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

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MISSIONS
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Eskimo women at Port Hope, Alaska, with panful of muktuk (sliced whale fins).

**WATER BAPTISM AT
40 BELOW ZERO**
(SEE PAGES 8&9)

Hope for the Heathen

What hope is there for the heathen? If it is true that "he that believeth not shall be damned" (and it is, according to Christ's own statement, as recorded in Mark 16:16) is there any hope for the heathen to be saved?

Yes, there is hope provided the heathen hear and heed the message of Him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). For God so loved the heathen that He gave His only begotten Son, that the heathen might believe in Him and not perish but have everlasting life. This is the wonderful hope that is held out to all men everywhere.

But what if the heathen never have an opportunity to hear the gospel? Will they be eternally damned? Will their fate be no better than that of people in Christian lands who have heard the gospel many times and have rejected it?

The Bible emphatically teaches that salvation is through the Lord Jesus Christ and through Him alone; otherwise He must have died needlessly. "Neither is there salvation in any other," the apostle said: "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Our heavenly Father loves every human being and He desires everyone to be saved. However, He sees that the heathen in their present state are lost sinners and not fit for heaven. That is why Christ gave His Church the Great Commission. If the heathen were not lost, why did He tell His followers to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?

The first chapter of Romans explains very clearly the predicament in which the heathen find themselves and it places the blame where it belongs—on their own shoulders. It says the Creator's existence is made known to them by the land, sea, and stars that He created. It says the knowledge of right and wrong is written on every man's heart when he enters the world. It says the heathen know the judgment of God, and that they who commit vile sins are worthy of death, yet they not only do the same but take pleasure in those who do them.

The heathen have seen the light and have rejected it—that is the condemnation. "When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful." They gave God up, and so He gave them up to all manner of wickedness. But God never ignores a hungry heart. If the heathen would walk in the light they already have, God would give them more light; He would move heaven and earth to bring them into the light of the gospel. The difficulties they face, however, are almost insurmountable. It is very seldom a pagan soul battles through the obstacles and comes to a missionary asking for the gospel. God therefore asks His missionaries to go to them.

Is there hope for the heathen? Yes, there is, and it lies mainly in our response to the great missionary challenge of our Saviour who calls us to take the Word of Life to the "untold millions" who are "still untold."

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A Ticket to Heaven

By SYU SEKIMOTO, Tokyo, Japan



I AM THRILLED TO TELL YOU HOW God's love found me and saved me from a life of sin and heathen darkness.

My mother died when I was a young boy so when I graduated from middle school it was not possible for me to go to high school. This disappointed me. In Japan it is the ambition of every young person to pass entrance examinations into the best high schools and colleges, thus giving them better opportunities for finding employment in this over-populated country.

Though I had to go to work so young, still I had great hopes of continuing my education later. As the years went by I realized that this would not be possible and my dreams were shattered. My friends were graduating from high school, finding good positions, and entering colleges, while I was forgotten. I soon developed a deep sense of inferiority and loneliness.

To forget my misery I began to drink heavily. While still a teen-ager I became a public nuisance, staggering about the streets at night. What would happen to me—where could I go for help? There seemed to be no alternative but more drink. Often a policeman would pick me up from the street and lead me home. Afterwards I hated myself for acting like a foolish old man, but any purpose for living had disappeared and I only wished to die. Many times I considered suicide, but I was afraid to die.

Over the years my eyes became very bad as a result of drinking so much cheap whiskey. I could hardly see to read a book.

When it seemed that I could not bear such a life any longer someone handed me a piece of paper. It invited me to attend an evangelistic meeting—what *that* was I had no idea! But the program sounded interesting and it was free. It seemed some power drew me to that auditorium. There, when I was twenty-four years old I heard for the

first time in my life of the one living God who loves us.

I saw young people happily singing choruses and wished that I could be so carefree. Could it be true that there was only one God? I had always believed that there were many gods for various needs, and that I must pray to my dead ancestors daily. How much more simple if there was truly one God for all people of all nations. Glorious news—but how could I know if it were true?

The next night I heard of Jesus who willingly died on the cross to save me from sin and to give me peace and eternal life. I could understand none of this message, but I knew I wanted my life to be different. If this Christ was real, I did so want to know Him! So I quickly walked forward to take Him as my Saviour, not knowing what it would mean in the days to come.

From that moment my life began to change. I became so busy seeking more of this new truth that I forgot about drink and have never wanted another drop to this day. I began attending

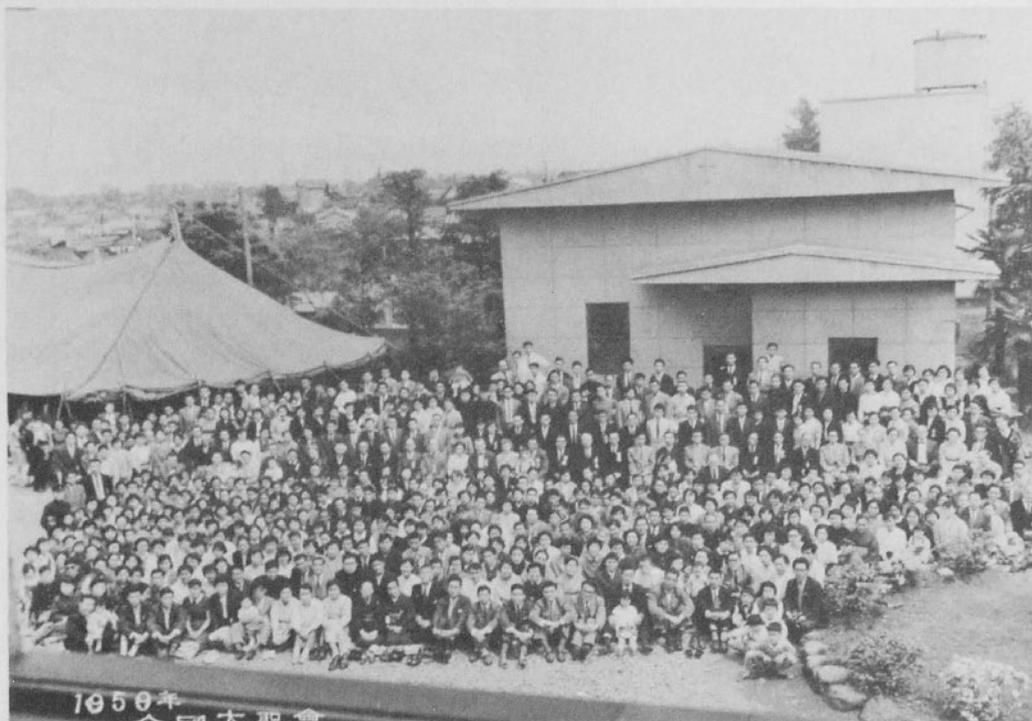
nightly meetings at the missionary's church near my home and my unrest and anxiety gradually disappeared. It was as if I had never had a problem at all. God seemed to walk beside me and I learned to talk with Him as He filled my heart with His peace and joy.

When I heard the message of divine healing, I believed and He wonderfully healed my eyes so that now I can spend hours at a time studying and reading His Word. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

I believe that before I ever heard of Him one year ago, God had His eye on me. The piece of paper that fell into my hands was truly my "ticket for heaven!" Now, instead of making offerings to spirits of the dead at our family shrine, I am seeking for the mighty promise of His Holy Spirit. At the Assemblies of God convention in Tokyo this year I consecrated my life to God for His service and I have a burning desire that He will use me to bring His light into many other darkened hearts. ◀◀



Syu Sekimoto (right) with his Sunday school class of junior boys and girls at the Kichijoji Gospel Church in Tokyo, Japan



Japan Assemblies of God Conference at Tokyo, 1959

It is in your power to supply

Japan's Greatest Need

By **LEONARD NIPPER**

Chairman, Japan Field Fellowship

IF YOU HAD THE JOY OF TEACHING the young people of Japan the wonderful truths of God's Word and if you could see them develop into spiritual leaders as we have seen them develop, you would agree that Bible school is a great work. Seventy post-war graduates of our Japan Central Bible Institute are active in the full-gospel ministry today. Among them are the C. A. president of Japan, the editor of our monthly paper, the editors of our Sunday school papers, the speaker on our national radio program, and four part-time Bible school teachers.

If you were to sit in our executive presbyters' meeting of the Japan Assemblies of God and feel the burden of the whole field of Japan, feel the desperate need for qualified, trained workers to put into strategic areas that we want to open to the full gospel; or if you were to spend some twenty-four hours each week teaching those prospective workers as my wife and I do at the Bible school—you probably

would feel with us that the \$400 needed each month to operate the Bible school is one of the most important needs in Japan today. But this is not Japan's greatest need.

If you were working in the radio department of our Japan Assemblies of God, spending hours each week training the choir and attending to the many details involved—and then realized that every time you broadcast over the Tokyo station alone you have a responsibility of reaching 25,000,000 with the full gospel—you would feel with us that the need of more broadcasting time is imperative. We are now broadcasting over seven stations in Japan, reaching a potential audience of over 40,000,000 each week. We can reach another area with a potential audience of 9,000,000 for another \$50 per week. This is a real challenge, but again I do not feel that it is the greatest need in Japan today.

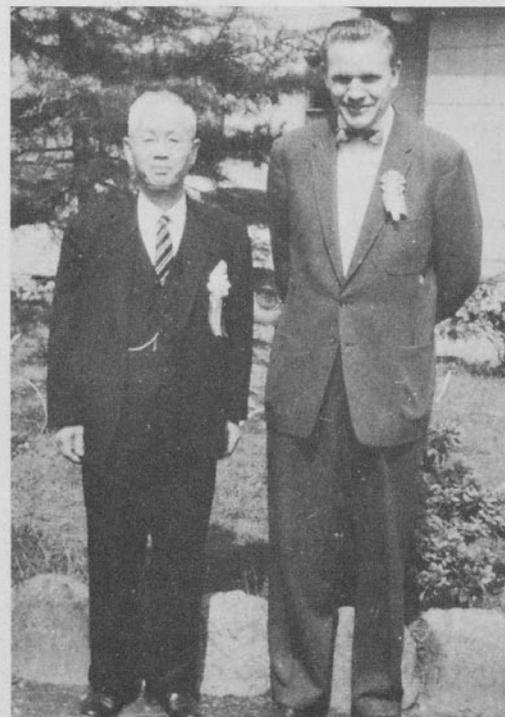
If you were in the Sunday school work, teaching Japan's myriads of chil-

dren, you would feel that every effort put forth to win these boys and girls to the Lord would be most important. Or if you were in the literature work you undoubtedly would feel that because of the high literacy rate in Japan (the highest in the world) you would want to publish more full-gospel literature for the millions who do not know Christ as their Saviour.

If you were out pioneering a new work—if you had a good tent, a loud-speaker set, and the Speed-the-Light equipment you needed to hold an evangelistic campaign and then lacked only \$100 for advertising, land rental, and other necessary expenses—you might feel that the greatest need would be that \$100.

If you had worked for several months after holding such evangelistic campaigns and had a group of new believers in a home or small rented hall; and if, after several months of waiting, a Bible school graduate came to pastor the new group and then you still could not find a suitable place for regular services; you would then feel as we feel right now—that the \$4,000 to \$5,000 needed for a church building is a very great need. Yet, again, this is not our greatest need.

Do not misunderstand me, please. Our Bible school is second to none in producing qualified, trained workers here in Japan and we need monthly support for the operation in the school. Our radio program—reaching over



Leonard Nipper (right) and K. Yumiya, superintendent of the Japan Assemblies of God

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Witnessing in the World's Largest City

By BILL AND DEE SAKWITZ
Tokyo, Japan



Kichijoji Gospel Church in Tokyo, Japan

KICHIJOJI GOSPEL CHURCH WILL be two years old this month. As we look back over the time since God so wonderfully opened the way for us to establish a church in this area on the outskirts of Tokyo, we think of the many Japanese who have knelt in this building seeking the truth, and of many others who have heard the gospel from our loudspeakers.

How often have we wished that our eyes were fountains of tears that we might weep in behalf of the multitude

40,000,000 with the full gospel every week, broadcasting over seven stations here in Japan—is very important and warrants your support. Our Sunday school and literature departments are presenting not only the salvation message but also the truth of the full-gospel experience, and funds are needed to expand our publications. Right now, some of our Assemblies of God missionaries are limited because of the lack of funds to hold special evangelistic meetings. There are groups of believers meeting in a room six by nine feet because they can find no better place to meet. We are very conscious of these conditions here today. But these are not the greatest needs of Japan.

The greatest need in Japan today is for you personally to pray for each one of your missionaries laboring in Japan. If you will pray for us, the Lord can speak to your hearts and all of our financial needs will be met. If you will pray, we will be able to secure more and better radio time; we will be able to increase our literature and Sunday school programs; our Christ's Ambassadors program will advance; the Bible school needs will be met; our

who were not willing to pay the price it takes to serve Christ in Japan. But joy overflows as we see the precious jewels that have been chosen for His kingdom and are faithfully serving the Lord—all because this lighthouse was built in obedience to God's call.

