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## REVIVAL TIME

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# Filled and Refilled

God wants us to be like streams, not ponds. A pond may be formed overnight by a single rainstorm. It fills up quickly, serves a very useful purpose for a while, but gradually loses its water to the sun and soil until one hot day the thirsty cows come to drink and all they find is a crust of mud. Some Christians have an experience like that. A revival comes to the community and they are filled with the Holy Ghost, but after a time they "dry up" and in place of the pure water of God's Spirit there is nothing left but the hard "mud" of the old human nature.

Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37). He said that if we believe on Him, the Spirit will flow from our innermost being like "rivers of living water." In other words, the Spirit-filled life is like a stream that never dries up. It is continually getting a new supply of "water" from a plentiful source and flowing onward, carrying life to everything it touches. A stream like that is worth a hundred ponds.

In Acts 2:4 we read, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This was the fulfilment of Acts 1:5 where Jesus had promised, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Do not let these terms "filled" and "baptized" confuse you. Actually the term "baptized with the Holy Ghost" should only be used in connection with a person's initial "filling." Nowhere does the Bible speak of receiving a second "baptism with the Spirit." It does speak, however, of numerous "fillings." Peter was baptized with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4); but later, when he addressed the Jewish leaders, he was again "filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 4:8). Again, in verse 31 of this same chapter we read, "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Peter is named as one of this company (verses 19, 23), so we see that Peter here received a third filling with the Holy Spirit.

There is one Baptism but many fillings for each child of God. R. A. Torrey, writing many years ago on "The Baptism With the Holy Spirit," said: "It is not sufficient that one be once 'baptized with the Holy Spirit.' As new emergencies of service arise, there must be new fillings with the Spirit. The failure to realize this has led to sad and serious results in many a man's service. He has been baptized at some period in his life with the Holy Spirit, and strives to get through his whole future life in the power of this past experience. It is largely for this reason that we see so many men who once unquestionably worked in the Holy Spirit's power, who give little evidence of the possession of that power today. For each new soul that is to be dealt with, for each new service for Christ that is to be performed, for each new day and each new emergency, we should definitely seek a new filling with the Holy Spirit."

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# No Time To Lose!

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**T**HE MOST URGENT MISSION EVER pressed upon mortal men was Christ's command to make disciples of all nations. Let a man catch a true vision of the seriousness of this charge, and a relentless pressure builds up inside him. He becomes a driven man—like Paul. To do the will of God becomes his meat and drink.

Perhaps the greatest sin of modern Christendom is the lost note of urgency in spreading the gospel. This divine mission is not something to be done at our convenience. If there is one word that ought to dominate our thinking in regard to God's work in this world, it is "Hurry!"

An incident that occurred when Josiah wanted to repair the temple in obedience to God's command is somewhat typical of modern times. In 2 Chronicles 24:5 we read: "And he gathered together the priests and the Levites and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not."

How unfortunate that such a blot should appear on the record of the priests and Levites—disregarding the king's command of haste and moving at their own leisurely pace instead of hurrying to complete the task. But we of this generation are hardly able to cast a stone at them because we too have been slow in our response to the Saviour's command to evangelize the world. He has cried, "See that ye hasten the matter," but by our actions we have said, "What's the hurry, Lord." Let us think briefly of five

different factors that make the work of God an urgent matter:

## I

First, the uncertainty of every man's life. That next-door neighbor may not be here tomorrow. A school companion may be eternally out of reach before another sunrise. An unsaved relative may not be alive to hear the story of Jesus another time.

During the revival in which I was saved I invited a schoolmate to attend the meeting. He replied casually, "Oh, I'll be there before it's over." But he never came. And less than three months later while on an afternoon's outing he drowned in a lake a few miles from town.

An elderly lady who recently asked me to pray for her physical healing inquired anxiously, "Do you think it's my time to die?" I replied, "I don't have that answer. My own time may come first." Life is like a shadow, a handbreadth, a weaver's shuttle; it is like the grass that is green today and brown tomorrow. Christians must hurry

to reach their unsaved loved ones, friends, and neighbors, or the opportunity may suddenly pass and be gone forever.

## II

Our task is also made urgent because of the intense Satanic activity in this world. In trying to solve the vexing problems of our times, unsaved men overlook one dimension; namely, the presence in this universe of a powerful, supernatural personality bent on consuming the world with evil. Peter describes him as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. During the earthly ministry of Jesus there seemed to be an unusual amount of Satanic activity, calculated, of course, to oppose the work of Christ. Without being morbid or defeatist, we must recognize that we too have a strong adversary who contests every inch of

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distress will come. I had such an experience a few months back. It is my happy privilege to minister at Bethel Temple in St. Louis. After I had been there a few weeks, I became suddenly overwhelmed with a sense of the impossibility of the task set before us. I thought of that great sprawling city. I thought of the powers of evil at work. I began to evaluate the strength of the opposition and to compare it with our own resources. I thought of all God wanted done, and I found myself crying to God in utter helplessness

what will happen to you when you get out of that hiding place.”

In Proverbs we are told that the conies are but a feeble folk, yet they build their homes in the rocks. Oh, that we might be as wise as they, and ever abide in our Rock. Christ is our security. Let us hide in Him. Let Him stand between us and our enemies.

Think of Stephen. As they stoned him to death he could look up and say, “I see Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father.” If you are hidden in Christ, regardless of what may come your way you will not falter at the difficult things, but will gladly throw yourself into the battle. Your only concern will be to move in the direction of God’s will, and to stay hidden away in Him.

Another benefit of our provision in Christ is consolation. It is difficult to define the boundaries of active, aggressive faith and obedient acquiescence to the will of God. Yet these boundaries must be respected. Reckless faith must not endeavor to frustrate the will of God, nor can we allow circumstances to suppress our active faith. It is true that the finest saint may experience storms of temporal losses, bereavements, and afflictions. If He abides in the Rock, however, his attitude will be reflected in the words of Romans 8:37, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

Some weeks ago one of the wonderful men of my congregation slipped quietly away to be with the Lord. We were concerned about his widow. She was a fine, faithful woman, and we wondered just what her attitude and reaction would be. But as we stood in her home she said, “Oh, Brother Hastie, since he is gone my wonderful Lord has been with me, and never in my life have I known such an uplifting, such a gracious upbearing. I am almost convicted with guilt, Pastor, of how good I feel about it all.” Then she said, “Please don’t misunderstand me.” And I didn’t; I knew exactly what had happened, for it was only Jesus fulfilling His promise of consolation to another trusting heart. He came to be a covert from the tempest. He had lifted her into this wonderful realm of trust.

Some years ago I went through a trying ordeal. The doctors said that nothing organically was wrong with me,

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## Christ Our Refuge

By DAVID A. HASTIE  
*A General Council Sermon*

**G**OD HAS ALWAYS USED MEN TO fulfill His purposes. The Bible gives the record of the call and work of many who were chosen for specific tasks. In the centuries which have followed the birth of the Church, God has commissioned men to tell the gospel story and to stand against the enemy.

But when we have named all the men God has used and listed their achievements, they cannot begin to compare with the Man Christ Jesus. Isaiah said of Him, “A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land” (Isaiah 32:3). In these words Christ is revealed in two ways—as a shelter, and as a source of consolation.

We are sometimes besieged with mysterious hurricanes within us which cause dreadful confusion of mind. Many of our spiritual failures and sicknesses may be directly attributed to such inner storms. It is wrong for a Christian to evaluate his relationship with God or to measure God’s ability on the basis of the ebb and flow of emotional reactions.

We must come to “Thus saith the Lord,” and base our relationship to God on the facts of His provision. Certainly tempests and times of spiritual

as I considered the gigantic task. Then the Holy Spirit so beautifully and blessedly spoke to my heart. “Now, preacher, you have evaluated your own capabilities; you have studied the resources of your own congregation and added to that the work of other men and the power of other congregations—and you are ready to throw up your hands in defeat. But you have failed to count on the all-important thing.” As the Holy Spirit led me anew to the realization that we are not expected to do this work alone, I came from my prayer closet with the glory of God burning in my soul, and victory was mine.

These storms will come. But thank God, Jesus is more than conqueror, and abiding in Him will bring blessed peace.

Many of you will remember our dear Brother Roy E. Scott who was for many years superintendent of the West Central District. I shall never forget a simple illustration he gave. He said, “If you can stay hidden in Christ, nothing can harm you.” And to illustrate, he took from his pocket a short pencil and placed it inside a small New Testament. Then he placed the whole thing inside his suit coat, saying, “For your life is hid with Christ in God.” He counseled us, “When something hurts you tremendously and you feel the sting of it, look carefully and you will see that you have slipped a little from your hiding place in Christ.” He pushed the pencil part way out of the New Testament, bumped it with the side of his hand, and said, “That’s

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# DEEPLY IN DEBT

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NOT LONG AGO A MAN STOOD IN church and testified of God's blessings in his life. He said, "I thank God for His spiritual blessings of salvation and the infilling of the Holy Spirit." There was a chorus of *amens* over the congregation. Then he said, "I thank God for a good wife and home and material blessings." Again the *amens* rang out.

"In fact," he added, "I thank God I don't owe a dime to any man in the world." This time there were no *amens*. The contrasting silence was amusing.

Even if you should be one of the fortunate people without material debts, according to the Bible you are still a debtor. Paul said in Romans 1:14, "I am debtor." He was a debtor because he had something—the gospel—that God wanted all people to have. Everyone who knows the gospel is debtor in this sense. In listing those to whom he owed this gospel, Paul mentioned the Greeks, the barbarians, the wise and the unwise.

In Paul's day the Greeks were the cultured, educated people. They were the architects, artists, and literary men of their day. Some Christians have worked fervently to save the "down-and-outer," but feel there's not much chance to rescue the "up-and-outer." This is a mistake. A little Christian maid who worked in the mansion of a great steel magnate said that he walked the floor night after night and was the unhappiest person she had ever seen. Men of means and influence need God just as much as anyone else, and

it is our Christian responsibility to witness to them and win them. We are debtors to them.

The barbarians in Paul's day represented the heathen or uncivilized. Some actually think such have no soul! What a mistake! A little lady who was a member of our church in Long Beach had a spirit of compassion on the poor. Through her efforts alone, an average of forty-five children per week attended Sunday school. She often washed a child's face, combed his hair, and fed him a piece of toast and jelly while his parents slept off a drunk from the night before. She did whatever was needed to keep such children in Sunday school.

We are debtors to the wise. I was seated by a college president on a train a few years ago and found him very much interested in the gospel of Christ. On a plane, traveling from Kansas City to Los Angeles, I felt constrained to witness to several people about Christ. First a businessman, then a serviceman, and finally the stewardess. This young lady listened intently, and later returned to say, "Rev. Lewis, I'd like to hear more about this gospel." Gladly I explained the way of salvation. When I saw that real conviction gripped her heart I urged her to accept Christ then and there. She repeated the sinner's prayer, and at the close she smiled through the tears for the joy of accepting Christ as her Saviour. I looked out the window and noticed we were flying over the snow-capped Rockies. It was thrilling to realize a soul had accepted Christ so high in the sky.

## BIBLE VERSE



ISAIAH 43:10

Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

We are debtors to the wise and to the unwise. General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was inspired to win souls when a crippled atheist said, "If I really believed in a heaven and a hell, I'd crawl all over London warning people to get ready to meet God."

As a young minister I knew what it was to be in debt. I have spread my bills across the bed and got on my knees and asked God to help me pay my debts. Perhaps you too know the feeling of being deeply in debt. If we can transfer this feeling of material responsibility into the spiritual realm, we will become great soul winners.

The legal tender that will pay the debt is the gospel of Christ. Bloodless cults cannot pay the debt. A social gospel cannot do it. Paul consecrated himself to pay his debt when he said, "As much as in me is, I am ready..." God doesn't demand a great deal of talent: only what we have. A ready mind and willing heart are first essentials. Paying this debt often requires sacrifice. Paul said, "To you that are at Rome also..." Traveling to Rome represented sacrifice in Paul's day. It involved a shipwreck and he almost lost his life. Yet there are so-called Christians today who won't go across the street to witness for Christ.

In 2 Kings, chapter four, we read of a widow lady who came to Elisha, declaring that her husband was dead and the creditors had come to take her sons to jail because of unpaid debts. In solving her problems, the prophet asked her to borrow vessels from her neighbors and to pour the oil into the first vessel. She poured, and the more she poured the more the oil multiplied until all the vessels were filled. Then the prophet said, "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."

The oil represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As soul winners we must have God's anointing and blessings to be successful. We also must believe God for the miracle of salvation. The debt was paid and the family lived on what was left over. When you win souls there will always be some blessings left over for your own soul. "Go...pay thy debt, and live...of the rest." ◀◀



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Education

### RELEASED-TIME PROGRAM UPHELD

The Washington State Supreme Court has upheld Spokane's released-time program of religious education for public school pupils, a program which has been in operation since 1938. Recently four Spokane citizens raised a question in the courts as to its constitutionality, but the judges upheld the program.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EXEMPT FROM TAX

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that Sunday schools qualify for the excise tax exemption which was passed by Congress last session. Officers and teachers traveling to regional or national Sunday school conventions in behalf of their own Sunday school can save on transportation tax. A telephone for the exclusive use of the Sunday school (but not for the church) would also be exempt from federal tax, as would other items formerly subject to excise tax that are purchased by the Sunday school.

