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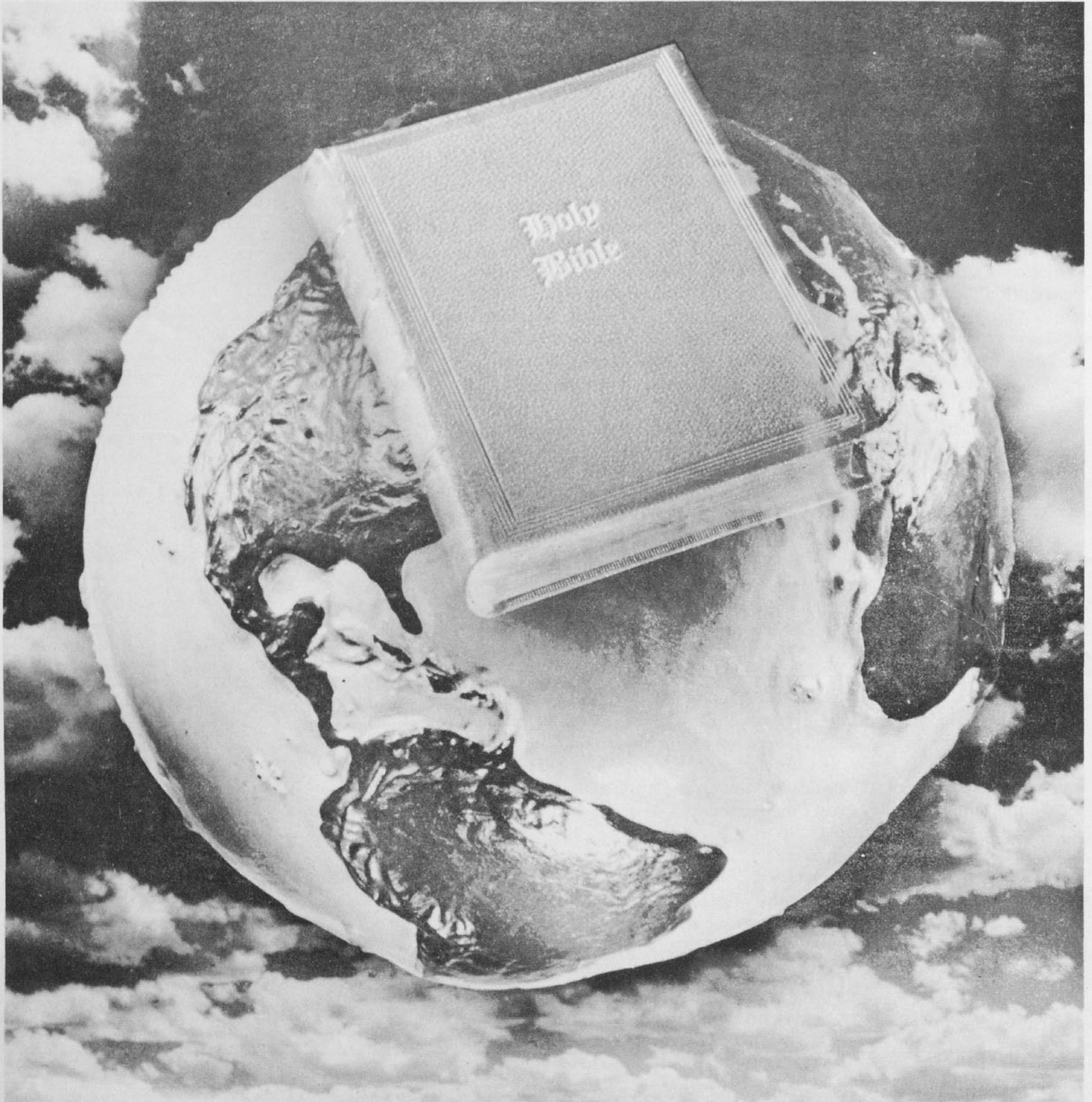


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"The Living Word for a Dying World"

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The Living Word

Today we give thanks for the one Book that is able to give spiritual life to earth's perishing millions. It is the Word of God, which is able to bring saving faith to all men everywhere; but first it must be translated into languages they understand, and then it must be printed and put in their hands. Many agencies are working with the various mission boards to accomplish this task. Foremost among these is the American Bible Society.

In November the Advisory Council of the Bible Society had its annual meeting at New York. It was attended by representatives of virtually all Protestant denominations, including R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. These Protestant church leaders reviewed the good work that the Bible Society is doing. They learned that during 1958 it distributed nearly 17,000,000 volumes of Scripture in 201 languages—an all-time high. Throughout the world the American Bible Society co-operated with 22 other societies in the distribution of 26,000,000 Scriptures last year. However, the increased distribution "doesn't even approximate the fantastic growth of the world's people," the Advisory Council was told. "With present levels of support, the societies are unable to provide even one copy of Scripture for each new literate every year. As a minimum, the circulation should be doubled at home and tripled abroad during the next four years."

By the end of last year, the whole Bible had been published in 215 languages, a complete New Testament in 273 more, and at least one complete Book in 648 others—making a total of 1,136 languages. But there still remain at least a thousand tongues of earth in which not a single portion of the Bible has been translated thus far.

The Advisory Council approved an expanded program of Scripture distribution which will require a budget of over four million dollars during the coming year. The Bible Society raises this budget through the freewill offerings of church members. On Universal Bible Sunday the members of our Assemblies are urged to contribute to this great program.

CHURCH CHOIR WEEK is being observed in Texas, beginning this Sunday, December 13. Governor Price Daniel issued an official proclamation designating the week encompassing the second and third Sundays of December, 1959, as Church Choir Week to "honor the choirs and choir directors of thousands of churches throughout Texas" for the "important role" they play "in the services of nearly all religious faiths" and for the "inspiring and ennobling influence" they have in our lives.

"All too often," said the Governor, "the service rendered by these individuals is taken for granted, and there is a tendency to overlook the work and preparation which go into even the simplest musical selection." (The promoters of the annual observance are hoping the idea will spread until Church Choir Week becomes a national event each year.)

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Preparing for the Coming of

THE DAY OF GOD

BY JAMES C. DODD

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THE APOSTLE PETER TELLS US THAT, in view of the fact that all temporal things shall be dissolved, we should be "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12). His testimony becomes the more impressive as he tells us that the Lord has shown him that he himself will not be living at that time; that he is to put off this earthly tabernacle. Then he gives this message as one who must shortly account to God for his ministry.

As you read his two epistles you will discover numerous references to the Lord's appearing. The coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ was the supreme inspiration of Peter's life.

In 2 Peter 1:16 we have an account of the Transfiguration. This in itself was a rehearsal, a foreshadowing of a *greater* event. "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and *coming* of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty." The word *coming* here is from the Greek word *parousia*, and describes the first stage of the Lord's coming. The word literally means "presence with" and speaks of the *secret* appearing of Christ for His Bride.

In the story of the Transfiguration we see the Lord Himself, arrayed in all His glory; we shall behold Him in His glory in that day. Also we find Moses present, representing all those

who have died embracing this hope. They shall be resurrected when Christ appears. Elijah was there to represent the ones who shall be caught up to meet Him when He comes, and who shall never see death. All the parties are represented. And the steps that lead to this wonderful climax are beautifully significant.

First we see Christ as He takes that little company—Peter, James, and John—and detaches them from the others. They are the inner circle. They are drawn closer and closer to the Master as they climb through the darkness toward the top of Mount Hermon. They do not know where they are going, but just ahead on the path they can see the form of the One who called them, and that is sufficient. There are many times today when the followers of Christ must trust Him to lead the way. It is not our business to know just what will take place next; it is our business to follow and trust our Leader.

Suddenly, a blaze of heavenly glory breaks upon them. Christ is transfigured before their wondering eyes, in glory such as they had never witnessed before. Gladly would they climb a thousand mountains to witness such. Christ is calling His little flock away from the world and from dead religious form today; calling for all who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. He is drawing us closer to Himself in these dark troubled times. And suddenly, someday, we shall find ourselves with Him and shall see the King in all His glory. Hallelujah!

"We have a more sure word of

prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19). Here Peter points up a better proof of Christ's coming than the type of the Transfiguration—the word of prophecy. The whole Word of God is the word of prophecy, and the one pre-eminent burden of the Word is the coming of our Lord.

From Genesis to Revelation this blessed hope unfolds. Back in the Antediluvian days Enoch got a vision of this great event and cried, "The Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints!" Abraham saw and embraced that day afar off. He realized that the covenant God made with him included the Millennium when Christ shall reign supreme on this earth. Jacob foresaw the "coming of Shiloh" and the gathering of the nations to Him. Daniel got a glimpse of the whole panorama. John, on the Isle of Patmos, takes up the thread and completes it with the words of Jesus himself, "Behold, I come quickly."

We have an object lesson also to illustrate the doom of a Christ-rejecting world, in 2 Peter 2:4-9 and 3:5-7. These passages combine to teach us several lessons. We know that great catastrophes have more than once overtaken this sinful world. Peter gives us evidence that an even greater one awaits the ungodly of this generation. The strata of the earth tells the story of the flood. As the Dead Sea rolls its

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James C. Dodd

Why not try *effectual prayer* for the

World's Forgotten Men?



NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

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DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO AMERICA, Nikita Khrushchev saw little that was distinctively Christian, according to the news editor of *Christianity Today*.

David E. Kucharsky, the only representative of the religious press to accompany the Russian leader on his American tour, observed that Khrushchev saw plenty of our farms and factories. He met many civic and business leaders. He learned a great deal about our economic life but saw very little of our spiritual life.

The Russian leader spent the first Sunday of his tour traveling through California, and instead of seeing the people going to church he saw them standing in groups at railroad stations, mostly wearing leisure togs. "The image of families dressed in Sunday best, Bible under arm, was conspicuously absent." He spent the second Sunday of his visit in seclusion with President Eisenhower at Camp David.

It was left for the President, Mr. Kucharsky says, to salvage something for the cause of Christian witness. Mr. Eisenhower not only interrupted top-level talks with Khrushchev to attend church on Sunday morning, but invited the Red leader to accompany him. Khrushchev declined, saying that if he were to go to church he would shock the Russian people, but "the impact of the President's spiritual priorities was firmly registered."

