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17, 18) and conquer with the faith shout, "I am Thine."

Is it a terrible hand-to-hand fight, with Satan himself making a desperate effort to reassert his old power? Tell the prince of this world that he hath *nothing* in Jesus (John 14:30), and that you are in "him that is true" (1 John 5:20), a member of His Body, His very own. Satan will be forced to flee at the sound of your confident, "I am His!"

But after all, "I am Thine" is only an echo, varying in clearness according to faith's atmosphere and our nearness to the original voice. Yes, it is only the echo of "Thou art mine" (Isaiah 43:1), falling in its mighty music on the responsive, Spirit-prepared heart. This note of heavenly music never originated with any earthly rock. It is only when God sends forth the Spirit of His Son in our hearts that

we cry, "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15). It was when the anointed but not yet openly-crowned king had gone out to meet Amasai, and the Spirit came upon him, that he said, "Thine are we, David." Therefore, do not overlook the Voice in the gladness of the echo. Listen and you will hear it falling from the mysterious heights of high-priestly intercession: "They are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine" (John 17:9, 10).

This is no vague and general belonging to Christ, but it is full of specific realities of relationship. "I am Thine" means, "Truly I am thy servant (Psalm 116:16). I am one of Thy 'dear children' (Ephesians 5:1). I am Thy chosen soldier (2 Timothy 2:4). I am Thy ransomed one (Isaiah 35:10). I am Thy 'own sheep.' I am Thy witness. I am Thy friend (John 15:14)." And all these are but *amens* to His own condescending declarations.

He says we are all these, and we have only to say, "Yes, Lord, so I am." Why should we ever contradict Him?

The more we by faith and experience realize that we are His own in life and death, the more willing we shall be that He should do what He will with His own, and the more sure we shall be that He will do the very best with it and make the very most of it. May we increasingly find the strength and rest in this, our God-given claim upon God—"I am thine, save me" (Psalm 119:94).

And "he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love" (Zephaniah 3:17). ◀◀

Use of the Bible

The Bible is not a thing to be worshiped.

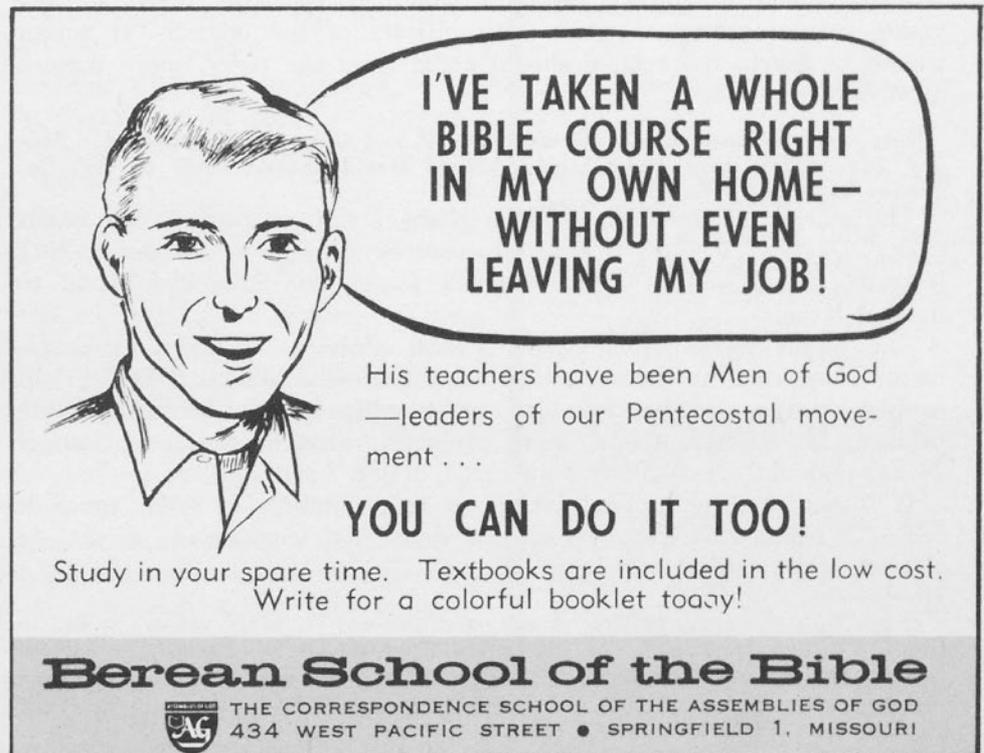
A savage might bow down to a telescope, but an astronomer knows better. It is not to be looked at, but to look through.

To bind a Bible beautifully, to lift it reverently, to speak of it with admiration, to guard it with all care is not at all to the point.

Look through it. Find God with it. See what God was to the men of the Bible, and then let Him be the same to you.

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

I am a new Christian and have been told that I should read the Bible regularly. Why is this important?

Through reading the Scriptures thoughtfully and prayerfully, we learn about the God we serve, His salvation, peace, holiness, and eternal life. We learn how to resist temptation, how to understand God's dealings with us, and how to obtain the things He has promised.

Through reading the Scriptures we are taught how to intelligently serve God and to appropriate all the blessings of His kingdom to our hearts.

Because of a lack of understanding the Scriptures, some Christians lead a rather aimless Christian life, living alone on such passing blessings as chance to come to them. Read the Bible every day, for in it is found the Bread of Life, the strength of God for your soul. Faith and strength come through study of the Scriptures.

Will the saints who meet Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17) have any part at the final judgment? (Revelation 20:11, 12)

Since Paul says, "The saints shall judge the world," it is possible that the saints may have some part in administering the final judgment. It could be that the presence of those whose names are in the book of life would be witness against those who are lost.

How may we maintain an attitude of peace in these upsetting days of frustration?

Christian peace begins when we realize our relationship to the Lord. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). We are not assured of peace about us, for "in the world ye shall have tribulation." But seeing our position in Christ brings rest to the soul even when all about us may be in turmoil.

Paul instructed Timothy, "Rebuke not an elder." Does this mean that a young man ought not to rebuke an elder, even when he is wrong?

If a young man sees something in the life of an elder which he feels is wrong, it might be all right for him to call attention to such in a spirit of meekness. But to rebuke him, that is, to reprove him sharply, would be out of place. If there is need of correction, the young man might well confer with officers of the church. If action should be taken, the rebuke should come from the older, more mature members of the church.

Why was the Lord displeased when David had the people numbered? Second Samuel 24:1 says, "The Lord...moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah."

The margin of the Oxford Bible changes this to read, "And Satan moved David..." This is evidently correct, since in 1 Chronicles 21:1 it reads, "And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel."

The people were numbered on several occasions in the Old Testament, sometimes at the command of the Lord. Whether David had in his heart some plan for war, or whether it was because of the pride of his heart in the strength of Israel, what he did in 2 Samuel 24 was undoubtedly to satisfy some carnal desire.

It is not pleasing to God for us to seek numbers in order to exalt self. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

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).

Ear Drums Miraculously Restored

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BETTY OWENS OF RICHLAND Wash., is rejoicing in God's creative power as manifested in her body through the restoration of her right ear drum and perfect healing from deafness.

A mastoid condition in childhood caused the destruction of the ear drum and resulted in deafness in that ear. Ear specialists said nothing could be done to cure her, but they reckoned without God. Mrs. Owens writes:

"During revival meetings at our church the evangelist, Don Gossett, called for those totally deaf to come for prayer. A Nazarene lady and I went to the platform.

"Brother Gossett opened the Bible to John 14:13, where Jesus said, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.' He asked us to make the 'whatsoever' apply to our deaf ears, then to 'ask in Jesus' name' and Jesus would 'do it.' It seemed so simple to act upon this promise of Christ. When prayer was asked in His name, Jesus *did it!* Neither of us had ear drums before.

"Our Lord brought perfect hearing to both of us. He performed a creative miracle instantly by creating for us brand-new ear drums.

"It is such a joy to be able to hear perfectly now after these many years of deafness in one ear. Formerly I had to have so many things repeated in conversation—but no more! Truly the Father has been glorified in this miracle, and I'm so full of joy for His faithfulness in doing what He promises in His Word."—Betty Owens, 1326 Tunis, Richland, Wash.

(Endorsed by George Davis, pastor of the Assembly of God, 1110 Stevens Drive, Richland, Wash.)

Divine Healing in God's Plan of Redemption

(Continued from page six)

taste of something that is still future, can we be sure it is God's will to heal? To this the Word of God answers with all desirable certainty: *It is God's will to heal the sick.*

A proclamation of the divine program comes from the lips of Peter: "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole" (Acts 9:34). He is doing it now and forever. Jesus Christ has come to reconcile, to save and to heal. He lives and has never changed. Therefore He is doing the same work today as He did of old. *Our faith in healing is anchored in the unchangeable character of Jesus.*

The question must still be put in clearer terms, however. If we agree that God has left no doubt that it is His will to heal the soul, we may hesitate to apply this also to the body. Will God also heal this frail, earthly tent? Once more He gives the answer: Yes, He will! The promise in James 5:14-16 very definitely includes the sick body. If God commands us to pray for one another that we may be healed, it must certainly be His will to do it.

There is just one restriction. It is an unmistakable statement of the Word of God that the full redemption from mortality is reserved to the future, the resurrection of the glorified body. The fulfillment of His promise to heal therefore is only beginning now in this time and will be consummated in the future. Paul makes the striking statement: "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16) and: "We hope for that which we see not . . . the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:25). These fundamental words must be taken into consideration when we are to state the doctrine of Divine Healing.

