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BUT BY MY SPIRIT,
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Crowds gather to hear the gospel preached during evangelistic meetings of the Assemblies of God in El Salvador.

The World Mission of the Assemblies of God

BY MELVIN L. HODGES
FIELD SECRETARY FOR LATIN AMERICA

IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD, A Jewish girl was chosen from among thousands of beautiful maidens and made queen of the mightiest empire of her day. Well could she have congratulated herself on her good fortune. From a life of comparative obscurity she was thrust into a life of luxury and prominence—the envy of hundreds of thousands of young ladies throughout the empire. Doubtless, Esther wondered and marvelled that she should have been the object of God's special favor. Who was she to have received so much?

It took a crisis to jar her out of her complacency. Her nation, the Jewish people, suddenly faced destruction. Her uncle pressed upon her the responsibility of using her influence as queen to save her people. His words rang in her ears and conscience: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

She began to re-evaluate her position; her privilege in relation to her responsibility to her people. She realized that she had not been made queen for her own sake, but rather to save her people. She resolved to do her part even at the cost of her own life: "I will go in unto the king...and if I perish, I perish."

God has smiled upon the Assemblies of God. In a few years He has raised us from obscurity to prominence in the Evangelical world. We have rejoiced

in the abundant grace of God, in powerful Holy Ghost revivals, in spiritual gifts and graces. Today we revel in a rich, spiritual heritage. There may be a temptation just now to forget that we are a people with a mission. The tendency may be to assure ourselves a permanent place as a denomination, to make the most of our position. Like Esther, we might be tempted to believe that God has raised us to our present favored position for our own sakes rather than for the sake of others.

Esther was clothed in luxurious, royal robes. She was adorned with jewels and partook of the rich and dainty foods that the king supplied. In God's plan, however, this all was incidental to her mission—the saving of her people from destruction. We, too, partake of the King's bounteous supply! We do not minimize the graces and gifts that are bestowed upon a Spirit-filled people. Let us not forget, however, that when Jesus promised His disciples the mighty Holy Spirit baptism, He added the words, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth." *God did not raise up this wonderful movement simply that we might be blessed, but that we might be a blessing to the world.*

It is suggested in some quarters that it is now time for us to place less emphasis upon missionary activity and to strengthen other aspects of our church life. Doubtless, there are as-

pects of our church and organizational life which need strengthening. I do not advocate leaving anything undone that should be done. Let me here state my personal conviction, however, that God did not raise up the Assemblies of God simply to form another denomination. Rather, He has raised us up and placed us in our present favorable position because we have a world mission to fulfill. We are, in the grace of God, a people with a destiny. *That destiny is world evangelization.* This is the true heart throb of the Pentecostal movement. For this, Christ died and rose again. For this, the Holy Spirit was outpoured. For this, the second coming of Jesus is awaiting. Nothing



Missionaries in West Indies met at the new Bible school property in Jamaica. (M. L. Hodges, front row, center.) Some \$3,000 is needed to complete the building before school can open.

must turn us aside from the main purpose of our existence.

A farmer lives for his harvest. His prime interest is not his machinery or his barns. These are important in that they help produce the crop and care for the harvest, but they are important only as they relate to the harvest. So also our mission is world harvest! *Everything else is important only as it relates to this one supreme goal.*

At the recent General Council the new *Global Conquest* program for missions was presented. This is not a change of missionary strategy but rather a quickening of the pace—a three-pronged thrust toward world evangelism! Literature—training of workers—evangelism of strategic centers—these three important phases of our program are to be given added emphasis through our new program.

We are on the right track in our world program. We have made a wonderful beginning. The stage is set for the greatest advance we have ever seen. Do we have the determination, the singleness of purpose, and the spirit of sacrifice necessary to see the vision realized?

As an example of what has been done, I would like to point out the impact which the Pentecostal movement has made in Latin America. Some have estimated that more than one half of the Protestants in Latin America are Pentecostal. In many countries of Latin America the Assemblies of God easily ranks first among all Protestant denominations, taking the lead both in number of churches and in members. Our missionaries are having outstanding success in the establishing of strong, indigenous churches.

The progress of the Assemblies of God in the tiny Central American Republic of El Salvador in the past few years will serve as an example of what we hope to accomplish on a larger scale. When I left El Salvador in 1954 to take up my present duties, there were seventy-eight established Assemblies of God churches. Three months ago, I was informed that the number had increased to 189—a gain of over one hundred churches in five years.

At the beginning of 1956 we had one Assemblies of God church in the capital city, San Salvador, with about one hundred members. Early in 1956 a three-month evangelistic campaign was held, with tremendous success. Two hundred and fifty were baptized in one baptismal service and a few weeks later 125 others were baptized.



Native evangelists in the Banana Zone of Costa Rica who met with M. L. Hodges and David Kensinger this summer for a three-day training session.

All of these were converts that had been receiving instruction for at least two months. If the opportunity had been given to anyone who wanted to be baptized to do so without instruction, they might easily have baptized more than one thousand converts. However, our missionaries feel, and rightly so, that numbers and a big report are not the important thing, but stability in the converts is necessary to establish a permanent work.

At the end of that revival, ten preaching points were opened up in different sections of the city. There were not enough trained pastors available to fill the posts so Bible students, Sunday school teachers, and deacons were put in charge. At the end of the year there

were twelve Assemblies of God churches. Now, three years later, there are seventeen churches in that one city. Sunday school attendance in our Assemblies of God churches in that one city for the month of June this year reached 5,890. These seventeen churches carry on ninety-one branch Sunday schools. In the country as a whole, the average attendance during June was over 17,000 with a high of over 21,000 for a single Sunday. Besides the 189 churches, there are 460 branch Sunday schools and a total of 700 outstations. The secret of advancement is that every Christian is expected to have a part in the work of God. There are approximately 700 lay preachers who preach regularly in outstations besides the regular pastors. This is Pentecost in action. This is the way we will fulfill our world mission.

Even so, we should consider that in that tiny republic our task is not more than one-third completed. Instead of 189 churches, there could well be five hundred.

Recently I was with our Central American missionaries and laid out before them the plans of *Global Conquest*. These plans were enthusiastically received. One of the missionaries remarked: "The question is, do we *really* intend to reach the whole world for Christ in this generation, or are we just going to talk about it?"

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Biennial meeting of Assemblies of God ministers in Guatemala, photographed in front of Iglesia Central, Asamblea de Dios. When Brother Hodges presented the new *Global Conquest* program these national ministers received it with great enthusiasm.

Opposition and Opportunity

The two go hand in hand. Wherever there are gospel opportunities we may expect to find opposition also. From the earliest days of Christianity it has been so. The apostle Paul, referring to the situation in Ephesus, wrote, "A great door and effectual is open unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9). A great opportunity was before him, and there was great opposition too, so Paul faced the opposition and seized the opportunity to preach Christ.

Every man or woman who has ever advanced the gospel cause has done so in the face of difficulties. There is no easy way to soul winning. Satan and his servants will not loose their hold on people's lives without a struggle. They will contest every inch of the Church's progress, testing the mettle of Christ's soldiers to the limit to see whether we are determined to win at any price. If we are willing to pay the price, the forces of evil cannot withstand us, for Christ has promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church.

Our foreign missionaries meet opposition from heathen religions. The story on the opposite page tells how one brave woman had to take a beating in order to save a soul from an evil cult but God brought her through in great victory.

In Communist lands the Christians have to endure many hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, but those who remain true to Him find that the circumstances that seem so unfavorable to the gospel are actually filled with opportunities to point souls to Calvary.

There is opposition in every land that has a state church. In Spain, for example, there are reported to be at least twenty-two churches of various Protestant denominations which are still closed by government order. When the pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Madrid dared to reopen his church which the police had sealed several years earlier, he was arrested. Recently he was brought to trial, fined, and sentenced to a month in jail for opening the church. But the gospel work goes on, in spite of the difficulties.

The situation in Colombia, while easing somewhat, is still hazardous for evangelicals. A few weeks ago a mob attacked the Evangelical Chapel in LaPlata and damaged it to the extent of 10,000 pesos (\$1,200). During the past twelve years there have been scores of incidents in which Colombian Protestants have been physically injured, their churches closed, their children barred from schools; but this has not kept them from increasing. On the contrary, the persecution has only fired the zeal of the believers and caused them to witness all the more, pray all the harder.

We must not look for an easy way. The world, the flesh, and the devil are arrayed against every Christian worker. It may seem that the more we pray, the harder the situation becomes; and the more we witness, the less results are seen. But we must be good soldiers and keep battling for God. Victory is certain, and when it comes it will be all the greater and sweeter because of the struggles we have endured for Him.

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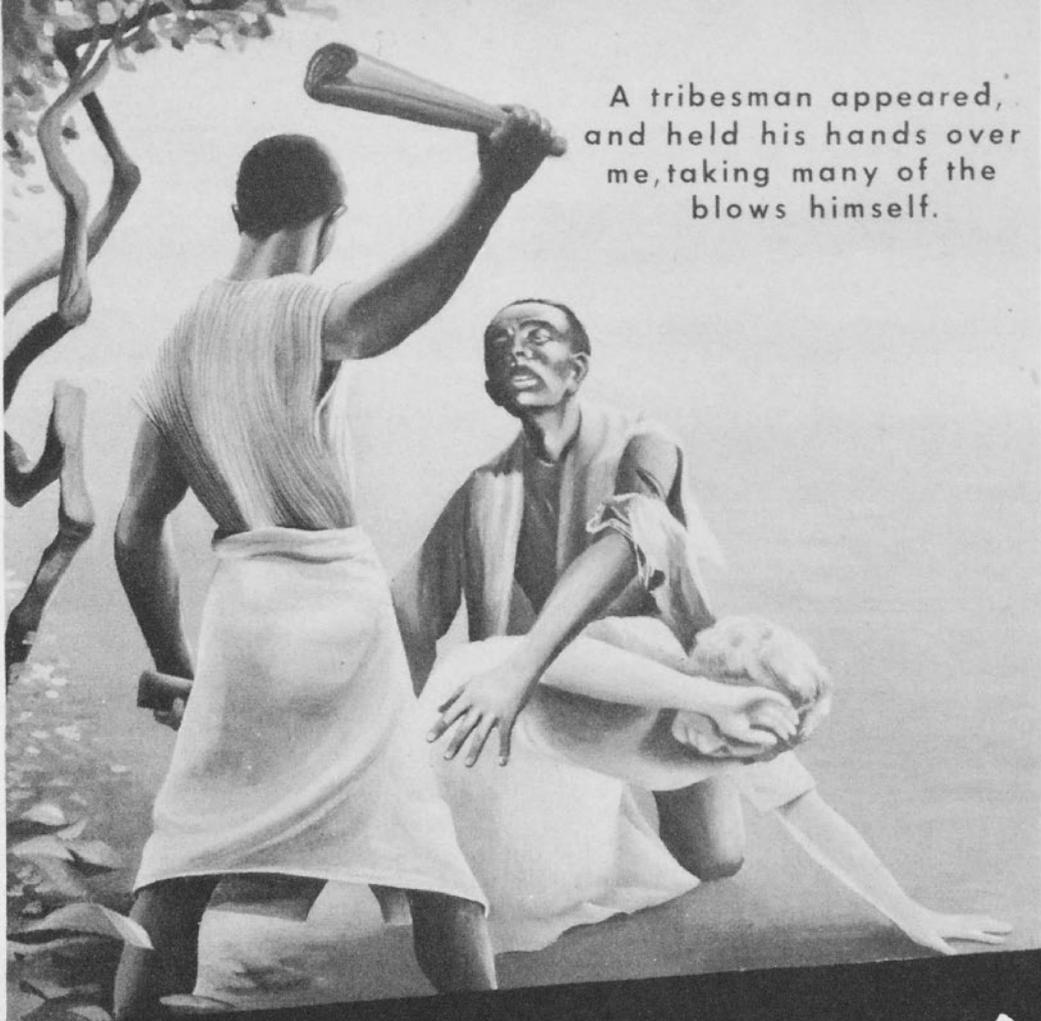
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come very serious. On that date the pastors and Christian workers of the Bimoba tribe gathered for a special prayer meeting. They prayed about various problems, but particularly this.

Nine days later the missionary learned that the situation had reached a crisis. One of the Christian young people had been kidnapped by the fetish worshippers. It was Dindeuk, thirteen-year-old daughter of Samson Bimoba, pastor of the Assemblies of God church in Najon. Samson and Namyela Mamprusi, the head pastor of the area, came to the mission compound to tell Miss Spencer that Dindeuk was in an initiation hut of the Kwonsi cult. They said she was being held there against her will.

Pastor Samson said he had permitted the girl to "go out" with some other young people but had no idea she would be captured by the cult. Later, however, he heard drums beat-

Missionary Beaten by Kwonsi Cultists

ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN PEARSALL

CHARLESE SPENCER NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH IN RESCUING CHRISTIAN GIRL IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA

WHEN CHARLESE SPENCER, AN Assemblies of God missionary working among the Bimoba tribespeople in Ghana, tried to rescue the daughter of a Christian pastor from the clutches of heathen cultists last August, she almost lost her life.

Miss Spencer learned about the evils of the Kwonsi fetish cult through some of the converts who formerly belonged to it. There are three young men in the Assemblies of God church at Najon, Ghana, who came out of this heathen cult. One of them is David. He said that the initiation period is three months for boys and four months for girls. When he was initiated, he said, they cut various designs all over his body and made him go without sleep for twenty-one days. At first they made him stand on his feet as long as he could. When he could stand no longer,

they tied his hands up to the roof so he could not fall.

Some die during the initiation period, David said. If they die their body is secretly put in an ant hill to be consumed, and at the end of the initiation period the parents are told, "Kwonsi took him [or her]."

The lives of the Najon Christians were under constant threat for revealing the evils of the Kwonsi cult. Again and again during the past summer they asked the missionary to pray for their protection, and they suggested that she ask the police to warn the fetish worshippers not to kill the Christians. However, Miss Spencer felt it would be unwise to involve the police unless there was some definite evidence that the Christians were in mortal danger.

