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BUT BY MY SPIRIT,  
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# The Shrinking Dollar

Inflation has made everyone conscious of the fact that worldly values fluctuate. A dollar in the bank (or pay envelope) is not worth as much as it was a year ago. A dollar will buy less groceries, less clothing, less housing today than ever before—and less security.

The only way to combat inflation is to have more dollars, and the more dollars there are the higher prices go. It is a relentless cycle. And those who depend on fixed incomes suffer.

At present the personal income of the average citizen is at an all-time high. The government says the average person's income, after being adjusted to eliminate the effect of inflation was four per cent higher in June 1959 than in June 1958. However, it says the increased prosperity was not evenly distributed. For example, investors and business and professional men had a greater increase than farm owners.

By June, personal income of Americans climbed to \$382,900,000,000 a year. This raised the national total for the first half of 1959 to six per cent above the corresponding portion of 1958, and the government predicted the second half of this year would be higher still unless the steel strike lasts long enough to cause widespread layoffs in various industries.

The inflated economy is causing very serious problems for people with fixed incomes, especially for elderly people who must live on pensions or savings. It creates extra hardship for any who are unemployed. Perhaps God is permitting the dollar to shrink in value in order that His people will depend on Him, rather than on silver or gold. God has many ways of supplying the needs of His children. He is not limited to any one set of circumstances. When famine came in Israel, there was water in the brook Cherith and food from the ravens to nourish the faithful prophet. When the brook dried up, there was the miracle of the oil and meal to sustain the servant of the Lord.

Did God let the sons of Jacob starve in Canaan? No; when there was no more corn in Canaan He showed them a bountiful supply in Egypt. When one source of provision fails, God can open another. The Psalmist said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Perhaps there is a lesson for all of us in the shrinking dollar. We are prone to look on money with an inordinate affection. Dollars and the things dollars can buy look very big to us. We think homes and cars and bank accounts are the most important things in life, until God lifts us out of the material realm into the spiritual. And then, suddenly, we realize that material things are very unimportant except as they serve the purpose of promoting God's eternal kingdom. It is like traveling in a plane. The higher we rise, the more the things of earth shrink in size. People become small; buildings get small; even a whole big city becomes a little cluster of objects, like toy blocks. The nearer we get to God the more our earthly values shrink, and we realize that our security lies not in anything beneath the stars but in God Himself.

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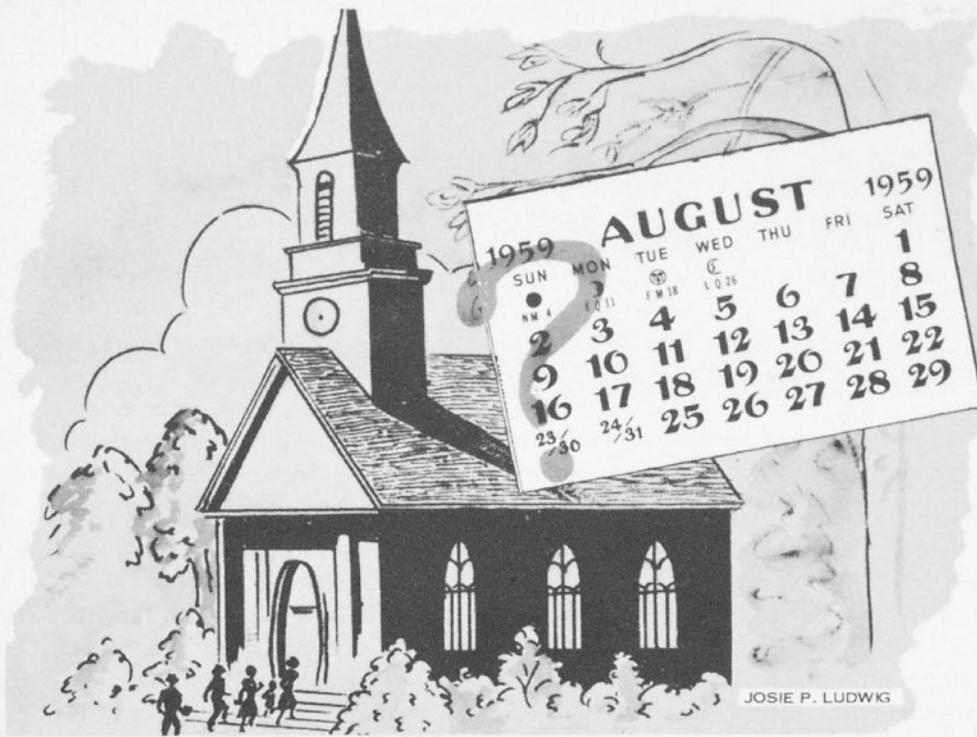
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week, Sunday; except that the New Testament writers usually referred to Jesus Christ when they spoke of the "Lord."

Paul pointed out that some were worshipping on another day other than the Sabbath, when he wrote: "One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it" (Romans 14:5, 6). But Paul did not mention Sunday.

In its very earliest days in Jerusalem the Early Church held services every day of the week. Acts 2:46 says: "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." They worshiped on Saturday, Sunday, and every other day

# Is Sunday the Lord's Day?

The Christian believers in the post-apostolic period evidently thought so

**A** SINCERE MAN RECENTLY ASKED me, "Why do we worship on Sunday? Doesn't the Bible teach us that Saturday should be the Lord's Day?"

I had been asked this question a number of times before and simply answered, "Well, we worship on Sunday because the Lord rose from the dead on that day."

"Then, when did we change from Saturday to Sunday?" he asked.

I had to confess that I did not know the answer but promised to find out. This promise eventually led me to a most remarkable discovery.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT SABBATH

There is no room for doubt that the Sabbath of the Old Testament fell on Saturday. After God created the heavens and the earth, He rested on the seventh day and instructed man to do likewise. Indeed one of the Ten

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Commandments was, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Saturday has been kept as the day of worship by the Jewish people from the very beginning of the Hebrew race to modern times. Jesus worshiped on the Sabbath. When the apostles preached in the synagogues, they did so on the Sabbath Day. These are plain facts of history that cannot be denied.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LORD'S DAY

In the Book of Revelation a new term was introduced. John wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10). He used the term, *the Lord's day*, in a specific sense to tell his readers on what particular day he was in the Spirit when he received the amazing visions that he recorded in the book. John's unexplained use of the term seems to indicate that his readers in the Early Church probably were also acquainted with this use.

Although various writers and preachers have made much of this term, there is nothing inherent in it that would indicate to us whether it meant the Sabbath Day or the first day of the

of the week at first. They continued to keep up their Jewish worship in the temple, as well as their Christian meetings in the homes of the believers. Sunday was not spoken of specifically, however.

Apparently we will have to seek the answer from some other source than the New Testament. We can find such a source in the successors of the apostles, the Post-Apostolic Fathers.

## THE POST-APOSTOLIC SUNDAY

Within about ten years of the time that John wrote that he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day," one of his converts and students, Ignatius, wrote a letter to the new church at Magnesia in Asia Minor in which he used the same term, the Lord's Day, in a most illuminating manner (*Epistle to the Magnesians*, Chapter 9). He wrote of those who had been brought up "in the ancient order of things," who had "come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's Day, on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death."

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# "Provide Things Honest"



Howard S. Bush

WHEREVER MEN AND WOMEN profess Christ, it is expected of them, both by the world and by the Church, that they walk honestly and speak the truth. To the Church, such a life is a blessing, for the apostle John wrote, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 4). To the world it is a witness to the transforming power of Christ.

One day a Christian young man was left alone in the store where he worked while the owner was away on business. A customer came in and asked a favor which would involve dishonesty on the part of the young man. "I can't do it," he said.

"You can do it if you want to," insisted the customer, "because your master is out."

The clerk looked the man straight in the face and said, "You're mistaken. My Master is Jesus Christ, and He is never out."

The apostle Paul admonishes us to "provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Romans 12:17). The necessity of honesty in the Christian who wants to influence others for the Lord is emphasized in 1 Peter 2:12, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Honesty implies integrity of soul. The honest person is straightforward in his conduct and actions. His thoughts and speech reveal open-mindedness and frankness. There is dependability in his character. No one has to ask, "Does he mean that?" Too often today we meet people whose words seem to convey a double meaning. We don't know

whether they are joking or serious, or whether a bit of sarcasm is being injected into their speech. We should be extremely careful that we do not leave the wrong impression by careless conversation.

Honesty implies a refusal to lie or to twist the truth. Certainly an honest person would not be a deceiver of his brethren or others. Hypocrisy is sin. To appear to be what you are not, to profess love or sympathy when you do not feel it, is sin. If it is a sin to steal, it is a sin to lie. May God deliver us from false pretensions. "A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight" (Proverbs 11:1).

Samuel led a life of honesty and refused to be a party to anything that was false. At the close of his ministry the Israelites could say, "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand." His honesty flowed so deep that he regarded a pledge as a trust, a sacred responsibility to keep.

What a change would come about overnight if tomorrow morning everyone, upon awaking, would pledge to God that he would be honest and true to every trust. But surely this is what can be expected of every Christian!

To live a reliable, honest life there must be a strong desire to reject all sin, particularly "the sin which doth so easily beset us"—the wrong use of our tongues by prevaricating, evading the truth, or being careless with our statements.

TRUTH is a part of the nature of

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God, and if we have the Spirit of God we have the Spirit of Truth within our hearts. Jesus testified in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus said to Pilate, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice." Pilate then asked Him, "What is truth?" Truth had become such a scarce commodity in Roman life that it surprised Pilate to hear it mentioned, let alone look upon a Person who lived by its principles.

But is our generation any better than the Romans were? How many of your friends can you quickly recall whom you know are thoroughly truthful and always sincere? Most of us would pause a moment before we counted too high. Isn't it a fact that we need to emphasize over and over again the necessity of practicing a life of truthfulness and honesty?

In Ephesians 4:22-25, Paul urges "that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."

Notice two things here. First, the old life is corrupt and deceitful. We must therefore put off the "old man"; we must purpose in our hearts that we will not yield to temptation and sin. This is much more than mere mental assent to an ideal. It is a definite act of

*Hypocrisy is so common today that even Christians are tempted to twist the truth*

dedication to our Lord in which we repudiate all sin and abhor it in all its associations.

Second, we must put on the "new man." This act of faith enables us to receive from God the right to share in His righteousness and holiness. How do we do this? By the renewal of our mind in the Spirit of God. Our minds have the ability to retain facts. We can feed our minds either truth or error, peace or unrest, reality or artificiality, veracity or falsehood, sincerity or duplicity. If we practice the development of the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith meekness, temperance—we testify to a walk in the Spirit.

Let us be channels of truth. "For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you" (Matthew 10:20). What a privilege and honor to have the Spirit of God speak through our lips of clay. And this He wants to do all day long—not just through a minister's lips in the pulpit, or a teacher's lips in the classroom, but in our everyday conversation in business and social life.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

#### HEALING TESTIMONY



Patrick Reed

## Boy's Crippled Legs Healed

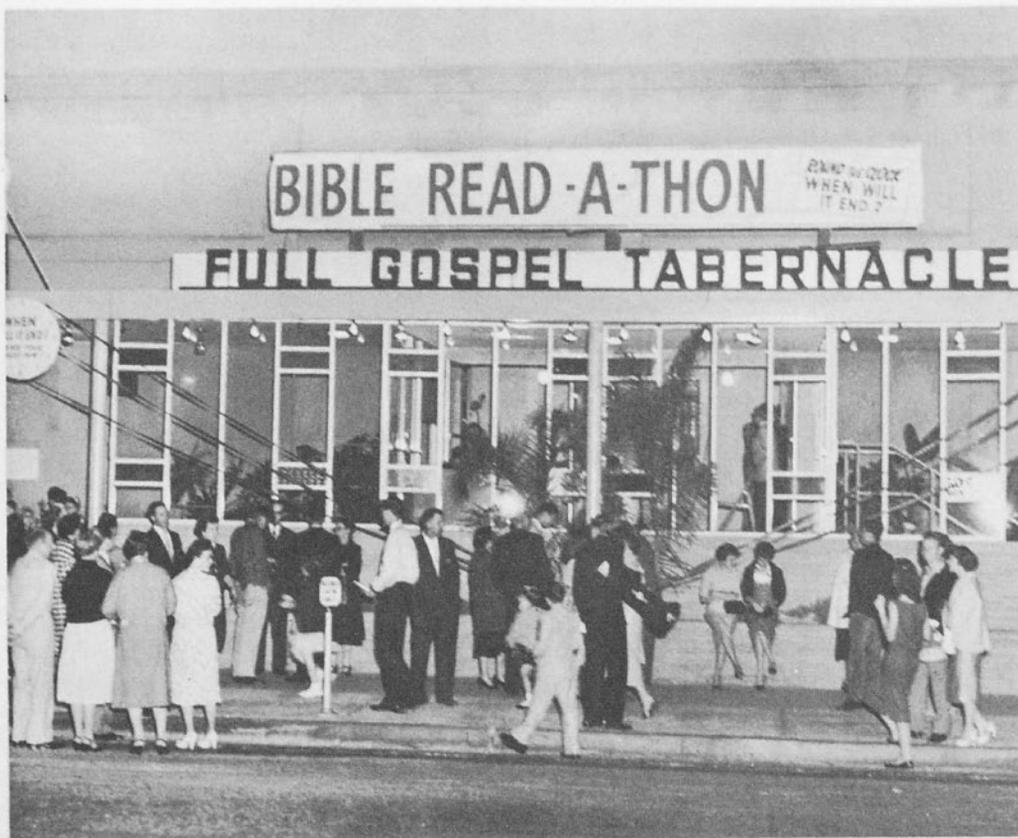
Little Pat Reed's legs were badly bowed from birth, and when he began to walk they grew worse. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Reed, took him to a bone specialist in Chico, Calif., who prescribed swinging braces and specially built-up wedge shoes.

The braces were very uncomfortable and the parents determined to trust the Lord for the child's healing.

Mrs. Reed writes: "We moved to Umatilla, Oreg., and in April, 1958, attended a revival in Hermiston, Oreg., conducted by Evangelist Donald Gossett. He had a healing service on April 18, 1958, and I took Pat to be prayed for. The Lord began healing him that same night, and we could see the legs straighten. Within a short time we noticed they were perfectly straight. Pat knows God healed him, and we still have the braces and special shoes he wore to remind us of God's goodness.

"The Lord also healed him of a bad case of asthma at the same time. It is truly wonderful what God can do." —Mrs. E. L. Reed, Route 1, Box 353, Hermiston, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor Bill Allbritton, Assembly of God, Hermiston, Oreg.)



### BAKERSFIELD C.A.'s SPONSOR BIBLE READ-A-THON

The Full Gospel Tabernacle of Bakersfield, Calif. engaged in a Read-a-thon to read the Bible through during National Family Week, May 3-10. This first-of-its-kind event in Bakersfield began Sunday night May 3 at 10 p.m., according to Pastor D. H. McLaughlin.

Sheriff LeRoy Galyen officially began the Read-a-thon by reading the first chapter of Genesis. The people of the church and others read the Bible completely through on a round-the-clock schedule, taking turns. The readers were on public display in the glassed-in foyer of the church with a public address system broadcasting the scriptures onto the street. The reading of the Bible continued for 78 hours and 33 minutes, ending early Thursday morning.

The purpose of this effort was to call attention to the important place the Bible should have in every home, Pastor McLaughlin said. The first half hour of the Read-a-thon was aired over radio station KPMC.

A valuable Bible was donated by the Berean Book Store as a prize to the person who guessed nearest the time when the Bible reading would be finished. The prize Bible was on display at the front of the church. The public came by and registered their guesses by filling out one of the cards. The local radio stations gave daily coverage of this event to keep the area informed as to how the reading progressed day by day.

