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

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Typical Basutos, a mainly agrarian people of warrior descent, among whom Assemblies of God missionaries are now working—see page 19.

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The Day the

BY PAUL S. BOYER

Covina, California

THE PRESIDENT IS COMING! THE PRESIDENT IS COMING!" Voices echoed through the jungle of southern Liberia.

The Honorable William V. S. Tubman, President of the Republic of Liberia, had come to visit the Assemblies of God Leprosarium in New Hope Town! It was the first visit of a Liberian chief-of-state to New Hope Town since the colony was established by Miss Florence Steidel in 1947. Planning for this visit started two years ago when an eighteen-mile-long road was built into the colony, but the road had to be repaired and new bridges built before the President could drive in.

We used our own mission jeeps and borrowed some British Landrovers to take the President and his party into the colony. A number of the official party chose to fly, so missionary Lee Roy Ward made four flights into the colony with the official personnel. The President and twenty-three of his immediate cabinet members led a motorcade into New Hope Town. When the party was finally assembled it consisted of fifty men and women.

All of our missionaries were invited to be present when President Tubman arrived. At the village of Karloka the President left his Cadillac and got into Sister Steidel's Speed-the-Light jeep truck. The President's private body guard rode in the back of the truck. The President was impressed with the new road that had been built by some 300 lepers. He promised that the road would be maintained by the Liberian government. It is a jungle road, and it is rough. We averaged ten to twelve miles an hour and had to cross twenty-five bridges. In rainy seasons, when the swamps are high, the eighteen-mile trip takes four hours driving time.

When we arrived at the bridge that crosses the river bordering the leper colony we were greeted by an enthusiastic group of school children. Miss Steidel and our mis-



Miss Florence Steidel welcomes President Tubman to New Hope Town



Presidential party examines bridge on Paul Landrus Road



School children escort the President into the colony



Presidential party pauses in front of the clinic

President Came

sionaries were there also. The bridge had been decorated and a large arch, covered with beautiful flowers and banana leaves, spanned the roadway. Signs everywhere proclaimed, "Welcome, Mr. President."

President Tubman lingered at the bridge, unable to believe his eyes. He examined the 144-foot-long bridge with its four big cement piers. When he saw the size of these piers and the timber in the bridge he could hardly believe we had gone to so much trouble preparing for his visit. The motorcade moved into New Hope Town. The children were marching—the boys in their new light blue pants, white shirts, and ties; the girls in their new dresses. The women had worked hard to make the clothing for the children and had depleted the reserve of cloth in the missionaries' barrels.

The first stop was at the house of a leper. I had told the people to whitewash their houses and get ready for the President's coming. They said, "Pa, is true. We believe you; we believe you mean well, but why would the President come to see us?" Although they did not believe, they whitewashed their homes outside, but few bothered to clean them up inside.

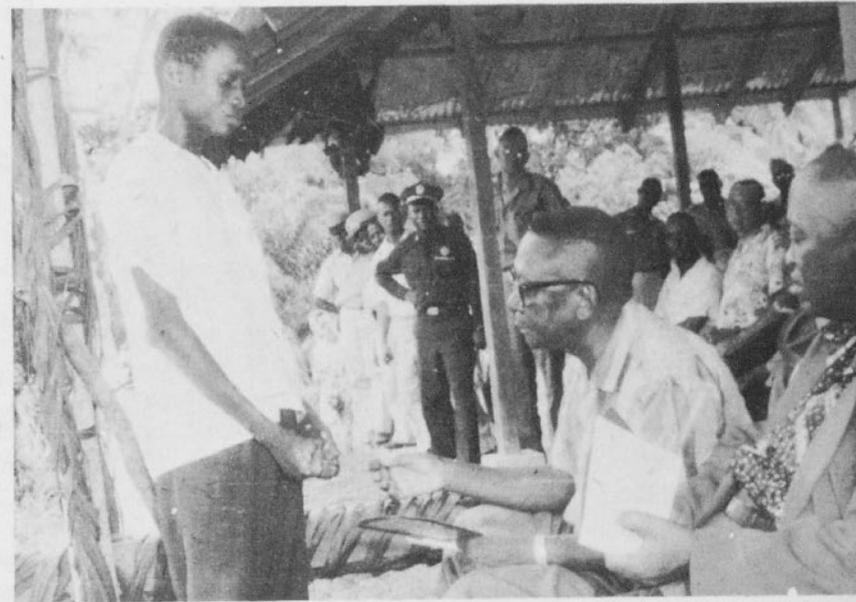
When the President stepped over the threshold into a leper's house he saw one big room, approximately 12 by 14 feet, in which the family cooks, sleeps, and lives. The woman of the house had her cooking pot in the middle of the floor and was preparing a meal. She was not expecting a visit and certainly was not dressed for the occasion.

When she saw the President, the woman was terrified. Her house was not ready; she was not ready—but there she stood in the presence of the President and his official party. This incident is often repeated in the colony as a reminder to be prepared for Jesus' soon return.

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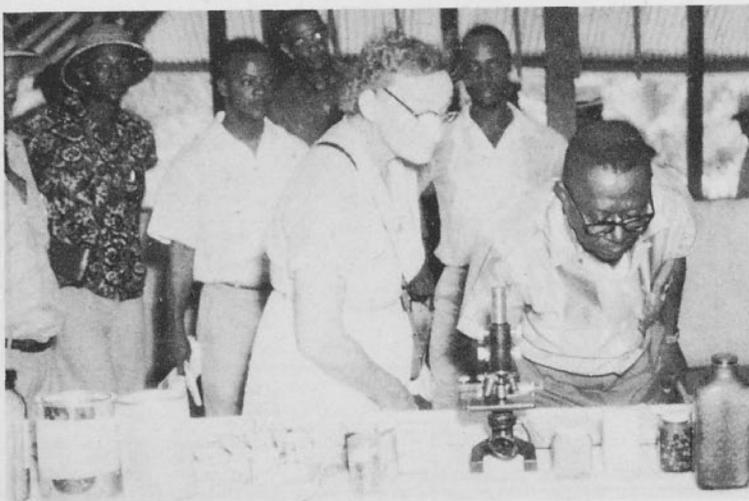
Lepers listen to the President's address



The President inspects a leper who came too late to save his fingers



Miss Dunklee and Mrs. Landrus welcome the President and his party



President Tubman reads from the Bible, "Heal the leper . . ."

Week of Prayer

Sunday, January 3 to Sunday, January 10

The practice of starting the new year with a week of prayer seems to be spreading to more churches each year. The Executive Officers of the Assemblies of God, desiring to encourage this good custom, have designated the first full week of 1960 as a week of prayer. They have issued a call to "the Assemblies of God, our members and friends, to make this week a time of deep heart searching in prayer that God will send a revival among us in our generation."

The need of prayer is abundantly evident, both inside the church and out. The relative number of Christians in the world has been dropping for many years. In 1930 it was estimated that 37 per cent of the world's population was nominally Christian. By 1956 this had dropped to 30 per cent and the proportion grows less each year due to ever-increasing population gains.

Between 1830 and 1930 the world population doubled. By 1980, if the present rate of "population explosion" continues, it will have doubled again. It is estimated that today there are over two and a half billion people on the earth; by 1965 there will be three billion; by 1980 there will be four billion. It will take a mighty "explosion" of Pentecostal power throughout the world to match this population explosion and win these vast throngs of people to Christ.

During 1959 the net increase in the human population will reach fifty million for the first time in history, and it seems that Communism is gaining control over the people faster than Christianity. There are more people living under Communism today than are claimed as members of all Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox churches combined. The actual ratio of Protestant Christian communicants among the people of foreign lands is woefully small. In Africa it is 1 to 17; in Latin America 1 to 20; in the Far East (excluding Communist areas) 1 to 29; in South Asia 1 to 72; in Southeast Asia 1 to 106; in the Middle East 1 to 3,000. If we have a burden for lost souls these statistics certainly ought to move us to prayer.

Here in America the need for a spiritual awakening is greater than ever. Sixty-six million people are outside the churches. The unchurched population increased last year by more than a million. There are said to be 60,000 closed churches in the U.S. Men who ought to know tell us that churches are closing at the rate of 1,000 each year.

Rural America needs a religious revival as much as the cities. It is true that farm population is declining but the rural non-farm population is increasing with the result that there is a net increase in the total rural population. There are 15,000 villages in this great nation which do not have a pastor or a regular church service.

Pray for our home and foreign missionary work. May the Lord help us in 1960 to double our efforts to win the lost in our own communities and throughout the whole world.

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Something to remember—and something to do—in the New Year

The Secret of Successful Missions

BY NOEL PERKIN



THESE ARE ANXIOUS DAYS. NATIONS look fearfully across their borders to other nations, wondering whether some restraining force will hinder the outbreak of smoldering suspicion and hatred which might readily climax in a war of annihilation.

A real war is being waged in the intrigue and political propaganda that is being exerted by so many of the nations, one against another. Endeavors are made to break down confidence, to promote disloyalty, to divide and cater to selfish motives. We call it a "cold war," and it is very effective in many instances. In fact, Dr. James Graham, president of the Christian University of Formosa, stated when in California, "Communism will rule the world. The U.S.A. will fall like a ripe plum into their basket. At the present time the United States could slap down Russia if a war were to start. Russia does not want a war and will not fight." In other words, Dr. Graham believes that by the subtle maneuvering of political forces Russia will yet convert the United States to communism. It is hard for some of us to believe that this could be true; nevertheless, coming from such a well-informed person as Dr. James Graham who has lived on the very border of communism for so many years, it cannot help but arouse our interest and concern.

Fortunately we as Christians do not have to solve these problems by like endeavor or through the utilization of similar weapons. The Scriptures state

Noel Perkin, Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department since 1927, resigned at the last General Council. In January he will become Secretary Emeritus and continue to consult with the Foreign Missions Committee and Foreign Missions Board in an advisory capacity.

that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God." It seems that of all the available resources at our command, prayer is the most effective and the least appropriated. We talk about it and preach about it but few actually practice it. Nevertheless, it is a most potent force that can break down spiritual fortifications, overthrow spiritual powers, and stop, when necessary and in God's will, the activities of misguided or evil leaders and rulers of this world.

This force is not operative until it is taken seriously and with a settled conviction that God hears and God will answer. When Jesus was in agony, facing tremendous forces that were almost beyond endurance, He did not rush to human aid but, "He prayed more earnestly."

More than half of the world is beyond the reach of our missionary endeavor. Happily, this does not mean that these are all beyond the reach of the gospel. It means that other methods of reaching them have to be employed. Radio can be used. The message that is borne on the waves of the air will penetrate homes and hearts which might otherwise never be reached by human instrumentality. Trained national workers, citizens of "closed" countries, can minister in areas where there is no church or where the gospel is unknown. We must produce more literature. Our gospel presses in Africa, in Europe, in Latin America, and in Asia are sending out a constant stream of literature bearing the Water of Life to souls who are thirsting for God, but the stream is pitifully inadequate, and we must increase the outflow. There are towns where hundreds of thousands of people are yet without the gospel witness, and effort must be made to concentrate

our very best evangelistic endeavor to reach these people.

These are needs that are in conformity with the will of God and with His purpose and plan as set forth in the Holy Scriptures. If, therefore, we know we are asking for anything which is according to His will, the Scriptures tell us "we have the petition that we have asked of Him."

In the eighteenth chapter of Luke it is stated, "Men ought always to pray." When God states there is something that we ought to do, we should not hesitate; but for the good of perishing souls as well as for our own good we ought to engage in this greatest of all ministries. It is one that is within the reach of all—from the youngest child who has entered into a consciousness of the presence of a Heavenly Father to the oldest veteran who knows there is a God who never leaves us, never forsakes us, and who will be met so very shortly down the road.

This means that there is not only a force that we should use, not only a need that calls for its being used; but, as we have stated, there is a responsibility resting upon us that has been set forth so clearly by the Lord Jesus Himself. What could be more pitiful than to hear one day the words of the Lord which were uttered to His disciples in that crucial hour of His experience, "Could ye not watch with Me one hour?"

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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Japan

NAGOYA SCENE OF MIGHTY REVIVAL

Nagoya, Japan, just closed a city-wide evangelistic crusade. Some 820 decisions for Christ were recorded. The meeting was held in the newest and one of the largest auditoriums of Nagoya. The Nagoyan Christians are maintaining a systematic follow-up program which includes visitation and a correspondence course which is sent free of charge to those living in out-of-way places. (Koji Honda, an independent full-gospel evangelist, was the main speaker.)