By August 8 the situation had be-

ing. The people were chanting that her head had been cut off and that "Kwonsi will bring her back in four months."

The events that followed are best related by Miss Spencer in her own words:

"In view of the fact that neither daughter nor father had agreed for her to be put in the initiation hut, I felt compelled of the Lord to help free the girl. Otherwise the witch doctor would forever think he could do as he pleased to the Christians.

"Samson, Pastor Namyela, and I went to the district commissioner, who is the head government official in this area. We also went to the paramount chief. Both agreed the people had done wrong in forcing the girl into the cult. However, the paramount chief admitted that he was afraid of the cult. He asked the nationals who were with me (three pastors and four Christian laymen) if they ever intended to return to this 'religion of their fathers.' They firmly answered, 'No!'

"On August 20 the government sent

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two policemen to accompany us to Najon. We prayed before entering the village, knowing that we must be ready for anything.

"Upon our arrival at the village the Kwonsi followers took the girl and tried to escape with her through the cornfield. The police and Christian men went after them. In their flight the fetish followers dropped the girl and fled, leaving her in our hands. Immediately, however, a war cry was given by two women. Men came from every direction armed with clubs, knives, spears, and axes. The police tried unsuccessfully to calm them. The villagers began beating the Christians and forced the girl back into the initiation hut.

"The police told me to go and turn the car around; it was parked about half a mile from the village. When I was half way to the car six men overtook me. They were screaming wildly and they began beating me with clubs. All I could do was pray. I raised my hands to my Lord in surrender and repentance of any sin, feeling the end was near. Once I started to lie down, giving up all hope of escape. Then I realized that if anyone was to escape I would have to drive the car, and this thought spurred me on. I called for the angels of God to help me and pleaded the power of the Blood of Christ. Immediately a tribesman appeared, a man I never had seen before. He held his hands outstretched over me, taking many of the blows himself. Surely God sent him. I pray that some day he may be led to know Christ as his personal Saviour. He stayed by me until we were within sight of the car.

"By this time the police had reached



PHOTO BY HOMER GOODWIN

Weapons with which Miss Spencer, the Christians, and the policemen were beaten.

the car. I fell unconscious but the police must have picked me up and carried me. When I regained consciousness the police were trying to put me into the car while the infuriated villagers were trying to prevent it. They were pulling me out and beating me in the face. They forced the car keys from my hand. Finally I was inside the car and thankful for this refuge.

"From inside the car I watched helplessly as three Christians were being badly beaten. Finally the police managed to get two of the believers into the car, after a fierce struggle. There we sat, aching from head to foot, as the frenzied mob pounded the car.

"The window on the driver's side was shattered soon after I got in and a man was standing at the window threatening to kill me with a spear. I prayed constantly. God certainly sent His angels to our rescue, for the mob failed to break into the car. It was very hot. For over an hour we were imprisoned in the car with the windows closed and the tropical sun beating

down upon us. We were almost overcome by the intense heat.

"Eventually the police recovered the car keys and brought them to me. Then I discovered that my right arm was almost helpless. I could not shift gears; but one of the national pastors shifted for me, following my instructions.

"My glasses had been lost in the cornfield, making it difficult for me to see. To make things worse, the mob brought logs and tried to block the road at several points. But I did not let the logs stop us. When I saw my opportunity with not too many people in front of the car, I gave it the gas and started off. We bounced over the logs and escaped.

"Two police and two Christians remained in the village after we left. They were badly beaten. Eventually, however, they escaped.

"We drove many miles to the police station. The police listened to our story, then sent us to the medical center where the doctor put us to bed for the night.

"The police immediately began to gather reinforcements from neighboring towns. They informed our mission field superintendent, Franklin McCorkle, of our experience. The next morning he and Sister McCorkle came to the medical center to see me.

"On August 21 a large group of police went to Najon. They arrested forty-seven people, including the Najon chief who had part of a policeman's torn cap in his pocket. They also rescued the Christian girl, Dindeuk, from a place three miles farther in the bush where the cultists had attempted to hide her.

"Late that evening I heard songs of praise as the Christians, with Brother



Charlese Spencer and the Speed-the-Light car in which she escaped the cultists. She was beaten until she was unconscious, but two policemen picked her up and put her in the car.



PHOTO BY HOMER GOODWIN

Miss Spencer and nationals who came to her rescue. The man in the center stood over her and took many blows aimed at her. The other man snatched the spear from a man who was trying to kill her.

IT'S CONVENTION TIME AGAIN



From Calvary Temple in Seattle, Wash., comes this photo to remind us that fall missionary conventions are in full swing. Across the nation many churches are having missionary conventions during Thanksgiving week.

Other churches prefer to have their conventions immediately following

Christmas or in the spring. There are always a number of missionaries available for speaking engagements in local conventions and other meetings. The missionaries are happy to accept invitations to local churches while in the States on furlough.

The cover photo shows the Glenn Horsts, their daughter, and a member of Calvary Temple where Brother Horst is pastor. Brother and Sister Horst, having served as missionaries in China and the Philippine Islands, realize the importance of World Missions. They also know that a missionary church is a growing church. The annual missionary convention is a high light in the calendar at Calvary Temple.

A missionary convention is a blessing to any church. Should your church wish to secure the services of an Assemblies of God missionary for a convention, contact the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Arrangements should be made several weeks in advance.

—Raymond T. Brock

McCorkle, drew near. They had brought Dindeuk to see me. The medical doctor counted over a hundred knife cuts that the witch doctor had made in various designs all over the girl's body.

"No other girl in this area had ever come out of the initiation hut alive in less than four months. The people believed that anyone who did this would die. They also believed that anyone outside the cult who saw her during this period would be killed by the Kwonsi fetish. The Kwonsi followers were determined that this should be true and so they really tried to kill all eight of us, and the two policemen, but God delivered us.

"Dindeuk has been free over a month and she is a happy, lively teen-

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Offerings for any of the Foreign Missionary projects mentioned in this magazine should be mailed to:

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Radio Opportunity in Bolivia

Missionary T. O. Johnston of Bolivia writes:

"We have the opportunity to secure a fifteen-minute daily radio broadcast on the Cochabamba radio station. It will cost us about \$20 a month. This is a real opportunity to reach many people at quite a low cost and would be a tremendous help in our new work in this city.

"We have started the broadcast with tapes made by Paul Finkenbinder and Christians in Central America. We trust that this broadcast will become for us what *Revivaltime* is for our Assemblies in the States. Pray with us that these broadcasts will reach many whom we have been unable to contact with the gospel."

If you should like to share in this radio evangelism in Bolivia kindly send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "T. O. Johnston—Radio."

CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan



PROMOTIONS SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

GLOBAL CONQUEST REPORT

MANY OF THE FRIENDS OF MISSIONS, and particularly those who attended the General Council meeting, have been inquiring about the success of our new "crash" program, *Global Conquest*.

More important than the financial response is the enthusiasm with which the program has been received everywhere. Perhaps the most heart-warming response has come from the missionaries themselves. Literally scores of letters have been received, and we are praying that the final results will justify the expectations of these faithful servants of the Lord.

The second issue of the new free publication has now been mailed to upwards of a quarter of a million people. We will send the magazine, free of charge, to any interested person.

Financial returns for August, September, and October were encouraging. By mail we received upwards of \$43,000 and the cash offering at General Council was over \$27,000 making a total as of October 20 of over \$70,000.

The Foreign Missions Board has just met and has taken steps to use the money immediately for the purpose for which it was raised. There is a monthly need of \$6,711 for the budgets of our 66 foreign Bible schools. These institutions are already functioning and training national workers in every major language of the world. *Global Conquest* will undergird this outstanding training program that prepares native evangelists and multiplies the ministry of the missionary many fold.

Furthermore, plans are underway for the immediate and strategic invasion of one or more major population centers where everything seems to indicate that God is moving and where there is an adequate staff of both nationals and missionaries to spearhead and conserve the results of great evangelistic efforts.

These are thrilling days when God's people everywhere seem to have caught the vision of *Global Conquest*.



Minnesota Believes in "Mother" Churches

BY G. RAYMOND CARLSON

Superintendent of the Minnesota District

THE THRILLING STORY OF MISSIONS still lives on in the pioneer efforts of the twentieth century. The apostle Paul, one of the greatest exponents of missions, said, "From Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

It is from our "Jerusalem" in Minnesota that we endeavor to preach "round about" unto the distant "Illyricum."

The growth of the Assemblies of God in Minnesota can be described in one word—consistency. This indicates that prayerful planning and persistent effort bring results.

The district program has been built through the close co-operation of the home missions committee, the district presbytery, departments of the district, and the various sections.

New churches are started in the following ways: (1) by a section; (2) by a group of interested people joining their efforts and calling a pioneer pastor; (3) by a mother church; or, (4) by students from North Central Bible College.

Funds for church extension are secured through: (1) *World Missions Plan*; (2) sectional fellowship meeting offerings; (3) *God's Mission Men*,

a project of raising dollars under the direction of the district Men's Fellowship department; (4) *Dimes for Home Missions*, a WMC project; (5) the district's share of Speed-the-Light offerings; and (6) Sunday school birthday offerings for Indian missions.

A revolving loan fund which fluctuates from \$75,000 to \$100,000 has been of great assistance in the construction and purchasing of home missions properties.

New churches are most often opened under the sponsorship of the section. In some cases support is given to the worker and at other times all home missions money is invested in property.

Twenty-one new churches have been opened in the Twin Cities in the last seven years. Many of these are thriving Assemblies that now contribute substantially to world missions.

The Northeast Section of the district has also had excellent growth. It has doubled in size in the last seven years. All of the other sections of the district also show progress and growth.

The works at Luverne (David Nelson, pastor) and at Ada (J. F. Allen, pastor) were started under sectional sponsorship. The former was pioneered

by the Alvin Johnsons and the latter by Glen Rich. The return from world *Speed-the-Light* was used to help finance the church and parsonage at Staples. The work there was pioneered by Ronald Snider. Stanley R. Johnson is the present pastor.

The WMC projects have been at Hibbing and Grand Rapids. WMC groups have given nearly \$2,000 for the attractive home of Bethel Assemblies of God Church, Hibbing. This work was pioneered by T. E. Trask in 1957 and dedicated in June of 1958. Richard Holmquist opened the work in Grand Rapids in the fall of 1957. Sunday school attendance has now reached 120. Plans are being made for the securing of a permanent church home soon.

The Men's Fellowship organization of the district has given good support through *God's Mission Men*. Their first effort was at White Bear Lake. James Gast is the pastor of this assembly which was pioneered by A. V. Gustafson. Their current project is in Hastings where Roger Dissmore is the pioneer pastor.

A number of churches have been opened by groups of people in suburban areas of the Twin Cities who have left their old church homes to help form assemblies in their neighborhoods.

Bethel Assembly of Minneapolis was opened by Robert Hanson three years ago. From less than 20 people the congregation has grown to over 100. In October their lovely new church home was dedicated. The property has been appraised at \$125,000.

Amos Levang started the Brooklyn Center Assembly three years ago. The first unit of their building, valued with the land at \$90,000 was dedicated in October. Attendance has reached 100.

The year of 1957 saw the beginning of the Roseville Assembly under the leadership of E. A. Lundblad. Construction of their new building (using the Harvester Plan from the National Home Missions Department) is now under way. The property will be worth \$80,000.

R. L. Brandt was the speaker last May for the dedication of Park Assembly. This church, with property valued at \$80,000, started in the basement of the home of a couple who were interested in establishing an assembly in their area of the city. Stu-

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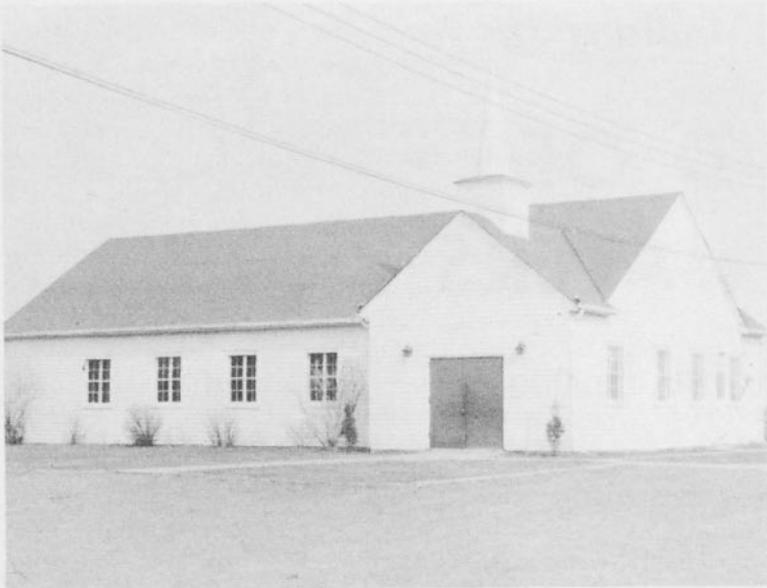
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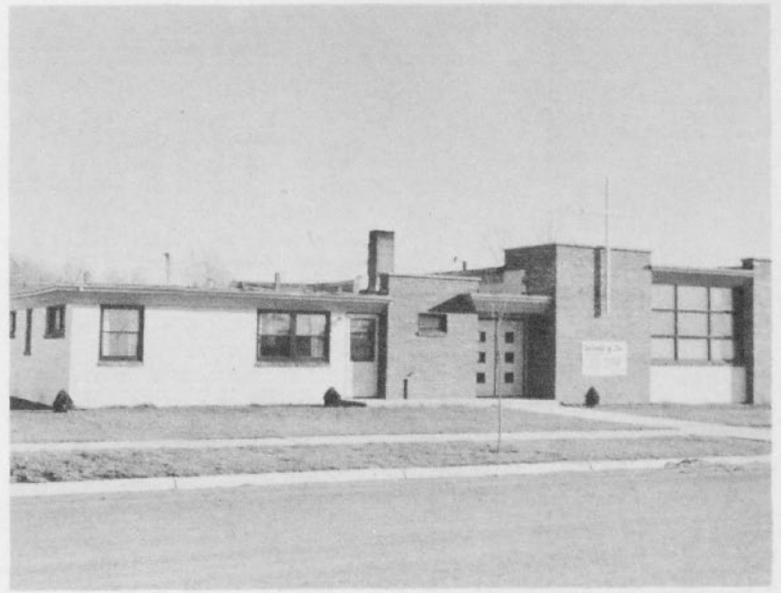
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The Assemblies of God Church in White Bear Lake, Minn. was purchased from the Baptists. James Gast is pastor.



