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## God's "Pony Express"

The famous Pony Express, which began exactly a hundred years ago, was emblematic of the brave pioneer missionaries who carried the message of the Cross to the frontiers of civilization in past generations.

It was on April 3, 1860, that the great courier service began. It formed a mail link between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. The riders who rode relays over the historic route were teen-agers. An advertisement in San Francisco seeking Pony Express riders stated: "Wantedyoung, skinny, wiry fellows not over eighteen. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred. Wages \$25 a week. . . .'

Sponsor of the service was the transportation firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell. They gave a Bible to each young man entering the Pony Express. These Bibles are very rare today. One of them is shown above.

The Pony Express lasted only eighteen months-until the cross-country telegraph was completed-but the young riders wrote a glorious page in American history by their feats of courage. Neither heat nor cold ever stopped them. Through blinding snows or howling storms they rode on, consistently outrunning savage Indian pursuers, to deliver the mail.

The nation pays them a deserving tribute this anniversary year. But should we not remember, also, the Lord's "Pony Express"-those brave men and women who blazed the trail to the ends of the earth carrying the glorious Gospel of Christ? The story of our courageous pioneer missionaries needs to be told again to inflame modern youth with the same spirit of sacrificial service. Modern advances such as Speed-the-Light equipment have changed missionary life to some extent but brave couriers of the Cross are still needed . . . talented young people preferred . . . lovers of souls more than lovers of pleasures . . . willing to lay down their lives for the gospel's sake . . . wages to be determined by Employer on the basis of faithful service.

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# REIGN OF TERROR

An episode from the colorful life of the late Victor G. Plymire, pioneer missionary to Tibet, as described by his missionary son.

#### DAVID V. PLYMIRE

**O**<sub>F</sub> TROUBLE-FREE DAYS, IT SEEMED, there could not be many. Before long, the Plymires were to pass through one of the hardest tests of their lives. Nor would the passing years ever erase from their memories the awful events which they were forced to witness at a Tibetan border village.

As the new year dawned, the political unrest which had threatened to explode into full-scale war seemed to have been brought under control. Therefore no one was prepared for what was to follow in peaceful Tangar.

The trouble began when a small band of outlaws raided an isolated jail, freeing the prisoners. Through this easy success, the ringleaders became confident of themselves and carried out a second such raid. Quickly added to the ranks of these outlaws were many who wished to make a living other than by working, and also a large number of disgruntled soldiers. This lawless band moved on, killing and looting, its ranks ever increasing until it became an army of almost twenty thousand! These men were armed with a motley assortment of weapons, including guns and spears. With no one to oppose them, they advanced steadily northwest, leaving behind a trail of devastation and bloodshed.

Refugees fleeing before them soon began to arrive in Tangar, bringing reports of the horrible atrocities com-



mitted. Fear gripped the hearts of the townspeople as they fortified the city against the oncoming horde of bloodthirsty plunderers.

Tension mounted. The doomed city awaited the dreaded moment of attack. The missionaries also waited, in prayer and readiness. They had decided to make the best of it with the people. The Christians especially would need encouragement when the fateful hour struck. It would not seem right for them to run away. As the Plymires prayed they received assurance that God would protect them. The scriptural phrase, "Kept by the power of God," had been so strongly impressed upon Mrs. Plymire that both she and her husband felt it was a promise from heaven. If that were so, there was nothing to fear.

On February 14 word came that the bandit army was only a short distance south of the city. At once the huge city gates were closed. The missionaries moved to a corner room downstairs where the thick mud walls would afford good protection from bullets.

By sunrise the following morning a deathly silence had crept over the city. Guards on the high wall strained to see some sight of the approaching bandit army. As they watched, a cloud of smoke arose from a burning village just over the nearby hill. A few shots echoed down the valley. All at once the horde appeared, rounding a spur in the valley. Some were charging along on horses. Others were running afoot. With swords and spears gleaming in the morning sun, the mob streamed across the wooden bridge a short distance away. Climbing the hill at the base of the city wall, they surrounded the town so that none might escape. They loudly demanded to be let in, promising to hurt no one.

But the townspeople refused. Enraged, the bandits tried to scale the high wall but were repulsed. The rebels then made for the west gate. While a few defenders with rifles and pistols kept the bandits on the wall pinned down, other bandits placed straw against the massive wooden doors of the gate and set fire to them, watching gleefully as they began to burn. In a few moments the doors collapsed with a tremendous thud.

Clambering over the burning embers, the maddened horde now poured into the city, killing and butchering right and left. Many of the people made a rush for the only place of safety they could think of: the mission station. They came in over the roof and through the entrance while Mr. Plymire shoved them into various rooms and locked the doors. Noticing some elderly people trying to get down from the roof, he climbed up a ladder to

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## **Impressions From the Mission Field**

BY BERT WEBB Assistant General Superintendent

General Council Executives Tour Mission Fields of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa



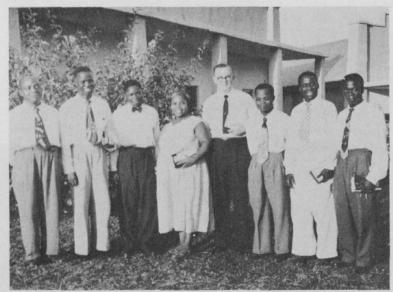
Brothers Zimmerman and Webb at the airport in Kano, Nigeria

IN KEEPING WITH A DECISION OF THE GENERAL PRESEYtery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Brother Thomas F. Zimmerman and I departed on October 7, 1959, from Idlewild Airport, New York, to spend approximately two months on a survey of Assemblies of God missionary activities throughout Africa. I will not attempt to give a detailed account of each country visited, but rather to highlight some of the outstanding impressions received.

Prior to touching the continent of Africa, brief stops of a day, or two at the most, were made in England, Italy, Greece, and Jordan. It is a tremendously inspiring fact that there are more than 500 Assemblies of God churches in ITALY. Most of these churches have been established since World War II. Aside from the leadership of strong, aggressive nationalist ministers, possibly the greatest single factor involved in this phenomenal growth in Italy is the part that literature has played. A five-story Bible school building in Rome is nearing completion and probably will be dedicated in conjunction with the World Pentecostal Conference to be held in Jerusalem in 1961. The contribution of the proceeds from the sale of a Greek Assemblies of God church in California together with offerings from various Greek brethren in the United States made it possible to purchase two floors of a newlyconstructed office building in downtown Athens, GREECE. These beautifully-appointed quarters now house the Assemblies of God church in Athens, which numbers several hundred persons. Due to the kindness of a local contractor who is an evangelical Christian, the purchase price of the space to house the Athens Assembly was approximately fifty percent of the commercial evaluation of the property.

No restrictions hinder the operation of the Assemblies of God work in JORDAN. The official attitude of the government of that land guarantees complete liberty for evangelical work throughout the country. There is only one full-time Assemblies of God worker in Jordan, and he is in general charge of six churches with some other workers who give part-time assistance.

In EGYPT it is immediately evident that many problems which have hindered our work in times past are being



T. F. Zimmerman was made an honorary member of the first post-graduate class of the Nigerian Central Bible Institute

Brother Zimmerman officiated at the dedication of the newly enlarged Assembly in Aba, Nigeria

PHOTO BY REX JACKSON

resolved, and the activities of our representatives there are meeting with success. The leadership in Egypt is almost entirely national and shows excellent numerical strength.

TANGANYIKA is located in the eastern part of the high plateau area of Africa. There is evidence of revival throughout all our work in Tanganyika. In the vicinity of Arusha and Iringa, in the last year and a half, thousands of people have knelt for the first time to accept Christ as they have heard the message of salvation. Dar es Salaam is the seaport for Tanganyika and there is indication of a great spirit of revival in a new effort in this city.

At Mbeya, in western Tanganyika, there is a splendid Bible school, which last school term had an enrollment of 40 students. At Mbeya, Tukuyu, and Njombe, all in the western part of Tanganyika, three or four missionaries, together with a number of capable national leaders, are responsible for a great spiritual move. There are scores of churches, thousands of believers, and great promise of continued growth.

In spite of intense conflicting racial attitudes, a general spirit of revival pervades NYASALAND. A wonderful spirit of harmony is evident as Americans and Africans work together in complete unity and understanding in the activities of the Assemblies of God throughout the country.

Emmanuel Press, located at Nelspruit and producing a tremendous volume of printed material, is undoubtedly creating one of the greatest impacts for good of any ministry in all of SOUTH AFRICA. Picture tracts, Sunday school literature, and a great deal of additional gospel literature have been the direct means of the salvation of many hundreds of souls. This is a co-operative effort, chiefly under the direction and supervision of Assemblies of God missionaries from America, who work together with South African and Canadian missionaries as well as those of other groups. A good spirit of genuine Pentecostal revival is evident in much of South Africa. This effort among the Africans is, for the most part, carried on under the leadership of African national ministers.

NIGERIA, soon to become an independent democracy, is possibly the strongest numerically of any country occupied

PHOTO BY ROBERT COBB

by the Assemblies of God in Africa. Our Sunday school work is more advanced in Nigeria than in any other country in Africa. Many Sunday schools have an average attendance of anywhere from 300 to 1,400 or even more. It is, of course, true that there are many Sunday schools of a hundred or less. On one occasion recently there were more than 5,000 people present on a single Sunday at one Sunday school in Nigeria, and in another place more than 1,300 people were present for Sunday school.

An interesting facet of the Nigerian work is the fact that the Ibos, the third largest tribe in Nigeria, have been visited by a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Ibo people are of a very high caliber intellectually, and are looking forward to the formation of a democracy in the near future. This tribe has furnished many of the government leaders throughout the country. Because these folk received the Pentecostal message some years ago, this scattering of the tribe throughout Nigeria has produced a Pentecostal revival wherever they have gone. As in many other countries of Africa, the splendid pioneer leadership of our early missionaries is bearing fruit in the quality and aggressiveness of the Assemblies of God efforts.