## Statistics

### NEW CHURCHES SET NEW RECORD

Church construction totaled an estimated \$86,000,000 in the U. S. during September, the Government says. It was a new record for that month, exceeding the same month a year ago by \$6,000,000. Church construction during the first nine months of this year was 10 per cent more than the same period in 1958.

### FREE METHODISTS GIVE THE MOST

According to figures compiled by the National Council of Churches, members of Free Methodist Churches throughout the country give more dollars per capita to their church program than any other denomination. During 1958 the Free Methodist Church received an average of \$243.95 from each member for all purposes (both congregational expenses and benevolences, missions, overseas relief, etc.). Seventh-day Adventists came second, giving \$217.31 per member. The Pilgrim Holi-

ness Church was third with \$194.85 followed by the Evangelical Free Church of America with \$182.27.

(The survey included 40 denominations that reported their total income to the National Council. The Assemblies of God was not included.)

### LIFE SPAN PREDICTED TO REACH 100

A past president of the American Medical Association, Dr. Edward L. Bortz of Philadelphia, Pa., has predicted that in the next couple of decades the life span in this country will be one hundred years. The retirement age, he says, will be moved up to 85 or 90; but unless a man finds peace with God and the joy of salvation through Christ "all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief," as Solomon said (Ecclesiastes 2:23).

## Spiritual Life

### FAMILIES URGED TO READ SCRIPTURES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS EVE

The American Bible Society is urging all church families and other Americans to join in a concerted reading of the Biblical Christmas story on Christmas Eve. It is publishing a special booklet entitled *On Earth Peace* which describes the birth of Christ, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Its goal is to distribute two million copies to impress on old and young the true meaning of Christmas.

### WEEK OF PRAYER ANNOUNCED

The National Association of Evangelicals will sponsor a nationwide observance of the Universal Week of Prayer, January 3-10, 1960. This is the fourth consecutive year for the NAE to promote the project.

Ministers wishing to obtain free materials for an observance of the week of prayer in their churches may write to the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Avenue, Wheaton, Ill. The materials are free but offerings to defray the printing and mailing cost should be included when ordering. Copies of a folder contain-

ing the prayer themes for each day and appropriate remarks are available on request.

The Universal Week of Prayer began in England over a hundred years ago under the World Evangelical Alliance. The people come together in a different church each day of the week, and pray for the community and nation. From England it spread to other countries and today the first full week of each year is indeed a Universal Week of Prayer.

## Business Men

### MISSILE EXPERT LINKS CHRIST WITH "MAN IN SPACE" PROGRAM

The United States should have a man in space in two years, but that event would not be as great as the second coming of Christ. So said G. Tom Willey, missile expert from Orlando, Florida, in a Kiwanis luncheon address in Minneapolis.

Mr. Willey, who came to Minneapolis to attend the annual convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International, is vice president and general manager of the Martin plant where they made the Vanguard, which he described as "one of the most successful missiles in America."

He told the Kiwanians that Christ "will come in the air and take us to be with Himself. God has already tried this out," he added. "Enoch, an Old Testament patriarch, went up to heaven in a roar of fire," which would make Enoch the first man to enter outer space.

Other convention delegates spoke at various Minneapolis assemblies, including church services, and conducted gospel meetings on a street corner in the business district. Top speaker at the business men's convention was Ernest C. Manning, Prime Minister of the Canadian province of Alberta. Manning said that man's separation from God is the basis of all our problems in personal and public life, "nationally and internationally." He declared: "The Bible makes it clear that there is only



one solution. It is not by education, reform, or human effort, but only by a personal, spiritual new birth."

The 11,000 dues-paying members of the CBMCI were challenged to "win at least one soul each for Christ during the coming year" and to distribute a hundred gospel tracts each. Waldo Yeager, president of Cortland Produce Company in Toledo, Ohio, was elected chairman of the business men's organization. T. E. McCully was reappointed as executive secretary, and A. Reid Jepson as special representative.

## Foreign

### ANGLICAN CHURCH MAKES BIG PROFIT

A stock market boom which followed the victory of Britain's Conservative Party in the recent elections netted a "paper" profit of around \$42,000,000 for the Church of England. The state church is one of the largest investors in British industry.

### SPURGEON'S TABERNACLE REBUILT

The Metropolitan Tabernacle of London, destroyed by enemy bombers during World War II, has been reconstructed and will soon be dedicated. The old Tabernacle achieved worldwide fame as the place where Charles Haddon Spurgeon conducted his highly successful evangelistic crusades.

### YOUNG WEST GERMANS VOLUNTEER

More than 1,600 young people in West Germany have volunteered to spend the next year serving in hospitals and other charitable institutions operated by the State Church. They will receive free board but no salary except a clothing allowance and some pocket money. The purpose of this "Deaconical Year" project, as it is called, is to make up for an acute lack of welfare workers and deaconesses in Protestant parish agencies and church institutions.

### EX-AMBASSADOR NOW AN "AMBASSADOR OF HEAVEN"

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, who recently resigned as Ambassador of China to the United States, is going to write a book describing the status of Christianity on Formosa. He is currently collecting information by interviewing and observing missionaries.

Tong is known as an outspoken Christian believer. When asked about his plans for the future, now that he has stepped down as Ambassador to the U. S., he replied, "I have been promoted to the Ambassadorship of heaven."

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

#### Is the olive tree under which Jesus prayed still in the Garden of Gethsemane?

There are those who believe the present olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane sprang from those which were there in the time of Christ, but no one knows just where or under what tree Jesus prayed.

#### Was Apollos one of the twelve who received the Holy Ghost in Acts 19?

All we have in the Scriptures concerning the personal experience of Apollos is given in Acts 18:26. We find, however, that after his meeting with Aquila and Priscilla he became an ardent and convincing minister of the Lord Jesus (Acts 18:27, 28). Apollos had already left Ephesus and was ministering at Corinth when Paul came to Ephesus (19:1).

#### Does Matthew 3:16, 17 indicate that John the Baptist saw the Spirit descend on Jesus at His baptism?

This scripture tells us that Jesus saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending. But in John 1:32, John is quoted as saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode on him."

#### What does "the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" mean? Is there any connection between Psalm 69:9 and Psalm 119:139?

The above is a direct quotation from Psalm 69:9. Its thought is also expressed in Psalm 119:139. The meaning is that the zeal of Jesus for true reverence for the place of worship to God—that it might be in righteousness and true holiness, in an attitude that could merit God's approval—was the consuming passion of His heart.

#### Does not Deuteronomy 23:2 teach that a person born out of wedlock cannot be saved?

No. It teaches that such was not to be accepted as a member of the congregation, or family of Israel. This was because God wished the morals of Israel to be kept above reproach. But see how Jephthah was accepted and used (Judges 11) and see his name among the worthies of faith in Hebrews 11:32. There is no sign of his rejection there. Because of his faith he is rated with Gideon, Barak, David, and Samuel of the Old Testament. And the New Testament is the gospel for "whosoever will." The only thing that can keep anyone from God and the hope of heaven is rejection of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

#### Fifteen nations were represented among the Jews at Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended. These were all "dwelling at Jerusalem." But the record also says these people were "out of every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5). Please explain.

Although those of the fifteen nations mentioned were dwelling at Jerusalem at the time of the feast of Pentecost, they were not permanently located there. They were mostly Jews from various places who had come to Jerusalem for the feast, but among them were some proselytes (v. 10), Gentiles who had chosen the Jews' religion.

"Out of every nation under heaven" must be understood as a relative term. It meant simply that the people had come from many places, both far and near.

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*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).*



## The Unbroken Circle

*Because of this Father's Exemplary Life  
All His Children Are Serving God*

ONE OF OUR MINISTERS WHO IS NOW in heaven used to say, "I can think of no worse tragedy than that after I have preached this gospel to others and spent my life to win them, my own children should be lost."

Since even the children of preachers must make their own personal decisions for or against Christ, it does not always follow that they will all serve God. Perhaps no one is more burdened than the minister himself when his son or daughter goes astray. And, because he believes so strongly in the gospel he preaches, no one is happier than the minister when his children serve God.

Brother J. Kirk Soper, Sr., of Santa Ana, Calif., had the joy of knowing that all his children were saved and four of them in the gospel ministry. He had been in the ministry himself for forty years and had served both as a pastor and as an evangelist. But one of "Dad" Soper's chief concerns was to see all his children saved and to meet them in heaven. This strong desire found expression in the type of

songs he wrote: "Family Roll Call"; "The Family Worship"; and "The Parent's Last Charge."

His walk before his family won the respect and admiration of his sons and daughters. Family prayers every morning were an integral part of their lives. His daily private devotions and his confidence in God during disappointments, defeats, and victories made an indelible impression on his loved ones.

As the time of his Homegoing drew near, he rejoiced in the anticipation of entering heaven, to which he referred as the "city whose builder and maker is God." Members of the family gathered from various parts of the country. One night about two months before his death, his six children, all saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, gathered about his bedside to pray with him and to show their love and devotion. They all assured their father that they would meet him in heaven, completing the family circle around the Throne.

He warned his three sons that their battles in the ministry would sometimes

be hard. He admonished his daughters to raise their children for the Lord, and said, "Above all, do not harbor envy, jealousy, nor malice." There was weeping in the room that night, yet in every heart there was praise and thanksgiving to God for a father who had won them to the God he served.

Dad Soper then seemed inspired to compare the unbroken family circle to a beautiful ring set with precious stones. The ring seemed so real to him that he could not understand why it was not visible to others in the room. He gave thanks to God that he had had a part in building the Kingdom through his own children. Then he suggested that the family sing a chorus, and joined with them as much as his strength would allow—

*"In that bright city, pearly white city,  
I have a mansion, a harp, and a crown;  
Now I am watching, waiting, and longing  
For that bright city that's soon coming down."*

Many will remember the Soper family's singing "Family Roll Call" at the General Council in Memphis in 1937 and on other occasions. Now that Dad Soper has gone ahead, the song means more to his children than ever before.

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

### BIBLE CITIES

In the column at the left are some famous Bible cities. At the right are important facts about those cities. Can you match the fact with the city? Place the letter of the fact in front of the number of the city. For example, fact "d" goes with city "1".

CITIES	FACTS
..... 1. Sodom	a. capital of Judah
..... 2. Bethlehem	b. where Jesus performed His first miracle
..... 3. Babylon	c. city from which God called Abram
..... 4. Jerusalem	d. destroyed by fire from heaven
..... 5. Samaria	e. where God's finger wrote on a wall
..... 6. Cana	f. where Jesus lived as a boy
..... 7. Ur	g. birthplace of Jesus
..... 8. Bethel	h. where Jacob dreamed of a ladder to heaven
..... 9. Nazareth	i. where Jonah preached
..... 10. Nineveh	j. capital of the kingdom of Israel

ANSWERS:

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





# The Family Altar



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

## Monday, December 7

**Read:** Psalm 59

**Learn:** "I will sing aloud of thy power; yes, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble" (Psalm 59:16).

**For the Parent:** This is another psalm that David wrote when he was being pursued by King Saul. It is a powerful plea to God for His help and for God's judgment to be poured out upon sin. Discuss the sins that bring God's judgment, vv. 12, 13. Stress the help that we find as we trust in the Lord, vv. 9, 16, 17. God will bring us to ultimate victory, v. 10.

**Question Time:** In what situation was David when he wrote this psalm? (See above)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Blanche Carpenter (Indian), Ariz.; Mrs. Ray Cather, Alaska; Mrs. David Hogan, Alaska; Mildred Pitts, Alaska; Mrs. L. M. Nipper, Japan; Helen G. Holland, N. India; Mrs. J. J. Chaney, Dahomey.

## Tuesday, December 8

**Read:** Psalm 61

**Learn:** "Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name" (Psalm 61:5).

**For the Parent:** In this psalm, David: (1) asks God to hear his prayer, v. 1; (2) remembers in times of trouble the importance of trusting in the Rock (Christ), v. 2, which has been a shelter in times past, v. 3; (3) remembers his heritage, v. 5; (4) has eternal life through trusting in God, vv. 6, 7; (5) praises God because of all these blessings, v. 8; and (6) remembers to pay the vows he has made unto God, v. 8. Discuss especially our Pentecostal heritage, its costs, and what it means to us.

**Question Time:** How do you interpret v. 2? What are vows (vv. 5, 8)?

**Missionary Birthday:** Andrew W. Hargrave, Nigeria.

## Wednesday, December 9

**Read:** Psalm 62

**Learn:** "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 62:8).

**For the Parent:** From this Psalm point out that: (1) it is important to wait on God, v. 1; (2) salvation comes from God, v. 1; (3) God defends those that are His, vv. 2-4; (4) we can trust Him, vv. 5-8; (5) we can tell God all about our problems, knowing that He understands, v. 8; (6) we should trust in God, not in pos-

sessions, v. 10; (7) power and mercy belong to God, vv. 11, 12; (8) God will reward us according to our work, v. 12.