The Assemblies of God Church in Ada, Minn. where James F. Allen is pastor. (Designed and built by A. V. Gustafson.)



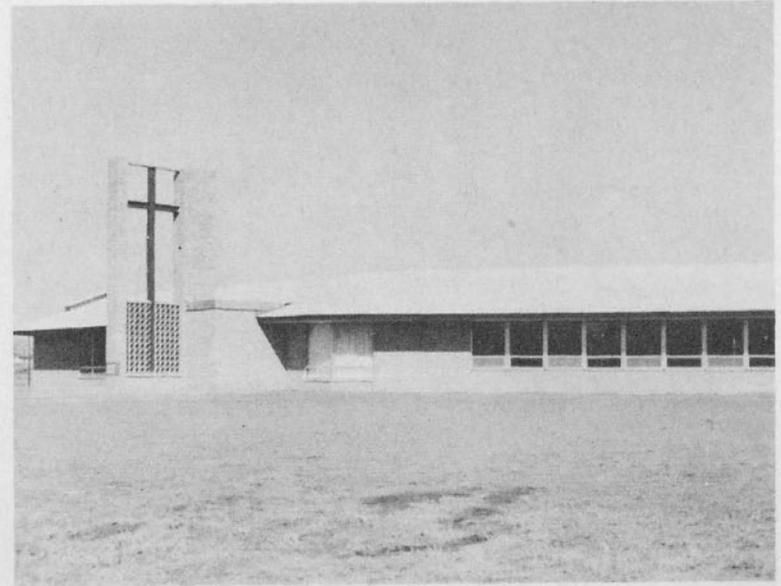
Regional Architect A. V. Gustafson designed and built Bethel Assembly of God, Minneapolis, Minn. The pastor is Robert Hanson.



V. Eldridge and E. Adkins pastor Jackson Street Indian Assembly, St. Paul, Minn. (designed by Gustafson and built by C. K. Katter.)



The Assemblies of God Church at Luverne, Minn. David Nelson is pastor. (Designed by A. V. Gustafson.)



Don Patz is pastor of Park Assembly of God in St. Louis Park, Minn. (This church also was designed and built by A. V. Gustafson.)



Eldeth Adkins



Vera Eldridge

Working Among Indians in THE LAND OF SKY-BLUE WATERS

By ELDETH ADKINS and VERA ELDRIDGE
St. Paul, Minnesota

"OH, LORD," PRAYED A WRINKLED Indian lady who was unable to read, "if you *really* love me, send some Christian to my home to read your Book to me and to pray with me before five o'clock."

The battered kitchen clock in her humble home was pointing to fifteen minutes before five when a few rattles were heard and an ancient car shuddered to a stop outside. Yes, it was our car, and God had impressed us to visit this little lady.

That was fourteen years ago, and our zeal for gospel work among the North American Indians continues. Of course, there have been times of testing and times when wisdom and guidance were humbly sought, but God has never failed. Yes, He *really does* love these precious Indians.

In Minnesota alone there are over twenty thousand Indians—some Sioux but mostly Chippewa. It is a beautiful "land of ten thousand sky blue lakes." (The name of the state is an Indian

word. In the tongue of the Dakota Indians it means "sky-tinted water.") Yet, for all its God-given beauty, very few of Minnesota's Indians have heard the message that Jesus came "to seek and to save that which is lost" and that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Heathenism in America? Yes, right at our doorstep! Heathenism that is just as black as that faced by our missionaries on foreign soil. The Indians have their religion and their medicine men who are the supreme rulers of many a darkened heart. In northern Minnesota there is a reservation, known to many as the medicine man's heaven, which has areas from which no white man has ever been known to return. When we inquired about opening a gospel work there, one Indian official grimly told us, "We used to kill the missionaries—now we tolerate them."

The great need for gospel work among Indians in Minnesota is no dif-

ferent from that of the other areas of the United States where Indians live. Workers, churches, and financial support are desperately needed. A few workers have ventured forth. They have seen Indians kneel and accept Christ as Saviour, but proper follow-up work has been difficult. Many times the only meeting place available is a community hall or a church building rented for an hour or so from some other denomination which sometimes limits the message preached. Healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and holy living can only be touched upon lightly.

When we began our Indian ministry, we labored for three years without a building. Then came a tempting offer. Miss Adkins could supplement our meager income with a monthly \$250 salary and we could be reaching Indians at the same time. The job offered, however, was teaching Sunday school for another denomination with the stipulation that we use their literature and teach their doctrines. The limitations were so strict that the offer was refused. The doctrines concerning the cross, salvation, healing, the precious blood of Jesus, the rapture and other truths dear to our Pentecostal people were too precious to be thrown overboard. Another worker in our district has labored for three years under similar hindrances—the baptism of the Holy Spirit cannot be taught. Out of a congregation of approximately fifteen fairly stable Christian Indians only one has this wonderful experience. How much better it would be if they had their own church building! Land can be purchased there for only \$1 *an acre*.

Boys and girls who were in that first Sunday school we started fourteen years ago at Granite Falls have since been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. They are now Christian workers in their



The Sunday morning congregation at the Jackson Street Assembly of God, St. Paul, Minn.

own church. If we reach the Indians with the gospel message *NOW*, God can raise up Indian young people to proclaim this glorious news to their own. Then when we stand before the true "Great Spirit," we will not hang our heads in shame but will hear His words, "Well done..."

As we look at the harvest field in Minnesota, we realize how Christ must have felt when He cried with a compassion for the lost, "The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. So pray the Lord of the harvest to force out and *thrust* laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38, The Amplified New Testament). At the present time there are only two established churches in Minnesota which reach the Indians—Jackson Street Assembly in St. Paul and Granite Falls Indian Chapel at Granite Falls Indian Reservation. At least ten more are urgently needed. The Red Lake Reservation near Bemidji, known as the medicine man's heaven, needs a full-gospel church as do the White Earth Reservation and many others.

We must take advantage of the open doors before they begin to close. Perhaps God has impressed you with the need of praying for our North American Indian workers. Please heed His prompting. In the near future Jackson Street Assembly in St. Paul will begin canvassing a new housing project about one and one-half miles from the church. Hundreds of people are housed there, many of them Indians. Pray that a harvest of souls may be reached. Pray too that God will supply the means for obtaining a new church bus. The old one has about run the last mile and is no longer fit to survive a Minnesota winter. These are only a few needs from one section of the great United States. The North American Indians need your prayers and your help if they are to hear the gospel and have the hope of heaven we have. Can we count on you? Offerings may be sent, clearly designated INDIAN MISSIONS, to the Home Missions Department. ◀◀

Offerings for any of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department should be mailed to:

**Assemblies of God
HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**
434 West Pacific Street
Springfield, Missouri



Indian children of the Bylas Assembly of God

APACHES SEEK THE LIGHT

by ROBERT AND DOROTHY OAKES

Bylas, Arizona

OUR APACHE INDIAN ASSEMBLY here recently lost one of its devoted Sunday school teachers—a young man only twenty-two years old. Even though he had been in poor health for some time before his death, he prayed constantly and preached some in the Apache language. We are praying that God will raise up another Apache brother to take his place, for the whole congregation feels the loss keenly.

In some of the mission services, our auditorium has been packed. As yet we only have seats for half of the building, due to lack of finances. Many Indians do not have transportation and we could easily increase our attendance if we had a good bus. Many of the Indian people are in need themselves and cannot contribute much. *Two Sunday school rooms have been bare for four years because there is no money available to furnish them.* Our Sunday school is growing consistently, with an average attendance of 66. We reached 90 one Sunday! One class alone has 23 children. Another has 18.

We had a VBS during the past summer. We were told there never had been a VBS here before. Over fifty children, ages four to thirteen, enrolled and our average attendance was thirty-seven. Friends from Belleville, Ill. visited us while the VBS was in progress and they brought flags, triangles, and tambourines for the boys and girls, as well as materials we needed for handwork. The school was a grand success. We were happy and thrilled that the youngsters were so well be-

haved and worked together so wonderfully.

Each of our four classes had an Apache teacher or helper and the Primary and Beginner classes were taught in the Apache language. The Junior classes were taught in English with Apache helpers for the handwork. Each class had a part in the commencement service and their handwork was displayed.

There are 1,000 souls in Bylas and *we are confident we could average at least 200 in Sunday school if we could provide facilities and transportation.* Interest is excellent and the "field is ripe unto harvest." Pray that God will undertake for the needs here so that we may be able to harvest many more precious Apache "sheaves" NOW.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakes and daughter, missionaries to the Apaches in Bylas, Ariz.

Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

New Appointees

Leonard Everly, Borger, Tex., and Owen Mincks, Sisseton, S. D., are new missionaries to the American Indians.

Espanola, New Mexico

Ira Van Houten, missionary to the Indians formerly in Auburn, Calif., has started a new mission in Espanola, N. Mex.

Shiprock, New Mexico

The Charles Lees, missionaries to the Navajo Indians at Shiprock, N. Mex., announce the birth of a son, Evan Dean, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz., October 1.

Keams Canyon, Arizona

The Don Johnsons are replacing Missionaries Jewel Barnett and Pearl Schrader at Polacca Village, Keams Canyon, Ariz. These ladies will be ministering in California.

Lapwai, Idaho

The Obert Skogstads, missionaries to the Indians at Lapwai, Idaho, had a successful week of evening services for children conducted by Evangelist Lulu Nelson in August. Enrollment totaled 37 and average attendance was 27.

Grants, New Mexico

There is an acute financial need at the Indian Mission at Grants, N. Mex. Mrs. H. Eloise Jackson, our missionary to the Navajo Indians at Grants, has been making heavy payments each month on the mission property from personal offerings received from in-

terested individuals. Her faith has been severely tested from month to month. Special offerings would help to lighten her load.

There is a balance of \$1,300 yet to be paid on the mission building, which is still unfinished. Stucco and paint are needed. For \$240 gas can be piped into the building which is now heated by wood and coal.

This mission has made considerable progress, according to the District Superintendent, Raymond Hudson. Many of the Indian folk of that area attend regularly. Recently three were saved and two received the Baptism. The L. J. Everlys of Borger, Tex. will soon be joining Sister Jackson to assist in the work.

Offering for the GRANTS INDIAN MISSION may be sent directly to the Home Missions Department.

ALASKA MINISTRY

New Appointees

The Clarence Stroms, Tioga, N. D., have been appointed as workers in the Children's Farm Home at Palmer, Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska

A Christian gentleman of Spokane, Wash., recently contributed a quantity of medical supplies, mostly vitamins, for children in our Juneau Children's Home. This man is in charge of an organization known as "Medicines for

Workers Urgently Needed

for Alaska Children's Homes

Two or three qualified women are urgently needed as workers in the Alaska Assemblies of God Children's Homes. The National Home Missions Department would be happy to consider applications for appointment. The applicants must be in good health and over twenty-five years of age. Some previous experience in working with children would be helpful.

If you are qualified and feel God's leading for this ministry, please contact R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

Missions." The contents of the box would retail for between \$1,000 and \$1,200! What a welcome gift this is since a food supplement is so necessary because of the lack of sunshine and there are not funds to buy all the fresh fruit and vegetables the children need. Fruits and vegetables are extremely expensive in Alaska. The vitamins will be shared with another of our Alaska homes.

Slides Available

One hundred 35mm slides of Alaska, with script, are now available from the Home Missions Department for use on a *freewill offering basis*. The set is entitled, "Alaska—Formidable Frontier."

PRISON MINISTRY

Free Bible Study Courses Popular

The Bible study courses written by Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, are becoming very popular and the demand continues to increase. Two more courses are being prepared which will bring the total number offered to seven. Prisoners who satisfactorily complete the seven courses will receive a Master Diploma. Brother Ohrnell grades all the papers himself.

DEAF MINISTRY

Beloit, Wisconsin

Recently a rally for the Deaf was conducted at the Assembly of God in Beloit, Wis. Harold Ramsey is the pastor of the hearing church. William Gockley, minister to the Deaf, has been



Two Indian families who attend the mission at Grants, New Mexico. H. Eloise Jackson, missionary, at right.

pioneering the deaf work here for only nine months. Approximately 75 deaf persons attended the rally and 15 found Christ as Saviour.

Canton, Ohio

Pat Bowker, a graduate of Eastern Bible Institute, is now pioneering a deaf church in Canton, Ohio. Also courses in the sign language are being given to hearing persons who are burdened for the many Deaf who have never heard the gospel. Nine persons are studying the fundamentals of the sign language taught by Sister Bowker. Sixteen others are studying in an advanced class taught by Mrs. Robert Dixon, a deaf lady.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Districts Meeting Goals

Our 1959 goal for new churches to be opened is 415 and over 200 have been reported thus far. Several districts are well on the way to reaching their portion of the total goal. Some have already reached their goals and a number have actually exceeded them.

Tennessee District Honors Pioneer Pastors

C. C. Crace, superintendent of the Tennessee District, arranged for a special breakfast at their last District Council for all pioneer pastors who are at present engaged in pioneering activities. In addition, special recognition was given to them at various council sessions.



BRANDT BYLINES

by

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

The Great Church Extension Commandment

HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU THAT Acts 1:8 is not actually a commandment? It is commonly thought and taught that it is. Yet careful examination of the verse and its context reveals that rather than being a commandment, it is one of Christ's most poignant prophetic promises: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

As is often the case with God's promises, Acts 1:8 is preceded by a clearly defined commandment. To obey the commandments of God is to see the promises attached thereto fulfilled. Therefore it is important that attention be given to the commandment more than to the promise.

Other new assemblies have recently been opened at Babbitt (Merwin Miller, pastor) and Waseca (George Saint, pastor). The newest effort in the district was begun at Waconia six months ago by Larry Malcolm and a group from North Central Bible College.