"Evangelical observers," Mr. Kucharsky says, "assessing some of the adverse effects of the Khrushchev visit, expressed the hope that Eisenhower

will seek a more objective and realistic view of the citadel of communism when he visits the Soviet Union next spring. Many hope he will press the distinction between religious freedom and religious tolerance. They would like him to take a good look, not only at the Moscow showcase, but at the Siberia so notorious for banishments."

To many citizens of our country the international situation looks hopeless. In view of this, peace-loving America must remain on its guard for some years to come. Many more billions of dollars will have to be spent on the expensive missile program.

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD

Unfortunately, many born-again people have adopted the pessimistic view of the unregenerate. They, like the rest, throw up their hands in despair, convinced that nothing can be done. They forget that "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). Actually, unbelievable things can happen if thousands of Christians begin to pray earnestly and sincerely for a religious revival behind the "iron" and "bamboo" curtains which can transform even the communist leaders. Is there anything too hard for me?" God asks.

A CHALLENGE TO PRAY

A few months ago during a prayer meeting at Central Bible Institute, students and professors were remembering in prayer the needs of the Church throughout the world. Some prayers included the persecuted Christians in communist countries. I was praying particularly for the suffering Christians in Eastern Europe where I had spent two terms as a missionary. I was asking God to liberate those who were still in prison for the gospel's sake, and to help those who were discouraged because of years of restrictive pressures.

Suddenly I had a strange experience. A question flashed before my eyes, "Have you prayed for Premier Khrushchev and his associates?" At first I rebelled at the thought, but soon realized that the Spirit of God was impressing me to pray for the conversion of the leaders of the communist world! It dawned upon me as never before that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

Paul wrote to Timothy, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2).

Americans find it easy to pray for the President, vice president, members of the cabinet and members of Congress, for all of these favor Christianity and many of them are sincere Christians themselves. But when Paul wrote those words to Timothy, Christians were a despised, persecuted minority, and many in authority were pagans, living in opposition to the principles proclaimed by Christ. And still the Christians prayed for them.

It is high time that we as Christians sense our responsibility and begin to pray earnestly and sincerely that those who are in authority over us may be guided by God in domestic affairs, and particularly in their dealings with the communist leaders.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTORS

Because we live in a country where principles of democracy and personal freedom prevail, it is difficult for us to understand that the lives of hundreds of millions of people in communist-dominated countries are com-

pletely regimented by a powerful oligarchy.

For a number of years I have been receiving fragmentary reports from eastern Europe regarding the suffering of my former students and my fellow ministers who live under this powerful regime. As it might be expected, I developed a keen dislike for the oppressors, and while I prayed consistently and earnestly for the suffering Christians, I never thought of praying for those who caused their suffering. In fact, occasionally I uttered imprecatory statements aimed at the oppressors and persecutors.

I was as much at fault as James and John, who wanted to call down fire upon their opponents. I had forgotten the admonition of Christ, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you: that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:43-45). I had forgotten the words of Paul to Timothy that God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

During the prayer meeting mentioned earlier, I saw the leaders of international Communism as forgotten, unfortunate men who are so far removed from the influence of the gospel that they need to be pitied rather than hated. From that morning I began to pray for these men, that the light of the gospel may illumine their darkened minds and hearts.

I know this sounds rather strange, particularly to those who have suffered directly under the communists, and whose relatives and close friends have spent years doing forced labor in Siberia and various detention camps. But the martyr Stephen, in the midst of the intense physical suffering inflicted by his enemies, prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." This prayer was heard by Saul, arch-persecutor of the church, and eventually led to his conversion.

PRAY FOR ALL MEN TO BE SAVED

Peter wrote that the Lord was not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. What would happen if tens of thousands of

earnest Christians all over the world began to pray for the conversion of Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and the members of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist party in the USSR? What would happen if thousands of earnest Christians began to intercede for the salvation of the leaders of Communist China who hold under their rigid control hundreds of millions of hapless people? Only time would tell the result of such effectual, believing prayer.

In our efforts to defend ourselves against communist encroachment we have tried conferences, state visits, and the machinery of the United Nations.

Why don't Christians try effectual prayer for the conversion of the leaders of communism who are responsible for so much turmoil and unrest in the world?

We have spent and are spending billions of dollars on military defense. Why not begin a spiritual offensive by spending days and weeks in prayer for the salvation of communist leaders?

Let me repeat the statement of James 5:16—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Proverbs 15:29 reads, "The Lord...heareth the prayer of the righteous." *Prayer—believing, fervent prayer—changes things!* ◀◀

If I Had To Go to Hell

ONLY UNSAVED PEOPLE WILL GO TO hell. Since I have put my faith in the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, hell holds no terrors at all for me. Thanks to Him, I shall never go there, for "the Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy" (Psalm 145:20).

Hell will be a fearful place of writhing, unending torment for those who will languish for eternity there; and it will be far worse for some than for others, since God will "render to every man according to his deeds" (Romans 2:6).

But if I *did* have to go to hell, *I should not want to have lived in America.* This is a land where the gospel of the grace of the Son of God is preached by radio, television, in pulpit, on street corners, and by individual Christians who witness faithfully. My opportunities to be saved would have been incalculable.

I should not want to have had a praying mother. It would mean that I had spent a life of rebellion against a solicitous parent. My guilt would be mountainous.

I should not want to have heard a gospel song nor a gospel sermon. I am afraid the haunting memory of them and the many invitations to enjoy the smile of God forever in heaven would torture me in hell more than I could bear. Those moments when a faithful servant of God urged me to be saved, and I was almost persuaded to do so,

would return millions of times with agonizing impact each time. The favorite old gospel songs that have caused countless people to trust Christ would sing themselves over to me with crushing, endless recurrence.

I should not want to have read a gospel tract or magazine that had been written, designed, printed, and handed to me by a chain of people who worked and prayed in order that I might be saved. I would hate to remember throughout eternity that people who loved me enough to devote their lives, effort, and money on my behalf, had met nothing from me but stony resistance.

I should not want to have heard of Christ. I would not want the vivid recollection of His undying love and unmeasured sacrifice; to remember the simple thing required of me—to trust Him and be saved; the fact that I had to trample Him under foot in order to get into hell. Hell would be intensified for me if I had heard of Him.

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"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men... for our God is a consuming fire... It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (2 Corinthians 5:11; Hebrews 12:29; 10:31).

If you are not yet a Christian, will you accept Christ now as your personal Saviour? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

—Good News Publishers



Grover D. Jones

How I Know God Heals Today

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ARE MIRACLES REAL? DO THEY ACTUALLY happen? Yes! I know by personal experience that God does perform miracles.

In August 1952 I was attending a revival nightly at the Northside Assembly in Corpus Christi, Tex. In order to do this I hitchhiked some forty-two miles each way from Kingsville, Tex., where I was stationed in the U. S. Navy.

We had a great time in the Lord the night of August 29. The service ended about 9:30 and again I was off to the old grind of catching a ride back to Kingsville. A Mexican couple took me to Robstown, and I waited there for my next ride. I had been a Christian for two wonderful years, and while I waited I thanked God for His goodness to me.

A car stopped and I stepped in, unaware of the danger I was soon to face. I greeted the driver, who was a Mexican, and was startled at his appearance. He had a can of beer in his hand and a snarl on his face. "I'm going to take you to Mexico," he growled.

The ride quickly became a horrid nightmare. The driver would accelerate to an excessive speed, then decelerate. This happened over and over again, with the car swerving all over the road. He forced more than one car off the road. Fear gripped my heart and I held tightly to the seat, expecting every moment to be the last.

As we entered Driscoll after eleven fearful miles, God spoke to my heart and reminded me that I was His child.

A sweet peace settled over me. I was no longer afraid. Back out on the highway another car was forced off the road. Our speed was between sixty and seventy miles per hour and we were rapidly gaining on the car ahead. Then I saw the oncoming lights of a huge transport truck. There was no room to pass the car ahead, but the driver at my side ignored the impossibility and kept his foot on the accelerator. When it was obvious we would attempt to pass, the alert truck driver tried to pull off the road. Even so, we hit the side of the truck.

The impact threw me into the windshield, and my head and shoulders went through the glass. I was then thrown back through the windshield and out the door. The navy nurse who was driving the other car was thrown out and killed instantly.

I landed against the rear wheel of the car, my body mangled and torn. I had internal and spinal injuries as well as many cuts and bruises, including a deep forehead gash. My leg was crushed, and a blood vessel was cut in my hand. I was helpless as a baby, and could only move my arms.

But I remembered that I was a child of God, and that Jesus was there with me. I was holding my Bible on my chest and praising the Lord when I regained consciousness.

At the Navy hospital they cut my uniform off me. The doctors thought I was dying, and they sewed up my head without removing the glass.

The next morning I was still unable to move. The door to my room opened and there stood a medical corpsman to whom I had testified of God's healing power only a few days before. And now again God wanted to prove His power to this man. As he stood there

before me, I suddenly felt the power of God go through my body. And before his very eyes, God raised me up on the bed. Without a word the corpsman turned and walked away.

A little later the chaplain came to see me, and said sympathetically, "Jones, you will be here a long time, won't you?"

"No, Chaplain," I answered, "I'll be out of here and back in the house of the Lord by next Tuesday." He laughed, and with a few words of encouragement left the room.

Notice how quickly God did this wonderful work. The accident occurred around 10:30 p.m. on Friday. About 8 a.m. on Saturday I sat up in bed by the power of God. At 6 p.m. Sunday I stepped out of the bed and walked. God did His work so quickly that I was discharged from the hospital Tuesday morning.

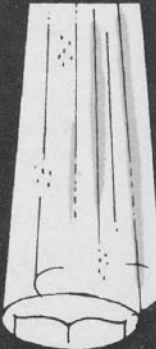
After leaving the hospital I went to the chaplain's office. He was surprised and said, "I have heard of modern-day miracles, and read of them. But this is my first one to witness."