Although Protestant Christianity came to Japan one hundred years ago, response of the people to this great message is still very slow. Last summer it seemed that our spirits had sunk to the bottom of a deep well and only

evangelistic campaigns will be financed and new church buildings will be provided. All of this is possible if you and I will sincerely pray for Japan.

The greatest need in Japan today is for prevailing prayer. Join us, and pray with us daily—will you? ◀◀

by looking upward to the steady shaft of light shining from above could we have courage to press forward in the work.

Desiring to reach out to the multitudes that pass by each day, we planned a short evangelistic meeting to be held in a beautiful public hall. As expenses were high, we wrote letters home asking for help. But when the time came for the meetings not one offering had been received. Just eight days before the meetings began we lost our second baby boy and our hearts were heavy with grief and disappointment. We began to wonder if God were with us in our planning.

But He was. During the three nights of our revival meeting about one hundred Japanese were dealt with for salvation. The attendance for the three nights totaled 2,400. It is difficult to get these people interested enough to begin attending one of the local assemblies. Only eternity will tell how many were saved but we know of five who were saved in those meetings and have been baptized in water.

One of the young converts, Mr. Syu Sekimoto, is now a Sunday school teacher. (His testimony appears in this issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.) As we see Sekimoto San so eagerly teaching his class of boys and girls each week we realize that the meeting was not in vain. We will not be afraid to launch another such meeting. We must go to the people, and with your help we can do it more effectively. God's business is the greatest business in the world.

This spring God answered prayer and provided a fine Japanese couple who are graduates of Central Bible Institute in Tokyo to pastor the Kichijoji church. The small adult congregation



Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Koishi (front) pastors of the Kichijoji Gospel Church with Missionaries Bill and Dee Sakwitz

had been paying on the church building each month, and now they have the added responsibility of supporting their pastor. They are still faced with a debt of almost \$1,700 on the building. We feel that without this heavy debt the church will be able to go forward to greater victory and we are trusting that many of you will be led to help us.

As we celebrate the Protestant centennial in Japan this year we realize that millions have yet to hear the true message of salvation for the first time and that multitudes of others have not recognized it as the truth they need. Our hearts cry out to God as we hear the bells ringing before the shrines in the homes of our neighbors. We pray that He will send a mighty move of His Spirit to open the closed hearts of millions of Japanese so that every home will be touched by His light before He returns. Pray with us that the Kichi-joji Gospel Church will be a bright lighthouse guiding many to the harbor of safety.

Beyond the need of this one church are the needs of Japan as a nation. After one hundred years of Christian evangelism by Protestants, the born-again Christians in this country number less than 200,000. So it would seem to us missionaries here in the "land of missionary heartbreak" that millions of souls in this country, for whom Christ died, are bound for an eternal death.

There has never been a general revival—an outpouring of the Holy Spirit—in Japan and we believe that nothing less than united, travailing, prevailing prayer will bring it about. Will you pray? Pray in the Spirit. Pray for great and mighty things. Pray for the millions of perishing souls in Japan, that this may truly become the land of "the rising Sun of righteousness."

Tokyo is said to be the largest city in the world (over 9,000,000 inhabitants) but at present there are only two American Assemblies of God missionary families, two British Assemblies of God couples, and one Canadian Pentecostal couple stationed in this great city. In other parts of Japan there are four couples and four single ladies who are members of the Japan field fellowship of the Assemblies of God from the United States. With so few workers spread out so thinly, untold opportunities for gospel work and ministry must go unclaimed and unavailing. May God impress every reader with the urgency of the Japan situation and the need of prayer. ◀◀



Philip Molefe, Bethuel Mofokeng, and Vernon Pettenger looking at German .32 Luger surrendered in gospel service at Johannesburg, South Africa

They Gave Up Loot for Their Faith

THE "RAND DAILY MAIL," JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, published the following front-page story on May 27, 1959:

"WELKOM, Tuesday — Coshes, knives, and stolen goods are among articles surrendered voluntarily by converts to the Assemblies of God faith following an evangelistic campaign in the Thabong Native Township here. Among items given up are a .32 Luger automatic pistol, wrist watches, clothing, a primus stove, amulets, and witch doctor's horns.

"The two African clergymen who have been receiving these 'offerings' are the Rev. P. F. Molefe and the Rev. Bethuel Mofokeng.

"Mr. Mofokeng told me that converts to the church in the gold fields now number hundreds, many of them former tsotsies and criminals.

"'I was a tsotsi myself,' said Mr. Mofokeng, 'before I became a convert and finally a minister of the Assemblies of God.

"'I was proud of the blanket I wore as my badge of the notorious Russian gang. I carried a stick and sometimes more dangerous weapons, and knew how to use them.'"

"The stolen goods and weapons are handed over to the police.

"Shots have been fired through the canvas of the tent the clergymen often use on evangelistic campaigns. On one occasion an attempt was made to soak their tent in petrol and set it on fire." ◀◀

The background of this front-page article is given by Vernon Pettenger, Assemblies of God missionary in South Africa. He writes:

"On Sunday night, May 24, I received a phone call from Philip Molefe that in Welkom on Saturday night someone had come to the front with a revolver and handed it to our young preacher, Bethuel Mofokeng. Brother Mofokeng who was saved in Vereeniging when we were there, was afraid and did not know what to do. So early Monday morning we left for Welkom and Philip Molefe came with me. When we arrived we found, in addition to the gun, a couple of boxes of stolen things that had been handed to the evangelist at the meeting.

"The next morning we went to the Chief of the C.I.D. (the same as the American F.B.I.) at the advice of the police because any African caught with a gun in this country is arrested. What a thrill it was to testify to the chief detective of that whole area of the power of the gospel of Christ that would prompt an African in a crowded revival service to risk being arrested by walking to the altar and laying down a gun. The detective chief assured me that there would be no further investigation of the case.

"We praise God for His miracle-working power. News of the gun incident has gone all over the township and we believe it is going to advance our work." ◀◀

School of Orientation Becomes Annual Event

THE FIRST ANNUAL SCHOOL OF Orientation, sponsored by the Foreign Missions Department, was held on the campus of Central Bible Institute, July 14-24, 1959. Noel Perkin, Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department, served as dean of the school. A total of 115 missionaries was enrolled, including 72 new appointees and 43 returned missionaries.

Sessions began each morning at 8:15 with a devotional under the direction of Emil Balliet, Foreign Missions Department Administrative Assistant. Special speakers included Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent; J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Central Bible Institute and Evangel College; Charles W. Denton, secretary of the National Sunday School Department; and Arthur Ahlberg, missionary to the Philippines.

Classes were conducted each morning from 9:00 until 11:50. Various phases of missionary responsibilities were discussed by members of the Foreign Missions Board: Noel Perkin, Emil Balliet, Robert T. McGlasson, M. L. Hodges, M. L. Ketcham, E. L. Phillips, J. Philip Hogan, and R. T. Brock. In the afternoon the missionaries divided into area groups for studies and discussions with their respective field secretaries.

This was the first of a new annual orientation program sponsored by the Foreign Missions Department. The discussions were vital to the new appointees and veteran missionaries alike. Plans for the second annual School of Orientation to be held next summer include extending the length of the course to six weeks. ◀◀



First annual School of Orientation, 1959

CALL TO ACTION

BY THE PROMOTIONS
SECRETARY OF THE
FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPT.

J. Philip Hogan



New Testament Strategy for Witnessing to a Lost Pagan World

Viewed from every possible angle, the task to which our Lord committed the Church in the Great Commission is colossal. Even to attempt obedience to this divine order would require an inventory of the best material and the finest techniques. Happily, the strategy is well defined in the New Testament.

1. "Look on the fields"—this world in which tired old systems are falling apart, leaving in their place a yawning vacuum. The old gods have not yet been replaced, but Christians must step quickly into this vacuum with the message of life in Christ Jesus or it will become just another open door to more pagan gods. Perhaps the new gods will be more refined and vocal than their antecedents but they will be gods just the same—gods whose devotees will use every means of modern communication to advance their claims.

2. "Now is the accepted time." Some things cannot wait, and the gospel is one of them: not because it is perishable, but because man is. When will we truly realize that, for the Church, this generation is a one-way street? The Syrian lepers struck the keynote when they said, "If we sit here until morning, some greater mischief may befall us." The gospel is not for reclining, but for proclaiming.

3. "No man cometh to the Father but by me." This is the divine right of real Christian missions; this bears the imprimatur of God himself. Christ is ALL or NOTHING AT ALL. The missionary message must be unapologetic...yield no quarter to alternatives... "Thus saith the Lord" is the theme.

The heathen may rage, but let the Church's message ever be a positive one. "The earth is the Lord's"—not the communist's, not the atheist's, not Satan's—but "THE LORD'S." ◀◀



Water Baptism at 40 Below Zero

By PAUL E. BILLS

Barrow, Alaska

GOD HAD BEEN MOVING IN AN unusual way among the people of some of the native villages in the "bush country" of northern Alaska.

In Stevens Village, located on the Yukon River some 100 miles north of Fairbanks, a few converts had expressed the desire to go "all the way with God," which meant they were willing to be baptized—by immersion.

Only those missionaries who have lived and worked in these villages realize the significance of this step, for when a person lives with the people he is able to observe the effects of their ancient cultures. It takes time to realize that years of tradition create a way of life that is hard to change. The people do not even think as we do. It becomes the work of the missionary to bridge the difference in cultures—and bridge building is not done in a day.

Concerning missionary work Jesus said, "Go... *teach* all nations." And Isaiah declares that "precept must be

upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little..."

Many see only the glamorous side of missionary work—the victorious reports. But missionary work in Alaska is often the most tedious and disheartening work in the world. Notwithstanding this, the gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation," and because of this the missionary does see precious fruit from his ministry.

In the villages, water baptism by immersion is contrary to tradition. It would not have been difficult to sprinkle or pour water on the heads of "converts," but it took a great deal of courage for them to obey the plain command of our Lord. We began to realize what Jesus meant when He said, "He that believeth *and is baptized* shall be saved." Indeed, we could readily understand Ananias' command to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16). On many mission fields, conversion and baptism are practically synonymous.

Baptism not only takes on a new meaning to Alaska missionaries, but it also presents a practical problem. No built-in baptistries grace most mission stations, nor do rivers or lakes with four feet of ice afford very favorable accommodations.

Then how does one go about arranging a baptismal service with the temperature well below zero?

I talked this over with B. P. Wilson, pastor of the Fairbanks Assembly which is hub for the many native works in the area. "What shall we use for a baptistry?" I asked.

Brother Wilson outlined an idea for a portable baptistry. He explained that it could be made of heavy canvas, thoroughly waterproofed, measuring six feet long, three feet wide, and three feet deep. Loops around the rim through which poles could be inserted would be the stabilizing feature. This collapsible baptistry could easily fit in his plane so that all villages could utilize it.

The anticipated baptismal day arrived with the temperature fluctuating between 30 and 40 degrees below zero. Besides Pilot Wilson, the "sanctified" Piper Pacer plane winging over the vast Alaskan wilderness carried missionary Gordon Olson, myself, and the yet-untried baptistry.

Donald Nelson, Stevens Village missionary, came running to the river landing strip to greet us.

Almost immediately we began preparations for the service. A fire was built outdoors on which we placed a fifty-gallon drum. Someone chopped a hole in the ice to get to the water. Then came the laborious work of "packing" the water up the hill to the drum. Soon after the drum was filled, complications arose. As the fire heated



Eskimos hunting for seals



Paul Bills, supply pastor at Barrow, Alaska

the bottom, the Arctic cold worked at the top. Our water was heating on the bottom but freezing on top! We wondered which element would be the more potent. We could not take time to find out. The drum was transferred to the quonset mission and a plumber's pot (the plane's heating device in cold weather) was placed underneath. Pans of water were heated on every available stove. Eventually we had enough warm water to fill the baptistry.

"We baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." It was a thrilling moment when Kilburne George, village chief and first convert, was buried in the waters of baptism. Other Indians followed as the amazed villagers looked on.

We were all very weary that night after service, but in our hearts was an unspeakable joy—a mighty victory had been won. The gospel had invaded the native culture; tradition had bowed before truth and reality; light had overcome many years of darkness—and we were privileged to witness it. Since then other baptismal services have been conducted in Stevens as well as other native villages.

We planned such a service later for the Eskimo Assembly at Barrow. God had been doing a wonderful work in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Butterfield, missionary-evangelists in Alaska, were conducting a most successful revival campaign. Several of those who had responded to God's Word expressed a desire to follow the Lord in water baptism. It was important that we make the opportunity available immediately.

The Barrow Assembly has a baptistry, one of the few in Alaska, but

water is a most difficult commodity to obtain in Barrow during the winter. The lakes freeze to the bottom. To get water we have to hook up the dog team, mush five miles to the lake, scrape the snow away, chop off chunks of ice, return home and put the ice in a fifty-gallon drum located near the stove. It takes about five days for ice to melt!