Many are the thrilling stories that could be related of answered prayer and faithful service in the efforts of real heroes of the faith, the pioneer pastors of the Minnesota District.

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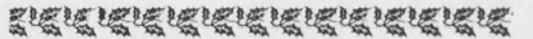
Note: Many churches and districts have benefited already from the **NEEDY DISTRICT FUND** established by the Home Missions Department. Some districts are expanding so rapidly that their finances hardly keep pace and they must turn to the national department for assistance if they are to continue their church extension activities. Your offering for this worthy cause should be clearly designated and mailed to the Home Missions Department.

The particular commandment to which Acts 1:8 is related is stated in Acts 1:4: "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me." This is the great church extension commandment, for only when it is implicitly obeyed is the stage set for the true fulfillment of Acts 1:8.

The group to which the commandment was originally given, and to which the corresponding prophetic declaration was made, will serve best to illustrate our point. They conscientiously concerned themselves with the commandment and gave themselves to waiting for the promise of the Father. They hardly knew what to expect, but they acted in unquestioning obedience.

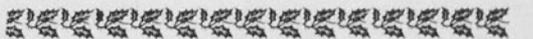
Then came Pentecost and, close on its heels, the fulfillment of Acts 1:8. It should be observed that those early disciples did become witnesses to Christ exactly as predicted, not because they were commanded to do so, but because they were filled with the Holy Ghost. When men are genuinely filled with the Spirit they *are* witnesses and the Church is extended.

We conclude therefore that the key to modern church extension is not so much the attention we may give to Acts 1:8, but rather the obedience we give to Acts 1:4. Acts 1:8 can be as much a reality in our day as it was in the history of the Early Church, if we will concern ourselves as much with Acts 1:4 and wait on God until we receive the promised infilling of the Holy Ghost.



Don't Forget . . .

to put the **home missionaries** and the **Alaska Children's homes** on your Christmas list. Your offering must be in the mail by December 1 if it is to be included in the Christmas remittance to the missionaries. Send your generous offering today, clearly designated for one or both of the above funds, to the Home Missions Department.



Minnesota Believes in "Mother" Churches

(Continued from page eight)

dents from North Central Bible College were the first ministers. The building was constructed under the ministry of the present pastor, Don Patz. Del Tarr, Jr., and Del Tarr, Sr., opened the Hopkins Assembly which is now pastored by E. A. Hill. *Fremont Tabernacle of Minneapolis gave a substantial monthly contribution during the first year.*

One year ago the Aitkin Assembly (R. C. Schlupp, pastor) "mothered" a fine assembly at nearby Palisade. They supplied Sunday school teachers and made the down payment on the hall which was purchased for a church home. A number have been saved at Palisade. Brother Schlupp continues to pastor both assemblies.



BGMC PAGE

FRANCES FOSTER—DIRECTOR



BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

Dimes for Leone

BY JUDI JENKINS

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN. BARBARA CHADWICK wondered if it would ever stop raining. She sighed as she listened to the pitter-patter of each tiny drop hitting the roof. After the Sunday dinner, Grandpa had clumped upstairs for his usual three-hour nap, Daddy had left to do Sunday school visitation work, Mother was in the living room reading the *Evangel*, and Danny had gone to a friend's house to practice a song for the evening service. "And here I am," Barbara thought, "just sitting in my room with nothing to do. Why does it have to be so dreary outside?"

Barbara sighed and blinked her eyes as she pushed back tears that were so near the surface. It wouldn't do

for Mother to see her crying. Mother would suggest reading or writing letters; but Barbara wasn't in the mood for either. She felt sorry for herself as a tear trickled down her cheek and dropped on her hand. Looking at the tear, she was reminded of the story Mrs. Aldrich had told them in Sunday school that morning. It was a story of how their own BGMC offerings helped missionaries in far-off countries. Thinking of Leone, the young man of the story, Barbara quickly forgot her own troubles and remembered how happy she was when she found out how her dimes were helping someone else.

Leone first lived in India, but he

went to Persia to look for a job. This meant he had to leave his home, family, and friends in India. It was hard at first because he had never been away from home. The people in Persia spoke a language unfamiliar to him. One day, however, Leone started receiving the monthly magazine, *Assemblies of God Messenger*. This magazine was written in his own language. It always had good news about people he knew, and some articles about the Lord. Each month Leone looked forward to receiving the paper.

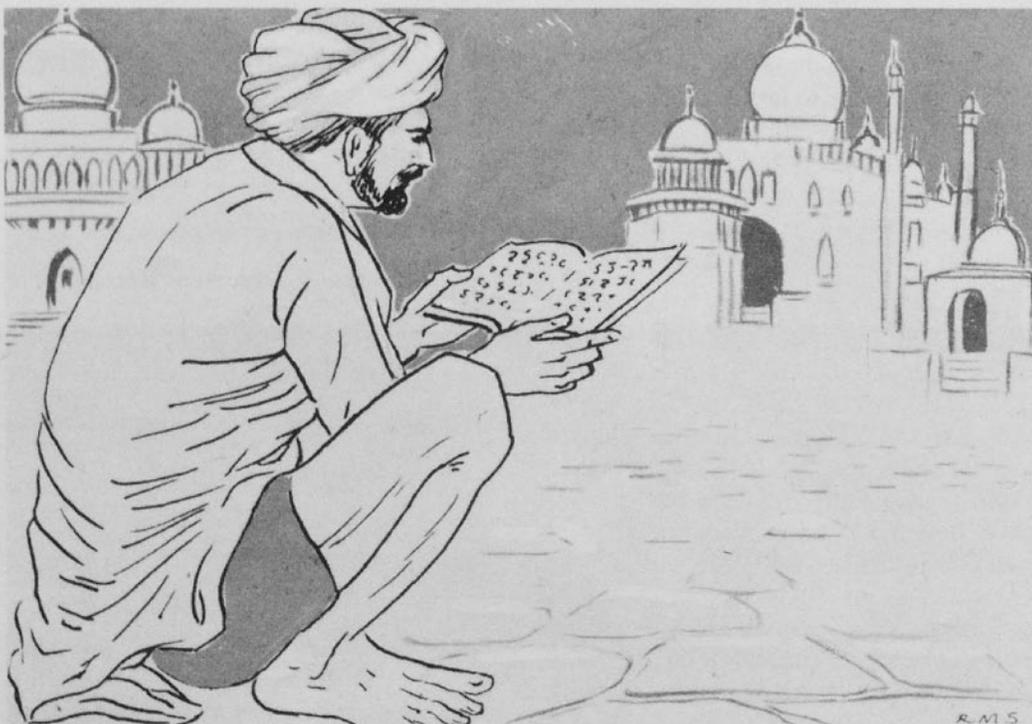
One story in the magazine really touched Leone's heart. It told of a man from South India who was a notorious criminal. When he was finally caught, he was put in prison and sentenced to be hanged. One day a Christian visited the prison and talked to the sentenced man. As a result, he was saved and asked for a Bible to read. Each day he found a new life of victory and peace in serving Jesus. On the day of his execution he was not afraid. He walked to the gallows singing a lovely Indian hymn. The words of the song were something like this: "*Jesus is my foundation, my hope is only in Him; Fullness of peace I've in Jesus; oh, how sweet is His name!*"

As Leone read this story, the tears ran down his cheeks. He was so glad God had saved and strengthened this man so that he was not afraid to die. Leone sat thinking for a long time about the goodness of God. Later he gave the article to his friends to read and they, too, were touched with the story.

Barbara started thinking of what Mrs. Aldrich had told them about the magazine Leone received. It was published with the help of BGMC funds. Maybe her dimes had helped send that magazine to Leone! She glanced at the little wooden barrel bank on her dresser. It was half full of shiny dimes already and Barbara could hardly wait till the time came to take it to Mrs. Aldrich.

Looking out the window, Barbara noticed it was raining harder than ever now; but somehow she didn't care about the rain. She was thinking about the missionaries and BGMC and how she could save more dimes to put in her little barrel bank. Later Barbara told Mother how glad she was that her BGMC dimes had helped print a gospel magazine in India. Mother was thrilled and promised to help her save more dimes. "Who knows," Barbara thought, "maybe I am helping send the *Assemblies of God Messenger* to Leone!"

Leone loved to read the monthly magazine, "The Messenger," printed in his own language



R.M.S.



The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS • DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION • MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

Monday, November 30

Read: Psalm 55:16-23

Learn: "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) the importance of prayer, v. 16; (2) the need for frequent prayer times, v. 17; (3) the results of effective prayer, vv. 16-18; (4) the comfort prayer brings to the believer, v. 22; (5) the end of those who do not trust in the Lord, v. 23. This should cause the Christian to determine to trust the Lord and pray faithfully.

Question Time: When did the psalmist say he would pray? (v. 17) Why do you think he chose these specific times?

Missionary Birthday: Philip Mangum, S. Africa.

Tuesday, December 1

Read: Psalm 56

Learn: "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me" (Psalm 56:11).

For the Parent: This psalm was written by David when the Philistines took him in Gath. It is his plea to God for help and mercy, for deliverance from his enemies. It also reaffirms his trust in the Lord and His Word. This trust gives David confidence and boldness so that he is no longer afraid of what the Philistines might do to him. Discuss how trust in God gives us courage to face the difficult times and situations of life.

Question Time: What do you think is the important lesson of this psalm?

Missionary Birthdays: Arthur Greyell, Japan; Gordon Marker, Bolivia; Mrs. J. H. Boyce, N. India; Mrs. Pauline Nelson (Indian), Nev.

Wednesday, December 2

Read: Psalm 57

Learn: "Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth" (Psalm 57:11).

For the Parent: This is another psalm David wrote while he was being pursued by King Saul. It also is a plea for mercy and help, but it shows great confidence in God's love and judgment and contains many expressions of praise to God. This is probably because of the deliverance alluded to in verse 6. Stress vv. 7-11 as an example of praise and worship to God.

Question Time: What was happening to David when this psalm was written? (See above) What is its outstanding feature?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. R. W. Edwards,

S. India; David K. Irwin, Egypt; Mrs. L. E. Spencer, Costa Rica; Mrs. Meyer Tan-Ditter (Jewish), Calif.

Thursday, December 3

Read: Genesis 42:14-25; 43:34

Learn: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Joseph Tests His Brethren" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the story of Joseph as studied thus far. When his brothers came to buy food in Egypt, Joseph did not let them know who he was. Discuss the way he tested them to see if their hearts had changed.

Question Time: What test did Joseph suggest to prove his brothers had had a change of heart? What happened?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Vallance Baird, Malaya; Myrna Sue Wilkins (Deaf), Kans.

Friday, December 4

Read: Matthew 22:11-14; 25:1-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13).

For the Parent: One of these days Jesus Christ is coming back for those who are ready for Him. This is the hope of the

Christian. Discuss this event as it was foretold in the passages read. Also read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18. Stress to the group the importance of being ready for Christ's coming. We get ready by accepting Him as Saviour and by living for Him each day.

Question Time: How can we be ready when Jesus comes again? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. H. B. Felton, Peru; Mrs. Paul Weidman, Ghana; John Cowlasky, Alaska.

Saturday, December 5

Read: Genesis 19:1-3, 12-30 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matthew 26:41).

For the Parent: Abram and his nephew Lot had separated. Lot selfishly chose the best land, but he ended up in the wicked city of Sodom. God destroyed that city because of its wickedness, but first He sent His angels to save Lot. Discuss this. Also show the importance of keeping in touch with God—of avoiding evil and of doing good. Lot was just "barely saved." To live in such a manner is spiritually dangerous!

Question Time: Why did God destroy Sodom? What lesson can Lot teach us?

Missionary Birthdays: Lowell E. Dowdy, Chile; Donel Leach, Alaska.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Philip Crouch, Egypt; Rachel Maser Nieto, Cuba.

Special Prayer Requests

Pray for our fellow-Christians in Tibet. Persecution under Communism is continuing.

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Plans are under way for the establishing of a Servicemen's Home in Korea. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. E. William Mincey as they prepare this great home-away-from-home for our American G.I.'s in the Orient.

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H. B. Garlock requests prayer for cottage meetings being held one night a week for the benefit of Europeans living in Lilongwe, Nyasaland.

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Requests for Speed-the-Light equipment have increased. Pray that the missionary vision of the Christ's Ambassadors and their sacrificial giving will keep pace with these accelerated needs.

A PLACE

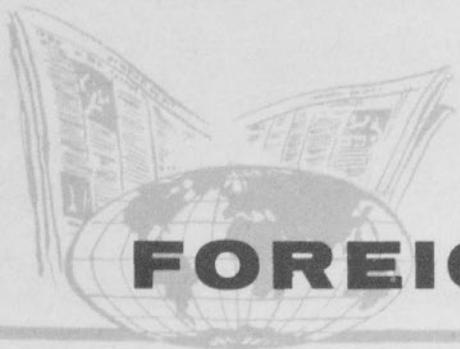
There is a secret place of rest,
For aching hearts a balm,
Where leaning on the Saviour's breast
The soul finds peace and calm.

There is a place of sacred flame
Consuming all the dross,
Where weak find strength in Jesus' Name,
And learn to love the cross.

There is a place of refuge sweet
O'ershadowed by His wing,
Where, though the storms around may beat,
The trusting heart can sing.

There is a place, dost thou not see,
That thou alone canst fill?
It is the place appointed thee,
The center of God's will.

—Louise Jeter Walker



FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Ceylon

HUNGER FOR THE WRITTEN WORD

Kathryn Long reports from Ceylon that as she was returning recently from Sunday school, a group of men stopped her and asked for some tracts and books to read. "I gave them tracts, but they said they also wanted a book. I knew then that they wanted the Tamil Gospels which I sell for ten cents each. One man said he wanted to buy a dozen of them. I was sorry I had only a few on hand, but I sold him six Gospels and told him I would bring others the next time I came. As soon as he received the six Gospels he distributed them among his Hindu friends. He said, 'We must get these good books to read.' We thank God for the hunger there is in the hearts of these Hindi people who have so little opportunity to hear the Word of God."