Though God had done so much for me, my right leg was still stiff. But

SPOTLIGHTING PENTECOST

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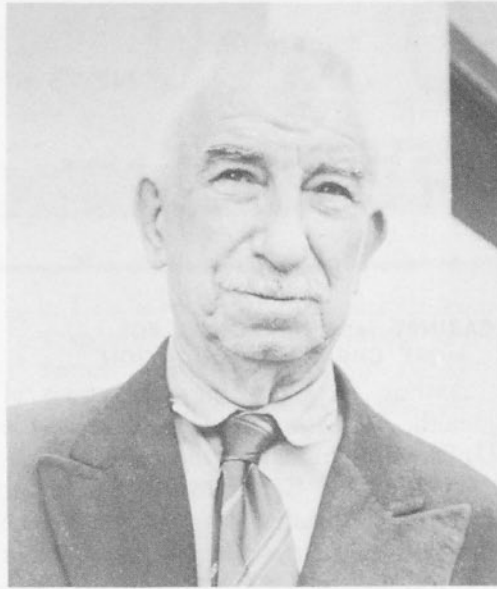
 **JANUARY IS
TRAINING MONTH**



even this was to become a testimony. On Thursday I stopped at the chaplain's office again, and found it full of sailors. The chaplain told all of them what God had done for me. Then he turned to me and said, "But that leg will be stiff a long time, won't it?"

At that very instant I felt the power of God like a bolt of lightning hit my shoulder and travel down my side. As it reached my hip I said, "No, chaplain. God has just now healed my leg." I kicked it up over his desk to demonstrate. And, praise God, it has never given me a bit of trouble since.

As I continue to tell others about God's healing power, He confirms His Word with signs following. ◀◀



◀ John of the Cross

Here again he sold a number of copies and had a few words with one or two individuals before the train began to slow down once more, and he passed on to the third coach. And so it went, until he had gone the whole length of the train. He had timed it perfectly, for just as he finished selling in the last coach of all, the forty-minute trip was over. He had visited each of the eight coaches and sold thirty-nine Gospels. It was forty minutes well spent, with witnessing and Scripture-selling intermingled.

John of the Cross admits that work of this kind is physically exhausting and puts a severe strain on his throat. As a rule he does it only one day a week. At the Christmas and Easter seasons, however, he does it for six days in succession and has hardly any voice left when the week is over. "But it is worth it," he says with a smile, "for I sell a lot of Scriptures and have many talks with people. Last Good Friday I sold 537 Gospels in that one day, and more than 1,000 during the week." Some days he goes from house to house, or works along the lines of people waiting to get into the theaters.

To the question whether people ever respond to his invitation to contact him, John of the Cross says, "Yes, they write sometimes, but more often they come to see me at my house. There are few Saturdays when I do not get any callers. I usually get about four to eight each Saturday, and they are nearly always genuine seekers. That gives me my chance to witness, and many of them are truly converted. I find out where they live and give them the address of the nearest Protestant church. I know that at least some of them join the church."

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CHOOSE THOU FOR ME

Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness, or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty, or wealth.
Not mine, not mine, the choice,
In things both great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom and my All.

—H. Bonar

The Man With the Bibles Said—

"Here Is the Very Thing You Need"

BY ARTHUR M. CHIRGWIN

A CLEAR, STRONG VOICE PROCLAIMED, "Here is the very thing you need," and everyone in the railway coach turned toward the speaker and listened. Some of the passengers recognized him at once, for he often traveled on that train. He was a colporteur of the Brazil Bible Society, through whom the American Bible Society seeks to serve the growing evangelical Church of the fourth largest country in the world.

His name was *John of the Cross*, and he made a practice of selling Scriptures on the suburban trains of Rio de Janeiro. He had worked out a technique of Bible selling whereby in the course of a suburban journey he would spend a few minutes in each coach.

On this particular day he waited till the train pulled up at the first station, and there was a brief respite from the noisy rattle of the wheels on the rails. Then, taking his stand at the end of the coach, he began to speak loudly enough for all to hear. "Here is the very thing you need," he began, holding up what looked like an illustrated magazine. "Carnival is over now, and Easter is approaching. This is the period in which to prepare your hearts and minds, and this Book will help you to prepare better than anything else in the world. This Book tells what God has done for us all. It tells the story

of the angel's announcement to the blessed virgin Mary; it tells of the birth of Jesus, of His infancy, of His home in Nazareth. It tells of His life and teaching, of His death and resurrection. It is all here in this Book, and there are pictures too—pictures of the places where Jesus was born and brought up, where He was crucified for our sakes, and where He rose again. This is the Book you need. Buy it and you buy a blessing. And here on the back my name and address are stamped, so that if you care to write to me you can do so, or if you would like to come and talk to me I am always at home on Saturdays."

Then he began selling, walking down the length of the coach as he did so. The price per copy was the same as the cost of two newspapers, so that it was cheap enough. Men and women alike bought, and in all about eight or nine copies were sold. In a few cases people put questions to him, and he stopped for a moment or two to answer them and to explain more fully what the gospel was about.

Just as the train was slowing down for the next station he stepped into the next coach. As soon as the train started he began to talk once more. It took about two minutes, not more, and his little speech was very similar to his brief message in the first coach.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Lord's Day

SUNDAY MOVIES BY LOCAL OPTION

Thirteen Pennsylvania municipalities had local option elections to determine whether movie houses should be open on Sundays. Ten of them approved Sunday movies, while two others voted to retain the ban, and one municipality where existing movies were challenged approved their continuance. In no case did an area which already had Sunday films vote against them. (Sunday movies are illegal in Pennsylvania except by vote of local approval.)

BOYCOTT STORES THAT SELL ON SUNDAY

Many churches in the Lansing area of Michigan are urging their members to boycott all stores which remain open on Sundays.

Pulpit warnings against Sunday shopping are getting a loud "Amen" from merchants who deplore the "stampede toward a wide-open Sunday." One grocer said, "If church people would stop grocery buying on Sunday there wouldn't be enough trade left to warrant any chain grocery to remain open."

Education

ABANDONS IDEA OF STARTING EACH SCHOOL DAY WITH PRAYER

Daniel L. Schlafly, a member of the Board of Education at St. Louis, Mo., gave up his idea of opening local public schools each day with prayer after Protestant and Jewish leaders raised objections to the proposal. The head of the Metropolitan Church Federation said that the home and the church or synagogue should have sole responsibility for the prayer habits of children. The Rabbinical Association and Rabbinical Council felt the same way.

The 22-word nondenominational prayer that the board member had proposed, and which the children in many American communities are using voluntarily each school day, was as follows:

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

CABINET MINISTER CALLS FOR MORE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the U. S. Government, called on Methodists to place Christian education "at the top of our list of priorities, since spiritual illiteracy is a major problem confronting us." Mr. Flemming, addressing a convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, said that if Christianity is to fulfill its functions the following points must be kept in mind:

1. "All who accept Christ as Lord and Master are called to be His ministers." The cabinet minister added that "the good pastor cultivates the ministerial possibilities of all his members."

2. "Men and women are going to achieve high standards of performance as ministers of Jesus Christ only as they are willing to set aside substantial time for study."

3. "There is no substitute for the strength that comes from worshipping together."

4. "Only as we take up our cross—take the challenge of the Master in a very realistic way—can we talk with conviction to others about Christ's way of life."

5. "We must pray together and for one another. From my experience of being in government," he added, "I have come to realize as never before the power of intercessory prayer."

Temperance

URGES CURBS ON BEER ADVERTISING

If the United Temperance Movement of Minnesota has its way, beer advertising in "the land of ten thousand lakes" will be placed under the same restrictions that govern hard liquor advertising. The movement is seeking legislation to prevent brewers from featuring women or family scenes in their advertisements, and from claiming any healthful benefits from their products.

W. H. Korfhage, administrative director of the Minnesota temperance group, says the outlook is not alto-

gether dark. The state liquor commissioner, at the urging of the temperance movement, has directed airlines based in Minnesota to cease their advertising of "champagne flights."

LIQUOR ALLOWED ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

Colby College in Waterville, Maine, now permits alcoholic beverages, in "moderate" amounts, on the campus, according to the November 5th issue of *The Watchman-Examiner*. The college said it was revising its rules to permit drinking in fraternity houses and men's dormitories only.

"Christian parents should remember these temptations when they send their children to school," the magazine warns. "The ancestors who established Colby would shudder at such news."

BARTENDERS GET MORAL SUPPORT FROM CATHOLIC OFFICIAL

Tavern keepers at Grand Rapids, Mich., were urged by the radio and television director of the local Roman Catholic diocese to "stand up and fight the blue-nosed enemies of the liquor industry." Controlled drinking relieves tensions and helps people relax, the Rev. Hugh Michael Beahan told delegates to the National Licensed Beverage Association's annual convention.

"Because drinking creates a problem for a relatively few people, we should not consider depriving the vast majority of normal adults," he declared. Bartenders, he added, should get rid of their inferiority complexes as they are in "an honorable profession."

In case this priest does not know it, the researchers have found that one out of every twelve drinking Americans is, or will become, an alcoholic. There are 4,712,000 alcoholics in the U.S. today. Is this "a relatively few people"? An irresponsible attitude toward the liquor evil has brought this country to the edge of catastrophe. It is estimated that there are a quarter of a million new alcoholics every year. Religious leaders ought to be the last ones to aid and abet the shameful business of the brewers and distillers that has ruined millions of lives.

Safety

CHURCHES WARNED OF FIRE DANGER

The National Fire Protection Association has warned churches of the danger of fires during the winter heating season. It said that during the past year church property valued at \$18,166,000 was destroyed by fire. There were 4,200 church fires in the U.S. during the twelve-month period.

In analyzing the blazes, the fire protection association found that defective heating systems were the greatest single cause. Incendiaries were listed as the second; churches are more subject to arson than other types of buildings, it said. Faulty electrical wiring was cited as the third cause of church fires.

"One thing we would like to preach is the necessity for exit drills in Sunday schools," the association said. "They are just as essential as in public schools—more so, in many instances, because Sunday school quarters frequently include odd corners and rooms here and there, basement areas, etc., pressed into service to meet expansion needs."