Philippine Islands

REVIVAL AT BACOLOD CITY

"The Lord blessed in a great measure during our recent open-air revival at Bacolod City," reports missionary Lester Kenney. Working together with Evangelist Philip Green from the United States and national ministers Vicente Tizon and Bonifacio Ragodo, we rejoiced to see the power of God manifested.

"We conducted two revival services

daily for five weeks. Many came forward for salvation; believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit; bodies were healed of various diseases and afflictions.

"The last Sunday of the meeting a large group gathered at the river for a glorious baptismal service.

"We thank the many friends in the United States who have prayed for us during this revival. Please pray that the many new converts will be strengthened in the Lord."

Honduras

REVIVAL LAUNCHED AT OPENING OF SCHOOL

The Bible school in Honduras opened recently with fifteen students enrolled. The opening was timed to coincide with the national conference for Honduras. Missionary Ben LaFon reports that "most of the pastors and workers attended. The last night God gave us a wonderful visitation of His Spirit and twelve received the Holy Spirit baptism. A week later we received a telegram from one of the pastors who had been at the conference stating that ten

people had received the Holy Spirit within one week in one of his outstations. The same pastor sends word this week that five have accepted the Lord in another one of his outstations. Pray with us that this spirit of revival may spread to all of the churches on Honduras."

South Africa

USED HYMNALS NEEDED IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Mabel Pettenger writes from South Africa, "In my monthly Sunday school Teachers Training Class on the Rand I found it quite necessary to teach staff music. Up to now the Africans have had to depend on tonic sol-fa, but it is very limited so far as learning new music is concerned. If some of the Africans could learn staff music (singing by note) they would be such a help to their own people when it comes to learning new hymns. We should like to have used hymnals to distribute among our folk. Any hymnals would be appreciated, but we would prefer *Assembly Songs*."

About 100 hymnals are needed. Send them to Mrs. Mabel Pettenger, P. O. Box 239, Brakpan, Transvaal, South Africa.

Iraq

MIRACLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Although there is no Assemblies of God missionary from America working in Iraq at the present time, the national ministers are carrying on the work and enjoying the blessing of the Lord upon their ministry. Shmoel Adam, a worker in Kirkuk, reports a recent miracle of healing.

"A child in our village was taken very seriously ill, so much so that his parents gave up hope for him. One day while I was kneeling in prayer, not thinking of that child, I suddenly felt the Holy Spirit upon me and this child stood in front of my face as if asking me to pray for him. I believe that this vision was from God. I then



PHOTO BY LESTER KENNEY

More than 1,000 attended the open-air meetings in Bacolod City nightly



Mr. and Mrs. Shmoel Adam and the child that was healed

heard a voice which said, 'Go and pray for the child.' I went to the child and when I took him in my arms and prayed for him I knew that he was healed. In that minute I said, 'Give him food.' The child took food, did eat, and was completely healed."

Voltaic Republic

WITNESSING AT A FUNERAL

John Hall reports from West Africa: "We had a visit recently from Moro, one of our Bible school graduates. Moro had pioneered a work seventy-five miles from our station. He told us that his wife had died in childbirth. When Moro realized his wife was dying, he rode his bicycle ten miles to the nearest hospital at a Catholic Mission. They sent a truck and brought his wife to the hospital but it was too late. The Catholics wanted to sprinkle her with 'holy water' and give her a Catholic burial. Moro refused, saying that his wife's soul was safe with Jesus and her corpse did not need any sprinkling!

"This national pastor prepared his wife's body for burial and, in front of the black Abbes and Catholic folk he read from our Assemblies of God translation of the New Testament in Mossi, sang a hymn about the resurrection, and testified before the on-lookers—all to their great astonishment. After the funeral, some of the Abbes came to Moro saying, 'Our priests have never let us have the Word of God.

We have not been taught as you have.' One of them accepted a New Testament in French and has been reading it secretly."

Formosa

NATIVE EVANGELISTS NEED HELP

Eight students were recently graduated from the fourth-year class of the Bible school on Formosa. These graduates included both mainlander Chinese and native Taiwanese from Formosa. Missionary James Vigna requests prayer that these students may be led by the Lord in regard to places of ministry. He writes, "We are sorry to say that although we have these workers and places where we could open up works, yet we cannot put these graduates to work because of the lack of funds for their support and for the renting and equipping of preaching halls."

If you should like to assist in placing these trained workers in places of active ministry, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "James Vigna, for Formosa Evangelistic Work."

Nigeria

EX-CONVICT BEGINS NEW CHURCH THROUGH LITERATURE

Missionary Rex Jackson writes: "Our Aba Sunday school conducts special classes each week in the local prison. Quite a number of prisoners have accepted Christ. One of these men was released soon after becoming a Christian and went back to his own home. He was not educated; he did not feel that he was called to preach; he did feel, however, that he could give out tracts and copies of the *Nigerian Evangel*. So he went from house to house giving out literature and testifying of what the Lord had done for him.

Within a short time people began to come and ask him to help them. Before long, there was a little group of converts. The head chief of the whole town was one of those who was interested and wanted a pastor to come and help them. The pastor from a neighboring village came and assisted the little group of converts in establishing a Sunday school. Services were started in the ex-prisoner's house.

They now have obtained land and are hoping to build a little mud church in the near future. Literature is an effective evangelism tool in Nigeria.

CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan



PROMOTIONS SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Where There's a Will...

Many people have yearned to do more for missions while they lived, but could not. They, like Samson of old, can do more by death than by their life. I am referring of course to the simple precaution of making a legal will. Indeed, it is possible for God's children to speak more loudly in death, for their Lord and Master and His cause, than they ever have in life.

How shameful that many devoted children of God, who through a long life have served God with singleness of purpose, destroy their testimony by leaving their estate to the enemies of God. Ponder this well, Christian friend. Why should any child of God, professing utter devotion to Christ, leave one single dollar of his estate to an enemy of God? Jesus taught that family names and ties fade before the stronger relationship of the family of God.

Like so many important decisions, this involves strong determination and perhaps a prayer like Samson's when he said, "O Lord, remember me this once, and strengthen me I pray thee, only this once, O God..." Samson's life was not contradicted by his death.

Surveys show that ninety per cent of Americans die without leaving a will of any kind. If you do not leave a will, the courts will decide who are your legal heirs. If you have no heirs, your estate may be liquidated and the money placed in a state treasury.

Every Christian who has attained a legal age of twenty-one can continue his stewardship, even after death, by the simple expedient of directing how his estate shall be used. The Foreign Missions program of the Assemblies of God has been benefited, on several occasions, by the action of thoughtful Christian friends who directed their estates toward missions by making a will in favor of this department.

If the foregoing words have aroused any interest or questions concerning this matter, we would be delighted to correspond with you. ◀◀



BRANDT BYLINES

by

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

The Center-to-Circumference Principle of the Scriptures

Vital Christianity cannot be confined to a center and yet retain its vitality. It must forever be reaching out from center to circumference.

The center-to-circumference principle was advanced by Jesus and practiced by the Early Church. As the waves resulting from the original impact when a pebble is dropped in the middle of a pool reach outward in ever larger circles until finally the shore is reached, so, the Lord announced, it would be with the gospel witness. The starting point—the center—would be Jerusalem. The circumference would be the uttermost parts of the earth.

It is undebatable that the Early Church made its spectacular progress by employing this principle. Through Paul's Spirit-led ministry a strong Christian center was developed at Ephesus; but by the time two years had passed, the Scriptures declare, "all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks." A similar course was followed by the church which was founded in Thessalonica: "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad . . ." (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

The spiritual health and well-being of any church today is dependent upon adherence to the same principle. The penalty for self-interest, self-satisfaction, and spiritual unconcern for those yet unreached is nothing less than stagnation and eventual death. *And it can happen to an Assemblies of God church.*

To avoid this pitfall a church must lift up its eyes to behold those, only a step removed, who need the message of hope and life. The church must get the gospel to them, and as it does it will find itself possessed of new life.

For this cause let every established Assemblies of God church become a "mother" church in 1960. To do so will be to rekindle the fires of heavenly blessing for our entire movement.

A NEGLECTED MISSION FIELD— The Kentucky Mountains

BY LOIS ANDERSON

Epson, Kentucky

THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS AFFORD innumerable opportunities for missionary work, but laborers are few in this neglected field of evangelism.

Natural mountain barriers and often impassable roads make propagation of the gospel difficult here. Also, Satan is never idle. False doctrines and teachings abound. Another hindrance to ef-

dren are found everywhere. As people have left the hills to seek better jobs, they have become faithful members in churches of other districts. Others who were saved in mountain churches are serving as pastors and evangelists throughout the country; and Bible school students are part of the mountain missions harvest.

Early soldiers of God laid the foundation by prayer and tears and sacrifice, but *where are the hands which will build upon these well-laid stones?* An abundant harvest is now possible; *but who will reap? Was the sowing in vain?*

Some new recruits in the army of the Lord have answered the challenge. Viola Quarnstrom, veteran mountain missionary, has reopened the Five-Mile Church on Frozen Creek, which closed for lack of workers. Burkhardt, which was closed for lack of laborers and funds, has recently been reopened. Pastor Benjamin Frye and his family of six live there in a four-room cabin.

God has blessed at Jeffersonville, Stanton, and West Prestonburg. Now



Workers at Panbowl, Ky., (left to right) Virginia Schneider, Louise Heidorn and Nancy Oberdorff

fective ministry is the difficulty outsiders experience in understanding these wonderful folk and their distinct backgrounds and unique customs.

Isolation of the mountain people makes the missionary task more difficult, but therein lies Christ's challenge to those who will consecrate themselves to serve. With Paul we say, "A great door and effectual is opened . . . and there are many adversaries."

Sacrifices of workers, amid persecutions and opposition, have brought forth fruit, although it is not always evident in the mountains themselves. In places of early struggle no buildings may remain as memorials, but spiritual chil-



Viola Quarnstrom, pastor of Frozen Creek Mission at Five Mile, Ky.



Tim Branch Sunday school at Epson, Ky. Pastor Lois Anderson on the left

these churches are almost indigenous. Attendance averages about fifty-five at Panbowl, a church built over the creek with eighty steps leading up to the parsonage. Louise Heidorn and two co-workers labor here.

Visible progress is slight at Tim Branch where I pastor, but the faithfulness of the people has resulted in God's blessings. A church and a parsonage are being built here by faith. Also, people in other localities are now requesting workers and churches.

Like foreign missionaries, mountain workers depend upon offerings from churches and individuals for support. When support fails, they must leave,

for seldom can they find nearby employment.

Are mountain missionaries worthwhile? The testimony of Laura Purcell, a young lady who was saved through this ministry, answers this question:

"I was led to Christ by a faithful Sunday school teacher, one of the missionaries in the mountains of Kentucky. Since then my only desire has been to serve Christ and to tell others of His redeeming love.

"For several years I have wanted to enter a Bible school to study the Word of God that I might do a more effective work for Christ. Because of



Pastor Benjamin Frye and family in front of the church in Burkhart, Ky.

circumstances at home it looked impossible to do so, yet all things are possible with God. The Lord made a way when there was none and gave me the desire of my heart. Ten days after entering Bible school, I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Lord has been so good and faithful in supplying my every need and guiding me each step of the way.

"Pray for the work in Kentucky that the Lord will bless and save souls and use them for His glory."

Inquiries concerning openings for gospel work in the Kentucky mountain area may be sent to M. A. Mangold, Route 1, Jeffersonville, Ky., who is the administrator of the mountain work. Contributions designated for the Kentucky mountain work should be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Mo.



Church and Sunday school annex at Jeffersonville, Ky.



Church in West Prestonsburg, Ky.

Far From Home — and Far From God

BY RALPH MILLER
North Pole, Alaska

*Here is a pastor's request
for prayer for our young
Servicemen in the Far North,
among whom he is working.*



MANY OF OUR YOUNG MEN IN THE village of North Pole, Alaska, have been taken from their homes and loved ones by the call of our Government. Others have volunteered for service in the armed forces. But whatever the case, many problems are created when young men are uprooted and transplanted so far from home and church influence. Many of these wonderful fellows have strayed from the Lord. The world surely is doing its best to win them. Many of the young men yield to the temptations, and before they realize it they have become entangled in the snares of Satan.

Thousands of military men are stationed either at Ladd Air Force Base at Fairbanks or Eielson Air Force Base some twenty-six miles from Fairbanks. North Pole is located between these great bases. Most of the men and families of Assemblies background at Ladd attend the Assembly in Fairbanks. Those located on Eielson come to North Pole, and even a few from Ladd have been attending here, for which we are thankful.