**Question Time:** How will God reward us? (v. 12) What should we do if we become prosperous? (v. 10)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Melvin W. Steward, Philippines; Mrs. L. P. Emory, Paraguay; Delmar C. Kingsriter, Tanganyika; Gail P. Winters, Belgian Congo; Marie Stephany, N. China; Mrs. D. T. Scott, Peru; Margaret J. Brown, Indonesia; Mrs. Ralph Holder (Indian), Calif.

## Thursday, December 10

**Read:** Genesis 44:18, 32-34; 45:1-8

**Learn:** "Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life" (Genesis 45:5).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Joseph Forgives His Brothers" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of Joseph as studied thus far, reminding the group how he was sold as a slave by his brothers and how God helped him to become a ruler in Egypt. Stress the forgiveness of Joseph as he revealed his identity to his brothers. Stress also his awareness of God's plan for his life.

**Question Time:** What two important lessons can we learn from this story? (See above)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Marlin W. Petersen, Liberia; Paul D. Schoonmaker, N. India.

## Friday, December 11

**Read:** Luke 14:16-20; Acts 4:32 to 5:11; Leviticus 19:35-37 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

### Special Prayer Requests

Pray for the three Alaska children's homes under the supervision of the Assemblies of God National Home Missions Department. Workers are urgently needed to aid in the care of the seventy-seven children in these homes.

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Missionaries in South Africa request prayer that necessary permits will be forthcoming so that they may enter the native areas of the district. Their ministry is now somewhat restricted.

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Pray for all our home and foreign missionaries on their birthdays.

**Learn:** "My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit" (Job 27:4).

**For the Parent:** Honesty is one of the characteristics of a true Christian. From the passages read, discuss some of the ways in which we are to be honest: in our speech, motives, business dealings, attitudes, etc. Emphasize the practical aspects of honesty as they relate to members of the family group: telling the truth, not cheating in school, etc.

**Question Time:** Why were Ananias and Sapphira struck dead? Why do you think God requires that we be honest?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Pearl Philipp, Pakistan; Matty Personeus, N. India.

## Saturday, December 12

**Read:** Genesis 24:42-58 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "All that the Lord hath said will we do" (Exodus 24:7).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of this entire chapter briefly for the group. Point out the reason Abraham did not want Isaac's bride to come from the people among whom they lived, the servant's dependence upon God's guidance, and the miraculous way in which God moved to provide a bride for Isaac. Stress the fact that as we trust God, He will guide us and supply every need for us.

**Question Time:** Why didn't Abraham want Isaac's bride to be a Canaanite? How did God help the servant find a bride for Isaac? What should this teach us?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Anyce R. Hutchison (Indian), Calif.; Gilbert Marrero, Guatemala; Ruby A. Johnson, Ghana; Mrs. R. A. Hymes, Japan; Mary K. Bush, S. India; George Hemminger, Sierra Leone.

**Missionary Birthday for Sunday:** Ada Reitz, S. Africa.

### TELL JESUS

The little sharp vexations  
And the briars that catch and fret,  
Why not take all to the Helper  
Who never has failed us yet?

Tell Him about the heartache,  
And tell Him the longings too;  
Tell Him the baffled purpose  
When we scarce know what to do.

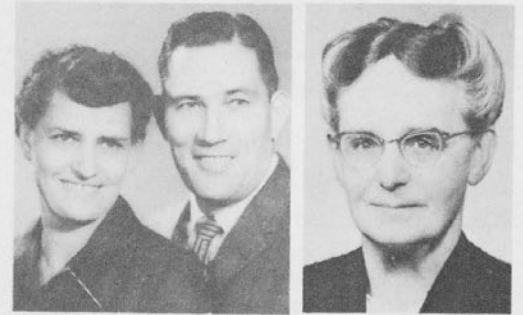
Then, leaving all our weakness  
With the One divinely strong,  
Forget that we bore the burden,  
And carry away the song.

—Phillips Brooks



PHOTO BY WARREN DENTON

Crowd attending the evangelistic meetings conducted by Tommy Reid on the town plaza of Sabolim, Antique, Philippines. Around 1,000 indicated their desire to follow Christ.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Olsen Mrs. V. G. Plymire

**TO THE FIELD:** The Jimmy Davises, new appointees to Japan, sailed recently to begin their language study at Kobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred H. Morris and family sailed for Venezuela on September 16. They were formerly stationed in Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shumway, Sr., sailed September 22 for another tour of service in Nigeria, West Africa.

The Talmage Butlers sailed for Senegal, West Africa, on September 25. They were formerly stationed in the Bahama Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Olsen returned to

## Mass Evangelism in the Philippines

BY WARREN B. DENTON  
*San Jose, Antique*

**D**URING THE PAST FEW YEARS THE Philippine Islands have been blessed with a genuine move of God's power and blessing. We saw another evidence of this recently when Evangelist Tommy Reid of East Aurora, N. Y., was with us for evangelistic meetings. The majority of these meetings were conducted in San Jose, the headquarters of our work in the province of Antique. San Jose is possibly one of the strongest Roman Catholic dominated communities in the Philippines. Here persecution is always a threat to our established Christians and to those who take their stand for Christ in a public meeting.

The first week of services was a battle against the forces of evil. However, by the beginning of the second week the crowds increased and people started to come in good numbers to find Christ. The entire front of our

partially finished auditorium was filled many nights. It was thrilling for us to see this, knowing the persecution these people would have to endure in taking a public stand for Christ.

Our most urgent need is to finish our building in order to have a place where these many converts may worship. The rainy season is upon us and with the impending typhoons which come our way, the building in which we now worship will be entirely inadequate as a shelter. We request the prayers of our many friends that God will provide funds to continue this building so that our new converts will have a place to worship God. Construction has stopped because our finances are exhausted, but we have faith that God will provide the way.

Meetings were also conducted at Sabolim, Antique, on the town plaza where some two thousand persons attended. Hundreds raised their hands indicating their desire to accept Christ. But again, we have no church for these thousands of hungry hearts. We have a fine young man with a burden on his heart for this community where the harvest is ripe.

Will you pray with us that this harvest will be retained by the provision of buildings in which to worship God?



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# The Challenge of Kobe, Japan

BY PAUL F. KLAHR  
*Missionary to Japan*



Students and faculty at the Kobe Language School where our missionaries study Japanese.

**T**HE JAPANESE HAVE A PROVERB, "Chiri mo tsumoreba yama to naru." Translated, it says, "Even dust, if it accumulates, becomes like a mountain." At present Sister Klahr and I feel that our task of learning the Japanese language is in the dust stage, but by faith-

the Philippines on September 12 for another tour of service.

**Mrs. Victor G. Plymire** sailed for Formosa on October 10. She was formerly stationed in Tibet, but cannot return to that Asian country because of the political conditions.

**HOME AGAIN: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen** have returned from Belgian Congo. Their address is 1208 Monterey Ave., Berkeley 7, Calif.

**Edith Imhoff** has returned from India. She may be reached at 326 Main St., Clarion, Pa.

**NEW ARRIVALS: Mr. and Mrs. William Sakwitz** (Japan) rejoice at the birth of their first son, William James, who was born on October 10.

Twins, Paul William and Patrick George, were born to **Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Butler** (Voltaic Republic) on October 11.



Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Butler and son

ful accumulation of knowledge it will surely be accomplished.

We are studying in the Kobe Language School. Our instructors are born-again persons who have a burden for their own people—and who have the patience of Job! We are the only Assemblies of God missionaries among those from Germany, Sweden, Denmark, England, Norway, and America attending the school. Pray for all of us as we study and labor together for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are over four million people in the Kobe-Osaka-Kyoto region, an area rich in industry and art. Kyoto, once the capital of Japan, is given over to idolatry. There are hundreds of temples in this city alone. One can sense the binding grip of Satan on the people as he walks the streets of Kyoto.

In the Kobe area, Brother Kishibi, head of the department of evangelism in the Japanese Assemblies, said recently, "Japan is on the brink of a great Pentecostal revival. Throughout Japan the pastors and Christians of many churches are looking at the Pentecostal experience with open hearts."

Sinners are seeing what God can do and are realizing the power that we may experience through Jesus Christ. Old-fashioned street meetings are the order of the day in this land.

The need here is for portable loud speakers to reach more and more people. The speaker given to Brother Kishibi was used at eleven places in

a single night in the city of Himeji, only a short distance from Kobe. As a result, Brother Kishibi reported that eleven folk had made a start for Christ.

In the month of June a visit was made to the hospital in Himeji and prayer offered for a high school teacher sick with a fever. Immediately after prayer the man arose and left the hospital. In testifying of what God had done for him, he said that he would live for Jesus Christ from now on. Pray for the church in Himeji.

Tent meetings are held every year. Brother Kishibi reported that these are the forerunners of pioneer works in many cases. At present there is a need for a new tent and seats. Pray that the necessary funds will be supplied for this. How wonderful that sawdust trails are not limited to America, but wherever there are hungry hearts God meets them.

Permit me to share the burden of the heart of our Brother Kishibi. As well as being the head of the department of evangelism, he pastors a church in the Nada area of Kobe. His church is indigenous but the building is inadequate. There is need for a new church that can be used as an evangelistic center. With services conducted every night, our brother feels that many souls will be won to Christ. In this hour of opportunity I ask you to respond with prayer and sacrifice, for the hour is late and the task yet unfinished. ◀◀

Is it really necessary to be immersed in water?

## “...and Be Baptized”

BY C. M. WARD  
*Revivaltime Speaker*



**B**APTISM, LIKE COMMUNION, “SHOWS the Lord’s death.” This is the way to let the public see what you believe. First Corinthians 15:3, 4 defines that gospel that can save your soul: “How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

It is that faith you show publicly when you are immersed. Christ commanded that His gospel should be kept before the public by this ordinance. Paul deals with this in detail in Romans 6:3-5 when he says, “Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.”

Make no mistake about it, neighbor, water baptism by immersion is a command of Jesus Christ. Cornelius, the centurion, told Peter, “Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.” One of those things commanded was water baptism. And Peter “commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.”

This is how the New Testament Church began: “Then they that gladly received his word were *baptized*: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Water baptism should *precede* church membership. I was eating at a favorite spot of mine in Stockton, Calif., when I noticed above the table where I was sitting an old-fashioned baptismal certificate. On it were these lines:

*“T’was the commission of our Lord:  
‘Go teach the nations and baptize;  
The nations have received the Word  
Since He ascended to the skies.*

*“‘Repent and be baptized,’ He saith,  
‘For the remission of your sins.’  
And thus our sense assists our faith  
And shows us what His gospel means.*

*“Our souls He washes with His blood,  
And water makes the body clean,  
And the Good Spirit from our God  
Descends like purifying rain.*

*“Thus we engage ourselves to Thee,  
And seal our covenant with the Lord,  
O may the great Eternal Three,  
In heav’n our solemn vows record.”*

I will say this boldly and without fear of contradiction, that there is not one passage in the Greek New Testament that in any way teaches sprinkling as a picture of the gospel of Jesus Christ—for we know that the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord.

The word *baptize*, which means *submerge*, is found seventy-four times in the New Testament. The word *baptism* is found twenty-two times. The word *sprinkle* found in the New Testament is always connected with blood, such as in Hebrews 9:13, “For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh...”

Jesus was immersed. Matthew records concerning this that “Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water.”

When the evangelist Philip baptized the Ethiopian official, as recorded in Acts 8:38, “...they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”

The believer who is a candidate for

immersion has reckoned himself dead to sin. He considers himself dead to his old life. He has left the old life of sin behind. He purposes to live a new and different life through the power of Christ’s resurrection working in him. This is the public testimony he sets forth by the act of water baptism. It is our open profession before the world that we are now living a new, supernatural life of Christian grace by the quickening, regenerating power of God that is in us. Always remember that immersion is simply an outward expression of an inward work. We are not immersed in order to be saved. *We are immersed because we are saved.*

Salvation comes by faith and *before* water baptism. When Peter reported the conversion of the friends at the house of Cornelius to the brethren at Jerusalem, he said, “...God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.” Peter made sure these friends were saved before he baptized them with water.

Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). Baptism without a change of heart is an empty profession. But saving faith demands an open and public confession. Have you received Jesus Christ? Do you believe that He is the Son of God? Has that faith brought divine power into your life through a supernatural and spiritual new birth? If so, you are ready for water baptism.

You should be baptized because, as our Lord said, “it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.” It keeps setting forth the gospel of Jesus before the world. The gift of salvation from sin brings to each believer a responsibility. I have a responsibility toward lost mankind. My obedience and example must remind them of the claims of Christ upon their lives. If I am what I say I am, then I will be the first to obey my Lord. “He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that *obey* him.” And immersion is one of the first tests of obedience. Disobedience always breaks fellowship.

You ask, “Should infants and small children be baptized?” Perhaps Acts 8:37 answers that—“If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.” How can infants and children of a very tender age fulfill this condition? Believing

(Continued on page twenty-three)



# Revivaltime's Executive Director Sees Bright Future for Gospel Radio Broadcasting

**Cites Survey Showing That Radio Is Becoming Increasingly Popular. Radio Reached More People Than TV Last Summer**

BY CARL G. CONNER

AS TELEVISION FACILITIES BECOME more commonplace, many people are returning to radio for good listening, recently published reports indicate. General Superintendent-elect T. F. Zimmerman feels this is part of a trend which will continue.