That God does not always heal now, but sometimes reaches His ends with

His children on the way of bodily weakness and even sickness, can be seen in the apostle Paul himself and some of his co-workers. Paul mentions a physical infirmity to which he was subject and which could have become an offense to the Galatians (Galatians 4:13). He refers to the frequent infirmities of Timothy (1 Timothy 5:23). He lets us know that he was compelled to leave Trophimus sick in Miletum (2 Timothy 4:20). These examples are reminders that all healing is in the end a gift of God's sovereign mercy and compassion. When the Lord had raised up Epaphroditus from a deathbed, Paul wrote: "But God had mercy on him . . . and also on me" (Philippians 2:27).

Donald Gee, in his article, "Trophimus I Left Sick," writes: "A doctrine of Divine Healing in the work of the Atonement must consistently leave a similar place for permitted sickness as a method of divine love and wisdom for purposes of chastening. The precise measure of our present deliverance from all the effect of the Fall, whether in soul or body, is a matter upon which there must be careful discrimination. Any doctrine of Divine Healing that professes to leave no place for pain in the present order of things is palpably too shallow to be true. It may have a passing appeal to the thoughtless. It cannot stand up to the strain of life as it really is in God's universe. It may be suggested that we have erred by refusing any place in our doctrine, or at least allowing a very insufficient place, for the sovereign will of God."

The basic Biblical principles of healing in God's plan of redemption must be duly respected. Let me once more sum them up:

1. Man is an entity, and his body must be considered as an integral part of his soul and spirit.
2. The real concern of God is the healing of the inward man.
3. Divine Healing is a progressive work which will only be consummated in the resurrection.
4. Healings are a foretaste of a fullness which has not yet appeared.

Conclusion

There seem to me two conclusions which are a solemn requirement drawn from the situation today; the one ad-

dressed to those who suffer in their bodies—the other to those who are called to minister healings to them.

1. May all who are seeking healing through faith in Christ, let their faith get rooted only and alone in God's holy Word—no pleasing healing literature, no sensational reports of miracles, no ravishing display of oratory, can take the place of the only foundation of God's Book. But thanks be unto God, there is in this Book enough ground of divine promise to seek in Jesus Christ and His Cross deliverance from disease and sickness. Then we may experience the truth of what the psalmist says: "He sent his word and healed them" (Psalm 107:20).

2. May we as ministers of the Word faithfully and boldly proclaim Healing as the very heart of the message of full salvation. May it be our concern, however, that this be done *in the right Biblical perspective*; that is to say, in its proper relation to the entire revealed truth. Our chief concern must remain at all times the healing (that is, the salvation and sanctification) of the immortal soul. Let us in our ministry to the sick cease to follow any human scheme. The all-sufficient scheme—the pattern—is in the New Testament. We need to seek God conscientiously for individual guidance and commission from our Lord and Master. Then we may see more real divine healing in practice! May He grant it!

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Ralph Mahoney, evangelist, leading in prayer at the meeting in Puerto Cabezas

Miracle in Nicaragua

By Ellis J. Stone

THE RECENT REVIVAL CAMPAIGN held by Bert Arno and Ralph Mahoney in Puerto Cabezas was greatly blessed of the Lord. More than 400 people came forward for salvation and there were numerous miracles of healings in evidence throughout the twelve-day meeting. As a result, a lovely new church building is being erected to accommodate the increase in the work.

Richard McGee and I, missionaries to Nicaragua, attended this campaign and witnessed some very remarkable results. Even after the meetings closed, God continued to bless in a supernatural way. An Indian woman brought her two-year-old daughter to the house where we were staying. The child was completely covered from head to foot with some kind of loathsome skin disease. Although she had been under constant treatment at the local hospital for several weeks the doctors declared

they could do nothing more for her. We prayed over the child with the result that she was completely healed.

The Indian mother was so grateful to the Lord for her daughter's healing that she invited us out to her native village, a place called Bumsirpi, about twelve miles out in the bush. On the day of our visit, a truck filled with thirty new converts from the revival in Puerto Cabezas arrived at the village. In all there were about 100 present when we started the service. I opened the service with the first message through my Indian interpreter. For a while it appeared as though nothing was being accomplished. Suddenly there was an interruption from a house some distance away. A large group of people left the meeting to see what was going on, leaving the service somewhat disrupted. However, when the altar call was made eight people came forward for salvation.

As the meeting progressed a young man entered and asked us to pray for a girl who was having an attack in the house a few doors away. This had been the interruption. We went to the house and found a girl about eighteen years of age, writhing on the floor and six men trying to hold her down. She was in agony as demons tore and tormented her. Brother McGee and I laid our hands on her, commanding the evil spirits to come out. In a few moments she was completely released and set free. She prayed the Lord to come into her heart and save her and in a little while a beautiful smile broke out upon her face—she was completely free.

In a few moments she rose to her feet and went over to the meeting where she gave a sweet testimony of what the Lord had just done for her. As a result, twelve more adults came forward and earnestly accepted our wonderful Lord. It was then we discovered that she had also been deaf but God who knows all things gave her a complete deliverance. Many more then came forward for deliverance of various sicknesses and habits such as smoking and drinking.

Following these remarkable results the people are asking for an established Assemblies of God church in that village. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up more workers to go into these very needy places. Pray also that sufficient funds will be available to complete the new building which is being erected by faith. ◀◀

URGENT!

In the recent political upheaval in Nyasaland, Central Africa, the home of the Ragnar Udds, one of our missionary families, was completely destroyed along with all the clothing and personal effects of this family of four. We are appealing to our faithful supporters for special assistance for this family.

Offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department marked "Ragnar Udd Special."

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Marrero of Guatemala, Central America, are the happy parents of a son, Ernest Charles, born recently.

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Miss Alice Stewart returned to Formosa on April 8 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cawston and son are home from the Philippine Islands. Their address is 628 W. Kerr Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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Word comes to us from A. J. Perna that he will shortly be taking over the office of Field Representative in Italy while Anthony Piraino is home in the States. It would be much appreciated if the pastors and churches who have had an interest in the work in Italy will continue to stand behind our brethren there. God is working in a marvelous way throughout Italy and the Christians continue to need our prayers and support.

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Mrs. F. S. Juergensen, superannuated missionary of Japan, writes from 7747 Danby Ave., Whittier, Calif.: "I wish to take this opportunity to thank my many friends, and especially those of the Women's Missionary Council, who remembered me with gifts and cards on my ninety-first birthday. As I am not well enough at this time to write to each one personally, please accept these, my thanks."

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Friends who have been sending back-dated Sunday School literature and Christian periodicals to British Guiana should continue to do so, sending the same to David Guenther, P. O. Box 610, Georgetown, British Guiana.

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Mrs. Rachel Maser Nieto writes: "We should like to thank each one who has sent used greeting cards for our Sunday School work here in Cuba. They are serving many purposes and our workers are delighted to have this material with which they can make their awards, make different types of booklets, etc. May the Lord bless each group and all the individuals who have so kindly cooperated."

What Will the Harvest Be?

By Mrs. Gene Forrest

THE QUESTION "WHAT WILL THE Harvest Be?" was the theme chosen for the missionary convention held recently at the First Assembly of God in Lodi, Calif. This was truly the question of the hour, for although members of the congregation were interested they were also wondering just what to expect, as this was the first missionary convention to be held in the church.

Committees were chosen to take care of entertaining the missionaries, publicity, finance, special music, and decorations. Each committee set to work making plans for their part of the convention. As the deadline for the convention approached, excitement began to grow. By convention time, First Assembly was filled with a spirit of expecting great things from God.

As the people entered the auditorium, they could well imagine that they had been transported to another land. The entire platform had been transformed into a native scene from the Philippines. A real grass shack on stilts was the center of attention. The shack was surrounded by greenery to look like dense jungle. The background of the scene was an oil painting of a Philippine harvest scene large enough to look very real. At the foot of the painting several rows of sheaves were placed to look like a harvest field.

What appeared to be a real palm tree in the foreground, was really a tree trunk made of two heavy cardboard rolls on which linoleum is sold. These were wrapped with burlap and sprayed with paint. Live palm branches were fastened to the top. If you look closely you will see that real coconuts were tied to the tree and a little monkey sits in the branches.

The little native climbing the tree

was used as a guage to show the total of the offerings. He was made of cardboard, with yarn hair and real clothes. As the offerings increased, he was pulled higher up the tree. Several hundred dollars came in after the picture was taken.

Hearts were stirred by the needs of the different fields as the challenge went forth each night. The missionary team represented Africa, Chile, and the Philippines.

Special missionary music was presented each night and on Saturday eve-

ning a musical pantomime was given to illustrate the missionary call of each missionary represented on the convention team.

Almost every family gave either cash or a thirty-day pledge for missions during the convention. Several testified that the convention was one of the most blessed times that they had ever experienced. As a result, First Assembly rose from ninth place in giving for 1957 in the Northern California District, to fifth place for 1958. Much of this growth in giving can be directly attributed to the missionary emphasis of the convention and the challenge of the monthly missionary speakers at the church. Many are already planning to set aside a special amount to give during the next convention. Yes, a missionary convention will be an annual affair at First Assembly from now on! ◀◀



Left to right: Pastor and Mrs. Gene Forrest; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Devine, Chile; Calvin Zeissler, Philippines; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox, Upper Volta.

Platform scene at the Missionary Convention at First Assembly of God in Lodi, California.



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The Ministry of Helps

By Dorothy C. Haskin

SYBIL HAD INVITED SEVEN FRIENDS to attend church with her the night before, and none of them had been able to go. She couldn't think of anyone else to ask so she had gone alone. Now as she finished her ironing, she thought of all that was involved in inviting others to services at the church, and realized that it could be a calling of God.