—Harris E. Lidstrand, Associate Pastor

# THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT



By  
James W. Van Meter

**S**PIRITUAL LAWS ARE AS ACCURATE and binding as any natural law operating in the universe. A spiritual person has every right to expect the laws of the Spirit to produce exactly the same results under essentially the same conditions as these laws have produced for saints of generations past. Only through the law of the Spirit of life can we reach the acme of Christian attainment.

In Romans 8:2, 3, we read, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." True freedom from the tyranny and bondage of sin is only effected when the law of the Spirit of life is operating in the individual.

Bondage is a fearful thing, whether it is the bondage of the body, or of the soul, or of the spirit. It is not God's will for a believer to be under the yoke of bondage. Freedom has already been promised and provided; however, we can not take lightly this tremendous liberty without reflecting upon the costs.

The Saviour was willing to give His life. The agony and anguish of this

experience is what it cost to liberate humanity. In all of Paul's writings sin is always described as a tyrant; the enemy is always referred to as a usurper, and men and women under the yoke of sin are always spoken of as being enslaved. But our hope lies in this wonderful pronouncement, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Freedom from bondage of body, soul, and spirit! It can easily be concluded that the only true liberty in this world is in Christ Jesus. So complete is this freedom that the apostle says, "There is therefore now no condemnation..." Satan's power is broken over the individual's life.

The two great principles that Paul envisions in this regard are found in Romans 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" This shows the one principle of death and sin, and the other principle of obedience and righteousness. Now how does a person become obedient and righteous? Is it through the coercive action of rules, ordinances, and human laws? Romans 8:3 answers, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh..." In other words, the law could only restrict; it could not deal with the weakness within the flesh. This is an unequivocal statement: the law could not deliver us from the dominion of sin.

To further substantiate this it is declared, "The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh

unto God." There was no attempt made to implement the law, to try to overwhelm sin and death. The victory has to be by the introduction of a new life, "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." Corpses are not revived by the use of artificial devices which make them appear to be alive. Life can only come to the dead by a miracle of resurrection. So it is with the sinner: there can be ever so many rules and regulations to make him appear to be a saint, but there is no life until the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus countermands the law of sin and death. The great difference between these two laws is that one involves coercion, "thou shalt not," and the other involves inspiration, the introduction of a new, vibrant life.

What is needed today is a spiritual revival within the hearts of individuals, an experience that brings the law of the Spirit into operation, controlling, directing, and inspiring the believer. Rules and external observances justify no one before God. The only justification is through faith and being clothed with the righteousness of God. Calvary has atoned for sin; the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has provided us the miracle of overcoming strength. There is some danger that we may give more attention to outward ceremonial and conventional customs than we do to a vital relationship with Christ that permits His Spirit to flow through us and so develops within us the nature of Christ. Conforming is not enough. We need transforming, and this is a spiritual process. This can happen only when individuals have an encounter with God.

*James W. Van Meter was pastor at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, for five years but resigned in June due to ill health. While pastor he carried a heavy load due to the building program. Please pray for his complete recovery.*

*(The new pastor at Central Assembly in Springfield is James L. McQueen, formerly of Tulsa, Oklahoma.)*

In the matter of personal holiness, let me quote from E. S. Williams' book, *Systematic Theology*: "Holiness is what God is, the essence of His nature. Righteousness is that nature or character in action." This is a poignant statement, for upon this truth depends our personal holiness. God is holy, and apart from Him there is no holiness. Man by nature is degenerate, fallen, and sinful. God's very nature is holy. You cannot introduce holiness into a person's experience without having that person meet Christ at Calvary. There must be death to self and the miracle of regeneration, a new life introduced that brings to the person the perfect righteousness of God through Christ.

Legalism will never make people holy. Paul asked the Galatians, "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the working of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" And then in one dramatic appeal he cries to the believer, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Does one minimize the standards by pleading for a return to spiritual revival that will introduce the law of life into the areas of difficulty and bring about an experience more exciting and pulsating with vibrant life, producing for all true holiness? Holiness is what God is. Holiness is what you are as the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus operates within you.

Pure doctrines and high standards are essential, but more is needed if we are to meet the requirements of God's Word. Human nature, be it ever so refined, cannot please God. Genesis 32:24-30 gives an account of a very carnal and conniving man who met the Lord in a lonely night watch. After a struggle that finally marked him for life, Jacob cried, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Here was the cause of a dramatic change, a meeting with God. He walked away changed and there he became a prince.

Let's turn again to God—He is still changing people. The law of the Spirit is still a force and will prevail.

Happiness consists not in having great possessions, but in having contentment with what we possess.

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# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**I am puzzled over 1 Peter 4:1—"For he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." What does this mean?**

It means that Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, and we are to "arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." We are to be willing to suffer for Jesus. This willingness is an evidence that one has ceased from sin. The Scripture teaches our identification with Christ. Paul expressed it this way: "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:10, 11).

**Does 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 mean that we should refuse to eat with any who are guilty of such sins?**

Verse 8 shows that Paul had in mind the question of permitting such offenders to share in the Lord's Supper. If they are to continue in the sins mentioned, they should be disfellowshipped (Matthew 18:15-18). It does not refer to eating ordinary meals with such, but even in this we should be careful lest we leave the impression that we condone their sinful living.

**How can I help one who argues that it would be unjust for God to create human beings and then to damn them?**

God created man to enjoy Him and His fellowship. It is sin, not God, that has marred this relationship, and sin must be dealt with. Point out to your friend the fact that God so desired man's salvation that He gave His only Son to die for us. If we are lost it will be because we have refused God's offer of salvation, purchased for us at fearful cost to God Himself.

See the concern of Jesus for the lost as portrayed in Matthew 23:37. Man is not lost by God's decree, but because he will not come to Christ and accept salvation (see John 5:40).

**Does Hebrews 6:4-6 teach that a backslider cannot be restored to salvation?**

No, it does not. The warning of this passage is against apostasy—turning one's back on Christ and denying the faith completely. The words of the angel, "Go tell his disciples and Peter," show that though Peter had failed, he could be restored. We also have the promise: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Jesus' portrayal of the return of the prodigal son teaches that the Father is glad to welcome those who return in repentance to Him (Luke 15:11-24).

**In Luke 22:32 Jesus said to Peter, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Was Peter not saved before that time?**

Jesus had assured His disciples that their names were written in heaven (Luke 10:20); they had been endued with miraculous powers (Matthew 10); and to Peter had been given the revelation that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God," on which the Church was to be built (Matthew 16:16-18). He was evidently a saved man. But Jesus knew Peter would fail in the dark hours connected with the crucifixion, and He knew also that he would be restored. It was to this restoration that Jesus referred.

*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).*



# Evangelistic Center Rises in Frankfurt, Germany

*California Church Assists German Brethren in Building of New Soul-Winning Center*

BY EVANGELIST GLADYS PEARSON

MAY 17 WAS A RED-LETTER DAY FOR Pastor Gerhard Wessler and the Pentecostal Christians of Frankfurt, Germany. A ground-breaking ceremony started the excavation for the foundation of the new Evangelistic Center.

The city of Frankfurt, centrally located in Western Europe, has a population of 750,000. Although there was money on every hand from many nations for the reconstruction of various buildings destroyed by the war, there was seemingly no money for a Pentecostal church.

For some years the people have worshiped in a small barracks-type building which was rented from the city of Frankfurt. Brother Wessler saw the need of a great Evangelistic Center in the heart of this great community.

Swedish brethren offered a loan to the Frankfurt church for a building,



Pastor Wessler at ground-breaking for new Evangelistic Center

but before the government would permit the money to come into the country a plot of ground must be fully paid for, the foundation must be built and paid for, and the taxes for the actual building be paid in advance!

An excellent location was found near both streetcar and bus stops. After much sacrifice the German congregation paid for the property. On May 17, Pastor Wessler lifted the first shovelful of earth to start the project. This was in faith—they believed that God would supply the remaining funds for the land and foundation of the building.

An appeal has been made to America for help. During the last week of our recent revival in Faith Tabernacle, Los Angeles, Calif., an offering of \$1,100 was taken by Pastor W. W. Brewer for the Frankfurt Evangelistic Center.

Should you like to help in this great project, send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., designated, "Germany—for Gerhard Wessler, Frankfurt Evangelistic Center."

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Illinois	12,217.51	S. Florida	6,543.85
Indiana	5,487.37	S. Calif.	38,480.52
Italian Br.	473.47	S. N. England	5,082.79
Kansas	8,096.60	S. Texas	7,580.91
Kentucky	476.91	S. Idaho	711.48
Lat. Am. Br.	151.83	S. Missouri	12,017.30
Louisiana	2,845.97	Span. Eastern	413.00
Michigan	12,597.09	Tennessee	2,917.28
Minnesota	10,990.63	Ukrainian Br.	180.11
Mississippi	1,351.92	W. Central	5,411.26
Montana	2,637.18	W. Florida	2,040.57
Nebraska	4,708.05	W. Texas	5,579.59
New Jersey	7,411.53	Wis.-N. Mich	6,813.19
New Mexico	2,704.49	Wyoming	675.21
New York	12,653.69	Alaska	254.94
N. Carolina	1,975.66	Canada	1,139.49
N. Dakota	4,008.59	Hawaii	394.95
N. N. England	1,064.36	Foreign	119.00
N. Calif.-Nev.	32,979.17	Misc.	233.90
N. Texas	15,164.93		
Total Amount Reported			\$358,602.07
District Funds	\$11,574.95		
National Home Missions	2,671.51		
Office Expense	3,770.21		
WMC Cooperative Plan			
Report	37,701.03		
Given Direct to Missionaries	4,080.99		59,798.69

Received for Council Missionaries	\$298,803.38
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,818.28
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	10,094.11
Total Receipts	\$312,715.77

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$133,163.21
Missionary Equipment	30,091.20
Missionary Work	57,652.36
National Workers Abroad	9,558.48
Deputational Returns	669.58
Buildings in Foreign Lands	29,779.64
Missionary Transportation	49,802.40
	\$310,716.87
Transferred to "Hold Accounts"	1,998.90
	\$312,715.77



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## Africa's Largest Negro City Stirred by Revival

*Pentecostal Invasion of Yoruba-land Develops a New Church*

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

**E**VANGELIST LORNE FOX RECENTLY concluded a revival in Ibadan, the largest "black city in Africa in the heart of the powerful Yoruba tribe. The services were held in the Race Course and Turf Club grounds on the outskirts of this capital of Western Nigeria.

Yorubas were reached for Christ. This is the first major response of the Yoruba people to an Assemblies of God evangelistic campaign.

Our work in Ibadan has been primarily among the Ibo residents. Since the language of the Ibo and Yoruba tribes is different, it is necessary to establish a Yoruba Assembly in Ibadan to serve these new converts.

Brother Fox says, "A large percentage of our convert registration cards are from Yorubas. Of course, our Ibo friends are co-operating too for which

we are thankful; but I do have a real burden on my heart for these Yoruba people—they are precious! Our present tiny quarters for the Yoruba people will not accommodate the many converts and new people that are ready to follow us into a church after this crusade ends."

With the help of missionary Ward Woods, a suitable building has been located. "How we pray," Brother Fox continues, "that it will be possible to obtain it. If such can be arranged, I want to move the last few days of this crusade right to that location, and do all in my power to draw these Yoruba converts into the new church. Do help us pray that something may be done NOW to provide a church home for these new converts.

"Brother Woods has a real burden

for this work, and if we can offer these new converts a church home, I feel certain he will be able to establish an excellent congregation.

"God has blessed us with two excellent Yoruba interpreters in the meetings—one is quite a businessman here. They too are eager to see this work go on."

A temporary building was secured and shortly after the Fox campaign closed Ward Woods wrote: "The Yoruba people are a real inspiration. Their keen desire to study the Word of God is wonderful. We have Bible study three nights a week. Last night we had about one hundred in church and about fifty were standing outside. We are still unable to get a suitable building. Pray for us."

This is our first beachhead into the second largest tribe in Nigeria. With nationalism sweeping the country, it is imperative that we establish a Yoruba-speaking church for these new converts. They must have a permanent building without delay. Please send all contributions for this new church to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "Ward Woods—Yoruba Church Building." ◀◀



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Denominations

### CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH AFFIRMS BIBLE INFALLIBILITY

A resolution declaring its belief in the infallibility of the Bible was adopted by the Christian Reformed Church at its annual synod in Grand Rapids, Mich. This was the first time in the 102-year history of the denomination that it has ever adopted resolutions at an annual national meeting. The resolution stressed that the "infallibility" referred to the original manuscripts of the Bible, and not to translations.

### TEXAS BAPTISTS AGAINST MIXED BATHING

In the annual meeting of the Texas Baptist Encampment Association it was voted to stand by the association's position against wearing shorts and mixed swimming, according to a report published in the *Baptist Standard* (Texas), by Jesse Yelvington, vice president of the organization.

"The purpose of this was not based on outmoded old fogyism, but the fact that mankind needs no push in the direction of *improper* sex thinking and acting," Mr. Yelvington writes. "It surely is no aid to chaste thinking and conduct to see men, boys, women, or girls tending more toward the non-dress of nudist colonies."

### TWO CHURCHES TO DRAFT COMMON CONSTITUTION

A constitution has been proposed for the new United Church of Christ to join the governing systems of two historically contrasting forms of Protestant church government. The new constitution provides for a cohesively linked national church structure, but leaves home-town congregations free to steer their own course.

It is the first formula evolved for consolidating two American denominations of such diverse traditions; namely, the locally independent Congregational Christian Churches, with their British-Puritan origins, and the centrally-organized Evangelical and Reformed Church, derived from Swiss and German Protestantism. Churchmen termed the union

of these two bodies the "boldest advance yet made toward American Protestant unity." (The United Church has a combined membership of 2,200,000.)

## Stewardship

### BUSINESS CONCERN TITHES TOTAL BUDGET

There is a manufacturing concern in Rockford, Ill., that has not only an unusual name but also an unusual financial structure. In fact, the name of the concern is based on its financial plan. Ticor, Incorporated, is a firm that lays aside one-tenth of its total budget for religious and charitable causes. The name derives from the words "tithing corporation."

The firm is operated by John R. Hoaglund, a member of Alpine Lutheran Church. After twenty years as sales manager with a machinery company, Mr. Hoaglund quit to work on an invention—a home garbage disposal unit operated entirely on water power. Mr. Hoaglund says he believes his invention was "divinely directed." For three years he lived on his savings; then he started manufacturing his patented invention and recruited twenty active churchmen as shareholders in Ticor. The shareholders have approved Hoaglund's plan to turn over one-tenth of manufacturing costs—labor, material, and overhead—to a foundation, which also will get ownership of his patents.

## Evangelism

### THIRTEEN NEW "RESCUE MISSIONS" JOIN MISSION UNION

Thirteen new "Rescue Missions" and their superintendents were received into membership in the International Union of Gospel Missions, which had its 46th annual convention in Bakersfield, Calif., this summer. The Union now has more than 270 member missions in the U. S., Canada, and overseas, with over 1,000 individual members.

President of the Union is Clifton E. Gregory, superintendent of the city Mission at Cleveland, Ohio. He cited many signs of growth in the union's work,

including construction and remodeling projects as well as the opening of new missions in numerous cities.

Last year the missions conducted 150,031 gospel services with a total attendance of 8,419,237 persons of whom 117,657 made "decisions for Christ." In addition, the missions provided 4,107,915 beds and 14,903,661 meals and helped 40,249 families.