As executive director of *Revivaltime* for more than five years, Brother Zimmerman has seen radio become increasingly popular. Within the six years *Revivaltime* has been on the ABC network the program has built up a listening public estimated at 12 million.

During the summer months of 1959, radio listening surpassed TV viewing in the U.S. with 79.4 million Americans listening to radio and 78.6 million viewing television. Among those tuning to radio were millions of travelers, a survey found.

"More and more the American traveler is becoming a major part of our listening public," Brother Zimmerman says. "Radio has an advantage over television because it is possible to listen without giving full attention," he adds.

Among other statements released recently relative to broadcasting was that almost half the nation's teen-agers listen to radio four or more hours a day. "Good radio broadcasting with the full gospel transcends all age levels," Brother Zimmerman comments. "However, more attention should be given to reaching these youth who are listening to radio."

Gospel broadcasters should plan beautiful music which has special appeal to youth. Beamed to the practical level, gospel problems should be presented in such a manner as to help young as well as old, Brother Zimmerman believes. But after broadcasting, he points out, proper follow-up with simple Bible orientation is a must.

A broadcast without a ministry be-



T. F. Zimmerman

yond the program hour is an incomplete ministry. This is one of the reasons *Revivaltime* spends hundreds of hours each year in personal ministry through literature and correspondence. With this method, Brother Zimmerman finds that new-born Christians become rooted and grounded in the Truth.

There are approximately twelve evangelical nationwide broadcasts beamed across the U.S. today. This fact, and the remarkable increase there has been in the smaller coverage outlets within the past five years, indicate the popularity of radio.

As facilities have improved in the U.S., missionary radio work has begun to come into its own. "Foreign mis-

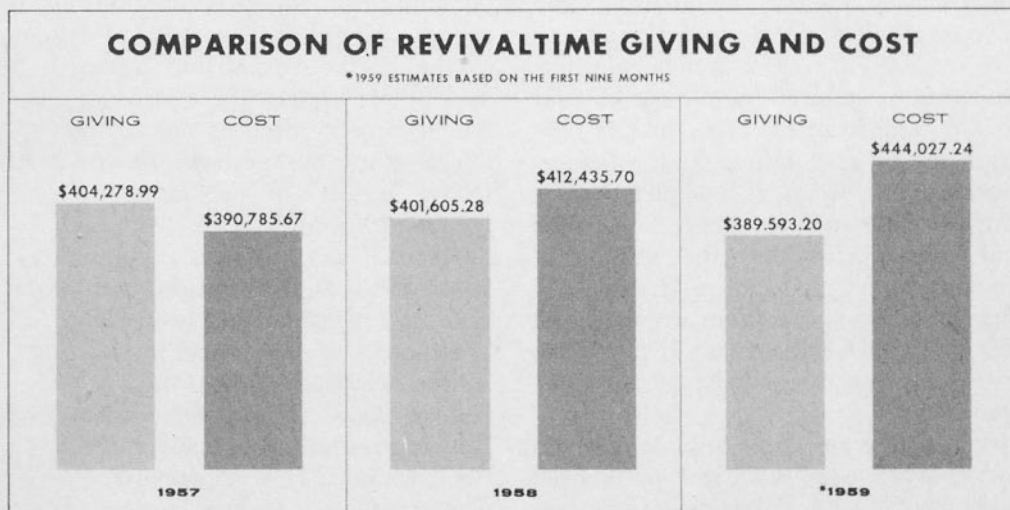
sions radio broadcasting is today where the domestic radio was twelve years ago," Brother Zimmerman says. As more receiving sets are made available to nationals, the foreign missions radio work will expand.

Facility improvements, additional broadcasts, and expansion of gospel programs to previously untouched areas will cause more people to return to their radios, Brother Zimmerman predicts. Radio is returning to the position it enjoyed before the advent of television. The *Revivaltime* mail also indicates that personal needs of listeners are being met.

According to the listenership poll, 62.4 per cent of those who use radio receivers heard some program the day before the survey whereas only 61.8 per cent had watched television. The report indicated radio listening usually increases during the summer with the high point coming the last two weeks of August. During 1958 radio listening was up over the previous year, but was not able to outdraw television. However, this was not true in 1959. The trends appear to be back in the direction of radio.

The local church can benefit from *Revivaltime* and its ministry by identifying itself more closely with the program, Brother Zimmerman states. Pastors should keep the broadcast before the people by suggesting that they listen, and by using every opportunity to advertise the program. Some churches and areas can sponsor *Revivaltime* rallies and feature the program's speaker, C. M. Ward.

As Brother Zimmerman sees it, the outlook for radio is bright. *Revivaltime* will become increasingly important in fulfilling the commission of Christ to reach the whole world with the gospel. ◀◀



# 'GO' WITH RADIO

BY D. V. HURST

National Radio Secretary



THE COMMANDS OF JESUS TO HIS followers call for unquestioning obedience. They are not merely wishes expressed or suggestions offered. They are *orders* from the "Commander-in-chief."

Jesus said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "Go thou and preach the kingdom of God." These commands expressed the very heart-throb and passion of Jesus Christ, the passion He felt when He left heaven—"Go!"

Every Christian who believes as Jesus taught and who feels as Jesus felt will sense an impelling urge to "go." He knows that to accept salvation is to accept its obligations articulated in Jesus' words and expressed in His life. A true Christian desires to see the *world* won to Christ. Missions is not a matter of geography—the whole world must be won!

But the urgency that impels Christians today has gathered force. The world *must* be reached by *this* generation. So many things indicate this could be the last: the ideological and religious conflicts; the exploding population and resultant declining percentage of Christians in the world. It has been forecast that the percentage of Christians in the world will drop from 32% in 1950 to 23% in 1975 and to 16% in 2000 if present trends continue. And this in spite of the efforts of over 38,000 missionaries. Meanwhile the technological revolution and advancement of our times is completely outstripping the spiritual progress of man and even threatening the very continuance of civilization itself. All these conditions create an urgency that has never been felt before. If the world is to be won for Christ it must be won *now*.

The Christian who *thinks* long about this world's need *will feel* he himself must "go." And if he cannot go per-

sonally he will ask: "How *can* we go? Who will represent us? How can the church do the job? And do it in the shortest time?" The world is so big, the task is so great. How can we girdle the globe with the gospel in this generation?

Often these questions have been repeated and many answers have been given. Many ways remain open. But one recurs insistently over and over—

## "Go" With Radio

Radio is the one way to preach to the world at once! This mass means of communication is God's last great gift for the evangelization of the world! This gift must be used to full advantage. No generation has been faced with the challenge faced by this generation. And yet, no generation had the means with which to meet the challenge like this!

In the United States in the last decade radio sets have increased by 82.6%. There are over 142,000,000 radio sets in working order in the United States—one for every person over seven years of age. Conelrad, the emergency radio hookup in the States, testifies to the effectiveness of radio to reach all the people in the fastest manner. There is no doubt about it: here at home radio offers a ready-made opportunity for the proclamation of the gospel. Kevin B. Sweeney, President of the Radio Advertising Bureau, has said: "For nearly three decades radio has been recognized as one of the most effective means—perhaps *the* most effective means—of promoting religious communication..."

Abroad, as well, the radio industry is booming. Radio stations, both Christian and commercial, and radio sets are increasing in number rapidly. The same opportunity radio has presented in the States the last three decades it is now presenting in many countries of the world. This opportunity holds great potential for the gospel.

## "Go"—First—With Radio

Radio can be a means of a great advance invasion. At home and abroad the radio preacher can be heard long before he is seen. He can send the "good news" on ahead and then follow it up in evangelistic crusades, literature distribution campaigns, and the building of churches and schools.

This has been demonstrated repeatedly as an effective way to open a new field. In the States many towns with no full-gospel work have been represented in *Revivaltime* mail. Openings for churches will develop in many of them. Abroad, the first Assemblies of God missionary will soon go to Dutch Guiana in response to native requests because *Revivaltime* was beamed to that country.

## "Go"—to the Individual With Radio

Jesus came to save the individual. The gospel calls for individual decision and response. Men are not saved in groups—they are saved individually. The Holy Spirit deals with each soul who hears and accepts the gospel.

Although radio is beamed to the masses, it is directed to the individual, and in this it is a most adaptable tool in the hands of the preacher. It has a capacity to carry the message to the individual. He feels that the preacher is talking *to him*. And thousands can feel the same way at once!

How many times individuals have said: "The message was for me. I just happened to tune in. Thank God I turned the dial when I did!" If we "fill the air" with the gospel, the Holy Spirit can bring needy souls to the radio dial and cause them to hear. Thus, together we can follow Jesus' orders and respond to the world's need.

Yes, the commands of our Lord call for obedience. *We have at our disposal the most effective means to obey in the fullest possible way. Radio means the whole world can hear, and with it the church can "go" as never before.* ◀ ◀





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We have prayed! Now we are presenting the need to you. I am trusting God will speak to your heart to give a special offering to REVIVALTIME now.

We dare not drop stations. We cannot retrench. We must carry the fight to the enemy. I believe this is God's will. Will you help now?

Yours in the Master's service,

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National Secretary

## Urgent...

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APPEALS TO ITS FRIENDS FOR A  
SPECIAL BIRTHDAY  
OFFERING**

Enclosed is my special offering for Revivaltime's sixth anniversary. \$.....  
I want to do my part to meet the urgent need of the broadcast.

Consider what your dollar can  
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\$50 reaches 60,000 persons  
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\$10 reaches 12,000 persons  
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REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

# REVIVALTIME'S M



Revivaltime speaker, C. M. Ward



Revivaltime origination in Inglewood, Calif.



Studio release at CBI, Springfield, Mo.



Correspondence and Counseling Ministry

Revivaltime choir

Revivaltime prayer meeting





# MANY-SIDED MINISTRY

## MUSIC

"I was fingering the radio dial," writes a missionary from Japan, "when I heard some wonderful music—choir music—very faintly. It soon faded away, but your voice came in just clearly enough to tell about your book and sermon. I did greatly appreciate the good singing."

Music has a vital part in preparing the hearts of men to worship God and to listen to a sermon. Many who would not ordinarily listen to a gospel program have paused in turning the dial because of the beautiful music of the *Revivaltime* choir. Souls have been touched when they heard an old familiar hymn or a lovely gospel song.

"It was hearing the choir sing 'Room at the Cross' that first inspired me to start listening to your weekly message," reports a woman from Tennessee.

Choirs across the nation are now using arrangements of songs used on *Revivaltime*. Because of the many requests for "Room at the Cross," the invitation hymn which blesses thousands both on the broadcast and on choir tours, the *Revivaltime* staff has made it available in sheet music (and also on a long-playing record album along with 16 other *Revivaltime* favorites).

Through the ministry of music, the *Revivaltime* choir has prepared souls to listen to a gospel message, has brought encouragement to Christians, and has been instrumental in bringing the wayward back to Christ.

## STUDIO AUDIENCE

From the inception of the radio ministry of the Assemblies of God back in 1946, broadcast services have originated from a special studio on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. The broadcast choir consists of a select group of students who dedicate many hours to minister in song to millions every week.

Each broadcast service brings many *Revivaltime* friends to the studio. Some have been known to drive for many miles just to be in these special broadcast services. Their presence has added much to the spiritual tone of the broadcast. And many persons across the country wait to hear the congregational song each week so they, too, can join in singing their favorite hymn.

Not only is it said that the broadcast ministers to millions each week via the air waves, but each individual broadcast service is a real blessing to the many local or out-of-town guests in the studio audience.

## OUTSIDE ORIGINATIONS

Each year it is the privilege of the *Revivaltime* team to produce a limited number of live network broadcasts from a local church or auditorium somewhere outside of Springfield, Missouri, where the program is generally produced.

On November 1, for example, *Revivaltime* originated in the auditorium of the Calvary Assembly of God, Inglewood, California. Marcus Gaston, pastor, was at one time the National Radio Sec-

retary of the Assemblies of God. He was instrumental in laying a foundation for the present *Revivaltime* broadcast. When he became National Secretary, the broadcast was but a fifteen-minute program heard over approximately 100 stations. Since that time, the broadcast has gone on the ABC network and is heard over some 370 stations.

These "outside originations" have given many listeners an opportunity to meet the *Revivaltime* team personally, as well as to see a live network religious program produced.

Each occasion is a great blessing to the local church or group of churches sponsoring such originations. It has produced some wonderful results for Christ, and has stirred new fervor and interest among the Assemblies of God churches in the area. Music for these broadcasts is produced by a local choir under the direction of *Revivaltime's* music director, Cyril McLellan.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Have you ever wondered what kind of letters people write to a radio preacher? In 1958 there have been more than 144,000 letters. Since going on the network in December, 1953, *Revivaltime* has received letters from prisoners of no less than 25 different prisons across the country; from students of no less than 95 different colleges and universities in the United States and foreign countries; and from ministers of more than 30 denominations.