She didn't remember ever hearing it mentioned in a sermon as a form of Christian service, but she did know that "helps" was listed along with the ministry of healing and others in 1 Corinthians 12:28. Maybe this was the "help" God intended her to be to the church. Her life was restricted to her own neighborhood because of heavy home responsibilities, and she longed

to do something more for the Lord.

As she gave thought and prayer to her project she realized that the first and most important step was to attend church regularly herself. She could not invite others to the services unless she was faithful in her own attendance, and *that* she determined to be! She had found that inviting others actually contributed to her own faithfulness to the church. For instance, a few Sunday mornings ago Sybil's neighbor had promised to attend with her. When Sybil had awakened, she hadn't felt like going, but she did not wish to disappoint her friend so she prepared to go anyway. By the time the neighbor had phoned to say her daughter was ill and she could not go, Sybil already felt better for having made the effort to dress and went without a guest. The very effort to interest another had made her faithful.

But there was more involved in this seemingly simple business of inviting neighbors to church. She realized that unless she was friendly with her neighbors at all times, she didn't have the nerve to ask them abruptly to attend church with her.

She had begun her project by inviting her best friend to go to church with her. The next person she had invited had been her closest neighbor. Later she found she could easily invite children whose parents did not attend any church. And she could invite the lonely older folk in whom so few were interested.

Had she been a business woman she could have invited her business acquaintances, but being a housewife, she was restricted to her friends and neighbors. That limited the number of persons she could invite, but she realized that even if she were a missionary in some foreign land, she could reach only those who lived around her. Therefore, asking her friends and neighbors seemed as much as the Lord expected of her.

It was, however, a service that could be discouraging. Like the Sunday evening she had invited the seven and every one of them had been busy! It was a temptation just to make friends at the church and attend by herself. So in order to check on herself, she made a list of those she could invite and prayed for them each day. When she planned to attend any service—Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or mid-week prayer meeting—she glanced at her list, prayed, and considered whom to invite.

PHOTO BY EVA LUOMA



To the very special Easter service she planned to invite a neighbor who had not attended church in nearly fifty years! She would have to save the most special occasion of all to attract him.

Sybil sighed again, only this time with relief. She knew she could persist in her friendly invitations despite disappointment only if she did it as a service to her Lord. And she knew the challenge of Paul, "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

She smiled as she thought of the many ways in which she had already reaped. Her own personal life had been enriched. A neighbor who had treated her coldly for years had become one of her warmest friends, doing little things for her, and even attending extra services that she herself could not attend. The neighbor who had not attended church for years had been restored to the Lord.

She might be considered only a housewife by others, but it gave Sybil a feeling of awe to know that God was actually giving her a ministry—a ministry of "helps."

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

MOTHERS AND SONS

(from the Book of Genesis)

In the list at the left are the names of ten women who lived in the early days of this world. In the column at the right are the names of their sons. Can you match the sons with the mothers by placing the letter of the son's name in the space in front of the mother's name?

MOTHERS	SONS
..... 1. Rachel	a. Ishmael
..... 2. Leah	b. Isaac
..... 3. Eve	c. Midian
..... 4. Sarah	d. Reuben
..... 5. Hagar	e. Gad
..... 6. Bilhah	f. Seth
..... 7. Keturah	g. Joseph
..... 8. Asenath	h. Dan
..... 9. Rebekah	i. Jacob
..... 10. Zilpah	j. Manasseh

ANSWERS:

1-r; 2-d; 3-f; 4-b; 5-a; 6-h; 7-c; 8-j; 9-i; 10-g



Monday, May 25

Read: John 2:1-12

Learn: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee...and his disciples believed on him" (John 2:11).

For the Parent: This is the story of the first miracle Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. Review the events of the wedding feast, the faith of Mary, the obedience of the servants, the miracle Jesus performed, and the result of the miracle. Point out that Jesus is interested in every part of our lives. As we trust in Him, He will supply our every need.

Question Time: What was one result of this miracle? (v. 11) How can we apply Mary's statement to the servants to our lives? What was the miracle Jesus performed?

Tuesday, May 26

Read: John 2:13-25

Learn: "When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered...and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said" (John 2:22).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) Jesus' views on the importance of God's house and His judgment upon those who misused it; (2) His prediction of His death and resurrection; (3) the disciples' remembrance of this prediction and its results in their lives, v. 22; (4) the fact many believed in Jesus because of the miracles He performed.

Question Time: What did Jesus do to the moneychangers? (vv. 13-16) Of what temple was Jesus speaking in v. 19?

Wednesday, May 27

Read: Psalm 27

Learn: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart" (Psalm 27:14).

For the Parent: From this psalm emphasize: (1) faith in God banishes fear, vv. 1-3; (2) the true Christian loves and reverences the house of God, vv. 4-6. Also show that true worship includes: (1) offering sacrifices of joy, v. 6; (2) singing praises to God, v. 6; (3) crying out to God, v. 7; (4) seeking God, vv. 8-10; (5) learning from God, v. 11; (6) waiting upon God, v. 14.

Question Time: What are some of the things true worship includes? (See above) How can we get rid of fear? (vv. 1-3).

Thursday, May 28

Read: Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:3-7; 3:14, 15

Learn: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers" (1 Timothy 4:12).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Timothy, the Youthful Pastor" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the life of Timothy, stressing: (1) his godly background; (2) his associations with Paul; (3) Paul's letters of advice and counsel to Timothy. Since Timothy was a pastor, discuss ways in which we can help the pastor—showing respect, offering our services, etc.

Question Time: From what kind of home did Timothy come? (2 Timothy 1:5)

Friday, May 29

Read: Joshua 14:6-14; 24:1-5, 13-15 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you" (1 Samuel 12:24).

For the Parent: This lesson brings to a climax the lives of the two faithful spies—Caleb and Joshua. Point out the reward of Caleb "because he wholly followed the Lord." Stress the importance of giving ourselves completely to God to follow Him. Also discuss Joshua's final challenge to the Israelites, urging them to serve God.

Question Time: What did Caleb and Joshua have in common? (Numbers 14:6-9) What was Joshua's final challenge to Israel?

Saturday, May 30

Read: Matthew 27:1-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "For Christ...suffered...that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

For the Parent: Review material previously studied about events preceding the death of Christ (Luke 22:11-53). From this passage emphasize especially the sufferings of Christ—the humiliation, physical and mental sufferings, the mock trial. Point out that He went through all this so that we might have salvation, for unless He had suffered and died there would be no salvation for us.

Question Time: What was Pilate's real evaluation of Jesus? (v. 24) What were some of the sufferings Jesus went through?

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



TIMOTHY, THE YOUTHFUL PASTOR

Sunday School Lesson for May 31, 1959

ACTS 16:1-5; 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-8; 3:14, 15

Our lesson is not so much a study of Timothy's character as it is a study of those influences which played such a vital part in this young pastor's spiritual life and ministry. May our study develop in us a greater awareness of the undeniable influence we, too, have upon other lives, and the desire that our influence shall always lead others in the direction of God and His grace.

TIMOTHY'S FAMILY BACKGROUND

"I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice" (2 Timothy 1:5). Add to these words Acts 16:1, which tell us that Timothy was "the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek"—and we have a great story of two great women.

(1) *Their tragic circumstances.* Somehow, though Lois was a godly mother and Eunice a godly daughter, the latter had married an unbeliever. However, instead of backsliding and going the way of the husband, her situation only drove her more closely to God. And so can any of us turn any situation, however tragic, to our own spiritual profit and to the ultimate profit of others as well.

(2) *Their "unfeigned faith."* Their faith was genuine. It worked in their home life—the place where the reality of anyone's faith is tested. It worked so well that years later, Paul pointed to their example as a basis for Timothy's faith in the things they had taught him. "Continue in the things which thou hast learned . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Will the remembrance of our conduct strengthen or destroy the faith of our children and our friends in the things we have taught and preached?

(3) *Their education of Timothy.* "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures." God says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). In the face of such a promise, how can we lightly turn over to others a responsibility which rests squarely upon the shoulders of Christian parents?

TIMOTHY'S SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

(1) *His conversion.* For all their godly living and careful teaching of Timothy, it remained for someone other than Lois and Eunice to lead him to Christ. Paul the Apostle on his first visit to Lystra evidently led young Timothy to Christ, for on his second visit to that city Timothy is called a "disciple." Acts 14:6-21 and 16:1. Paul also speaks of Timothy as "my own son in the faith." See 1 Timothy 1:1; 1 Corinthians 4:14-16. In all this there is both encouragement and warning. First, be faithful, Christian parents, in teaching, training, and setting an example in Christian living before your children. Though they may not yield to Christ at once, yet God in His providence will bring it about! Second, be