For the baptismal service we would need quite a supply to fill the "converted" water tank which measures 2½ ft. deep, 2½ ft. wide and 6 ft. long. (It is large enough to baptize most people, providing, of course, that the minister officiates from the outside.)

We decided to ask for help from the nearby Dew Line. I went out to the base and found the official very co-operative. He said he would send a fire truck down to fill the baptistry for us. This was sure to save us a great deal of work.

To appreciate what followed you would have to understand that the baptistry is located in the furnace room behind the church platform. For the baptismal service, a panel is removed from the wall exposing not only the candidate and the minister but also the environs of the furnace and stock room. A can of pumpkin, a bottle of vinegar, or the pastor shoveling coal between immersions may catch the observer's eye!

The fire truck arrived at an inopportune time—during the preaching at our Friday night services. I had no choice but to have the baptistry filled at this moment. The noise of the force of the water against the metal baptistry was most distracting, but what I saw was more disturbing. I had never seen such rusty water. I was tempted to call a halt; but then I realized that it was too late to melt ice. We filled the baptistry and two drums. Then we gave the signal for the fireman outdoors to stop the pumps, but the water kept coming. We switched the hose frantically from one vessel to the other while crying for the man to stop the water. What we didn't realize was that the 30 degrees below-zero weather had frozen the pump open and the poor man was unable to close it for a time. Just as the water was about to overflow the baptistry and flood the auditorium, the fast-thinking fireman disconnected the hose and saved us from an unscheduled "mass baptism."

On the day of the baptismal service,

if you had visited in some of the homes of our people you would have seen pots and tubs of all descriptions heating on the stoves. We too filled tubs and drums, heating the water with blow torches and a plumber's pot. By service time the red, rusty water was quite warm.

It was a thrilling service to say the least. The church was packed. We really did not know how many were going to be baptized. Approximately twenty had indicated their desire but the number exceeded our expectation. I lost count as the stream of happy people continued to step into the baptistry. After the service I was told that thirty-two had obeyed the Lord's command.

We were grateful for the extra drum of water we had ready, because so much was carried away by the dripping garments that we had to add the extra fifty gallons. Even so, it took a little longer to baptize the last few because I had to await the returning wave so that the "burial" might be complete. I could well understand John the Baptist's desire to baptize in Aenon "because there was much water there." It is difficult to baptize in *shallow* water.

Other humorous incidents occurred. There was the man who forgot to take off his mukluks (skin boots). He had to send for a dry pair to go home. A couple of the taller Eskimos bumped their heads on the end of the abbreviated baptistry.

In spite of the complexities of the service, God's wonderful presence permeated the atmosphere. I can still hear the shouts of victory as the converts came up out of the water.

It is true that God's people are the same the world over, and there may be a similarity in the way services are conducted. But you may go the world over and not find anything quite like a baptismal service—Alaska style.

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The people of Alaska are becoming hungry for the Gospel. *Now* is the time for us to support our ninety-four missionaries in the new state as they endeavor to reach people even in the remote villages. Life is rugged and living costs are high in Alaska, but consecrated workers are willing to "rough" it as they must in order to win the lost while there is time. Send your offering today designated for ALASKA MISSIONS to the National Home Missions Department. ◀◀



Part of Hopi congregation with Mrs. Herd (left) and Mrs. Hoffman (right), a visitor



The Hopi home at Second Mesa which serves as a meeting place at present

Journey to Second Mesa

By Eugene and Marion Herd

Holbrook, Arizona

SINCE THIS IS SIGHTSEEING MONTH for many people we would like you to come with us as we journey to the Hopi Indian Reservation to minister. Although we have a new Indian Mission in Holbrook, Ariz., we still have services on the reservation also.

The morning is beautiful (the dust storms and high winds have stopped—for a while, anyway—and the sun is shining) and there is a gentle breeze. Last night we loaded the pickup with the used clothing and shoes that will be distributed today, plus the sewing kit with scissors, thread and rick-rack. There is just enough room in the back for our three children to squeeze in among "the stuff"! The pot of beans has been stowed away under the seat and the water jug is in handy reach.

We leave Holbrook as early as possible for it is 100 miles to the Second Mesa (or second group of villages) where we hold services. We go in a northerly direction and as we leave Holbrook we can see the mesas in the distance, towering high and dark. There is some vegetation and a few cattle are grazing (you wonder on

This interesting story of the Herds' weekly trip to the Hopi Reservation was written in July. These fine missionaries recently opened an Indian Mission in Holbrook, Ariz., and they find the response very rewarding.

what as you look closer) but the pasture gets even thinner out near the Hopi Reservation. This year it has been so dry. This road with its dips and ruts has been oiled now so it is much better than before.

As we reach the halfway mark on our trip we pass the Bita Hochee Assemblies of God Mission for the Navajos. It is situated in a barren valley with high mesas on each side and the dust does love to roll down this valley covering everything in its path. When we are twenty-five miles from our destination we come to Keams Canyon where our children went to school when we ministered out there. We descend into a steep canyon and follow it until we come to a little more open country where the Second Mesa Hopis live. All along this road we notice peach orchards and small corn fields. Now and then we see an Indian on a burro herding his sheep with his faithful dog beside him.

At last we begin our climb up the mesa. We are on dirt now and the road is more like a path. The children are jolted as we drive along, but they seem to enjoy it. Our "church" is a native Hopi house in which the owner lives and as we draw near we can see the children outside playing. It is almost 10:30 a.m. and time for

church so the people are waiting.

After unloading the accordion and opening the service with prayer we have a time of singing, for Indians love to sing. Our congregation is seated on bed, floor, benches, and chairs. The people listen attentively to the Word of God. Trouble has left its mark on some faces, but gradually the peace that only God can give is changing the sad eyes and bringing happy expressions.

After the altar service we give out the clothing. Then the ladies begin to sew, using the two treadle machines and needles and thread. We visit with each one individually, inquiring about family and friends. At noon our pot of beans is warmed up and set on the table with whatever the Indians had to bring—perhaps dry bread, canned meat, boiled eggs, or potatoes, and now and then a can of fruit.

It is nearing 3 p.m. and we must start home. Good-byes are said with the promise (the Lord willing) of another service next week. If time permits we make calls on absentees before we go home. It is late and we are tired upon arriving home but we thank God for the privilege of ministering to a people who need the light of the gospel now! Pray for them, for you too have a responsibility to spread the gospel in the homeland as well as in foreign lands.

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Funds are greatly needed at this time for the ever-expanding ministry to the American Indians. Church buildings, furnishings, and equipment are urgent needs in many places. Congregations are crowded out. Districts having large numbers of Indian people are unable to support the Indian work themselves. They must have outside assistance. Your offering for the INDIAN BUILDING FUND may be sent directly to the National Home Missions Department. ◀◀



The Eugene Herd family, missionaries at Holbrook, Arizona



BRANDT BYLINES

by

R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Sec'y

"WE ARE LARGE ENOUGH"

"We are large enough." Few pastors or churches have ever made such a drastic statement. Yet the pastor of a thriving denominational church in the west uttered those very words to his board of deacons eighteen years ago.

At that time this particular church had an attendance of 300, but both the pastor and the deacons agreed the church was large enough. No, they hadn't lost the vision or even grown complacent. In fact, the exact opposite was true.

The pastor, a devout man with a genuine burden for souls, had caught a vision for taking the city. He had gone before his deacon board with an entirely unselfish idea for extending the gospel witness in the area, and he had found his brethren ready to cooperate. Rather than planning for one gigantic central church, they planned to reach out into various strategic parts of the city and establish several new congregations. In that way they felt a more effective work could be done.

Prayerfully the plan was developed. Half a dozen general locations were agreed upon, but at the same time it was determined that the program would be a long-range one. Six or more churches would not be opened suddenly. Instead, the beginning would be small. They would open one first. Then, in due time, another, and another. To be too hasty and over-ambitious could spell defeat. To move slowly and deliberately would be more certain.

In the eighteen years since the plan was first conceived, the vision has become a reality. Today, instead of just one church of that particular denomination attempting to reach the city, seven are doing the job.

Did the mother church lose by her unselfish concern? No. Today her attendance runs over 1,000. Combined attendance of the mother church and the new ones she sponsored runs up to almost 3,000.

Does your church have plans for taking the city or community for God? Why not follow this excellent example?

Counseling Ministry Yields Dividends

By PASTOR STEVE DURASOFF

Hempstead, New York

I WAS GLAD TO GET INTO JAIL! Wouldn't you be if you had asked entrance for several years?

It happened in Nassau County, Long Island, N. Y., in January of 1958. I'm still there, and happy for the privilege. Happy, that is, to minister to the inmates every Friday afternoon in this new jail which has no bars—not the vertical ones, at any rate. The windows are horizontally streamlined with narrow awning-type openings.

Warden Edward J. O'Hara could not grant my request to hold a monthly service because several groups were already filling this time. When I suggested a weekly counseling service to Protestant inmates who felt a need for such, the warden quickly consented with warmth and enthusiasm.

It took but a few weeks for me to feel my need of assistance. The time was simply too short to give ample time for each requested interview during my weekly visits. I asked Samuel Roickle to join me in this effort to reach men for God. He instituted Bible courses as an effective through-the-week follow-up plan. These include the National Home Missions Depart-

ment courses from Springfield. For the men who find these too difficult because of educational limitations, we offer a simpler course in the Gospel of John.

Some inmates express their appreciation. One wrote, "I thank you very kindly for having given me this Bible course which has drawn me closer to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Another inmate who was helped was inspired to write a poem, "Not Alone." Here is a portion of it:

*"My thoughts no longer are caged in
a den,
I had lost my life, but found it
again;
And I'm not alone in this unholy place,
For I talk to the Lord now, face
to face."*

Hundreds of men have come to us for help, and a number of them have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Many resort to the excuse as old as Adam's—passing the blame for their sin on to another. We do not comfort these. With God's Word we try to help them see themselves as God sees them, and the Holy Spirit causes the drunkard, the check-forgery, the thief, the sex criminal, the murderer to find abundant pardon. We have seen the Lord work and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Another wonderful open door is our weekly ministry at the Nassau County Children's Shelter. Here we meet the juvenile delinquent under sixteen years of age. In these informal services we were privileged to see 145 young people come forward and kneel in humble prayer during 1958.

Here also the boys and girls are given simple Bible courses in the Gospel of John. One teen-ager wrote:

"I came home from the shelter last Thursday. I have made up my mind



Pastor Steve Durasoff has good news for inmate in Nassau County Jail



Nassau County Jail, Long Island, N. Y.

to go to church every Sunday and take your Bible course. I enjoy taking this course and I have learned very much. . . . I have my own Bible in my drawer at home and I took it out for the first time in two years."

Unfortunately we have met some young men in the county jail to whom we had previously ministered in the Shelter. Satan is subtle; he is an artist in deception. The devil has a long record of success in brain-washing since his triumph in Eden. But thanks be to God for the potential victory there is in the Person of Jesus Christ! Never forget to pray for the gospel work that goes on behind locked doors.

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Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, has written five Bible study courses for prisoners (mentioned in this article) which are supplied free of charge upon request. This great ministry of the Prison Division has been made possible only through the generous contributions of interested individuals and churches. Six books may be sent out for \$5, or one book for \$1. Your offering, clearly designated PRISON BIBLE COURSES, may be sent directly to the National Home Missions Department. ◀◀

Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields



Vacation Bible school at Haines, Alaska had a total enrollment of 70

AMERICAN INDIANS

Vacation Bible School

Successful vacation Bible schools were held among the Indians this summer as follows:

The Gerald Larsons at Norris, S. Dak., had a total enrollment of 54 and an average attendance of 36.

Missionaries June Pearson and Bonnie White at Winslow, Ariz., were pleased with the results of the VBS conducted by Lois Carruthers. They were able to reach boys and girls who attend the Indian Boarding School before they were sent home for the summer. A number were saved.

The Charles Lees in Shiprock, N. Mex., had 100 enrolled for VBS and

an average attendance of about 80. Sixty-five received perfect attendance certificates.

Mildred Schultz, Sheldon, Wash., conducted an evening VBS with 67 registered and an average attendance of 48. Five children were saved.

A fine VBS was held in August at Sells, Ariz., on the Papago Reservation where the Don Binders minister.

Whiteriver, Arizona

The new education building at Whiteriver (on the Fort Apache Reservation) was dedicated June 23 at a fellowship meeting. Pearl Foster and Ann Hoffman minister here.

Guadalupe, Arizona

Mrs. Thelma Pritchard, who works



Sioux Indian children at the vacation Bible school in Norris, S. Dak.



Indian children who attended the VBS at the Winslow Indian Mission

faithfully with Mrs. Mary Booher, missionary to the Yaqui Indians, has been quite ill. Although she is somewhat improved we request prayer for her complete recovery. Notes of encouragement may be sent to her at 7401 Shea Blvd., Phoenix, Ariz.

New Appointees

The Floyd J. Pappins, Madras, Oreg., Mrs. Anyce Ruth Hutchison, Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Lois L. Caruthers, Los Angeles, Calif., have recently been appointed as missionaries to the Indians.