In Nigeria, as well as South Africa and Nyasaland, the ministry of producing printed materials is one of the strongest factors in the furtherance of the gospel.

Ibadan, in southwestern Nigeria, has the largest concentration of Africans in the world. The population numbers over 1,000,000 souls. This is fast becoming one of the most modern cities in all of Africa, and consequently it offers a tremendous challenge to our Movement.

GHANA, an independent democracy for only a short time, is going through all the experiences of becoming a country "on its own." A splendid liberty of ministry, generally speaking, is enjoyed throughout Ghana, although in isolated instances missionaries have suffered genuine and serious personal opposition and even persecution. A great many thriving congregations are to be found among the Assemblies of God in Ghana, traceable both to excellent missionary leadership and strong national influence.

Since the countries of TOGO and DAHOMEY are very



Left: Brother Bert Webb was greeted enthusiastically by the children of Northern Nigeria. Right: Brother Webb preached in several South African Assemblies

similar in terrain and type of inhabitants, they have been combined under a single district council organization and this is known as the Togo-Dahomey field. While success has attended the efforts of most of the missionaries and national leaders, possibly the greatest single response found in this area is in the vicinity of Bassari, Togo. Here we have a central church seating approximately 600 people, and in the general vicinity there are 43 other churches and preaching points. Much of the territory in Togo and Dahomey is inaccessible during certain seasons of the year, due to high water, and a Cessna 172 (four-place single-engine plane) is an indispensable asset to the work in this area.

The Assemblies of God work in LIBERIA has the unique privilege of enjoying the good will and favor of the President, Dr. William V. S. Tubman. In personal conversation he said, "The only restrictions on the activities of the Assemblies of God in Liberia are the restrictions you put upon yourselves. We are grateful for the work of the Assemblies of God missionaries in our country." A number of very fine mission stations are in operation throughout Liberia. However, without a doubt, the greatest single impact received from visiting Liberia comes from a visit to New Hope Town, the leper colony founded a number of years ago. Approximately 900 lepers are now being cared for in New Hope Town. Fully 90 per cent of them have been saved and most of them baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Possibly the newest mission field in all of Africa is to be found in SENE-GAL, on the extreme western bulge of the continent. This is almost entirely Moslem country, and yet a few missionaries in a very short time have already won a number of people to Christ in Senegal.

Throughout all of Africa the constant impression gathered is that *time is short*. The rise of nationalism, the inroads of Communism, and other factors would indicate that what we do we must do quickly. There is an urgent need for men and money, coupled with divine blessing, that the gospel may reach more people in this needy continent before it is too late.





## **Global Conquest Report**

AT THIS JUNCTURE, GLOBAL CONquest is six months old. Because this "crash program" has elicited so much interest from so many sources, I am taking this opportunity to make a progress report.

First of all, consider Global Conquest—THE MAGAZINE. By this time you should have received the third issue of this free missionary magazine. We mail 225,000 copies every printing, and all Evangel subscribers are on our mailing list. We are still eager to add to our mailing list any individuals who are interested in the progress of this world-wide missionary program. If you know individuals who are not receiving, the Global Conquest magazine we would appreciate your sending us their names so that we may include them in our mailing.

Now consider *Global Conquest*— *THE CONCEPT*. Designed to develop quickly and completely some areas of missionary ministry not being so treated in our regular missionary program, Global Conquest has been described as a "crash program." The work in the following areas is so strategic that it cannot be considered on a "business as usual" basis—LITER-ATURE, NATIONAL WORKERS' TRAINING, AND MASS EVANGE-LISM.

You will be delighted to know that the first division of Global Conquest funds has been made. Already, substantial amounts of this money are at work on the mission field. For some time Area Secretaries, acting as custodians of these funds, have been consulting with the many Field Fellowships and planning for the distribution of this money within the format of the program itself.

In addition, a sizable portion of Global Conquest funds is being set aside for a pilot project. This project encompasses an over-all missionary

Four years ago our missionaries became especially burdened for the east coast of Nicaragua and sent a national worker to the area. Burt Arno from Florida joined the worker at Bluefields, the largest town on the coast. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon the new work and the revival spread to Puerto Cabezas and other towns along the bay and rivers of the coast. A *pipante* (Indian canoe) has been urgently needed by the workers. Missionary Ellis J. Stone saw the need and provided the workers with "El Mensajero" (The Messenger). Brother Arno returned to the States where he has received approval for missionary service. Now he is preparing to return to evangelize Eastern Nicaragua with the aid of "El Mensajero." work. The location is Korea, and the focal point is the city of Seoul. Here, Global Conquest will spark evangelism of every type. Watch for future announcements of this operation.

## **Pioneering in Bolivia**

In September of 1958 we started having street meetings each Wednesday morning at about 8:30 where the trucks and busses loaded to take the people of Tiquipaya to the Cochabamba market to sell their wares. As they were waiting in the bus or truck, they would listen to our street meeting over our loud speaker. We thank the Lord for the reverence and attention received for this town has always been very fanatical.

Last March 30 we started meetings in the home of the Christian mayor of Tiquipaya. We took our trailer and lived in town with the people for about two weeks. Each night we conducted services and the attendance grew from 40 to over 100. We praise God for the way He worked in the services. On May 10 we had our first Sunday school in a building on the main street. We have since taken this building in mortgage from a family who is very interested in the gospel.

Opposition came, however. One boy was sent through the spanking line; boys were warned that the same would happen to them if they came to our services.

Several of the mayor's daughters are attending and one is studying to be baptized in water. God has also given us faithful Sunday school workers.

We go out to Tiquipaya each week for Sunday school at 8 a.m. so we can be back to Cochabamba for Sunday school at 10 a.m. We also have services Monday and Wednesday evenings. God has given us a woman to assist in the work until a pastor is available. Pray with us that God will work in a special way in Tiquipaya and that many will come to know the living Lord.

-T. O. Johnston

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

Assemblies of God FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

> 434 West Pacific Street Springfield, Missouri



My father is a minister and wishes me also to be a minister. I don't want to disappoint him but I feel no call to the ministry. Ought I to go to Bible school to please him, hoping something other than the ministry might turn up?

If you know you are saved and are willing for God to have His way in your life, it might be better were you to attend a Christian college and thus prepare yourself for the work that seems nearest your heart. The knowledge gained would be of much value to you were you later to feel the call of God to preach. You could then transfer to Bible school.

#### Is it wrong to have blood transfusions?

I do not look upon blood transfusions as violating the commandment to abstain "from things strangled, and from blood" (Acts 15:20). The blood of sacrificial animals was poured out in sacrifice. Now we are saved through the shed blood of Christ. Human blood, used in transfusions, is not the kind of blood that was used in sacrificial offerings. Neither is a transfusion of blood directly into the veins the same thing as eating blood.

## If all the people living in the Millennium are saved, where will Satan get followers when the Millennium is over? Revelation 20:7-9.

Generally, those who believe in the millennial reign of Christ believe children will be born during that time. Since men by natural birth are born with the principle of evil, unless they are "born again" they may yield to the temptation of Satan. Some of them may thus revolt against the government of Christ when Satan makes his last assault against the kingdom of God.

## Some say we are not saved unless we can name the time and the place of our salvation. I was taught to pray when I was a little child and have attended an Assemblies of God church all my life. Since I cannot tell when or where I was saved, does this mean I am not saved?

In salvation, the Spirit, the Spirit of God "beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Do you have this witness? Have you assurance in your heart that you are saved? Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Does your life bring forth the fruit of the Spirit? Does the will of God have first place in your life, or do the things you wish to do come first? And may I now ask, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" If not, I trust you will seek in faith until you are filled, and know without doubt that you "have passed from death unto life."

I would like to start private devotions, but do not know how to go about it. Should I read only the Bible, and how long should I allow for devotions?

In family devotions, I think it well to read a portion of the Scriptures and have prayer together. If there is time, it would be well for each member to lead in prayer, the father, perhaps, praying first. Try not to rush the period, for mere formality is not enough.

In personal devotions, it would be well to begin by reading a portion of the Word, allowing it to speak to your heart. Then bow before God, asking for His guidance and thanking Him for His saving and keeping grace. Form the habit of talking over every problem and decision with the Lord. It is hard to say how long your devotional period should be, but you may be sure that time given to communion with God is never without value.

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).



## Belgium

#### EMMANUEL BIBLE INSTITUTE OPENS

Emmanuel Bible Institute, our new Bible school for the French-speaking people of Europe, opened recently in Adrimont, Belgium.

Twenty students are enrolled for the first seven-month term, five of them from among the gypsies. The faculty of Emmanuel Bible Institute includes Alfred Amitie, president of the Pentecostal Fellowship of Belgium; Bernard Clemont, editor of the official monthly paper of the Assemblies of God in France; Miss Gertrude Grob of Zurich, Switzerland; and four missionaries (Richard and Edith Scotti, and Richard and Mildred Dortch).

### Japan

#### NEW ASSEMBLY DEDICATED

The new sanctuary of the Okiyama Assembly, in the Hiroshima area of Japan, has been dedicated. Missionary Margaret Carlow writes:

"The witness in this city of 300,000 began before the war and continued through the years despite opposition in the form of entrenched heathenism, sickness, and persecution. Great was the joy of the congregation at the dedication of their new church. The believers are grateful to God and to all the friends who have prayed and given to build this gospel lighthouse. There is also a burden of prayer for the sister congregations in Hiroshima and Sakai Minato in the same district."

### Fiji

#### AMERICAN EVANGELIST VISITS PACIFIC ISLANDS

Evangelist Zelma Argue recently visited the Fiji Islands and reports an outstanding moving of the Holy Spirit:

"Unforgettable are my days in colorful Fiji. God filled about a dozen folk with His mighty Holy Spirit. Three of these are young national 'nurses-intraining.' When the Spirit would fall, we would carefully watch the time, in order to get the nurses into the pastor's car that he might deliver them back to the nurses' dormitory before closing time.