It would be impossible to enumerate the many that have been saved through this broadcast. From all parts of the world come testimonies of salvation, conversions either during the broadcast altar call or later when persons yield their lives to Christ as a result of the program.

Testimonies of healing continually come as a result of the special prayer for the sick each week, and stories of the homes that have been reunited, the alcoholics delivered, and the many others who are encouraged and helped would be lengthy indeed.

But out of the great number of letters received, many thousands contain inquiry as to how the writer can be saved; or there may be a need of encouragement to believe God for healing. It may even contain a plea for advice over marital problems. Some are entangled in false doctrines and others are in doubt and confusion.

Every problem of life is represented in these searching letters, and every one of them is answered. The radio staff counsels with people on their personal problems and points them to the One who understands and cares.

## LITERATURE

*Revivaltime* has printed and distributed over 2,000,000 pieces of literature during the six years it has been on the ABC network. These include sermons by C. M. Ward, tracts, booklets, world events bulletins, and books. Numerous individuals have reported conversions, baptisms, healings, changed lives and reunited homes as a direct result of this ministry.

Hal Herman, former Hollywood press agent, sends this report on *Good-Bye Make-Believe*, his own life story: "People are definitely stirred through this book. Some want extra copies to give to unsaved relatives and friends. I have been praying from the beginning

## HOW YOUR REVIVALTIME SUPPORT DOLLAR IS USED



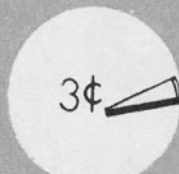
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for this very thing. I shall never cease to thank God that Brother Ward was led to bring this book into being.

"Some have told me, 'I just couldn't lay it down until I read it to the very end.' A dear 'British-Israel' couple read a copy here in Los Angeles. As the husband finished reading the book, he exclaimed to his wife, 'This is it!' He was in the Assemblies of God church here last night.

"One of America's top insurance men was tremendously moved by the book. I plan to visit Columbia Pictures Studios—my old stamping ground—next week. I will take extra copies of Brother Ward's book, besides those books I already mailed to the studio friends there. I know the Holy Spirit is in that book."

The literature ministry of *Revivaltime* is proving to be a real tool in helping many thousands who are in need.

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

Recognizing the vital part prayer plays in the ministry of the gospel, the *Revivaltime* staff made an appeal three years ago for persons who would join in praying for the many requests which come into the office from radio listeners.

Approximately 100 individuals responded that first year, and more than 400 individuals received requests each month the second year. More and more people have caught the vision of what prayer can do. Now 1,275 individuals are receiving *Revivaltime* prayer requests each month, and are interceding for the great radio audience.

Testimonies of answered prayer reach the office each week. A woman from Raleigh, West Virginia, reports: "Several weeks ago I wrote and asked you and your prayer group to pray that my only daughter wouldn't marry the Catholic boy to whom she was engaged. Thanks be unto God, the engagement has been broken."

The individuals and groups in the prayer partner fellowship are the backbone of the *Revivaltime* work. In some cases a Bible class teacher has requested her entire class to participate. Many other church groups have also joined in to form a real chain of prayer that has brought about some real miracles.

No ministry is effective unless souls are banded together in prayer behind it. The far-reaching effects of the gospel broadcast are a direct result of those in the prayer partner fellowship and their intercessory prayer.

#### PRAYER MEETINGS

One of the distinctive features of the *Revivaltime* ministry has been the special prayer meetings called periodically for the purpose of taking many thousands of prayer requests to the Lord in intercessory prayer. Local church groups have joined in these world-wide prayer meetings and they have become times of real victory, blessing and revival.

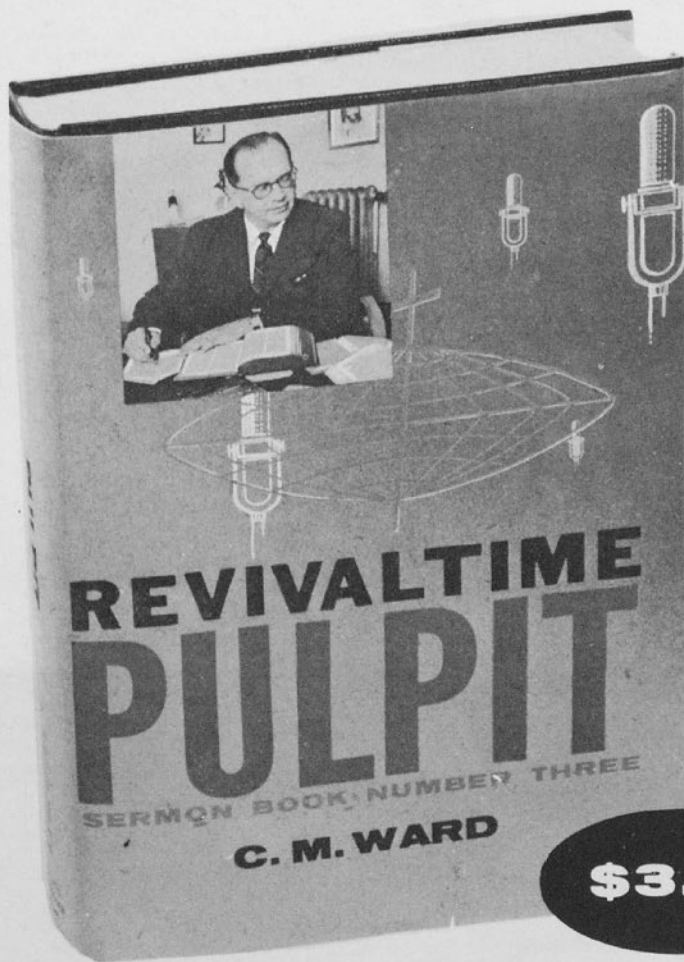
The tenth sponsored prayer meeting was held on Thanksgiving Sunday with prayer groups all over the country joining in. Never has there been less than 5,000 individual prayer requests in any one of these special services. The largest drew 25,000 requests, with nearly 6,000 individuals participating.

One remarkable experience evolving from these prayer services was when a request came in for a mother's son to be saved. A short time later he was saved, and not long after that he enrolled as a student at Central Bible Institute. He is now a member of the *Revivaltime* choir.

Letters of testimony come all year long, pointing back to these special prayer services, saying that specific requests had been answered. People all over the nation and around the world now look forward to these special prayer services knowing that God is going to answer prayer in their behalf.

#### FOREIGN BROADCASTS

Each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. *Revivaltime* is beamed across the Philippines from the tower of radio station DYRC in Cebu City. A missionary states: "The program can be heard in about two-thirds of the area of the Philippines, which makes for a potential listening audience of millions." He further states, "People who are



## READY FOR YOUR PASTOR

### REVIVALTIME PULPIT NUMBER 3

It has been our policy to reserve the first copies of our NEW PULPIT BOOKS for pastors. Our brand new sixth anniversary edition is ready! Your pastor may have his without charge simply by renewing your church's regular support for *Revivaltime*. If your church does not give regularly to our Assemblies of God world-wide radio ministry, now is the time to begin. Hand this ad to your pastor today.

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Check One:

- PASTORS ONLY. My church pledges \$..... to support *Revivaltime* during 1960. Send me a free copy of *Revivaltime Pulpit Number 3*.
- Enclosed is \$..... for my personal copy of *Revivaltime Pulpit Number 3*. (\$3.95 each.)

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*a whole year of Radio Sermons*



too ashamed or afraid of persecution to attend a Protestant church can listen to this wonderful program inside their own homes. How thankful we are to have the program broadcast in our area."

From Manila the broadcast is released over ten different wave bands, reaching many hundreds of miles in all directions.

Throughout the British West Indies, the full gospel penetrates many thousands of homes. A missionary reporting from Trinidad states: "Thousands of people all over the isle of Trinidad listen to *Revivaltime*. I have no idea how many write directly to you, but each week many write to us telling of salvation, healing and blessings received through listening to the broadcast." This same story could also be repeated for Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Bermuda.

From the northern tip of Africa the anointed ministry of the *Revivaltime* evangelist, C. M. Ward, penetrates the entire continent of Europe and behind the iron curtain into Russia. Letters have been received from England and several other European countries, and a few have come from behind the iron curtain.

In South America the broadcast is being released in Peru, Brazil, British and Dutch Guiana. *Revivaltime* is largely responsible for a great Pentecostal revival in British Guiana. In four years' time nearly 3,000 have come into the Assemblies of God.

From 42 stations outside the United States the message of *Revivaltime* is heralded around the world. The number of people that can speak or understand English is growing at a rapid rate. The potential is tremendous.



# What Pastors Are Saying...

Pastor Lloyd J. Cagle, of the First Assembly of God, Dinuba, California, comments: "I am happy to display the *Revivaltime* sign and help promote the broadcast because *Revivaltime* is reaching many people with the full-gospel message. The well-arranged broadcast is anointed with the Holy Spirit. The message is true to the Bible. The service offers an altar for the unsaved, reveals the promise of the Holy Spirit to all believers, presents Christ as the Great Physician, and keeps before us the hope of His soon return."



Pastor Herman H. Rohde, of the Assembly of God, Worthington, Minnesota, writes: "I am proud to display the *Revivaltime* sign because I feel that the message of this outstanding gospel broadcast is meeting a definite need in the lives of its listeners. In these crucial times Brother Ward's practical and Biblical preaching points men and women to Jesus Christ, who alone has the solution for the physical and spiritual needs of man. The high quality of the program of *Revivaltime* makes it attractive to all people. Because of the number of unsolicited favorable comments received from listeners in our community, I am confident that this broadcast brings spiritual blessing to many."



Pastor L. O. Waldon, of New Orleans, Louisiana, reports: "I display the *Revivaltime* sign because we are glad to have a part in presenting such a dynamic gospel program to the New Orleans area. This broadcast is of great service as many people have questions on the Pentecostal movement which they would not ask a local pastor but they find their answer in listening to *Revivaltime*. The response from this area shows

that ministers and people from many different denominations appreciate the forceful manner in which Morse Ward preaches the gospel of Christ."



Pastor Werner Johnson, of the First Assembly of God, Elizabeth, New Jersey, states: "I display the *Revivaltime* sign because it represents a mighty and efficient arm of our Assemblies of God over-all effort to speed the light to all corners of the earth. I am proud that my congregation is a cog in one of the many-faceted programs geared to pace with the tempo of modern ways and means, and the urgency implied in both Jesus' command to 'Go,' and the Macedonian, 'Come!' *Revivaltime* is the instantaneous phase of our Assemblies' response."

Pastor T. L. Vibbert, of Central Assembly of God, Indianapolis, Indiana, states: "We are proud of the *Revivaltime* sign which hangs by the main entrance to our church because it represents what has proven to be the most powerful radio contact of our time. Our faith in the power of God's Word makes us believe that no man can listen to the anointed preaching of C. M. Ward and ever be the same. On *Revivaltime*, Jesus Christ is lifted up by the anointing power of the Holy Spirit. His promise is to draw all men unto Him when this is done."

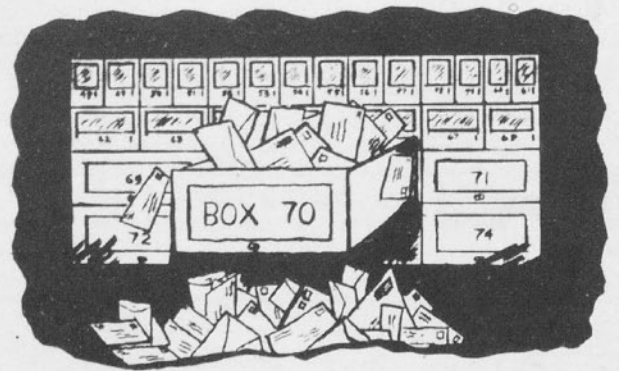


Pastor Harold C. White, of Florida City, Florida, remarks: "I display the *Revivaltime* sign because it signifies my privilege to participate in the greatest evangelistic opportunity of this day. *Revivaltime* is a measure of our deep concern for the well-being and salvation of the people of the world as well as the people of our local community. *Revivaltime* has helped me as a pastor in acquainting the community with our message and purpose, thus opening doors that would otherwise be closed."

## PERCENTAGE OF CHURCH PARTICIPATION FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1959

New Jersey .....	63%	Southern Missouri .....	26%
Nebraska .....	58%	Appalachian .....	24%
Montana .....	46%	Indiana .....	22%
South Dakota .....	46%	N. California-Nevada .....	21%
Southern New England .....	44%	Louisiana .....	19%
Wisconsin-N. Michigan .....	41%	Wyoming .....	19%
Minnesota .....	40%	South Carolina .....	18%
New York .....	39%	Southern California .....	18%
North Dakota .....	38%	South Florida .....	17%
Northern New England .....	38%	South Texas .....	16%
Potomac .....	37%	Mississippi .....	13%
Kansas .....	36%	Tennessee .....	13%
Michigan .....	36%	New Mexico .....	12%
Eastern .....	32%	Arkansas .....	11%
North Carolina .....	32%	Kentucky .....	11%
Ohio .....	32%	West Texas .....	11%
Rocky Mountain .....	31%	Arizona .....	10%
Illinois .....	30%	Alabama .....	7%
Northwest .....	30%	Georgia .....	7%
Oregon .....	30%	North Texas .....	7%
West Central .....	29%	Oklahoma .....	7%
Southern Idaho .....	28%	West Florida .....	6%

# OUT OF BOX 70



BY STANLEY MICHAEL, Promotions Director

I WISH YOU COULD VISIT OUR RADIO Department office some morning and read some of the letters we receive from listeners. Your heart would swell and you would give thanks, as we do, for the gracious way in which God is using *Revivaltime* to save souls, restore broken homes, and inspire faith in the hearts of believers.