It is a joy to report that although some of the young men and their

families wander far from God, the world does not get all of them. Even some older men, who are making a career of the armed services, take time to attend church. They have helped us in our work tremendously and have been a real blessing to the other personnel with whom they work.

When servicemen and their families faithfully attend church in weather down to 60 and 70 degrees below zero, it proves they are motivated by genuine devotion to the Lord and His work. Some servicemen have hitchhiked to the church in weather that cold.

From time to time we have had in our congregation servicemen who have accepted positions of responsibility in the church. A captain in the Air Force served as a board member and the church treasurer. He did excellent work in both offices. His family was also very faithful to attend and to work for the Lord. We pastors experience great satisfaction in working with men, such as this captain, who recognize their responsibility to God wherever they are and take an active part in the church. This family has since ro-

tated to the states, and I am sure they are still taking their place in the service of the King.

Another young man, A/lc Everett Coleman who has also rotated, served as our Sunday school superintendent for quite some time. According to his testimony, at one time he had almost forsaken the Lord, but saw in time his need to give his life completely to God. He did a wonderful job in our Sunday school. He also had charge of children's church and was a member of the church board—quite a full load to carry besides the responsibility of his regular job in the service.

There are others who have been a great help in God's work here. A/lc Royce Adams, who is a concrete mason in the Air Force, has given much of his time in helping to build the church parsonage. Nearly every evening and Saturdays find him working on the building. He has spent several Sunday afternoons passing out *Evangels* around the community. Besides this, as long as he had a car, he would pick up several children for Sunday school.

Still others help by giving of their tithes and offerings. This too is an important ministry, for the work of God requires finances, especially now while we are in a building program. Some who are unsaved attend regularly and give of their finances; but it is our prayer that they will yield to the moving of the Spirit and give their lives to the Lord. They are faithful in inviting their buddies and it is not uncommon to see several new faces in Sunday school each week.

Most of the civilian members of our congregation are connected indirectly with the military, such as in school work or civil service employment. They make a vital contribution to the ministry of the church in its outreach for souls.

Pray for us as we attempt to minister to the spiritual needs of the servicemen and others in this village. Pray too for the many servicemen who are far from home and far from God.



Everett Coleman, Sunday school superintendent, leads the song service



Group of servicemen attend morning worship at North Pole Assembly

OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gerhardt began a labor of love that was destined to have far-reaching results. "Mom" and "Dad" Gerhardt have no children of their own, but their parental love has been channeled toward unfortunate men and boys. Literally hundreds of (mostly young) men have been converted and transformed under their lay ministry in jails, rescue missions, and prison camps.

The Gerhardts, who have been members of First Assembly of God in Fontana, Calif., for many years, are still conducting services. "Mom" leads the service while "Dad" does personal work and prays at the altar.

Other churches in the San Bernardino area conduct services in the Juvenile Detention Home (where they furnish the only Protestant religious services) and jails.

The following are examples of the many stories of "miracles of grace" that could be related in connection with the ministry of the Gerhardts:

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Eleazar "Baby" Aragonez' life of crime began at the age of seven when he blew up a taxi! By the time he was nine he was already drinking whiskey and wine and was smoking. At this stage the father deserted the family, leaving an invalid mother to care for and support a large family. Then Eleazar began to indulge in robbery, purse-snatching, child-molestation—and at fourteen he began to smoke marijuana.

On Easter Sunday, 1951, Aragonez took his first shot of Heroin. He was constantly in and out of reformatories, prison camps, and detention homes, and was never out of custody very long. Finally he even "graduated" from maximum security prison. "People said I

Ex-Prisoners Transformed by God's Grace

By ALTON B. TODD

*Pastor of First Assembly of God,
Fontana, California*

would end my life behind bars or in the gas chamber," Aragonez says. "I wanted to change, but it was impossible. I had utterly no strength or will power."

One day, when found nearly dead, he was again taken to prison and pronounced dead on arrival by prison doctors. He later revived but promptly became a raving maniac from lack of dope. He had to be chained down for three weeks. The physical and mental torture was beyond description.

In 1954, he began to peddle heroin in San Bernardino. "One man is in San Quentin right now because I gave him his first injection. He had been a happily married man," Aragonez sadly told the workers.

Desperate and planning suicide, he found his way into the Assembly of God Rescue Mission in San Bernardino. "It didn't take psychology, doctors, or examinations when I knelt at the altar," he relates. "It just took the simple message of the love and power of God."

After being soundly converted he was baptized in water, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and joined First Assembly in Fontana. "Baby" Aragonez is now happily married and is planning to work in Mexico as an evangelist and pastor.

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When Charles Hurtley was discharged from the Air Force he began to associate with tough gangs in Los Angeles. "A friend offered me a shot of dope and I was wild, crazy, and ignorant enough to try it," says Hurtley. From there on the road down was fast and thorough. When he was recalled for active duty in the Korean conflict, Hurtley was discharged as a

hopeless dope addict. Needing money to pay for injections, crime inevitably followed, and thus he found himself often in prison camps and jails. Hurtley says that "When out of prison I roamed the streets like a wild man, desiring to be free but bound worse than any slave!"

One Sunday afternoon, as the group from Fontana First Assembly was ministering at the county prison road camp, Hurtley was present; and this later led to his conversion at the Assembly of God Rescue Mission. He found Christ, freedom, hope, and strength! Later he was baptized in water and filled with the Holy Ghost. Now he is an evangelist.

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Ewell C. Brown was an alcoholic and a professional gambler for twenty-eight years. He made and lost several fortunes. At the end of his rope finally, and seriously planning suicide, he se-



Left to right: Eleazar Aragonez, Ewell C. Brown, Charles Hurtley

cured a quantity of liquor, a gun, and a room in a cheap hotel in San Bernardino. For nine days and nights he drank. On the evening of the ninth day, when in a drunken stupor, he heard singing just below his room that "seemed to come from a different world." Investigating, he stumbled into the Assembly of God Rescue Mission and was transformed from a human derelict into a new creation in Christ Jesus!

Mr. Brown is now a lay minister and a missionary, working with Assemblies of God missionaries in Cuba.

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Yes, the Gerhardts have found prison and rescue ministry to be rewarding. They would like to see many other individuals and churches catch the vision of this type of work. ◀ ◀



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gerhardt

Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

ALASKA MINISTRY

Infant-ry

The Leonard Olsons, who pastor in Haines, Alaska, announce the arrival of Ernest Walter at their home on September 3. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs.

Fairview

Gilbert Mort, pastor at Fairview in the Anchorage area, held his first service in the new church building July 2. There is still some work to be done to finish the edifice.

New Appointees

The David D. Schmidts, Fresno, Calif., have been re-appointed to ministry in Alaska. They are the new pastors at Petersburg. Emil Anderson, Stamford, Conn., has also been appointed as a missionary to Alaska.

Medfra and Nikolai

The Clifford Geedys, who pastor the church at McGrath, Alaska, also conduct Sunday school and services at Medfra and Nikolai. The only access to these villages is by plane. In Nikolai, the school teacher has been their main helper. When the Geedys are able to visit these villages, most of the population turns out to meet them. The people are overjoyed when they can have services. Interest in the gospel is increasing in these villages.



Some of the church people meet the Geedys as they arrive at Nikolai, Alaska, outstation

FIELD MINISTRY

R. L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary, toured the Alabama District November 8 to 15 in Home Missions rallies. He also ministered in Lakeland and Jacksonville, Fla. During this tour Brother Brandt spoke at a chapel service in Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Ala., where R. S. Watson is chaplain. Two prisoners accepted the Lord and several others signified a desire to be right with God.

PRISON MINISTRY

Montgomery, Alabama

For some time now R. S. Watson, chaplain of Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Ala., has been making tapes of his fine

choir and quartet numbers for churches and radio stations across the county, providing they send him the tapes. Now he reports that he is in need of tapes for his own programs. These tapes may contain regular church services, up to thirty minutes, and musical programs are especially needed. A short devotional, up to ten minutes, can be included on the tape. Special five-minute devotionals can also be used.

The thirty-minute tapes are played in The Door of Hope Chapel and are broadcast to the men in segregation, the hospitals, and death row, from 1:30 until 2:00 on Sunday afternoon. The five-minute devotionals are used on broadcasts during the week.

Tapes of the prison choir and quartet are still available to churches, radio stations, and individuals who send tapes. Also, Chaplain Watson says he will lend a tape to any group, with the provision that it must be returned soon after it has been used.

Demand Increases for Bible Courses

During September and October 2,389 free Bible study courses for prisoners were provided by the Home Missions Department. During the same period of time 707 courses were completed and returned to Prison Chaplain Arvid Ohnell to be graded. Two new courses are planned in the near future for the prison program.

A prisoner in Stillwater, Minn., writes concerning the free Bible courses: "I would like very much to continue with these courses. I do not have any money to pay for them. If I could pass them all with a pretty good grade I would like to continue to teach or preach the Word of God. I have never felt better or had a clearer mind than since I have been taking these courses. I love to read the Bible now."

BLIND MINISTRY

Minnville, Oregon

Many blind people have written letters of appreciation for the free Braille literature which they receive from the National Home Missions Department. Mrs. James E. Radley of Minnville, Oreg., states, "My husband and I truly appreciate the Braille edition of the *Adult Student* quarterly and also the *Pentecostal Digest* which Mrs. E. W. Whitney so graciously Brailles for us blind people. These publications are a help and blessing to us. How greatly



The Sunday school group at Medfra, Alaska, meet the Clifford Geedys as they arrive for services



Mr. and Mrs. Rader, a blind couple in Minnville, Oreg., read the Adult Student in Braille

we need Pentecostal literature in Braille."

Other materials produced for the Blind are the Primary, Junior, and Teen quarterlies. As funds are made available, Mrs. E. W. Whitney, a busy Wisconsin housewife, sacrificially gives of her time to transcribe materials into Braille for the National Home Missions Department.

DEAF MINISTRY

Springfield, Missouri

Sandra Clack and John Fitzpatrick, deaf students preparing for the ministry at Central Bible Institute, deeply appreciate the money sent in to the National Home Missions Department designated for the DEAF TRAINING FUND. Other deaf young people who are called to the ministry will begin their training when funds are available.

Churches Support Ministers to the Deaf

Many of our 40 appointed missionaries to the Deaf have found it necessary to engage in secular work to support themselves. However, recently a few of the ministers to the Deaf have been thrilled to receive full support from the local churches in which they labor. Thus they will be able to reach many more deaf people for Christ.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Mission U.S.A. Rallies Planned

Thirty-nine districts of the Assemblies of God already had indicated by December 1 that they plan to hold *Mission U.S.A.* rallies, most of them during February, 1960. The national *Mission U.S.A.* target is "60,000 in '60," which means the aim is for 60,000 attendance and offerings of \$60,-

000 for home missions. The Home Missions Department is anticipating 400 *Mission U.S.A.* rallies in 1960.

POSTERS AVAILABLE AT REDUCED PRICE

The complete set of beautiful Home Missions posters now sells for \$2.50 instead of \$5.00. The posters are excellent for use in conventions, fellowship meetings, missionary rallies and churches.

New Deaf Work Born in Revival

By Maxine Strobbridge

National Supervisor of the Deaf and Blind Ministries

WILLIAM GOCKLEY'S MINISTRY TO the Deaf in Beloit, Wis., and Rockford, Ill., has been very fruitful. He stated in a recent letter to the Home Missions Department that he is grateful to God for the opportunity of presenting the Word of Life to those who have never heard it—because they cannot hear at all.

Mr. Gockley studied the sign language at Central Bible Institute. After graduation, while living in Beloit, he attended a revival service in Rockford and noticed that some deaf persons were present. He responded to a request for an interpreter and his heart



William Gockley (foreground) gives testimony of deaf convert, who is being baptized in water

became burdened for these dear folk. During these meetings four deaf persons accepted Jesus as their Saviour. At the end of the week Mr. Gockley announced that weekly services for the Deaf would begin at the Beloit Assembly of God where Douglas Ramsey is now the pastor.

The group in Beloit has grown rapidly since its beginning. Recently Mr. Gockley began weekly services in Rockford also. The Deaf in these areas are thrilled to have the Word of God ministered to them each week. A number have been saved and are telling their friends the gospel story. One of the first converts wrote, "Since receiving Christ in my heart, life has a new purpose. I am no longer lonely. I want to win more Deaf to Jesus. The hearing friends of the Assembly of God church have made us, the Deaf, feel at home in their congregation."