However, it pointed out that the greatest problem in many church fires is delayed discovery. "So often there are few or no people around the building to detect the fire. This allows a small blaze to grow into a big one." It recommended the installation of sprinklers and automatic fire detection.

Foreign

YUGOSLAVIA HIT BY BIBLE FAMINE

Sources in Belgrade report that churches and religious communities throughout Yugoslavia are beginning to suffer from a serious shortage of Bibles. The Communist government will not permit the Scriptures to be printed within the nation and the sole source of supply is the British and Foreign Bible Society. However, the government has restricted imports of Bibles to 500 to 1,000 copies per month for the past two years.

All last summer there were no Bibles coming through the mail at all. This fall the Belgrade office of the Bible Society received small quantities, but some of the packages only arrive after long delays, having been rerouted to Middle East countries for unexplained reasons; and hundreds of Bibles are presumably lost in transportation.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Was Peter saved when he started following Jesus, or was he saved later on?

I believe Peter was saved from the time Jesus called him and he responded to the call. If the seventy whom Jesus sent forth had their names written in heaven (Luke 10:20), certainly the names of the twelve apostles must have been there also.

Was it obedience which caused the walls of Jericho to fall? Joshua 6:20.

It was the obedience of faith. The people did as Joshua told them because they believed in God and in Joshua.

In Genesis 4:17, Cain is said to be the father of Enoch, while in Genesis 5:18 it says Jared was the father of Enoch. Also in Genesis 4:18 it says Lamech was the son of Methusael, while in Genesis 5:25 it says Lamech was begotten by Methuselah. Can you explain these seeming contradictions?

In Genesis 4:16-19 we have a record of the descendants of Cain, while in Genesis 5 we have the descendants of Seth, Cain's younger brother. There were two Enochs, and two Lamechs: those in the line of Cain, and those who descended from Seth.

Was it the Lord's will for Paul to go to Jerusalem in spite of the warnings, or did he go against the will of God? Acts 21:4.

I suppose there might be differences of opinion concerning this. Some might think Paul's love for his people, the Jews, became greater than his judgment. Others might believe the warnings were only to prepare him for what was before him. If Paul made a mistake in going, God knew the sincerity of his heart and never left him. (This can be a comforting lesson to any of us should we find we have missed the will of God. If our hearts are honest we may be sure God will never leave us, although our mistakes may bring deep sorrows.) On the other hand, if it was only warning, then we get the lesson that the will of God does not always exclude suffering, but God will never leave us nor forsake us.

I felt a call to Bible school and foreign service and gave up my business that I might obey. Then I was not accepted when I made application to enter school. I still feel this burden. Will you explain how I may know what a call from the Lord is?

It is well, if a person feels a burden in his heart, that he dedicate himself in willingness to obey. The rest must be left in the hands of divine providence, God's working out His will and plan. If the Lord purposes our fulfilling the conviction which we have felt, He must open the way. If the way remains closed, then we should joyfully serve God where we are until the way opens. We should never permit Satan to accuse us of being unwilling, or being out of divine purpose, when we have done what we can. We must commit our ways to the Lord. "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Corinthians 8:12).

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



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The Bible in the Home

EVERY GOOD PARENT WISHES THE best for his children—in health, in education, in opportunity, in companionship and, above all, in character. Homes are established to insure these very things. The location of the home, its appointments, its daily program, its atmosphere, are all studied particularly that those who live there may grow in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Which immediately suggests the Bible. The Bible has been the cornerstone of the best homes always and everywhere. The Bible was first used by Christians in the home. The churches met in homes. The schools likewise. These have outgrown the home, but the Bible still does its best work in its original setting.

The Sunday school movement came into being principally because the Bible was being neglected in so many homes. And the Sunday school has its place. Wise parents will attend it themselves, not only to encourage their children, but to improve their own knowledge and love of the Bible. But far more can be done for the development of character through the use of the Bible at home than anywhere else.

Children unconsciously develop the interests of their parents. Parental enthusiasm for music, for flowers, for art, is contagious. Likewise, parental enthusiasm for the Bible.

The following suggestions are offered for the effective use of the Bible in the home:

1. Give the Bible a regular place among those things the family does together. The family eats together, and every meal may well begin with prayers which reflect the Bible's teachings. Recitation of memory verses of praise and thanksgiving may be encouraged at this time.

2. At family worship time the family may naturally gather around the Bible and its message.

3. In every home the Bible should be an object of respect. It is well for each member of the family to possess his own copy of the Bible. Even very small children enjoy this sense of ownership, and may thus develop the right attitude toward the Book.




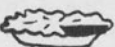













4. As children mature, parents will find many helpful arrangements of the Scriptures, printed in large type for beginners, with pictures and other aids to unfolding interest. Older children who have mastered some of the principles of elementary education will welcome instruction in the use of a teacher's edition of the Bible with references, concordance, topical indexes, maps, and other helps.

5. Many homes have been helped by establishing in the living room a Bible corner, where there may be assembled a small family Bible with family register pages faithfully kept, children's editions of the Scriptures, a Bible dictionary, and other books that help toward an understanding of God's Word. In addition to its convenience, this practice places constant emphasis upon the fact that the Bible is different and more important than any other book in the house.

The successful use of the Bible in the home lies with the parents. Underneath all else must be an unshakable conviction that, in spite of all the

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The Family Altar



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

Monday, December 14

Read: John 1:1-8

Learn: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

For the Parent: With the advent of the Christmas season, it would be well to remind the family group that Jesus existed even before He was born in Bethlehem. He is, in fact, eternally existent. From this passage point out that Christ is the eternal Word, v. 1; He was with God and He was God, v. 1; He is the Creator, v. 3; He is the absolute life and light, vv. 4, 5. John the Baptist bore witness to Him, vv. 6-8.

Question Time: What does this passage tell us about the beginning of Christ? (vv. 1, 2) Who created the world? (v. 3)

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. Gordon Marker, Bolivia.

Tuesday, December 15

Read: John 1:9-14

Learn: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. The Eternal Son, existing as an equal to God, laid aside His heavenly glory and took the form of man. This is known as the Incarnation. This is why we celebrate Christmas. Emphasize from this passage the alternative reactions that all men have to Christ—either accepting or rejecting Him, vv. 9-12.

Question Time: What happens to those who receive Christ? (v. 12) What is the Incarnation? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Hazen D. Wolverton, S. Africa; Mrs. Verlin I. Stewart, Cuba; Pearl M. Estep, Bolivia; Talmage F. Butler, Senegal; W. Franklin Dunbar, Uruguay; Leonard M. McNutt, Togo.

Wednesday, December 16

Read: John 1:15-23

Learn: "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

For the Parent: Review the material studied earlier this week. The witness of John the Baptist to Jesus Christ shows that John knew that Jesus always has existed, v. 15. Jesus came to bring us grace and truth, v. 17. He also is the only one who can reveal God the Father to us, v. 18. The mission of John the Baptist is explained in verses 19-23—he

was preparing the way for the coming of the Messiah.

Question Time: How is God revealed to us? (v. 18) How do we know that John the Baptist believed that Jesus always existed? (v. 15)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. John H. Kenney, Hawaii; Jay V. Ruth, Venezuela; Eugene Meador (Deaf), Okla.

Thursday, December 17

Read: Luke 1:26-38 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

For the Parent: For many years God had promised His people that He would send them a Redeemer who would save them from their sins. Now God's time had come—He was ready to fulfill His promise. Review the story of how the angel told Mary she would become the mother of the Son of God. (Here compare Isaiah 7:14.) Also show Mary's ready acceptance of God's will for her life.

Question Time: What promise had God made to man? (See above) How did He send this Redeemer? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Verena Rich, India; June Pearson (Indian), Ariz.

Friday, December 18

Read: Luke 2:1-20 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

For the Parent: Have the group review the story of the first Christmas. Point out: (1) how Mary and Joseph happened to go to Bethlehem so Jesus could be born

there—in fulfillment of Micah 5:2; vv. 1-6; (2) the place where Jesus was born, v. 7; (3) the announcement of His birth to the shepherds, and their reaction, vv. 8-20.

Question Time: Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? (vv. 1-5) What happened while they were there? (vv. 6, 7) Who told the shepherds about this? (v. 9)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Foster B. Wood, Hawaii; Mrs. Paul C. Wright, Nyasaland.

Saturday, December 19

Read: Matthew 2:1-12

Learn: "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy" (Matthew 2:10).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Visit of the Wise Men" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the events related to the birth of Jesus, as studied Thursday and Friday. When Christ was born, shepherds came to worship Him, and Wise Men started toward Bethlehem from a far-off country. Review this story, pointing out their search; their encounter with King Herod; Herod's wicked cunning; the reappearance of the star to the Wise Men; their worship of Christ.

Question Time: How did the Wise Men know that Jesus had been born? (v. 2)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Orville J. Hopkins, El Salvador; Geraldine Morrison, Burma; Mrs. Arlie O. Bass, Hawaii; Beth Handy, Spanish Lit. Dept.; Everett G. Hale, Bolivia; Mrs. Einar Peterson, Cuba; Albert Foster (Indian), Ariz.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: George H. Davis, Costa Rica; Mrs. E. P. Sjoberg, Philippines; Mrs. O. H. Carlson, Pakistan; Kathryn Vogler, N. India.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that more established Assemblies of God churches over the nation will catch the vision of opening branch churches in needy areas near them.

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Campus Ambassador, a free C. A. magazine for college students, is now being mailed to more than a thousand Assemblies of God young people in secular colleges. Pray that the magazine will help them keep their faith strong in Christ.

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Over 200 servicemen from around the world have recently written to the
If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?—
Luke 11:13

Servicemen's Division indicating their need for salvation. Pray that the Lord will bless the ministry of this Division in seeking to win these souls for Christ.

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Lula M. Baird is opening a chapel in Ipoh, Malaya, a city of 185,000 without a full-gospel message. Pray for Mrs. Baird as she pioneers this new work.

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Basutoland has just received independence in the British commonwealth. Pray for our missionaries and national workers as they use this new status to further the cause of Christ in that African country.