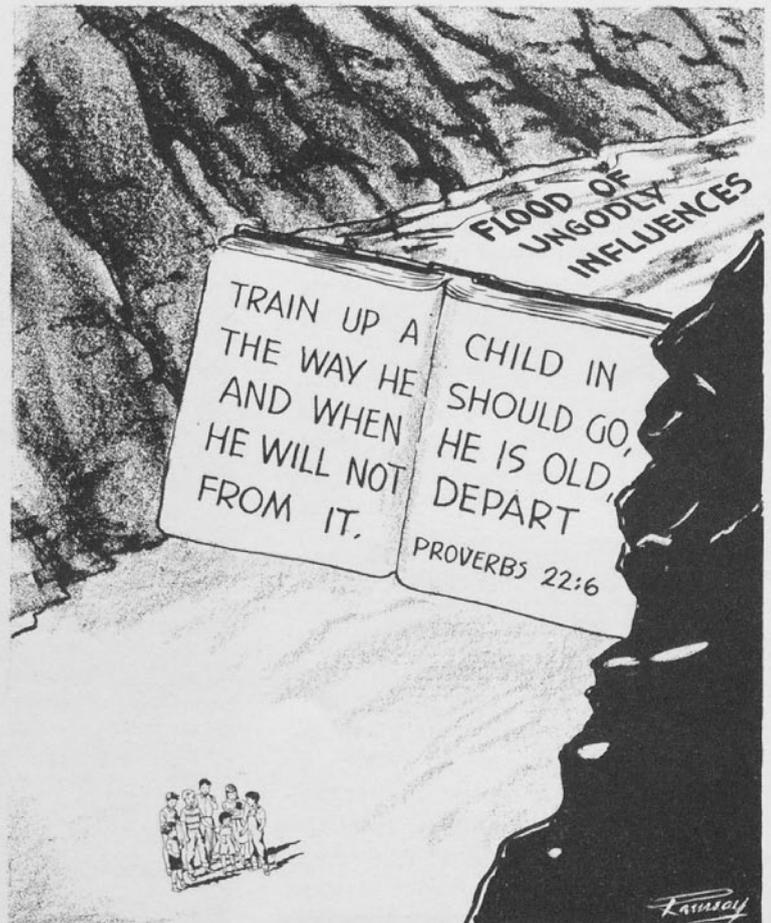
careful, Christian parents! For we cannot help but wonder whether, when all has been said concerning their faithful teaching of Timothy, Lois and Eunice did all they might have done to lead young Timothy to Christ. Did they lovingly press the matter upon him and urge the boy to kneel with them and surrender his heart to Jesus?

(2) *His ordination to the ministry.* Behold the results of godly influence. Timothy not only accepts Christ, but under God's grace he grows in spiritual stature "well reported of by the brethren," with the call of God so evidently upon his life that Paul (Acts 16:1-5) would have him join his party. Either then or later, hands were laid on Timothy and the Holy Spirit moved in such a way that the young preacher received some spiritual gift. The reception of the gift was attended by prophetic utterances which were to encourage his heart not only at the moment but in later years! See 1 Timothy 4:14; 1:18; 2 Timothy 1:6.

TIMOTHY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Throughout both of his letters to young Timothy, Paul encourages the young pastor to live up to all the spiritual possibilities for which his godly background, training, and spiritual experiences have prepared him. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee; . . . meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them. . . . Take heed to thyself. . . . Continue in the things which thou hast learned. . . . Fight the good fight of faith. . . . Stir up the gift of God which is in thee. . . ." Not only to Timothy, nor to preachers alone, but to every child of God, come Paul's words—calculated to encourage every lover of our Lord Jesus Christ to adopt Oswald Chambers' beautiful slogan, "My utmost for His highest."
—J. Bashford Bishop

A STRONG DAM



All Things Work Together for Good

BY C. A. HARRIS

IT IS HARD FOR SOME OF GOD'S PEOPLE to accept the truth of Romans 8:28. They agree that God's ways are best. They can accept the fact that He brings many victories out of seeming failure. They are quick to say that God will reward those who are true to Him, even though they cannot understand all that has been allowed to come their way in the nature of trials and tribulations.

"But to say that *all* things work together for our good," these same people might say, "is hard to accept." It is not that they disbelieve God's Word, but they feel there must be some other interpretation of Romans 8:28.

"So many things have happened to me that couldn't have a semblance of good," such people say. "Nothing good could come out of the evil things that have come my way."

We need to realize first of all that *God has not said* that everything that happens to us is good! He said, "All things *work together* for good." There is a vast difference in the two statements.

In baking a pie, we take a little shortening, some flour, a pinch of salt and enough water to make a mixture that will roll readily under a well-floured rolling pin. Shortening by itself does not taste good. Flour is certainly nothing but a tasteless paste when eaten raw. But take all these things, work them together, put them through the right process in the oven, and the product is good. "They *work together* for good."

In like manner God takes that hard trial and this untoward circumstance and some other difficult situation and works them together for our good and His glory. Such a working together is,

of course, for "them that love God," and those "who are the called according to His purpose."

"But," someone wails, "how does God do it? How can God bring good out of so much that has happened to me?" God has not told us how He does it. That to the child of God is relatively unimportant. God has promised that "all things work together for good." That is important. That is the thing upon which faith should lay hold!

A good sister once complained that so many things were going wrong. She said, "Nothing will ever be right again. Nothing good can ever set straight all the evil things that have happened to me."

A sister who was listening remarked, "I presume you mean you don't love the Lord anymore."

Hastily she answered, "I don't mean any such thing."

"Well, then, you mean that you are not called according to His purpose."

"No, I don't mean that either."

"Then you are talking without thinking, for God's Word says, '*All things work together for good* to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.'"

Through her tears the sister smiled and said, "God grant I may never doubt Him again."

Christian, you may not understand all that God allows to come your way, but you may be sure that God will some day let you see what victories result when you fully accept His Word that "all things work together for good."

Let us wait patiently for that great revelation of all mysteries. The song writer has well said, "Some day He'll make it plain to me." ◀◀

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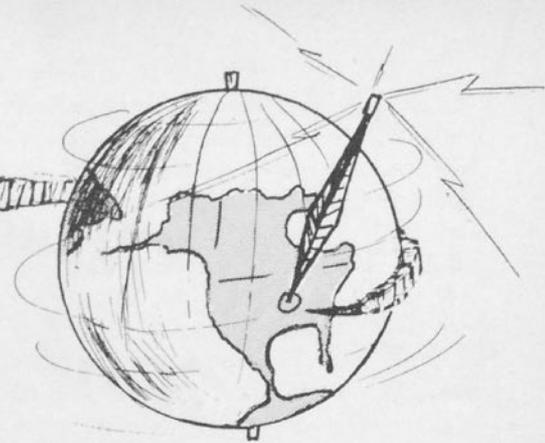
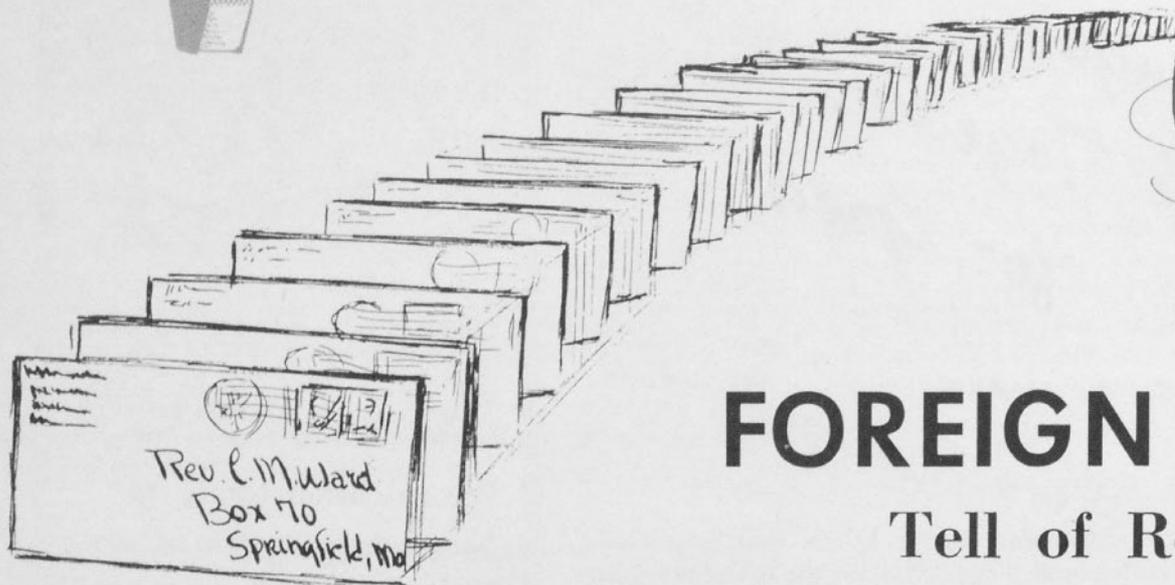
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learn more about Christianity from your broadcast and we are able to understand the Bible much better."

Hilo, Hawaii:

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New Zealand:

"I have only heard your message once over short-wave radio, but some of our members have heard you more. It is good to see how God is moving men and women to stand and trust Him and thus receive His promises from His hand. This is certainly the time of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We will remember you in our prayers."

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to the editor



A Misnomer Indeed!

The proofreaders should have taken a second look at the article, "Still the Best Seller" (March 15th *Evangel*, page two). Reference is made to "the works of Marx and Engels, Lenin and Stalin..." Obviously you meant to say "Marx and Engels." He was no angel!

EVANGELIST BONETTA RABE
Norwalk, California

Boys and Girls Like It

We send 21 *Evangel*s to the Columbia Training School (correctional school for the State of Mississippi) each week and the boys and girls there love to read it. These subscriptions are paid by various C. A. groups over the District. On March 22nd I and a group of young people were privileged to hold services at the school. At the end of the service 40 boys and girls came forward for salvation; their hearts were hungry for God.

The following Sunday we had the Chaplain from the school to speak for us, and 12 more boys and girls made their way to the altar for salvation.

We attribute many of our open doors to the ministry of the *Evangel*.

R. G. HARDY
Pastor, First Assembly
Columbia, Mississippi

Teacher Qualifications in Alaska

Lest the Alaska Commissioner of Education receive a number of applications from prospective teachers who are unqualified, may I call your attention to a serious error that appeared in the *Evangel* recently.

The issue of March 29 (page 15) stated: "The state requirements are quite low, about twelve hours of college credits; while the Bureau of Indian Affairs requires twenty-four hours for a teaching certificate." (This ought to have read, "twelve hours of educational credits.") The same mistake appeared in the issue of April 5 (page 19).