Two of the converts who were baptized in water this fall gave their testimony in the sign language as Mr. Gockley interpreted for the hearing people. Others are now anxious to follow the Bible command, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). At a September sectional rally for the Deaf in Beloit, fifteen persons accepted Christ as Saviour.

Many deaf people have never been given the gospel story. Few church services are conducted for the Deaf at all. There are only 250 gospel workers among the Deaf in the U.S. These include both ordained and licensed ministers, together with all of the part time or lay workers of all denominations. At present there are forty appointed missionaries and twenty-eight lay members working under the Assemblies of God National Home Missions Department. However, there are still twenty-eight states without an Assemblies of God minister to the Deaf. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

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

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



CHRIST AND THE TEACHERS

Sunday School Lesson for January 3, 1960

LUKE 2:41-52; 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

We begin the new year with a continuation of the study of the personalities in the plan of God. During the first quarter we survey the lives of various personalities who came in contact with Christ, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke.

JESUS LOST AND FOUND (Luke 2:41-46)

At the age of twelve a Jewish boy was required to learn a trade, became "a son of the Law," was treated as a man, and was presented in the synagogue by his father. It was at this age that Jesus had His first glimpse of the outer world. "His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover," and the time had come for Him, as a "son of the Law," to accompany them on this annual journey.

"And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it." This should not be thought strange. The Jews traveled in caravans with mules, horses, and camels. As they journeyed the children would naturally get together to play, walking and riding by turns, while the older folk led the way. A whole day elapsed before the parents discovered their loss. But when the caravan stopped for the night they discovered that Jesus was missing!

Is it not often so with us? The world is too much with us. We neglect to meet Him in the morning; we forget His Word; we go carelessly through the day *supposing* that He is with us, unaware that the sweetness of His presence has departed.

"They sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance and... found him not." That is the way of the human heart. Dissatisfied and restless because of His absence, we often seek satisfaction in the wrong place. Jesus is not to be found just anywhere. If you have lost Him by saying an unkind word to your brother you cannot find Him by putting an extra dollar in the collection plate.

"And when they found him not, they turned back again... seeking Him." That was the only thing to do! When we have lost Him it is foolish to go doggedly forward trying to keep up appearances lest someone discover our spiritual nakedness. Let us turn back in humility and repentance.

"And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple." They found Him, seemingly, in the last place they searched—in the temple! And when we have tried in every other way to regain His presence, we too shall find Him where we lost Him!

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE (Luke 2:46-50)

1. *His wisdom.* Vv. 46-47. Jesus grew up like other children, obtaining knowledge gradually and developing naturally. Luke 2:40. But He knew no sin. He was in the temple to inquire and learn. The amazement of the doctors

was due, not to a miraculous display of knowledge on the part of Jesus, but doubtless to His sober-mindedness, His unusual familiarity with the Scriptures, and the intelligence of the questions He asked.

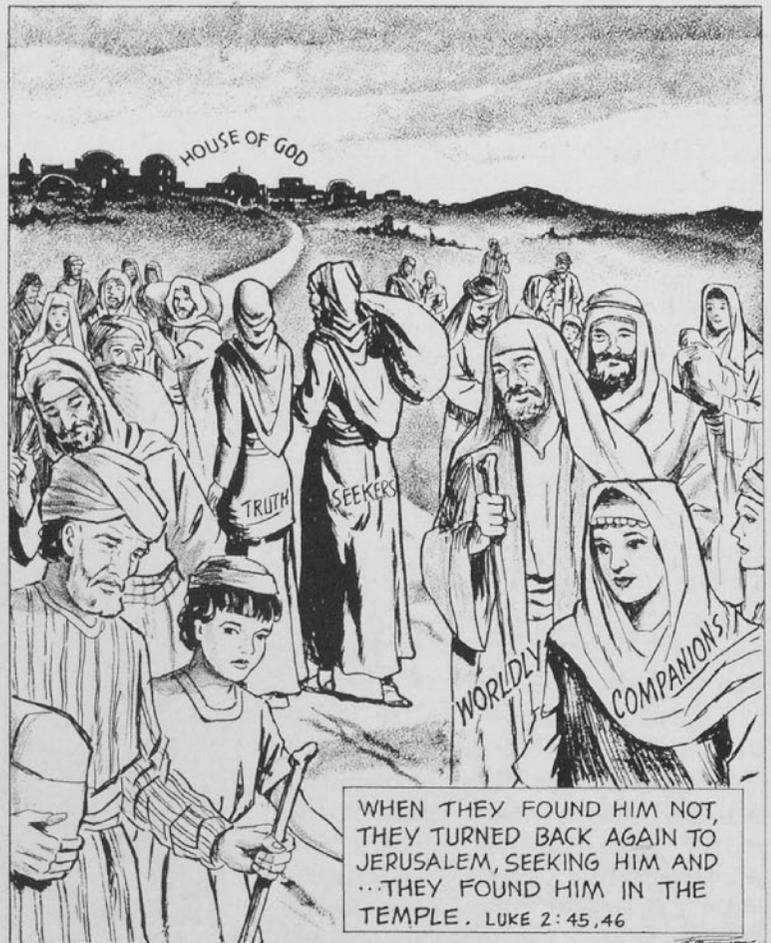
2. *His consciousness of His deity.* V. 49. What innocent simplicity and perfect dignity are revealed in the first recorded words of Jesus! His mother's gentle reproach called attention to the sorrow His loss had brought to her and Joseph. She had referred to Joseph as "Thy father." But in His quiet reply He recognized *His* Father was in heaven. He was conscious of His divine Sonship, and the claims of His Father were to be forevermore all in all.

3. *His consciousness of His call, and consecration to that call.* "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Jesus knew He had a great work to do and that He must live for nothing else. "I *must*," He said. Love constrained Him; and duty, the outgrowth of devotion, compelled Him! Here at the age of twelve the boy Jesus spelled out the law of self-sacrifice and devotion to the Father's will that characterized His whole beautiful life and enabled Him to accept even the death of the Cross! Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

JESUS OUR EXAMPLE (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Paul makes it clear that (1) a knowledge of the Word is essential to salvation in its initial sense; (2) the Word is essential in producing and maintaining faith, as well as in enabling one to discern and correct error; (3) the Word is all inspired of God, and has power to produce positive righteousness in the child of God; (4) Timothy, like Jesus, had become familiar with the Scriptures from childhood. There is no greater wisdom than to know and obey the Word of God! —J. Bashford Bishop

WHERE TO FIND THE SAVIOUR





BGMC PAGE

FRANCES FOSTER—DIRECTOR



BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

Little Missionaries

By Judi Jenkins

BGMC DAY IS NOT TOO FAR OFF! This will be the day when boys and girls everywhere bring dimes for the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. Have you been thinking of ways you can earn money before February 7? Let's look in on the Allen twins and see what they have in mind.

"... 42, 43, 44, 45. Jimmie, I have 45 dimes in my BGMC barrel already. Do you suppose I can have twice that many by BGMC Day?" Joanne's eyes were shining as she finished counting the dimes spread out on the table in front of her.

"I don't see why not." Jimmie grinned and shook the barrel bank he was holding. "I have saved 52 dimes in the past month and I hope to have a lot more before it is time to turn our barrels in to Mr. Thompkins." (Mr. Thompkins, the BGMC secretary, had promised a special prize to the team having the most dimes.)

"Let's see, BGMC Day is February 7, isn't it, Jimmie? That means we will really have to work hard if we want to beat Kenny and Sue. Last week Sue said they had a lot of new plans and she wouldn't tell me how many dimes they have saved. I wonder if we have more than they do?"

"Probably not, but I have a few ideas! You know our new neighbor that moved in last week? Well, she lives all alone and yesterday she asked me if I would run errands and do odd

jobs for her every evening after school. She said she would pay me at the end of the week. I can put that money in my BGMC barrel!" replied Jimmie.

"That sounds wonderful!" Joanne thought for a moment and then spoke up, "I can save the money I get for baby-sitting, instead of spending it after school. And Mother said she would pay me a little to help her clean house every Saturday. Jimmie, if we work hard maybe we can win that prize!"

"Sure," answered Jimmie, "and that's not all. Mr. Thompkins told us we can help our church win a trophy too. Let's make a list of the things we can do to earn dimes for BGMC. You think about it while I get a pencil and paper."

The Allen twins not only wanted to win the team prize and trophy for their church, but they were thrilled at the thought of giving their dimes to the missionaries. Sitting at the kitchen table they both thought of other ways in which they could earn extra money.

First of all, Jimmie suggested they start saving the money they usually spent at the snack shop each week. Joanne agreed that even though this

seemed like such a little, still every penny would count. When the twins finished they had listed several things. Jimmie could run errands with his bicycle, polish cars, clean cellars, shovel snow, shine shoes, and collect old newspapers. Joanne's list included baby-sitting, running errands, cleaning house, washing dishes, washing windows, selling cookies or greeting cards, and helping Mother with the baby. Although none of these jobs sounded exciting, at least they would be profitable. And Jimmie and Joanne are really enthusiastic about earning dimes for BGMC Day.

Would you like to join the Allen twins in earning BGMC dimes? Maybe you can think of other ways besides the ones Jimmie and Joanne wrote on their lists. BGMC Day is February 7—and if you start saving now, you can have your BGMC barrel full of dimes by then.

BGMC dimes buy Christian literature for mission fields. This means that you are being a little missionary here at home even though you are too young to go to the foreign field! The money that you give on BGMC Day this year will be used to send Christian papers and Sunday school quarterlies to Latin American countries. Some of the people in Latin America may never learn about Jesus except as you give your BGMC dimes. Talk to Mother and Daddy today; maybe they will have some ideas to help you fill your BGMC barrel for BGMC Day!





Christmas at New Hope Town

By Florence Steidel



Part of New Hope Town "family" in front of the day school

NEEDLESS TO SAY, CHRISTMAS IN New Hope Town is a big event. At the present time there are about 1,200 people for whom we try to make the season one of joy and blessing. We have approximately 700 patients besides 450 children. In addition to these are many who do not have leprosy, but who have cast their lot with leprosy loved ones.

About three months before Christmas we begin taking a census, writing down the name of every man, woman, boy, girl, and baby so that each one will be included when the gifts are presented. The age of each child is on the list, and the adults are classified as small, medium, or large.

The next step is preparing the gifts for distribution. How thankful we are that we can go to our storeroom where we have barrels of clothing and other items that have come in packages from WMC groups at home. All the cloth-

ing is spread out according to sizes and ages, and then put together in bundles for each family. Even with all this care and precaution we sometimes discover that some have been overlooked, and at the last moment in one way or another we prepare something for them.

Finally the long-awaited time comes, and those days when the gifts are distributed are days of happy excitement for children and adults alike. There are so many people it takes more than one day to give out the gifts. We call them by groups and they file past the storeroom window to receive their gifts.

Some of the crippled lepers come hobbling along and then sit on the grass eagerly waiting for their names to be called. Women and children can hardly wait. Oh, if the WMC's at home could see how their beautiful eyes sparkle with happiness, they would feel more than repaid for the work they have done

in preparing and sending the packages! Some of the children (and women too) give vent to their joy by dancing and spinning around on the grass when they receive their gifts. Our hearts fill with joy as we watch the children eagerly clutch a toy and their piece or two of candy or chewing gum.

Long before Christmas the little girls will start reminding me, "Mamma, I want a doll baby." There are always some disappointed little girls at Christmas time because we never have enough dolls for all. I try to give them to those who I feel will take care of them. One of our deacons had a little three-year-old girl who wanted a "doll baby" and she did not receive one. She cried for days after Christmas. About six months later I received a tiny doll in a package and gave it to her. No one can imagine how happy she was.

The boys all want blue jeans. To them there is nothing more wonderful in all the world than a pair of blue jeans. "Ma, I want cowboy pants." They start the plea long before Christmas. We usually do not have enough of those either. They need not be brand new to please these boys—just so they are "cowboy pants."

Those lepers who are too badly crippled to go out of their dwellings are given special consideration. We always try to give each of them a quilt or a two-yard piece of cloth each



Miss Florence Steidel has been a missionary in Liberia, West Africa, since 1935. In 1947 she established New Hope Town Colony, a leprosarium in Southern Liberia. The leprosarium has accommodations for 800 patients and has discharged a number who have been completely cured. Her ministry is more than medical—hundreds of these patients have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and are now engaged in Christian service.

Miss Steidel was forced by ill health to return to the U.S. this summer. She is recuperating at Mission Village and plans to return to Liberia as soon as her health permits.

Christmas. It serves as a coverlet at night, and during the day it is wrapped around the body for a garment.