"Unforgettable are the noble young men who, after holding street services in the central market square of Suva, would return to the church and sing special songs of praise unto the Lord. How fruitful these street services are! My host for part of my trip was a young Indian brother who was saved in one of these street services.

"At Suva, the capital city of Fiji, in a marvelous, centrally located tabernacle, stands our main church—a monument to the 34 years of devoted labors of Brother and Sister Adrian Heetebry of Sunnyvale, Calif. From this church they send trained nationals to outlying branch churches.

"Unforgettable are the morning prayer meetings. At 5:30 each morning the believers gather at the tabernacle for prayer before going to work. They, listen attentively to the preaching; at the altar they seek God with abandonment until the glory comes. God bless and prosper the work in Fiji."

### Formosa

#### REVIVAL CONTINUES ON FORMOSA

Reports from Taipei, Formosa, indicate that the revival which started during the Hal Herman campaign is continuing on the island. In one area 76 new converts have been baptized in water and a number of them have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

#### Tibet

#### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSIONARY HOSTESS TO DALAI LAMA

Miss Marian Neff, Assemblies of God missionary in North India, was hostess to the Dalai Lama on his recent visit to the Landour Community Hospital. The hospital is jointly owned

PHOTO BY MARIE JUERGENSEN



Opening service at Emmanuel Bible Institute, Andrimont, Belgium



Dedication of new Assembly of God at Okiyama, Japan

and administered by all Protestant denominations in North India. On his tour, the Dalai Lama stopped to examine the gospel literature on display at the hospital.

The Dalai Lama is the "god-king" of Tibet who was forced to leave his country by the occupying forces of Communist China. He is spiritual and political leader of some 1,273,000 Lamaistic Buddhists.



Tibet's Dalai Lama examines a Christian literature display in Landour, India

### India

#### LUCKNOW REVIVAL CENTER PROGRESSES

The Lucknow Revival Center is rising in North India. A choice lot across from the governor's home in this capital of the United Provinces was secured and a two-story building is under construction.

The first floor will house the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God of North India and recording studio for the Far East Broadcasting Company, in addition to five Sunday school rooms for the Center. The church auditorium will be on the second floor. Since the lot lies six feet below the street level, the auditorium will be on the ground level.

The local congregation has assumed three-fourths of the cost of the church. Remaining funds are needed from Christians in America. If you should like to assist in building this Revival Center in India, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: "Andrew McDearmid—Lucknow Evangelistic Center Building." EVANGEL DEADLINE

- THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS BEEN CHOSEN for the "pilot project" of Global Conquest. Evangelist Sam Todd will launch a revival campaign in Seoul, capital of Korea, on June 1 to initiate the evangelistic phase of Global Conquest for the Far East. Plans include a literature saturation program and the establishing of new Bible school facilities on a  $10\frac{1}{2}$ -acre plot on the outskirts of Seoul.
- <u>TELEVISION WILL BE USED</u> in San Salvador, El Salvador, to convey the gospel to the upper class in that Central American city. The Assemblies of God, according to Missionary Arthur Lindvall, has signed a contract with station YSU-TV for a half-hour program each Sunday from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- 250 NEW CONVERTS WERE BAPTIZED IN WATER recently in the Vereeniging area of South Africa. The revival is continuing. New Assemblies have been established at Kwa Teme and Doveyton.
- REVIVAL HAS COME TO THE SURA TRIBE OF NORTHERN NIGERIA. Under the leadership of a national worker, Deme Bot, a new Assembly has been established in a Moslem-dominated area.
- <u>1960 IS THE "YEAR OF JUBILEE" FOR PENTECOST</u> in Argentina. Fifty years ago--January 10, 1910--Miss Alice Wood arrived as the first Pentecostal missionary to this South American country. She is now coming to the United States on her first furlough. In keeping with her teaching of indigenous missions, Miss Wood's place will be filled by an Argentine pastor and his wife.
- <u>A PYGMY RECEIVED WATER BAPTISM</u> recently in Belgian Congo. The first of his people to be baptized in the Betongwe area, he was one of 31 new converts to follow the Lord in water baptism.
- EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM visited the Assembly in Kujama, Northern Nigeria, during his recent trip to Africa. He spoke to the believers of the Gwari tribe, some of whom had walked 20 miles or more to hear the American evangelist. He was escorted to the village by Missionary Robert L. Cobb who served as chairman for the Prayer Committee in both the Kaduna and Jos crusades.
- DURING BILLY GRAHAM'S KADUNA CRUSADE there were 1,461 decision cards filled out. Another 1,000 were signed at Jos, some 200 miles to the east of Kaduna.
- <u>CONCERNING THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADES</u> in Northern Nigeria, Assemblies of God missionaries report: "During these meetings many of the Nigerian Christians were drawn closer to the Lord in re-dedicating their lives for His service. Our Ibo- and Hausa-speaking churches are doing follow-up on the decision cards received. We feel that many will come into our churches as a result of these meetings."

Women's Missionary Council

W HEN WE ANNOUNCED THE FIRST women's meetings in the village of Ebegany in Ogoja Province, Nigeria, we hadn't counted on the interest of the men! But that first meeting, held under the giant kapok trees of the village, was attended by the chief and all the elders. They were both curious and suspicious, for although it was 1953, never in their history had women been considered important enough to have a meeting for themselves.

After a lecture by an educated Nigerian woman on why so many of their women and infants die during childbirth, we gave a gospel message. This met the chief's approval, and he invited us to return to teach the women more.

"Tell the Women"

In the beginning of our work in this field, we sometimes conducted women's meetings even before churches were established in a village. We held them in the chief's compound or in the native court, and the men would stay around the fringes to listen. In these initial meetings we emphasized the importance of women showing respect to those over them. We explained that since every man likes to be a chief, they should treat their husbands as chiefs in their homes. This brought grunts of satisfaction from the men. They would sometimes advise us, "Tell

# "Our Hearts Are Made To Wonder"

#### BY MARTHA JACOBSON Missionary to Nigeria

the women not to be so lazy, so strongheaded, or to be running away from work to visit their parents all the time." After they were satisfied that we were teaching good things, the men would lose interest in the meetings, but occasionally they would send someone to check on us.

Cloth can be bought in any market and the women are eager to learn to sew. In our meetings we usually have a Bible lesson with memory work and choruses, followed by a practical lesson in homemaking or child care, and then a bit of sewing. At the close of our series of meetings there would be

Missionary Florence Metcalf (front left) and Mary the interpreter (standing at right) with a group of Nigerian women who attended special classes

a simple lesson on how to care for the sores of the children, and then those who had memorized the Bible verses would be given a roll of bandages as a reward.

As more missionaries came (the Kenneth Godbeys, Walter Kornelsens, Minnie Ecklund, Irene Crane, and Florence Metcalf), and churches increased, women's meetings became more popular and were well attended.

In 1955 and 1956, Mrs. Godbey and I had some outstanding meetings in the Obudu area. Often we had over 200 in attendance. These women sometimes had to trek over ten miles to attend, carrying a baby on their backs and some parched corn or cooked yam in pans on their heads for lunch. Even after the day's meetings were over, the women would ply us with questions or stay for prayer concerning their problems of living in a heathen environment.

During my last term I ministered to more than 3,000 women in teaching sessions ranging from one to ten days. I spoke through an interpreter to eleven different language groups, but we barely scratched the surface in meeting the need of this province. Out of this need grew the Women's Bible Training Center, for which God so wonderfully provided funds. Today it is a full-time Bible school, with men and women alternating every three months.

"God go helup me"

When Mrs. Godbey and I first began women's meetings in Obudu we had to use a man for an interpreter. This proved very embarrassing at times, so we prayed for a woman helper. It seemed impossible since all our local women are illiterate. But God gave us Mary, a radiant Christian who had lived in a big city long enough to learn a little pidgin English. She was almost forced into the position as interpreter one day when our male interpreter could not be present. He suggested Mary, and I asked if she would be willing to try. With a shy, frightened smile, she said, "I try. God go helup me." Beads of nervous perspiration stood out on her forehead and she was trembling. But after a long prayer for help I started telling simply the life story of Jesus. I was conscious of a

special manifestation of God's presence and realized I had never had such a hushed, awed audience before. Mary was interpreting rapidly, and obviously under the anointing of the Spirit. When I told of how Jesus was beaten and how they plucked His beard, Mary began to weep. Many of the women also wept as the Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to them. When we came to the resurrection story, Mary literally glowed as she raised her arms and clapped her hands for joy that He was alive forevermore and able to save all who would come to God through Him. Many responded to the altar call that day, and I realized that Mary's love for Jesus made her the best interpreter I had ever had. From then on she was our interpreter and we had increasing results in the meetings.

Mary sold bean cakes in the market in order to repay her marriage dowry and so free herself from a Moslem man to whom she was a third wife. Now she began to study English under native pastors, and was the first woman from Ogoja Province to attend our headquarters Bible school at Umahia. Since she had never gone to school we feared she might not be able to keep up, but again she said, "God go helup me." And He did. She took an abundance of peanuts, handsful of which she offered to anyone who would take time to help her in her studies. She is now finishing her fourth year. During her vacation periods she interpreted for the lady missionaries and also conducted women's meetings on her own, with many being saved and filled with the Spirit.

Speaking later of that first faltering attempt at interpreting, she said, "Madam, you know that was only by the power of God that I did so. I could scarcely understand what you said. Sometimes I only got the first few words and then all was lost. But when I opened my mouth to speak, it came out quicklike. Now after much study I hear you with my ears, but it was not so in those days. Oh, our God is very wonderful!"

Mary was our helper in the first short term women's classes in the Women's Bible Training Center. About thirty-six pastors' wives and leading women came. Fourteen of them had to bring their small babies with them. We were grateful for the stuffed toys provided us by the WMC's, for the nursemaids used these to keep the babies occupied while the mothers learned how

## Report from Districts Supporting the WMC FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WMC's have sold more than a hundred subscriptions to *The Pentecostal Evangel* and thereby earned a scholarship for a promising young Christian worker at one of our foreign Bible schools.