I have been teaching in Alaska for the past four years and the state requirements are not low. In general, three years of college are required in order to be considered as a teacher. Teachers with less education than this may be approved in extreme emergencies; for example, a married couple might fill a two-room school vacancy if the husband is qualified even though the wife does not have enough credits.

Mr. Don Dafoe, former commissioner of education (whose name appeared in the *Evangel*), resigned and is now out of office. Qualified candidates should contact Mr. Howard Matthews, Commissioner of Education, Box 1841, Juneau, Alaska, if they desire to teach in the villages or remote

areas which, in general, include the smaller schools.

Those desiring to teach in larger towns should write directly to the Superintendent of Schools in a given city.

Positions at on-base schools are secured by writing to Mr. A. A. Ryan, Director, Alaska On-Base Schools, APO 942, % Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

I trust this information may encourage qualified teachers to apply for positions in the schools of Alaska.

DOUGLAS C. RUTHFORD
Moose Pass, Alaska

Unconscious Guidance

As I read Donald Gee's article, "Unconscious Guidance," in a recent issue of the *Evangel* I was reminded of God's wonderful guidance in our family.

Years ago, as my brother was coming home from Oklahoma on a train, someone gave him a copy of the *Word and Witness*, forerunner of the *Evangel*. This magazine led to my salvation and my mother's receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

But my brother went on in sin, and years later I received word that he was dying behind prison bars. I traveled hundreds of miles to get to him because I knew he was not saved. Together with some Pentecostal friends I prayed with him and he was wonderfully saved before passing into eternity.

Thank God for the one who gave him the copy of *Word and Witness* sixteen years before.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

L. K. LANDUS
Norfolk, Va.

Jehovah's Witnesses Mislabeled

In the March 22nd issue of the *Evangel* you had a news item under "This Present World" dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses, and you classified it under the category of "Denominations." I object to these people being called a "denomination." Their pernicious teaching is a menace to Christianity. Don't let anyone get the impression they are a Christian denomination. I know from personal observation over a period of years the great spiritual harm these people have done.

MRS. JOSEPHINE M. PACE
Crescent City, California

Receives Baptism After Fifty Years

I was almost eighty-two years of age when I was filled to overflowing with the precious Holy Spirit. After serving the Lord for fifty years (lacking twenty-five days) I realized at last that the Pentecostal experience was for me. So I began to seek the Lord for the very thing I had been taught against all those years.

On December 15, 1958, during a revival at the Greenfield (Mo.) Assembly of God, I went to prayer and was filled with the Holy Spirit. I spoke in an unknown language, and had such joy that I praised God until three o'clock in the morning. Two nights later my dear wife received the experience also.

The lives of a number of Pentecostal ministers, including Pastor Joe Miller of the Assembly here, led us into this good way.

F. W. DEMPSEY
Greenfield, Missouri

Pastor's Name Omitted

Our Indiana churches were pleased with the feature entitled "Tripled in Twelve Years" that appeared in the March 15th *Evangel*. Thank you for telling the readers about the progress the Indiana District has made under God. Our District hopes to begin seventeen new churches this year, which is Indiana's part of the national goal set at the National Home Missions Seminar last September.

I am sorry we neglected to mention that T. T. Ward is the present pastor of the Hul-



T. T. Ward

man Street Assembly in Terre Haute, a picture of which was carried on the front page of the *Evangel*. This oversight was regrettable in view of the outstanding work Brother Ward has done. The Lord has blessed his ministry in a marvelous way. He has a TV program every Sunday at noon (12:30 to 1

p.m., WTHI-TV, channel 10, Terre Haute). This gospel telecast "Triumphant Life" is supported by one of the members of the Hulman Street Assembly who deals in real estate. This brother promised the Lord he would contribute a specific sum each time he sold a house. Since he made that consecration his house sales have been better than ever and the gospel telecast is the result.

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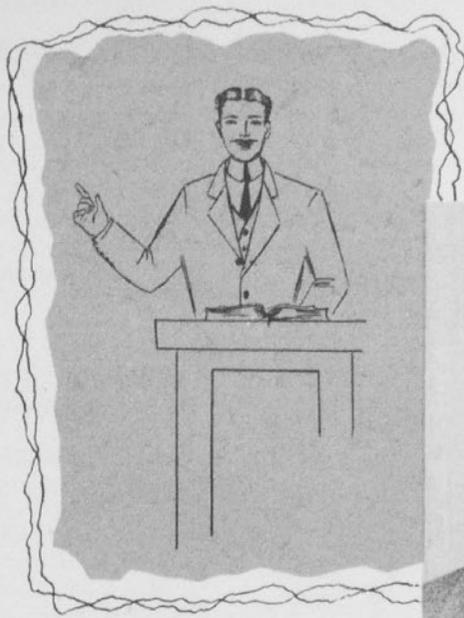
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James A. Cardiff

Their work cannot be forgotten, for we are part of it. But the workmen — are they remembered?

Today We Remember

BY RUTH NOURSE

HOW MANY LIVES CAN BE REACHED in thirty-seven years of ministry? The answer would be impossible to tell.

James A. Cardiff was born eighty-three years ago in Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. In 1897 he moved to Duluth, Minn., where he married the former Miss Tena Munson, a musician and gospel singer. The Cardiffs had seven children, two boys and five girls, all talented in music and singing.

Although he had a desire to preach the gospel while still a young man, Mr. Cardiff did not really experience salvation until after his marriage. He was stricken with tuberculosis. After four years of treatment, doctors decided there was no further help they could give. A change of climate did not help. His lungs were nearly gone and he was given only two months to live.

In this time of desperation, James Cardiff turned to God. He tried to pray, but felt no assurance that he was saved. One day he was overcome by the thought, "You can believe your wife and family and take their word, then WHY can't you believe God?" As the word BELIEVE burned into his very soul, he began to shout for the joy of salvation. Not only was he saved—he was also healed. In about two weeks he was entirely well and went about testifying to the great

miracle God had wrought in his life.

For several years James Cardiff continued his work, and ministered in surrounding communities during his spare time and on weekends. His family accompanied him in these meetings. After seeking the Lord for guidance, they felt He spoke plainly to them that they should step out in full-time ministry. About this time someone offered them a new gospel tent that would seat about four hundred people. Their first ministry was in Wisconsin.

Later, in answer to prayer, the Lord gave them a new Reo bus which was large enough to transport the family, their musical instruments and their tent. They held revivals in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, as far east as Florida and as far west as California, missing few states in between. Churches were opened in several places where there had been no Pentecostal work previously.

Brother Cardiff recalls they were advised not to go to Vincennes, Indiana, as the population there was most all Catholic. But they felt God leading them to go there anyway. For a week they prayed and publicized the coming revival meetings. They distributed literature from house to house and used a megaphone to announce the services. The week of prayer and work was rewarded. The first night the crowd

was too large for the canvas tent, and it was necessary to secure a building. A mighty revival followed. A church was started in Vincennes as a result.

While conducting a meeting in Wil-lows, Calif., in 1927, Vernon Cardiff (who was twenty-two at the time) suffered an attack of paralysis in one side of his face. He could not play his saxophone. Doctors said they doubted that he would be able to play again. The family had been invited by Dr. William K. Towner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in San Jose, Calif., to hold meetings in his church the following Sunday. (Dr. Towner had experienced the Pentecostal Baptism sometime before during the great outpouring of the Spirit in San Jose.) The Cardiff family spent Saturday night in prayer for Vernon's healing.

When Dr. Towner introduced them in the morning service, they were all present, including Vernon with his saxophone. As they began their musical program, the saxophone took the lead as usual. The family was so overcome with joy that they were all in tears. Dr. Towner, who knew of the affliction, explained the miracle that had taken place.

The story of the Cardiff family is not unique—the father's healing, the call to the ministry, the provision of the Lord and His blessing upon their work. This story could be repeated a number of times with only slight variation to describe the work of hundreds of Pentecostal pioneers.

Nor is the final chapter of Brother Cardiff's story unique. Hundreds of Pentecostal ministers have grown old in the service of the Lord. Too old to travel, and too old to preach regularly, but always delighted for an opportunity to minister in the pulpit or in the home, or to pass a gospel tract to a deliveryman or a filling station attendant.

When able to drive at all, automobile trips are limited to local trips, visiting and praying for the sick and witnessing for the Lord. As in Brother Cardiff's case, a number of these pioneers have sons and daughters who follow them in the ministry evidencing their Christian example in the home.

Today has been set aside in our churches as a time for paying special

tribute to the pioneer pastors and evangelists who brought the Pentecostal message to us. Some of these aged men and women are now alone; some are infirm and have financial needs. All of them have the common human need for love and fellowship.

We urge every Assemblies of God member to make this day special by remembering the aged ministers and

missionaries. Give an offering to help those in need. Visit any that may live in your community. Write a letter to the aged pastor who led you to the Lord many years ago. Today is remembering day. God forbid that we should forget.

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Fiddling While Hell Burns

By Raymond L. Cox

THE EXPRESSION, "FIDDLING WHILE Rome burns," is often used to describe the pursuit of trifles in face of grave emergencies. The phrase was born out of one of history's most horrible holocausts—the burning of Rome in A.D. 64.

It is said that the Emperor Nero with his own hands kindled the flames out of mere wicked sport; and while the city was a blazing inferno, amid echoing shrieks of pain and terror, Nero sat calmly on his balcony, witnessing the conflagration and playing his lyre.