### TWO MILLION GOSPEL RECORDS PRODUCED IN 1,904 LANGUAGES

Gospel Recordings, Incorporated, has announced in Los Angeles, Calif., that since its founding twenty years ago over two million gospel phonograph records have been produced in 1,904 languages.

Many have been sent to tribes which are wholly illiterate but by means of the recordings and inexpensive phonographs they can hear the gospel preached and sung in their own tongues. During 1958, records were produced in 67 new languages.

## Morals

### DECATUR CHURCHES TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST OBSCENE LITERATURE

Forty-four churches at Decatur, Ill., which are members of the local Evangelical Church Council, voted to conduct a drive to rid city newsstands of what they termed "the deluge of obscenity."

All church and parent organizations of the city will be asked to join "this alert for a clean and wholesome community," said one minister. If newsstands do not help, "we will take the proper action deemed necessary," he added.

The council voted to join the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications, a national group with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

### HEARINGS ON BANNING LIQUOR ABOARD AIRLINES TEMPORARILY CANCELLED

Hearings on liquor flights suddenly were cancelled by the House Interstate Commerce Committee recently, but Chairman Oren E. Harris of Arkansas said they would be re-scheduled shortly "when all the committee members are able to attend."

Religious and temperance groups would like the airlines to stop serving liquor to their passengers. It is reported that they have gained the powerful support of Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas. Mr. Rayburn encountered a personal incident involving inebriated passengers on an airliner while en route back to Washington that reportedly convinced him such legislation is necessary for public safety.

## Foreign

### MISSIONARY ATTACKED BY SAVAGES IN ECUADOR

An American medical missionary narrowly escaped death when attacked by a band of savage Indians recently.

Dr. Donald Dilworth, a member of the Gospel Missionary Union, had taken two visiting university students from the U. S. to the remote village of El Troje in the province of Chimborazo, Ecuador. He endeavored to treat some patients there but retreated to a jeep when blocked by a group of Indians.

The savages ran upon the party and beat the Americans with poles, whips, stones and knives. The students escaped serious injury but Dr. Dilworth spent several days in the hospital suffering three head wounds, a lacerated lip, and wounds in both legs.

### JAPANESE NEWSPAPER SAYS CHRISTIANS "WEIGH MORE THAN THEY COUNT"

A feature story in the *Ashai Evening News* of Tokyo praised the work of Christian missions and said that Japan's Christians "weigh more than they count."

It pointed out that after a hundred years of mission work there are hardly more than half a million Christians in Japan out of 88 million population. However, it said these few are making an impression in the nation that far outweighs their number.

In the Diet, Japan's counterpart of the U. S. Congress, there are eighteen Christians among its 250 members, or seven per cent, which is about twelve times the population ratio. The minister of finance is a Protestant Christian. Other outstanding Protestant citizens include the director of the Atomic Power Research Institute, and Crown Prince Akihito's private tutor, as well as several banking leaders and the presidents of a number of manufacturing companies.

Membership in the Christian community is no barrier to creative service in politics, business, or education in Japan today.

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, set a new record in Sunday School attendance on June 28. The 15 churches and 95 branch Sunday Schools had 5,898 present. According to Missionary Arthur Lindvall, this represented almost two per cent of the city's population. (Three and one-half years ago there was only one Assemblies of God church in the city--with 60 members and 100 in Sunday School. Today there are 1,100 members.)

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE in Springfield, Missouri, is inaugurating a new Spring-Summer Degree Program for the benefit of diploma graduates of all our Bible institutes. Any graduate holding a three-year diploma may now obtain a bachelor's degree in approximately six months. "This is a full and unabbreviated course," says J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Central Bible Institute, "with majors in Bible, theology, missions, or religious education. Candidates may enroll at the beginning of the spring semester and complete their work at the end of the second summer term. One hundred scholarships are available to ordained ministers and missionaries."

FIFTY-FIVE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS in Oklahoma and fifteen dailies have announced they will not accept liquor advertising when liquor becomes legal in the state on September 1.

LESS AMERICANS ARE DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES today, but those who drink are consuming more liquor, according to Dr. Andrew C. Ivey of Chicago, noted physiologist and head of the University of Illinois' Department of Clinical Science. Dr. Ivey quotes a recent Gallup poll as showing that "out of 110 million adults in the U. S., 55 per cent drink alcoholic beverages and 45 percent do not, representing a 12 per cent drop in adult drinkers since 1946."

OVER 10,000 TEEN-AGERS PARTICIPATED in the annual Bible quiz which came to a climax last month at the Youth for Christ International convention. A group from St. Louis, Missouri, took first place. A Minneapolis team was runner-up. The books used in this year's quiz were Luke and Galatians. Many of the contestants had completely memorized both books.

THE SUPREME KNIGHT of the Knights of Columbus (Luke E. Hart of New Haven, Connecticut) has urged the Architect of the U.S. Capitol to resign because a Masonic ritual was included in the July 4 cornerstone laying ceremony of the new east front extension of the Capitol in Washington, D. C. The head of the Catholic laymen's organization told J. George Stewart, who has charge of the maintenance of the Capitol grounds and of arrangements for ceremonies on them, that his action demonstrated his "unfitness" for the position.

FIVE HUNDRED BIBLES and New Testaments were made available for placement in the cabins of all passengers and crew members of the Bremen, largest and fastest ship of the North German Lloyd Line, before its maiden voyage to New York. The Scriptures were donated by the Canstein Bible Society, founded at Halle, Germany, in 1710. It is the oldest Bible Society in the world.

# MY DEBT TO FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*An Army Chaplain Looks Back at the Little Acts of Faithfulness by Which He Was Led Into the Ministry*

By CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) TALMADGE F. McNABB  
Fort Benning, Georgia

FOR SOME TIME I HAVE WANTED TO write my appreciation for the Pentecostal movement and the influence various people in that movement have had on my Christian life.

My first contact with the Assemblies of God came while I was a college student in Tennessee. I was majoring in biological science, studying rationalism, and trying to understand the various ideas held by great teachers concerning life. I had been brought up in a traditional church and knew the fundamentals of the Christian faith, but after three years of studying so many different viewpoints concerning the Creation and life in general, I was rather confused.

It was during this time that I became intensely hungry to know God in a real and personal way. I prayed that God would deliver me from the darkness of doubt that seemed to surround me. I was baptized in water, joined a church, and was promptly given a class of boys to teach. Still there seemed to be some-

thing lacking, something my soul reached out for, which I could not quite understand.

One morning, while waiting in the bus station for a bus to take me out to the college, I took a copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel* from a literature box and casually began reading through it. I placed the magazine in my notebook, took it along with me, and during the morning study period I read the entire contents. I was deeply impressed by the contents of the *Evangel*. I had never heard of the Assemblies of God organization, but the reports of modern-day Pentecostal revivals thrilled me.

"This is New Testament Christianity!" I thought. For weeks after that I watched that literature rack for each new *Evangel*. Carefully I saved each copy and read it over and over.

Several months later, while on leave from basic training in a southern camp, I passed by a church with a sign, "The Pentecostal Church of the Assemblies of God."

"That must be the group that published the religious paper I used to read in the bus station," I thought. "I must go visit that church."

When I attended Sunday school there I found a group of friendly, Spirit-filled Christians who seemed to enjoy living the Christian life more than anything else. I decided to attend again, but never did get to because I was soon transferred. However, the friendliness and the consecration of those people remained in my memory a long time.

A few months later at the new army post I came in contact with some Christ's Ambassadors, young servicemen of the Assemblies of God. Their zeal and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ impressed me very much. I will remember how their faces shone as they told what Christ had done for them. They were not ashamed to testify for Him, and their separated Christian lives and high standards made me want to live closer to God.

During this time a new chaplain came to our post. I found that his name was John Lindvall and that he was from the Assemblies of God. I lost no time in getting acquainted with him. Chaplain Lindvall showed a warm and personal interest in my Christian life and often took me with him to C. A. rallies, revivals, stockade meetings, conferences and other activities. I shall never forget his encouragement to me during those days of early military life.

Of course, there were many times when I was out of touch with Pentecostal people, but *The Pentecostal Evangel*, to which I now subscribed, kept me informed of the various activities over the country, and from its pages I received much inspiration.

When I was sent overseas as an enlisted man toward the end of World War II, I was stationed on a small island in the South Pacific. There I found a group of Pentecostal servicemen who had erected a little tent chapel. I shall never forget those wonderful Christian men and their love for God and His work. We had prayer meetings together, as well as Bible studies and worship services. The Lord saved other servicemen, and we were also able to do some missionary work among the Koreans then on the island.

I shall always remember one glorious night in our meetings when the presence of the Lord seemed so unusually real. One young man stood up to testify, and with tears streaming down his face he said: "I was under a deep burden



Chaplain McNabb in his office. He often refers to the bound copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* on his desk.



U. S. ARMY PHOTOGRAPH

Chaplain McNabb and literature display in his chapel.

for the Koreans last night and could hardly sleep. The faces of thousands of Korean people were lifted to me, and hands were outstretched toward me as if to say, 'Please come to Korea and tell our people of the love of God.' Last night I made a vow that I would some day go to Korea and carry the gospel to these people." That young airman was John Stetz, who later did go to Korea as an Assemblies of God missionary and who has done a remarkable work over there.

We were all deeply touched at his testimony and fell on our faces weeping before God, praying that He would use us for His glory. God answered prayer, for men from that small group are now serving as chaplains, missionaries, evangelists, and pastors.

After being released from active duty as an enlisted man, I went to Southwestern Bible Institute in Waxahachie, Tex., and completed the fourth and fifth year there. Then followed evangelistic work in the southeastern states and a pastorate in northern Alabama.

When war broke out in Korea, I heard there was a need for chaplains. I filed application, was commissioned, and in a matter of months I was in Korea with a unit toward the front lines. It was wonderful to meet John Stetz there in Korea and to talk over old times.

Looking back over the years that have passed since that time when I was a bewildered college student, I can see how the Lord has faithfully led me each step of the way. It seems to me that God has a plan, a destiny for each of us, and if we choose to follow in His

ways He will lead us in a path that will bring out the best in us.

Each of us has something to do for God, be it ever so small, that can be of help to others. Back in that small college town in Tennessee some Christ's Ambassadors faithfully placed copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* in a tract rack. A college student read that literature and was definitely influenced to seek God for a more consecrated Christian life. In California, Zelma Argue prayed and wrote articles for the *Evangel*, little realizing that through one of her articles a young soldier received the needed faith to believe God for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

In Florida, Mayme E. Williams wrote an article on separation and consecration which was published in the *Evangel*. This led a young soldier, then stationed in the South Pacific, to dedicate his life to full-time Christian service.

Dedicated Christ's Ambassadors serving in the United States Army lived such consistent Christian lives that others came to want the Christian experience they had. An army chaplain sensed the hunger for more of God in one of his soldiers, believed in that soldier, and encouraged him to prepare to become a chaplain in the military.

Perhaps today there is someone who needs the word of encouragement or inspiration that you can give, or the small deed of kindness that you can do. Other lives can be changed and influenced for God as we obey Him. It will be a wonderful thing in the day when we stand before Christ to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

For the past two and one-half years I have been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., the Army's vast Infantry Center, as chaplain of The School Brigade. This is where the Officer Candidate School is conducted, and where many of the young ROTC graduates receive their initial infantry training when coming on active duty. The Allied Officer's School for the Army is also here. Airborne training is conducted here, too. The situation affords a remarkable opportunity for presenting the gospel of Christ to some of the very finest young men in the U. S. Army. Please pray that God will help me to make the most of this opportunity to influence future Army leaders according to His will. ◀◀

## OUR SERVICEMEN



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 Iowa—Des Moines VAH  
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# Light for My Darkness

By William M. Smith, Jr.  
Neptune, New Jersey



William Smith, Jr., uses his Braille quarterly as he teaches the Men's Bible Class. Left to right: Pastor Irving H. Meier, William Evans, William Smith, Jr., Howard Warden, Charles Havens.

**M**Y EXPERIENCE WITH GOD, HIS Word, and salvation started when I attended a series of healing meetings with my wife and my father. We were greatly impressed with the meetings, but only believed half what we heard. Every meeting included an altar call for those who had never accepted Jesus Christ. I thought this was extreme, and believed that church membership was enough.

I went to the meetings seeking healing for my blind eyes so that I could do the many things I had wanted to do during my thirty-one years of blindness. However with such a selfish motivation I did not receive healing, you may be sure.

I had lost my sight, practically all of it, at the age of seven though a blood clot on the brain and attending complications which resulted in the crushing of the optic nerves. When this did not prove fatal, the doctors told my parents that I might live to be sixteen but that would probably be all. They said that it must have been God who saved me because they did not do it. My parents and I believed this, but we didn't turn to God.

My folk were determined that I would be independent and urged me to try to do things for myself. This training, plus a strong determination, resulted in my being able to do more than many people thought possible. Of course, all these years the Lord has had His hand on me too but I didn't realize this.

Perhaps this background helped me to overcome so quickly the disappointment of not being healed. I was soon trying to find another answer and again, without my being aware of it, the Holy Spirit was leading me. Since the heal-

ing meetings hadn't brought me healing, I felt there must be something wrong—maybe even with me! I had thought I was doing all right, living a good life and teaching Sunday school in another church. For ten years I taught others how to be nice and socially acceptable.

All my life I had never really read the Bible, even while teaching. I could not see to read it myself, and it was not always convenient to have it read to me. I found the Bible uninteresting and difficult to understand. One Christmas my parents gave me a Braille Bible and I read Genesis and half of Exodus; still I did not find it interesting enough to give much time to it.

One day a neighbor suggested to my wife that I might find some help if I contacted the local Assemblies of God minister. When I heard this I did not take any action because I had always thought the church was extreme. Although I had never visited it and did not know anything about its doctrines or practices, I didn't want to be involved with it. Besides, my experience with ministers over the years had been that they were available only on Sundays and for social occasions.

However, the Holy Spirit again moved me, and still I did not recognize Him. One day I called Irving Meier, pastor of the Assemblies church, to ask his advice concerning material I could read which would help me. Of course, Brother Meier knew the answer without hesitation. He asked me, "Are you saved, Mr. Smith?" His manner was so sincere, I tried to answer as sincerely. I replied, "I don't think so." Brother Meier assured me that if I had been saved I would have no doubt of it.

He suggested that if I were interested he would visit me. The Meiers then came to see me the next evening. Really, there were three who visited me but I did not *see* the Holy Spirit. The Meiers, with help of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, showed me truths in the Bible which I never knew existed. When Brother Meier asked me whether I would like to pray, we knelt and I was saved.

I have been a born-again Christian for two years. During this time, God has answered many prayers of mine. I read the Braille Bible and listen to the Talking Book Bible with great interest, and find it clear and understandable (although not always with one reading). There are places where meditation and prayer are necessary. God, working through the Holy Spirit, makes His intent plain.

Now I have a new aim in life. I want to be acceptable in the sight of God. I want His will to be done. I want to be used by Him to do whatever will glorify Him most. I am seeking to do whatever I can for God.

I attend Sunday school at the Full Gospel Church in Neptune and keep up with the lessons on the Word of God through my Braille *Adult Student*. I read it before breakfast at home and during lunch time at work. When Sunday comes around I am in Sunday school with an informed contribution. I attend church twice on Sundays and on Thursday nights. In fact, every time the doors are open I am glad to be able to go in.

According to statistics I have already passed the halfway point in life. The Word of God tells us that none of us  
(Continued on page twenty)



A sad-looking doorway indeed—to the "boys' dormitory." But (below) the Puerto Rican brethren press forward in the construction of a new building.