The night before Christmas our people sing the whole night through. Many of the children stay awake and sing too, but some of them fall asleep on the hard church benches. They do not seem tired after their all-night singing, but are ready to start out early Christmas morning, sometimes before six o'clock, to sing for the missionaries at their homes.

After caroling for the missionaries they all go to their own dwellings and get busy with Christmas dinner. By two o'clock in the afternoon they are ready for a service at the church. Always at this service they give a sacrificial love offering to the Lord because they are so thankful to Him for making a way for them when they were outcasts, without anyone to care. After a Christmas program in the evening they go home very tired and very, very happy.

Really I do not know how we managed before the Women's Missionary Council began its work. I remember one year, before New Hope Town was as large as it is now, I cut and supervised the making of 150 shirts for the men, besides many garments for the children. I had callouses on my hands from the scissors but how I enjoyed doing the work! Now that New Hope Town has grown so large and responsibilities have increased the missionary does not have time for such tasks.

I want to thank all the WMC's who faithfully stand by the work here. Not only are we grateful for the clothing, bandages, and other material help, but most of all for the prayers that ascend to our Heavenly Father for us and for these precious afflicted people.

"The Best Christmas Ever..."

None was happier than the little boy who had no shoes

BY MRS. CARL GLICK
Missionary at Kenai, Alaska

LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS HERE AT Kenai stands out in our lives and shall never be forgotten. The Lord was so very good to us, allowing us the joy of bringing to needy souls here tangible evidence that our Heavenly Father cares for them.

I well remember one afternoon when I heard a rap on our door. On opening it I saw a distraught young lady standing there. Did we have a pair of shoes that her brother could wear? He had no shoes and therefore could not go to school. The need touched my heart deeply, but we had no shoes for the boy. Hardly a day went by without someone coming in distress—no food, no clothing, sickness...

What could we do! The fishing season had been poor, and our people depend on fish for food; then they can and dry it for use in the winter. Food to purchase was scarce, and the poor people had no money anyway. As these conditions weighed heavily on our hearts we prayed earnestly, mentioning to the Lord the specific needs that had been brought to us.



Carl and Betty Glick starting out to visit their people

It was not long until boxes of food and clothing began to arrive in the mail from WMC groups and others. Brother Glick and I were like two little children, hardly able to wait until we got the packages opened. How we praised the Lord when we saw the things we needed to help these dear people!

When the day before Christmas arrived we were able to prepare boxes of food and clothing for each needy family that had come to our attention. Not only did the boxes contain the things the people had asked for—the barest necessities—but also the little extras such as dolls, games, coloring books, toys, candy, and gum, that make the eyes of little children sparkle with joy.

Imagine our excitement when we packed the boxes into the car and started out to go from one humble home to another with our precious cargo. To us was given the privilege of delivering veritable answers to prayer.

How the little girls hugged their dolls! The little boy who needed shoes received them. He put them on as fast as he could, and then said with a proud smile, "This is the best Christmas I ever had." ◀◀



Children at Kenai participated in last year's Christmas program



When the Glicks visited this home the people had no food or clothing

More Blessed to Give

BY CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

SACRIFICING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, Missionettes of the Full Gospel Assembly of God completed Christmas projects at a recent meeting held in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. C. C. Bishop." Thus began a story about the Missionettes of Woodland, Calif., which appeared in their local paper last year.

This group of fourteen girls has an amazing record of accomplishments. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Bishop they prepared 148 candy rolls and gospel literature for Indian children in Nevada and California. Ten dressed dolls were sent to the National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Ark., and an eleven-year-old girl at the home is being sponsored by the Missionettes. Among other things, they have sent her a coat made by Mrs. Bishop.

Missionaries working with the American Indians in Nevada received ten Bibles and forty visual aid lessons from the girls. Each month the Missionettes send these missionaries two dollars for postage stamps. This Christmas sixteen Indian girls who attend one of the churches in Nevada were each given a colorful skirt which had been made by the Woodland Missionettes.

A package was also sent to missionaries in Africa. Fifty dollars on the local church building was paid by the Missionettes. The girls made 60 aluminum baskets containing candy and dates for elderly people and the staff of a nursing home. The pastor and his wife have been remembered on special occasions, and the girls did not forget their own mothers. This month they were invited to a mother-daughter luncheon along with the WMC officers. Each guest was given a beautiful covered coat hanger—another project of the girls.

Many opportunities to witness for the Lord are afforded the Missionettes as they wear their official pin to school. A number of visitors have attended the meetings and two new members were added to their group.

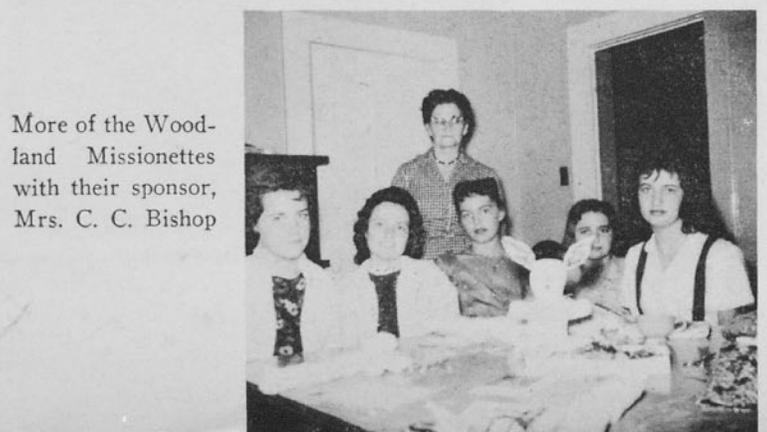
As these girls work, pray, and play together they learn to know the Lord and each other better. The work of their hands is a blessing to others and they are learning the joy of serving. There is not space to tell of all they have done and are doing, but many hearts have been made glad as these Missionettes live their slogan, "Because we care, we serve."

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Literature Evangelism Sparks Growth in

Basutoland and Southern Rhodesia

BOTH BASUTOLAND AND SOUTHERN Rhodesia have a past rooted in the history of South Africa.

Basutoland is a British Colony of 11,716 square miles with a population of some 634,000. The colony lies in the northeast part of Cape Province, Union of South Africa, and is situated on an elevated plateau. Stock raising is the most important activity of the people but wool, hides, wheat, and cereals are basic in Basutoland's economy.

Basutoland is a reservation set apart from the rest of the country and white people cannot own land in the colony. A constitutional type of government was recently granted to Basutoland and the Bantu natives now have the privilege of electing members to their own legislature. British law protects Basutoland from merger with the Union of South Africa.

Southern Rhodesia is a part of the Central African Federation which consists of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland, and lies to the north of the Union of South Af-

rica. The Central African Federation came into existence on August 1, 1953, and is a self-governing part of the British Empire in Africa with its capital in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Southern Rhodesia covers an area of 150,333 square miles and has a population of 2,480,000. Of this number 175,000 are Europeans. Copper, asbestos, gold, zinc, lead, cobalt, hides, meat, wood, textiles, tea, and tobacco are important in the economy of the country.

Although Basutoland and Southern Rhodesia are not politically a part of the Union of South Africa, church organization is closely affiliated with the Assemblies of God in the Union. Mr. and Mrs. August Kast of the Assemblies of God in Switzerland pioneered the Pentecostal work in Basutoland.

Misses Hilda Olsen and Margaret Anderson have been working among the Basutos since 1950. They have an extensive work among the prisoners of Maseru, capital of the colony. They report:

"Back in 1950 the Lord very wonderfully opened the doors for work in the different prisons of Maseru. In those early days, when we had no evangelists and no Christians to help in the work, we went to all the prisons regularly visiting, preaching, singing, and giving out the Word of Life. Now the work has grown and Basuto evangelists carry on the different phases of the ministry. Whenever we can, however, we like to visit the work.

"Some of the prisoners who were there when we first started the jail work are still behind bars. Among them is a former Basutoland chief. Although he is still a prisoner, he has found the Truth that has made him a free man. He is a new creature in Christ Jesus. Our joy seems to know no bounds when we see him and hear him talk about the Lord in intimate terms. He faithfully reads his Bible

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and prays and is always one of the first to come to the meetings.

"The tracts and literature which we distribute are always in great demand. For a while there was such a cry for Bibles that we contacted the director of prisons and persuaded him to purchase a dozen Bibles and a dozen hymn books for the use of the prisoners. Pray for the printed Word that it may speak to these prisoners and also for the evangelists as they preach every week!

"In addition to the work in the Maseru jails, other outstation evangelists visit prisons in two other government camps. It is a wonderful door of opportunity.

"Just recently an elderly Masuto woman walked several miles to our mission station to tell us that her son had just been released from prison. He had brought home with him many papers and books which had been given to him. He had also told his mother of hearing God's Word and now she had come to thank us and to thank God for the great work that had been done for her son through our prison evangelism."

In addition to prison evangelism,



Hilda Olsen and helper with the Basutoland Bookmobile



Margaret Anderson and the Basutoland chief who was saved in prison

Misses Olsen and Anderson opened the first bookstore in Basutoland. "There is a real hunger for literature in Basutoland," they report. "For two weeks we watched as a young man stood on the main corner in Maseru selling communistic literature. He was finally forced to leave but not until, as one woman said, the country 'was riddled with his papers.' Oh, how we pray that the country will soon be 'riddled' with good gospel literature.

"Recently one of our Bible school students, a highly educated Masuto, told us that he had bought some of the communist literature. 'It is not that we want to read that kind of thing,' he said, 'nor do we believe it, but we are so hungry for something to read and there is so little for us to read.' We have been making good use of old *Evangels* and other papers to distribute to these educated Basutos who can read English.

"Last month we visited a government camp in southern Basutoland. We stopped the bookmobile at the post office and opened for business. The first customer for some magazines was a government employee who insisted that we go into all the offices so that others could get the papers. In record time we had completely sold all the papers and had several fine opportunities to speak to men about their souls. On the way home, although our stock was depleted, we stopped at another government camp and gave out tracts and sold Bibles and books. It is really a very thrilling ministry and we pray that



PHOTO BY ED RILL

New Assembly in Southern Rhodesia

many will be saved by this means."

Protestant missions have been in Southern Rhodesia for almost a century, but it was not until 1949 that a Pentecostal work was begun there by Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner from Canada. Representatives of a number of Pentecostal groups followed the Skinners and opened works. Our Assemblies of God missionaries in Southern Rhodesia, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rill, are being assisted by several other couples, most of them from the Union of South Africa.

The Rills are working at Gwelo, the geographical center of Southern Rhodesia, some 150 miles southeast of the capital city of Salisbury. "It is two years since we held our first service here under the little tree," reports Brother Rill. "With garbage cans for a background and a chicken coop on one side, we had precious times of blessings—in spite of the distractions.



PHOTO BY BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICE

Students in Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, search for literature

We have built our church and, although it is incomplete on the inside, it is the first American Assemblies of God church in all of Rhodesia.

"While most denominational missions concentrate mainly on education and social welfare, we feel the desperate challenge of the unevangelized masses. We have been trying to meet this need through literature evangelism, open air evangelism, Sunday schools, and visitation. We are branching out into nearby towns and mining compounds.

"Everywhere there is a demand for reading matter, and we find it difficult to keep adequate supplies on hand. Then too, we have the added problem of obtaining literature in the vernacular of the people here. We have assisted in the translation of tracts, but find that that is a full-time job in itself.

"Gwelo was the scene of a stirring revival in 1952—the result of a tent campaign held by missionaries John Richards and Fred Burke. A nucleus of believers has faithfully carried on since that time. We are glad to report that souls are being saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

"Another tent campaign was held in January, 1958, with Mrs. Marian Haines. About thirty converts have been baptized in water and are rejoicing in deliverance from sin, sickness, and demons. Again in March, 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Haines were here for a tent campaign and hundreds responded to the gospel.

"Lawrence Juru, our national pastor, is soon stepping out into full-time ministry. He has a good position in a chemical department of the Bata Shoe factory but feels burdened for the souls of his own people. Pray for him and for others who feel the call. We are praying that God will raise up a band of Spirit-filled workers to evangelize their own people.

"False cults and sects are making rapid strides in this country. Even though the Africans are advancing in civilization, it is tragic to see the continued superstition and spirit worship among the majority. Witchdoctors and sorcerers do a thriving business selling their charms and jujus.

"Praise God for the light of the gospel which is shining into the darkness of Satan's dominion. It is a joy to see the transformation that takes place on faces that once bore the haunted expression of demon possession and torment."