Curtis W. Ringness (right), National Secretary of the Department of Benevolences, and Auburn Hayes, of the contracting firm, turn the first shovels of dirt which will begin the building of the Assemblies of God Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida.

A DREAM IS COMING TRUE!

IT WAS A TYPICAL FLORIDA DAY, WITH warm sun and a delightful breeze, as the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Assemblies of God Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida got under way. While the brethren who met to turn the first shovels of earth bowed in gratitude to God, the twenty-two retired ministers and missionaries who live in Pinellas Park Home knelt together.

This was a special day in their lives and they felt mixed emotions—reluctance to leave the only home many of them had ever known; gratitude for the promise of a larger, more convenient building.

"May I take this chair to the new home?" a sweet-faced old man asked, referring to the worn rocker in his room. "I'd feel more at home."

Used to a life of moving from one church to another, unable to accumulate sentimental possessions, it is difficult for them to realize that this is actually "home," just as surely as the house across the street with green awnings and flowers around the front steps is "home" to the family who lives there. And so the old gentleman must be assured that he may indeed take his rocker to the new home.

A real home, comfortable and secure, is the very least we can give to those who sacrificed so much to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of others. The residents of Pinellas Park Home will have fond memories of time spent there. But the old house is too small to accommodate the number of folk who need our care; it is

not a convenient house for the aged; its location is isolated for people who have spent their lives in busy, active ministry.

Our new Home will be situated adjacent to the campus of South-Eastern Bible College and the South Florida District camp ground. This will provide opportunity for the residents to attend special services and perhaps have some ministry. The new Home will also be large enough to accommodate more homeless folk, and all rooms will be on the ground floor.

Money for this project? It has been started on faith—faith in the Assemblies of God people whom we know to be compassionate and loving, people who are eager to care for their own.

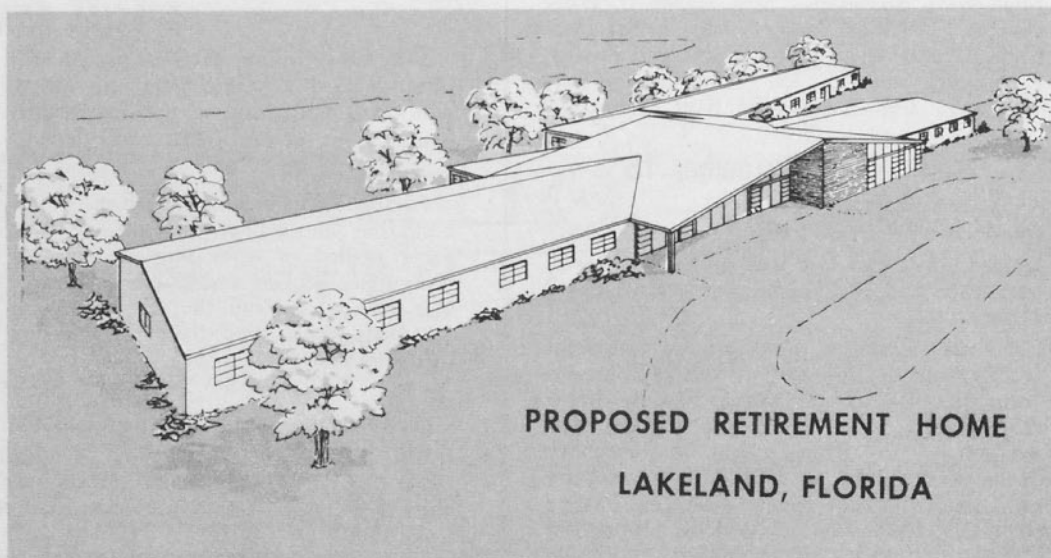
On December 29 the cornerstone will be laid. This cornerstone will contain

the names of those who make donations of any size to the building of the new Home.

Before the Home is dedicated in February we are expecting to place bronze plaques in the foyer with the names of many districts, churches, and individuals who have donated the building cost of rooms. And on the door of each room will hang a plaque containing the name of the individual or group who furnished that particular room.

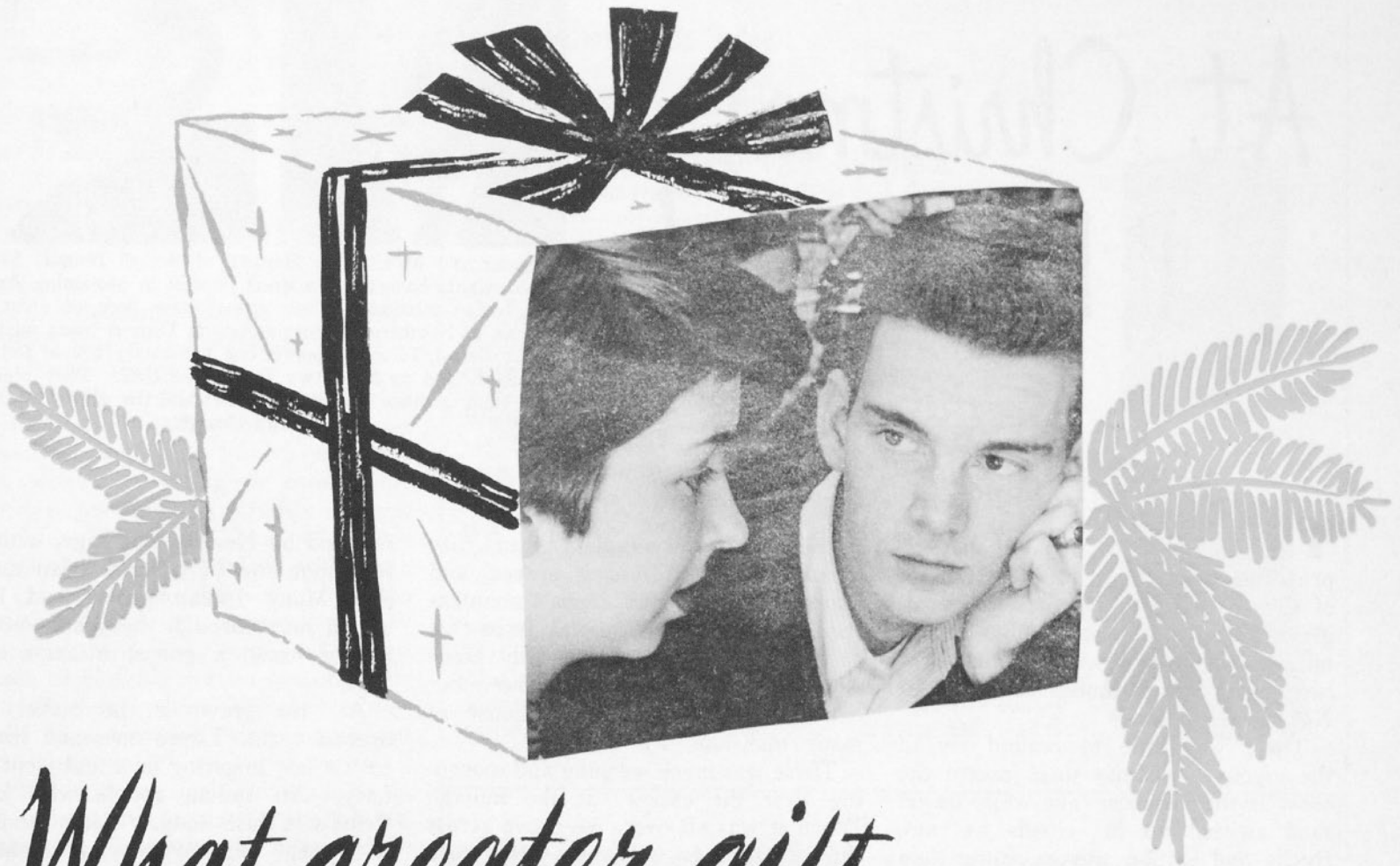
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At Christmas... I Remember!

BY ALPHA HENSON
Sacramento California



Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Henson, of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif., have taken a great interest in promoting American Indian missions. Their efforts have been of great assistance to Northern California-Nevada District home missionaries. Bethel Temple supports one missionary couple and has already helped to build two Indian churches. They plan to help build another one in 1960 through the efforts of their Children's Church.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON WAS APPROACHING when I attended the funeral of Cema, an Indian woman. The old, gray Indian church stood on a lonely hillside on the reservation, which was surrounded by the beautiful snow-capped Nevada Mountains.

There was little to remind me of the joyous Christmas time, except the snow in the distance. The white desert sand swirled up in clouds as cars, trucks and station wagons came to a halt at this rugged little church. My heart went out to these "first Americans" who had come to honor their dead.

I was reminded that two thousand years ago in a rugged stable behind a Bethlehem inn our Saviour was born. This week, in similarly poor surroundings a poverty-stricken Indian woman had died and was now probably hearing that same heavenly chorus that sang at the birth of our Redeemer.

Suddenly, an Indian man emerged from the crowd outside the church. He took the padlock off the knife-scarred door that had barred intruders from this hallowed place and we went inside. There a small casket of the cheapest construction rested on a crudely carved bench. Three sprays of flowers of the brilliant hue that Indians love were brought in and laid on the little gray coffin.

As I sat on one of the rough-hewn benches I was remembering how I had met Cema only a few days before. I had knelt with the missionary by her bedside in the eight-by-ten room where she lived. We read the Bible to her, prayed with her, and asked God to relieve her of all pain. She had tuber-

culosis and weighed less than fifty pounds. God heard our prayer, and His glory came upon Cema's countenance. Cema went to be with Jesus that day. She left the small earthly home where poverty and pain had been her daily fare and entered the house of many mansions.

There was much weeping and mourning over the casket at the funeral. When it was all over, we drove across the desert sands, followed by the truck that served as a hearse. The procession was a long one. It was many miles to the isolated graveyard sur-

rounded by Nevada blue sage, with its row upon row of white wooden markers. Many Indian people had been buried here through the years without having heard a gospel message even once.