History has justly censored Nero. He indeed played a dastardly role. But saints and sinners alike are doing something equally heinous. Every sinner who neglects salvation and every Christian who is not earnestly engaged in efforts toward soul winning is *fiddling while hell burns!* But hell will burn longer than men can play, and sinners will fiddle their way into the flame, while saints fiddle away their opportunities to merit a soul-winner's reward. How tragic that the world and the Church should ever harmonize in this sinful symphony.

Some people, of course, dispute the existence of hell. I can only refer them to Jesus Christ. He said more about damnation than anyone else in Scripture. Jesus said that there is eternal punishment. He presented hell as an object of justifiable fear. "But I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into

hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him" (Luke 12:4, 5).

Yet modern man seems afraid of everything else but hell. He fears depressions and recessions. But what shall it profit a man if he achieves perpetual prosperity on earth, only to lose his priceless soul in eternity? Man fears nuclear weapons. The world is terrified that an atomic war may ignite the universe. Humanity is genuinely frightened over what man might do to man in the course of time. How strange then that he can scoff at what the Bible says awaits sinners in eternity.

There is nothing a sinner can do or desire that compares in importance with the achievement of his escape from damnation. Sin's seasonal pleasures cannot compensate for an eternity of woe. No price would be too great to pay to avoid hell.

A man who had defrauded many people attended a revival meeting and became greatly convicted of sin. He went home and discussed the matter with his wife. "If I get saved," he pointed out, "I know I'll have to make restitution to those I've defrauded. Our farm, our furniture, even our livestock, will all have to be sold. In other words, if I become a Christian we'll lose everything. If I don't, I'll go to hell. What shall I do?"

His wife, who was a Christian, encouraged him to get saved whatever the cost. He returned to the revival and accepted Christ. Then, as he began to make restitution, all their assets had to be liquidated. The day they left their house and farm, having relinquished possession to the new owners, the man was overcome mo-

mentarily with uncertainty. Turning to his wife he said, "Have I done the right thing? I've deprived you of all the good things you've enjoyed. I've been saved, but is it worth it?"

His wife silenced his fears without hesitation. "Sure, it's worth it. It's a whole lot better than going to hell."

She recognized that to escape hell is a bargain at any cost. But restitution did not purchase this man's salvation. It was only an evidence that the grace of God had already operated effectually in his life, bringing him to see things from God's point of view. Sinners escape hell, not by what they do, but by accepting what Christ has done for them. A hell-bound sinner is saved by faith when he accepts God's gift of eternal life. And it is high time for every sinner to stop fiddling and start believing. For, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

Jesus gives the answer: "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Too many Christians are also fiddling while hell burns, trifling while the world rushes toward damnation. A pastor recently told of a conversation with a plumber. He said he invited the plumber to a revival meeting and the workman explained that he had worked one whole winter making installations in the church edifice. Then the plumber asked, "Preacher, why didn't anyone talk with me about my soul during that winter I worked on this church?"

If it is high time for sinners to stop fiddling and start believing God for salvation, how much more should saints stop fiddling and start witnessing. There probably are unbelievers in every block where Christians live, people who are not yet in hell for the simple reason that their hearts still beat. That is mighty poor insurance against damnation for the soul without Christ. Believers, between whom and hell stands the crucified, risen Christ, could evangelize their blocks in a day or two. Is the salvation of neighbors not much more important than secular plans and interests?

Hell is burning and heaven is beckoning. Christians are commissioned to carry heaven's invitation to their lost acquaintances. Saint or sinner, you cannot afford to fiddle through life while a burning hell awaits the lost. ◀◀



Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► **HARRIETT, ARK.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Luster Young of Oak Ridge, Tenn., recently conducted meetings here in which four were saved and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. There were also four reclaimed and a number of physical healings.
—*Jesse Fowler, Pastor*

► **MODESTO, CALIF.**—The Airport Assembly of God just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie of Turlock, Calif. God moved mightily each night and a number were saved, filled with the Spirit and healed. The Sunday School attendance went above what it had been in some time with 165 present.
—*Velma Lackey, Pastor*

► **JACKSONVILLE, TEX.**—Evangelists Evell Davis and Douglas Minor have just concluded two weeks of revival at the First Assembly of God here. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed. The church has greatly benefited by the ministry of these two young men.
—*Paul G. Concilio, Pastor*

► **BECKLEY, W. VA.**—The "All Kids Roundup" conducted by Evangelist Paul Hild was the greatest children's revival in the history of the church here. The meetings followed a western theme. The children received cowboy and cowgirl bandanas in the early part of the meetings. They were encouraged to wear them to school and elsewhere during the week, and that helped to publicize the meetings. During the seven nights of the roundup there was a total attendance of 2,368. The top attendance was 522. Many boys and girls were saved, as well as filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit. A notable increase has been experienced both in the Sunday School and in the attendance in the Christian Cadet Troop.
—*T. M. Waldron, Pastor*

► **KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—Victoria Tabernacle has just concluded a very successful revival meeting with the Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio. This two and one half week meeting proved to be one of the most outstanding conducted in the

new church. Over 100 came forward for salvation and testified to the fact that they had found Christ as personal Saviour. The meetings attracted the largest week-night attendance ever. A goodly number were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and there were many testimonies of healing. The Sunday School reached its highest point for the year, 664. On the closing night there were folk seeking the Lord around the altars until midnight.
—*H. W. Barnett, Pastor*

► **TAFT, CALIF.**—The ministry of Evangelist Glen Shinn was a tremendous blessing to the Taft Heights Assembly of God. For three weeks the Word of God was preached with great anointing. Many were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. One of the highlights of the revival was Pew Packing Sunday. A wonderful revival spirit still prevails.
—*W. Earl Davis, Pastor*

► **FT. WAYNE, IND.**—An outstanding series of evangelistic meetings was conducted here recently by Evangelists Byron Lee Wright and Paul Myers. There were many conversions night after night, and at least four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The highlight of the musical part of the services was a teen-age choir organized and developed by the evangelistic party. The revival was predominately among the young people, but it pervaded the whole church.
—*James C. Kofahl, pastor*

► **DALLAS, OREG.**—Evangelists David and Doris Godwin of Dallas, Tex., recently concluded a most successful revival campaign here. Thirty or more knelt at the altar for salvation, five were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled. Several people testified to being healed of various types of afflictions. One was healed of an affliction he had had since birth. The Sunday School record attendance was broken; there were 232 present the closing Sunday of the revival. The Spirit-anointed, faith-building ministry of the Godwins was a blessing to all. Their music contributed a great deal to the services.
—*Albert Davis, Pastor*

► **TUCSON, ARIZ.**—The First Assembly of God here just concluded a great revival with Bruce (Chief) Thum and the Musical Sunshine Party of Indiana. Capacity crowds attended the revival during the four weeks of meetings and many nights the balcony was filled. Over 125 came forward for salvation. Among them were servicemen, teen-agers, complete families, and one young serviceman from England. Many were healed during the healing services that were conducted twice each week. One lady was completely and instantly healed of asthma. When she gave her testimony over a local TV program it inspired others to believe the Lord for their healing. The last Sunday of the meeting was the pastor's twelfth anniversary of service to the church. The party and others joined in honoring him on that occasion.
—*L. G. Gilmore, Pastor*

► **LAWTON, OKLA.**—The First Assembly here has been blessed by one of the sweetest revivals in a long time. For four weeks in January, God graciously poured out His blessings. Some 20 were saved and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. On the closing night of the revival nine were baptized in water. The evangelist was Harold (Bo) Daniel of Atlanta, Ga.
—*M. J. Dickson, Pastor*

► **MULDROW, OKLA.**—Evangelist Ted Stephens and family recently conducted one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church here. Each night overflow crowds attended and additional Sunday School rooms were filled to capacity. The altars were filled each night and approximately 113 were saved or reclaimed.
—*Armon Newburn, Pastor*

► **ENNIS, TEX.**—Evangelist B. J. Mikulek of Luling, Tex. recently conducted seven nights of revival here. Three sinners were saved and backsliders reclaimed, and seven people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many were refilled, and the church was revived as the Spirit of God fell as in the days of old. Many that were sick received healing.
—*C. A. Caylor, Jr., Pastor*

Crowd attending the meetings conducted by Evangelists Byron Wright and Paul Myers at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. James C. Kofahl is pastor.





Saturday night crowd at the First Assembly in Tucson, Arizona, during the meetings with the Sunshine Party. L. G. Gilmore is pastor.



The Sunday School records were broken in Dallas, Oregon, during the meetings with David and Doris Godwin. Albert Davis is pastor.



"Pew Packing" Sunday at Taft Heights Assembly in Taft, California, during meeting with Evangelist Glen Shinn. W. Earl Davis is pastor.



Children attending the All Kids Roundup conducted by Evangelist Paul Hild at First Assembly in Beckley, West Virginia.



A portion of the crowd attending the meeting conducted by Evangelist Harold Daniel in Lawton, Oklahoma. M. J. Dickson is pastor.



An evening crowd at the county-wide revival held at the Colton High School in Colton, Calif. The meetings were led by Evangelist

David Nunn. Thomas E. Benvenuti is the local pastor. Many were saved, healed and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

► GREENVILLE, S.C.—The Cedar Lane Assembly has just enjoyed an excellent revival under the ministry of John Eller. Numbers were lifted and encouraged as this young man poured out his heart. Four were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School skyrocketed, and the church in general experienced solid results.

—John Hollingsworth, Pastor

► STOCKTON, KANS.—The church here recently enjoyed a fruitful revival under the ministry of Evangelist Carl Walker, Jr. There were four definite conversions, one person was reclaimed and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One individual had sought that experience for 20 years. Great interest was shown in the large chalk pictures drawn by the evangelist each night. Many strangers were present in every service. Brother Walker also painted a baptistry scene for the church, and it was unveiled on the last night of the meetings.