—R. T. Brock



The Family Altar



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

Monday, December 28

Read: Ephesians 1:1-14

Learn: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) Paul's greeting to the Ephesian church, vv. 1, 2; (2) the blessings that have come to those who have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord—enumerate them, vv. 3-11; (3) the purpose of these blessings, v. 12; (4) the "seal" of our faith, v. 13; (5) the Spirit with and in us now as an indication of the glories waiting for us in the future, v. 14.

Question Time: What are some blessings that come to those who belong to Christ? (vv. 3-11)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. C. J. Crabaugh, Liberia; Walter Erickson, Peru; Mrs. C. E. Greenaway, Senegal; Mrs. Jimmie W. Davis, Japan; A. E. Wilson, Dahomey; Luther Cayton (Indian), Nev.

Tuesday, December 29

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

Learn: "Wherefore I also... cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers" (Ephesians 1:15, 16).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. From this passage point out: (1) Paul's genuine concern and prayer for these believers, vv. 15, 16; (2) his desire for these believers—discuss the various phases of this prayer, vv. 17-19; (3) the great power of our God and the exalted position of Christ, vv. 19-21; (4) Christ as the head of all things, including the Church, vv. 22, 23.

Question Time: What were some of the things Paul desired for these Ephesian believers? (vv. 17-19) How can they be applied to us?

Missionary Birthday: Floyd Horst, Philippines.

Wednesday, December 30

Read: Luke 2:39-52; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Learn: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Christ and the Teachers" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the story of Christ in the temple. Emphasize His understanding of spiritual things. Tie in the purpose of knowing the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:14-17). God's Word forms the foundation for our faith. It helps us know what we believe

and why we believe it. Urge the group to study God's Word more—to apply it to their lives.

Question Time: How old was Jesus when He discussed spiritual matters with the doctors in the temple? (v. 42)

Missionary Birthdays: Samuel T. Beckdahl, N. India; Anthony Giordano, Uruguay; Ruth Pemberton, Trinidad; Mrs. Wilfred H. Morris, Peru; Mrs. A. I. Walker, Cuba.

Thursday, December 31

Read: 1 Samuel 9:1, 2, 15-17, 26, 27; 10:1, 17-24; 11:15; 12:13-15 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility" (Proverbs 15:33).

For the Parent: Up until this time Israel had never had a king. God, through His prophets and judges, had been their ruler. But now, like all the other countries, Israel wanted a king. Discuss how God showed Samuel the person to anoint for this position. Also stress Saul's humility. Point out the warning God gave Israel (12:13-15).

Question Time: What was Saul's outstanding character trait at this time? (See above) Why did Israel want a king? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Kenneth H. Andrus, Alaska; Mrs. Charles McClure, (Indian), N. Y.

Friday, January 1

Read: Joshua 3

Learn: "Know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore" (Joshua 3:4).

For the Parent: The beginning of a new year reminds us that there are always new experiences ahead. Review the story of the crossing of the Jordan, emphasizing the power of God and the faith of the people in the Word of God. As we face the unknown we can always be certain that God will go before us, that He will



If you hear a prayer that moves you.
By its humble, pleading tone,
Join it—do not let the seeker
Bow before his God alone.
Why should not your brother share
The strength of two or
three in prayer?

—Author Unknown

guide and protect us, and that He will make a way where there seemingly is no way.

Question Time: What new experience faced Israel? What obstacle was there? How was it overcome?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Alvin Capener, Alaska; Mrs. Ralph Cimino, Nigeria; Robert Cousart, Alaska; C. Leroy Williams, Peru.

Saturday, January 2

Read: Luke 1:57-80 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

For the Parent: The birth of John the Baptist was miraculous. Have the group review the story as found in Luke 1:5-23. When the baby was born and the time came for him to be named, his parents said his name was to be John (vv. 13, 60-63). At that same time the father, Zacharias, got his voice back (see v. 20). Discuss the prophecy he gave (vv. 68-79), showing that Christ was to be the Redeemer, and John the special messenger (v. 76). Urge members of the group to be faithful where God places them.

Question Time: Why couldn't Zacharias speak for a while? (v. 20)

Missionary Birthdays: B. Colleen Guinn, India; Mrs. Quentin Shortes, Guatemala; Mrs. William Stepp, Venezuela; Mrs. Carl Malz, S. India.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

As a part of the 1960 "Year of Witness" campaign, sponsored by the National C. A. Department, the January C. A. Herald will be a special "Decision" issue. Pray that many young people will be reached and will make decisions for Christ as a result of reading this magazine.

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Pray for the Christians in Maili, Hawaii. They have no church building. Pray that funds may be supplied for the renting of a building until a permanent church can be established.

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Pray for the new General Council executives who will be taking office January 1.

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Pray that funds will be provided for a jeep in India, printing equipment for the Philippines, and a car for Spain. These are urgent needs, and as yet no Speed-the-Light funds are available to meet them.

In His Father's Kneepoints



BY CARL RUBLE

THE FUNERAL WAS OVER, AND JIM stared unseeingly out of the north window of the old farmhouse. Here, he thought, was where his father had stood so many times gazing across the undulating fields to the hills beyond, from which he would turn and say, "I've just been thinking—" and those thoughts were always interesting. Now, Jim was thinking. Just four days ago his father had seemed as well as ever.

Then three mornings back he had risen from the breakfast table, sat down in the living room, and opened his well-thumbed Bible to read for morning prayers, but his head dropped forward on his chest and his spirit slipped away. Jim had no doubt but that his father was "with Christ, which is far better."

During the funeral, Jim was made to realize more keenly than ever that he

was the only one of the seven children—all now grown up and living away—who was not ready to follow their father. Now among the familiar surroundings of the home, his father seemed strangely near, yet separated from him by a great gulf. As others were moving about the house and talking, he wandered off to the barn to be alone with his thoughts.

Moving almost aimlessly, he found himself nearing the end of the feedway. Suddenly he stopped. There in the hay before him were the distinct imprints of a pair of knees—he knew who had made them, and that he had prayed for him that last early morning here on earth. A moment later his own knees were in the kneepoints of his father, and while he knelt there, his "broken and contrite heart" yielded itself to his father's God. Arising, he paced back and forth for a time in the exultation of his newfound joy, then hastened to the house. As he burst through the doorway, his mother looked into his face and, before he could say anything, cried out, "O Jim, I'm so glad!" And in that household which should have been griefstricken, there was joy such as the world cannot understand.

Many successful fathers would be delighted to have their children walk in their footsteps, and many sons have followed their father into the same profession or business with outstanding success. But far more important than to have impressive footsteps for a son to follow is to leave kneepoints which will point the "generation that follows" toward the highest goals in time and eternity. There are many footprints made by fathers along life's way, but how many professed Christian fathers are such men of prayer that they are leaving "kneepoints" for their sons and daughters to follow?

A godly father once declared, "Before my children open their eyes to a new day, I've already presented them to the Throne of Grace. And after they have closed their eyes for another night, I ask their Father in heaven to blanket them with His love and care, not only for the night, but all through life." Is it any wonder that those children early found and faithfully served the Lord?

If children had more fathers' kneepoints to follow, there would be more Christians in the rising generation. Father, where are *your* kneepoints?

—The Free Methodist

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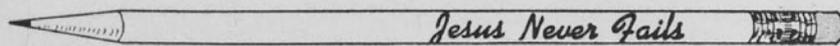
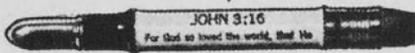


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—What Book Are They In?

Below are several Bible verses frequently used in connection with missionary services. The chapter and verse are listed after each. Do you know what book of the Bible each verse is found in?

1. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (24:14).
2. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (4:35).
3. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (16:15).
4. "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision" (3:14).
5. "God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (10:34, 35).
6. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (8:20).
7. "Give light to them that sit in darkness" (1:79).

ANSWERS: 1—Matthew; 2—John; 3—Mark; 4—Joel; 5—Acts; 6—Jeremiah; 7—Luke.



The Gates of the Year

The shadow gates are swinging
That hide the dawning year;
The sound of muffled ringing
Is swiftly growing clear;
The far-off music, falling
Like flute notes soft and low,
Becomes a trumpet, calling,
And I must rise and go.

Lord, let my feet be surer
To walk the way unknown,
My heart a Kingdom purer,
With love upon its throne;
And let me have a vision
Of truth, and life, and need,
And hands of quick decision
For every noble deed.

And thus with humble gladness
I greet the dawning year,
With hope that conquers sadness,
And love that casts out fear;
With courage for my roaming
In mingled peace and strife,
Till some day, in the gloaming,
I find the gates of life.

—John Mervin Hull.



Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Can you give me the names of the half-brothers and half-sisters of Jesus?
See Matthew 13:55, 56; Mark 6:3.

God warned against rebuilding Jericho (Joshua 6:26). I am told some man tried to rebuild it and was punished. Can you tell me who this was?
I recommend that you read 1 Kings 16:34.

What difference is there between the passing away of a Christian and of an unbeliever?
At death a Christian goes to be with the Lord (Philippians 1:21). The unbeliever goes to Hades, there to await the final judgment (Luke 16:23; Revelation 20:11-15).

Does the Bible say that only 144,000 will get into heaven?
The 144,000 spoken of in Revelation 7:4 are those from the tribes of Israel that are sealed. It has no reference to the total number of souls who will be in heaven. This will be "a great multitude which no man can number."

What was the strange fire which Nadab and Abihu offered? (Leviticus 10:1)
We may well believe it was fire which they themselves had kindled, although no details are given. Fire from God had just fallen on the altar. Nadab and Abihu sought to imitate this. The lesson for us is that we ought not to try in our own strength to exercise gifts or perform other Christian functions designed to give the appearance of being a work of God.

To what extent should a wife be subject to her husband? 1 Peter 3:1.
The Bible says the husband is "the head of the wife" (Ephesians 5:23). As such the wife should submit herself to this headship (Ephesians 2:20). She should assist him in every way she can. She should seek to please her husband (1 Corinthians 7:34) and should avoid trying to dictate or dominate (1 Timothy 2:12).
On the other hand, husbands are to love their wives with an unselfish love (Ephesians 5:25) and seek to have a sympathetic understanding of them (1 Peter 3:7).

Does the doctrine of "the immaculate conception" mean that Jesus was conceived in such a way as to make Him sinless?
This false doctrine goes farther back than that. It teaches that Mary was conceived in such a manner as to make her sinless, free from all sinful heredity from the fall of Adam. There is no Scripture ground for such doctrine. It is this error which lays the foundation for the worship of Mary as the mother of God.

I am told that Jesus did not speak Hebrew. Is this true?
While the sacred or religious language of the Jews remained Hebrew after the Babylonian captivity, the language generally used in the time of Christ was Aramaic. This language was taken on through the captivity with continued use of certain Hebrew words. There seems to have developed a difference in accent by the Galileans from that of the Judean Jews (Matthew 26:73). Since Jesus was of the region of Galilee He probably spoke with the Galilean accent.

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).

C. A.'s Participate Wholeheartedly in DOLLAR DAY

BY VERNE B. MACKINNEY

AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT, IT is still too early to give a complete resumé of the response on Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, October 18. However, half of the offerings for the day are usually sent in within two weeks. To date, over \$30,000 has been received, indicating a probable total response of around \$60,000. That would be the second highest amount in the fourteen-year history of Speed-the-Light Dollar Days.

Interest in Speed-the-Light Dollar Day was widespread among the C. A. groups. Indications are that nearly half of them observed the day with some special activity. Many churches which do not have C. A. groups took special offerings too, feeling the need and wishing to do something to Speed-the-Light.

Offerings were generous, and on the average they matched the size of the C. A. Group, indicating that each

Christ's Ambassador willingly gave his dollar for missions. A large number of offerings were in the \$50-\$150 bracket, indicating that the entire church cooperated with the C.A.'s in helping Speed-the-Light.

Some of the reports indicated some real sacrifice on the part of young people. Those without jobs made special efforts for weeks before Dollar Day to get odd jobs, sell scrap metal, wash cars, and other things in an effort to raise money for Speed-the-Light. Some of the groups conducted special money-raising contests. At El Centro, Calif., Youth Director Romayne Hertwick gave a little plastic car to all who participated in the offering as a reminder to pray for Speed-the-Light.

In Springdale, Ark., a generous offering of almost \$400 was inspired by a young man who felt led to give his motorcycle to Speed-the-Light. After

contacting the headquarters Speed-the-Light office, it was ascertained that Dale Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla., was ready to return to Ghana for missionary service and was in need of a motorcycle. Contact was made with Brother Brown and the motorcycle picked up. The Springdale groups offering will pay the shipping charges and import duty, with most of it left over for other Speed-the-Light projects. The district which had been raising the money to purchase the motorcycle was able to redirect their funds toward payment on an urgently needed jeep and trailer in India.