Here is a sample of what we find in the *Revivaltime* mailbag:

#### Home Restored

"This is just a note to thank you and those of *Revivaltime* for your assistance in the reconciliation of my wife and myself. We have two children."—N. C., Kansas City, Kansas.

#### Son Quits Drinking

"Brother Ward, I requested prayer for my son, and he has quit drinking. I'm so thankful for your prayers."—Mrs. B. P., Fort Worth, Texas.

#### Saved While Listening

"Brother Ward, I would like to tell you that Jesus saved my soul this morning when you prayed with the

people. I could really feel His Spirit when you prayed, and I feel that the Lord has already healed my body. Keep praying for me and I'll pray for you. Thank God, He saved my soul!"—Mrs. N. S., Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

#### Stirred to Action

"A few Sunday nights ago you spoke on personal evangelism. At that time I was at the nurse's dormitory of Jackson Memorial Hospital. The Lord spoke to me to go and speak to one of our girls there who had strayed from Him. All the time the devil was telling me what a fool I was. After your message I went ahead and spoke to her about her soul. When I told her what was on my heart, she said the Lord had been speaking to her all week warning her that she had to make her decision that night. There she knelt and accepted Christ once again into her heart and life."—A. H., Miami, Florida.

#### Father Saved

"I wrote you last week to pray for my father who is dying with cancer. I asked you to pray that God would save him and let him testify to that effect. Well, God has so wonderfully answered our prayer. Dad says he's ready to go if God should call him and that he's not afraid to die. Praise the Lord!"—Mrs. P. M., Panama City, Florida.

#### Healed in Body

"I wrote you several days ago. I was in a desperate condition; my body was sick from my head to my feet. I spent hundreds of dollars on hospital and doctor bills and—no relief. Surely God has undertaken and heard prayer. I am touched by power divine and feel like a new person. I want to testify to the dear Lord's healing power."—Mrs. W. M., Portersville, Pennsylvania.

## Who Supports Revivaltime?

The cost of Revivaltime's great evangelistic ministry is borne by Christian people throughout the entire land who have caught the vision of winning souls by radio and who contribute to its support. In many districts the people are fully underwriting their share of this cost. There are 21 districts, however, which are not contributing sufficient funds to pay the cost of Revivaltime's ministry in their particular area.

Listed below are comparative figures for the first nine months of 1959 showing which districts are "paying their own way" at the present time.

DISTRICT	GIFTS	COST
Alabama	\$ 2,779.81	\$ 2,211.33
Appalachian	2,081.90	2,535.30
Arizona	2,029.32	1,871.22
Arkansas	4,623.20	4,746.22
Eastern	22,329.84	26,492.27
Georgia	2,180.73	2,195.51
Illinois	13,790.61	13,335.75
Indiana	6,100.23	5,497.18
Kansas	8,143.48	3,059.18
Kentucky	1,576.66	3,620.80
Louisiana	4,543.71	5,062.53
Michigan	8,814.94	12,536.81
Minnesota	10,357.12	9,072.46
Mississippi	1,912.55	1,734.75
Montana	6,076.33	5,770.66
Nebraska	5,684.24	5,129.63
New Jersey	8,882.60	7,877.52
New Mexico	1,517.61	557.06
New York	16,916.74	19,413.80
North Carolina	1,765.74	3,533.31
North Dakota	2,605.27	2,948.06
N. California-Nevada	13,971.32	8,624.29
N. New England	3,731.17	5,679.26
North Texas	4,326.64	6,268.41
Northwest	16,229.06	13,282.27
Ohio	13,531.70	17,078.62
Oklahoma	4,659.25	4,697.11
Oregon	5,960.93	3,982.63
Potomac	9,247.89	10,706.92
Rocky Mountain	7,468.98	4,900.43
South Carolina	1,617.38	2,193.91
South Dakota	3,803.09	3,810.56
South Florida	7,825.80	4,620.66
South Texas	5,306.14	6,252.45
S. California	14,443.29	10,552.67
S. Idaho	2,353.90	2,065.52
S. Missouri	13,511.43	16,900.14
S. New England	5,099.51	6,055.88
Tennessee	1,934.49	4,851.10
West Central	7,765.85	7,980.35
West Florida	2,268.07	888.18
West Texas	2,951.35	2,087.59
Wisconsin-N. Michigan	10,736.47	8,633.01
Wyoming	832.85	465.95
Alaska	715.32	677.64
Canada	6,770.15	6,379.26
Hawaii	647.40	955.20



Stanley Michael answering correspondence





# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BRETHREN

Sunday School Lesson for December 13, 1959

GENESIS 44:18, 32-34; 45:1-8

Our previous lesson contained the story of how Joseph tested his brothers in order to ascertain whether or not a real change had taken place in their character. He tested them as to their truthfulness and honesty and they passed the test well by being straightforward and accurate in all they said. Joseph then tested them as to their generosity of heart and again they came through with flying colors. For, when Benjamin was given a portion of food which was five times as much as theirs, they all "drank and were merry with him" and showed no sign of jealousy. Our lesson today continues and concludes the story of this testing.

### THE FINAL TEST (Genesis 44:1-34)

As the brothers prepared to return home after their visit to Egypt, Joseph instructed a servant to slip his own silver cup into the sack of grain which was to be carried by Benjamin. The brothers then proceeded on their way, undoubtedly relieved to have secured grain and to have both Simeon and Benjamin with them. But soon they were plunged into despair, for the servant sent out by Joseph to retrieve the silver cup found it in Benjamin's sack.

Why did Joseph test his brothers in this manner? He could easily forgive them for their cruel treatment of him years before, but their cruel and heartless disregard for the feelings of their father was quite another matter. This test would reveal whether or not there was a basic change in the brothers.

And again they successfully passed the test. If they had been heartless as of old it would have been easy to agree that Benjamin either die for his supposed theft or else become Joseph's slave. Instead, Judah, spokesman for the brothers, made an impassioned, eloquent plea in behalf of Benjamin and his father. Judah offered to take Benjamin's place rather than go home without the lad and risk breaking the heart of their father.

### THE GLORIOUS RECONCILIATION

(Genesis 45:1-28)

As he listened to Judah's intense and noble plea which proved so clearly the complete change of heart which had taken place in the brothers, he could contain himself no longer. Ordering all the servants out of the room so that he might talk with his brethren in privacy, Joseph "wept aloud." Here we have one of the most moving and beautiful scenes in the Bible. Joseph's love for his brothers, so strong and genuine; the completeness of his forgiveness; the total absence of a word of reproach; all is reminiscent of the love of Christ of whom Joseph is a striking type. Furthermore, it sets us an inspiring example of the power of love. Joseph's love for his brothers set them free from

the terrible fear, the pangs of guilt, the self-reproach which had bound them for so long. "Love never faileth." And when God's children receive the love of God and then let it flow from their lives to others, it will set others free today!

Let us not make the mistake of thinking that Joseph's love for his brothers was simply rekindled on this occasion. The fact is, he had loved them deeply all along. And we have here an example of the conquering and transforming power of divine love when it operates in and through a human life. Here was love condescending, stooping from the highest to the lowest, and lifting and redeeming the lives of others. It is that love in action in the lives of Christians that the world needs today!

Observe the results of Joseph's revelation of himself to his brethren: (1) It brought peace to them individually; peace between Joseph and them; peace among themselves; and peace with their aged father. (2) It also assured them of protection. From this time on they would be safe under the protectorship of Joseph. (3) It guaranteed provision. Joseph assured them that they would have plenty to eat, since all the goods of Egypt would be at their disposal. Pharaoh himself vouched for this because of his esteem for Joseph.

This points up a truth that is vital in the spiritual realm. The personal revelation of Jesus to the heart of a human being will result in these same things. It is not intellectual knowledge of the truth which transforms lives, releases men's souls, produces peace, provides safety, guarantees victory—but the revelation by the Holy Spirit of the living, loving, light-giving Christ to the inner life of man!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### AN OPEN HEART FOR AN OPEN HEAVEN





## Newly Appointed Education Secretary Represents Assemblies at Accrediting Association's Annual Convention



Hardy W. Steinberg

CHICAGO—Sixteen Assemblies of God ministers were present at the thirteenth annual convention of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges in October.

One of these was Hardy W. Steinberg, who had just been named National Education Secretary for the denomination. Brother Steinberg was formerly an associate editor of the Church School Literature Department of the Assemblies. Before accepting that post he was president of the Great Lakes Bible Institute in Zion, Ill., for several years, and when that institution merged with Central Bible Institute he became Dean of Men.

In assuming the position of National Education Secretary, Brother Steinberg succeeds Cordas C. Burnett, who resigned during the summer to become president of Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, Calif.

The eight Assemblies of God schools which are affiliated with AABC account for almost one fifth of the student enrollment in the organization. Six of them are fully accredited members while two have associate membership in AABC.

During the convention, which was held at Moody Bible Institute, three new schools were admitted to the organization as accredited members, and one new school as an associate member. Three other schools, which had been associate members, were advanced to fully accredited membership. One of the latter was Bethany Bible College.

Elected to serve as officers for the AABC were: president, Harold Boon, president of Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, N. Y.; representative of accredited schools, Cordas C. Burnett; secretary, T. B. Crum, dean of Providence Bible College, Providence, R. I.; representative of associate schools, Jack W. Stoepker of Reformed Bible Institute, Grand Rapids, Mich.

M. E. Collins, president of Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie,

Tex., continues to be a member of the AABC executive committee.

C. E. Butterfield, president of Northwest Bible College, Kirkland, Wash., showed slides and told how God supplied the school with its new campus. He said that shortly after New Year's the Bible college will receive about \$400,000 which was willed to it for this purpose.

In stressing the urgency for Bible college education today, S. A. Witmer, executive director of AABC, said: "This is the age of specialization in which we produce nuclear giants and moral infants. The tragedy is that moral and spiritual issues are not resolved. The need for the distinctive contribution of Bible colleges to meet this problem in education was never greater than now."

Slightly increased student enrollments were reported by AABC schools, though this gain was not as high as the growth of the total college student enrollment in the nation.

### "... and Be Baptized"

(Continued from page twelve)

implies a consciousness of sin. There must be a personal sense of need, of guilt, before there can be an act of saving faith. These infants and small children are the proper wards of our heavenly Father who speaks for them in the years of their innocence.

But to us who are believers, water baptism is a requirement. The believer has no choice but to obey. Excuses, such as failure to understand all the great Christian doctrines, or delay, to see if one can live the Christian life, are not permitted by the Bible. Baptism is essential to obedience, and our fellowship with Christ depends upon our obedience to Christ.

The first thing Satan will try to accomplish after you have given your heart to Christ is to get you to disobey one of Christ's commands. He subtly suggests procrastination. When the sheriff of Philippi gave himself and his household to Christ, they followed Christ in water baptism the very same night.

You will strengthen your Christian conscience by prompt obedience to this command. Peter makes this clear when he says, "Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).

To put off the act of immersion is an indication that you are ashamed to show the world what you really believe. And Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord," for, "He is not ashamed to call us brethren."

### God Spared Our Church

The scream of our small-town fire siren awakened us suddenly one morning at 3 a.m. We looked out the window to locate the fire and saw a house aflame in the next block. A strong south wind was blowing the flame and burning debris toward our church, which was directly across the street.

Our town had no adequate fire-fighting equipment so everyone pitched in to help at such a time. We dressed hurriedly and ran to help, *praying as we went*. Men were already on the church roof with hand extinguishers, but it was so hot they could not stay much longer. *Then God answered our prayers*. The wind switched to the southwest, carrying the sparks to the east of the church. Not another ember went near the building.

The wind continued in that direction until the fire died down and the danger was over. Then the wind came from the south again.

The Lord's house still stands in that place today, many years later, as a testimony of how God hears and answers prayer.

—Gertrude Strand, Grand Rapids, Minn.

# ANOTHER INDIAN CHURCH DEDICATED



**G. F. LEWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, SHARES WITH EVANGEL READERS THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS TRIP TO INDIAN CHURCHES IN FOUR STATES**

**BY GAYLE F. LEWIS**

**O**N JULY 4, MRS. LEWIS AND I BEGAN a trip to Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to visit our Indian churches located in these states.

We first drove to Chamberlain, S. Dak., where we visited with the pastor, Virgil Zeigler, and his wife. Their new Indian Mission is located fifteen miles out from town on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation. When they built the church they were unable to locate it near the village on the reservation, but had to place it on the hillside about three miles away. Now, due to a government dam project, the whole village is being moved so that it will be all around the church! God works in mysterious ways.