Philippine Islands

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IMMANUEL BIBLE INSTITUTE GRADUATES FIFTEEN

Fifteen students graduated from Immanuel Bible Institute, Cebu City, Philippine Islands, recently. They chose as their class name, "Ambassadors." Missionary Arthur Ahlberg, president of the school, reported:

"It was a lovely sight to see these fifteen young people take their places on the platform of the Bradford Memorial church where the commencement exercises were held. They were dressed in white caps and gowns.

"Philip Green of the United States was commencement speaker. All fifteen of these graduates are now in full-time service on four major islands and in ten provinces of the Philippines."

Nigeria

Middle Congo

RIOTS STIR ANTI-WHITE FEELING

Anti-white riots have flared again in Brazzaville, capital of Middle Congo. Thirty-five members of the Matswanist religious sect died by suffocation or

trampling when the police drove them from the compound of a business organization in a Brazzaville suburb. Nearly 100 others were seriously injured in the meleé.

Trouble began last June when the sect launched a civil disobedience campaign, refusing to pay taxes and ignoring government decrees. Followers of the Matswanist sect believe that their dead leader, Andre Matswa, a Senegalese Negro sergeant of the French African Army, will return to drive the white man out of Africa.

Nigeria

TRACT CLUB INTRODUCED

The demand for the printed Word is so great in Nigeria that the presses are running far into the night trying to keep up. A new feature of the literature program in Nigeria has been the tract club which was inaugurated recently by missionary Rex Jackson.

"There is no problem," reports Brother Jackson, "in getting people in Nigeria to accept tracts and to read them. The situation is quite different from that at home, where so many

people are unconcerned. Here it is actually dangerous to get into a crowded place and give out tracts, for the people will literally mob the one making the distribution."

If you should like to help in this important project, send your application for membership in THE NIGERIAN TRACT CLUB to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. The membership fee is only fifty cents a month or \$6.00 a year. You may send a year's membership at once if you choose, or pledge to send fifty cents each month. In either event, be sure to designate your offering for "Rex Jackson—Nigerian Tract Club." Fifty cents will put 1,000 gospel tracts into the hands of pagan Africans.

Middle Congo

Togo

CHALLENGE OF THE KONKOMBA

The great Konkomba tribe of West Africa is divided in half; one half is in Ghana, the other half in Togo. Our national evangelists in Togo are just beginning to enter this area. The people are coming in crowds of 300 and



Class of 1959, Immanuel Bible Institute, Cebu City, Philippines (Mr. and Mrs. Ahlberg at right)

400 to hear the gospel in several vil-
lages.

The Konkomba tribe is one of the most important tribes in northern Togo and is ripe for the gospel. The Catholics have already sent three French priests into the area. We need a missionary there now to establish a work before the Catholics become entrenched. Pray that we can send a missionary to establish a maximum foothold among the Konkombas before Togo receives independence in April of 1960.

Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA CHURCH LEADERS FEAR SOVIET TIE

Coptic church leaders in Ethiopia fear that traditionally pro-Christian Ethiopia is growing warm to atheistic Russia's policies and procedures. The new joint trade and economic pact between Russia and Ethiopia is viewed with alarm as a hindrance to Christian missions. Concerning a recent meeting between Emperor Haile Selassie and Premier Nikita Khrushchev, the official Soviet news agency *Tass* stated that those leaders had "many useful talks on co-operation between the two countries in maintaining world peace and achieving the freedom and independence of the African peoples."

Southern Rhodesia

AMONG THE WORKERS AT KARIBA DAM

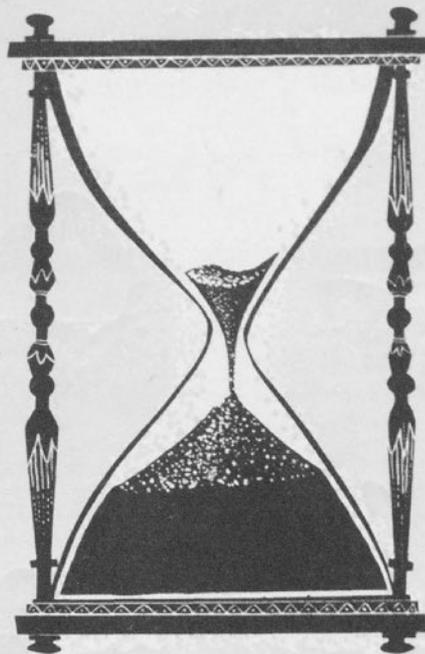
The Ed Rills have just completed a *safari* to the great Kariba Dam to preach to the workmen. This water reclamation project is located on the Zambesi River some 400 miles north of Gwelo. They report: "Hundreds of African workmen gathered around as we showed gospel film strips. The spiritual hunger was great. Scores responded, making decisions for Christ. Many names were recorded by Mangisi, the Gwelo believer who has been employed at the project for over a year. It was in response to his plea that we made the journey in order to get permission of the authorities to start a gospel work there. They agreed and encouraged us to do whatever we wished for the African workmen.

"Please remember Kariba, and pray for our Christian worker who is laboring among the workmen."

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THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Whose Child

Are We Deeply Stirred
Enough to Pray

WHEN A SMALL BOY FELL OVERBOARD from the deck of a large ocean liner a few years ago, the crew soon rescued him. They worked frantically to bring life back into the little body, but it seemed hopeless. A surgeon, who was a passenger on the ship, stopped and asked if he could be of assistance, but he was told that the boy was dead. He turned away, saying, "I think you have done all you could," but on a sudden impulse he went over and looked into the boy's face—and discovered it was *his own son!*

"Well, you may believe I didn't think the last thing had been done," he said

5 VITAL

A Message to

THERE ARE **FIVE POINTS** SOLEMN FACTS OF SUCH vital importance that to ignore them is to reject the warning and entreaty of God's infallible Word. To neglect them is to show deliberate disregard of divine truth.

First: All will not be saved. There is no such thing as universal salvation; some will be saved, others lost. Such is the solemn declaration of Scripture repeatedly; and the question is, will you be among the saved or the lost?

Second: The majority will be lost. "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." "Many" does not mean few. "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." "Few" does not mean many. There will be many on the

Is in Danger?

About Our Children's Souls
Until They Are Saved?



later. "I pulled off my coat and bent over that boy; I blew into his nostrils and breathed into his mouth. I turned him over and over; I begged God to bring him back to life. For four hours I worked, until at sunset I began to see the least flutter of breath that told me he lived.

"Oh, I will never see another boy drown without taking off my coat the first instant and going to him and trying to save him as if I knew he were my own boy!"

Are we as deeply interested in trying to save our children today from the perils of sin and unbelief that sur-

round them? Are we doing all within our power to save them? God has a crew of dedicated workers doing child evangelism and faithfully teaching His Word in Sunday schools across the land, saving children wherever they can. But *whose child is it that is lost? Is it yours?* Are you content to *hope* that someone somewhere will rescue him from spiritual death?

Parents need not be preachers or teachers by profession to win their own children. If Christ is real to you, then you are the logical person to work the hardest to win your own child for Him.

If the plan of salvation is presented simply and clearly to children, many of them can easily be won for the Lord. Someone has said, "It is better to build the boy than to mend the man."

*"Ere a child has reached to seven,
Teach him all the way to heaven;
Better still the work will thrive,
If he learn before he's five."*

The school will teach children *how* to read, but the environment of the home must teach them *what* to read. The school can teach them how to think, but the home must teach them what to believe. —Charles A. Wells

FACTS

BY
OSWALD
J. SMITH

the Unconverted

broad way and few on the narrow (Matthew 7:13, 14).

Third: Many will perish who expect to be saved. This is the saddest fact of all. Multitudes who confidently expect to be in heaven will awaken too late to find they have never been "born again." All their lifetime they have been deceived. Satan has kept the scales on their eyes to the very last; and finally, when it is too late, the scales fall off and they realize they have never been saved. Oh, it is an awful thought—to be on a false foundation, unsaved, self-deceived, and lost eternally.

Can it be possible that this will be *your* final state? Has Satan blinded *your* eyes; are *you* deceived? You who have listened to the gospel all your life; you who have been brought up in a

Christian home; you who have been an active member of the church—tell me, are you resting on a false foundation; have you ever truly accepted Christ as your Saviour?

Fourth: There is no salvation after death. We read in God's Word of a great gulf. We are told two things about it; It is fixed, it can never be moved. And it is impassable, no one can cross from one side to the other.

This means that there is no second chance, in spite of what some may say about it. If you die unsaved, my friend, you will remain unsaved. The Bible does not offer a glimmer of hope to anyone who rejects Christ in this life. There is no hope beyond the grave, no second chance.

Fifth: This may be someone's last opportunity. "Yes, I would like to be a Christian, and intend to be one sometime," a man said to his friend one day, "but I want to enjoy the world and its pleasures for a while first."

"Well," responded his friend, "go on and enjoy the world. You can become a Christian afterward."

"But just when should I become a Christian?" inquired the other anxiously.

"Oh, five minutes before you die

will be time enough," replied his friend casually.

"But I don't know when I am going to die," he exclaimed. "I may not have another five minutes to live."

"In that case," remarked his friend, "the time to become a Christian is *now*."

The Bible says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). You *may* have another chance; but remember, there is a time coming when you will not, when you will have made the final choice. The hour will strike when you will have attended your last meeting, heard your last sermon, made your last decision. God promises no tomorrow. "*Now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Sometimes a fog would settle over a sailing vessel's deck and yet leave the topmast clear. Then a sailor would go aloft and get a lookout which the helmsman on deck could not get. So prayer sends the soul aloft; lifts it above the clouds in which our selfishness and egotism befog us, and gives us a chance to see which way to steer.

—C. H. Spurgeon



JOSEPH TESTS HIS BRETHREN

Sunday School Lesson for December 6, 1959

GENESIS 42:1 to 43:34

THE MEETING

1. *Reason for the meeting.* A famine which threatened to extinguish the chosen family raged in the land of Egypt. Jacob sent his sons to Egypt for help, having heard that food was available there.

2. *Significance of the meeting.* Jacob's sons bowed in subjection before the prime minister of Egypt, not realizing that he was their long-lost brother. Thus the dreams of Joseph as a boy were fulfilled at last (Genesis 37:7). That they did not recognize him was not strange. Twenty years would make a difference. Not only so, he was dressed in Egyptian attire and spoke the Egyptian language. The God who could work out the seemingly impossible dreams of Joseph will likewise fulfill those spiritual aspirations which he has placed in *your* heart.

3. *The nature of the meeting.* Joseph has been criticized by some because of his treatment of his brethren. Such criticism is unwarranted. Since God had always been first in Joseph's life, there is every reason to believe he was divinely led in this matter. His brothers were tested for their own good. Furthermore, the strength of human affection is nowhere better illustrated than in Joseph's life.

4. *The power of conscience.* See ch. 42:21, 22. How significant it was that the brothers instinctively connected their present predicament with their past misdeed! The law of association was at work. Their conduct revealed the following: (1) Conscience—"We are verily guilty." (2) Memory—"We saw the anguish of his soul." (3) Reason—"Therefore is this distress come upon us." Here are the elements of the true repentance which was to come.

5. *Jacob's shortsightedness.* "Me ye have bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me." These were Jacob's faithless words when his sons returned with the news that the prime minister would keep Simeon in custody until such time as they should bring Benjamin with them. How wrong Jacob was! First, he misinterpreted facts, for neither Joseph nor Simeon was actually dead. Second, he misunderstood the divine purpose behind the facts. Actually, the very things he felt were against him were *for* him, working together for his good and for the welfare of the nation which was to spring from his family! And how frequently we too misinterpret our circumstances and misjudge our loving Father! We may not always understand our circumstances but we can look beyond them and bank on the character of a loving and faithful and all-wise God!

THE TESTING

Joseph tested his brethren in order to see whether they were fit to receive the gracious plan he had for them. He intended to bring them into Egypt; but he must be

sure a change of heart and life had taken place within them so that they would not prove themselves unworthy and bring disgrace to their brother by any ignoble conduct. God has a gracious plan for those who love Him—salvation and positions of responsibility in His eternal kingdom. But those who receive these things must be tested as to their qualification for them. Salvation is of course by grace, but even it is conditioned upon repentance. Joseph tested his brethren—

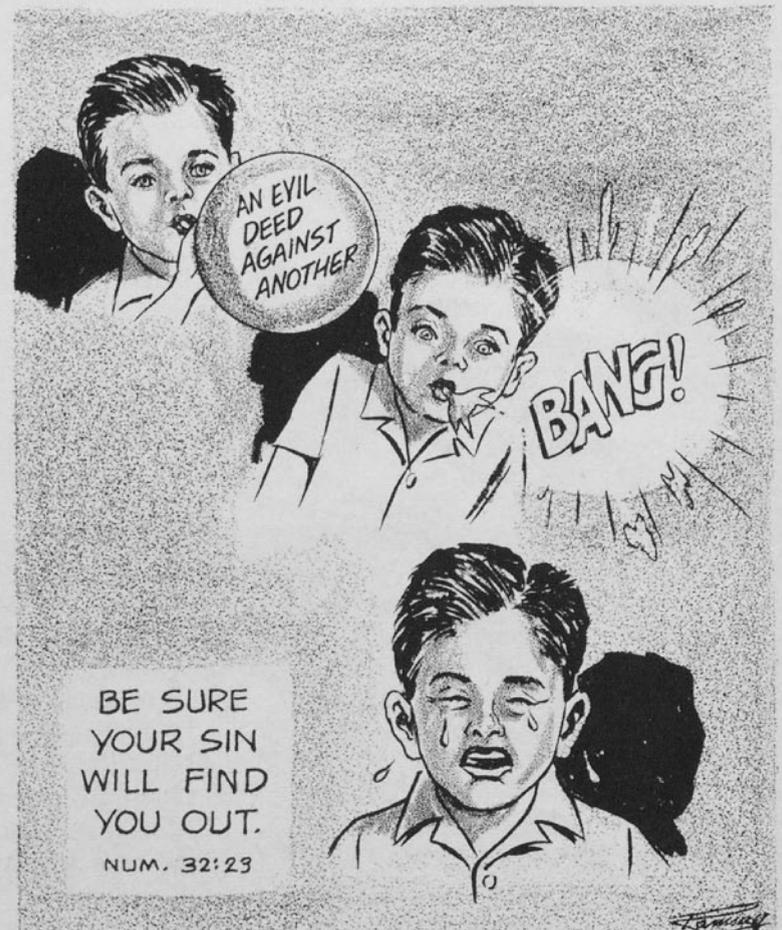
1. *As to their truthfulness and honesty.* In the past they had lied and deceived. Now they were truthful and sincere in all they said.