The C. A. president at the Walla Walla, Wash., Assembly is Ruth S. Anderson. She had been appointed for missionary service in the Belgian Congo. She will be provided with an *Opel* car for her work in Africa, partly due to the generous Speed-the-Light offering of nearly \$300 from her group. The *Opel* dealer in Walla Walla loaned the church a station wagon for display on the church lawn to advertise Speed-the-Light Dollar Day.

The theme of the day, "GIVE LIGHT," inspired a number of novel ideas for a service. In Anaheim, Calif., C. A. Leader Sandra Nelson of the Town Church secured eighteen different types of lights and placed them around the chapel. As the C. A.'s gathered, the room was lighted by only a small candle. Appropriate Scripture references were passed out to eighteen participants who were each to light one of the lamps or lights as they read the verse. In St. Albans, W. Va., under the direction of Loretta Hensley the C.A.'s assembled a display of model Speed-the-Light equipment (see photo) showing the number of each kind that had been purchased through Speed-the-Light. Their Dollar Day offering was the largest for Speed-the-Light in several years of consistent giving.

Offering receptacles for Speed-the-Light Dollar Day ranged from flashlight cylinders and floor lamps to clotheslines and maps. While there was strong emphasis on finance in the Speed-the-Light services, all the reports indicated that sacrificial giving was done cheerfully and God's blessing and the evident presence of the Holy Spirit made the services well worthwhile for all who attended. A number reported souls saved and definite responses to the call of God for missionary or other types of service. (See next page)



Display for Speed-the-Light used by C.A.'s of First Assembly of God in St. Albans, W. Va.

SPEED-the-LIGHT



LEADING THE NATION

January 1—October 31, 1959

TOTAL GIVING

A/G, Cut Bank, Mont.	\$2,737.77
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	2,685.00
1st A/G, Memphis, Tenn.	1,615.00
Calv. F. G. A/G, Inglewood, Calif.	1,358.57
1st A/G, Binghamton, N. Y.	1,158.79
1st A/G, Springdale, Ark.	1,115.59
Bethel A/G, Lincoln Park, Mich.	1,043.37
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans.	996.00
Central A/G, Baton Rouge, La.	985.84
Calvary Tab., Chicago, Ill.	961.04
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wis.	884.58
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho	754.33
Bethany A/G, Adrian, Mich.	705.50
City of Lakes Ch., Mpls., Minn.	701.75
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala.	667.00
1st A/G, Coffeyville, Kans.	660.51
Christian A/G, Wausau, Wis.	655.50
1st A/G, Russellville, Ark.	631.75
F. G. Temple, Richmond, Calif.	629.92
1st A/G, Denver, Colo.	621.00
1st A/G, Pine Bluff, Ark.	620.53
1st A/G, Pocatello, Idaho	601.06

PER CAPITA GIVING

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

A/G, Cut Bank, Mont. (25)	\$109
A/G, Hazelton, Idaho (4)	72
1st A/G, Pocatello, Idaho (9)	66
Central A/G, Baton Rouge, La. (15)	65
Oak Grove A/G, Malvern, Ark. (3)	53
1st A/G, Springdale, Ark. (22)	50
A/G, Rifle, Colo. (5)	42
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala. (16)	41
A/G, Dermott, Ark. (6)	40
1st A/G, Plain Dealing, La. (4)	40
A/G, Eads, Colo. (7)	38
Berea Tab., Detroit, Mich. (15)	37
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho (20)	37
1st A/G, Mansfield, Ohio (12)	36
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans. (28)	35
A/G, Leslie, Ark. (4)	32
A/G, Saco, Mont. (7)	32
A/G, O'Neill, Nebr. (12)	32
Christian A/G, Wausau, Wis. (20)	32
A/G, Murfreesboro, Ark. (10)	30
A/G, Collinston, La. (10)	29
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif. (90)	29



The Bite of the Bat

BY RONNIE HEMBREE

A WISCONSIN FARMER WAS AWAKENED on a sultry August night by a bat that swooped through an open window and bit him on the ear. The next day he joked about the incident. Three weeks later he died of rabies.

In the fall of 1951, a woman stooped to pick up what she supposed to be a dead bat on the steps of the post office at Big Springs, Tex. The bat bit her on the left forearm. Twenty-five days later she was dead.

If these persons had realized the danger they could have received inoculation and been saved. In fact, the inoculation for rabies is so perfected that the death rate has been cut to an average of only six persons per year. However, when the disease reaches a certain point it is too late to save the stricken person. Death is inevitable.

Most people will readily agree that sin also has its pay day. Even the most wicked of sinners realizes that a righteous God will somehow punish an unholy act. However, the tragedy is that men and women do not realize that sin's pay day does not always come in this life.

Man knows that if he steals from his neighbor, eventually he will be caught. If he murders, in time he will have to pay for that crime. Man feels the pangs of conscience when he has done an evil deed, but too often he feels that the pain is the only punishment his sin will bring. This is a part of life, of being human, he tells himself.

When the farmer was bitten by the bat he had some pain, but it was only temporary. He could joke about it. And the tragic thing is that while men laugh about sin and its immediate consequences, they are actually dying a little bit at a time. The seeds of sin are the seeds of death. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

The whole human race has been infected by sin, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But thank God, there is also a cure for sin, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

One of the sad things about the death of rabies victims is the fact that it is unnecessary. Vaccine is available. Physicians are willing to administer it; but the victim must recognize his condition and ask for help before it is too late.

So adequate provision has been made for the healing of our sinsick hearts and lives. We do not have to be lost. But we must come to the Great Physician for His help. We must tell Him our condition and ask for the only real cure. We need more than temporary pain relief; we need cleansing and healing. And it is ours for the asking. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

This is all by way of saying *thank you* to everyone who had a part in making Speed-the-Light Dollar Day mean something for missions. We who handle Speed-the-Light matters in the National C. A. Office add our thanks to that of the missionaries who will use the equipment. Yes, and the outstretched hand reaching for the Light will one day clasp yours as a brother in Christ—because you gave Light.

Revivaltime's Prayer Partner Fellowship To Continue in 1960

Prayer is the force behind all great ministries. James admonishes us to "pray one for another." Other inspired writers exhort us to "pray without ceasing," "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit," and to "seek the Lord... continually." The effectiveness of *Revivaltime's* ministry is dependent upon a band of individuals who pray daily for the requests that come to the radio office.

Recognizing the need for a band of prayer warriors to assist in bringing the hundreds of prayer requests before the Lord, the *Revivaltime* staff made an appeal three years ago for persons to join in this ministry. The prayer force increased from approximately 100 individuals participating the first year, to more than 800 the second. This past year 1,275 individuals received *Revivaltime's* prayer requests each month.

Thrilling testimonies reach *Revivaltime* every day telling of answers to prayer. A woman in Raleigh, W. Va., 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 to God for you and your prayer. The engagement has been broken." Other letters tell of homes reunited, loved ones saved, persons delivered from alcoholism, church-

es experiencing revival, and persons filled with the Holy Spirit through the prayers of the *Revivaltime* prayer partner fellowship.

Letters also arrive from those participating in the prayer partner fellowship. These letters often contain inspiring testimonies of blessings received by prayer band members during intercession for someone else's need. In some cases entire churches, church groups, or Sunday school classes have formed a local group to pray for the requests in a body. Often these meetings to pray for *Revivaltime's* requests have resulted in revival within the church itself.

But each mail that brings more testimonies also brings more requests. Fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, and children are without Christ. Loved ones are bound by alcohol. Marriages are dissolving. Friends or relatives are in prison. Seekers after God have been confused with false doctrine. Dear ones are ill and dying. These people need help and are counting on *Revivaltime's* prayer band to lift them up in prayer.

Once each month a list of these requests is printed and sent to the prayer partners. This list can be carried in a pocket, purse, or Bible, always handy when there is opportunity to remember these needs in prayer.

More and more individuals and

REVIVALTIME GIVING (TOP DISTRICTS)

January 1 to October 31, 1959
TOTAL GIVING

1. Eastern \$15,840.98
2. Northwest 12,485.59

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Montana \$ 75.80
2. New Jersey 67.73

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. Eastern \$ 2,125.32
2. Rocky Mountain 2,011.05

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING

1. Rocky Mountain \$ 15.53
2. Southern Idaho 13.83

GREATEST GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Arkansas 15
2. Wisconsin-N. Michigan 10
3. Northern California-Nevada 9
4. Southern California 9

PERCENTAGE OF GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Potomac 12%
2. Nebraska 11%
3. West Central 11%

groups are needed to join the *Revivaltime* prayer partners. Won't you help us pray for these requests? If you are a pastor, a Sunday school teacher, or church group leader, there are those in your group who would undoubtedly like to share in this spiritual ministry and would join if invited. We would be glad to furnish enough prayer lists for every member.

Indicate your pledge of prayer support on the coupon below and mail it to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. Your name will be put on our mailing list to receive these requests each month. ◀ ◀

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PASTOR PROMOTES REVIVALTIME IN COUNTY FAIR PARADE

Realizing that by promoting *Revivaltime* over the local radio station, he is also promoting the local church, Pastor Jerral C. Jones, Pine City, Minn., entered the above display in the local county fair parade. Out of 72 entries Brother Jones' was the only one from a Protestant church. The bronze car, decorated with yellow streamers, had two signs on the top with a speaker between, over which taped music was played from a recorder inside the car. Pastor Jones states: "This begins the third year of the *Revivaltime* broadcast on our station, with six churches sponsoring it. This is the second station on which I have been able to get *Revivaltime* sponsored by area churches. It is still on the other station and has been for about four or five years.

"I only wish more pastors realized the tremendous value *Revivaltime* is to our churches as well as to the unsaved in our communities whom our churches cannot reach no matter how they try."



The Day the President Came

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The President next visited our church. He was amazed to see such a large building and to learn that we average 550 in Sunday school. From there we went to the clinic; again the President was amazed and realized immediately that we need to enlarge the clinic facilities at the earliest possible time. He examined the clinic instruments that had been polished for the occasion. Among the instruments lay an open Bible and a marker pointed to Matthew 10:8: "Heal the leper." The President paused to read the verse.

Native nurses, trained by our missionaries, were dressed in their finest white jackets and stood in review before the President. Africans have been trained to take blood smears and to do much of the routine work at the clinic.

The missionary ladies had prepared, with the help of our native cooks, a wonderful dinner at the Landrus house. Miss Steidel reported that "the presidential party, chiefs, and missionaries consumed four hams, twenty-three chickens, 100 pounds of rice, two goats, a bushel of potatoes, plus vegetables, pickles, fruit, and pies."

For the convocation which followed the dinner a platform was built off the veranda of the Landrus house. The official delegation was seated on the veranda and a palm-leaf covered platform served as the speaker's podium. Our Speed-the-Light public address system was put to good use.

Papa Fred, our national superintendent, opened the convocation with prayer. Sister Steidel gave the welcoming address. It was then my privilege to explain to the President and his party the need of aid from the Liberian government for the leper colony. I also expressed our desire to enlarge the facilities of the colony. I explained that Firestone officials tell us that one out of every 300 job applicants is a leper. It is estimated that there are some 55,000 lepers in our part of Africa. It takes approximately four years for a leper's tests to become negative. We feel that if we can build a place for one or two thousand lepers we will be able to curb the increase of leprosy in Liberia.

President Tubman addressed the congregation, encouraging the lepers to stay in the colony until they are cured and then to return to their villages and teach the people of Jesus Christ and give hope to other lepers. The President was so impressed with the work of the leprosarium that he gave us a grant of ten square miles of land. We have to pay fifty cents an acre to have the new land surveyed by government surveyors. Markers made out of cement, steel, or stone must be erected by the surveyors. Five square miles of the land will be put into rubber, palm, cocoa, and coffee trees as we attempt to make the colony self-supporting.

After making the land grant the

President turned to his official party and took an offering. Mr. Tubman gave \$1,000 personally and received another \$1,085 from his party which included the government purchasing agent, ambassadors, secretaries, and consular officials. He then promised \$5,000 annually from the Liberian government for the support of the leprosarium.

We are deeply grateful to have the full co-operation of President Tubman and the Liberian government. When the President returned to his executive mansion he wrote me a letter in which he said:

"It was exhilarating to have visited New Hope Town, Newaka, on yesterday where your mission is engaged in the great humanitarian work of caring for and healing lepers. I had heard of this work, but upon visiting New Hope Town and seeing the people and the services that the missionaries are rendering to those people I found myself overwhelmed and thrilled.