A typical WMC president's letter expresses appreciation of this plan to support foreign Bible students while increasing missionary interest at home by increasing the circulation of the *Evangel*. Mrs. Alma N. Clayton, WMC president at Neptune, New Jersey, writes:

"I am sending \$15 to pay for six new subscriptions. I tried to get more, as we wanted to help on this 10% plan for a national in another land.

"We like the *Evangel* much better since you have incorporated the *Mis*sionary Challenge. That was a wise thing to do, as more people get the missionary news now. I'm trying to promote more missionary interest at our church." If you would like to join this drive to swell the Scholarship Fund, write to *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, and ask for the special WMC subscription blanks. Orders must be placed on these special blanks in order for the Foreign Scholarship Fund to get the credit.

Total value of subscriptions received in the Scholarship Fund campaign to date is listed by districts, as follows:

Illinois	\$57.00	Potomac	5.00
Indiana	47.50	Wyoming	5.00
N. Dakota	34.75	Oregon	5.00
Minnesota	29.75	Montana	2.50
New Jersey	29.75	New Mexico	2.50
WisN. Micl	n. 12.50	W. Texas	2.50
Oklahoma	12.50	S. Missouri	2.50
S. Dakota	7.50	S. Florida	2.50
S. Idaho	7.50	TOTAL	266.25

Watch for future listings and be sure your district makes a good showing by joining the search for new subscribers to *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

to be better Christians and homemakers. When the babies became too fussy they were placed for a while on rag rugs (also supplied by WMC's) near their mothers.

"IF YOU HAD NOT COME"

At the close of this first session Florence Metcalf and I decided to have all the women, babies, and maids come to our house for an evening. They had never been inside our house, but we had been in theirs many times. They are round mud shelters without windows or furniture. Actually, they are only sleeping places or shelter from the rain. Otherwise they cook and eat outof-doors. At night they unroll a grass sleeping mat and lie down on the ground using their hand for a pillow. They cook on open fires and eat with their fingers while seated in a circle on the ground around a center pot or calabash.

We knew that our house, even though moderately furnished, would look like a millionaire's heaven by comparison. When they came in, they carefully stepped over the lovely welcome rug made by a WMC group. They walked around the big braided rug and were reluctant to sit on the chairs and divan. Before we started a tour of the house, we explained about the love and work of the WMC ladies throughout America. As I showed each item (they were especially intrigued with the can opener, egg beater, stove, and kerosene refrigerator) they continually expressed their wonder. Then they began to talk among themselves and finally indicated through Mary that they had something to tell us.

She interpreted it this way, "Our hearts are made to wonder very much at the great love we have seen today with our own eyes. We do not see love like this in our country. Please tell our sisters in America their love touch our heart very much. Tell them we thank them very plenty for all the love they have shown to you and to us in giving you all these fine things so that you equild come to live with us and teach us. How would we know anything if you had not come to teach us?"

For refreshment, we popped corn for (Continued on page twenty-eight)

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AUXILIARY OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

## Southern California Missionettes Continue to Grow

#### BY CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

Southern California District leads the NATION with its more than 140 Missionette Clubs. Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, District WMC President along with Missionette sponsors and others who are interested in the welfare of teen-age girls have manifested much enthusiasm for this program until today approximately 1,500 girls in that district attend Missionette Club meetings regularly.

The first Missionette Camp to be held in any district was conducted in Southern California at Pinecrest in August, 1957. Now the girls eagerly look forward to their own camp each summer. It is a wonderful time of spiritual refreshing along with recreation, the display of handwork, and as a highlight the crowning of a "camp queen."

On December 29, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno, was host to 300 Missionettes and sponsors who gathered for a one-day convention. Besides the girls from Southern California, three large groups came from Northern California. The day brought a wonderful blessing and challenge to everyone who was privileged to attend. Mrs. Rosemary Brooks, the district WMC vice-president, brought a stirring message in the morning service on winning the other girl for Christ. The Missionettes eagerly responded to an altar call, some forgetting that it was time for lunch. A buffet-style meal was served through the courtesy of local WMC's and Missionettes.

Between services the girls were able to examine a large and beautiful handwork display and get new ideas of things which they could make for missionaries and shut-ins. The afternoon session began with a lively song service, followed by an interesting message by Mrs. John Tinsman, former missionary to Indonesia. Next came a time for discussion questions which the girls greatly enjoyed.

A lovely banquet at a school dining room was a special treat. Again local WMC's prepared and served the food. Tables were attractively decorated depicting the world and the beginning of another new year. Music was furnished by local Missionettes, and Mrs. Wallace G. Ross sang a solo. A short message by Mrs. Esther Solberg of Paso Robles' reminded the girls of their responsibility to win girls to Christ in the new year.

The convention climaxed with the evening service when District C. A. President Roy Sapp spoke and called the girls together for a time of consecration and prayer. Each message of the convention brought out the thought of winning the lost, and the importance of being witnesses was impressed upon the Missionettes. One of the girls at the





Roberta Drake, Missionette sponsor from Garden Grove, Calif., places crown on the queen's head at Missionette Camp last summer. Watching the procedure is district WMC president, Mrs. Mary A. Campbell.

convention brought a girl friend with her who had found the Lord and came into the church through the Missionette Club.

After the evening service, girls and sponsors started their journey home. Some had come more than 200 miles, but all agreed that the time spent at the convention was well worth the effort it took to attend.

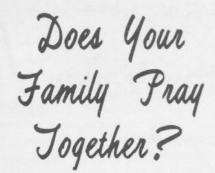
This convention with the wonderful messages, good music, and thrilling testimonies will long be remembered by all who were able to be there. Many individuals joined together to make it a success. This could not have been possible without the co-operation of the people of Fresno. Special credit goes to Mrs. Mary Dell Draper and Mrs. Thomas Fuller who worked untiringly in behalf of the convention.

Interest in the Missionette program continues to grow in Southern California, and it is the earnest desire of Mrs. Campbell that every Assembly will have at least one Missionette Club in the near future.

#### MISSIONETTE CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN JANUARY

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GOD HAS DESIGNED THE HOME TO be the heart of the social structure. When home life decays, the whole structure of society is doomed. Today, perhaps more than in any other generation, the family is in need of spiritual power.

The Christian home, where mother, father, and children honor the Lord, read His Word, and engage in prayer, is the one bright spot in our generation. From such a family circle can go forth spiritual power that is sorely needed today.

It is a sad commentary on our Christian testimony that there has been a shameful increase of worldliness among Christians. Worldliness has replaced holiness in so many homes and Christian standards have been cast aside. The new age, which has brought in prosperity, television, and materialism, is leaving many a Christian home without power and without a testimony.

How can the Christian home regain its spiritual power and the sweetness and joy and fellowship that once characterized it? Perhaps the first step is to establish a definite time each day when the whole family together will read the Scriptures and unite their hearts in earnest prayer. This family fellowship, often known as family worship, proves to the children that the spiritual convictions of their parents are real and deep and not hypocritical. It will help to show the children that the reading of the Bible and prayer is a natural, necessary exercise.

Family worship helps to knit togethe. the members of the family. It helps to heal the sores of family squabbles by rebuking the sin in each heart. Such fellowship in family worship teaches faith in God's promises and proves that He answers prayer that is offered from a pure heart.

And, most important now, family worship helps to arm each member against life's temptations. Can your family afford to miss anything as valuable as this?

Decide upon a definite time, either morning or evening, when the whole family can be together, if only for five or six minutes. Stick to this time in spite of inevitable interruptions. Let nothing keep you and your family from this rendezvous with the Lord.

A varied form of Bible reading or Scripture memorization can be followed to keep this quiet time from becoming routine and monotonous. Daily devotional guides and meditation books are easily obtainable and offer much help. During alternate weeks, favorite verses of Scripture might be quoted by each member of the family participating.

The prayer time can also be varied. The period of family worship is a natural time to teach the children to pray believingly to a heavenly Father. The one leading the family in worship



#### In God's Woodland

"All the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord have spoken." (Ezekiel 17:24).

There is joy in the heart of the woodland; There is peace in the solitude there,

Where the soul may commune with its Saviour, And the heart be uplifted in prayer.

All nature responds to His presence. The leaves whisper softly His praise; And the winds sing the story of Jesus In the treetops, throughout the long days.

When my spirit grows sick with life's troubles And the cares of life heavily press, I oft steal away to the woodland

And there I find Jesus, and rest.

There I call upon Him and He answers. The sky and the air and the sod Whisper softly, "He knoweth and careth,"

When alone in the woodland with God. —Jennie Curtis, Poynette, Wis.

-Jennie Curns, 1 Oynette, W t.

can often suggest several items for prayer, or perhaps the children can name before the prayer time the persons or problems they wish especially to bring before the Lord.

All of us know deep down in our hearts that fellowship at the family altar would be pleasing to our heavenly Father. Here is a challenge that tests the strength of our desire to do His will. If your family does not already enjoy a time of daily worship and fellowship, plan to start without delay.

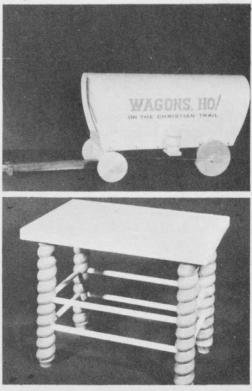
Our Saviour is asking once again, "Lovest thou me?" And may our hearts reply: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). —Good News Publishers

> **1960** INTERNATIONAL

You will want to *arrive early* in Minneapolis to attend the Crafts Workshop at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon, May 3. This special workshop, under the direction of Don; Del, and Martha Fellows of Fellows Crafts Center, is expected to be the largest ever conducted at an Assemblies of God Sunday school convention.

Participants will make a covered wagon night light in keeping with this year's VBS theme, "WAGONS, HO! On the Christian Trail." On Wednesday afternoon, May 4, delegates will make a footstool.

Attend the 1960 International—and be sure to *come early* for this special workshop!