# Puerto Ricans make heroic effort to enter a door of opportunity

## BUT WILL THE PUERTO RICAN BIBLE SCHOOL OPEN THIS FALL?

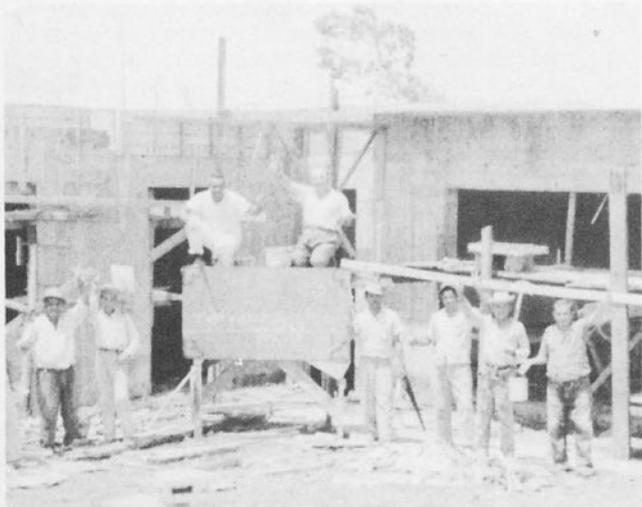
This is the anxious question raised by the nearly thirty students who have already enrolled.

These Christian young people want Bible school training *now* so that they may take the gospel to their own people. But there is not sufficient money available to complete the remodeling and redecorating operations. Also, the school must be furnished throughout. (A complete list of furnishings needed was given in the April 19 issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.)

The Puerto Rican congregations are doing their best to support this project financially, but they cannot do it alone. Much progress has been made (as you will note by the pictures), but there is yet much to be done **IF THE SCHOOL IS TO OPEN SOON!**

Because of Puerto Rico's unique relationship to the U.S. (a commonwealth, with full U.S. citizenship), *our work on the island is under the supervision of the Home Missions Department*. It includes nearly forty churches and this property in Bayamon formerly used by another denomination as a Bible school. Since there is a real need for Puerto Rican workers, it seemed only wise to make use of the property. However, the dilapidated condition of the buildings made remodeling, repairs, and refurnishing absolutely necessary.

There are *no* funds available in the National Department at this time to assure the students that they will be able to enter the school by fall. Response to our former appeals for this school has been completely inadequate. *The answer lies with you.* Send your offering today, clearly designated **PUERTO RICAN BIBLE SCHOOL**, to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



Workmen (right) proudly label a new chapel (formerly the garage shown below) with the sign, "Asambleas de Dios" (Assemblies of God).



# Are You Teaching Your Child About God?

By Flois Reeves Hite

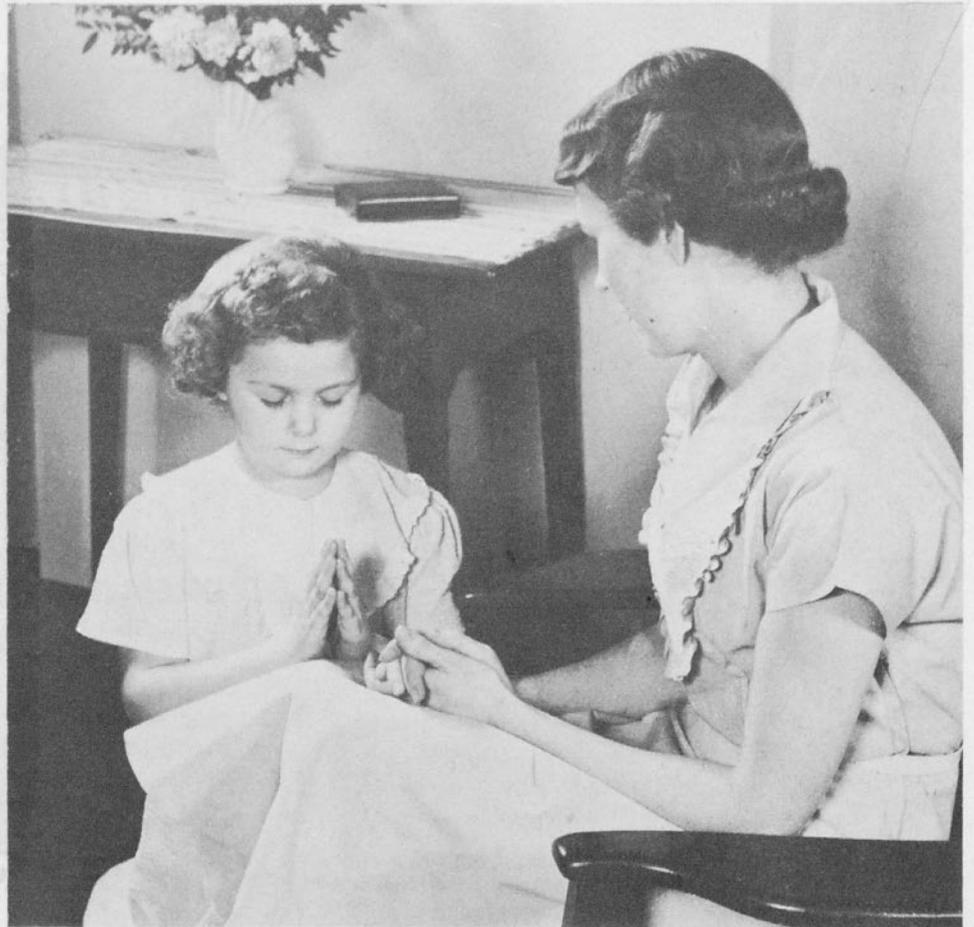


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**A**LTHOUGH AMERICA HAS MORE churches and more people attending them than ever before, our juvenile crime rate increases each year.

Civil authorities as well as church leaders and educators are very much concerned about this problem, and many cures for it have been proposed. We need, they say, more social workers, more psychiatrists, more special schools, more education for parents, more policemen. No doubt some of these suggestions have merit, but are any of them a real cure? Will they aim at the cause of the trouble, or only deal with the results? Will they really change an unruly child into a parent-respecting, law-abiding citizen?

What is the real trouble? And what can be done about it? Says one juvenile officer: "If parents would attend Sunday school and church services with their children it would be a tremendous help. About seventy-five per cent of the children and teen-agers brought before the court are there through the fault of the parents. They simply ignored this part of the child's training.

These youngsters act like they hardly know right from wrong. By the time they reach the court it's often too late. It is sad."

A judge says: "It's heartbreaking to see these youngsters, some of them mere children, brought before me. We don't want to send them to reform schools. Some are given, not two, but four or five chances to mend their ways. Most of them, unfortunately, simply expect to be let off to continue breaking the law. We can't undo the evil of previous bad influence or the lack of proper training and care."

Behavior is learned first in the home, both by teaching and by example. Outside influence plays a part, but primarily attitudes are learned at home. The child brought up in a home where strife, bickering, neglect, and lack of love and faith in each other is prevalent, is not going to develop into a happy person.

The first duty of parents is to teach a way of life based on the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments. This is summed up in love for God and love for each other. The cultivation

of spiritual qualities is the very backbone of real success in life. Without this guide there will be no right concept of life, no understanding of the real purpose of existence. Parents owe it to their children to demonstrate that the possession of material things is not the chief end of life, for "man shall not live by bread alone."

Early in life the child should begin to learn right principles based on properly exercised authority. The relationship between parents and children is much like that between God and His children. God has rules for us to follow, conditions to be met, and many other things for His children to learn as they grow into Christian maturity. He has in turn instructed parents to "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Our homes are the very foundation of our civilization. In them lifetime habits are formed, both good and bad. It is the responsibility of parents to guide each child in the formation of such habits as will develop strong char-

**What shall it profit Christian parents if they send missionaries around the world and lose their own children?**

acter and stability of purpose. Parents filled with love and faith in God are in the best position to do this.

What about you? Are you in a spiritual position to receive guidance from Almighty God in the rearing of your child? Are you teaching him by precept and example that the most important thing in life is to learn God's ways and be obedient to them? Does your child understand that his attitude toward God determines whether he will be a failure or a success in life? Are you faithfully attending church *with* your child, proving to him that you believe in the importance of the Christian way of life?

Public schools and civil authorities can do much for our youth, but it is the primary responsibility of the parent to teach the child the real meaning of life and the whole duty of man—"to fear God, and keep his commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

For Junior Readers

### FILL THEM IN

Can you complete the following Bible verses by filling in the blanks? Each dash represents one letter. All of them are taken from the book of Proverbs.

1. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_; but fools despise \_\_\_\_\_ and instruction."
2. "Trust in the Lord with all thine \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_ not unto thine own \_\_\_\_\_."
3. "In all thy \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge him, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ thy paths."
4. "But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is as a shining \_\_\_\_\_, that shineth more and more unto the \_\_\_\_\_ day."
5. "Keep thy \_\_\_\_\_ with all diligence, for out of it are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
6. "For the ways of a \_\_\_\_\_ are before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, and he pondereth \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_."
7. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is to hate \_\_\_\_\_."

ANSWERS:

1. FEAR, KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM (Prov. 1:7); 2. HEART, LEAN, UNDERSTANDING (Prov. 3:5); 3. WAYS, DIRECT, (Prov. 3:6); 4. PATH, JUST, LIGHT, PERFECT (Prov. 4:18); 5. HEART, ISSUES, LIFE (Prov. 4:23); 6. MAN, EYES, ALL, GOINGS (Prov. 5:21); 7. FEAR, EVIL (Prov. 8:13).



### Monday, August 10

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:1-6  
**Learn:** "Live according to God in the Spirit" (1 Peter 4:6).  
**For the Parent:** Review 1 Peter 3:14-22, pointing out the sufferings of Christ for us far exceed our sufferings for His cause. Then stress the call to holy living which is echoed in this passage—in view of the great price Christ paid to make our salvation possible. Discuss the various items in this passage, pointing out that Christians should avoid "fleshly" living but instead should be spiritual, following the leadings of the Spirit of God.  
**Question Time:** What is one reason for holy living? (See above) What does verse 2 mean to you?

### Tuesday, August 11

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:7-11  
**Learn:** "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (1 Peter 4:7).  
**For the Parent:** Review yesterday's material. Another reason for holy living is the soon coming of Christ, v. 7. Peter here urges prayer, love, hospitality without grudging, and using the gifts God has given us. The keynote of the passage is found in verse 11: Trust in the ability God gives you and do all things to bring glory and praise to Jesus Christ.  
**Question Time:** What reason for holy living is given in this passage? (v. 7) What qualities does Peter urge us to have? (See above)

### Wednesday, August 12

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:12-19  
**Learn:** "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:16).  
**For the Parent:** Review 1 Peter 3:18 and 4:1. Then point out that there will be sufferings and trials in the life of the Christian. If we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, we shall also be partakers of His glory. Peter points out some of the things we should not suffer as (v. 15); but if we suffer for Christ's sake, we should be happy (v. 14) and give glory to God (v. 16). Sufferings can make us better Christians.  
**Question Time:** How would you answer the question asked in verse 17? Name one Old Testament character and one New Testament character who suffered a great deal for God.

### Thursday, August 13

**Read:** Job 1:1-5, 8-11, 20-22; 19:25; 42:10  
**Learn:** "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" (1 Corinthians 10:13).  
**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Job, God's Faithful Servant" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of Job, emphasizing: (1) his devotion to God; (2) Satan's accusations against him; (3) the testing God permitted to prove that Job served God because he loved Him; (4) Job's final victory over testing.  
**Question Time:** What accusation did Satan bring before God about Job? (1:9-11) What testing did Job undergo?

### Friday, August 14

**Read:** Matthew 22:37; Luke 7:36-48; 9:57-62 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)  
**Learn:** "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).  
**For the Parent:** Jesus had some very definite requirements for His followers while He was here on earth. And those requirements hold true today. Review the passages read, pointing out the important lesson in each: (1) loving God above all else, Matthew 22:37; (2) loving and forgiving the sinner, Luke 7:36-48; (3) putting Jesus first in all areas of life, Luke 9:57-62.  
**Question Time:** What kind of love should we have for God? (Matthew 22:37) What parable did Jesus use to illustrate forgiveness?

### Saturday, August 15

**Read:** Acts 14:5-20 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)  
**Learn:** "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name" (Psalm 29:2).  
**For the Parent:** Frequently when God performs a great miracle through an individual, people give the credit to the individual rather than to God. This should never be. Stress how Paul and Barnabas met a situation like this. Point out that the glory belongs to God; our purpose in life is to bring glory to Him. Point out also the fickleness of the crowd—worshiping Paul one minute, stoning him the next.  
**Question Time:** What is our purpose in life? (See above) How is the fickleness of the crowd illustrated here? (See above)

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## JOB, GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANT

Sunday School Lesson for August 16, 1959

JOB 1:1-5, 8-11, 20-22; 19:25; 42:10

Our study of Job is sandwiched between the Genesis lessons because it is felt by scholars that Job lived during this period of time. The story deals with the age-old problem—"Why do good people suffer?" Although no complete answer is given, the Book clearly teaches that not all suffering is the result of sin, but is sometimes permitted by God to strengthen man's faith, purify his character, and give him a greater revelation of Himself.

*Job's Goodness.* 1:1. He was "perfect," not free from human frailty, but free from blemishes of character and conduct. He was "upright," that is, he conformed to that which was right, and was honorable in all his dealings.

*Job's Grandeur.* 1:2-4. What wealth Job possessed! His 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 1,000 oxen, and 1,000 asses made him "the greatest of all men of the east," and with his seven sons and three daughters he had "a very great household."

*Job's Accuser.* 1:6-11. While Job was living in peace and prosperity on earth, warfare was being waged concerning him in the unseen spiritual realm—and Job's soul became the battleground! Satan appeared in the presence of God with an accusation against Job's integrity. God challenged Satan, saying in effect, "You have been trying to destroy my people (see 1 Peter 5:8). But you haven't been able to break down the character of my servant Job."

It is not for nothing that Satan is called the "accuser of the brethren." In his reply to God he said in effect, "Job is only serving you for what he can get out of you. Take that away and he will curse you to your face."

*Job's Great Test.* 1:12 to 2:10. God permitted Satan to afflict Job in order to prove to him that there are people who love God unselfishly and will faithfully serve Him no matter what may befall them! So Satan rained blow after blow upon Job. He stripped Job of everything he had—and finally was permitted to afflict him with a loathsome and painful disease. Even Job's wife aggravated his suffering by suggesting that he curse God and die!

Let us pause in the face of God's apparent severity to observe some truths: (1) Satan is the source of sickness and tragedy. (2) The child of God, like Job, has around him a "hedge" of divine protection which Satan cannot invade apart from God's consent. (3) If God permits affliction, it is only in order to bring us greater blessing in the future.

*Job's Great Faith.* 1:20-22; 2:1-10. Desperate havoc had been wrought in Job's life. A cloud of darkness and perplexity settled upon him, but, "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

To make things even more difficult, Job was surrounded

by well-meaning "friends," who, like some today, did a lot of foolish talking. They insisted that God only punishes the wicked. Since Job's troubles were so great, they concluded that surely he must be a great sinner. In defending himself against such reasonings, Job gradually began to manifest pride and self-righteousness in his attitude both toward his friends and toward God.

*Job's Great Self-humbling.* 38:1 to 42:10. When Job finished his self-defense, then God appeared on the scene and gave Job a mighty revelation of Himself. Notice Job's humble reaction. "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth. . . . I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (40:4; 42:5, 6). And how we today need, by the power of the Spirit, a similar revelation of God's majesty and holiness.

*Job's Great Enlargement.* 42:10-17. "And the Lord turned again the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." Are we so taken up with our own sufferings that we have no time or prayers for others? There is great power in sorrow to set us free from ourselves, if we will obey God.

"Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before . . . so the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." God had this in mind all along. And though Job did not know this, he nevertheless retained his faith in God. Are we willing to believe in God's love and remain faithful to Him when everything in personal experience contradicts His love? God's reputation is at stake in our lives! Let us glorify His name before men! —J. Bashford Bishop

### JOB'S COMFORTERS





Missionettes of Olympia, Washington. Sponsor, first row, left.



Missionettes at the birthday party for Connie Whitfield.

## Olympia, Washington Missionettes Ask and Receive

By Charlotte Schumitsch

The Missionette slogan, "Because We Care, We Serve," is descriptive of the activities of the Missionette Club at the Assembly in Olympia, Wash. The enthusiasm and willingness with which the girls serve has been an inspiration to the local church and WMC groups as well as to the missionaries who benefit from their work and prayer.

Organized in April of 1958, the group now numbers about twenty members and has four counselors. The financial record of the club in its first year of operation is astonishing. (Almost \$600 went through the treasury from April through December, 1958). The church, of which David Carlson is pastor, contributes ten dollars each month to the Missionette work. "The rest of the money we need," writes Verna Spaar, sponsor, "must be prayed in. This helps build faith in our wonderful Lord. Our Father's storehouse is full and running over. All we need to do is ask and receive."

Stores in Olympia have given the girls materials totalling over \$175 in cash value. However, many of the things they have made for missionaries required more ingenuity than actual cash. After the club was organized the girls asked merchants for old displays. From jewelry stores they received ring boxes which were made into sewing kits, watch boxes which were converted into pencil boxes, costume jewelry boxes which became fitted kits containing combs, bobby pins, hair net, tooth brush, nail file, etc.

Upholstery samples were made into pillows and the stiff backs of the samples used to back writing pads. Some of the writing paper came from a firm which had gone out of business, and some obsolete stationery was donated by a state office. The girls cut off the printed part and thus salvaged much good paper.

Sample boxes of Christmas cards were

donated by other merchants. These were carefully sorted. Some were made into attractive note sheets, and pictures were cut out of others for use in future projects.

Church members were asked to save the center rolls from wax paper and foil. The Missionettes sprayed the rolls with paint and placed gospel literature inside. Missionaries use them for awards. Tops of cheese cartons and TV dinner trays were made into wall picture plaques. The large Primary picture rolls were mounted on wallboard and cut out with a jigsaw to make three dimensional pictures to be used on the walls of churches or missions.

Last May, Mrs. John Friesen, missionary to the Belgian Congo, spoke at the Olympia Assembly. She told them that when the Philip Cochranes arrived in the Congo from England, they discovered that many of their belongings had been pilfered from the boxes. At that time they were expecting a baby and needed many things.

Immediately the Olympia Missionettes wanted to help the Cochranes. They had a baby shower and asked Mrs. Friesen to accept the gifts for Mrs. Cochrane. The girls worked very hard to gather items for the shower and included among the gifts were a crib, mattress, contour sheets, blankets, crib spread, high chair with pad and holder for toys, folding nursery chair set, play pen, stroller, and other things including canned baby food valued at more than \$75 wholesale.

As news of the project spread, money came in from individuals whom they had never met. One lady deposited \$60 in a children's shop for them. When the Missionettes went to select clothes for the baby, the lady who owned the shop wanted to have a part so gave them everything at cost. Enough clothing was sent to last the baby until he is three or four years of age.

Each time the girls send a package overseas they try to send enough money to the missionary to pay the duty charge when it arrives. This year the Missionettes have sent three packages to the Cochranes including one for the baby's birthday.

This fine group of girls and counselors has found that if they pray and make their needs and projects known, people are willing to assist them in their work. It is their prayer that every Assemblies of God church will organize a Missionette Club so that all our teen-age girls may share in the joy of working for the Lord and helping the missionaries, both at home and abroad

## Albany, Oregon Missionettes Help Home Missionaries



Eighteen enthusiastic girls form the Missionette Club in Albany, Oreg. Their missionary vision and interest in the Lord's work is outstanding. During 1958 they gave articles to missionaries valued at more than \$250.

In November they began collecting candy, nuts toys, etc. for Christmas. These, along with Bibles, New Testaments, stuffed toys, crayon bags, bookmarks, and awards the girls made from used greeting cards, were mailed to Indian missionaries in Arizona, New Mexico, and Alaska.

The Missionettes had a special treat last July when the Elwin Johnses, missionaries to the Apaches at Whiteriver, Ariz., visited them and showed colored slides of their work. The girls presented the Johnses with various useful items for their missionary work. In return the girls were delighted to receive from the missionaries a doll-size Apache cradle board. Ever since this group has been organized they have given all visiting missionaries as many articles as possible to help outfit them.

One of the outstanding events of the year was a birthday party for nine-year-old Connie Whitfield, whom the Missionettes have adopted. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfield, operate the Children's Farm Home in Palmer, Alaska. Each girl brought a gift for Connie and wrapped it at the party. Refreshments included a birthday cake with nine candles. After the party the presents and a picture of the event were sent to Connie.

Mr. Robert Potts, sponsor, writes, "Missionettes teaches girls how to make things needed by missionaries, acquaints them with missionaries and their needs, builds missionary vision, and is good training for future WMC workers and leaders. Our prayer is that God will use the fruit of our hands for His glory." Mrs. Potts is assisted by Miss Esther Gjonnes, Mrs. Glenn Marrill, and Mrs. Koehler. Pastor of the Assembly in Albany is R. E. Book.



L. Wayne Pitts (right) is pastor of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Key West Florida. He and Mrs. Pitts are shown cutting the ribbon while District Superintendent Howard S. Bush, who dedicated the new building, looks on.

THIS WEEK'S COVER

## New Church Dedicated at Key West

Glad Tidings Tabernacle in the island city of Key West, Fla., has the distinction of being the southernmost Assemblies of God church in the U.S. Its closest neighboring Assembly is in Havana, Cuba, ninety miles away.

The auditorium of the new dedicated church, is 40 by 82 feet and seats 300. A two-story Sunday school addition is under construction.

Pastor Wayne Pitts and members of the congregation donated much of the labor, saving about \$10,000 in construction costs. Total cost of the furnished building was \$28,777.

Pastor Pitts says, "Seldom a week

passes without someone kneeling at the altar for salvation. On our first Sunday night in the new building a fine young man in the shrimping business was gloriously saved. I baptized him in water along with several others. Later he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"A Baptist minister from the neighboring Baptist church was baptized with the Holy Spirit also. Recently a lady in her sixties was saved.

"Our Sunday night attendance has increased twenty per cent, and the Sunday school is maintaining more than a twenty per cent increase since moving into the new church."

## Is Sunday the Lord's Day?

(Continued from page three)

Ignatius plainly said that the Lord's Day was separate from the Sabbath. His use of the same term as that used by his teacher ten years before indicates that he and John both had the same idea in mind. Both used the term in speaking of a particular day of the week. Ignatius' connecting the Lord's Day with the resurrection shows that he must have meant the Lord's resurrection day, Sunday.

Justin Martyr, writing a few years later, clearly answered the whole question. In a chapter in which he described the weekly worship services of the Early Church, he wrote to the Roman Emperor Antonius Pius: "And

on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place. . ." (*First Apology*, Chapter 67). He went on to tell what the Sunday services were like.

To the Christians of the period immediately following the writing of the New Testament, the Lord's Day was Sunday, the first day of the week. Inasmuch as they were taught this by the apostles and John referred to it in the New Testament, we must conclude that Sunday has been the Christian day of worship since the days of the apostles.

The Jewish Christians probably continued to worship in the Jewish manner on Saturday and began to hold their Christian services on Sunday. The Sabbath gradually was discontinued by the Christians as more and more Gentiles were converted. It was the practice of the apostles to worship on the Lord's

Day, so that Sunday worship services probably go back to the very early days in Jerusalem, when the Church was meeting every day of the week.

Worshiping on Sunday is a wonderful tradition. The Church has always kept the Lord's Day in commemoration of the Lord's resurrection and as a promise of the great resurrection to come. We may join with the apostles and the Early Church in keeping Sunday as our worship day. It is a precious heritage and a Biblical practice.

## Light for My Darkness

(Continued from page fourteen)

knows when the end will come. So I pray daily that God will guide me, strengthen me, and use me in whatever way will glorify Him. Whatever time is left to me must count for Him in showing others the way to Jesus Christ and salvation.

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William Smith's pastor, Irving H. Meier, says, "Brother Smith has had a clear experience of salvation and deeply loves the Lord Jesus. He serves as a substitute teacher in the Adult Department and often teaches my Men's Bible Class. Although it may seem strange, Brother Smith repaired a large number of seats in our auditorium recently and is always anxious to work for the church. He also does Sunday school visitation along with another teacher."

Brother Smith finds the *Adult Student* in Braille a source of spiritual enlightenment. Now his desire is that others may also find Christ as their Saviour.

The Home Missions Department does not charge a subscription price for this quarterly to the blind. However, printing costs must be paid. The cost for one Braille quarterly is \$5.00 per year. At present the fund for this purpose is almost depleted. *This is where you can help enlighten the darkness of a blind person.* You can make a blind person happy by paying for his very first issue of the *Adult Student Quarterly* in Braille.

A gospel tract in Braille, "Going Up," is available for distribution to non-Christian blind persons upon request from the Home Missions Department.

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## Healed of Alcoholism

**I** WAS A DRUNKARD, BUT NOW I AM saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed by the grace of God.

My sinful life began in my teens and I went progressively deeper in sin. Although I drank excessively, I learned the painting trade and became the paint foreman on some large hospitals and schools.

In 1952, while working on a new high school in Ontario, Oreg., I fell twenty-seven feet and broke my right leg, my pelvis, the transverse process of a vertebra, and two ribs. I was off work for thirteen months and in a wheel chair for three months. My nerves were bad and I suffered constant pain in my right hip. The doctor said I would never be free from that pain.

After I broke my leg again in 1954, I became increasingly dependent upon barbiturates for relief. Later I went into business for myself, but "went broke" because of excessive drinking.

In 1958, I went back to work for my former employer, R. V. Gibbs, who had become a Pentecostal Christian. I continued to drink excessively. One morning at 1 a.m., after drinking whiskey for eight hours in a local lodge, I somehow found myself at Mr.

Gibbs' home—drunk. I asked him for help. He wanted to call a minister and I said, "I'll try anything."

Pastor Bert Allbritton, of the Hermiston Assembly of God, came at 2 a.m. and we all prayed. He asked me to come to church for three Sundays, and then if I didn't like it I could go where I pleased.

Praise God, it took only one Sunday. On February 9, 1958, God saved me and delivered me from alcohol completely. I have had no desire for liquor since. God continued to bless me. He saved my entire family, and filled my wife, my daughter, and me with the Holy Spirit.

Two months later He performed a

very wonderful healing for me. Evangelist Don Gossett was conducting services in Hermiston in April, 1958, and I requested that he pray for me as I still suffered with continual pain in my right hip, which the doctor had said I would have for the rest of my life. Also, I was still taking the phenobarbital for my nerves. The Lord healed my nerves and I no longer use the drugs. The pain left instantly, and has never returned!

I thank God that through our Lord Jesus Christ I have a new and changed and wonderful life. Amen.—"Ab" Westlund, Hermiston, Oreg.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Bert Allbritton, Assembly of God, Hermiston, Oreg.)*

### General Council Reminder

#### PRAY FOR COUNCIL

The 28th General Council of the Assemblies of God will be at San Antonio, Texas, August 26 to September 1. Pray for God's blessing and guidance on all the activities connected with this great nationwide convention.

#### DAY OF PRAYER

The Executive Presbytery has designated Sunday, August 16, as a Day of Prayer on which God's people should unitedly petition our heavenly Father for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the meetings.

#### MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

Housing forms for reservations may be secured by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Clarence E. McNeely, 201 Sequoia Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

### JUST FOR TODAY

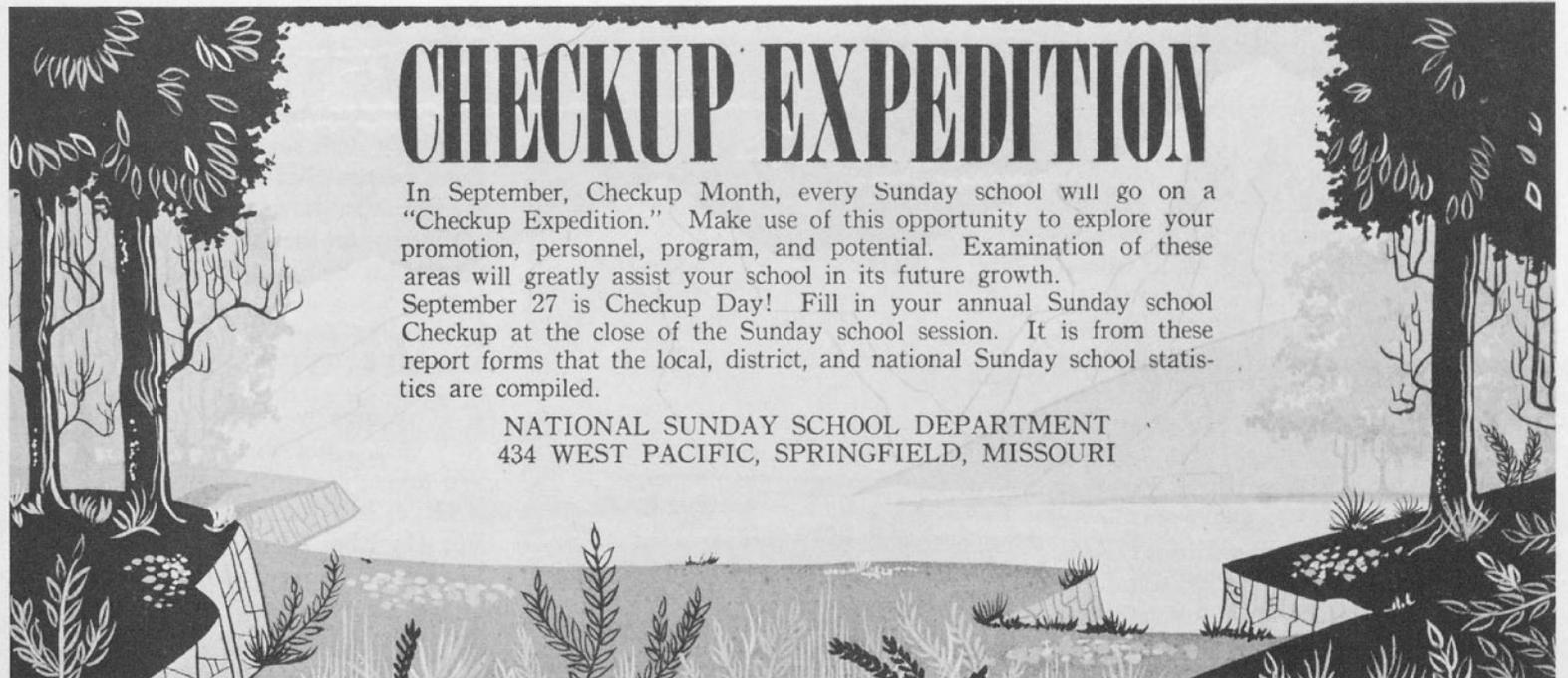
God promises to give us strength only for today's needs. Not for yesterday, for it is impossible for us to live the past over again. Not for tomorrow, for we cannot live in the future. But for today the Divine resources are available to those who will call upon Him. Whatever today's burdens and difficulties, if we will place our trust in Him and be obedient to His will, He will supply our needs "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