At the graveside the casket was opened again. Loved ones and friends took a last lingering look and wept bitterly. An Indian couple who knew Cema's Christ sang, "Come and go with me," and, "Put your hand in the hand of my Saviour." A loved one came out of the crowd and in the Indian language encouraged the be-



Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cayton, missionaries to the Indians of Nevada. They are supported by Bethel Temple, Sacramento, California.

reaved. Another loved one pulled the shroud over Cema's face. Then the casket was closed and lowered in the grave byariat ropes tied on each end of it. Someone came through the crowd with a small, worn suitcase and lowered Cema's paltry possessions into the grave with her.

Going from that funeral service to the motel, I thought of all that was transpiring in my own comfortable home. On the following morning I would fly back to enjoy all that comfort. There I would join friends and loved ones in buying Christmas presents and preparing for the dinner celebrations that were to take place during this festive season.

I thought of our Christmas service in California's capital city where we would worship in a lovely sanctuary. We would be sitting in comfortable seats instead of on crudely hewn benches. We would hear Christmas carols sung by choice talent, while here on the reservation there would be the chanting of a forgotten people as they prepared their *pinion* soup, and opened boxes of clothing we no longer need; and as they opened boxes of homemade toys that we had sent to the missionary a few weeks before.

After standing by Cema's casket in the little church on the lonely hillside, I am sure Christmas will never be the same to me. I will, perhaps, be busy in my home to make it a festive time, according to the white man's custom; but I shall look beyond my own comfortable surroundings to a bleak and lonely reservation, to a needy and forgotten people. Among them, food and clothing are scarce. There is little warmth in their tiny one-room houses. Do they not have a right to share the good things pertaining to our nation? Are they not the original Americans? Above all, they should be given their chance to know the gospel of the Christ of Christmas. Let us do our part to keep our home missionaries on the field and to equip them to fulfill the great calling that is theirs. Offerings marked "For Indian Missions" may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong; and yet far over the waters its friendly light is seen by the mariner. So let your actions shine out your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by all your actions.
—Spurgeon

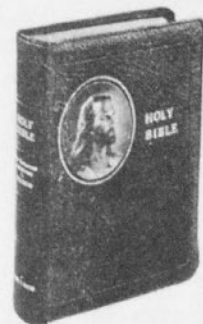
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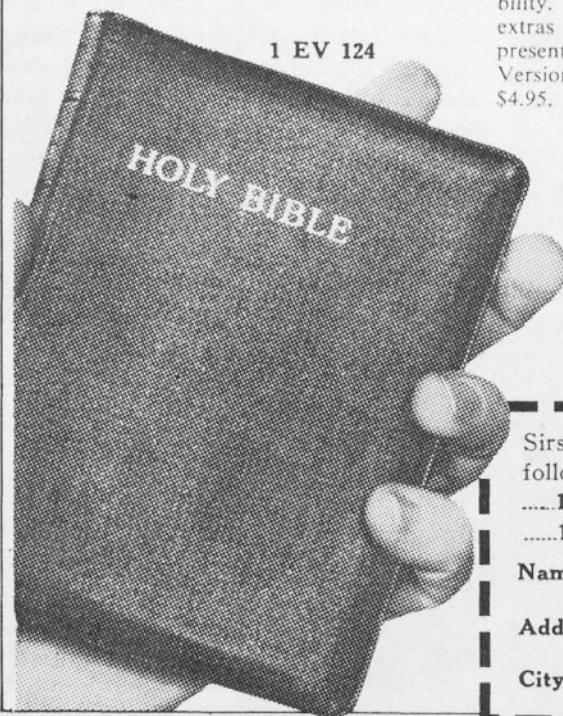
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MY EYES ARE STILL WET WITH TEARS of joy because God swept down over our entire senior class this morning.

I saw the tears of Andreas, who only a year and a half ago was a wild, heathen boy who knew nothing of God's love; the tears of Junas, whose mother still disowns him and has cruelly beaten him many times for the gospel's sake; the tears of Dode, a young woman of royal Amboinese lineage, who is becoming a fine preacher and worker for the Lord. This is not an unusual experience among us, for God often blesses us together.

In a few weeks these students will graduate from Bethel Moluccan Bible Institute here at Ambon, Indonesia, and enter active Christian service among their own people. I am thinking of their past—and their future—and God's bountiful grace.

Recently a number of the English-speaking students wrote testimonies as to why they came to Bible school. Let me share some of them with you.

One student wrote, "I still remember February 2, 1955, when I was twenty-

Mrs. Devin has been a missionary to Indonesia for 21 years.

six years old. I went to the church of the Assemblies of God at Ambon. I listened to the gospel there and knew for the first time that I was a sinner. The Lord saved me and sent me to Bible school. Now my lessons are almost finished. Soon I must leave this school to bring the gospel everywhere. I am very, very glad and happy, too, in the way of the Lord. I will bring the people to Him until He comes back again, or until I die. I can say, 'Good-by to the world! And THANK YOU, JESUS! Amen.'"

Another student, Thung Dji Bo, a Chinese boy from the capital city of Djakarta, testified, "After my conversion I had a desire to work for the Lord but I did not worry about it. I thought I should take care of my business first. Strangely enough, my business grew more and more, but finally I decided to give it all up and come to Bible school. I told my mother and stepfather and they agreed that I could go to Bible school. A few days later I sailed for Ambon. Very soon after I arrived, Jesus baptized me in the Holy Spirit. Everyone ought to know that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. I long to preach for

HIM. I want my life to be a blessing to others. Hallelujah!"

Thung Dji Bo has turned into a fine evangelist. He is being used more and more in winning young people to the Lord.

Then there was Tet Tjia. She was given into my keeping about three months before her mother died. She was a great help to me in opening the work in the Batjan Island group. She is now twenty years of age and pastors two works on the island of Sapparua, about twenty-five miles east of Ambon.

Tet Tjia writes, "We praise God for His wonderful, mighty power that always works and anoints us. Sunday morning we have almost no place for the people in the Hairea church. Every Sunday night we have services at Paperu where the house is always full, and the yards also. We hold our street meeting on Wednesday, and when we start to sing many people come and listen with open mouths just like they are hungry, and ask for God."

I have mentioned only a few of our workers. If you could understand how deeply spiritual many of these foreign students are and what your Assemblies of God Bible schools all over the world are doing toward the upbuilding of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am sure you would agree with me that the foreign Bible school pays and pays and *pays*.



Paul Tehupuring and Mrs. Edna M. Devin with the students and class of 1959 of the Bethel Moluccan Bible Institute, Kate-Kate, Ambon, Indonesia

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ALL-INDIA PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

The All-India Pentecostal Fellowship is an outgrowth of efforts to draw the Pentecostal believers of India into closer co-operation. For the past ten years this fellowship has arranged united campaigns to prevent overlapping of Pentecostal efforts in India. At a recent meeting of the Fellowship it announced that there has been a definite upsurge of Pentecostal influence and testimony in the Asian country. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edwards (second row, third and fourth from the right) represented the Assemblies of God at the conference in Madras.

Church Participation In Missionary Giving

August 1959

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
N. Dakota	49	48	98%
Montana	67	63	94%
S. Dakota	50	46	92%
New Jersey	98	89	91%
Ohio	172	155	90%
Minnesota	146	129	88%
Kansas	164	144	88%
Nebraska	79	68	86%
Oregon	199	166	83%
Wis.-N. Mich.	137	114	83%
Northwest	276	225	82%
W. Central Michigan	221	180	81%
S. Idaho	57	46	81%
S. N. England	63	50	79%
S. Florida	161	127	79%
Rocky Mtn.	127	100	79%
S. California	382	298	78%
Potomac	172	134	78%
N. Carolina	74	57	77%
New York	154	118	77%
Illinois	209	160	77%
Eastern	266	202	76%
Wyoming	37	28	76%
N. N. England	57	43	75%
New Mexico	79	59	75%
Arkansas	438	319	73%
Oklahoma	489	354	72%
W. Florida	143	102	71%
Indiana	162	113	70%
W. Texas	132	91	69%
Georgia	136	92	68%
S. Texas	268	178	66%
Alabama	249	163	65%
Mississippi	94	60	64%
S. Missouri	353	223	63%
Louisiana	149	94	63%
Tennessee	113	71	63%
Kentucky	63	39	62%
Arizona	91	55	60%
N. Calif.-Nev.	337	187	55%
S. Carolina	54	29	54%
N. Texas	521	276	53%
Appalachian	73	36	49%

Organ Donated for Malaya Bible Institute

BY HOWARD OSGOOD

Missionary to Malaya

UNEXPECTED GIFTS TOUCH THE heart! When Frederick L. Mann heard that Malaya Bible Institute was to open early in 1960, the Lord willing, he offered to give to the school a reconditioned Hammond organ with speaker. It is a church model in A-1 condition. We are taking it with us to Kuala Lumpur.

The organ will serve many purposes. Many young people will be trained for better service, both in singing and playing. Chapel services will be greatly enriched.

Perhaps the greatest help will be derived from the part the organ will play in the making of tapes for radio broadcasting. It is planned that a student choir as well as soloists and smaller groups will unite their talents in the preparation of these tapes. Malaya is a land of many languages. Many dialects of the Chinese language are spoken there. Thus it may be possible to prepare programs in various tongues.

When the tapes are prepared they will be sent to the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila and beamed from there back to Malaya. It is hoped that the programs may also go beyond the bamboo Curtain.

We appreciate the generosity of Brother Mann in making this gift.

MISSIONARY News Notes

TO THE FIELD: The J. W. Tuckers returned to Belgian Congo on September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kornelsen and family returned to Nigeria on September 28.

On September 29 the Ralph Hollandsworths, newly appointed missionaries, sailed for Liberia.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeVito and son have transferred from Paraguay to Dominican Republic. Their address is Apartado 153, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker and family



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollandsworth



The Walter Kornelsen family



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeVito and son

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Sunday School Lesson for December 20, 1959

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Wise Men of our lesson text have been much publicized both in sermon and song. Much concerning them is veiled in mystery; hence, it is impractical to speculate where the Scriptures are silent.

THE SEEKERS AND THE STAR (Matthew 2:1, 2)

They were scholars and scientists. They came from the East, probably from Persia where they may have been members of a priestly tribe known as "Magi," their chief occupation being to study stars and interpret dreams.