"The new program which we discussed with reference to the granting of land by Government for agricultural purposes of the Mission to assist in making the work self-supporting, has Government's full support and you may have the land as a grant.

"As I intimated on yesterday, Government will grant a subsidy of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) per annum to the Mission, and should you at any time desire to do more to assist in promoting and expanding your work among these lepers please do not hesitate to call upon me. Should you work

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out a plan whereby the number of lepers would be increased to 1,000 or 2,000, Government would contribute proportionately to assist you and I would also make personal contributions.

"It is my prayerful wish that Mrs. Boyer and you will have a safe and uneventful travel back home and return as soon as possible to give further assistance to the laudable work of the Assemblies of God Mission in Liberia."

The government has already started paying the annual grant in \$1,000 installments to the mission account in Cape Palmas. This grant, of course, will not completely support the colony; neither will it make possible the needed expansion. It will, however, go a long way to relieve the financial pressure of the colony at the present time and permit much-needed enlargement of facilities. Of prime consideration will be the construction of a hydro-electric plant on the river so we can have power twenty-four hours a day. At present we are using gasoline engines, but gasoline costs fifty-five cents a gallon and our budget will not permit us to continue this expenditure.

New buildings are needed; clinic equipment is needed; more personnel is needed. New Hope Town deserves your support for it is more than a clinic—it is an evangelistic center for the healing of the body and the saving of the soul in Africa. Pray for New Hope Town.

If you should like to have a share in enlarging the facilities of the colony and assisting in its evangelistic ministry, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, designated LIBERIAN LEPER COLONY.

Both Faithful and Fruitful

BY DORIS BARNES

SOME MINISTERS HAVE ENCOURAGED their flocks with the thought that God does not require fruitfulness but He does require faithfulness. However, it should be noted that God promises fruit as a result of faithfulness. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

God does not set a definite time when we shall see the fruit of our labors, but we shall see it. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Ecclesiastes 11:1).

I lived in a trailer park for many years. This gave me excellent opportunities to distribute tracts, witness, and to pray for the sick. Since then I have met some of those people who were touched by the gospel, and in not one instance has God's Word returned to Him void.

I once had for a neighbor a backslider who by all external evidence was indifferent to the things of God. I offered her *Pentecostal Evangel*, which she bluntly refused, as she did my repeated invitations to church. I did not see the work of God in her heart; I only saw what appeared to be the tri-

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Bell Gardens	First	Jan. 1-10	Robert Watters	F. E. Robertson
	Monrovia	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 3-17	Frank Martin	Vinton E. Huffey
	Richmond	Full Gos. Tem.	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	John French	J. Boyd Wolverton
	Riverside	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Paul E. Riggs	D. F. Ferguson
	Tustin	A/G	Jan. 3-10	Lloyd Christiansen	Everett Nollsch
Fla.	Ft. Myers	Faith Tab.	Jan. 3-8	Bob Olson	Ernest Williams
	Hialeah	Bethel	Jan. 3-10	W. Clifford Nelson	L. P. Cutts
	Melbourne	Bethel	Jan. 3-17	Arthur Berg	Stafford Anderson
	Tallahassee	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	B. R. Minton	G. L. Johnson
	Winter Park	Gos. Tab.	Jan. 3-11	Louise Nankivell	John P. Hall
Ga.	Valdosta	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Roger Wood	E. L. Gilliland
Ill.	Chicago	Stone Church	Jan. 3-17	Jimmy Brown	E. C. Sumrall
Ind.	Indianapolis	West Side GT	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Musical Vanderploegs	Thomas Paino
Kans.	Iola	A/G	Jan. 3-17	A. N. Burns	Lavern Pember
	Lawrence	A/G	Jan. 3-10	Garfield J. Unruh	J. J. Krimmer
Md.	Hyattsville	Faith Tab.	Dec. 29-Jan. 10	William J. Tims	B. M. Slye
	Lonaconing	First Pent.	Jan. 1-17	J. Earl Douglass	Chas. E. Fussell
Mich.	Marshall	A/G	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Wesley C. Wibley	Raymond Warnick
Minn.	Spring Valley	A/G	Dec. 31—	Gordon W. Harmon	Ronald A. Snider
	Willmar	A/G	Jan. 3-24	Bill McPherson	Richard Orchard
	Winona	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Orrin Kingsriter	W. W. Shaw
Mo.	Cape Girardeau	Bethel	Jan. 3-17	Carl Walker, Jr.	Joe V. Shoults
	Columbia	First	Jan. 3-17	Bill Newby	Chas. A. Parker
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	First	Jan. 3—	Glen & Faithie Shinn	Clarence Love
Okla.	Bixby	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Bob Swaim & wife	Edward Estes
	Broken Arrow	Union	Dec. 27-Jan. 9	Charles Ogdon	C. S. Kirkendall
	Enid	House of Prayer	Jan. 3-17	Oren Paris	Chas. F. Main
	Enid	Spaulding	Jan. 3-17	E. D. Bagwell	James T. Barnes
	Lawton	First	Jan. 3—	Keith L. Belknap	Roy H. Sprague
Oreg.	Sand Springs	Skyview	Jan. 3—	Billy Guthrie & wife	L. M. Reed
	Roseburg	A/G	Jan. 3—	L. H. Sheets Family	C. O. Ross
	Sandy	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Cecil Carathers	Wm. D. Turnbull
Pa.	Johnstown	Grace Pent.	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Jack Peters	Ed Opdenhoff
Tex.	Amarillo	San Jacinto	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Ken George	J. E. Burkhalter
	Longview	First	Jan. 3-17	M. R. Boatright & wife	D. E. Ferguson
	Mesquite	First	Jan. 3-17	John Everett	Hulon Hood
	Tomball	First	Jan. 3—	Kenneth Berry Party	E. M. Darneal
	Van	A/G	Jan. 1-17	Leon Morrow	E. K. Carter
	Wash.	Port Orchard	A/G	Jan. 3—	Wesley W. Fleming
	Wapato	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Tanner Team	Martin Haack

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umphs of Satan. However, I continued to intercede in prayer for that home. I kept reminding the Lord that I coveted that home for Him. One Sunday when I came home from church, she was waiting for me and told me that she was going to church with me that night. Satan lost his hold and she was restored to fellowship with God.

A mother I knew was deeply concerned over a worldly daughter whom she believed to be opposed to the things of God. Again, the exterior attitude hid a hungry heart. Actually the daughter had been wanting to go to church but couldn't muster the courage to start. She was easily won through personal witnessing, and both she and her mother became active witnesses for the Lord.

One day while witnessing from house to house, my co-worker and I met a woman who was quite unfriendly. However, we kept a sweet spirit and she accepted some tracts as we left. A few days later while praying for guidance for the day, the Spirit impressed me that we were to return to that home. We did so, and found that the Lord had gone before us. The lady invited us in, asked many questions, and finally knelt with us in prayer. Four months later she phoned to tell us that she had been saved that day. She and her family are now attending church regularly. Most of them are saved and filled with the Spirit.

It is often most difficult to believe we are making progress in witnessing to our own loved ones. Year after long weary year we watch them plunge deeper into sin, or seem satisfied in their modernistic views. But we have the promise, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

Recently, after many years of prayer, a relative of mine suddenly stopped drinking and announced that he wanted to be saved. Another, a modernist and one equally perverse, is now a born-again Christian.

Our work is not completed when we have won a soul to Christ. We must continue to pray until Christ be formed in him (Galatians 4:19). This requires patience and often appears more discouraging than soul winning. But again one must not judge by outward signs, but keep faithfully praying until that soul is established.

A lady who had received a glorious experience of salvation and testified that the world did not satisfy her, soon

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NITE - LITES FOR CHILDREN



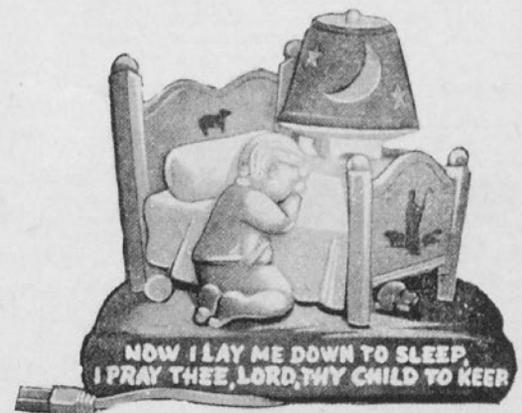
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tried another taste of the unsatisfying portion. She lost out with God. My friends rebuked me for weeping over her; they said she wasn't worth my tears. But I could not stop agonizing in prayer for her, and God heard and answered. She returned to the Lord and remained true. We can be assured, when God burdens us for a soul, that He is working in that individual's heart.

Lately I have had cause to praise the Lord for true friends who have ministered to me in illness and times of distress. Bread cast upon the water has returned "with jam on it," for they are friends whom I have been instrumental in winning to Christ.

Surely "he that winneth souls is wise," because eternity is so very long.

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MASTER

Several years ago I went to Santa Monica, Calif., to see a horse. He was very famous; people from many parts of the world had beaten a path to his corral. A life-size bronze image of this horse is exhibited in a large museum. But when I saw him he seemed to be just an ordinary cow pony. His name was as unspectacular as his appearance. He was called Soapsuds. His only possible claim to fame lay in the fact that he was the favorite cow pony of the late Will Rogers.

These were my thoughts as I looked at that horse: "Soapsuds, you would never have been heard of. There are blooded horses in the world who would not associate with you! You would have lived and died in the common herd. People would never give you a second look but for one thing—you had the right master. He made you famous. Yours is a borrowed glory!"

And I found myself adding something else: "I can tell you this too, Soapsuds. There was a fisherman once. And we never would have heard of

him, either. He would have lived and died, and left his boats rocking on the water, his nets rotting on the rocks. That would have been the end. But, Soapsuds, countless boys bear that fisherman's name. High cathedrals climb skyward and are called 'St. Peter's.' His name is bright in the greatest Book on earth. He got the right Master too!"

It has been said that everybody on earth is mastered by something or someone. As Jesus pointed out, "No man can serve two masters." But our very nature demands that we have that one master. Such being the case, we should choose carefully which master we will serve.

And mastery is not to be associated with slavery—unless we have the *wrong* master! Contradictory as it may sound, the right mastery is a form of freedom. Only when we are mastered by the highest are we free from the lowest.

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11: 29, 30).

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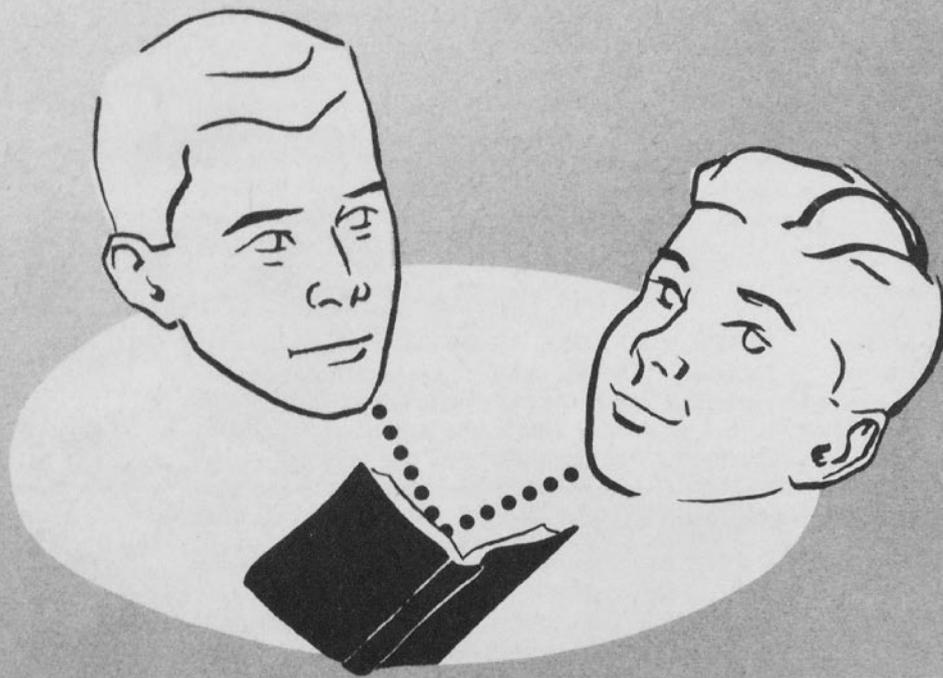
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