Polacca Village, Arizona

The Indian congregation here, to which Jewell Barnett ministers, has moved into its new church building. More funds are urgently needed to finish this building which houses the only Assemblies of God congregation on the Hopi reservation. They also need an electric generator to replace Coleman gas lights.



Hopi Indian ladies help paint the new church in Polacca Village, Arizona

ALASKA MINISTRY

New Appointee

Miss Delores Keats of Chicago, Ill., has recently been appointed to work in Alaska.

Petersburg

Edward Hughes, pastor at Petersburg, reports an average of 50 in attendance during the VBS there.

Skagway

On June 14 John Phillips baptized three persons during the first water baptismal service ever held in his church. One person received the baptism of the Holy Spirit recently.

Sitka

The Wesley Hansens had encouraging results from the vacation Bible school at Sitka, which was conducted by Evelyn Petersen of the Juneau Assembly. The Sunday school gained seven new members from the VBS.

A Deaf Lady Testifies . . .

"How I Found Christ"

By **MRS. FRANCES CHURCH**

Gaston, Indiana

CHRISt BECAME MY PERSONAL SAVIOUR in the Assembly of God in Elkhart, Ind., on May 6, 1954, during a wonderful revival.

I had been baptized in water almost ten years before, but I had not understood then about salvation. I had no joy or peace or sense of sins forgiven. I had been taught that we should be baptized first and then join the church; but now, of course, I realize that no church can save us, but only Christ has that power. I attended the hearing church, although I was deaf and there was no one to interpret for me. I am sure that I did believe and love God at the time I was baptized in water, but I was groping for the light of salvation—the born-again experience about which I knew nothing.

After I was married, my husband and I went to several churches that were conducting revivals. Every time, when the services were about over, I would feel so peculiar and guilty in my soul. I did not realize that I was not really saved.

When we were attending the revival in the Elkhart Assembly, I began to doubt that I was truly saved. A lady interpreted these meetings for the deaf. I talked with the evangelist after the

service and told him I felt I was a sinner. He asked me whether I believed in Jesus and, of course, I said, "Yes." As he explained to me, I began to understand that we must be saved first and then baptized. I was born again that night and all my doubts were dispelled. What a wonderful experience!

Four months later, my husband and I were in a head-on auto collision and I was almost killed. I was so thankful that I was saved and was ready to meet the Lord should I not survive.

I was baptized again in water at the Indiana Camp in 1956 and also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit! The experience gave me "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Due to complications from injuries I had received in the accident, I had trouble walking, had pain in the right kidney and right side of the pelvic bone, and was troubled with extreme nervousness. I was prayed for in a revival at our church and knew I was healed. The next day I prepared to wash the windows outside and my mother remonstrated, "Oh, no, you can't do that and lift the heavy storm windows." In my heart I knew that I had the strength from the Lord. My parents were very surprised that I was able to do this; in fact, they could hardly believe it. I am still able to do heavy work, thank the Lord.

My ears have not yet been opened, although I have had prayer for my hearing. I know that it was most important for me to be saved first and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I still believe that in God's own time He will heal my ears. I am serving the Lord, in His will, and trusting Him to use my life for His glory. May God use this testimony to help some deaf person who has not yet seen the light of the wonderful experience of salvation.

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Your offering to help Assemblies of God ministers to the Deaf in their work may be clearly designated DEAF FUND and sent to the National Home Missions Department. ◀◀



Mrs. Frances Church

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Dominican Republic

NATIONAL WORKER PIONEERS NEW CHURCH

A few months ago a national worker in Barahona began preaching in the village of San Rafael. There are now fifty candidates for baptism and the enthusiastic congregation is building a new chapel, reports missionary Verne Warner.

Brother Warner further reports, "In the southwest part of the country we are opening a new work in the provincial capital city of Neiba. A house has been rented and benches are being built. We already have a national worker in the town holding cottage prayer meetings and doing personal work. Pray for this new evangelistic effort."

Tanganyika

NEW CHURCH COMPLETED

Missionary Stephen Vandermerwe reports from Tanganyika, East Africa, that a new church has been built at Iringa. "We had Paul Bruton for our opening services and God set His seal of approval on our efforts by saving souls in every service. To our happy



Verne Warner greets new Christians at San Rafael, Dominican Republic

amazement, the hall was filled in each service."

Uruguay

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST CONVERTED

Missionaries Anthony and Rita Giordano report the conversion of a Roman Catholic priest in Uruguay. "Jose Manuel DeLeon was visited in his church at Rocha, Uruguay, by two Assemblies of God women. They testified and prayed and their prayers touched his heart. He later acknowledged to them his belief that confessions by the people to the priest was wrong. With

diligence he studied God's Word and asked God to reveal to him the Truth. Upon finding Christ as his Saviour, Brother DeLeon renounced his Catholic priesthood, removed his black robe, and began with fervor to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ."

China

EXPELLED FROM CHINESE MAINLAND

Miss Helen Willis, who operated the Christian Book Room in Shanghai, China, until October 1958, has been expelled from Red China. In a talk before a missionary prayer group in Hong Kong, she told a heart-breaking story of the suffering and persecution being experienced by Christians on the mainland.

She told how an Evangelical pastor had been arrested and mercilessly brainwashed until his mind gave way and he signed a confession. When he first came out of prison he kept beating his breast with the cry of, "I am Judas!" Later this changed to, "I am Peter!" Later, his mind restored, he saw the confession he had signed, went at once to the officials to deny his guilt, and voluntarily returned to prison rather than to let the confession stand.

According to Miss Willis' account, this is typical of many incidents behind the Bamboo Curtain today, for many Chinese Christians are willing to suffer and die if necessary for the cause of Christ.

El Salvador

SUNDAY SCHOOLS REACH RECORD ATTENDANCE

From El Salvador, missionary Arthur Lindvall reports, "Since 1953, until April of this year, our churches have increased 256 per cent; outstations, 302 per cent; members, 230 per cent; Sunday schools, 463 per cent.

"In the capital city of San Salvador our work has grown from one church with 60 members and 100 in Sunday school in January, 1956, to 17 churches with 1,154 members and 5,900 in Sunday school. There are 95 branch Sunday schools.



New Assembly at Iringa, Tanganyika, East Africa

"In the entire country our Sunday schools have grown in the last 18 months in average monthly attendance from 11,339 to 17,772. Membership in classes has increased from 697 to 1,187, and the members of branch Sunday schools from 146 to 466. It is probable we will average over 20,000 for the month of September."

India

REVIVAL AT JAMES HARVEY SCHOOL

A revival has come to James Harvey Memorial School, our school for boys in India. Miss Rosslyn Robinson, missionary teacher at the school, writes, "We felt led to ask one of our national teachers of the Hardoi Bible School to come to us for special meetings. He asked us to spend the previous week in prayer, which we did. By the time Girga Dayal arrived God had already begun to work in our midst. Brother Dayal preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. All of the students either repented of their sins or made a new consecration during the first two or three days of the meetings. Then God began to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us—both old and young, regardless of denomination. By the end of the week, several had been saved and twenty-one had been filled with the Holy Spirit."

South Africa

APARTHEID FORCES SCHOOL TO MOVE

The African Bible Training Institute, located at Witbank, Transvaal, South Africa, will have to be relocated, according to a recent decision of the South African government. Missionary Fred Burke, principal of the school, writes, "For many months there has been uncertainty concerning the future of the school. This is due to the policy of the government in South Africa of separating the Africans from the white people and establishing 'African states.'

"Now, in common with many other institutions all over this country, we have been given notice that we must move our school by June 1961. A place must be found where the students can stay in a native reserve but white teachers must live across the boundary in the 'white area' and cross over daily to teach in the school. This, of course, means that we will have to close the school at Spring Valley."

A possible site for relocation has been found at Potgietersrust. Pray that God may supply the needs of the school.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

LATEST NEWS OF OUR WORLD-WIDE MISSIONARY PROGRAM speaks of self-sacrifice on the part of our American constituency as well as by our foreign missionaries.

THE OFFERING RECEIVED FROM DELEGATES at San Antonio during the General Council Foreign Missions Rally amounted to more than \$20,000 (including short-term pledges). W-E Day offerings reported by telephone added up to approximately \$56,000 and it was estimated that when all the offerings are reported the total W-E Day offering will pass the \$100,000 mark.

NOEL PERKIN ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT from the post of Foreign Missions director, after filling that office for thirty-three years. J. Philip Hogan was elected to succeed him.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT SAN ANTONIO made this a historic General Council in that three of the most prominent leaders in the Assemblies of God are leaving office simultaneously.

J. R. FLOWER RESIGNED from the position of General Secretary after serving as a General Council official for thirty-six years. The new General Secretary will be Bartlett Peterson.

T. F. ZIMMERMAN WAS ELECTED to be General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. He will succeed Ralph M. Riggs who has headed the organization for the past six years.

HOWARD S. BUSH, District Superintendent of the Assemblies in South Florida, was elected to the office of Assistant General Superintendent.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL were told that Victor G. Greisen is the new Field Secretary of the Assemblies of God for Europe, the Middle East, and Southern Asia. Before joining the faculty of the Assemblies of God training center in Denmark, Brother Greisen was superintendent of the Kansas District in the U.S.

A MISSIONARY IN WEST AFRICA suffered a severe beating August 20. Miss Charlese Spencer, Assemblies of God missionary in Ghana, was beaten by members of the Bimoba tribe when she, with the national pastor, four African Christians, and two government policemen, attempted to release a Christian girl who was being held against her wishes by worshipers of the Konsi fetish. Miss Spencer narrowly escaped death. She was seized by the Africans and severely beaten with clubs and fists, but managed to break away and take refuge in her Speed-the-Light car. Later a larger force of policemen freed the girl from the fetish enclosure. The government has arrested the village chief and 22 of the assailants.

SOME FIFTEEN BLIND AFRICANS received whole or partial sight during a revival in Bassari, Togo. Minister at the ten-day revival campaign was Elvis Davis.



Anthony Piraino, Italy field secretary, tells Frances Foster, BGMC director, about the literature work in Italy.

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Question: Brother Piraino, how has gospel literature contributed to the success of your ministry in Italy?

Answer: Without reservation, I can say that literature with the help of the Lord has been the largest single factor in our success in Italy. Literature has been the key to opening the door for men and women to come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

After some hard battles in Italy we have been able to win some measure of religious liberty. We are now permitted to distribute tracts and Gospels freely wherever we wish. We thank God for this. We are also free to print any literature we wish, whether books or materials for the Sunday school or for any phase of our ministry that needs the assistance of the printed page.

Question: Was there a literature program in Italy before BGMC came to your aid?

Answer: When we landed in Italy in September of 1951, the only publication we had was a monthly twelve-page booklet which was the official organ of the Assemblies of God of Italy.

Question: Brother Piraino, what was the amount of the first offering you received from BGMC in 1951, and what was it used for?

Answer: We received \$250 from the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. This was enough to print the very first Sunday school quarterly in Italy.

Question: Would you give us a brief summary of the progress of the Assemblies of God in Italy over the past eight years?

Answer: God has marvelously blessed the work in Italy, particularly in the past few years. There were about 260 churches in 1950; today there are over 525. This phenomenal growth has resulted in a shortage of workers. However, we feel the recent enlargement of our Bible school program and facilities will help to relieve this situation. I might add that today the largest Protestant denomination by far in Italy is the Assem-

blies of God. I feel that much of our progress is due to the excellent literature program which God has enabled us to advance.

Question: What type of literature do you print?

Answer: We print gospel tracts of all kinds and small booklets for evangelization purposes. We print four Sunday school quarterlies: the **Adult Student, Junior Pupil, Primary Pupil, and Primary Teacher**. We also print the **Sunday School Counsellor**. We produce various other Sunday school materials such as record books, etc. We have published hymnals and doctrinal books. My, we have just about run the gamut from little one-page tracts to books of four and five hundred pages.

Question: Who handles your translation work?

Answer: Our official translator is an ex-priest, Lawrence Loranzo Ramacini. He has been translating now for about five years. As you can imagine, Loranzo Ramacini has a wonderful testimony. Even before his official ordination to the priesthood he had questions in his mind concerning certain inconsistencies of Catholic doctrine. These questions remained unanswered in his mind for many years until finally another ex-priest, Pietro Salvaggio, who runs our print shop, led him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Both of these gentlemen have made a wonderful contribution to our work in Italy.

Question: What facilities do you have for printing?

Answer: You have asked me something that is so close to my heart. In 1954 we started a little printing plant. This beginning was made possible by the wonderful members of Camden Assembly of God in Camden, N. J., who sent us an offering of \$800. With this money we purchased a small press and hand-cutting machine. Later, as our work expanded, Speed-the-Light provided us with a larger press and a folding machine. Today I am happy to tell you that we have five high-speed presses and sufficient folding, stapling, and cutting machines to enable us to print millions of pieces of gospel

IN ITALY

The true value of Literature work is clearly seen in this graphic interview between BGMC Director, Frances Foster and Italy field secretary, Anthony Piraino

literature in Italy. All in all, today our printing plant is worth \$50,000 and we have over twenty full-time workers who operate it. We thank the many friends who have made this possible.