2. *As to their generosity of heart.* Ch. 43:34. Why did Joseph give Benjamin five times as much to eat as the others? Years before, Joseph remembered they had been envious of him; now he would find out if the same spirit possessed them. Again, they passed the test, as is evidenced from the fact that they all "drank and were merry with him." Are we envious of the success, popularity, possessions, positions of others? Or are we able to rejoice with them?

3. *As to their love and consideration for their father.* This, the most important test of all, is dealt with in the next lesson. Suffice it to point out here again what a perfect type of Jesus is found in Joseph. Christ wishes to reveal Himself to us all in increasing intimacy, love, and power. However, such revelations are conditioned upon personal purity, honesty, and integrity.

We too are being tested by the ordinary events of our daily lives. Are we proving faithful? Our behavior in these ordinary events both reveals and determines our character. And character is the one thing we shall take with us into eternity!
—J. Bashford Bishop

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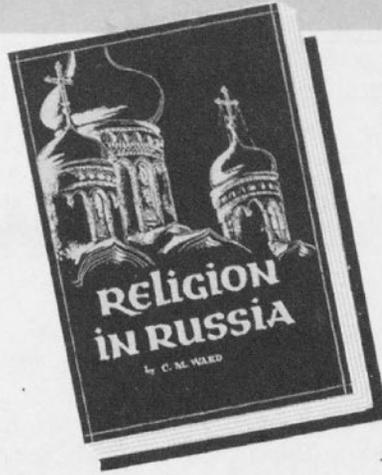
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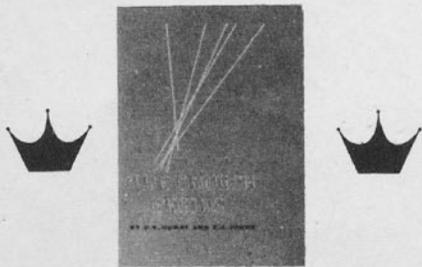
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A WOMAN WHO SAW

BY MILDRED SMULAND

JOCHEBED WAS ONE OF THE GREAT women of the Old Testament. As far as we know, she never gained fame or popularity in her day, but she was great, nevertheless, because she had a vision that held her steady in God in a time of crisis. She was led and used of Him when many around her had become discouraged and cynical.

Living at a time when the Israelites were being sorely oppressed by the Egyptian government, and many of them had lost sight of the covenant, she was holding onto the promise. God would deliver His people. She could not see how it would come about, but she knew that what God had promised He was able also to perform.

It was to this godly woman that Moses was born "when the time of the promise drew night." Though he was intended to be destroyed by the decree of Pharaoh that all male babies be cast into the river, he had come by *divine* appointment to be Israel's deliverer.

The story of Moses in the second chapter of Exodus has always been a favorite with little children. But it is not only the story of baby Moses; it is also a story of a mother with a vision. "And when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months." To be sure, he looked good to her. He was her own baby. Mother love dictated that she do all in her power to spare him. Moreover, she knew God and was able to understand His revelation to her heart concerning the child.

Unquestionably God gave Jochebed wisdom. She was divinely led, step by step, in hiding the baby three months, in fashioning the little ark, in placing it in the flags by the river, meanwhile wisely instructing the other children so that Miriam knew just exactly what to do when the baby was found by Pharaoh's daughter. (What a privilege to have Christ lead us in every detail of

life!) Jochebed's immediate reward for following the direction of the Lord was the joy of having her baby restored to her, and during those years of his early childhood she and her husband Amram faithfully prayed and taught him and trained him.

Then came the day when that mother brought her child "unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son." I do not believe she "went to pieces" the day she left him there. She relinquished her rights to his life calmly and confidently because he belonged, first of all, to God. The love of a mother for her child is strong. The love of a Jochebed for God and His

will gives her power to bring every human emotion under control and commit all to Him.

From that day began the training of Moses as a royal son of Egypt. No one can deny the importance of that education in fitting him for his divinely appointed task; but it was the planting and nourishing of faith in his heart under the early instruction and guidance of his parents that gave us the testimony, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt."

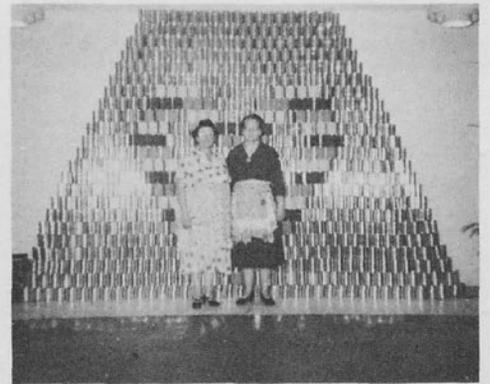
The highest service a Christian mother can render to her family is undergirding them with a deep devotion to God and a faithful prayer life. Her family will remember her for being the best cook in the world, yes. But in time they will be grateful for her godliness most of all. And though they

MISSIONARIES IN APRONS

The shining background of canned goods in this picture represents many hours of cheerful labor given by the WMC group of Portland's Northeast Assembly of God. For the past three years the women of this church have averaged annually well over 2,000 cans of fruits and vegetables, which have been a blessing to missionaries in several parts of the world.

Not only have these women done the canning, but they have also picked and gathered the fruits and vegetables, all of which have been donated.

Writes Sectional WMC Secretary, Mrs. Darlene Kaufmann: "The Northeast Assembly is the best church in Oregon when it comes to canning for missionaries. We in this section are very proud of these ladies who work right through the summer when many others are vacationing



Mrs. Marion Pew, WMC President (right) and Mrs. Holteen, vice-president (left), Northeast Assembly of God, Portland, Oregon.

and relaxing." Mrs. Marion Pew, president of the group, is the mother of one of our missionaries in Hawaii.

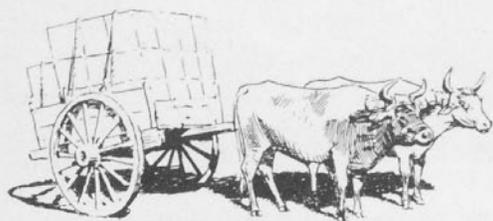
"Missionaries in aprons" are among the company who will share in the reward with those who go forth to battle for Christ.

may come to mature years before they realize fully what her spiritual life has meant to them, they have enjoyed a security that material blessings alone could never furnish, and have inherited the knowledge of a sure recourse, no matter what life brings.

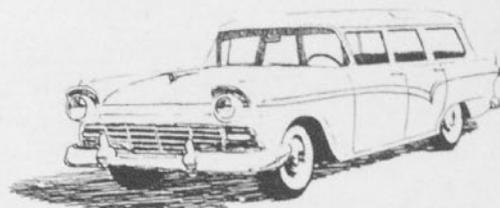
The ministry of women with the spir-

it of Jochebed is not confined to their homes. When they see as she saw, their arms of prayer reach around the world, and they always have material things to give besides. That is the vision that brings women together to serve in the Women's Missionary Council. With a burden for souls and an in-

tense desire to do their part in the advancement of the Kingdom, they minister in the church as a godly mother does in her home. Only with the vision of Christ to direct, His love to constrain, and His Spirit to empower will the Women's Missionary Council be kept serving in that manner. ◀◀



A Quick Response to



A MISSIONARY'S SOS

IN THE MARCH 29 (1959) ISSUE of the *Evangel* was a letter from Edith Imhoff, missionary to the lepers in India, asking for bandages, which were needed urgently. In July she wrote the letter that follows:

"We want to say a big Thank You to the many friends who responded to our plea for bandages. Parcels have come from nearly every state in the Union and one from Newfoundland. Every one has been acknowledged by letter or card, except some without a return address or so torn that we could not read it.

"One day we received notice of twelve parcels at the post office, so I went after them with the station wagon. When I walked in I just stopped and laughed. Forty-five parcels had arrived after the twelve! The fifty-seven packages were stacked everywhere. The poor postmaster looked so tired, but when he saw me laugh he laughed with me. I had to send the oxcart to pick up the packages I couldn't take. Another day thirty-five parcels came, then thirty-two, and sometimes two or three.

"Our hearts go out to the WMC's with love and gratitude. We have a supply of bandages now for months to come. If you want something done, WMC's will do it. Your response made us realize more than ever how much you are backing us and working with us. Your letters too have been such an inspiration. Many of you wrote that you prayed over the bandages before sending them, for the salvation

of those who will use them. This means so much.

"There is a sad note, however, for we were charged duty on most of the parcels; this has never happened before. *Please do not register parcels of bandages sent to us, or place any value on them.* Mark the package, **BANDAGES MADE FROM OLD CLOTH FOR LEPER HOME—NO COMMERCIAL VALUE.** Do pray that duty will not be charged in the future."

Here is the postscript to Sister Imhoff's letter:

"After I wrote my letter, the postmaster sent an SOS to come with the oxcart to get ninety-two parcels so that he could get into the post office to do his work. The wagon was piled high. We do praise our Heavenly Father because not a cent of duty was charged on these parcels.

"All of your brothers and sisters here, suffering from the dread disease, send their Salaams and thanks."

We used to live in many little worlds separated by oceans and mountains and deserts and wide plains. In those days we could take any attitude we chose toward distant people. But in this air age the world has become one world, and that makes our old selfishness no longer possible. Today, when no land is more than a few hours away, we can no longer ignore those multitudes of sick and hungry people.

We cannot remain aloof and stay free. We must take our choice: compassion for the hungry multitudes or catastrophe for ourselves.

—Frank C. Laubach in *The World Is Learning Compassion* (Fleming H. Revell Company)



One of the new houses for lepers at Uska Bazar, India



Edith Imhoff

She Was Ready

By Charlotte Schumitsch

EIGHT GIRLS ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE Missionette Club of First Assembly in Tacoma, Wash., in 1957. Now the group has about twenty members. One of the most active members of this club was Lois Ann Johnson.

Lois Ann loved the Lord dearly and was a very sincere Christian girl. On April 26, 1959, she lost her life in a tragic boating accident on Puget Sound which also claimed the lives of six other members of her family. All were active members of First Assembly in Tacoma. The entire church was stunned and grieved by such a great loss.

At their first meeting following the accident, the Missionettes were presented a portion of money that had been given by friends of Lois Ann and her family to be used for missions. A fund known as the "Lois Ann Memorial" has been established and is to be used by the Missionettes for missions.

Attending this meeting was Lois Ann's home room teacher and two of her classmates who contributed \$28.80 in behalf of her class. This money also went toward missions. The class had considered other projects, but decided it should go for a cause which was very close to Lois Ann's heart.

A portion of the "Lois Ann Memorial" has been designated by the Missionettes to support a teen-age girl in the Lillian Trasher Orphanage in Egypt.

Every Missionette at First Assembly was deeply stirred by Lois Ann's sudden death. They have been made to realize that they must do their best to live and work for Christ so that they too will be ready when the Lord calls.



Shown second from left is Lois Ann Johnson who lost her life in a tragic boating accident last April. When this picture was taken Lois Ann and other Missionettes were preparing to distribute "potted plants" of wood fiber which had been made by the girls. The plants were given out at a nursing home last Christmas. The girls also sang carols for the patients, bringing happiness to the ill and aged. Other girls in the picture are Nancy Hansen, Dorlyn Ewing, and Janice Ericksen.



This is one of the three Missionette Clubs at First Assembly in Sunnyvale, Calif. A total of 150 different girls attended meetings of the three groups last year. The Missionettes conduct hospital services twice a month. Handwork projects have included the making of baby layettes, quilts, rugs, etc. Altogether the girls made 24,792 articles this year. Several missionaries have been made happy by the things received from the girls. These Missionettes have many opportunities to witness for the Lord as the result of wearing their official Missionette pin. Mercedes Bowen, sponsor, is standing at the end of the second row.



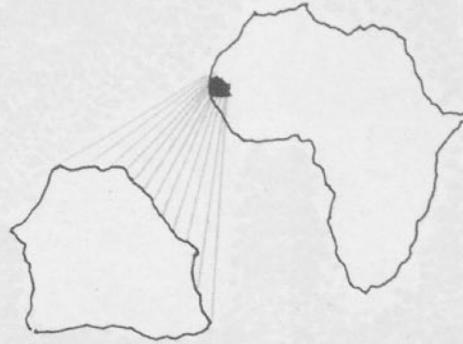
Missionettes of Pennfield Assembly, Battle Creek, Mich. are shown with some of their handwork projects. They have sent many items to missionaries. The girls enjoy Christian fellowship while they work for the Lord.

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The Republic of Senegal

Land of Transition



AFRICA IS A CONTINENT IN TRANSITION. This is particularly true of the small land of Senegal. It had so changed in recent years that when Charles Greenaway, veteran missionary to Senegal, returned after a furlough, he wrote, "In March of 1959 I returned to Africa. . . . I found Senegal politically upset. It switched in the past year from an all-French government to an all-African government. Many changes have taken place, some for the good and some for the bad."

Although known by explorers and adventurers for many centuries, Senegal has only come to international attention since the second World War. Because of this fact the small land was virtually untouched by the gospel until 1956.

The Republic of Senegal is bordered on the north by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; on the east by the Sudanese Republic; on the South by the Republic of Guinea and Portuguese Guinea; and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. British Gambia cuts into Southern Senegal along the banks of the Gambia River.