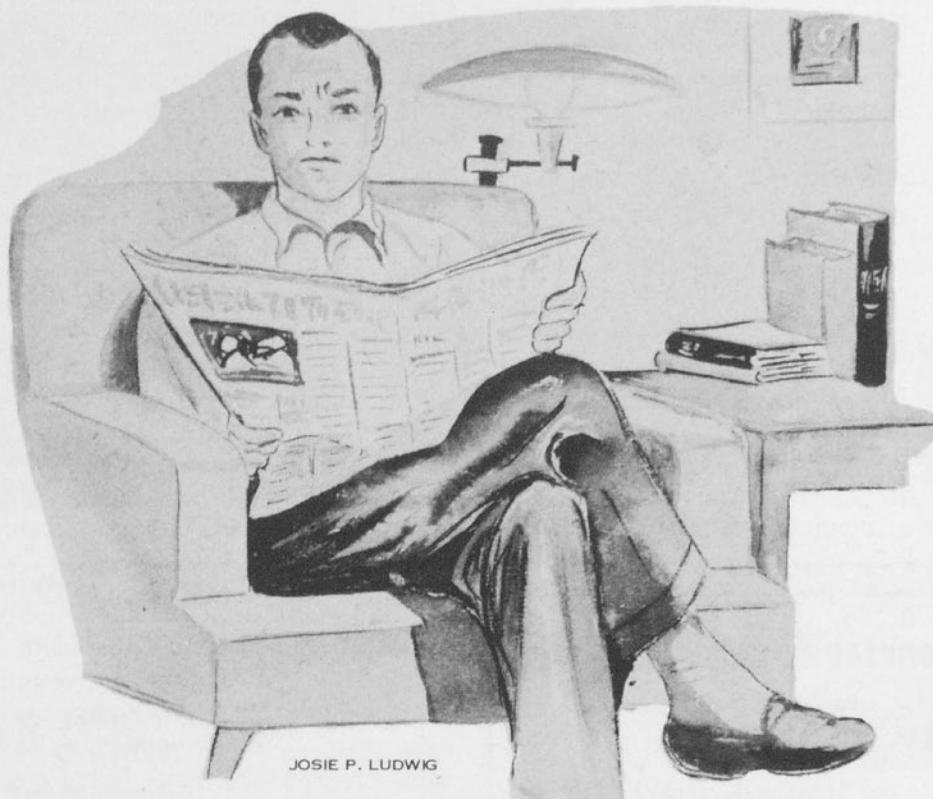
When a pupil of John Brown of Had-dington spoke disparagingly of the smallness of his pastoral charge, his revered instructor replied, "It is as large a congregation, perhaps, as you will want to give account for at the day of judgment." —Selected

# CHECKUP EXPEDITION

In September, Checkup Month, every Sunday school will go on a "Checkup Expedition." Make use of this opportunity to explore your promotion, personnel, program, and potential. Examination of these areas will greatly assist your school in its future growth. September 27 is Checkup Day! Fill in your annual Sunday school Checkup at the close of the Sunday school session. It is from these report forms that the local, district, and national Sunday school statistics are compiled.

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**A**UGUST GIESELL DISAPPEARED FROM his home in San Francisco when his son Robert was only three years old. As Robert grew up he searched for his father, and finally his work took him to Santa Cruz, Calif. He had lived there for four years when one day he noticed a brief item in the Santa Cruz *Sentinel*. It was the obituary of an August Giesel.

Investigating, Robert discovered that this was his father. Ironically, he also found that the elder Giesel had lived in Santa Cruz for the last ten years—*less than a mile from his son's home!* So near—and yet so far.

Too late the son discovered that he had actually been living only seconds away from joyous reunion and fellowship with his father for whom he had searched so long. And it may well be that someone reading these lines is in danger of experiencing the eternal irony of realizing too late that fellowship with God was only a prayer away.

A king sat listening to a preacher who told him clearly and simply the way of salvation. Thinking over his past life, the monarch realized his great need of a Saviour, but he let the moment of decision pass. Turning to the preacher he admitted, "Almost you persuade me to be a Christian." And with that, King Agrippa left the presence of Paul the apostle. He was so near to salvation that day, and yet so far away because he would not accept it.

A few years ago a young woman sat in a gospel service and heard the story of Jesus and His power to save. As God came near, tears coursed down her cheeks, but she bit her lip and hardened her heart as the invitation to accept Christ was given. When the minister went to her and asked her to surrender her life to Christ, she almost went. Then suddenly she seemed to make her decision against Christ. So near He had been that she had felt His presence and had known His personal invitation to live for Him, but her decision against Him brought a sneer to her face. Be-

## So Near and Yet So Far

By Elva M. Johnson

fore the tears of conviction had dried on her cheeks she laughed in rebellion. She was so near to peace, and yet closed her heart to God by this act of her own will.

Ours is a nation of churches and Christian witnesses are to be found everywhere. Gospel literature, Bibles, and tracts, point the lost to Christ. The prayers of interested friends and loved ones are ascending daily for many who still walk in darkness without God.

Why then do the lost remain lost? If you are not saved, what is the reason? The Bible says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." You are lost because you are going the wrong way. You are going your own way instead of God's way. But there is a significant difference between your story and that of Robert Giesel. The elder Giesel had disappeared and apparently was not looking for his son. *The person who is searching for God can be comforted by the fact that God is also seeking for him, and that He will not give up the search.*

The psalmist David realized this when he said, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? . . . If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me."

Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Only *you* can keep Him out of your life. He issues a universal invitation to all men everywhere to come to Him. Then He seeks for us and calls us to Himself through conviction for sin and the demonstration of His love for us at Calvary.

No reason you can give for rejecting Him now will seem plausible when you stand before God to give an answer for the life you have lived.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

### BELIEVE GOD'S WORD

It is strange we trust each other  
And only doubt our Lord.  
We take the word of mortals  
And yet distrust His Word.  
But oh, what light and glory  
Would shine o'er all our days,  
If we always would remember  
God means just what He says.

—A. B. Simpson

## ELIJAH'S GOD

### Still Lives Today

MANY A THRILLING STORY HAS been told of God's faithful provision for the needs of His ministers. The following letter from Mrs. Alfred Jacob is a reminder that the God of Elijah still lives today and still cares for those who serve Him. She writes:

"My husband is pastor of the small Assembly of God in Pe Ell, Wash. Many times we have had to ask God to help us and He has not failed.

"On Monday morning, April 27, 1959, we prayed very definitely concerning our needs. The day before, the offering was \$17, and the week before that it was only \$7. We needed groceries that we couldn't buy. Our family was increasing. And some of the folk in our church were planning to move away in just a few weeks because of new employment.

"We told the Lord all about it and left it in His Hands. That afternoon I told my husband we needed potatoes. Just then the door bell rang and a man from town who doesn't even attend our church came in carrying a bag of potatoes.

"Tuesday I was baking for our Missionette gathering and used all our large eggs. That evening a minister from another town stopped by with two dozen eggs which were given to him for us by a lady we have never met. No one but God knew that need!

"Wednesday we were almost out of bread when a lady from our church called to see if we could use some homemade bread and rolls. Two other people brought us eggs that week, and we received cream and milk.

"God has continued to do many wonderful things for us. Our car insurance was coming due so we told the Lord about it. He laid it upon the hearts of some folk from Seattle who were visiting relatives here to write a check for us. They didn't even know our name, but asked their relatives to give it to the Assemblies of God minister. Their check was just thirty-four cents short of the amount of our insurance. Praise God!

"And now a letter has come to us from the WMC's in Everett, Wash., saying they have made a layette for our new arrival. God is still on the throne. He will supply our needs!"

## COMING NEXT MONTH--

# SPECIAL CAMPAIGN ISSUE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN.

We are happy to announce that a special Campaign Issue of "The Pentecostal Evangel" will be published this year, as in former years. It will be available next month so that you will have plenty of time to get your supply before the first of October, which will be Enlargement Month.

It will be designed specifically to acquaint the general community with the character and doctrines of the Assemblies of God, with special emphasis on the work of the Sunday school. The price of this Campaign Issue will be only \$2.50 per hundred copies, postpaid anywhere in the U.S.A.

Many churches take advantage of this special issue each year to "sow down their community with the good seed of the gospel." For example, Pastor Leland G. Shultz of Sherburn, Minnesota, writes:

"Our town only has a population of around 1,250 but during the past five years we have placed over 18,000 Evangelists in our community and surrounding territory.

"We hope there will be a special 'Campaign Edition' this year as in the past. We always use that edition to put our message in every home in our area. The positive approach and the well-selected articles are really appreciated. . . ."

Place your order early and be sure of an adequate supply. The material in the Campaign Issue will be undated so that it can be distributed not only in October but throughout the months to come. Ask for the 1959 Campaign Issue of The Pentecostal Evangel. Minimum order at special rate, 100 copies. Send cash with order (to save bookkeeping expense). Order from: Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



# enlist now!

OCTOBER ENLARGEMENT MONTH is not far off! The 1959 Enlargement Campaign theme, "Enlist Now," is a challenge to enlist active members, those irregular in attendance, and the thousands who are yet untouched by the Sunday school. A well-planned program is important and NOW is the time to begin planning.

- \* OCTOBER 4: ENLISTMENT SUNDAY. The primary objective is to enlist the entire Sunday school in an all-out visitation effort.
- \* OCTOBER 11: EXTENSION SUNDAY. Emphasis will be placed on sending a group or groups to visit at least one jail, one hospital and/or one rest home in your community.
- \* OCTOBER 18: ENROLLMENT SUNDAY. Emphasis will be placed on reaching the "fringe" attenders of your Sunday school and getting them to enroll.
- \* OCTOBER 25: RALLY SUNDAY. The objective is to build a large attendance on this day with a strong emphasis placed on evangelism.



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# ALCOHOLICS HELPED BY REVIVALTIME

## Letters From Radio Listeners Reveal Marvelous Deliverances

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

**T**WO LETTERS RECENTLY RECEIVED IN the *Revivaltime* office reveal the tremendous power of the gospel. A mother and a sister both wrote telling how God answered prayer in behalf of their son and brother who was an alcoholic.

The mother said: "I've waited to see how my boy was going to hold out. He hasn't drunk any now for a long time. I believe from my heart that your prayers have been heard. I'm thankful for a God that can and will answer our humble prayers."

This same man's sister wrote: "I just want to tell you that my brother who drank so badly hasn't drunk anything in two months since I wrote asking you to pray for him. He now has a job and is working hard. How I do thank God."

One of the thrilling things about a radio ministry is that you can send the gospel message into homes which otherwise would be hard to reach. God can use gospel music and a simple, anointed sermon by radio to reach the hardest of hearts.

Perhaps the greatest curse in America is that of alcohol. Who can actually say how many people are killed in America as a result of drinking? Who can measure the number of broken homes attributed to this foe? Who can count the alcohol victims with broken health, those who are jobless, those who have lost their profession and their reputation?

Many prayer requests have come to *Revivaltime* for loved ones who have been caught in the snare of strong drink. God has been faithful. We have joined in prayer with these friends, and many have written back telling of the victory that has come. Let us share some of their letters.

*Panama City, Fla.:* "I wish to thank you for praying for my husband that he would stop drinking. The Lord answered prayer and he stopped. He now goes to church and Sunday school."

*Nucla, Colo.:* "I wish to report an answer to prayer concerning my young daughter who has not been able to drink since I asked you to pray for her. She told me she knew we were praying, for now the smell of liquor makes her sick."

*St. Louis, Mo.:* "Thank God for answering prayer. A few weeks ago I wrote to you that my husband was an alcoholic, and now he is healed and has no desire to drink."

*Shawano, Wis.:* "I have good news to tell you. Three years ago I asked you to pray for my husband, who was a heavy drinker. Well, God has answered prayer. You prayed for him in the summer, and that fall, October, 1957, he stopped drinking and never drank any more since. You don't know how happy I am."

*Louisville, Ky.:* "I wrote you for prayer for a friend of mine. He had been an alcoholic for years. But since you prayed, he hasn't drunk anything for two months. Thank you and the prayer band so much for your prayers."

*Saskatchewan, Canada:* "Three years ago I wrote and asked your group to pray for my brother-in-law who had not



drawn many sober breaths for 15 years. Praise God, about six months ago he suddenly lost his appetite for liquor and as far as I know he has not touched a drop since."

*Newcastle, Wyo.:* "I must write and tell you about my son for whom I wrote asking prayer. His home was about to be broken up because of his drinking. He hasn't had one drink since. His wife says there is such a change in him. Praise the Lord for answering prayer."

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With so many across America needing help and deliverance from this curse and habit, we are confident that the gospel of Christ can break every fetter. If we can but take the gospel to these men and women, the chains of sin can be broken and they can be set free! Through direct ministry and prayers, *Revivaltime* can bring peace and help to their troubled lives.

If you would like to have a very real part in bringing blessing to millions each week through this radio ministry, write today. We urgently need your help and prayers. Send your letter to:

**Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Mo.**

### REVIVALTIME PROGRAM AT GENERAL COUNCIL

The *Revivaltime* broadcast which is to be released on Sunday, August 30, will originate in the main auditorium of the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio. It will be produced on Wednesday, August 26, the opening night of General Council.

A special choir made up of members of the San Antonio Assemblies will be featured. All delegates and friends present for the service will have the privilege of watching the radio service and of joining in the congregational song that will be heard by millions.

# Angel Unawares

BY ELOISE DICKERT

WHEN ALFRED CHITTIM AND HIS young bride set up their home in Willard, Missouri, many years ago, they received several bits of advice from the neighbors. They were especially warned that since their home was near the railroad tracks, every tramp who came through Willard would stop at their door. "Better make it a policy to refuse them all, or they'll be a nuisance," the neighbors advised.

But Alfred couldn't see it that way. "Let's feed them all, lest we turn away an angel," he said to his bride. "Remember, the Bible says, 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares!'"

Now, eight years and countless free meals later, they were still following this principle. But as Mrs. Chittim cleaned her farm kitchen that morning her mind was far from either tramps or angels. She couldn't forget the look of despair in her husband's face, or the shakiness in his usually firm voice as he had called the veterinarian a few moments earlier. For out in the barn their latest investment, a fine young mare which had been purchased at great sacrifice, lay suffering from infected wire cuts.

"If anything happens to her, we're sunk," Alfred had said. "I have to have a team if I'm going to farm, and she's already proved she can pull with Jake."

A loud knock at the door interrupted her thoughts. Probably another tramp, she said to herself. And so it was. The crippled old man shivered with cold as he asked apologetically for a little food.

Almost mechanically she cooked a good breakfast for the man as he warmed by the wood fire. He ate heartily, but even as he finished his coffee, Alfred was paying the veterinarian \$7.50 (which he could ill afford) for telling him that the valuable mare should be killed.

"The stifle joint is cut to the bone," he had explained, "and the infection has spread throughout her leg. If she lives,

the leg will be stiff and scarred and the hair will not grow on it."

On the way back to the railroad station the tramp passed the barn and noticed the mare. Alfred was still so stunned by the verdict of the veterinarian that he hardly spoke to the old man who had stooped to examine the wounded animal.

Pulling a crumpled, dirty paper from his pocket the old man said confidently, "I'll give you a recipe that will cure her." He wrote a few words, handed the paper to Alfred, and walked away.

Alfred stared in disbelief at the words: "Mix Vaseline with new leather trimmings which have been burned to powder. Rub well into the wound."

He went to the house to tell his wife

the vet's verdict. But when he mentioned the stranger's "recipe" she insisted that he try it. "It won't cost much to try," she pointed out.

Yielding to her wishes, Alfred secured the ingredients and applied them daily to the wound. By the end of three weeks the mare was completely well, and there was not even a trace of a scar.

Alfred Chittim is an old man now; his wife recently went to be with the Lord. But neither of them ever forgot the time when a weary old stranger became to them an "angel unawares."