Question: Are there other denominations using your Italian literature?

Answer: I am happy to say that most all of the Protestant denominations in Italy are using our literature. And their comment is that the best Sunday school literature in Italy is produced by the Assemblies of God.

Question: Do you know of other friends who have received help from BGMC?

Answer: Yes, due to the fact that Rome is situated practically in the very heart of Europe, it is a logical stopping place for many of our missionaries. It is my

privilege to meet some of these missionaries, and as we talk I learn how happy they are for the help BGMC gives them. I remember talking to the head of the printing department in South Africa. He told me of the great help, especially in Sunday school material, that he is receiving from BGMC. I have also heard good reports from France, Germany, and many other parts of the world. We can say without question that BGMC has a world-wide ministry.

Question: Brother Piraino, is there a message you would like to give to the boys and girls of America?

Answer: Boys and girls, I can only say one thing: The missionaries of Italy are very grateful for the wonderful way you have helped us through BGMC. Recently I received a letter from one of our Italian missionaries who told me of Thsi, a twelve-year-old Catholic boy who received a Sunday School paper from a boy in that missionary's church. Thsi read the paper and God touched his heart. Soon Thsi was saved. He went to his family and testified to his mother and father. He brought them to church and soon the whole family was saved. The literature you provide through BGMC is our most effective tool of evangelism in Italy. You boys and girls are doing a wonderful job. I hope that many others in our Assemblies of God constituency will realize the wonderful results of giving through this great world-wide Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

Question: What are your plans for future ministry in Italy?

Answer: The desire of my heart is to return to Italy as quickly as possible to continue in the mass evangelistic crusades we have already started. God has given us marvelous success. As many as 1,500 people have attended a single service. We are grateful to the Lord for the many souls that have been saved. One phase of that mass evangelistic work is literature distribution. I can honestly say that we would not have been able to accomplish a third of the work we have done in Italy if it had not been for the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.



"... Protestant denominations use our literature."



"... BGMC certainly has a world-wide ministry."



Print shop and Speed-the-Light car in Aba, Nigeria



Many attend outdoor meetings at Mbieri, Nigeria

NIGERIANS TURN FROM JUJUS TO JESUS

Speed-the-Light Equipment Helps in Opening New Church

PERHAPS IT COULD HAVE BEEN said more eloquently, but the dusty feet of the many who walked fifty miles each weekend to Aba (and fifty miles back again to Mbieri after the Sunday services were over) spoke with a sincerity and force that was easy to understand.

Week after week they came—always with the same appeal, “We want a church at Mbieri.”

It all began back in February when Lorne Fox and Robert Smith were in the Assembly at Aba, Nigeria, for three weeks of evangelistic meetings. Some people from Mbieri were among the crowds who attended the services. They had never seen anything like this at either of the two large denominational churches in their town. Here was reality, changed lives, blessing you could feel, even miracles! And so, after the meetings were over, they kept coming back, Sunday after Sunday.

Finally, the pastor at Aba put the matter before his church. The church gave an offering to finance a week of meetings at Mbieri. Twenty-two Christ’s Ambassadors volunteered to give up their trading for a week and to go along to help in any way they could. Andrew Hargrave, printer-missionary in charge of the Assemblies of God Press at Aba, was asked to go

each night as the special speaker.

Hundreds of pounds of gospel tracts and *Nigerian Evangelists* from the Speed-the-Light printing equipment at Aba were loaded into the Speed-the-Light station wagon and the invasion of Mbieri was begun. The C.A.’s literally sowed the area down with gospel literature. From the first service it was evident that God was moving. Hundreds came to the services every night. An evangelist also conducted day services. Many were saved, healed, filled with the Spirit. In one service Brother Hargrave counted twenty-four receiving the Baptism at one time.

By the middle of the week the people were asking the C.A.’s to come and carry their jujus to be burned. On Friday night the accumulation was set on fire—jujus of every description, hand carved, costly, beautiful, ugly—all in a heap. The fire burned all night, and all through Saturday and Sunday.

The week of meetings has concluded but the evangelist has stayed on. The people are continuing to come for early-morning prayer meetings. Land has been donated and cleared for erection of a church building. The people have been taught to tithe. A Sunday school has been established with an enrollment of over 1,300 members.

After two months, during which the Speed-the-Light station wagon has made the 100-mile round trip each weekend, the Sunday school continues to average over 1,000. Money is being raised through church pledges to erect a cement block church building. The con-



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gregation is also starting to build a house for a pastor. The people are learning to support the work.

Through this new church it appears that an entire area will be opened to the Pentecostal message and ministry. The Speed-the-Light station wagon and Speed-the-Light printing equipment had a very real part in this work. Thank the Lord for the good work of the C.A.'s both in the USA and at Aba.

SPEED-the-LIGHT

TOP TWENTY-TWO

LEADING THE NATION

January 1—July 31, 1959

TOTAL GIVING

F. G. Tab., Bakersfield, Calif.	\$3,105.00
1st A/G, Memphis, Tenn.	1,515.00
Calvary F. G. A/G, Inglewood, Calif.	1,358.57
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	1,055.00
1st A/G, Binghamton, N. Y.	1,046.59
Bethel A/G, Lincoln Park, Mich.	983.37
Central A/G, Baton Rouge, La.	934.84
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans.	768.00
Bethany A/G, Adrian, Mich.	665.00
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wis.	637.88
1st A/G, Russellville, Ark.	631.75
A/G, Coffeyville, Kans.	609.00
Christian A/G, Wausau, Wis.	604.00
Immanuel Pent. Ch., Cleveland, Ohio	600.00
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala.	597.00
1st A/G, N. Little Rock, Ark.	597.00
1st A/G, Crowley, La.	565.57
1st A/G, Pocatello, Idaho	559.06
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho	549.83
1st A/G, N. Hollywood, Calif.	525.00
1st A/G, Vero Beach, Fla.	523.49
1st A/G, Denver, Colo.	521.00

PER CAPITA

Per capita giving is based on total offering divided by number of C. A. members. Number of members is in parentheses.

F. G. Tab., Bakersfield, Calif. (45)	\$69
Central A/G, Baton Rouge, La. (15)	62
1st A/G, Pocatello, Idaho (9)	62
Oak Grove A/G, Malvern, Ark. (3)	48
1st A/G, Plain Dealing, La. (4)	40
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala. (16)	37
A-G, Dermott, Ark. (6)	35
1st A/G, Binghamton, N. Y. (30)	34
A/G, Eads, Colo. (7)	32
A/G, Leslie, Ark. (4)	31
A/G, Rifle, Colo. (5)	31
Christian A/G, Wausau, Wis. (20)	30
A/G, Collinston, La. (10)	29
A/G, Murfreesboro, Ark. (10)	27
1st A/G, Russellville, Ark. (23)	27
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans. (28)	27
A/G, Dove Creek, Colo. (10)	27
1st A-G, Vero Beach, Fla. (19)	27
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho (20)	27
Faith Chapel, Franklin, Ala. (5)	24
Berea Tab., Detroit, Mich. (15)	24
A/G, Cedaredge, Colo. (5)	24



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, September 28

Read: Psalm 45:1-6

Learn: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre" (Psalm 45:6).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) we must be ready to tell others what God has done for us, v. 1; (2) it is only through God's grace that we are saved from sin, v. 2; (3) our God is a great God who has all power, vv. 3-5; (4) He is an eternal God who will rule forever, v. 6. Emphasize the great power of God in taking care of all who trust in Him.

Question Time: What does verse 1 mean to you? For how long will God rule? (v. 6) How do we obtain God's blessing?

Tuesday, September 29

Read: Psalm 45:7-17

Learn: "So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him" (Psalm 45:11).

For the Parent: This passage likens the Christian to the bride of a great king. This is in keeping with the New Testament teaching that we are the bride of Christ. Stress the love of God for us—only through His love and mercy are we made ready to enter His home. Also stress the idea of worship, v. 11. He is our Lord. We are to worship Him.

Question Time: To what does this passage compare the Christian? (See above) With what New Testament teaching is this linked? (See above)

Wednesday, September 30

Read: Psalm 46

Learn: "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

For the Parent: From this psalm point out: (1) God is our refuge and strength; (2) we need not fear in difficult times; (3) the city—or the person—with whom God dwells has nothing to fear; (4) in our rushing and hurrying we must take time to listen to God's voice—to let Him speak to us and to let His name be exalted among all men; (5) we rejoice in the fact that God is with us; He is our refuge and strength.

Question Time: What benefits does verse 1 bring to the Christian? (v. 2) What must we do to know God? (v. 10)

Thursday, October 1

Read: Genesis 26:12-25

Learn: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Isaac the Peacemaker" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The life of Isaac, as it is here recorded, gives us a beautiful picture of what God expects from us as Christians. There may be times when we can win an argument—but lose the chance to win a soul. Our influence upon others is great; therefore, we must always try to be like Jesus.

Question Time: Why did Isaac become wealthy? (v. 12) How is Isaac's example with the wells a lesson to us today?

Friday, October 2

Read: Matthew 5:3; 18:1-4; 1 Kings 3:5-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life" (Proverbs 22:4).

For the Parent: Humility is a virtue that every Christian should try to attain. God hates pride (see Psalms 101:5; 138:6). Discuss the humility of Solomon in asking God for wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-10). Stress that we should recognize and use the talents God has given us—self-deprecation is not humility; often it is a symptom of pride. But we must always remember that we succeed as we rely on God.

Question Time: What do you think humility is? Why does God hate pride?

Saturday, October 3

Read: Genesis 1:1-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

For the Parent: All children wonder how the world got started. Use this session as an opportunity to talk about creation and the great power of God. The question may arise, "Who made God?" In explaining that God always was, emphasize that there are some things which we cannot reason out but must accept by faith. The human mind cannot comprehend something or someone without a beginning, yet we accept God's existence by faith.

Question Time: Who created the world? (v. 1) How did God create it?



ISAAC THE PEACEMAKER

Sunday School Lesson for October 4, 1959

GENESIS 26:12-25

Isaac has been described as "the ordinary son of a great father, and the ordinary father of a great son." His life was quiet and uneventful. But should we really call him ordinary? For Isaac, under pressure revealed qualities of character, which do not occur "ordinarily" in us today when we are subjected to similar circumstances!

1. *The Offense of Being Successful.* 26:1-6, 12-16. Because of a famine which had come to the land of Canaan, Isaac moved to Gerar in the land of the Philistines. There he was blessed of the Lord so that in time he became the prosperous possessor of great flocks, herds and servants. "And the Philistines envied him." We forgive people for being negligent, slothful, and mean, but often refuse to forgive them for being successful. If the spirit of Christ is in the ascendancy in our hearts, we rejoice in the success of others. 1 Cor. 12:26; 13:4; Rom. 12:15.

2. *The Way to Spiritual Enlargement.* 26:17-24. King Abimelech, too, was not happy about Isaac's prosperity, and fearing lest Isaac should become too powerful, asked him to leave the country. Meekly Isaac complied, packed his goods, and moved. Twice he dug wells and each time relinquished them to the Philistines who claimed the right to possess them. The third time Isaac dug a well, he was left alone and named the well, "Rehoboth," which means enlargement. Observe that after this he received a new revelation of God.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." The Christian often gains most by yielding. Isaac lived the Sermon on the Mount 1800 years before it was preached. What a rebuke to some of us today who have heard that sermon time and time again and for some reason fail to take the preaching of our Lord seriously! See Matt. 5:39-48; 1 Peter 2:19, 20.

3. *Spiritual Well Digging.* Since water and wells are used in the Bible to symbolize spiritual life (Isa. 12:3; John 7:37-39), we are not out of order in using the story of Isaac's well digging to typify the Christian in search of spiritual things.

(1) Isaac had to dig for water. While it is true that on occasions blessings from God come unsought, in general, spiritual blessings and results require definite co-operation on the part of man. Many Christians try to receive blessing only by "radiation," that is, by getting under the overflow of blessing which comes from the life of another who has had to do the digging.

(2) Isaac met with opposition. So do we. In prayer for ourselves and others, in seeking the fullness of the Spirit, in quiet waiting on God, in united prayer, we meet opposition of one kind or another. Sometimes we are assailed by our own thoughts and cares which come clamoring

for recognition. Again, we are hindered in prayer by physical weakness or illness. At times unseen spiritual adversaries oppose. In spite of them all, we may have continual answers to prayer and a continual supply of the Spirit for all our needs. Rom. 8:26; 2 Cor. 10:4. For three weeks Daniel kept praying. Then he discovered he had been heard from the first day! Dan. 10:2, 12.