—Carl Walker III, Pastor

► PUXICO, MO.—The congregation here is thanking God for a move of His Spirit. During recent months evangelistic meetings have been conducted by Earl Rogers, C. B. Taylor, Don Gossett, and then most recently by Billy Wolfe. In the last meetings 10 were saved and seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Eleven joined the church on the last Sunday night. Nine months ago this church had only five Christ's Ambassadors, but now the group has grown to 23. The people are rejoicing in God's goodness.

—George Hammett, Pastor

► CABINS, W. VA.—The church here was singularly blessed of God recently under the ministry of Evangelist Roy Frazier of Chantilly, Va. A number of people came to the altar for salvation and many were healed as the prayer of faith was prayed in their behalf. A nine-year-old girl was healed of an eye defect. She could barely discern the presence of an object held a foot in front of her eye, but after prayer she was able to see sheep grazing on a hill a half mile away. The church here is rural, the nearest community being 11 miles away. In view of that, the attendance was very good. People heard radio broadcasts and came from as far as 60 miles away. Many nights extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the crowds and overflow rooms had to be opened up.

—David A. Lewis, Pastor

► TRENTON, TENN.—Evangelist and Mrs. James Burkett of Denver, Tenn., recently conducted four weeks of meetings in a county-wide union revival. Hundreds heard and saw the manifestations of the full gospel message. Many came from distant towns and various churches. It was estimated that over 50 per cent of the congregation was from churches other than those of the full gospel. Scores of folk responded to the invitation, and a number of outstanding miracles were experienced. One lady was afflicted with a serious heart condition, and after prayer returned to her physician who declared

that the condition had disappeared. One lady was healed of blindness of the right eye, having suffered from this affliction since she was six years of age. There were healings from various other afflictions. The churches are still rejoicing in this tremendous move of God.

—Reuben Ruiz, Pastor and Chairman

► DETROIT, MICH.—The people at Central Assembly here have enjoyed so much a real revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham. There have been several saved, filled with the Spirit, and many healed by the power of the Lord. The well-rounded gospel preaching brought a real response in the hearts of the people.

—Holland Edmundson, Pastor

► SITKA, ALASKA—Recently Evangelist Dennis Davis of Salem, Oreg., conducted two weeks of meetings here. Several were saved, and one blind native man, Harry James, was filled with the Spirit. Many were healed. One outstanding healing was that of a three-year-old boy who had a growth under his chin and was scheduled for surgery. God healed him instantly. Brother Davis also held eight days of meetings in Angoon, a native village where the Sitka Assembly is mothering a new work. Don Von Wald, of Florida, is the pastor there. Many came forward to accept Christ, and from the latest reports the new converts are really pressing on for God.

—Wesley Hansen, Pastor

► MILTON-FREEWATER, OREG.—Recently the Armory was leased for a revival campaign with Evangelist Don Gossett of Salem, Oreg. Many visitors came to the meetings including a goodly number from out of town. Several were saved and healed. The morning Bible studies conducted by the evangelist were a high light of the campaign. The glory of the Lord filled the people's hearts as the Word was unfolded. The venture to lease the Armory for a revival campaign was a new endeavor for the churches of this area, but the entire budget was met without strenuous effort. The influence of the campaign is still being felt in the city.

—L. Otis Triplett, Pastor

► FRISCO CITY, ALA.—A splendid revival meeting was concluded here recently by Evangelist and Mrs. G. L. McKinney of Pascagoula, Miss. Souls were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many sick bodies were healed also. Some who were bound by habits were delivered from them. The church was greatly edified by the straightforward, uncompromising preaching of the McKinneys.

—Allen L. Calhoun, Pastor

► DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.—The First Assembly of God here recently concluded a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Norman J. Sorensen of Dallas, Tex. The church received great spiritual refreshing. Several souls were saved and reclaimed. Quite a number of people attended the church for the first time during the meetings. The special children's services and the music of the Sorensens were both helpful to the services.

—L. L. McGuire, Pastor

► MANGUM, OKLA. — Evangelist John Butts of Leedey, Okla., recently conducted meetings here. Some eight souls sought for salvation during the services.

—M. I. Pierce, Pastor

► BRECKENRIDGE, TEX. — Evangelist and Mrs. Leland Evans held one of the best revivals that has been conducted here for several years. Several were saved and the whole church was stirred. The fervent Bible preaching with an abundant Holy Ghost anointing brought out good crowds each night.

—Morgan W. Thompson, Pastor

► PARADIS, LA.—The Bayou Gauche Assembly here just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist Harlen J. Pate of Cleveland, Tex. Each night there was a distinctive manifestation of the Holy Spirit which was climaxed with great altar services. Several were saved, reclaimed, and refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—J. M. Parker, Pastor

► GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.—From the very first service of meetings conducted by Evangelists Fred and Sarah Byers of Oregon, people were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. During the four weeks of the meetings about 25 received a genuine Pentecostal experience and a goodly number were saved and many refilled. The Sunday School record was broken three times, with the final record set at 193. The revival fires continue to burn.

—Dale C. Hastie, Pastor

► FOSTORIA, OHIO — Recently the church here experienced some wonderful days of refreshing and revival with Evangelist John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. As the people responded to the prayer chain, it was evident that unusual things were in store. Among the approximately 11 saved and reclaimed there were some remarkable conversions. Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit and others testified to healing. Brother Higginbotham's fearless and yet compassionate appeal had a profound effect upon the church. Sister Higginbotham's singing was a real blessing as well.

—Joseph Ferrante, Pastor

► LOS GATOS, CALIF.—On February 9, the church here started a workers training course with Sunday School Superintendent W. Rouse and the pastor as instructors. During the course of the teaching the presence of God was felt so strongly that people began to cry, shout, pray, and praise the Lord. The lesson stopped and the Spirit of God took over. All the teachers were refilled, workers received a fresh vision, and one junior boy present was saved. That was only the beginning. Night after night revival fires burned as God moved on lives. The move continued for four weeks with the sick being healed, believers filled, lives transformed, and homes changed. Some were saved as the Spirit of God met with His people. After the meetings had gone on for some time, God sent Evangelist Al Lewis to minister for two weeks. The people have received a fresh touch of God's Spirit, lives have been led into a deeper walk, and the church has been greatly changed.

—Roy Norvell, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

EVANGELIZING IN EUROPE

The Busse evangelistic team, including Sid. Regnier, Jr., associate evangelist, and Les. Grant, organist, will leave New York City on May 28 for a four-month visit in Europe. We will minister in Frankfort, Essen, and Bielefeld, Germany. Mail will reach us if addressed to Earlville, Pa.—Evangelist Martin Busse.

WITH CHRIST

RUDOLPH D. STREYFFELER, 89, Portland, Oreg., passed to his reward Feb. 22, 1959. Brother Streyffeler was a minister of the gospel for over half a century. He was ordained as Elder in 1892 by the Evangelical United Brethren Church and served as a circuit rider in Oregon. Later he received the message and experience of Pentecost and he became affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1922. He was active in the ministry until 1950. Surviving are his wife and six daughters.



R. D. Streyffeler

VETERAN MISSIONARY PASSES

BARBARA E. COX, Fort Wayne, Ind. died March 6, 1959, at the age of 79. She and her husband, the late Herbert H. Cox, were pioneer missionaries in North India for many years. They served under the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God from 1919 to 1925, when Brother Cox contracted smallpox and died. He was buried in the heart of the district where he had labored preaching the gospel. Sister Cox, left with three young sons, remained in India for three more years, bravely carrying on the work. She returned to the U.S. in 1928 so that the boys (William, Samuel, and David) could be educated in America.

In 1939 at the age of 60 she returned alone to the field of her calling. War conditions forced her to come back to America in 1942. However, she never lost the burden for Foreign Missions and the last words she uttered on her sick bed were, "I want to be a missionary, even in death." She slipped away to be with her Lord after a three-month illness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALUMNI HOMECOMING—Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., Thursday, May 28. Captain Talmadge F. McNabb, speaker at 10 a.m. Banquet, 1:00 p.m. Class of 1949 will be featured.—by Carl E. Callihan, Alumni President.

INDIAN CAMPS

Apache Indian Camp

June 1 through 10. Canyon Day, Arizona (between Showlow and Salt River Canyon, on route 60). Turn off at Fort Apache junction. It is about

25 miles to Canyon Day.

F. W. Olson, speaker.

Special children's services.

Camp sites will be furnished. Bring your own equipment, since there are no accommodations.

For further information, contact O. B. Treece, Box 55, San Carlos, Arizona.

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Tuba City, Arizona

May 25-30.

Speaker: George Effman. (This is the first Indian Camp Meeting to be held here. Dedication of Navajo-Hopi Mission will be on Sunday morning, May 30. For further information contact T. L. Johnson, Tuba City, Ariz.)

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American Indian Fellowship Camp

June 23 through 28.

Greenville, Calif., on Highway 89.

Frank Horne (Hoopa Indian), speaker. Three meals daily on freewill offering plan. Bring camping equipment.

For further information, contact George Effman, 2768 18th St., Sacramento 18, Calif.

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Lower Brule Indian Camp

June 23 through 28.

Lower Brule, S. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ilnisky, speakers.

Afternoon services will be conducted for children.

Directions: 20 miles north of Reliance, S. Dak., on gravel road.

Contact Virgil Zeigler, 902 Foss Place, Mitchell, S. Dak., for further information.