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R. L. BRANDT, NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY

## An Invincible Force

**B**ALANCE, SOMEONE SAID, IS THE most important word in the English language. Whether that is correct or not is a matter of opinion, but it is certain that *balance* is very important in church extension work.

It is evident that one of the leading problems confronting those who labor to advance the cause of Christ is the maintaining of proper balance between their personal reliance on God and the part they must play themselves. While some insist the Church advances on her knees, others indicate by their actions a tendency to rely upon what man can do. A noted preacher once said we should pray as though all depends upon God, and then work as though all depends upon us.

From the account of David's conflict with Goliath a helpful lesson can be gleaned. The victory cannot be fully attributed to David apart from divine enablement. Neither can it be said that God acted apart from David. Two distinct elements were involved: (1) the trained hand of David, and (2) the touch of God. Proper mingling of these constitutes an invincible force for righteousness.

In the work of reaching the lost and extending the Kingdom, the importance of both the trained hand and the touch of God cannot be overemphasized. At the same time the value of each as it relates to the other must be recognized. To depend on one without the other is to pitch the battle ill-prepared.

Therefore, let us not be slow in capitalizing on the human resources which may be available; but let us not be so hasty as to attempt the work of God without His enablement. The balance we attain in these matters today will reflect itself in the gains we report tomorrow.

The Christian ideal is vitalizing because it is not a coddling to our weakness but a challenge to our strength. **E** ARLY ONE MORNING WE STARTED FOR the reservation, well equipped to dig out of the sand if necessary (and many times it is). Our destination was a hogan (Indian dwelling) fifty miles away. As we approached a divide in the road, the reflection of a mirror flashed across the windshield twice. The Indians in the back of our truck whom we had picked up told us that other Indians were signaling for us to come and get them for church. We already had a load—but there always seems to be room for more!

We had services in the hogan and attendance that day totaled 105. As we preached through an interpreter one of the Indian ladies was convicted by the Spirit. During the altar call she hurried to the front and opened her heart to the Saviour. She was one of those who had sent us the signal to come and get them. How glad we were to see this genuine response to the gospel.

Just a few days ago, an 85-year-old grandmother put her sheep in the corral and climbed into the pickup with eighteen other Indians we were taking to church. She had never been to church in her life! Three nights later, she and five teen-age boys accepted the Lord as Saviour. Now she is singing the old song the Christians love, "Shí K'ad Jesus Bikee' Yisháal Doo" —which means, "I have decided to follow Jesus."



Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fox

Until American Indians Find Christ-

## "How Dark Is the Valley"

BY RAYMOND AND MABEL FOX Evangelists to the Indians Whiteriver, Arizona

> These are the rewards that offset the discouragements in Indian mission work. When the missionary sees souls set free through the preaching of the truth, every sacrifice seems worth while. Yet, when God begins to work the enemy always puts up a fight to keep those he has enslaved. The medicine men want to keep their people in the bondage of fear. They insist on clinging to the old traditions, customs, and superstitions which bind the people and keep them from accepting the truth of the gospel. The Indians believe that there is another world and that they must go through a dark valley to get there. But they do not know the truth -and how dark is the valley without Christ!

> As we stood by the open grave of a non-Christian Apache Indian lady, our hearts were stirred. The medicine man had charge of the service. The people had mourned for three days and nights. As the final act before burial they put the woman's belongings into the grave. Then the medicine man put a jar of water at her head so she would not get thirsty on her journey. The Indians believe that if they do not put food and water in the grave, the dead person's spirit will return and beg for some.

> Not long ago, while we were with the Navajos, someone knocked faintly on our trailer door. We opened the door to admit a small child. When we asked her how she was getting along, she began to cry and asked whether she could hide in our house. She said her mother was on another drinking spree. The child did not want to take the beating that always follows these carousals, so she had run to the missionaries to find refuge.

> That same day, another lady came to us crying. She had slept in the mission station the night before, seeking refuge from her husband who had

been throwing stones at her in his drunkenness.

We have found many hungry hearts willing to receive the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the past year since we entered this evangelistic work among the Indians, we have been privileged to conduct approximately two hundred and fifty services. Some of these were in hogans, some under brush arbors, some in churches and schools. Some Indians who profess to be saved. like some white people, do not remain true. But many who come for salvation do make wonderful Christians. Some of them endure great persecution in order to follow Jesus and must have the help of the missionary from time to time. But the Lord who said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," is faithful to keep those who commit themselves to Him. Indian Christians who are sincere and really trust the Lord are finding that His grace is sufficient.

Missionary work among the Indians requires great patience and perseverance, for these people have a long way to come to the light. But when they once see the light and accept Jesus as Saviour, their lives are changed. Thank God for John 3:16 which gives the Indian, as well as all other races, the right to the gospel: "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."

Many home missionaries are laboring under great difficulties due to lack of finances for sturdy vehicles (so necessary on the reservations), buildings, and equipment. Your offering for the INDIAN MISSIONS FUND will be greatly appreciated at this time. Send it directly to the Home Missions Department.

## The Deaf Receive the Baptism

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ANY DEAF PERSONS REALIZE THAT the Lord included them when He said, "The promise is unto YOU, and to your children, and to all that are afar off" (Acts 2:39). When the Deaf receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, even though many many of them do not normally use their voices. The following testimonies are from some deaf persons in the Lebanon, Oreg., Assembly of God, where Ivy Hatton and Albert Hoerauf minister to the Deaf. H. D. Robeson is the hearing pastor.

"I am very grateful for what the Lord has done for me. He filled me with the wonderful Holy Spirit and I spoke in a heavenly language according to Acts 2:4. This experience has drawn me closer to the Lord. The Holy Spirit is so wonderful, as gentle as a dove. I want every deaf person in the United States to know how wonderful the Holy Spirit is."

-Mrs. Norma Ruth Case

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"I was a Mormon all my life. I never knew the truth about the Bible and the way of salvation until about one year ago in a revival meeting at the Assembly of God church. I was taught about the Lord and how to receive the Holy Spirit. It made me hungry for the truth. I also had a vision of Jesus, during which He told me to seek the Holy Spirit. I am so glad that I received this wonderful experience." —Fred Case

"I had the experience of being baptized with the Holy Spirit on January 12, 1958. My voice had not been used for years and I always had to use a pad and a pencil for conversing. When I first started seeking for the Holy Spirit, I sang in the sign language without using my voice. But then I began speaking in an unknown tongue. God's gift is more precious to me than anything on earth! The Holy Spirit helps me to understand the Bible."

-Thomas B. Reed

"I thank God that I was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit last year. It was a wonderful experience and I will never forget it. When Jesus returned to heaven, He told His disciples He would send the Holy Spirit. He had already told them to go out and preach the gospel to win souls. But first He wanted them to wait until the Holy Spirit had come so they would have power to win others. When the Holy Spirit came upon these people, they were changed. The promise of the Holy Spirit that Jesus gave to His disciples is a promise for us today!" -E. E. Malone



The Foxes with interpreter in front of Indian home in Bird Springs, Ariz.



Apache ladies holding their babies in cradle boards

## New Assembly in Globe, Arizona



## Spanish-American Work Shows Fine Progress

BY CAROLINE M. PAULSEN Globe, Arizona

W HEN DOORS FOR SERVICE IN MY community did not open for me, 1 earnestly prayed and felt led to write Brother Bazan, who was then the superintendent of the Latin American District Council. I asked him where there was a need to open a Spanish work and said I would at least pray about it. He responded by telling me that Globe, Ariz., needed a full-gospel church.

About three months went by. Then suddenly a church, which was already helping three missionaries and had been in a building program, called me for a meeting. After the meeting, they sent me travel money to pay my way to Globe and pledged \$25 a month for my support! I knew God was in this move, and He has supplied my needs ever since I located here in June 1958.

When I arrived in Globe, the local pastor was away for a three weeks' vacation and I knew no one else. The next day, God brought me in contact with a Spanish Christian lady who had prayed for years for a Spanish work in Globe.

We decided to start with a vacation Bible school. A Catholic man allowed us to use his little empty house for VBS for two weeks free of charge. Having no chairs, we purchased some cull lumber for \$13 and started to make six benches. Just then a Spanish radio operator drove by. Impressed by our efforts (perspiration was rolling off our faces), he went out and bought 83 second-hand chairs for \$25 and gave them to us! Now we only needed teaching help. God provided by sending Claire Hansen to us.

After the VBS, we rented the little house for regular meetings and Sunday school. The landlord lowered the rent and gave us some extra days. We invited a Spanish Nazarene preacher to conduct special services. At the close of the meeting, he baptized five people. One lady who was saved in the meeting had been a member of a false cult.

In December 1958 God dealt with a man nearby who had a much larger place. He moved the tenant into another house and rented the *whole* building to us for the same price he had been getting for half of it.

The local Anglo Assembly gave us a used piano and we had it repaired and tuned. This Assembly has been a blessing to us.

Our Latin American District Council made it possible for us to purchase this building last July. They got a loan for us through Home Missions, and we are so very grateful. Gradually we are getting the building improved so it will look like a place of worship.

Many Christians do not know that Catholics consider entering a Protestant church a sin; and many of the Spanish people here are Catholics. Once a week I have Boys and Girls Club and we teach them gospel truths through Bible stories and object lessons. Attendance is increasing steadily, with twentyone present recently. Last July we had another VBS with a record attendance of 56—and most of the children from Catholic homes!

Last Sunday as I took one of the girls home, we drove by the Catholic



Attendance at VBS last summer in the Spanish-American Assembly



Spanish-American Assembly in Globe. Caroline Paulsen is pastor

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church. Suddenly, she hid behind my large purse and scooted down in the seat as far as she could. Then she explained that if they saw her she would have to do penance for entering our church.

Recently some of our Christian ladies stayed three nights with a recently bereaved widow. When this was discovered by the Catholics, they paid a woman to stay and work for the widow in order to get the Protestants out. We never speak against the Catholic church, but try to preach Christ, for the entrance of the Word of God will give light and life.