The population of Senegal is approximately 2,270,000, consisting mainly of Peuls, Wolofs, Tukulers, and Mandingos. Land area of the republic is approximately 80,600 square miles. The climate of Senegal is not appealing to the European. At times the temperature reaches 125 degrees in the shade. The hottest season is from March to May. During the rainy seasons the torrid Harmattan blows seaward from the Sahara desert. Senegal is a flat, semi-desert country; however, acacia and palm trees are common in the fertile river valleys. The principal

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tree is the *baobab* which produces a gourd-like fruit.

Some ninety per cent of the country's population is engaged in some form of agriculture. The principal crops are peanuts, rice, maize, manioc, cotton, and many grains. Also the farmers raise cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and other domestic animals.

Another phenomenal transition has been the development of culture and education. The national program of education has so increased that there are now around 400 elementary schools with a total enrollment of 70,000 students. The official language of the country is French, but there are many tribal languages spoken in the villages.

Although Senegal has been known as a country since the seventh century,

it has had no national government until recently. The French settled the colony of Senegal because of the rich crops of peanuts. Since 1817 the country has been a French possession. In 1848 slavery was abolished and Senegal started sending representatives to the French National Assembly. The French constitution of 1946 transformed the colony into an overseas territory and the "Loi-Cadre" of June 23, 1956, gave it greater self-rule. On September 28, 1958, Senegal voted in favor of the new French constitution, thus expressing its desire to remain in the framework of the French Community. On November 25, 1958, it became an autonomous Republic and a member of the State of the Community and took the name, "Republic of Senegal." Today the country has self-rule and is very progressive in its mode of government. The tragedy is, as one observer comments, now that the nation is self-ruled it has become a friend of communist governments.

Approximately seventy per cent of the population is Moslem. Although Protestantism was introduced in Senegal in 1862 by the Paris Evangelical Mission Society, their work did not spread through the colony. It was not until an Assemblies of God missionary established a work in the country that the gospel of Christ began to flourish.

In 1949 a group of Assemblies of God missionaries made a survey trip

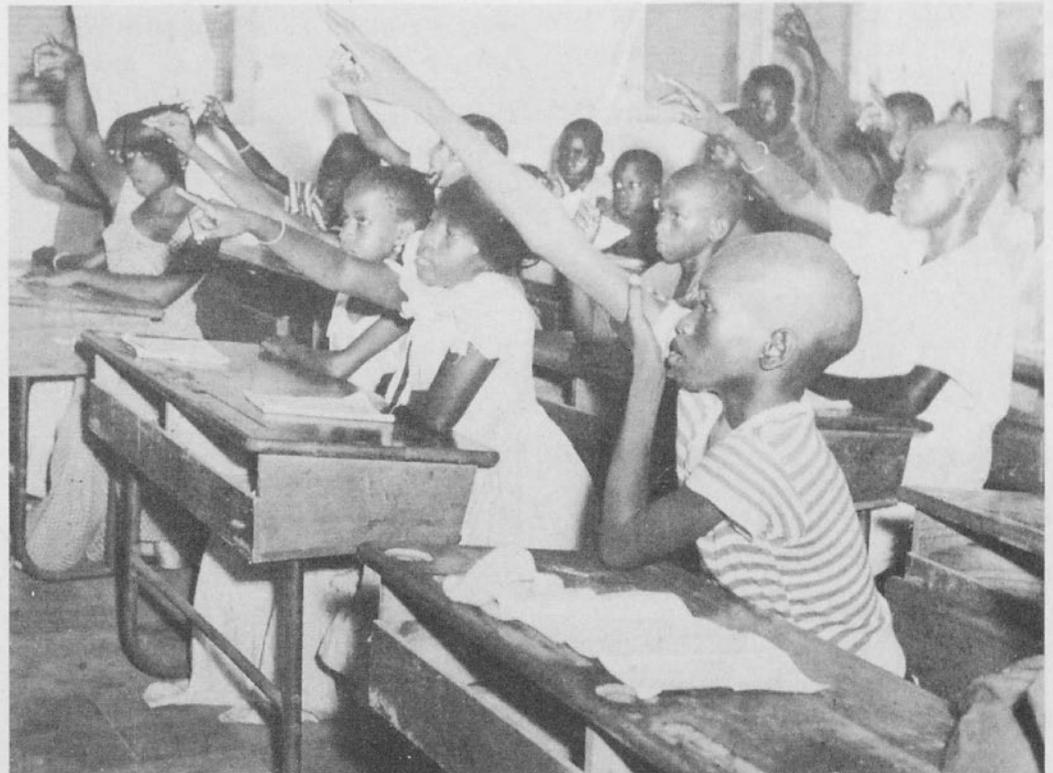
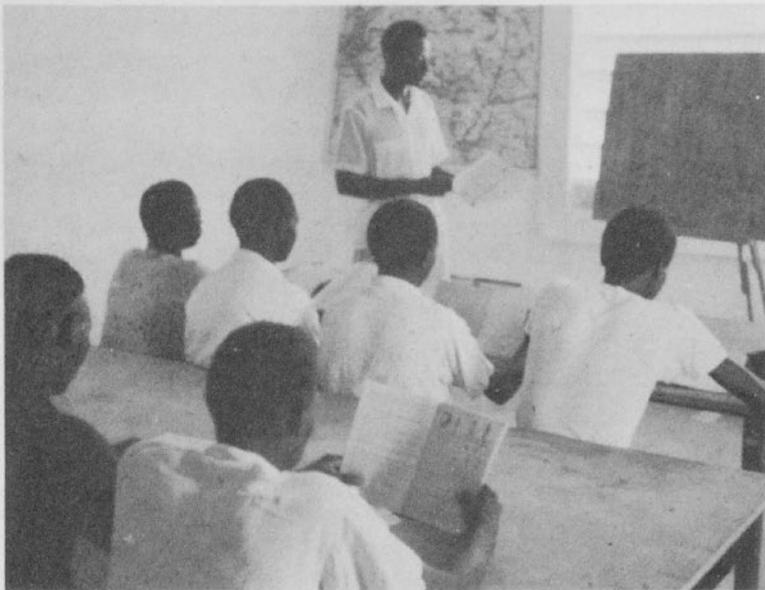
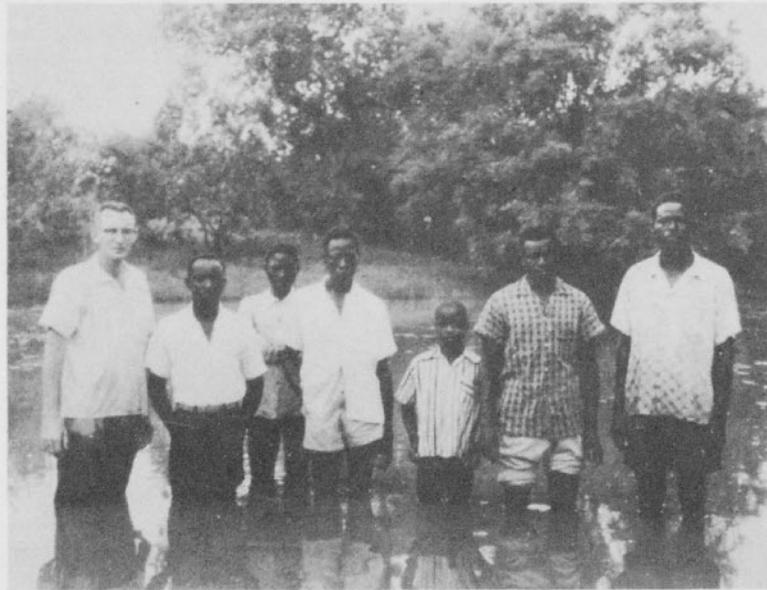


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School children in Senegal are eager pupils. We must have full gospel literature ready for them when they have learned to read.



Training young nationals for gospel work in Senegal



Missionary Bill Lasley and group of newly baptized converts

to Senegal. Charles Greenaway, missionary to Upper Volta, had felt a burden for the colony for many years and coveted the privilege of taking the gospel to the closed country. He applied to the French government for permission to enter the land, but had to wait many years before his burden was realized. Finally, in 1956, Brother Greenaway was called to the capital city of Senegal to meet with the High Commissioner of French West Africa and the Governor of Senegal. Warmly received, the missionary was given the long-awaited permission with the stipulation that a good showing would have to be made within the first two years or they would have to abandon the project.

Rushing back to his mission station which was at that time in Dahomey, Brother Greenaway brought the news, "Senegal is open! Let us go at once and possess it for Christ!"

In July of 1956 the Greenaways made their overland journey, skirting the Sahara Desert and establishing an Assemblies of God work at Tamba-Counda.

At first it seemed as though all the doors were closed and it would be impossible to establish a work in Senegal. Then an unexpected thing happened. Brother Greenaway records it in a letter to the Missions Department.

"The Chief Medical Officer of the district called me into his office to discuss the treatment of lepers in that entire area. He asked if I would be willing to furnish the vehicle and the gasoline and take a medical man with me to give treatments. I was overjoyed at this opportunity to come in direct contact with the people, and with the approval of the government. When I assured him I would be glad to help him, he replied, 'Pastor, if you will help us in this work, you can preach the gospel wherever you go!' Thus began our work in Senegal."

There was much delay and discouragement in obtaining land and building materials. Finally the needed materials and land were secured and the new church was started. While building, the Greenaways conducted prayer meetings for the workers each morning and evening and rented a hall for Sunday worship. Before long a strong nucleus of national workers was established. The church was completed and dedicated on November 3, 1957.

Concerning the amazing progress, Brother Greenaway again wrote, "With-in one year God enabled us to complete three buildings and dig a 100-foot well.

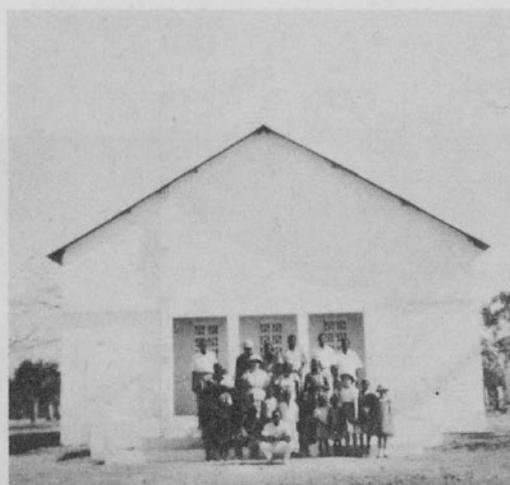
We had fulfilled the requirements of the government. Now we must quickly build other stations in order to occupy the entire area for our God."

The George Flatterys transferred from Upper Volta to Senegal in December, 1957. They started a literature program by editing and printing Bible lessons in French. Each week in 1958 a new Bible lesson was printed for use in Sunday school and mailed to each box holder in Tamba-Counda.

Probably the best plan for advancement in the future would be to use more national workers, the pioneer missionaries decided. As a result Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lasley opened a "foyer" for the training of Senegalese young men. They study the Bible and receive manual training to help them in the work for the Lord.

Centuries of fetish worship, the penetration of Islam, and now communism, are formidable enemies of the gospel in Senegal. However, the outlook for the future is bright. Our missionaries believe that the work has only begun and the harvest will be great. "Evangelism is the keynote of our work in Senegal," says Brother Greenaway, "and with national workers and prayer support from home we can win Senegal for Christ."

—Ronnie Hembree



Tamba-Counda Assembly of God and congregation. This was the first church opened in Senegal.

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Missionary Beaten

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age Christian. Her freedom is a great testimony against the Kwonsi fetish. One chief said he could not believe she had escaped alive and wanted to see her with his own eyes. When he saw her he was amazed. We plan to take her to the paramount chief who, in spite of his fears, gave his permission for us to go to Najon to free her.

"The government, upholding the rights of the individual, took speedy action against the assailants and required those of us who were beaten to be witnesses in court. One of our Christians named Nyankpin gave this testimony, and it is recorded in the court file: 'One of the men who was beating me drew back an ax to kill me. I cried "Jesus!" The axhead fell off on the Kwonsi man's head.'

"Pastor Samson Bimoba, though severely beaten with the rest of us, has continued his ministry in Najon which is ten miles east of our mission compound at Nakpanduri. We have seen an unusual move of the Spirit of God in our church at Nakpanduri. We plan some special meetings among our churches in the near future and are believing the Lord for a great revival among the Bimoba tribe."

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Miss Spencer suffered a broken shoulder and other injuries in the beating. Pray for her and also for Miss Eloise Smith, a new missionary who arrived in Nakpanduri soon after the incident occurred.

Miss Spencer is in her second tour of missionary service in Ghana. Formerly she was stationed among the Konkomba people at Saboba. When the Konkomba people heard of the beating they sent a delegation about 250 miles to express their "profound grief" and to wish her "a very speedy recovery." The delegation brought a letter from S. N. Mankrom, a Konkomba pastor, which said:

"News of the baseness of the people towards you did at first give us utter unrest. It even invoked in us past memories of our heathen days, when we should have easily approached them and staged a bitter fight for your sake.

"However, such heathen ideas soon gave way to these Biblical impressions, that as Elijah did through the Lord

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What is meant by having the Lord's name in their forehead? Revelation 22:4.

I believe the language is figurative, teaching that the evidence of our position and relationship will be apparent.

Did John the Baptist eat insects called locusts, or was it beans from the locust tree?

Probably it was the insects, not beans from a tree. Locusts were considered as clean for food according to the Mosaic law (Leviticus 11:21, 22).

How would you explain: "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness"? Galatians 6:1.

We should always seek to be helpful, never to try to tramp one down who has gotten out of the way. There are times when we must let an offender know that we cannot endorse what he has done, but at the same time we should let him know that we wish to help him.

Does the Scripture portion, "There shall be no more an infant of days . . . for the child shall die an hundred years old," have its fulfillment in the Millennium or in the new heavens and new earth? Isaiah 65:20

There are those who deny a Millennium. These say the fulfillment will be realized in the new heavens and new earth (see v. 17). Those who believe there is to be a kingdom age prior to the time of the final judgment and the new heavens and new earth believe fulfillment will be in the millennial age. There will not be any death in the new heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:4). Satan now has his seat in the heavenlies (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12). At the end of the present age he will be cast out of the heavenlies (Revelation 12:9). When the millennial kingdom of our Lord Jesus is established Satan will be bound and thus deprived of his influence on the earth (Revelation 20:1-3). This will bring about such a moral change, with the curse and temptations of Satan gone, that it may well be spoken of as the new heavens and new earth of verse seventeen.