They noted the appearance of a strange star. Since Daniel and Balaam had both prophesied in Persia, the Wise Men may have been acquainted with their predictions. See Numbers 24:17. Thus when Balaam's star appeared they concluded that it spoke of the birth of this great Ruler.

They were wise in the employment of their intellect and education. In their case, it led them to Christ! How sad that today so many men profane God-given powers and abilities until intelligence becomes a snare and a curse which drives men away from Christ rather than toward Him as was divinely intended! How is it with us? Are we employing all of our God-given powers in seeking Christ and the glory of His kingdom?

They were wise in their courage and persistence. Their search necessitated a long, difficult, and dangerous journey. They risked their lives in disobeying Herod. What a contrast there is between the indifference of Jewish scribes and religious leaders and their own intense hunger to find Christ!

THE SEEKERS AND THE KING (Vv. 3-9)

The king's fear. "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled." Observe: (1) Christ brought joy to the Wise Men, but terror to Herod. There is always one of two reactions when one meets Christ. Christ is either the source of our keenest troubles, or the beginning and continuation of our greatest joys. Good people are a constant thorn in the side of the wicked. The presence of Christ in the life of a consecrated Christian is a rebuke to the half-hearted Christian. (2) Herod was troubled because he regarded Christ as a rival to his throne. Men often reject Christ rather than risk the possibility of material and earthly loss.

The king's feigned devotion. Pretending to desire to worship Christ also, Herod instructed the Wise Men to inform him of Christ's whereabouts after they had found Him. Herod's real purpose was to kill this One whom he regarded as a rival. What arrant hypocrisy!

But Herod is not alone in his feigned devotion. Millions are pretending devotion to Christ, particularly at this season of the year. There are religious services, religious entertainments, elaborate musical concerts, solemn rituals

and masses, colorful pageantry and plays, plenty of words about Christ but comparatively little real heart devotion to Him! Thank God for those true hearts all over the world which, on the day we celebrate as His birthday, are lifted in transcendent joy and inexpressible adoration to Jesus their Saviour!

THE SEEKERS AND THE CHRIST (Vv. 9-12)

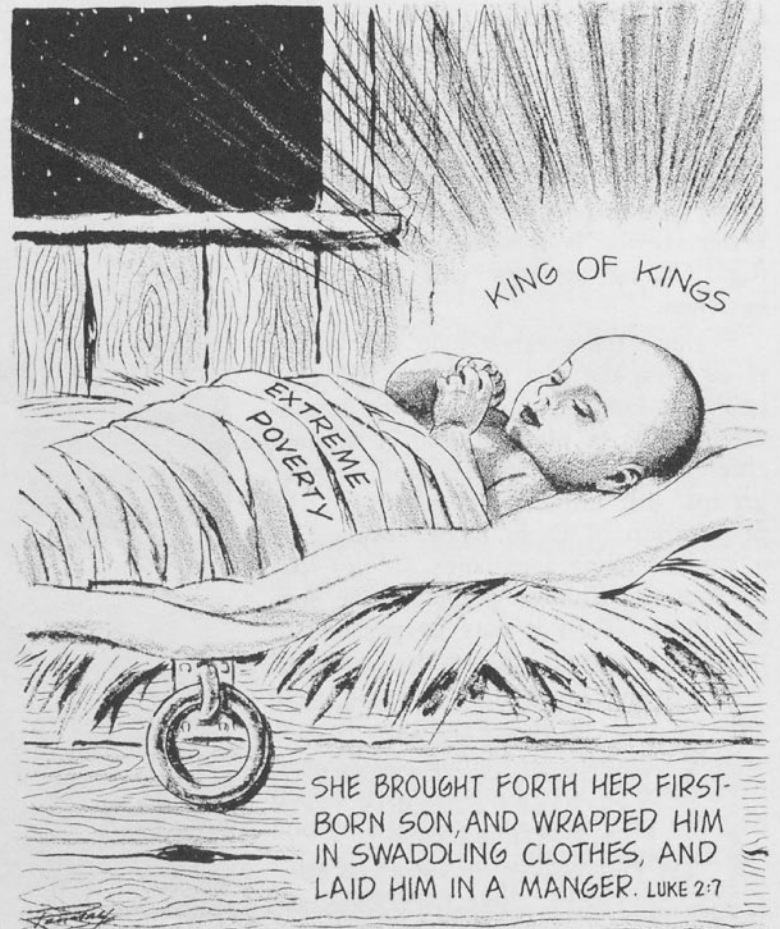
The seekers' search rewarded. The wisdom of the Wise Men is revealed once again in that they were not content merely to admire the star. The star was only a means to an end—to lead them to Christ. They "fell down and worshiped Him." The movement of the star was indeed supernatural, but these men from the East were wise enough not to become sidetracked—they worshiped Jesus, not the supernatural. Have we stopped with the stars? Have we become more taken up with the preacher, the evangelist, our church, our denomination, than with Jesus Himself?

The seekers' worship. How wise these men were in the manner of their conduct in the presence of the Babe! There was nothing about the Child or His surroundings to suggest kingly claims, yet they had implicit faith—faith to see Him as He was: King, Lord, Saviour. Do we see in Him more than others do? Do we see Him as a "has-been" Christ, or as "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever"?

The seekers' sacrifice. Quite apart from the mystical and typical meaning of the gifts they brought is the fact that these gifts were very costly; they involved real sacrifice. God so loves us that He gave His Son for us. In return for that love, is our gratitude expressed at Christmas time in terms of sacrificial giving?

—J. Bashford Bishop

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That describes my condition three years ago. My whole body at one time or another had been affected by what doctors call "just nerves." I had migraine headaches. Sometimes my eyes didn't focus. My heart beat so fast that it was difficult to count the pulse. My breathing was very rapid. I had severe stomach pains. I had black-outs and pains and numbness. I could not be left alone because of my extreme fears.

I was taking heart medicine, tranquilizing drugs, and two kinds of nerve pills. But I was no better for all this. Then I turned to God for help! Truly I found Him to be a God of miracles. He gave me assurance of eternal life. He delivered me from dependence upon drugs. He healed my body. My nervous system is again normal. I have truly been *born again*.

I am no longer afraid of being alone for He is with me. I am no longer afraid of being in crowds for He is there also. I am no longer afraid of life, for life with Him is a joyous experience. I am no longer afraid of dying, for it will be the means of meeting my beloved Saviour face to face.

These things and many more can also be yours; they are bought and paid for by the precious blood of Jesus.

—Mrs. Don Hoadley, East Berkshire, Vt.

(Endorsed by Pastor Hugh M. Corey, Calvary Assembly of God, Richford, Vt.)

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After Many Days

MRS. EDNA SANDERS OF PASADENA, Tex., will always be grateful to God for sending some church visitors along as she lay in a hospital, desperately ill and unsaved.

Although as a teen-ager she had been saved, she was now far from God and in great physical need. She had been ill almost continually since the birth of her first child, and had suffered complications resulting in the premature birth of the second. Soon after its birth, God began to deal with Mrs. Sanders, offering her peace and health, the two things she most sorely needed.

"The doctors gave me sleeping pills," she recalls, "at first one, then two, then three, then they ceased to help. One day I took thirteen. Then I had to go back to the hospital for another operation but still I rejected God."

A month after they moved to Pasadena, Mrs. Sanders underwent more surgery. While in the hospital, she was visited by members of First Assembly of God in Pasadena, where J. R. Goodwin is pastor.

Mrs. Sanders lapsed into a coma while still in the hospital, and her husband and parents were called to her bedside. During this time she was oblivious to all that was going on around her, but God was calling her to Himself. She saw her family lost, she says. "I stood at the edge of hell. I cannot describe the great heat I felt. I heard screams that words cannot express and I smelled an odor like I

had never before smelled, coming up out of that pit.

"Then I heard Jesus promising that if I would live for Him my family would be saved, and I could live and have peace, joy, and the desires of my heart through His name. Praise God! Then and there I said, 'Yes, Jesus!'"

"All this time (four days) the doctors, nurses, and my family thought I was dying. They thought I had lost my mind because I fought so hard when they disturbed me. Because of this it was decided that I should be sent to a hospital in Galveston. In preparation for the trip I was given a strong hypo to quiet me.

"Just as they picked up the carrier to place me in the ambulance I came to myself and my mind was perfectly clear. Jesus seemed so real. I talked with my husband all the way to Galveston and never slept, despite the strong sedative."

Doctors in Galveston could find nothing wrong except that she was very much underweight (she weighed only seventy-five pounds). She gained twenty pounds during the month in that hospital and was sent home.

Then the Lord began to remind her of her promise to live for Him. "For three days," she says, "the devil fought me about calling a preacher for help. Then, remembering the church whose members had called on me in the hospital, I went to the phone and called Pastor J. R. Goodwin of First Assembly.

"When the Goodwins came to my home I told them my story and my need for Jesus. On Sunday I went to church and that night I gave my life, heart, and soul to Jesus. He cleansed and forgave my many sins. He healed my broken heart and mind and body after medical doctors had failed—and He did it, not in a year's time, but in a moment.

"In a single night He saved my soul, healed my body, delivered me from the smoking habit, and filled me with the Holy Spirit. Praise God! He will do the same for you if you are a sinner sick of sin.

"Eight nights later He saved my husband and filled him with the Holy Ghost, and a few months later our little girl was filled with the Holy Ghost.

"On April 27, 1959, I had been saved one year. I've missed only one church service. Jesus has healed us

each time we have become ill, and I have gained twenty-nine pounds. I weigh more than I ever weighed before in all my life. I eat better than ever and sleep like a child. When Jesus does anything, He does it right.

"If you are unsaved and need help, Jesus will help you. He wants to. His hand is outstretched to you. All you have to do is take hold in faith and He will lift you up. Praise God forever!"—Mrs. Edna Mae Sanders, 1416 East Thomas, Pasadena, Tex.

(Endorsed by J. R. Goodwin, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Pasadena, Tex.)

Child Healed of Allergy and Asthma



Pamela

Our daughter Pamela is a tall, healthy five-year-old now, thanks to God's healing power. From the time she was six months old, Pam's skin was not normal. She would get bleeding sores in the bends of her arms and legs. Our family doctor finally sent us to a skin specialist who put her through many tests. He found that she was allergic to almost all foods.