(3) Isaac found water in the time of trouble. Though opposed and oppressed by the Philistines, he found he was nevertheless able to continue his well digging and to continue to find water. Christ has made possible for us to be victorious over all circumstances. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

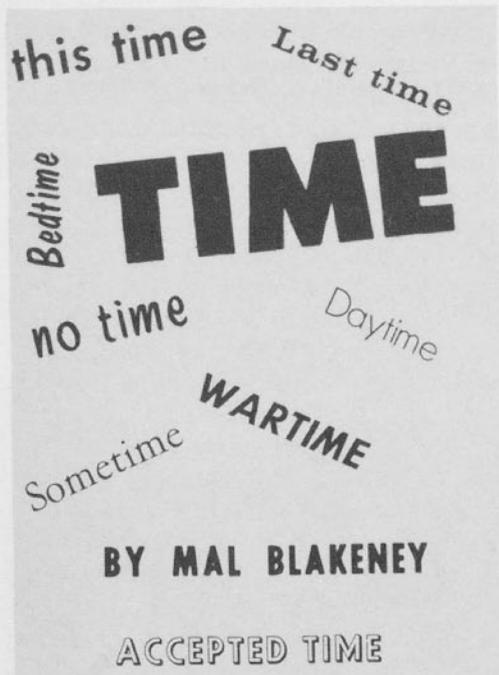
4. *How to Win Friends.* Compare 26:16 with 26:26-31. Solomon said, "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Abimelech, Isaac's former enemy, became desirous of his friendship. Why? "We certainly saw that the Lord was with thee." What a testimony, coming as it did from a former enemy and man of the world! But mind you, these words would never have been spoken, nor the covenant of peace made, if Isaac had done the "natural" thing and returned evil for evil when he was opposed!

5. *True Greatness.* In the beginning of the lesson we implied that Isaac was a rather ordinary man. Perhaps we should retract that statement. It is true that Isaac never became a conqueror of cities and armies, as did his illustrious descendant David; but he conquered something greater—his own spirit. For "he that ruleth his spirit," is greater "than he that taketh a city." Prov. 16:32.

—J. Bashford Bishop

SECRET OF VICTORY





THE SPARE BROWN FIGURE CLAD IN white homespun spoke accusingly, "Your god is time. You Americans let a little round creation of tin and glass with an hour and minute hand boss you all day. It rings; you get up. It moves a few black spaces and you run for the bus. If it has gone too many black spaces by the time you reach your work, it causes your employer displeasure. The clock tells you when to get hungry, when to go home. Every minute that passes, that clock is saying something. 'It's time to work, it's time to play, it's time to rest, it's time to pray.' You are the slaves of the clock."

In a way, that philosophical Hindu was right. Time has become a fetish of the Western world. Just glance again at the top of this page and notice a few of the many expressions that have to do with time. Sound pointless? Well, so does a lot of our rushing around to save time in order to sit down and waste it. *We kill* time; we *mark* time; but never forget, we can't *make* time. It is something that starts for you the instant you are born, and keeps on moving until you die. I'm talking now about the time that is given *you*—it's *your* time.

Time is strange. Now you have it; now you don't. Augustine, who lived just after Christ, gave a lot of thought to the subject of time and came up with the following: "What then is time? If no one asks me, I know, but if I wish to explain it, I have to admit that I know not." He observed that time past is that which is not because

it is passed away. Time future is not because it has not yet come. Time present is the only time that *is*. "The past is a spent check; the future is a promissory note; the present is hard cash—spend it."

The time that is yours is given you by God Himself. Therefore it is extremely important to Him what you do with it. We may appear to be ruled by a clock, but that does not mean that material, everyday things should control our actions and dictate our decisions.

God not only wants your time—He wants YOU. Time spent in His service will pay off in eternity when time is not measured in hours and days. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The only possible thing that can keep you from enjoying fellowship with God in this life and in the world to come is your refusal to accept His offer of salvation.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

The Bible always emphasizes the urgency of acting now—"Behold *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

A Fable

Two brothers, convicted of stealing sheep, were branded on the forehead with the letters S.T., meaning "Sheep Thief." One of the brothers was unable to bear the stigma, and tried to bury himself in a foreign land; but men asked him about the strange letters, so he kept wandering restlessly, and at length, full of bitterness, died and was buried far from home.

The other brother said to himself, "I can't run away from the fact that I stole sheep. I will stay here and win back the respect of my neighbors and myself." As years passed he built a reputation for integrity. Decades later, a stranger one day saw the old man with the letters on his forehead. He asked a native what they signified. "It happened a great while ago," said the villager. "I've forgotten the particulars, but I think the letters are an abbreviation of 'Saint'."

Then spake
Jesus again
unto them,
saying, I am
the LIGHT of
the world: he
that followeth
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ness, but shall
have the light
of life.

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WMC'S IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA

By Missionary Ruby A. Johnson

AS WE THINK OF WMC GROUPS among primitive women of Ghana it might be well to pause and consider the African woman as a person. She has the same basic human needs as her white neighbors across the sea, but she is a part of African culture which is vastly different from that of our own country.

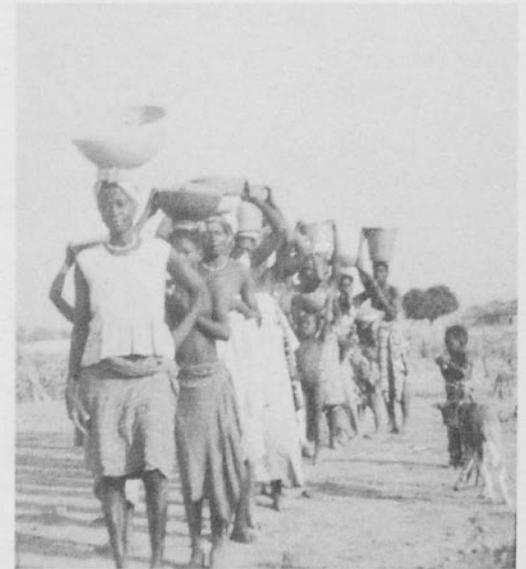
The primitive African woman is a slave and is treated as chattel property. She may be one of several wives as polygamy is prevalent. She has nothing to say about whom she marries; probably she was promised at birth or when very young to some man who is old enough to be her father or grandfather. While she is growing up the intended husband pays dowry of grain, fowl, or animals to the girl's father. African women cook and keep the home, carry wood and water on their heads, raise a family, and may also work hard in the fields. They are often beaten and mistreated by the husband. Many of them welcome another

wife into the family to help with the work.

Fortunate is the woman whose husband becomes a Christian and who becomes a Christian herself. Their lives and home are changed, although they are still part of a culture that is not founded on Christian principles. This makes many problems for Christian missions.

The women who come to our churches are not all saved, but many of them are. They are all illiterate; they have not had the opportunities our women in America have had. They do not even have a stove to cook on. Instead they have two rocks and some wood they have gathered and carried from the bush. To us, their way of life is similar to living in a child's playhouse.

The Saboba Church WMC was organized in August, 1958, with thirty-nine women present. We meet twice a month to sing, pray, have a Scripture lesson and a memory verse. Since these women are all illiterate, we feel it is



Yakazia W.M.C.'s carry dirt and water to make a pounded mud floor in their church

important to help them memorize some scripture. Each woman is encouraged to choose some need that she will take upon her heart and pray for every day. We cut out the pictures of missionaries and give them out so that each one may have somebody especially to pray for. They also pray for other African villages, other tribes, and other countries. We then have a work period.

These women did not know how to sew, so we let them practise on old cloth. Then they began sewing handkerchiefs for the Bible school boys. Next we shall teach them to sew on buttons and to patch, then cleanliness and health, cooking and nutrition, infant and child care.

One of their projects was to plaster the inside of the church, which they did with mud and cow manure. They carried the water from wells in buckets on their heads. They had the church half plastered before we knew they were working. They have now white-washed both inside and outside.

The Yakazia outstation church is eighteen miles from Saboba, and we organized a WMC there with forty-two women present. Several men came too; we told them it was all right to come if they would work. These women are a little more primitive than the Saboba women as they have not had the gospel as long. They need a great deal of teaching spiritually and otherwise.



Yakazia WMC group beside their unfinished church. Ruby Johnson at right with accordion

We meet once a month, and in addition they meet sometimes on their own for some of their work projects. Their church is not yet completed and their first work project was to make a pounded mud floor and rostrum for use until such time as they can get cement. They had to carry water on their heads for some distance. This project was completed by Thursday after the first WMC meeting on Saturday. They were determined to have it finished in time for the Christmas services.

The next time we met with the Yakazia group there were fifty women, sixty children and five men present. It had been announced that their first sewing lesson would be given, and they were most anxious to learn. We did not believe the native pastor when he said that none of the ladies knew how to thread a needle, but he was not joking. All we got done that day was threading the needle, tying a knot in the thread, and making a simple running stitch.

We had not anticipated such a crowd and found ourselves with insufficient cloth with which to work. That made it necessary to go a short distance to the Yakazia clinic to get some of the wide bandage provided by the USA Women's Missionary Councils and tear little strips of it to sew together. They were so proud of what they had done that they all took their work home with them. Perhaps you wonder how we handled fifty illiterate women with sixty wiggling youngsters at large. Only the Lord knows, and He did help us.

I shall never forget how pleased these women were to receive the pictures of the missionaries for whom they were to pray. It is a real thrill to work with them and to see how grateful they are to be able to learn more of God and a better way of life. ◀◀



Saboba WMC president and vice president whitewashing the church



WMC's and Sunday school of First Assembly in Hannibal, Mo. join in shower of gifts for an Indian reservation



Pima Indian children at Casa Blanca Indian Mission wearing their WMC Christmas clothing. Edna Griep, missionary, lower left

Gift Time is Just Around the Corner

To many people Christmas may seem a long way off, but to WMC's it is "just around the corner." Already their overseas Christmas packages are in the mail, and now their attention will be given to bringing Christmas cheer to others nearer at hand.

Children's homes in the States, including Alaska; Sunday school children on Indian reservations and in pioneer churches; convalescent homes and homes for the aged—these and many more will be remembered. WMC's should ask the Lord to bring to their attention those who may not have anyone else to remember them. This is

one way we can show the love of Christ.

Every year our home missionaries are able to give clothing, toys, school supplies, etc., to the needy about them because they are supplied by WMC groups. It is time now to plan Christmas packages for home missions. Personal gifts for the missionaries should be sent in packages separate from the gifts for distribution. Early in October, information concerning the needs will be sent to district WMC presidents. Packages should reach their destination not later than December 15 so that the missionaries will have time to wrap the ideal gifts. ◀◀



A Navajo Indian family. The baby is wearing her WMC Christmas dress



A Pueblo Indian grandmother smiles her gratitude for the gift of a WMC quilt

"The Lord Helps Me,"

Says this Missionette Sponsor

ALTHOUGH SHE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO A WHEEL CHAIR FOR MANY months, Mrs. Myrtle Palenske, sponsor of the Missionette Club at First Assembly of God in Oshkosh, Wis., has accomplished more than many people who are not handicapped. About a year and a half ago Mrs. Palenske became interested in the Missionette program and read everything she could find about its purpose and organization. As she read, her heart became burdened for the girls of her church, and last January she became their sponsor.

Since it is impossible for her to go to the church basement, the Missionette meetings are conducted in her home at least once and sometimes twice each month. To keep a dozen or more lively teen-agers occupied is not an easy task, but with the help of the Lord Mrs. Palenske has been able to do so. The fact that her right side is paralyzed does not keep her from planning activities and helping the girls if they get stymied on a project. She has an amazing array of handwork materials in her home. Lovely recipe books have been made, using plain white paper for the inside and discarded pieces of window shade for the cover. Scraps of felt are made into toys for children. Beautiful awards have been made from discarded greeting cards.

At each meeting girls have some kind of shower. Once it was a baby shower; another time a school supply shower. The most interesting of all was a "surprise shower" when none of the girls told what they planned to bring. There was a wonderful variety of gifts, including a set of embroidered dish towels which one of the girls took from her own hope chest. The girls love to give to missions in this way. Items for the showers are purchased with their own earnings.

An old trunk was papered on the inside and gilded on the outside to serve as a treasure chest. How thrilling it is to see new items added to it each month! After just five and one-half months the chest was filled to overflowing. Items from the chest were taken to the district camp meeting in July and placed with the WMC display so that missionaries could select the things they needed.

A lovely program was presented by the Oshkosh Missionettes on Sunday, June 21. Mrs. Palenske wrote the script and prepared the visual aid. She has learned to use her left hand and does not let her handicap hinder her work for the Lord. Much prayer went into the planning so that the entire church would be made aware of what the Missionettes stand for.

At the end of the program the WMC officers were asked to stand, and the Missionettes pinned on them white carnations which they had made. The girls wore blue carnations, also of their own making. Samples of their handwork were displayed at the back of the church along with the open treasure chest.

Mrs. Palenske writes, "I am limited as to getting around but isn't it wonderful that God never limits our prayer life. He has marvelously helped me to do with one hand things which would ordinarily

take two hands. I know it is only through God that I have been able to accomplish this."