The next day we motored to Norris,

S. Dak., where the Gerald Larsons, pastors of the Indian church, were having an interesting vacation Bible school. Our workers in South Dakota minister to the Sioux Indians. The excellent behavior of the children spoke well for the teachers. Discipline was no problem in this school.

After a brief visit at Norris we went to Rapid City and attended the white camp meeting. Next we visited Marrles Moore and looked over the new Indian church which he pastors in Rapid City.

We drove to Sisseton, S. Dak., and stayed overnight with the pastor, Owen Mincks, and his family. They were remodeling their building to provide additional living quarters and other space for services.

We resumed our journey on Friday, arriving in Granite Falls, Minn., for the evening meal with Charles Schultz, pastor, and his family. During the evening we discussed the work there which is very encouraging. The pastor's wife was just home from the hospital with a new baby.

On Sunday we had two fine services with Eldeth Adkins and Vera Eldridge in Minneapolis in the attractive new church for the Chippewa and Sioux

Indians. This building is in a lovely location, overlooking part of the city.

The next day we drove to Couderay, Wis., where we met Brother Robert Spencer, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District. We stayed overnight with Brother George Bolt who is in charge of the Couderay Indian Church.

On Tuesday we continued our journey, stopping over at the Northern Wisconsin camp meeting. Wednesday we went on to Morgan Siding, Wis., and stayed overnight with the Charles Slaters who minister to four Indian tribes. They are in a church building program and are doing an excellent work among the Indians.

We spent the next day covering other reservations in that section that are wide open for gospel work. A new church is being started on the Menominee Reservation. This area offers a tremendous opportunity.

Sister Lewis and I had dinner with Mrs. Mildred Kimball, the new pastor at Oneida, on Friday. Their new church for the Oneida Indians is attractive. We then went to the Wisconsin Camp and stayed until we left for the dedication of the new Indian church at Macy, Neb., the next Fri-



Congregation at the Indian church dedication in Macy, Nebr. The pastor, Walter Hamilton, Jr., in Indian headdress in the middle.





Fellowship dinner for the Macy, Nebr. church dedication was prepared outdoors. Mrs. Lewis at left.

day. This was a highlight of our trip. We arrived about noon and participated in the fellowship dinner and the service in the afternoon.

After the meeting I accompanied Brother Dickinson, superintendent of the Nebraska District, to Winnebago, which is on another reservation to the north, to look over the building which we own and where we hope to open another work. However, there are no workers to place in charge of such an effort as yet. We returned to Macy



New Indian church at Oneida, Wis. pastored by Mrs. Mildred Kimball.

for the dedication of the lovely new church. With some assistance from the National Home Missions Department and a \$3,000 grant from a Presbyterian lady from Lincoln, Neb., this church was made possible. The manual labor for its erection was donated by the Indian people themselves.

Macy is the center of the Omaha tribe. Walter Hamilton, an Omaha Indian, is pastor of this Indian church and has a great burden for his people. A large crowd gathered in the mission for the services, some of the people coming from other states. The neighboring churches and congregations brought food for the outdoor fellowship meal.

Speakers for the service were L. W. Dickinson, Nebraska district superintendent, Walter J. Hamilton, pastor of

the church, and myself. During the evening service Brother Hamilton honored Brother Dickinson and me by presenting Indian headdresses and making us honorary members of the Omaha tribe. Brother Dickinson was given the name "Little Voice" and I was given the name "Big Voice" in deference to our official capacities.

Mrs. Lewis and I arrived back in Springfield, Mo., July 25 with a feeling of thankfulness to God for what He, through His dedicated workers, is accomplishing among the First Americans in these four states.



Indian children attend VBS at Norris, S. Dak. Gerald Larson is pastor.

Those of you who have contributed to INDIAN MISSIONS would be thrilled if you could have accompanied us on this trip. Your generous gifts and prayers have made possible the amazing accomplishments our eyes witnessed. Your offering, clearly designated INDIAN MISSIONS, may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.



Frank Dupuis, chief of the Iowa Indians, and Walter Hamilton, Sr., an Omaha Indian and chairman of the North American Indian League, were guests at the Macy church dedication.

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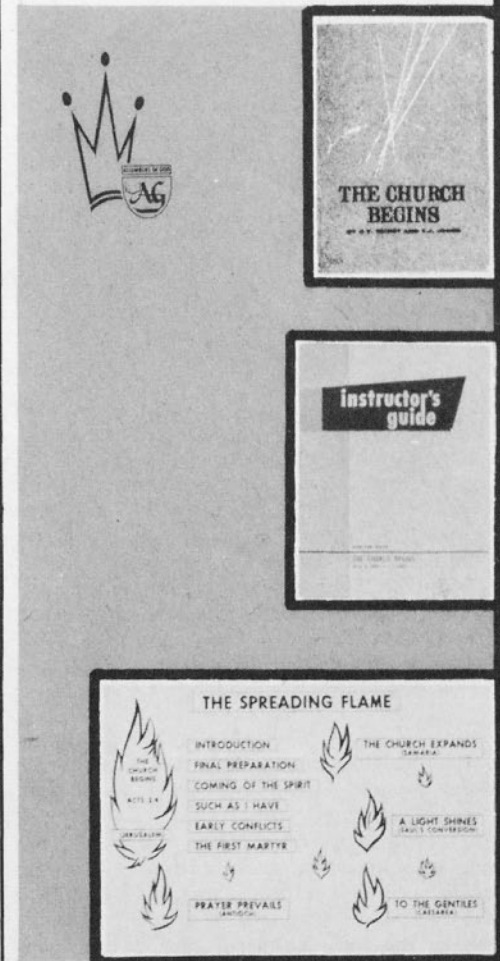
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# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—The Tri-City Park Tabernacle enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. Souls were saved, the sick were healed, and there was a general edification of the church through the splendid ministry of the Word.

—*R. D. Shaw, Pastor*

► **MEDFORD, OREG.** — Evangelist and Mrs. C. S. O'Shields of Fresno, Calif., conducted a revival meeting in Bethel Assembly here during the month of September. It was a time of visitation and refreshing from the Lord. The sincere and anointed preaching of the Word greatly strengthened the church.

—*Lawrence D. Krause, Pastor*

► **ST. JOHN, N. B., CANADA**—Bethany Temple recently concluded three weeks of special services with Evangelist Bill McPherson. God honored His Word and several were saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit. Visitors to the church were greatly impressed as God moved in mighty power.

—*R. Stuart Mulligan, Pastor*

► **PUEBLO, COLO.**—The First Assembly of God here just closed a very profitable revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Wallace Bragg. Each night the people came eagerly to hear the helpful and encouraging Bible messages. There were several genuine conversions. A special Bible course was conducted for the youth of the church by Sister Bragg. Every department of the church felt the effect of the revival.

—*Richard D. Emerson, Pastor*

► **HATTIESBURG, MISS.**—Evangelist and Mrs. W. V. Beauford of Seminole, Okla., recently conducted an old fashioned revival in the Victory Assembly here. Some 25 prayed through to salvation and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. The preaching was excellent, and Sister Beauford did an outstanding job with the children. A new Sunday school attendance record was set during the meetings with 128 present.

—*Iva Harris & Thelma Denney, Pastors*

► **DOUGLAS, GA.**—Recently the First Assembly of God here enjoyed a most wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Harvell of Dublin, Ga. Eight people testified to an old-fashioned experience of salvation and four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church as a whole greatly enjoyed the meetings. One of the high lights of the services was the prayer session that preceded each service. The Sunday school reached a high attendance of 182 on the final day of the meetings.

—*J. C. Walker, Pastor*

► **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**—The Huffman Assembly of God recently enjoyed two weeks of revival services with Evangelist and Mrs. Joel Palmer of Beaverton, Ala. Several souls were saved, and the church was greatly blessed under the capable ministry of Brother Palmer. Both sermon and song were richly anointed and met a definite need in the church. Approximately 35 "first-timers" attended the meetings.

—*Bobby R. Smith, Pastor*

► **SHAMOKIN, PA.**—Gospel Tabernacle has just concluded a successful three-week tent campaign with Evangelist J. B. Woolums of Carlisle, Pa. Some 20 found Christ as their Saviour, and many testified to definite healings. People were delivered of various ailments, such as deafness, blindness, skin cancer, etc. One local man received partial sight after being totally blind for 10 years. He voluntarily gave up smoking tobacco after using it for 64 years. An unknown sponsor put the evangelist on a local radio station for two weeks. Brother Woolums has a well-balanced ministry of the Word. This is the third tent meeting he has held here.

—*Peter Bedzyk, Pastor*

► **SAN ANTONIO, TEX.**—A Latin American ministers' group here recently sponsored a special evangelistic campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Ric ard E. Jeffery. There was a demonstration of the Spirit and power as Brother Jeffery clearly presented the gospel to the Latin Americans in this area. The meetings made a very favorable impression and the cause of Christ was glorified. At least 200 souls responded for salvation, and the power of God was manifested in the healing of the sick. Both old and young experienced the

miraculous deliverance from afflictions. Among those attracted to the meetings were a woman afflicted with a hernia for 11 years, and four deaf mutes. All beautifully received healing and restoration. Eternity alone will reveal what God hath wrought.

—*Leroy Atwood, Secretary of Ministers Group*

► **MULESHOE, TEX.**—The church here recently had a most wonderful move of God under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. In two and one half weeks of meeting there were 23 at the altar for salvation and rededication, three filled with the Holy Spirit and many more refilled.

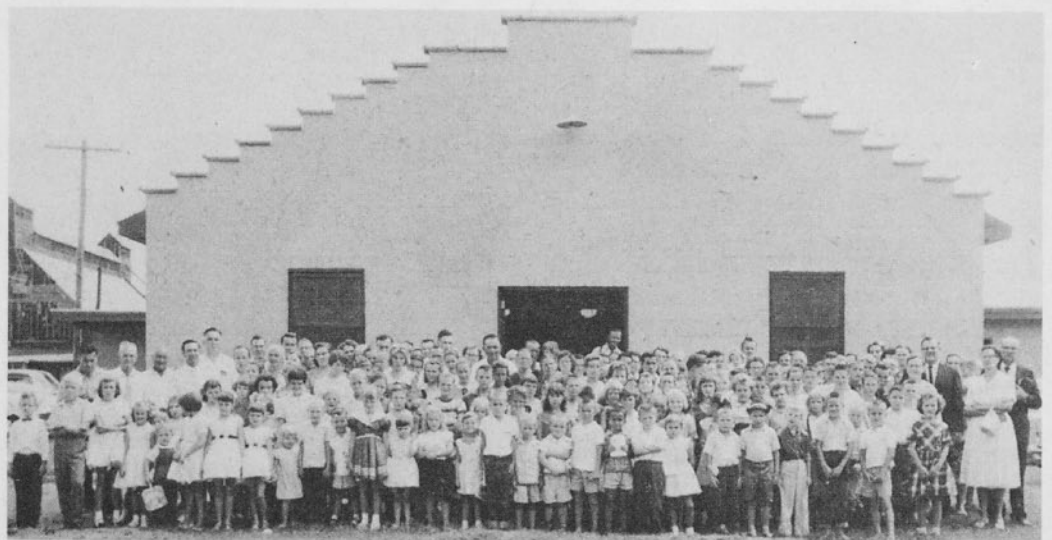
—*R. V. Luna, Pastor*

► **WICHITA FALLS, TEX.**—The Fairview Assembly of God here was greatly blessed under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless of Beaumont, Tex. Souls were saved and backsliders reclaimed. The power of God was witnessed in various healings. The people enjoyed the singing and special music, and the revival brought an increase in the Sunday school.

—*H. L. Bayless, Pastor*

► **McCAMEY, TEX.**—The church here was greatly blessed in one week of revival with Evangelist Floyd Schaeffer of Tipton, Okla. The reclaiming of a backslider who had been away from the Lord for several years and also her refilling with the Holy Spirit was the highlight of the revival. Also, a young man who had been called to special service for God came and re-consecrated his life to the Lord's service. The spirit of revival still remains in the church.

—*Raymond Schaeffer, Pastor*



Sunday School at the First Assembly in Douglas, Ga. on the last Sunday of the meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Harvell. J. C. Walker is pastor.



## WITH CHRIST

RAYMOND R. PHILLIPS, 65, Pleasant Hill, Mo., went to be with the Lord on October 25, 1959. Brother Phillips was ordained to the ministry in 1929. Most of his ministry was in Missouri. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Pleasant Hill Assembly of God.

JACOB J. SHALATA, 81, Los Angeles, Calif., went to be with the Lord on September 23, 1959. Brother Shalata, a Hebrew Christian, served the Lord as an evangelist for many years. He affiliated with the Southern Missouri District of the Assemblies of God in 1950. He is survived by his wife.

J. KIRK SOPER, SR., 74, Santa Ana, Calif., went to be with the Lord on September 21, 1959. "Dad" Soper, as he was affectionately known to many, was ordained in 1927. He pastored churches in Arizona, Texas, and California. He is survived by his wife Mary Virginia and six children, four of whom are in full-time ministry. They are: Ray (Dallas); J. Kirk, Jr. (Long Beach); Leonard (Compton); and Mrs. Edith Smith (Pasadena). His two other daughters are also serving the Lord. They are: Mrs. Reva Hazelton (Temple City); and Mrs. Rose May Gilbert (Sacramento).