I was saved when Pamela was about two years old. After that, I had her prayed for several times, but she was not healed. I knew that she would be healed but didn't know when.

It was on the last day of a revival at our church that I realized Pam had been healed. I was home with her and she said she was hungry. I gave her some specially prepared food, and at that moment the Lord told me that if

REVIVAL AT S.B.I.

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS (WESTERN UNION)—SIXTY-FOUR HOURS OF CONTINUOUS PRAISE AND WORSHIP HAVE BEEN LIFTED TO GOD DURING SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE'S FALL REVIVAL. EDDIE HUNDLEY, PLAINVIEW, TEX., WAS THE EVANGELIST. IT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS THAT HAS EVER COME TO THIS CAMPUS.

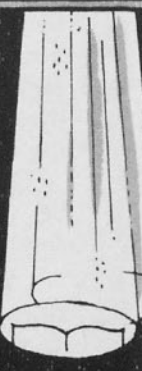
—BY GEORGE BRAZELL, VICE PRESIDENT

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JANUARY IS TRAINING MONTH



I would quit giving her medicine and would take her off her strict diet. He would heal her. I believed, and from that time on she has eaten everything she wants.

The very next day, at a church picnic, I watched her eat the foods she had never been able to eat before, with no ill effects.

This year she was suffering from asthma, and in September the Lord healed her completely.

My husband has also given his heart to the Lord, and our whole desire is to serve the Lord with all our hearts.—Mrs. Leroy Wright, Elmore City, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. R. Evans, Assembly of God, Elmore City, Okla.)

Healed of Spider Bite

On August 18, 1959, my son, Jack Krefting, was bitten in the shoulder by a black widow spider. By the time we got him to a hospital an hour later he was in agony. The doctor gave him what medical treatment he could, then took me aside to tell me it would be "nip and tuck"—he might live and he might not.

The doctor said that because of the location of the bite and the amount of poison in Jack's system, it might be twenty-four hours before he could tell the outcome. He also said that in the only similar case he had treated the patient had suffered convulsions for two weeks.

I called our pastor, Douglas G. Scott, and he came immediately and prayed for Jack. At the same time, Sister Scott called the first member in our church prayer chain, so that within about twenty minutes dozens of Christians were praying for Jack.

At 10 p.m., three hours after Jack first received treatment, the doctor again examined him and said his muscles were relaxing. He said he had taken a sudden, definite turn for the better. He assured us Jack would live. By morning the pain was gone, and on the following morning Jack was released from the hospital with no complications. He is well and strong because God hears and answers prayer!—Mrs. E. Smith, La Mesa, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Douglas G. Scott, La Mesa Gospel Tabernacle, La Mesa, Calif. Brother Scott says, "This healing brought much blessing in the church and renewed faith to trust God. Jack is well and in college now.")

December 13, 1959



“... May I speak to you personally—in your home?” A special Christmas record for you: two Christmas carols and a special message by C. M. Ward, your Revivaltime evangelist.

Dear Evangel Friends:

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But one thing you can do! By giving your prayers and support to *Revivaltime* you can send the gospel around the globe. Via air waves the comforting message of Christ reaches behind the Iron Curtain, within humble villages, and into tiny huts throughout the world.

I have received testimonies from behind the Iron Curtain. Our friends behind the “curtain” can seldom get letters through to us, but even monitors and fear of reprisals do not stop hungry souls from listening to the broadcast behind locked doors.

Hundreds of families throughout the nation and world are together this Christmas season because of *Revivaltime*. God has used the message of the radio broadcast to save fathers and mothers, mend broken homes, reunite families, and avert divorces. Grateful parents and little children have written their testimonies of thanksgiving, praising God for *Revivaltime*.

This Christmas, I am sending my friends a special record. On one side the *Revivaltime* choir sings two beautiful Christmas carols—*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* and *O Come All Ye Faithful*. On the reverse side I have recorded for you a special Christmas message.

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The Day of God

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sluggish waves over the ruins of Gomorrah it speaks of the coming day of judgment. The elements were ready for the Flood. The waters were there awaiting God's command to destroy that wicked generation. Now, Peter tells us that the element of fire is stored up, just waiting for the touch of the hand of God to engulf the whole terrestrial system in the final conflagration. We notice that the wickedness of man ripened as the day of judgment drew near. It is ripening now for the last great catastrophe.

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37). Crimes of violence are increasing; wars and rumors of war plague the world; immorality flourishes on every hand. This old world is on a toboggan slide toward judgment. Now we get a glimpse of the long-suffering of God. He waited 120 years for the people of Noah's day to repent. Some might say today that the Lord delays His coming. But, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The only thing that delays His return now is divine mercy. God is giving this world a little more time in which to repent. But as in Noah's day, the end will come suddenly when it does come. It was too late for the scoffers to enter the ark when God had shut the door. Their doom was eternally sealed!

During the recent General Council at San Antonio, Tex., one of the newspapers there carried a headline pointing out that certain world leaders are saying, "Peace, peace." But this period of uneasy peace enjoyed by some nations today is only a prelude to destruction. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and *they shall not escape*" (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

There was a remnant saved in Noah's day. Noah and his family went into the ark and were safe. And the true Church—"not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord," but those who are genuinely born again of the Spirit—shall be caught away before the tempest

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Mesa	First	Dec. 16-20	Robert Watters	Clyde Powell
	DeWitt	A/G	Dec. 9-20	Bob Swaim & wife	James Thomas
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breaks. We do not have to be here when "all the tribes of the earth [shall] mourn because of him." Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted *worthy to escape* all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

The day of the Lord is at hand. Are you ready? Are you walking in all the light you have? Be sure you are filled with His Spirit and ready for His coming—"looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God."

The Bible in the Home

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difficulties attendant upon securing time for the reading and study of the Bible, it must play a major role in the family's common life and in the individual lives of all the members.

It is important that the family's interest in the Bible be natural and unforced. On the assumption that it is one of the common interests of the group, it should find its natural place in the table talk and other family get-togethers.

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—*American Bible Society Tract*

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The Approach of Christmas



God's intention has been thwarted, that the angel song is destined to make a Tantalus of the whole human race? No, it is not that. Let us go with Jesus down the road a bit and we shall learn something of the meaning of it all. He is talking to His few chosen ones on the eve of His great passion. Listen! "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. . . . In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 14:27; 16:33).

Now I begin to understand. The world's way of giving peace to make outward conditions propitious, and when these are disturbed the peace is gone. The peace that Jesus gives is a peace that is based on a right relationship with God and is realized through an unshakeable trust in God. It is a peace that abides through the storm, a peace that persists through a Gethsemane, a Golgotha. It is "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding."

When I first journeyed from Scotland to North America with my parents we had a cold, stormy voyage. Our ship was tossed like a plaything by the waves. We passed a shoal of icebergs, like majestic white castles. Now the sea was as stormy to them as it was to us. The waves beat upon their towering walls as much as against the hull of our vessel. The wind howled around their snowy heads as fiercely as around our rigging. But the icebergs did not bob like corks. They sailed placidly through the storm as if in defiance of all the elements. The reason? The iceberg sinks deep into the ocean, only one ninth of its height being above the surface. When we sink deep into the love of God, the surface storms of circumstance do not shake our sure repose.

"Peace on earth" when the war-drums are throbbing;
Peace when the skies rain destruction and woe;
Peace while breasts heave with deep sighing and sobbing;
Peace which the Saviour alone can bestow.

And we shall not forget that this peace which the Saviour bestows was dearly purchased, at Calvary.

My Christmas meditation is not yet complete. The peace that I can know in my heart, amid the storm and strife and sin, surely does not exhaust the promise of the angel's carol. The same Lord who spoke peace to troubled hearts spoke peace to the angry elements; and one glad day He who bade the waves of Galilee be at rest will suddenly appear, subdue the warring nations, cast out the powers of evil which have kept this poor world in confusion, and, as Prince of Peace, reign over a world at rest. Yes, this world will yet celebrate a golden Christmas!

"Peace on earth," and war's engines are broken!
Peace, and the skies rain beneficent dew!
Peace among nations, with good will the token!
Peace, for He comes all the earth to renew!

—The Harvester

WHILE WE DO NOT FORGET THE GREAT TRUTHS OF the Incarnation the rest of the year, we have a season when we give that aspect of Christian doctrine special emphasis. Here are some of the thoughts with which I am approaching this Christmas season:

First, I am thinking of the reception that was accorded the Lord of glory in comparison with what might have been, had only His people known. Like Paul, "I speak after the manner of men" (Galatians 3:15), remembering the sovereign ordaining of God on the other side. But how unbelievable that the King for whom Israel had long hoped, the Saviour for whose coming they had earnestly looked, should come all unrecognized, all unwelcomed, and be finally cast out! We cannot escape the tragedy of Christmas, even amid the ringing of bells or the song of the angels. Here is how I have tried to express the terrible contrast between what was to be expected, and what actually occurred:

Awake, O Judah, from the dust of death!
Put off thy mourning garments; deck thee fair
To meet thy King, who cometh to repair
Mount Zion's breach, as ancient prophet saith.
But never a blast of the trumpet,
And never a roll of the drum
Bid a welcome clear
To the infant dear,
Are proclaimed, The Lord is come!

O captive Israel, now break thy chain!
Bring forth the sceptre and the diadem
Set high the throne! This Son of Bethlehem
Now crown as King, whose right it is to reign.
But they gave Him a reed for a sceptre,
Sharp thorn for a circlet of gold,
While His royal throne
Was a cross alone,
And His mantle was grief untold.

Then the question comes home to my own heart: Have I accorded Him a truly royal welcome? have I really given Him the place of sovereignty in my life? does He have the back stable, or the throne room, in my heart?

We cannot come up to Christmas without thinking of this glad season in relation to the conditions of things about us. "Glory to God" we shall say, whatever the vexations of earth, for we know that even the wrath of man shall praise Him, and His strange work of judgment will glorify Him. But when we come to "peace on earth," there is a lump in the throat. Can it be that things have gone awry, that