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Information on other Indian camps will be included in a later issue of the *Evangel*.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Atmore	Bratt	May 24-June 7	Jimmy Swaggart & wife	Ralph Johnson
	Excell	A of G	May 17-31	G. L. McKinney	Jack Fowler
	Newton	A of G	May 26-June 7	Bob & Jeri Winford	Wm. B. Mayfield
Ark.	Monette	A of G	May 25-June 7	Bob Swaim & wife	S. S. Dean
	Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	May 31—	Benny Sapp & wife
Calif.	Fontana	First	May 19—	Jimmy Mayo, Jr.	Alton B. Todd
	Live Oak	A of G	May 26-June 7	Paul Brannan & wife	J. A. Rogers
	Ontario	First	May 26—	Don George	Walter Hanneman
	Richmond	Full Gospel Temp.	May 24-June 7	Tommy Barnett	J. Boyd Wolverton
	Colo.	Denver	Calvary Temple	May 24—	Gene Martin
Colo.	Fruita	First	May 10—	Marcus Alexander	Hubert Surratt
	Meeker	First	May 25-31	Bill Sharp	Robert J. Smith
	Del.	Wilmington	Calvary	May 26-June 7	Jack Peters
Fla.	Marianna	First	May 19-31	Wesley Weekly	Hayward Youngblood
Ga.	Stockbridge	A of G	May 31-June 7	F. P. Bachman	H. F. Freeman
Ill.	Litchfield	First	May 24-June 7	B. R. Minton	Calvin Bacon
	Iowa	Burlington	First	May 13-26	Christian Hild
Iowa	Sioux City	First	May 31-June 14	Watson Argue	Kenneth D. Baker
	Kans.	Kansas City	Victoria Tab.	May 26-31	Christian Hild
Mich.	Ann Arbor	A of G	May 26-June 7	Hance Evang. Team	Burt Evans
	Flat Rock	A of G	May 26-June 7	Wm. Ilnisky & wife	E. W. Jukuri
	Grand Rapids	Woodmere GT	May 26-June 7	H. C. MacDonald & wife	J. H. Meppelink
Minn.	Millersburg	Bethel Tab.	May 24—	Jerry King & wife	Edward Tillitz
	Lake City	A of G	May 19-31	Norman Alexandre	Edgar Larson
	Sherburn	A of G	May 26-June 7	R. W. Hastie Family	Leland Shultz
Miss.	Gulfport	A of G	May 3—	Delbert Bucher & wife	Woodrow Oxner
Mo.	Elmer	A of G	May 31-June 14	Sara Sharp	F. L. McAtee
Mont.	Billings	First	May 19-31	Arthur Arnold	W. A. Buck
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N. Y.	New York	1st Ukrainian	May 27, p.m.	Busse Team	Wm. Nochowski
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900 Evangelicals Register at Annual N.A.E. Convention

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—All Christians engaged in missionary work should develop a new strategy of attack against international communism. So said Clyde W. Taylor in his report to the National Association of Evangelicals (N. A. E.) last month following a world tour of mission fields.

Dr. Taylor gave the 17th annual N. A. E. convention a report on communism similar to that which he had given personally to President Eisenhower the week before.

"Missionary and national leaders in our missions overseas are all opposed to communism, but they don't know why, except in a general way," he charged. He said the same kind of ignorance about the aims, goals and methods of international communism can be detected in conversations with most Americans at home.

"Communists have installed themselves in many countries as simply another political movement," he pointed out, "and as such, have been accepted by many. Since it is tabbed 'political,' church leaders feel they should not intervene. As a result, the communists take over such states as Kerala in South India with the Christian churches believing, right up to the end, that nothing more was involved than local politics.

"Communism is a deadly enemy of Christianity," he continued. "It has political implications, but it is in many ways a religion. The Christian churches, missionaries, and national leaders must know and recognize the basic philosophies of communism and how to successfully meet it and attack it.

"The task that faces us is that of providing adequate but simplified literature to spell out the facts regarding communism. This reading must be made mandatory for every missionary. It must be provided in basic English that can be translated into the foreign languages, and our national church and mission leaders must be urged to read and study it."

About 900 registered for the four-day N.A.E. convention. The crowds at the evening meetings were considerably larger than this.

Roger Arnebergh, city attorney for Los Angeles, was one of the night speakers. He told the convention that crime has been increasing about four times as fast as the U. S. population, and declared that lack of spiritual training is the greatest single cause of juvenile delinquency.

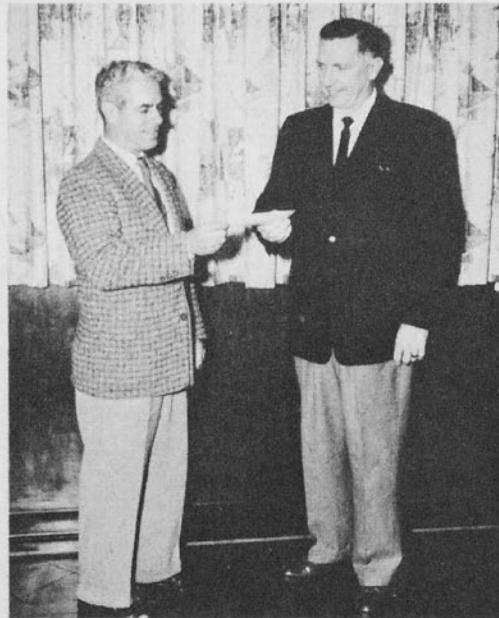
"Before substantial progress can be made in curbing juvenile delinquency," he said, "we must inculcate in our children a belief in God. It is fundamental that without a belief and faith in a divine Being there can be no true morality, no fixed and certain standards of right and wrong." He said that one juvenile court judge who studied cases of 8,000 boys and girls under

17 involved in law violations reported that only 42 (one out of 200) attended Sunday School regularly.

"None had a mother and father who regularly attended church," he added.

Other causes of delinquency and crime for which he said parents were responsible included idle time, failure to give children a sense of responsibility, lack of discipline, and want of respect for authority. He asserted that there would be no serious problem of juvenile wrongdoing if parents would set a good example by their own lives.

The delegates adopted a number of resolutions to show their position on the following matters: (1) alarmed by the "blasphemous travesties" in rock-and-roll versions of hymns and spiritual songs that are being broadcast by radio and TV stations; (2) opposed to recognition of Communist China by the U. S. and the U. N.; (3) convinced that the Federal Government ought to stop financial aid to Colombia and Spain until the "persecutions of evangelical minorities in those countries is corrected."



Central Foundation Gives Help to CBI

Pictured is Ralph W. Harris, president of the Central Foundation for Christian Training, making a presentation to J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Central Bible Institute. The \$1,000 check is the first of many gifts which the Foundation hopes to make to the school.

The Foundation was established by the Alumni Association of C.B.I. as a non-profit organization through which its funds can be received and channeled. An Annual Roll Call of alumni provides a large portion of the receipts.

The annual Homecoming of C.B.I. Alumni will be Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26 and 27. Roy Wead, graduate of the class of '36, will be the featured speaker. Brother Wead, District Superintendent of Indiana and a member of the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, recently returned from a world tour. The annual alumni dinner will be held Tuesday evening.

One speaker commented on the forthcoming Ecumenical Council announced by Pope John. He predicted that the purpose of the proposed Council is to bring the Eastern Orthodox churches "back into the sphere of Roman Catholic influence." Even if Protestant churches were invited, they would not attend the Council, he said.

Another speaker voiced opposition to the election of any Roman Catholic as President of the U. S. The convention said, in a resolution, that Church-State separation in America "is imperiled by subtle, insidious trends and influences that dangerously tend toward the state restricting and controlling both religion and education, and also by certain areas of Christendom seeking to dominate the State."

The delegates re-elected Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel of Schenectady, N. Y., to his second one-year term as president of the N. A. E. Others re-elected were: Thomas F. Zimmerman of Springfield, Mo., first vice-president; Charles Seidenspinner of Atlanta, Ga., second vice-president; and Cordas C. Burnett of Springfield, Mo., secretary. (Two of these officers are Assemblies of God ministers. Brother Zimmerman is an Assistant General Superintendent of our movement, and Brother Burnett is National Education Secretary.)

Rufus Jones of Chicago, a layman, was named treasurer of the N. A. E., succeeding Robert C. Van Kamper of Wheaton, Ill.

Which Harvest?

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knows what it has done to the morals of this nation and of the world, until today every sin that was ever practiced in Sodom and Gomorrah—the sins that used to be hidden in the dark places of the night—are now paraded at noon-day. Sin is becoming exceedingly bold, and it is parading itself before three worlds. God said that as it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, so would it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man. There are some sins that we term "common sins," sins that have been with us from the very beginning and sins that seemingly God has tolerated. But there are some things that God will not tolerate. There are some things that draw the wrath of God like steel draws lightning. What was it that drew the wrath of God upon Sodom? It was immorality. And there was no immorality ever practiced in Sodom that is not found on the streets of every city in our nation today, to say nothing of the drinking, the dope, and the cigarettes. What is it? It's harvest time! What is in the heart of man is coming out! And when the wrath of God finally

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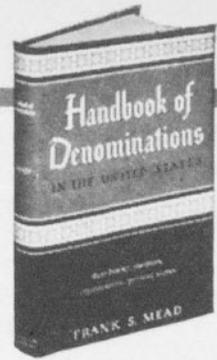
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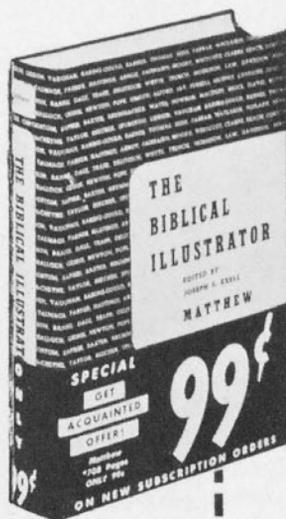
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