Jesus made work sacred. He talked about a farmer planting seed, a carpenter building a house, a shepherd tending his sheep, a commercial fisherman at work. He blessed the work of man and made it a sacred rite at God's altar. If we turn it over to Him He will bless it, and the efforts of our hands will find praise in His sight.

—Denson N. Franklin

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# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► GALT, CALIF.—The congregation here at Bethel Temple is thanking God for a move of His Spirit during two and one half weeks of revival recently. The meeting was conducted by Fred L. Rodgers of Stockton, Calif. Sixteen were saved, four reclaimed, and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. Bethany Bible College Quartet presented musical numbers one evening during the meetings. The people are still rejoicing in the goodness of God. One lady received her Baptism at the morning prayer meeting. A water baptismal service is anticipated in the near future. —Carroll D. Holloway, Pastor

► PAMPA, TEX.—Bethel Assembly has just enjoyed a wonderful revival under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge. Twelve were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sick bodies were healed and some who were bound by evil habits were delivered. —Paul F. Bryant, Pastor

► PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA. — Pentecostal Tabernacle rejoices in the good results of a two-week revival conducted by Evangelist Howard E. Hardt of York, Pa. A number received remarkable healings. A woman was delivered from severe headaches with which she was afflicted daily. A young man who could see very little without special glasses is now able to read very well without them. The nerves of his eyes were declared dead by leading doctors in a Pittsburgh hospital, but his eye specialist is amazed at the way they have responded as a result of prayer. Many who were not churchgoers were helped very definitely through prayer. Others yielded to the Lord. The church is grateful for this Bible Healing Crusade.

—Donald E. Berkey, Pastor

► FLOUR BLUFF, TEX.—Calvary Assembly of God just closed an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist and Mrs. C. W. Gregg. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed nightly and souls found Christ. On the closing night of the revival 18 were saved and five filled with the Holy Ghost. —Wiley Burks, Pastor

► YUMA, ARIZ.—A very good revival has just been concluded here at First Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Don George. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful preaching as well as the inspiring music and singing. The services were genuinely Pentecostal. The blessing of God rested upon every service and several were saved.

—O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor

► ST. LOUIS, MICH.—The Assembly here just closed a very successful salvation-healing campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graban of Vineland, N. J. Twenty-nine came forward for salvation, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were many reports of healing. Many of those who attended the revival came for the first time. God be praised for His moving here in St. Louis.

—Howard L. DeLong, Pastor

► TITUSVILLE, FLA.—Recently Dr. Eugene M. Bryant conducted two weeks of meetings here that proved to be the best in attendance and results of any meeting in the history of this church. While Brother Bryant preached, many from every age bracket were moved upon by the Holy Spirit and several came through to a glowing victory in Christ. The meetings were enjoyable to the church and to the visitors, and the results endure.

—Wayne Neal, Pastor

► EL RIO, CALIF.—Bethany Chapel enjoyed two weeks of excellent preaching with Evangelist John H. Bostrom. Hearts were stirred and souls fed. God moved in bringing salvation and refilling of the Holy Spirit to many of the congregation. There was much weeping before God around the altar.

—J. Charles McIntosh, Pastor

► MEDINA, OHIO—God has visited His people in this city through the ministry of several evangelists. On a Sunday prior to Christmas the Musical Vanns ministered here, and there were as many at the altar that day as is often seen in a two-week revival. During the month of January, James Tucker, a young man from the congregation, conducted three weeks of meetings in which some were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In March, Evangelist Harold May was signally used of God here and the meetings continued for five weeks. On the last two Sunday nights 18 were baptized in water and members were received into the church.

—Martin H. Baxter, Pastor

► DENVER, COLO.—At Glad Tidings Tabernacle the Lord recently poured out His Spirit "upon all flesh" under the unique ministry of Evangelist George Hayes. The gospel preaching was marked with old-time anointing and a fearless presentation. The response of the people proves that the soul of man still craves the old paths and will not be satisfied short of a Holy Ghost visitation.

—R. C. Schachterle, Pastor

► JACKSONVILLE, OREG.—Evangelist G. W. Minton of Oceanlake, Oreg., just concluded a wonderful revival here. For three weeks the people enjoyed the teaching in the morning classes and the preaching in the evening services. Many testified to healing and to help they found in the Word of God. The revival fires continue to burn. —W. Elwood Irby, Pastor

► PORT CHESTER, N. Y.—Evangelistic services called "Faith Rallies" were recently conducted here with Ira Tompkins as evangelist. The Lord wonderfully manifested His presence in saving, restoring, and healing many. One remarkable phase of the revival was the spontaneous praise, worship, and joy among the believers. Since the assembly was without a pastor, Brother Tompkins was asked to serve in this capacity and he accepted the call. The revival continues and new people are coming week by week. Four different assemblies co-operated and conducted daily morning prayer services before and during the meetings. —E. Howard Anderson, Co-ordinator

► SUMMERFIELD, LA.—Calvary Assembly here has recently enjoyed an eight-day revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. J. Palser of Hart, Tex. Four were saved and the entire church was revived as a result of the anointed ministry. The special music and singing were also very uplifting. —J. A. Clement, Pastor

► SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The East Side Assembly of God here is still feeling the impact of a wonderful eight-week revival recently conducted by Evangelist Hilton Sutton of Beaumont, Tex. At least eighty were either saved or reclaimed, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also many outstanding miracles of healing. Capacity crowds filled the church. This was truly an old-fashioned Pentecostal revival in every sense of the word. Practically every church in the city and surrounding community benefited from the meetings through souls being saved, believers being filled, and the sick being healed. Three ministers were healed of ailments of long standing. One individual was gloriously baptized in the Holy Ghost and completely healed of cancer; after returning to the hospital for 18 days of extensive tests, this person was assured there was no trace of cancer whatsoever. Two weeks of prayer preceded the revival and a 24-hour chain of prayer was continued daily during most of the meetings. There were two services daily for five weeks and radio programs each morning for two weeks. —Albert D. Pyle, Pastor

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Jackson	A/G	Aug. 17-23	Joel Palmer & wife	C. W. Raley
Fla.	Miami	Revival Tab.	Aug. 16-23	Stanley MacPherson	James M. Turner
	Pensacola	Brownville	Aug. 17-23	J. B. Davis Party	Carl Arnold
	Tallahassee	First	Aug. 11-16	J. B. Davis Party	G. L. Johnson
Ind.	Elkhart	Calvary	Aug. 12—	Danny Hope	Dale Zink
Iowa	Eldora	A/G	Aug. 2-23	M. E. Applegate Family	D. Leroy Whiteman
	Storm Lake	A/G	Aug. 11-23	Paul Sandgren & wife	Vernon Huffey
Kans.	Leroy	A/G	Aug. 9-23	Ken Broadus	C. E. DeWitt
La.	New Orleans	Victory Temple	Aug. 9—	Jimmy Swaggart & wife	D. E. Stroud
Mich.	Battle Creek	* A/G	Aug. 13-23	Morris Cerullo	E. A. Manley
	Sturgis	A/G	Aug. 16-30	Leonard Nicholas	Donald Matthews
Miss.	Brookhaven	** A/G	Aug. 16-20	Dedelow-Friederici	L. C. Cunningham
	Columbia	First	Aug. 9-23	Frank Martin & wife	R. G. Hardy
	Vicksburg	** A/G	Aug. 10-14	Dedelow-Friederici	H. F. Wallace
Mo.	N. Kansas City	First	Aug. 12—	G. A. Snavely and wife	R. A. McClure
	Patterson	Gospel Tab.	Aug. 16—	Glenna Byard	Orvil L. Holden
	St. Louis	Central	Aug. 9-23	Raymond Hundley	R. M. Crenshaw
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	First	Aug. 16—	Chas. Chambers Party	Clarence Love
Ohio	Byesville	A/G	Aug. 4—	Kenneth Haddaway	Frank Blessing
Tex.	Beaumont	First	Aug. 12-16	John French	Bob Willis
	Dallas	Trinity Heights	Aug. 11-23	Douglas L. Hoke	Forrest R. Gibbs
	Ft. Worth	Bethel Temple	July 26-Aug. 9	Singing Davis Party	Chas. R. Jones
Wis.	Beloit	** A/G	Aug. 16-21	Bob Olson	Douglas M. Ramsey
	Racine	** A/G	Aug. 9-14	Bob Olson	James T. Hamann
Hawaii	Olaa	** A/G	Aug. 16-21	Fred & Gladys Voight	Foster Wood

\* Tent Revival

\*\* Children's Revival

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

► **BEAVER DAM, KY.**—The First Assembly of God here has enjoyed the ministry of E. C. Lagmay, the Filipino evangelist. His sound preaching and teaching has been a great uplift to the church. Many nights the church was packed to capacity. People sat in their cars and listened to the good preaching. Not only was the meeting well-attended, but a good number of souls came to the altar for salvation.  
—*O. L. Blackwell, Pastor*

► **FT. FRANCES, ONT.**—Calvary Tabernacle just concluded five wonderful nights of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Lowell Lundstrom of Sisseton, S. Dak. Their country-style gospel music drew increasing crowds of visitors with a large percentage of young people. Brother Lundstrom, formerly a dance band leader, has a remarkable testimony which was used of God to bring souls to Christ.  
—*H. Ray Colver, Pastor*

► **MALVERN, ARK.**—Recently the First Assembly of God here enjoyed its most fruitful revival in recent years. The Thomas Evangelistic Team of Tulsa served as the evangelists. The team included the talented twins, Walter and Wayne, whose ability on the organ, piano, and saxophone thrilled the crowds night after night. The climax of every service was the God-anointed preaching of 18-year-old Pat Thomas. Her persuasive presentation of the gospel brought conviction and response in the hearts of many. Some 15 souls were saved in the week of services. Converts ranged from a teen-ager who was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit to a retired gentleman 77 years of age. Eight were filled with the Holy Spirit. A goodly number of first-timers attended the meetings as well as visitors from many local churches.  
—*John J. Paproski, Pastor*

► **ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEX.**—The Valley Gospel Tabernacle here recently had a good revival with Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Ft. Worth, Tex. A number of young people were saved and the church was greatly encouraged. The all-time Sunday school record was broken with 128 present.  
—*Everett Smith, Pastor*

► **NEWARK, OHIO**—One of the greatest revivals in the history of the church here was conducted recently by Evangelist Harold May of Sioux Falls, So. Dak. The church was visibly stirred as 37 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and 18 were saved or reclaimed. Many others made new consecrations.  
—*Gene Z. Kulik, Pastor*

► **KANSAS CITY, MO.**—The Blenheim Assembly of God recently concluded two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Joe Johnson of Madison, Wis. This meeting was in conjunction with the simultaneous Pentecost Week crusade in the Kansas City area. Never before has the church been stirred by such pungent preaching. Brother Johnson's burning passion for revival was contagious. The revival spirit increased nightly and the altar services lengthened as the meeting progressed. The meeting closed with one of the largest revival crowds in the history of the church.  
—*Milton Beckett, Pastor*

► **MILLERSBURG, MICH.**—The church here recently enjoyed two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry King of Fort Smith, Ark. The anointed ministry in both sermon and song was uplifting to every Christian. The crowds were good and some nights the church was full. A whole new family has affiliated with the church as well as a Bible college student from another denomination. The revival tide continues high.  
—*Edward Tillitz, Pastor*

► **ST. CLAIR, MO.**—The church here has experienced a glorious move of the Holy Spirit in three weeks of revival with Evangelist Bill Popejoy. Eight were filled with the Holy Ghost, two reclaimed, and one saved.  
—*Boyd G. Coday, Pastor*

► **PRAGUE, OKLA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Oren C. Paris recently conducted a very successful 10-night revival in the Assembly of God here. Several were saved, including a young married couple who were definitely in need of God. The anointed sermons of Brother Paris were well received as well as the messages in song. He composes his own songs and is an accomplished organist and pianist. When invited to speak at a chapel program of the high school, the evangelist made a lasting impression upon the students and faculty.  
—*Sidney C. Landers, Pastor*

► **DOVER, N. H.**—Evangelist C. B. Hunsberger of Fort Wayne, Ind., recently concluded a very successful revival in the church here. The meetings were originally scheduled for two weeks, but because of an unusual moving of the Spirit they

lasted for five weeks. The revival brought people from several denominations seeking a deeper walk and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Twenty-three made decisions for Christ, fourteen were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a great number were healed in answer to prayer. The revival proved to be a great blessing physically, spiritually, and financially.  
—*J. F. Lenentine, Pastor*

► **BELLEVILLE, ILL.**—The church here just closed two weeks of soul-stirring and inspiring meetings with Evangelist J. Ward Campbell of Tulsa, Okla. Several were saved and the church was edified under the anointed ministry. In spite of the hot weather the attendance was consistently good.  
—*T. M. Kimberlin, Pastor*

► **BASTROP, LA.**—Evangelist G. A. Jackson of California recently conducted meetings in Log Cabin Assembly. Each night there was a moving of the Holy Spirit and the meeting was climaxed by great altar services. Several were reclaimed and refilled with the Holy Spirit. At the close of the meetings six followed the Lord in baptism and seven were received into the church.  
—*Vashti Smith, Pastor*

► **CHAFFEE, MO.**—Evangelist Glenna Byard recently conducted a two-week revival here. God moved with a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit. There were 24 saved and reclaimed and 23 received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. One characteristic of the revival was that a great number of young people received the baptism in the Spirit. After they received their Pentecost they were used of God in praying with others.  
—*Wm. H. Marshall, Pastor*

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Missionary Morris Devin of Indonesia has returned home on emergency leave because of a serious infection in his jaw. He is desperately in need of prayer at this time.

## NORTH TEXAS OFFICIALS RETURN TO OFFICE

AUSTIN, Tex.—The North Texas District Council held its 44th annual session in the capital city of Austin with District Superintendent Phinis A. Lewis presiding. All the district officials were returned to office on the nominating ballot.

It was agreed by all present that this was the most spiritual council the district has enjoyed for a long time. Guest speaker James Van Meter delivered the messages under a heavy anointing.

—E. B. Crump, District Secretary

## SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY SCHOOL TRIPLES

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Community Assembly of God Sunday School at 908 Cortland Ave., started several years ago by Pastor and Mrs. Robert Cavallini, has more than tripled during the past twelve months.

The Cavallinis returned to the church a year ago after spending some time on the evangelistic field. The present church building has been renovated and additional property purchased for enlargement purposes. Future plans include an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250 and an overflow hall to accommodate larger crowds.

The church is also planning a broadcast to be called, "The Voice of Pentecost."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY—Sept. 13, 14, First Assembly of God, 7th St. and 7th Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. Lester W. Dickinson, Nebraska District Superintendent, guest speaker. (Fellowship meeting, Sept. 14).—C. E. Turner, pastor.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Special services at the First Assembly of God, 215 Pleasanton Rd. Aug. 23, 11 a.m., T. F. Zimmerman, speaker. August 30, 11 a.m., C. M. Ward, speaker.—A. L. Todd, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

ETHEL McALISTER, 64, wife of Evangelist Harvey McAlister, departed this life very suddenly on June 27, 1959. Death came within an hour following a heart attack. Burial was in Pinelawn Memorial Park, Long Island, N. Y. not far from New York City where Brother and Sister McAlister made their home for a number of years. Mrs. McAlister, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, was ordained to the ministry in 1922. She is survived by her husband, whose mailing address is % Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri, and by an only daughter, Eileen, whose husband Warren B. Straton is Art Instructor at Evangel College.