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## Christ Our Refuge

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but that I was a dying man. I believed this report and went home to set my house in order. I sank lower and lower into a state of melancholy. After a few weeks I explained all our business affairs to my wife and gave instructions concerning my funeral.

But she took a different attitude from mine. She believed the Lord was going to heal me. Meanwhile, my soul was in agony. Night after night and day after day the blackness of hell filled my room. Although I had served the Lord for years, I now feared that I was going into eternity unprepared to meet God.

Then one day in a simple little prayer meeting a spirit of intercession came upon Mrs. Hastie. She said, "I became shut in with God as though a curtain were drawn all around me, and I gave myself to agonizing prayer until the Holy Ghost gave me a language of heaven for intercession. As I prayed, a vision appeared before me. I saw you seated upon a bench, and a voice said, 'Stand up.' You struggled, got part way up, and slumped back. Every time you fell back your head sank a little lower. And all this time from out of the darkness around you arrows were flying and imbedding

themselves into your flesh. Each arrow made you weaker until I knew you were dying."

Then, she said, she gave herself anew to intercession. "Then after a time I looked again, and this time you were standing erect and strong. Just above your head a Fountain of Blood opened and it came down over you, right to the floor. The arrows were still coming, but the tips of them only touched the Blood with which you were covered. Arrows of all descriptions, with broken shafts and dented points, were lying all around you. They had no more power to hurt you."

While my wife was having that experience, the lovely presence of Jesus was filling my room and every doubt was dispelled in a moment of time. My soul found a new hiding place in the Man Christ Jesus. And these years that God has given to me since that experience have been the most beautiful and the most productive of all my years of working for Christ.

"A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." If you are tortured with doubts and fears and failures, let me point you to Jesus as the hiding place, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Right now He longs to take you by the hand and lift you into a refuge of rest and peace. ◀ ◀

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	DeWitt	A/G	Dec. 9-20	Bob Swaim & wife	James Thomas
	Hamburg	First	Nov. 22—	A. G. Calaway & wife	Mark D. Spencer
	Mountain Pine	First	Dec. 6-20	A. G. Calaway & wife	Luther Bates
Calif.	Arvin	A/G	Dec. 8-20	O. D. Burkett	E. L. Kopper
	Tulare	A/G	Dec. 8-20	Stenhouse-Miller Team	Paul J. Smith
Ill.	Gillespie	Calvary	Dec. 8-20	Bob McCutchen	Delmer Blase
Ind.	Terre Haute	Full Gospel Tab.	Dec. 8—	C. J. Johnson	W. I. Johnson
Mass.	New Bedford	Calvary FGC	Dec. 9-20	Sid Regnier Party	Kenneth Macdonald
Mo.	Alton	A/G	Dec. 6-20	G. A. Snavelly & wife	Kenneth L. Brown
	Kansas City	Sheffield	Nov. 29—	Joe Ragsdale	C. W. Quattlebaum
	St. Louis	Friendly	Dec. 8-20	Delbert & B. Bucher	L. C. Ramsey
Ohio	Xenia	Lanewood	Dec. 8-20	Ernie Eskelin	Joe Scott
Okla.	Haskell	A/G	Dec. 8-20	Billy Guthrie & wife	Willis Baldrige
Oreg.	Madras	A/G	Nov. 29-Dec. 13	Denny Davis	C. W. Butterfield
Pa.	Harrisburg	First	Dec. 1-13	Musical Vander Ploegs	Carl S. Butler
	Roaring Spring	Faith	Dec. 1-13	J. Earl Douglass	D. L. Weyandt
Tex.	Andrews	First	Nov. 30—	Ken George	M. C. Long
	El Paso	First	Dec. 6-13	Velmer Gardner	William Hageman
	Jasper	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 13	Wm. Theiler & wife	S. R. Blackburn
	Killeen	First	Dec. 6—	Don George	R. J. Miller
	Tulia	A/G	Dec. 6—	Charles Chambers	D. W. Calcote
	Waxahachie	University	Dec. 9-13	Robert Watters	Joe W. Adams
Austl.	Brisbane	Glad Tidings Tab.	Dec. 13—	Watson Argue	Lloyd Averill
Canada	Crawford Bay	Faith Tab.	Dec. 8-20	Wallace S. Bragg	D. A. Moore

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# Deaf by Choice

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

Once she closed her ears to the baby's crying. Now she wishes she could hear it.



**E**IGHT YEARS AGO GOD BLESSED A certain home with a darling baby. But the world somehow seemed to be an unfriendly place to the wee mite. It cried incessantly. Time after time the mother checked to be sure it was comfortable. Many times she cuddled the little one, but as soon as she laid it back in the crib it resumed its crying.

Weeks passed without relief and the mother became almost frantic. She determined to shut her ears and thoughts to the continual crying. And it worked. She did not seem to hear her baby's cries. Then one day she realized that she had become deaf to *all* sound!

She went to physicians, and then to psychiatrists. They are trying yet to help her, but they say she just "shut everything off and can't get it turned back on." We sympathize with this woman—but of infinitely greater con-

cern is the person who deafens himself to the call of God.

Christ told His disciples, "When he [the Holy Spirit] is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16: 8).

Many times the Holy Spirit reproves men of sin and calls them to repentance. They hear Him in Sunday school and church. He calls in those near-accidents when there is but a step between them and death. He speaks in the inner consciousness of men just before slumber overtakes them.

This tender, insistent call of the Holy Spirit should not be shunned. Nor should anyone think Christians rude who quietly remind them of the love of God. The Spirit of God calls through the voice and tender concern of others.

It is natural for babies to cry—some more than others. And it is entirely in keeping with God's character of love for the Holy Spirit to speak to the hearts of men. The Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself but calls men to Christ, "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29).

Many businessmen who hear the call of the Holy Spirit turn a deaf ear. They know that if they heed it they will have to deal fairly; they will have a bit less time for business because Christ will claim a share in their lives.

Pleasure seekers refuse to listen to God's call, not realizing that the joy of salvation more than repays Christians for the worldly pleasures they forsake.

Young people reject the insistent appeal to their hearts, because they crave freedom to live and choose without restrictions.

As Jesus said of the people in His day, "This people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted (Matthew 13:15).

The Holy Spirit called one young woman to repentance many times. She was constantly impressed that she should forsake sin and turn to Christ. Finally in willfulness and desperation she prayed, "O God! Leave me alone!"

As surely as the mother shut herself away from the cries of her baby, just so surely did that young woman deafen herself to the cry of the Holy Spirit. She never heard His call again.

Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). God draws men through the Holy Spirit. "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). *And no man can turn faith on like a faucet.*

The Holy Spirit may be calling you in various ways: through a minister, teacher, friend, the printed page, and the still, small, insistent voice in your heart. Do not stifle the call of the Holy Spirit! Hear and heed Him now! It is a fearful thing to deafen yourself to the call of God.

The Lord says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3: 20). Confess your sins to Christ and ask Him to forgive you. Invite Him and He will come to live in your heart.

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## No Time to Lose!

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ground. We must hurry with the words of Life before the devil stops the ears of those we are trying to reach. He is building up pressure everywhere against the work of God, and we must "hasten the matter" of wresting souls from his fiendish clutches.

### III

Again, we must recognize the rapid deterioration of men's spiritual senses when they are without Christ. The longer one lives without salvation, the harder it is for him to respond to the Spirit of God. The human mind and conscience become less impressionable as time goes on. By the time a person reaches adult life his sails usually are set; the tree is bent. His philosophy of life has been formed; the chains of habit forged. His thinking has found its groove.

Spiritual senses are very delicate. Without use they will dull rapidly. The time for winning children to Christ is so short. Just a few years and their thinking habits will be set and hard to change. Oh, that we might "hasten the matter" before their spiritual ears become dull of hearing and their hearts incapable of responding!

### IV

Then we must think of the brevity of our *own* season of labor. Probably none of us will ever be able to accomplish all that we have before us. The days turn too quickly into weeks, the weeks into months, and the months into years. David cried, "Remember how short my time is." Some of our great Assemblies of God leaders have had to leave this life while comparatively young. This day may be our last. We may not be here to put our hand to the plow again tomorrow. Our own sun may set much too early to suit us. We must hurry to the King's work, for death may stop the clock for us sooner than we think.

### V

Finally, there is the imminence of Christ's return to this earth. Then the door of salvation will be closed forever. Shakespeare said that "all the world's a stage," and surely we have reached the final act. We must hurry with the message of redemption before the curtain goes down the last time.

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Writers and editors are constantly aware of that word "deadline." On a certain day at a certain hour their copy must be in, or it will be too late. Our government sets a deadline for filing income tax reports. The Church too has its deadline. Jesus is coming back. We know not the day nor the hour, but we can know the season. We can discern the signs of the times and know that the great event is near. And when He comes, our chance to win the lost will have ended. His return is the deadline. Let those who name His wonderful name "hasten the matter" of carrying out His Great Commission. It is late. There is no time to lose!

## War Veteran Healed

As a result of injuries sustained during World War II, Roy W. Kinser of Bedford, Pa., suffered for a number of years. The pain resulting from old leg wounds increased to such a point that from September (1958) on he was unable to work. In April that

year he spent two weeks in a veterans hospital where he received medical treatment for hemorrhoids and for the leg trouble.

He re-entered the hospital in December for surgery, but suffered a heart attack and the operation was postponed. Through the prayers of his home church he was healed both of the heart trouble and of hemorrhoids. However, he continued to take medication to relieve the pain in his legs.

Last April (1959) Evangelist David Lewis held a revival in the church, during which Brother Kinser was anointed and prayed for. "I was gloriously healed on April 15," he says. "The pain left my legs immediately and strength started to come into them. Now I work on the farm every day while I wait for a different job. (I am a machinist by trade.) I truly thank our wonderful Lord for proving once again that He is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever. Praise His wonderful name!"

*(Endorsed by Pastor Robert McIntosh, Rt. 3, Bedford, Pa.)*



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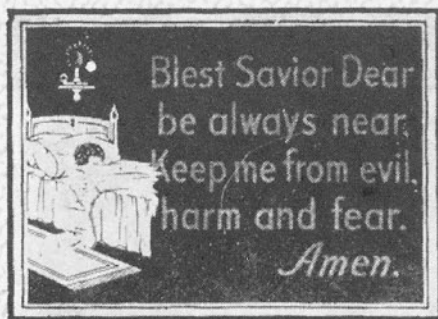
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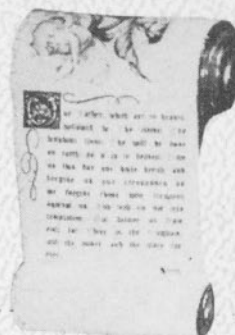
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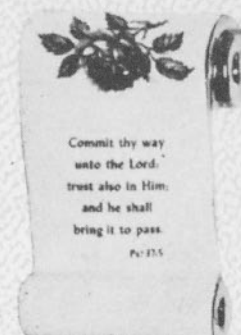
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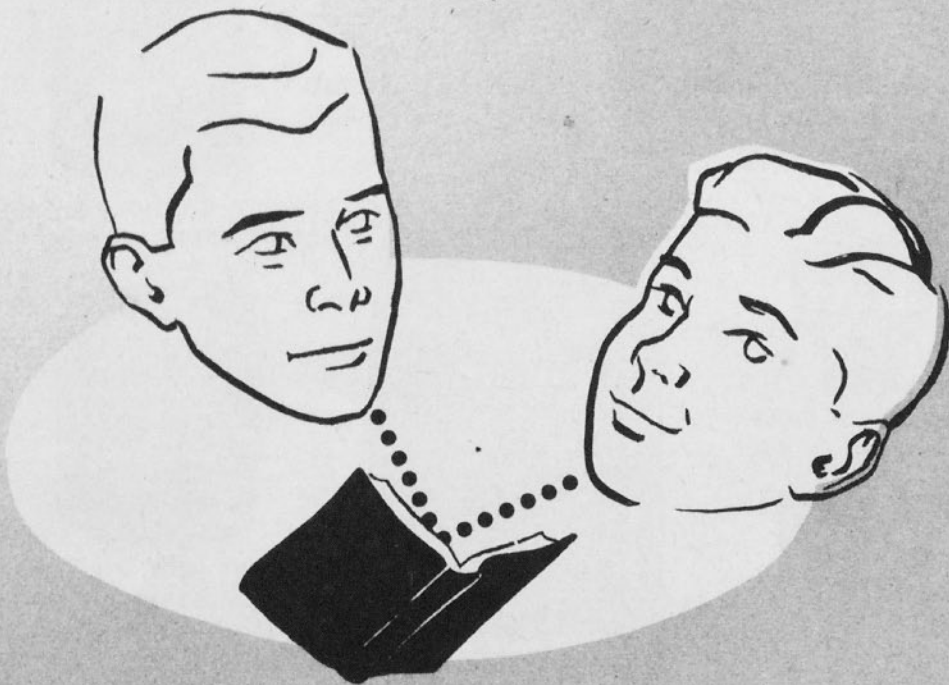


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