We are encouraged, for God is moving. Our Sunday school generally runs from 15 to 21, but recently it was 27. There are about forty thousand Spanish people within a radius of thirty miles of Globe. Our nearest Spanish fellowship is 85 miles away. Many of the Anglo Assembly preachers say they need Spanish works in their cities, but there is none. Several of us are praying that God will send more pioneer workers soon. Pioneering for God is never a crowded field, but it is a wonderful privilege. When we look back at what God has done in less than two years our hearts overflow in praise to Him! We would appreciate the prayers of God's people that a good strong work might be established here.

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The Latin American District of the Assemblies of God topped other districts in the opening of new churches in the last five years with a total of 123! This district is one of the nine foreign branches which operate under the supervision of the National Home Missions Department.



Spanish-American Sunday school in Globe

# Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

### AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

#### New Appointees

The Grant B. Croasmuns, Monticello, Utah, have been appointed to minister among the American Indians.

#### Lumberton, North Carolina

The R. W. Buchanans, missionaries at Lumberton, N. C., announce the birth of Candace Lynne December 31, 1959.

#### Arizona District

J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District, announces that God has enabled their district to erect four new Indian church buildings in 1959! A new missionary parsonage is now being built at Sells, Ariz.

#### Gallup, New Mexico

The Caleb V. Smiths wish to thank all who prayed for Sister Smith after she fell about a year ago, breaking both her heels and also three vertebrae in her back. She is on her feet now much of the time but needs continued prayer. We know the Lord will complete the work of healing He has begun.

#### Guadalupe, Arizona

Mary Booher, missionary at Guadalupe, has started a reading class (Spanish) on Tuesdays so that the Indian people who speak Spanish might be able to read their Bibles, which have been provided by the American Bible Society. Mrs. Booher is using the Laubach system.

#### Sacramento, California

A district-wide American Indian Rally was conducted recently in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif. Missionaries were interviewed publicly. Then John McPherson, a Cherokee Indian evangelist, brought a dynamic message entitled "Trail of Tears." Goldia An-

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Grant B. Croasmun, missionaries to the Indians

derson and Mrs. Milton Woods, the district and sectional WMC presidents respectively, were present.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION

#### New Blueprints Now Available

Six new plans for pioneer churches have been added to the original set of twelve, making a total of eighteen from which pioneer churches may select. The brochure, PLANS FOR PIONEERS, has been enlarged to include the new designs and it may be obtained upon request for \$1.50 per copy.

#### New Jersey District

Norman Kirk, home missions representative of the New Jersey District, reports four new churches already started this year, with a fifth one to be opened shortly.

#### ALASKA MINISTRY

#### Palmer, Alaska

Qualified Christian school teachers who will secure positions and also help in the Palmer Assembly of God are needed. The Josiah Winkleplecks are pastors here.

#### Fort Yukon

The Ken Andruses at Fort Yukon wish to thank the WMC groups and others who have sent them baby clothing, crayons, colorbooks, toys, and quilts for distribution. These gifts have helped greatly, for they open the door to the hearts of the people so the missionaries are able to present the gospel. The Andruses fly into the remote villages.

The John Covlaskys, pastors at Fort Yukon, have started a library of Christian books as the adults are hungry to read. Books and Bibles in good condition may be sent via freight.

#### Wrangell

Lewis Welker, missionary at Wrangell, has acquired new church buildings and locations. He moved both the church and the parsonage. Oscar Butterfield, evangelist in Alaska, wired the church and parsonage and helped paint the inside of the church.

#### Kenai

The Carl Glicks, pastors at Kenai, occasionally have a "clothing day" when the needy are allowed to visit their basement and pick out what they can use. The clothing, sent to the Glicks by WMC groups and individuals in the other 48 states, is much appreciated. The distribution of clothing aids the missionaries in their work, for it helps them to gain the confidence and goodwill of the villagers.

#### Angoon

Eva Wright, missionary at Angoon, writes that new interest is being exhibited in the ceremonial dances in the town, which is the site of the 1960 Alaska Native Brotherhood Convention. Those refusing to take part are faced with fines, which is a big test for new Christians, especially those who have the responsibility of caring for large families. Several persons have been saved recently. Some teen-agers are coming to the special meetings conducted just for them and about a dozen appear to be very interested.

#### Chugiak

The Wilburn Craigs who are located at Chugiak now have regular services



at Tyonek, Moose Pass, and Eklutna. At Tyonek they always have a congregation of at least sixty. Two Anchorage bakeries are supplying them with bread each week for their mission work (a total of one hundred loaves) in these villages. At Christmas, they gave them three hundred loaves!

#### New Appointee

Miss Edith Wight, Kansas City, Mo., has recently received appointment to work in Alaska.

#### DEAF MINISTRY

#### New Appointees

Mrs. Mamie Lee Peltz, Pine Bluff, Ark., has been appointed recently to minister to the Deaf.

#### FIELD MINISTRY

Maxine Strobridge, national supervisor of the Deaf and Blind ministries, was invited to speak at the missionary convention conducted in the Assembly of God at Madison, Tenn., March 6-8. Jay Alford is pastor.

Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, spent three days in January visiting students, who are taking the Home Missions Bible study courses, and other inmates in the State Prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

#### WANTED!

THREE THOUSAND CHURCH-ES OR INDIVIDUALS who will contribute \$1 or more for LARGE-PRINT BIBLES FOR PRISON DIS-TRIBUTION. Many Assemblies of God churches over the nation have never sent an offering for the prison work of the Home Missions Department. Others have contributed substantially. Bible study courses, Bibles, New Testaments and other literature are provided free of charge by the department to prisoners who request them. Recently there has been a growing demand for the large-print Bibles which cost approximately \$1.50 each. You may send your offering today directly to the Home Missions Department, clearly designated for **BIBLES FOR PRISON MINISTRY.** 

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

Please do not send boxes of used clothing directly to the National Home Missions Department or the National WMC office since there are no facilities at Springfield for handling these materials. You may write the Home Missions Department for names of home missionaries to whom to send packages, but the clothing should be sent directly to the missionary in small boxes. It is best to contact the missionary for suggestions before sending your packages. Also, write the missionary when you send the package. This is important. Sometimes missionaries get an oversupply and do not have room to store any more for awhile. Do not send high-heeled shoes to Indian reservations. The Navajo Freight Line will take packages of clothing (only) clearly marked FOR INDIAN RELIEF free of charge.



Needy people in Kenai, Alaska, appreciate clothing provided by WMC groups and distributed by the Carl Glicks



People in Tyonek, Alaska, gather early for services conducted by the Wilburn Craigs in their village

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL





BY DON STERLING

LITTLE BILLY SCHILLER LOVED TO window-shop. Often he would slip over to the shopping center and just walk along, dreaming of the many things he would like to have. He never had much money, although his Dad always gave him a weekly allowance.

One day while window-shopping, Billy noticed the sharpest little blue boat in a store window. How he wished he could have it. The lake near home would be an ideal place to sail it, and all his friends could have such fun playing with it. Billy scurried into the shop to get a better look. Soon the clerk approached and asked if she could help.

"How much is that little blue boat?" Billy asked.

The lady carefully picked it up and looked at the price. "It's \$1.98. Would you like it?"

"Oh, no, I can't get it today, but I'll stop back as soon as I can."

Billy skipped down the street toward home. His mind was on that boat. He counted the money in his bank but all he had was seventy-five cents.

That night at the dinner table Billy wasn't even hungry. All he could think of was that little blue boat. He was wondering if he could possibly get Dad to give him the money. Even a loan would help. As soon as his Mom began to clear the table, Billy jumped up to give her a helping hand, hoping to impress his parents.

Soon Dad was seated in his favorite chair looking at the evening paper. Billy decided this was a good time to approach him.

"Dad," Billy asked, "have you ever wanted something real bad?"

"Sure, Son," his Dad replied. "What did you do to get it?" Billy asked. "Well, I worked and saved until I got what I wanted. You see, Son, if something is really worth having, you won't mind giving something else up in order to get the thing you really want."

"Well, today when I was up town, I saw a little blue boat that was a real beauty. Do you think I could get it?"

"How much does it cost?"

"A dollar ninety-eight."

"Do you have that much?"

"No, Sir!"

"Well, save a little out of that allowance each week and one of these days you can get it."

Billy's heart sank. He had thought sure Dad would give him some extra money. That night after saying his prayers, Billy lay in bed thinking of the boat.

Suddenly he remembered his BGMC bank. There it was on the bureau. He

darted out of bed to see how much there was in it. He didn't like to break the seal but he just had to know.

He poured the money out on his bed, and counted. There was a total of \$1.53. Boy, would that come in handy! Let's see, \$1.53 plus seventy-five cents would make \$2.28. That would be more than enough to get the boat.

The next morning as Billy started to school, the \$2.28 was tucked away in his pocket. After school he planned to stop by the little shop and pick up the boat.

School seemed to drag all day but finally the last bell rang. Billy headed straight for town. On the way, he passed his church and saw the pastor out on the front steps.

"Hi there, Billy, what's new?"

"Oh, nothing special, Sir."

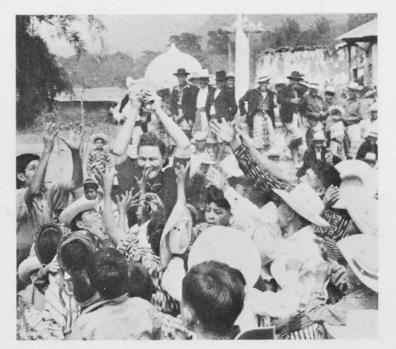
"Come in a minute; I have something to show you."

Billy darted up the steps and into the church. The pastor took Billy into his study. What an interesting room it was! There were so many books and some lovely pictures. The pastor called Billy over to his desk.

"Billy, last month when you sent in your BGMC offering, it was used to send literature to the boys and girls in foreign lands. Here's a picture of some of those children receiving their literature. Doesn't it make you feel good to know you have helped others?"