What does it mean to wait on the Lord? Does it mean to pray, or to wait until we receive an answer to prayer? Isaiah 40:31.

The expression means more than just to bide one's time. It means to wait *expectantly*. "Waiting on the Lord" implies that we should not hastily attempt things but seek guidance from the Lord (Isaiah 8:17). To me, Isaiah 40:31 means becoming quiet and subdued before the Lord. Out of this attitude effectual prayer is often born. It may take time to bring our restless spirits into the spirit of worship, but it pays. When the consciousness of the presence of the Lord steals over the soul, the waiting heart feels that its only desire is to remain in the presence of God and worship.

I am afraid that in this restless and busy age too many are getting away from this waiting. In doing so the sense of rich communion with God is lost. "They that wait upon the Lord" (tarry before Him, worship, and listen to hear what He may wish to say to us) "shall renew their strength." There may be other features to waiting on the Lord, but I believe these are central.

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

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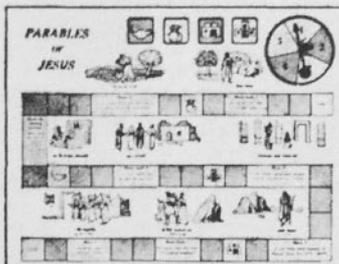
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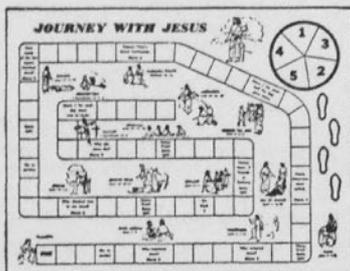
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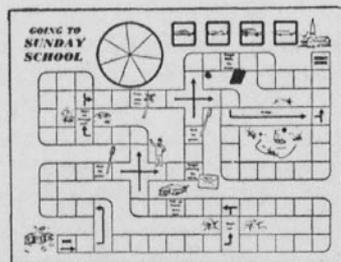
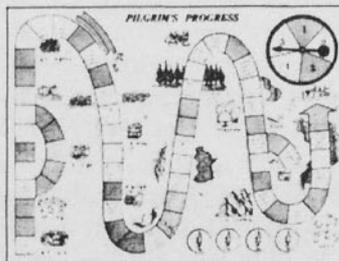
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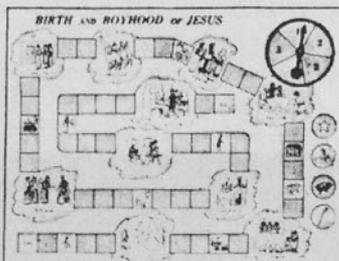


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destroy Baal, so have you morally and physically through the Lord belittled 'Kwonsi.' It goes without even saying that the Lord is going to turn the 'Kwonsians' to Himself, as He did to Paul; and Madam, who can tell whether a church building might not one day spring even from the very grounds where the filthy 'Kwonsi' room now stands. Meanwhile, we hope our delegation might be to you a token of inspiration of how much we love you in the Lord. How lovely it is to think that a true and noble Christian shrinks not even at the greatest of trials."

The World Mission

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That is really the question! Are we serious about our world mission? I believe that God has called us to reach the world in our generation. That is a staggering task. I realize when I state that I believe it can be done, that some will consider me visionary. I believe it can be done because God's Word declares that it must be done before Jesus returns.

It is true that the world's population is increasing more rapidly than we are making converts. Nevertheless I take courage in the thought that the program of world evangelism was started on the Day of Pentecost with only 120 Spirit-filled believers. And the sound of them went out through the whole then-known world. Today in the Assemblies of God alone we are not 120 but over one million strong if we count our membership at home and abroad. There are probably more than 20,000 ministers of the Assemblies of God at home and abroad. Yes, it can be done, but it will require a New Testament people, filled with New Testament power who are ready to do some New Testament planning and demonstrate a New Testament consecration.

Will we fill our spot in history, cost what it may? Herein lies the answer to our mission and destiny. World evangelism requires individual consecration and sacrifice. It also calls for united effort. Will we, individually and collectively, give ourselves to God for the fulfilling of our mission in this hour? World evangelism requires all-out dedication to God. Will we say, "Here am I, Lord, take me, use me, fulfill Thy purpose through me." For we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this!

INSTANTLY HEALED OF CANCER

I PRAISE GOD FOR THE MANY YEARS in which He has shown His kindness and mercies to me, as well as for His marvelous healings. The healing for which I praise Him in this testimony is outstanding, not only for its miraculous nature, but because through it I learned a valuable lesson that I wish to pass on to others.

In October of 1954 I noticed signs in my body which pointed to cancer. I went to a specialist. After a thorough examination I was told there was cancer present in my body but that they could not locate it. I was to wait a little while till they could pinpoint the trouble. We were living in Spokane, Washington, at that time and later moved to Omak. In January of 1955 I became ill with pains in my abdomen, but improved somewhat. In February I noticed a lump had formed in my breast and requested prayer. My hus-

band became concerned and insisted on sending me to a clinic.

In May we went to Seattle for a checkup and examination. I was still trusting the Lord and refused to say much about my condition, but all the time I was suffering from pains in my abdomen. Many times I entered a prayer line but in September, 1955, the doctors insisted that I allow them to take a biopsy to determine definitely if the growths were malignant. The report showed that the growths were definitely malignant, and the doctors and my husband insisted that I have an immediate operation.

I was so disappointed that I thought my heart would break. It seemed that I had trusted God in vain. But I learned in those hours to enter into real intercessory and heart-searching prayer. On the morning of September 26 I was taken to the operating room for surgery on my breast. I asked God once more either to heal me or to go with me. On the elevator I could hear the voice of the Lord saying, "I will go with you through the judgment." The operation was successful, but two

days later they examined me again and said that I would have to undergo another major operation because cancer was present in the abdominal and pelvic region and in the other breast.

You may guess how I felt. It seemed there would be nothing left of my body when they finished. The doctors decided against X-ray treatments as it would only add to my suffering.

I was allowed to go home to Omak and again I began the heart-searching and prayer. I searched the Word and, while reading, realized that I had never called for the elders of the church as instructed in the Word of God. Neither had I fasted and prayed nor asked others to do so. I had been in prayer lines, but felt now that I had not followed a scriptural pattern for my healing.

I went to the pastor's home to have a talk with him and to search the Word with him to see if healing was for me. I had also determined to ask certain friends to fast and pray for my healing, but God worked this out.

Brother Baum, our pastor, pointed out the promises of God in the Word and told me he would call the church to fast and pray for my healing. On Sunday he announced a day of fasting and prayer. He requested all who would like to be prayed for to fast and pray and come Tuesday night.

I prayed much for myself and for others and asked God to let me feel His burning, healing power in my body. I could hardly wait for Tuesday to come. That night Brother Baum brought a message on healing and the power of the Word. At the conclusion of the message he pointed his finger at me and said, "Sister Riste, God can heal you of that cancer." As he did so, I felt one sharp pain and I knew God had touched me. The prayer line formed and many that night stood to be prayed for. As Brother Baum left the platform, a message in tongues and the interpretation came forth saying that God would speak in our ears the witness of our healing.

While standing in the line to be prayed for, I became very warm and was about to remove my coat when I realized that the very thing I had asked God for was happening. I was feeling His healing, burning power surging through my body. I was completely healed from my head to my feet! After prayer we were urged to go to the

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prayer room to praise God for our healing. While there, I heard the voice of God saying "I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE."

There have been no hours of lying in pain while cancer took its toll. I am healed and remain healed because I took God's Word and applied it to myself. It is the Word of God that brought deliverance to my body. Wonderful is our Lord and I shall never cease to give Him glory and honor for my healing.—Mrs. Lucie A. Riste, 5027 N. Jefferson, Spokane 19, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor Clyde Baum of the Omak Assembly of God, who says: "Mrs. Riste is well today in spite of the fact that doctors said she would not live more than six months without another operation. Now after more than four years her healing remains.")

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THIRD ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Dec. 3-6 at Assembly of God, Newcastle, Wyo. Speakers: Jim Anderson and John Weidman.—by Howard Cummings, pastor.

TOP TWENTY-TWO

LEADING THE NATION

January 1—September 30, 1959

TOTAL GIVING

Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	\$3,085.00
1st A/G, Memphis, Tenn.	1,614.00
Calv. F. G. A/G, Inglewood, Calif.	1,358.57
1st A/G, Binghamton, N. Y.	1,096.59
Bethel A/G, Lincoln Park, Mich.	1,043.37
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans.	996.00
Central A/G, Baton Rouge, La.	985.84
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wis.	707.96
Bethany A/G, Adrian, Mich.	705.50
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho	674.83
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala.	667.00
City of Lakes Gos. Ch., Mpls., Minn.	646.55
1st A/G, Russellville, Ark.	631.75
1st A/G, Denver, Colo.	621.00
A/G, Coffeyville, Kans.	609.00
Christian A/G, Wausau, Wis.	604.00
Immanuel Pent. Ch., Cleveland, Ohio	600.00
1st A/G, N. Little Rock, Ark.	597.00
1st A/G, Pocatello, Idaho	571.06
1st A/G, Crowley, La.	565.57
1st A/G, Pine Bluff, Ark.	545.50
1st A/G, Vero Beach, Fla.	527.63

PER CAPITA

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

A/G, Hazelton, Idaho	(4)	\$72
Central A/G, Baton Rouge, La.	(15)	65
1st A/G Pocatello, Idaho	(9)	63
Oak Grove A/G, Malvern, Ark.	(3)	48
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala.	(16)	41
1st A/G, Plain Dealing, La.	(4)	40
1st A/G, Binghamton, N. Y.	(30)	36
A/G, Eads, Colo.	(7)	36
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans.	(28)	35
A/G, Dermott, Ark.	(6)	35
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	(90)	34
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho	(20)	33
A/G, Rifle, Colo.	(5)	32
A/G, Leslie, Ark.	(4)	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
A/G, Dove Creek, Colo.	(10)	27
1st A/G, Vero Beach, Fla.	(19)	27
A/G, O'Neill, Nebr.	(13)	27
Berea Tab., Detroit, Mich.	(15)	25

Constraining Love

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

"Lord, I'll love folk both good and true, The ones who pattern after you."

"Love the unlovely," He replied, "For whom I suffered much, and died."

I looked about and everywhere
Were folk for whom I didn't care
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—Mildred Allen Jeffery

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Worth More Than Money

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

CERTAIN HOMELY OLD ANGLO-SAXON PHRASES ARE STILL being used along the creeks and down the hollows of the beautiful Cumberland Mountains. One of these is heard quite often at Christmas time. Some gifts are admired because they are "brought on." This means they were ordered from some mail order catalog, or purchased at the local store.

Other gifts may seem less glamorous and yet have more significance because they are *not* brought on, but are the product of hours of loving, painstaking labor. Beautifully embroidered and appliqued linens, intricately designed quilt tops, and tools fashioned expertly by the local blacksmith, are among those gifts cherished because they are *not* brought on.

The peril of Christmas for most of us is that we think only in terms of brought-on gifts, of so many dollars laid down on a counter in return for a package of—of what? We wonder frantically if we will have enough money for Christmas, and we begin automatic savings accounts so we will have enough to go around when the season of giving comes.

And all the while, someone we know and love desperately longs for some thoughtful gift that only we can give—a gift without a price. There are people who don't need a *brought-on* gift half as much as they need a *brought-out* gift—something out of our hearts, a bit of ourselves.

That's the way Christmas began, you know—with a gift out of God's heart. It was just a Baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger—but oh, think of the wounds that have been healed; the hearts cleansed; the broken lives mended; all because God gave a gift of love without a price tag on it. God has been lavish with His created gifts to man, but when He gave us His Son, He gave us something of Himself.

The gifts you give that will mean the most this Christmas will be given in that same spirit. The search for "something different," for the perfect gift for the person who has "everything," will soon be ended when we look into our own hearts and bring out a bit of ourselves.

You could mail your aging parents in that far-away place a book bound in finest leather and written by the most famous author in the world, and because you sent it they would appreciate it. They would show it to friends with pride. But you could give them something that would be

worth much more to them. Instead of merely a magazine subscription, what about a "subscription" to a letter a week from you throughout the coming year? Even on the plainest of paper, this gift brought out of your own heart would cheer them far more than the most elaborate brought-on book in the world. Anybody with a few dollars could buy that leather-bound book. But *only you* can give this little bit of yourself to those who have given so much to you.

One year shortly before Christmas a girl came as a stranger into a certain city. She took an apartment alone. As Christmas drew near, she timidly approached another girl in the office where she worked. "Would you mind to come to my apartment and watch me open my Christmas gifts?" she asked. "I can't bear to open them alone."

The other girl thought of all the things she had to do, but determined to make time for this also. She took a little "brought-on" gift, though it was not important, and went to the apartment. The glow of that evening shared with her lonely friend has remained bright and warm in her heart through the years. She could have handed a lavish brought-on gift to the girl at the office, but it would never have sufficed to meet the crying need for fellowship.

Have you thought of inviting some lonely friend, perhaps a newcomer, or an elderly neighbor, to your home some time during the Christmas season? Have you asked the Master to bring to your attention some need which you can meet better than anyone else?

As Christians we must not be satisfied with a Christmas list which contains only brought-on gifts. We need to give *brought-out* gifts of love—gifts without dollar signs all over them. And let's be lavish with our gifts of love. God was.

Allen Clark, in his article *Rich Enough for Christmas*, says, "Right now so many people are figuring whether they have enough money saved up for Christmas. Lists are being made, often lovingly and with a touch of anxiety—*Will I have enough to get the presents that will express my love? Am I rich enough for Christmas? . . .* All of us need to pray deeply to the Father of the Bethlehem Babe—and ask Him to cleanse our hearts of clogging selfishness and to fill them with the abundance of His love. We must let Him into our Christmas preparations now—and then, my friend, we *will* be rich enough for Christmas!"