It was my privilege to visit Mrs. Palenske in her home this summer, and her courage, determination, and trust in God for her complete healing were a great inspiration to me. After all her work and planning for the special Missionette program in June she was unable to attend the service, but her heart is full of gratitude to God for His goodness. In spite of her affliction she never utters a discouraging word. She is a blessing to the girls and the entire church.



Mrs. Myrtle Palenske, Missionette sponsor



Missionettes who took part in the special program are pictured with the visual aid Mrs. Palenske made

MISSIONETTES CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN JULY

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Dripping Springs	Judsonia, Ark.	Mrs. Bobbie Louks
First A/G	Griffin, Ga.	Carolyn Neil
North Side A/G	Muncie, Ind.	
First A/G	New Albany, Ind.	Mrs. Mary Belden
Bethel A/G	Louisville, Ky.	Beatrice Chasteen
A/G	Menahga, Minn.	Mrs. Arthur Rupp
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Oak Cliff A/G	Dallas, Tex.	
A/G	Stamford, Tex.	Mrs. Roy J. Carter
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Glad Tidings A/G	Sunnyvale, Calif.	Mrs. Charlene Johnson
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A/G	Alturas, Calif.	Mrs. Lois McCrary
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Glad Tidings	Shawnee, Okla.	Mrs. Jimmie Lou Bly
A/G	Phoenix, Oreg.	Mrs. Harry Krueger
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A/G	Banning, Calif.	Arbelle Floyd
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JAPAN

Observes Centennial of Protestant Missions

A Survey of Assemblies of God Missions in the "Land of the Rising Sun"

CHRISTIANITY WAS INTRODUCED IN Japan by a Roman Catholic Jesuit missionary in 1549. It was soon outlawed, however, and the islands were closed to Christianity for nearly three centuries.

In 1859 Townsend Harris, the first American consul in Japan, obtained permission for Americans to reside in four port cities of the islands. Being an Episcopalian, Mr. Harris wrote to the Episcopal mission board, urging them to send missionaries to the newly-opened Oriental country. John Liggins and C. W. Williams, then missionaries in China, were requested to transfer to Japan. Mr. Liggins arrived at Nagasaki on May 2, 1859, and Mr. Williams joined him five months later. In November of that same year Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Hepburn of the Presbyterian Mission and Guida Verbeck and Samuel Robbins Brown of the Dutch Reformed Mission arrived to enlarge the missionary force.

Persecution was severe. It was illegal for a Japanese national to become a Christian and a strict spy system was maintained. The head man of each district was compelled to bring a statement signed by all of his residents: "Hitherto we have not been of the sect of Christians." The heads of five families, smallest unit of government, had to declare: "We have not been

negligent in search for the sect of Christians."

THE LAND

Japan is a land of islands, mountains, and volcanoes. Latest population figures show that 91,826,160 people live on the 142,644 square miles of the Japanese islands. The four main islands are Hokkaido, Kyushu, Honshu, and Shikoku. Tokyo, the capital city,



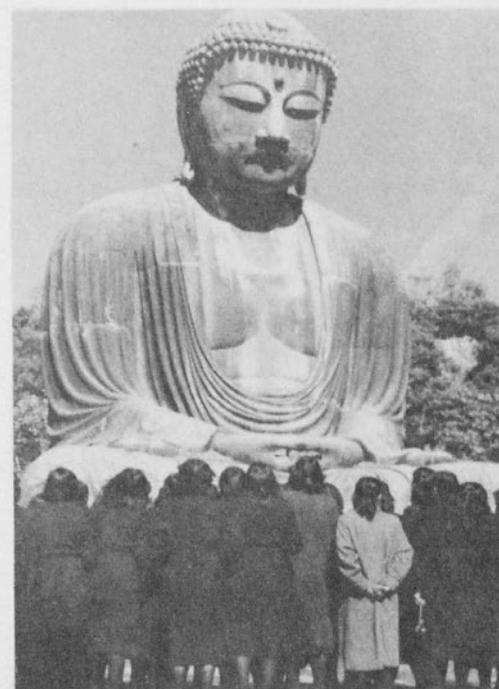
PHOTO BY PAUL PIPKIN
Japanese Shintoist rubs prayer beads at Shinto shrine

is located on the island of Honshu and is the world's largest city with some 9,000,000 inhabitants. Japan's temperate climate makes it a popular tourist and commercial center in the Orient.

Only sixteen per cent of the land in Japan is arable, but agriculture is an important occupation. Tea and rice are among the principal crops.

THE PEOPLE

Original inhabitants of the Japanese islands are the Ainu, a primitive people clustered in a remote area of Hokkaido. The Japanese as we know them migrated from Malaya and Polynesia. The history of Nippon is steeped in antiquity and it is often difficult to separate truth from legend.



Kamakura Buddha attracts youthful worshipers

Japan has had a monarchy for generations. Legend claims the emperor to be the son of the sun goddess. Emperor Hirohito is the 124th ruler of the Imperial Dynasty. Religion and politics are inseparable where such emperor worship is practiced.

ANCIENT RELIGIONS

Japan is frequently known as "the museum of religions." It is difficult to compile statistics for Japan's religions because of the common custom of professing dual or multiple religious adherence. To further complicate the problem, Shinto statistics often reflect the sale of amulets or charms rather than individual membership. It is estimated, however, that there are approximately 79,000,000 Shintoists in Japan today and the Buddhists claim some 60,000,000 followers.

Shinto, "the Way of the Gods," is an indigenous, polytheistic animism which includes ancestor worship. "It has no codified doctrine or creed of any kind other than worship offered to the imperial ancestors and the ancestral spirits."

Buddhism came to Japan from China and Korea about A.D. 552. It has expressed its influence more in the realm of the fine arts, social institutions, and customs, and has long been the most influential power in the religious life of Japan.

CHRISTIANS IN JAPAN

Professing Christians in Japan today number approximately 600,000. Of these, about two-thirds are Protestant.

The Assemblies of God is one of the largest evangelical churches in Japan today. Our work in Japan dates back to 1913 when Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Juergensen and their daughters Marie and Agnes, opened a work in Tokyo. They were followed in 1914 by Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Moore who established a church in Yokohama. It was in 1918 that the Pentecostal outpouring came and the following year scores of Japanese Christians were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Juergensen and Miss Jessie Wengler joined the missionary group in 1919. Three years later Miss Mae Straub opened a children's home at Nishinomiya, Kobe. Today there are 23 Assemblies of God missionaries appointed to Japan.

That Christianity is exerting an increasing influence in Japan today is evidenced by the fact that twelve per cent of the members of the Japanese diplomatic corps are professing Christians and five per cent of the mem-

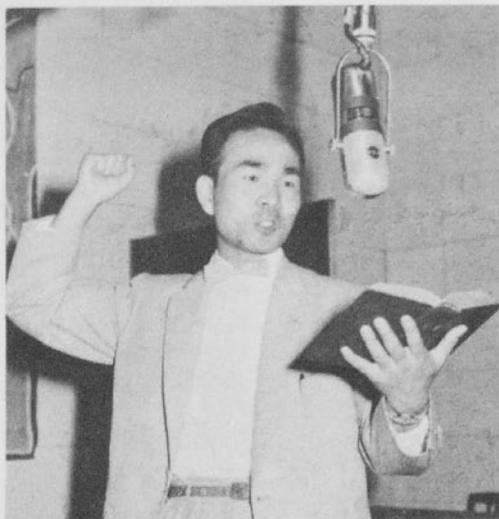


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Radio Pastor Yamada, Tokyo

bers of the Diet, Japan's highest legislative body, are professing Christians.

World War II forced the withdrawal of most missionaries from Japan, but our own Miss Jessie Wengler remained in Japan under house arrest for four years. She was also the first Assemblies of God missionary to return to Japan after the war and became our representative to General MacArthur's headquarters.

The Assemblies of God in Japan was organized in the spring of 1949 with sixteen national workers and seven missionaries from Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S. Superintendent of the work is Mr. Kiyoma Yumiyama who is also principal of Central Bible Institute in Tokyo. Brother Yumiyama has worked with Assemblies of God missionaries for more than thirty years.

EVANGELISTIC OPPORTUNITIES

Training of national workers has been an important part of the work in Japan. Central Bible Institute of Japan

was opened by the C. F. Juergensens in 1931 in the Takinogawa church in Tokyo.

With 98 per cent of the people literate, literature evangelism is extremely important in Japan. Miss Margaret Carlow is in charge of our literature program and has an excellent staff of national translators working with her.

The importance of radio is being increasingly recognized throughout the islands, and a radio committee has been established to increase the effectiveness of radio evangelism. A studio on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Tokyo serves as headquarters for the broadcasting ministry.

Tent meetings are held throughout the country as a means of starting new churches. When the tent is taken down the congregation moves to rented quarters and another church is soon organized and built. Both missionaries and nationals serve as evangelists.

Japan presents a challenge to the Christian world. Loss of faith in the divinity of the emperor has left many inhabitants of the islands groping for a true religion. Jesus Christ is their answer and the Assemblies of God in Japan is endeavoring to reach the entire chain of islands with the full gospel.

—R. T. Brock

MISSIONARIES—23
NATIONAL MINISTERS—108
CHURCHES AND OUTSTATIONS—107
CONVERTS—6,000
BIBLE SCHOOLS—1



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A typical shoe shop with table of merchandise out on the sidewalk to attract the passer-by.



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Spring comes to Japan. Reams of oil paper spread over fields to protect the new plants from frost.

"As the Twig Is Bent the Tree's Inclined. . ."



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A message to the Pastor:

You take every precaution to *shape* the spiritual lives of your young people, but what consideration have you given to guiding them in their college education? To choose the wrong college may result in the *forming* of an attitude that is ruinous to their spiritual life for all time—this would be tragedy to say the least.

To help your young people receive a college education in a Pentecostal atmosphere, engage your church in the Church Scholarship Plan. This excellent plan has been created to provide funds for *developing* the lives of your college-age youth. Why not include the Church Scholarship Plan in your church budget?

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MANY LOVED ONES SAVED

Letters Compiled by

Stanley Michael

"BROTHER WARD, I WROTE YOU THE first of this year to pray for my loved ones to be saved, especially for my husband. I am happy to report that my husband was saved April 15, my mother was saved April 20, and my daughter was saved April 29."

The above letter was from a *Revivaltime* listener in W. Durham, N. C.

Many thousands of prayer requests have been sent to the *Revivaltime* staff containing names of unsaved loved ones. These prayer requests are given priority and the names are taken before the Lord in prayer. Every day's mail is a witness that God still hears and answers prayer as those sending in requests write back to tell how their loved ones were saved. Here are some of their testimonies:

Husband Saved:

"A few weeks ago I wrote you asking prayer for my unsaved husband and son. Praise the Lord, my husband went to church with me Sunday evening and when we came home he wanted to pray and get back to God. We also had a family altar together last night."—Mrs. L., San Francisco, Calif.

Son Returns to God:

"I wrote to you about a year ago and asked prayer for my son that he would come back to God. Well, God has answered prayer which we are very thankful for. Thank you and your prayer group."—Mrs. D., Abbotsford, B.C., Canada

Backslidden Husband Reclaimed:

"I requested prayer quite some time back for my backslidden husband. Now I am so happy to say that my prayers have been answered for he has come back to God."—Mrs. C., Sacramento, Calif.

Son Changed:

"Last week I wrote and asked that

you pray for my sixteen-year-old son who had become indifferent and lukewarm toward God. My heart was broken. I realized he was very slowly drifting away into the world. You will never know the change that has taken place in my boy. Praise God!"—Mrs. R., Paw Paw, Mich.

Brother-in-law Saved:

"I am writing to tell you the very good news. My brother-in-law to whom you sent a tract was saved last week."—Mrs. W., Bruner, Mo.

Brother Saved:

"Thank you for praying for my brother. I am happy to tell you that now he is a Christian."—Mrs. L., Eureka Springs, Ark.

Two Sons Saved:

"Two of my boys went to the altar this morning for salvation. This is a definite answer to your prayers and mine."—Mrs. M., Willimantic, Conn.

Son-in-law Saved and Baptized:

"I wrote you about this time last year and requested prayer for a son-in-law. Praise God, he is saved and filled with the Holy Ghost."—Mrs. W., Willmar, Minn.

Father Saved:

"I sent in my requests and among them was one that God would save a member of my unsaved family. A miracle has been performed, for my father, who had cared nothing about his soul, was saved."—Mrs. N., Curacao, West Indies

Accepts Christ While Listening:

"I have this day confessed my sin and in prayer accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. I will join myself to the church and follow our Lord in water baptism. I will testify to others about my new life."—Miss M., La Plume, Pa.

Accepts Christ:

"Sir, through you and the help of others, I found Christ. Two weeks ago I was baptized with water. Last week I was accepted as a member of the church. Since I became a Christian, life has been different. It is such a joy to know Jesus is by my side in everything I do."—P. N., Hingham, Mass.

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As the message of *Revivaltime* circles the globe, it is a joy to know that men and women are finding Christ as their personal Saviour. Even as they listen, God moves on their hearts to accept Christ.