Billy looked at the picture. All he could think about was that \$1.53 he had removed from his BGMC bank to buy that boat!

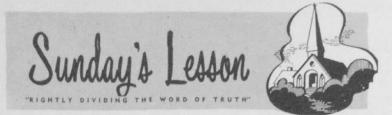
Finally he blurted out, "I think it (Continued on page thirty)



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Mrs. John L. Franklin finds both old and young very eager to receive the Gospels she distributes in Guatemala.





#### THE SOWER OF GOOD SEED Sunday School Lesson for April 3, 1960 MATTHEW 13:1-9; 18-23

We begin a new quarter of lessons in which we look at the people to whom Jesus referred in his parables. Their actions illustrate the conduct of men today, for men have not changed. Here we have some of the greatest spiritual lessons Jesus ever taught.

The parable of the sower is actually misnamed. It is really the parable of the soil. The emphasis is not on the sower who represents those who give out the Word, but upon the four kinds of soil which represent various kinds of hearers of the Word and the way in which those hearers react to the Word. Thus, we face the questions, "What kind of soil am I? What kind of a hearer am I?"

#### THE UNRESPONSIVE HEARER (13:4, 19)

Jesus likened the wayside soil where the seed was immediately devoured by fowls, to those people who hear the Word and do not understand it. But why is that some do not understand? And are they to be blamed for not understanding?

The answer is found in verse 15. People fail to understand because, like wayside ground which has not been opened for the re-eption of seed, their hearts are not really open to the Truth. Men do not understand God's Word because they do not *want* to understand, because sin shuts out the truth; because the mind is too full of worldly thoughts and cares. This does not mean that all of the Bible will be clearly understood by all sincere hearers. It does mean that all the truth necessary to salvation may be understood by all who wish to understand!

#### THE SHALLOW HEARER (13:5, 6, 20, 21)

Here is the hearer who, according to Jesus does not allow the Word to penetrate his life deeply, "the man who hears the message and bubbling over with joy at once accepts it, but it takes no real root in him" (V. 21 Williams Trans.). Here is the emotional, superficial hearer, the man who shouts amen when the preacher is preaching, but who fails to put into practice what he has heard when the tests and trials come.

We must allow God's Word to go further down than the mind and the emotions which constitute the soulish nature. The Word must reach the spirit, the depths of the inner man; for only as it reaches the inner life and is quickened by the Spirit of God can it transform the life and produce Christlike character and anointed ministry.

Many people are prone to seek *blessing* and *feeling* rather than truth itself. Emotion becomes the object of the hearer rather than instruction—and this is a fatal mistake! That we should receive joy and blessing from hearing the Word is normal and right and proper, but let us remember that glowing moments of mountaintop inspiration upon hearing sermons is all in vain if we do not live out the Word in the valley of everyday life!

#### THE DISTRACTED HEARER (13:7, 22)

The seed spoken of here was well planted but not well kept. Thorns and weeds have been allowed to grow which finally choked the plant. According to Jesus, the thorns and weeds represent the worries of this world and the deceitfulness of riches. Consider the number of Christians who worry continually about their families, their jobs, their health, their spiritual growth! Repeated doses of such portions of the Word as Matthew 6:25-34 and Philippians 4:6, 7 will prevent these thorns from growing!

Note that Jesus did not say that the possession of riches choked the seed, for it is not impossible to be wealthy and spiritual. The "deceitfulness of riches" is the idea that wealth is to be sought as the way to happiness. The lure of wealth causes a man to give himself so much to its acquisition that he does not give sufficient thought and time to the Word and to the care of his soul. The danger thus applies to the poor man as well as to the wealthy.

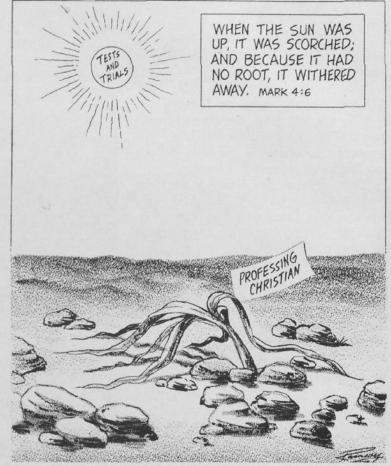
#### THE FRUITFUL HEARER (13:8, 23)

Jesus concluded this parable with an optimistic note. There may be lives in whom the power of the Word may be hindered by Satan, sin, weakness, indifference, and worldliness; but there will also be many who will heartily receive, believe, and obey the Word. Luke 8:8, 15 describes fruitful hearers as one, "which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." God grant to each of us a heart that answers to such a description!

-J. Bashford Bishop

Trust God where you cannot trace Him. Do not try to penetrate the cloud He brings over you. The mystery is God's; the promise is yours.—*Macduff* 

#### IT COULDN'T STAND THE HEAT



THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

CLIP SHEET — A Valuable Addition for Your Missionary Scrapbook



## Pentecostal Evangelism in "Spots of Paradise"

HE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, FORmerly the Netherlands East Indies, is the world's largest archipelago. It embraces more than 3,000 islands, the four largest being Java, Sumatra, Borneo (Kalimantan), and Celebes (Sulawesi). This strategically located island group lies astride the equator between Asia and Australia, and separates the Indian Ocean from the Pacific. On its 735,865 square mile land area live some 85,500,000 people.

It is the sixth largest nation in the world. The island of Java has only eleven per cent of the republic's territory, but sixty per cent of the population. With a density ratio of 1,000 persons per square mile, it is one of the most crowded major pieces of land on earth. On this island is located Djakarta, the capital, a city of 4,000,-000.

Tourists call the islands "Spots of Paradise"—an appropriate name for these palm-girded islands of timberclad mountains, fertile valleys, tranquil lagoons, stately trees, and profusion of tropical flowers and fruits. Indonesia is blessed with a one-season year of August-like temperatures and is incredibly rich in natural resources. One third of the world's supply of rubber comes from the islands, and they rank second only to Malaya in the production of tin. Agriculture also plays a vital part in the country's economy. A rich volcanic soil and a copious rainfall have created one of the most fertile soils in the world. Rice is the staple food of the people; they consume more than 40,000,000 pounds of rice per day!

The East Indies were once the objective of successive migrations, invasions, and colonizations. The islands came under the influence of Hindu traders during the early centuries of the Christian era. Moslem invasions began in the thirteenth century. It was in search of the East Indies that Columbus discovered America! Portuguese navigators reached the islands in 1509. When the Dutch landed 100 years later, a colonial period began which was to last for 350 years. As an independent republic, Indonesia has existed for only a decade. The proclamation of the Republic of Indonesia on August 17, 1945, brought Dutch colonial rule to an end, and three and one-half years of Japanese occupation collapsed. Independence was achieved under their nationalist hero, President Sukarno. Today the most popular word in Indonesia is merdeka-freedom; the most important date-August 17-Indonesia Proclamation Day.

People of many races have intermingled to form the new nation. Besides the indigenous races, which include Malays, Bataks, and Dyaks, there are many minority groups. Of these the Chinese are the most influential. The Chinese pioneered the industrial development of the country and their prosperous firms are found everywhere. The Indonesian government is trying to loosen their hold upon the country's economy and this has produced strained relations with Red China.

Altogether, some thirty languages are spoken in the country. The official language is Bahasa Indonesia, a language generously enriched with vigorous words from Hindi, Arabic, Sanskrit, and Dutch. It is gaining in popularity and is now used by the radio, newspapers, and schools. When Indonesia gained her independence the literacy rate stood at twenty per cent. A governmentsponsored literacy program has raised it to fifty per cent. It is expected that within another decade illiteracy will be reduced to a minimum.

Animism was the earliest religion of the islands. Upon this was imposed Hinduism and Buddhism. Islam was





Class of 1959, Minahasa Bible Institute in Tomohon, Sulawesi, Indonesia.

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Sunday morning crowd at the Djakarta Sports Arena during the Hal Herman crusade

introduced in the thirteenth century, and today Indonesia is ninety per cent Moslem. Islam in the islands, however, has been modified by Indonesian culture, and is remarkably tolerant toward other religions. Christianity has met with greater response in Indonesia than in any other predominately Moslem land. The Christian constituency is reported as 2,800,000. Of these 2,000,-000 are Protestant, the remainder Roman Catholic.

Indonesians have been responsive to the Pentecostal message, and today there are thousands of Spirit-filled believers throughout the islands. The Pentecostals are the largest evangelical group. The Assemblies of God acknowledges with gratitude the Christian foundations and achievements by godly missionaries which antedate its work in the islands. Among them was a consecrated Dutch lady, Miss Alt, who had a long and effective ministry and established a number of excellent churches. The churches she left in Java are now amalgamated with the Assemblies of God.

The Assemblies of God in Indonesia (Sidang Djuma' at Allah, di Indonesia) is the outgrowth of the work begun before World War II by the late Ralph M. Devin, in Ambon, Moluccas; Raymond A. Busby, in Medan, Sumatra; and Kenneth M. Short, in Bandjermasin, Borneo. Under the blessing of the Lord the work has grown from a very humble beginning of a few churches at the close of the war until today churches and preaching points number more than ninety, with approximately seventy national workers in charge of the local congregations. About 6,000 are enrolled in the Sunday schools.

Until recently the missionaries carried the responsibility of the administration and the general oversight of the young organization. Ralph M. Devin was the first superintendent and continued in this office until his death in 1951. John C. Tinsman and Harold Carlblom also served in this position for some years. At the 1959 Biennial Conference in Djakarta, Java, the work was placed in the hands of the national brethren. Sumardi Stefanus was chosen as superintendent; Paul Tehupuring, assistant superintendent; K. L. Tobing, secretary-treasurer; and Ie Sing Goan, assistant secretary-treasurer. Raymond Busby and Harold Carlblom were asked to continue serving with the executive committee as advisors.