ETHEL B. CRAIG KLINE (Mrs. J. R.), 74, Miami, Fla., went to be with Christ May 13, 1959. She was ordained in 1919. Sister Kline and her husband, the late Jesse R. Kline, were the founders of Berea Tabernacle, Detroit, Mich., and pastors for 34 years. She was superannuated in 1947 but continued to be a blessing in the work of the Lord. Sister Kline is survived by one son and three daughters.

WILLIE JONES, 98, Minco, Okla., went to be with the Lord June 25, 1959. He was ordained in 1908 and was received into the fellowship of the Assemblies of God in 1917. Brother Jones served as pastor and evangelist in several states. He was superannuated in 1940 but continued to have a limited ministry for some time afterward.

JACOB E. KISTLER, 85, Audubon, N. J., went to his heavenly reward May 23, 1959. Brother Kistler came into Pentecost at Nyack, N. Y., early in the century. He spent two years as a missionary in China. Brother Kistler was ordained in January, 1914. He served as chairman (Superintendent) of the Potomac District and as pastor of several churches in the east. Sister Kistler survives.

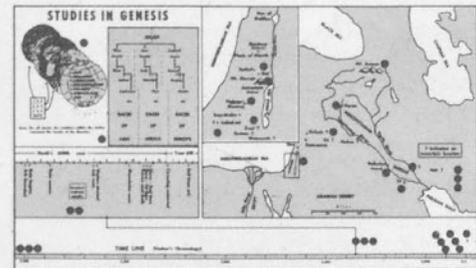
## CORRECTION

The address of Fred O. Seaward, ordained minister of the Assemblies of God who does missionary work in Singapore, is listed incorrectly in the Official List that was published by the General Council last January. His correct home address is: 2467-255 Street, Lomita, California.

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# Now I Believe

*The Personal Testimony of a Serviceman's Wife Who Was Healed in the Philippines*

**I** ASKED, "WHY DO CHRISTIANS GET sick? Why, after one has been healed, does sickness sometimes return? What is faith anyway? How do I get it?" The questions tormented me almost as much as the physical suffering that accompanied the heart attack. I had been healed by the power of God from heart trouble just three months before, and now I was suffering again—the old familiar pain and weakness I had thought was gone forever.

The sweltering tropical heat of the Philippines intensified my discouragement and doubts. I was just getting used to Manila where my husband was serving as a chaplain's assistant in the Air Force and we were associated with our Assemblies of God missionaries, helping where we could.

"Maybe I had better stop teaching divine healing to the people here," I mused. "After all, I am not able to receive it." But the voice of the sweet little Filipina who lived in our home and attended Bible School nearby interrupted my thoughts. "Are you still sick, Mom?" she asked kindly, and handed me a book on divine healing.

"Why read books?" I reasoned. "Does faith come that way? I have prayed, even fasted, for faith."

Opening it idly, I saw the words, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). I turned to the reference in my Bible. Then I read in James 2:26 that "faith without works is dead."

This started me on a careful search of the Scriptures concerning faith. As I studied healing in the Atonement, all the answers I had been seeking came as I understood what Christ really accomplished for *me* in His death and resurrection.

God has already done ALL that He could do for our redemption. At Calvary He completely met the need of every man, bearing our sins so that we need not bear them; bearing our sicknesses, diseases, and pains, so that we don't have to bear them but can be free from them! What He bore for us, *we* do not have to bear!

The devil knows this, but until *you* know it, he will continue to put sin and sickness upon you. The devil is a liar; he comes to steal and to kill and to destroy (John 10:10). He moves out of God's territory only when he has to! "Believing" involves *taking*. So all you need to do is to *take* what Christ has offered you.

"By his stripes ye were healed" at Calvary! Lay hold upon this truth that sets men free! Satan cannot legally put upon you what God has already laid upon Christ. Act your faith, and claim what God has provided for you.

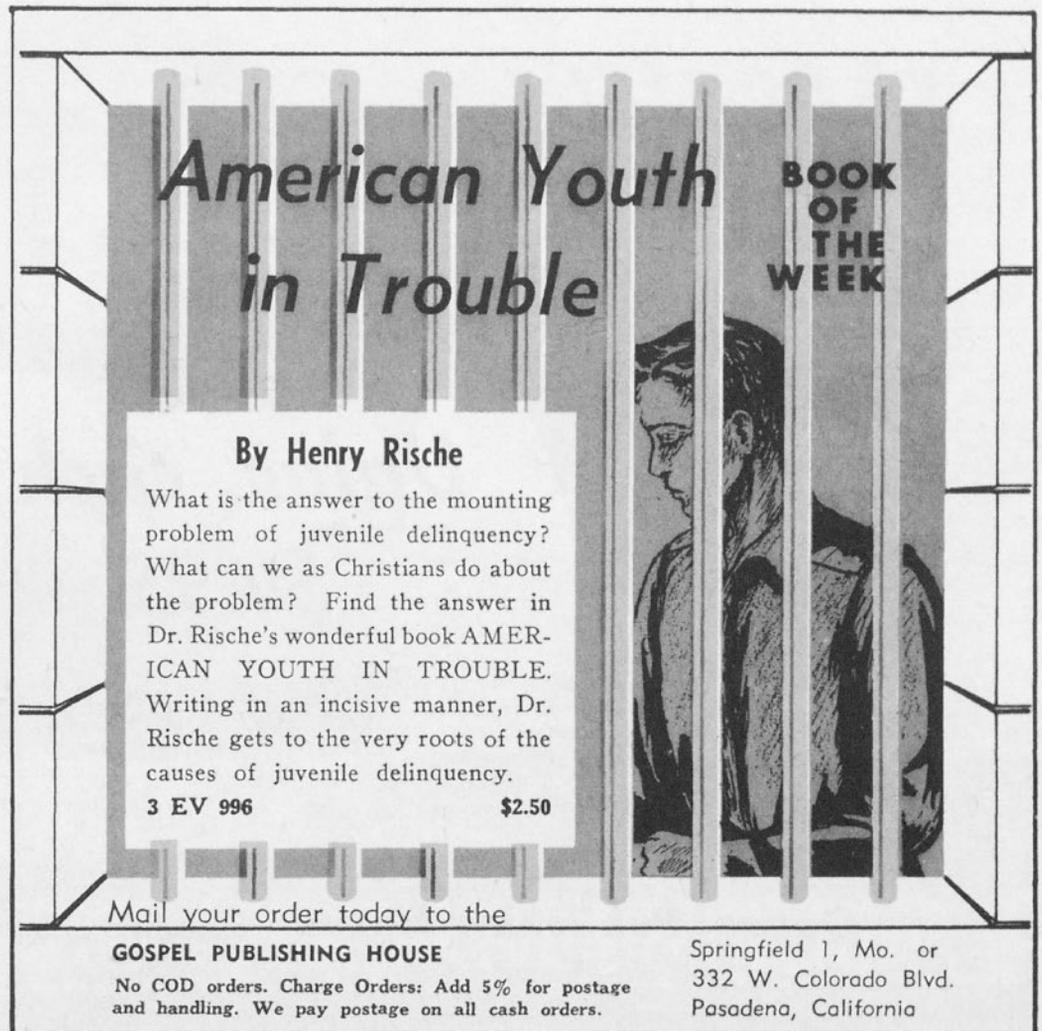
As I studied God's Word, I saw for the first time the reality of Isaiah 53:4, 5: "Surely he hath borne *our* griefs, and carried *our* sorrows. . . . He was wounded for *our* transgressions, he was bruised for *our* iniquities: the chastisement of *our* peace was upon him; and with his stripes *we* are healed."

I laid hold upon God's promises and commanded Satan to lift his hand from my body (see Job 2:6). Instantly I was delivered and now I am enjoying a full salvation. I am a free woman! Satan shall no longer have dominion over me for Christ has made me free.

Sometimes the winds do blow and "beat upon my house," but since I dug deep and based my faith upon God's Word, my house does not fall. When Satan brings a counter attack, I hold fast my profession of faith that by the stripes of the Lord Jesus I am *now* healed. Jesus has triumphed over Satan, taking away his authority over me (Colossians 2:15).

Before, I was healed through someone else's faith. Now I believe for myself, because I know God will keep His promise to me just as He will to anyone else. I stand fast, not in my own strength, but in the liberty where-with Christ has made me free, and daily I enjoy divine health.—Mrs. Mona Lisa Hopkins, 2619 W. 10th St., Panama City, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Keetah Jones, First Assembly of God, Panama City, Fla., who says: "Sister Hopkins is now well, healthy, and happy. She is superintendent of the Intermediate Boys' Department in our Sunday School, and doing a wonderful work for the Lord. She is also superintendent of our Extension Department which has 67 enrolled.")



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CHAPTER 16

**N**OW concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

6 And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

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11 Let no despise him him forth it may come look for his ren.

12 As touch Apollos, him to com the brethren was not at this time; but when he sheweth time.

13 Watch the faith, that ye be strong.

14 Let all done with care.

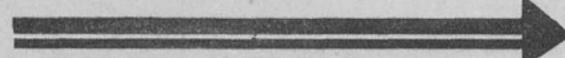
15 I beseech you know Stephen, that they themselves of the saint:

16 That yourselves unto every one of us, and labour.

17 I am glad of Stephen, and for that which on your part plied.

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## THAT NONE MAY STUMBLE

I remember reading of a blind man who was found sitting at the corner of a street with a lantern beside him. Someone went up to him and asked what he had the lantern there for, seeing that he was blind, and the light was the same to him as the darkness.

The blind man replied, "I have it so that no one may stumble over me."

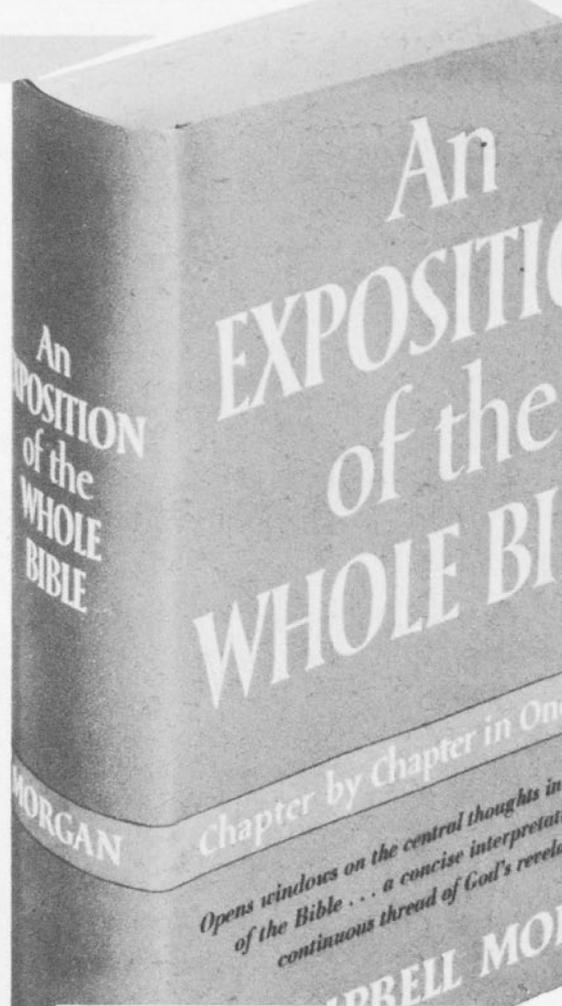
Dear friends, let us think of that. Where one man reads the Bible, a hundred read you and me. That is what Paul meant when he said we were to be "living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men."

I would not give much for all that can be done by sermons, if we do not preach Christ by our lives. If we do not commend the gospel to people by our holy walk and conversation, we shall not win them to Christ. —D. L. Moody

In company, guard your tongue; in solitude, your heart. Our words need watching; but so also do our thoughts and imaginations, which grow more active when we are alone.

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# A Moslem Student Finds Christ

Testimony by Mansour Haghghi

**M**ANSOUR HAGHIGHI SAID A PRAYER OF THANKS TO God when the long-awaited word came that he had been accepted as a student in the United States. At the same time he realized there would be a vast difference between teaching algebra to teen-agers in Tehran, Iran and studying petroleum engineering in the A. and M. College in Miami, Oklahoma.

The young Mohammedan's mother and sisters cried at the thought of parting. And his father, an army officer and treasurer of the Iranian Army, reminded him of the teachings of the Islam religion.

"Mansour," he said, "you are going to a foreign country. You will meet American girls and Christian people. But, son, don't forget your God and the teachings of our Koran."

In due time Mansour arrived in Miami, "twenty years old, foreign, and a little frightened of the strange country."

He attended various churches on Sundays and discovered the Christian belief in the Trinity. To his Mohammedan mind, this was wrong, for he believed that there was one true God, Allah, and that Mohammed was His prophet.

As his father had predicted, Mansour met an American girl to his liking. Linda Johnson dated the young Moslem for some time and he met her parents. In their discussions of religion, the Johnsons tried without apparent success to explain the Christian concept of the Triune God.

"Linda and I decided to be married in June, 1958," Mansour says. "I asked her to become a Moslem but she said she'd be afraid to deny Jesus. In May, I received a letter from the Iran ambassador who is my family by marriage. I was to be in Washington, D. C. in forty-eight hours from the closing of school. When I got there my uncle came to meet me; my father had arranged this. He took me to the head priest of the Moslem church in

Washington. He went over the laws of Mohammed and pointed out all the problems of marrying a Christian girl."

After this, Mansour went to work in Chicago. He called Linda and postponed their wedding. However, they were married in September, and Linda became ill of a nerve condition shortly afterward. It was through his wife's illness that Mansour Haghghi found Christ.

"Linda told me that if she lived as close to Jesus as she should, she would be healed," he recalls. "I laughed at this. He couldn't possibly heal anyone. He was only a prophet.

"We lived in Miami Okla., across the street from the First Assembly of God. One Sunday night we decided to walk up town and we passed the window of the church. Linda has a deep love for music, so in passing we stopped to hear a group of young people sing. We were peeking in the window when a couple came out and invited us in to the C. A. service.

"That service really made me begin to wonder what this religion held for Christians. I told Linda, 'These people are happy. They really love their Jesus.'

"We didn't stay for preaching but a week later Johnnie and Ruth Grunden, members, came to our house and invited us to a Friday night service. I didn't understand the preaching because English was still a handicap; but my, the song service was nice.

"Sunday was the start of a revival and Linda went along two or three times. One night she became very ill. I asked her what I could do and she said for me to go with her to see Rev. L. J. Choate, pastor of the church. It was 10 p.m. and church was just letting out. Brother and Sister Choate took us to their office and we told them about ourselves. I said if I could see Linda healed I would believe in Jesus.

"We all knelt there in the small office and prayed. Then Pastor Choate laid his hands on her and the presence of God was felt very strongly. When we got home Linda was well. I almost believed, but the teachings I had known so long were brought into my mind and I was afraid to lose them.

"We went to church regularly but doubt stayed with me. One night a message was given in tongues. Being closely connected with different languages I recognized this to be Hebrew. I thought the man who spoke it was only praying in another language he knew, but I soon learned he didn't even understand the language himself."

During a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Carrington, Linda went to the altar to seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Mansour says, "I became extremely afraid for her. All my Moslem teachings came before me as never before. So afraid was I that I fell to my knees and began to pray for her. Suddenly a strong voice spoke to me and said, 'Mansour, believe Jesus is my Son. Touch the hem of His garment.'

"How much afraid I was! I looked up to see who was speaking and saw no one. Then the voice came again. I then realized this was God showing me, not Linda, the right way. I thank God for that day, for I believed. It was exactly one year to the day since I had arrived in the U.S.A.—January 30, 1959.

"A few weeks ago I received the Holy Ghost. How great is Jesus to me! When I wrote my family about this change in my life they disowned me. I now get no support for my school, and times are hard, but I am hoping for your prayers and I know the great Jesus will make a way."