There are many who are inspired to believe that God will reach their loved ones through this ministry. And as they send their requests, asking the *Revivaltime* staff to join with them in prayer, the Holy Spirit begins to work on the hearts of those for whom prayer was requested and many yield their lives to Christ.

Perhaps you have a friend, a son or daughter, or some member of the family who is unsaved. *Revivaltime's* message may be the means of reaching your loved one next! Why not encourage and invite them to listen to *Revivaltime's* next broadcast service? If your loved ones live in some other part of the country and you do not know where they might hear the broadcast, write for a radio log which you may have free upon request to send to them. We want to help you reach your unsaved loved ones before it is too late. Send your requests and we will be happy to join with you in prayer for their salvation.

Send your letters and requests this week to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Together we will believe God for a great harvest of souls.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bay Minette	A/G	Sept. 28-Oct. 11	W. O. Stephens & wife	Charles McLeod
Ark.	Ft. Smith	First A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 4	W. E. (Gene) Scott	B. Owen Oslin
	Norfolk	Galatia A/G	Oct. 4-18	E. C. Lagmay	H. G. Hanks
Calif.	¹ Crescent City	A/G	Sept. 9-Oct. 11	Virgil & Edythe Warens	D. L. Rhodes
	Lodi	First A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 12	Kenneth Roper & party	Gene Forrest
	Modesto	Bethel	Sept. 27—	Gene Martin	L. B. Lewis
	N. Hollywood	First A/G	Oct. 4-10	Tommy Barnett	Wesley Steelberg
	Palmdale	First A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	H. Ralph Love	Harold Pegg
	Pomona	First A/G	Sept. 27—	J. G. Hall	R. Dwight Brown
Colo.	Eads	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	Earley-McCulloch	Frank Alexander
Fla.	Plant City	First A/G	Sept. 28-Oct. 11	J. R. Snow & wife	J. W. Jordan
Ga.	Albany	So. W. A/G	Oct. 4—	F. P. Bachman	E. O. Cordle
	Folkston	A/G	Sept. 30-Oct. 11	W. F. Voodre & wife	J. E. Hancock
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 13-Oct. 5	Sunshine Party	Cecil L. Gruver
	Bridgeport	A/G	Sept. 29—	Walter D. Lascelle	Geo. J. Rutlege
	Carlinville	A/G	Oct. 6-18	Jimmie Parrack & wife	Robert Sandfort
	Rock Island	Bethel A/G	Oct. 4—	B. D. Bennett & party	Geo. W. Clark
Ind.	Kokomo	First A/G	Sept. 29—	J. Haskell Wooldridge	Cecil Enochs
Iowa	Jewel	A/G	Oct. 5-11	John French	S. E. Carlsen
	Oxford Junc.	A/G	Oct. 4-18	Bonnie M. Ruble	Raymond Booth
Kans.	Pratt	First A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Musical Mathan's	D. L. Richards
La.	Westlake	First A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	N. J. Sorensen & wife	L. A. Earl
Md.	Hyattsville	A/G	Sept. 29—	John Higginbotham	B. M. Slye
	² Maugansville	A/G	Oct. 4—	G. R. Conrow	T. Christophel
Mich.	Detroit	Berea Tab.	Oct. 4-18	B. R. Minton	Theo. Ness
	Detroit	Harper Wds. T.	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	A. F. DiMusto & party	P. A. DiMusto
	Muskegon	Central A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Garfield J. Unruh	R. A. Rieben
	Wayne	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	E. A. Manley	Edward Raimer
Minn.	Farmington	A/G	Oct. 4-25	Bonetta Rabe	Everett Lord
Mo.	Kansas City	Blenheim	Sept. 28-Oct. 4	John French	Milton Beckett
	Nevada	First A/G	Oct. 4—	Stout & Elliott	Marvin Haley
	St. Louis	Central A/G	Oct. 6-18	Ken George	R. M. Crenshaw
Mont.	¹ Hamilton	A/G	Oct. 6-18	Dick Stevens Family	Willard Leisy
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	First A/G	Oct. 4—	Glenn Shinn	Clarence Love
N. Y.	Carthage	First A/G	Oct. 6-18	W. Clifford Nelson	Gerald Glidden
Oreg.	Myrtle Creek	A/G	Sept. 27—	Marvin Moe	Sidney White
Pa.	Allentown	First A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	Jack Peters	D. A. Berquist
	Mercersburg	First A/G	Oct. 4-18	Paul & Dorothy Olson	Clifton Wilkins
	Mt. Union	A/G	Oct. 6-18	The Roland Hasties	Oran Catterson
	Spring Glen	Pent. F. Gosp.	Sept. 20-27	Byron D. Jones	David Olshevski
S. C.	Georgetown	First A/G	Oct. 6-18	J. R. Palmer & wife	A. T. Hickman
S. Dak.	Rapid City	Bethel A/G	Sept. 22—	Wm. Ilnisky	Earl Harper
Texas	Beaumont	Magn'lia Pk. A/G	Sept. 20-27	Paul Emerson	Paul Radke
	Garland	Southside A/G	Sept. 13-27	Sara E. Sharp	V. E. Tipton
	Golden Acres	A/G	Oct. 4-18	Melvin Boatright	J. M. Daily
	Houston	Lindale A/G	Oct. 4-18	J. B. Davis & wife	James McKeehan
	Pampa	First A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	James Miller & wife	J. S. McMullen
	Waxahachie	S. Park A/G	Sept. 27-Oct. 4	T. F. Harrison	W. F. Blakley, Jr.
Va.	Petersburg	First Pent. Tab.	Sept. 15-Oct. 4	Andrew G. Basell	N. E. Haupt
W. Va.	Keyser	A/G	Sept. 15-Oct. 4	J. B. Woolums	R. C. Lymburner
Wis.	Tomah	A/G	Oct. 4-9	Bob Olson	James Bailey
Canada	Quebec, Montreal	Bethel Pent.	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	Bill McPherson	E. R. Mallory
Hong Kong	³ Kowloon	First A/G	Oct. 4-18	Watson Argue	H. A. Park

¹ Children's Revival

² Union Campaign

³ Dedication

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMECOMING, Oct. 4 at Bartons Chapel, Murchison, Tex. Former pastors and members urged to be present. G. L. Grier is pastor.—by Cora Voyles, church secretary.

CAMP MEETING, Oct. 8-18 at Pleasant Grove Camp Grounds at Durant, Fla. Mabel Willetts, Bible teacher; E. V. Berquist, evening speaker; J. Edward Blount, C. A. vesper services; and David M. Wellard and wife in charge of early morning prayer hour and children's work. For accommodations write Miss Jessie Pierce, Durant, Fla.—by Charles C. Garrett, pastor.

45TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING, Oct. 4 at Assembly of God, Chappell, Nebr. Former pastors and members invited. Speakers: District Superintendent Lester Dickinson, Floyd Woodworth, A. M. Alber, and Irl Walker. Write for accommodations.—by Pastor Floyd Garrett, Box 463, Chappell, Nebr.

HARRISBURG, PA.—The Eastern District will hold its first W.M.C.—M.F. Convention Sept. 28 and 29 at the First Assembly of God, Green and Schuylkill Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. Don Mallough, National Men's Fellowship Secretary, Springfield, Mo., will

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CHRISTMAS

PLAYS, PAGEANTS, HANDBOOKS

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN

A three-act play by Joy Larson requiring a cast of 6 young people and 1 adult. In addition several extras are needed as carolers. This is a play with enough unexpected events to captivate interest throughout the entire story. The scenes are in modern setting so the props will not be difficult to acquire. Time for the play is one hour.

2 for \$1.00 30 EV 9819

AND THERE THEY FOUND CHRIST

A Christmas Play in three acts by Rega Kramer McCarty. A city family with former farm connections returns to the old place. Over Christmas, members of the family are lured to adopt the former ways, including receiving Christ into their lives. The play promises to entertain as well as bring out a real spiritual truth. Time: One hour.

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THE FAITHFUL PIONEER

A modern drama in three acts. The story tells of a pioneer family's Christmas and the storm which kept them snowbound. But there is more than this. It is a story of a woman's deep faith in God, faith which is instilled through her example to her children. Simple stage setting, the play requires only a cast of 10 characters. Time: One hour.

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LONGING FOR CHRISTMAS

Centering around a family's plans to have a real old-fashioned Christmas, this three-act play by Rega Kramer McCarty will hold you spellbound. As the story progresses you will see how interruptions in their plans help to teach them the true meaning of Christmas. The story of a little boy who longed for Christmas. Modern setting, requiring nine characters.

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WHY CHRISTMAS

A modern drama in four scenes by Elinor Brown. The continuity of the story is carried out by the use of an old man who is puzzled about Christmas and Christianity. The drama stresses the influence of our actions upon others and the true meaning of Christmas. Seventeen characters are needed which include persons of all ages. Time: one hour.

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TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING

A Christmas play in three scenes by Pearl Neilson, with a cast requirement of 5 adults and 15 young people between the ages of ten to sixteen. The story of how a family prepares for Christmas without the help of a mother. All three scenes are in the living room of a modern family's home. An unusual and striking play that is easy to perform. Time: One hour and fifteen minutes.

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CHRISTMAS

Plays, Pageants, Handbooks, Continued

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CHRISTMAS IN THE COBBLER SHOP

A modern heart-warming drama that employs a cast of 10 persons plus a group of carolers. An old cobbler wonders what Christmas means to an old man. Finally he learns the answer when three times he helps someone in need. After he has helped he is then made to realize that three times he had helped Jesus the Christ Child. Martin the cobbler then realizes the tremendous truths of Christ and Christmas.

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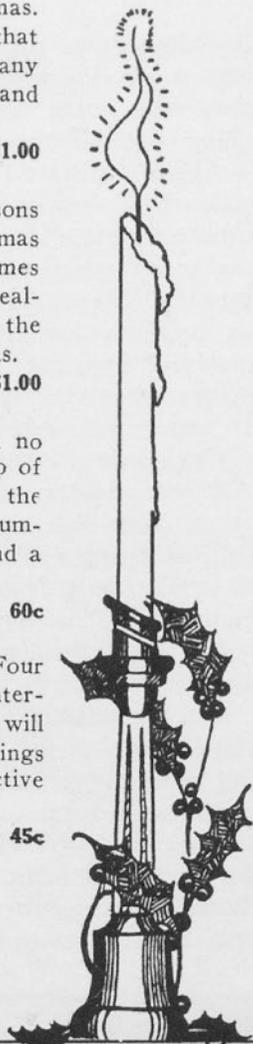
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and God remembered."



The Message of the Wind

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IT WAS YET NIGHT WHEN I AWOKE from sleep. All was dark and still. Then my ears caught a sound, faint at first, but gradually increasing in intensity and power. It was the night wind—sweeping through the trees, around the buildings, and away I knew not where.

I could not tell from whence it came, nor where it went, but I heard the sound thereof, and it was like a deep moan or an endless sigh. I listened carefully, and now the wind seemed to express the restlessness of souls who try in vain to find pleasure and satisfaction in the things of this world. Outwardly they appear to be carefree, but the night wind told me their story. Their hearts cry out for peace and rest. And these lost ones are all around us!

As I listened still more carefully I heard a deeper sighing than before. It was more of a groan, and it seemed to come from afar, even from across the waters. It was also the sound of restlessness but it was more intense and full of sorrow. It was very dark. What could this be? It was the cry of mil-

lions in heathen lands—moaning, yearning, dying, knowing not from whence they were come, nor where they were going—but always moving on.

Again I listened to the wind, and now there was a groan a thousand times more terrible—a wailing and crying and gnashing of teeth. What could this be? Then I knew it was lost souls in hell—forever restless, wailing, remorseful, hopeless. "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." It was night, and all was dark.

Once more I listened to the wind. And my heart was conscious of another deep sigh and cry—an expression of unspeakable agony. It seemed to come from a broken heart. My own heart was stirred now, and I felt a deep and crushing burden for these lost souls who moaned and sighed and waited.

Oh, that broken heart of God, groaning because of the fall of man—grieving over the prodigal son! Man had sinned, and a ransom was necessary to restore him. Where was the ransom? Jesus stepped forth and gave Himself. There was grief in our Father's heart, but He loved us so much that He gave

His best. "And God heard their groaning . . . and God remembered."

But what is this I hear? A cry comes from Calvary that makes the earth tremble. It is a cry from the broken heart of Jesus: "Father, forgive them." It took His life to gain their forgiveness. But the prisoners can now be loosed! The moans can now be turned to shouts of joy!

But still I heard the restless souls of lost men. Has God forgotten? No! But can it be that *I* have forgotten? Has the *Church* forgotten? Has the vision been lost, the heart hardened, the prayer life neglected? Thy brother's blood *crieth*—can you hear it? Do you care? Does the cry from the broken heart of Jesus, "Father, forgive them," reach your heart and re-echo there?

It was still night when I awoke from sleep. All was quiet and dark. Then God spoke. My heart was stirred. And I prayed, "Father, help me never to forget the message of the wind. May I never forget the cry of the lost, neither the agony of Thy broken heart. For Jesus' sake. Amen." ◀◀