The ultimate task of evangelizing Indonesia must rest with the national church. A training program for workers was given priority after the war and Bible schools were started at Djakarta, Java; and Ambon, Molucca. Other schools followed in Tomohon, Sulawesi; Malang, Java; and Medan, Sumatra. These schools have prepared many young people for Christian service.

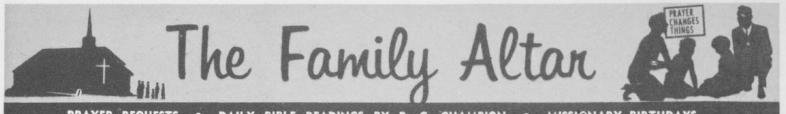
Thousands of people attended the evangelistic crusades conducted in Java by Evangelist Harold Herman in 1958. Campaigns of one month each were held in the three largest cities—Djakarta, Bandung, and Surabaja. Large auditoriums were packed every night with expectant crowds. Harold Carlblom served as interpreter and campaign coordinator. Many thousands came forward for salvation and healing. Among those who accepted Christ were Moslems, Hindus, and Buddhists.

Following each of the three campaigns, efforts were made to secure large halls to house the enlarged congregations, and to care for the new converts. In Djakarta and Surabaja adequate halls could not be rented regardless of price. Evangelistic centers are urgently needed in these cities. In Bandung the missionaries were able to rent a fine hall where a new Assembly was opened following the campaign.

Missionaries under appointment to Indonesia include Mr. and Mrs. Elbert W. Brown, Miss Margaret J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Busby, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Carlblom, Mrs. Edna M. Devin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morris Devin, Miss Marcella A. Dorff, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Lanphear, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. McGrew. These are momentous days for the young republic. The government has not been able to consolidate its gains and exercise control over the multiplicity of islands. The political situation could seriously curtail missionary activity.

Visitors to the islands see only their exotic beauty. Missionaries sense a silent but poignant appeal for the gospel. Vast areas are still without a gospel witness. Unreached villages are hidden deep in mountain areas and on remote islands. The islands waited long for independence. Political *merdeka* was finally achieved, but Indonesians will know true freedom only in the redeeming power of the gospel.

-Christine Carmichael



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

#### Monday, March 28

Read: Proverbs 2:1-9

**Learn:** "The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

For the Parent: In writing to his son, Solomon urged him to seek wisdom and understanding. From this passage discuss: (1) the earnestness with which we should apply ourselves to the quest for wisdom and knowledge, vv. 1-4; (2) the objective of wisdom and knowledge—to learn to know God in a more perfect way, v. 5; (3) the source of wisdom and knowledge, v. 6; (4) the blessings of this wisdom and knowledge, vv. 7-9. All wisdom and knowledge should bring glory to God.

Question Time: What is the objective of wisdom and knowledge? (See above) Missionary Birthday: Mrs. Arthur Sholtis,

Korea.

#### Tuesday, March 29

Read: Proverbs 2:10-22

Learn: "Walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous" (Proverbs 2:20)

For the Parent: Review the material about wisdom and knowledge studied yesterday. Then point out: (1) more benefits of this wisdom and knowledge, vv. 10-12, 20, 21; (2) characteristics of the evil persons who would seek to lead us astray, vv. 12-15; (3) the foolishness of forgetting the instructions of our parents, vv. 17-19; (4) the final end of the wicked—those who fail to seek true wisdom and understanding as it glorifies God, v. 22. Let us strive to be among the upright!

**Question Time:** What further benefits of wisdom and knowledge are mentioned in this passage? (vv. 10-12, 20, 21)

**Missionary Birthdays:** Sydney S. Bryant, N. India; Earl Ray Filkins, Alaska; L. F. Wilson, S. Africa.

#### Wednesday, March 30

Read: Proverbs 3:1-12

**Learn:** "Whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (Proverbs 3:12).

For the Parent: In this passage Solomon reminds his son not to forget his father's teachings, showing the benefits these will bring, vv. 1, 2. Then he urges him to keep mercy and truth and emphasizes the benefits of them, vv. 3, 4. Following this are several admonitions and the results which will come from obeying them, vv. 5-12. Discuss these admonitions, the purpose behind them, and what obeying them will bring to us. Also discuss the purpose of punishment-both parental and divine, vv. 11, 12.

Question Time: Why does God correct us? Of what benefit is such correction? Missionary Birthdays: Leonard E. Lanphear, Indonesia; Pauline B. Smith, Ghana.

#### Thursday, March 31

Read: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Learn:** "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Sower of Good Seed" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review this parable, the first in a series entitled, "Personalities of the Parables." Stress especially Jesus' explanation of the parable, showing who the sower is, what the seed is, and the way in which God's Word is received. Stress the things that will rob us of the effect of God's Word, urging each member of the group to guard against those things.

Question Time: What was the seed that was sown? (v. 19) How was it received? Missionary Birthday: Elmer R. Reznicsek (Deaf), Oreg.

#### Friday, April 1

(Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

For the Parent: Have various members of the group look up and read the following verses: Luke 9:51; John 15:11; Matthew 14:13, 14; John 14:21-23; 15:15, 16; 13: 1-5; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 13:5; 2 Corinthians 8:9. These verses, taken from the Junior lesson for Sunday, emphasize that Jesus is our great Friend. Discuss these verses, showing the qualities which make Jesus such a great Friend. Help members of the group to understand better what it means to be a friend, and to know Jesus better as a Friend.

Question Time: Who is our greatest Friend? (See above) Why? What qualities make Jesus such a great Friend? Missionary Birthdays: Grace Agar, (superannuated), S. W. China; Mrs. John Covlasky, Alaska.

#### Saturday, April 2

**Read:** Genesis 25:19-34 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Great is your reward in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

For the Parent: Review the story of the first recorded birth of twins: Jacob and Esau. Discuss the differences in the two boys as they grew older. As the firstborn, Esau was entitled to the birthright —an extra portion of his father's inheritance and other privileges. Discuss how he despised this, selling it for something to eat. Through this he also lost the privilege of being one of the ancesters of Jesus. Emphasize the importance of proper values, especially in our spiritual lives.

Question Time: What were some of the differences between Jacob and Esau? (v. 27) Why did Esau sell his birthright? (vv. 30-34)

Missionary Birthday: Winifred Currie, Belgian Congo.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Mrs. C. F. Juergensen (superannuated), Japan; Homer T. Goodwin, Ghana; Mrs. H. W. Butler, Voltaic Republic; Oliver J. Lamont (Deaf), Calif.

#### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

April is "Revival Month" in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A new church has been purchased in the southern section of the metropolitan center and Juan Carlo Sortez, a graduate of the Argentina Bible School, is to be the evangelist. Pray for God's blessings upon this special evangelistic effort in Argentina's capital city.

Pray that God will make it possible for all the home missionaries in Alaska to give full time to their ministry. Some have found it necessary to take secular positions in order to supplement their incomes to provide satisfactorily for their families.

A new church has been formed in Tokyo as a result of the Greater Tokyo Evangelistic Crusade. The church is in the university section of the city and is meeting in rented quarters. Pray that the Lord will supply the fifty dollars a month required to rent the building.

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One of the most urgent needs of the National Home Missions Department is for workers to send into the areas of opportunity for ministry to the Deaf and the Jewish people. Many doors of service are now open, but there are no new workers to answer the call.

Pray for two young people in Singapore who were recently filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray that the revival spirit will continue in Singapore.

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LEWISTON, N. C .- The Assembly of God here just closed a revival with Evangelist Floyd Cruse of Franklin, N. C. The church was blessed as a whole, and there were a number who testified to healings. Several sought the Lord for salvation. The sincere, heartfelt ministry was greatly appreciated, and the people are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord.

-Lucille Beam, Pastor

CATOOSA, OKLA .-- The Assembly here experienced a revival through the study of "The Book of Revelation" by E. C. Lagmay, Filipino evangelist. A 9x8 oilpainted chart on Revelation, was used by the evangelist and through it hearts were awakened to coming events foretold in the Word of God. This type of Bible study proved very helpful here. -J. Walter Lappke, Pastor

MOULTRIE, GA .- Desmond Evans, an evangelist from Wales, recently conducted three weeks of revival here that were truly an outstanding experience. Souls were saved almost every night, and a goodly number were filled with the Holy Spirit. Brother Evans has a ministry of praying for the sick and many were healed.

-Leon W. Comer, Pastor

DUNCAN, OKLA.-The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed five nights of special services conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Keith Belknap of Broken Arrow, Okla. The special music and anointed preaching was an inspiration to all. Three were saved on the closing night of the meetings. -Armon Newburn, Pastor

ELLSINORE, MO .- Evangelist Johnny Barton of Madison, Ill., recently conducted three weeks of revival here at First Assembly which many people said was the best in the history of the church. At least 17 were saved and 18 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some of the latter were friends from another church in the city. There were also many out--Roy Bennett, Pastor standing healings.

▶ EVANSVILLE, IND.—Calvary Temple here has enjoyed the latest outpouring of the Spirit and the largest week-night crowds in the history of the church. The evangelist during these special meetings was Walter Grant of Dallas, Tex. People were saved each night, backsliders came back to God, and an untold number were filled with the Holy Spirit as they prayed late into the night. People who had not been stirred for years were moved upon mightily by the Spirit of God. Many of those who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost were those who had been seeking the experience for years. Many notable healings took place before the eyes of the assembled people. Many of them received healing while sitting in the audience. An 83-year-old-man, who could hear nothing out of one ear and only a little out of the other, was made whole instantly. A lady with a dislocated back and with one limb shorter than another hobbled to church, but left perfectly whole with both limbs the same length. A similar healing took place involving a twelveyear-old girl. Other people who were deaf were remarkably healed. The Sunday school increased over 100. People came from other cities and states to attend the meetings. The spirit of revival continues to rest upon the congregation.

-Hansel P. Vibbert, Pastor

DELPHI, IND .- The Assembly of God here recently concluded two weeks of revival with Evangelist Calvin Stants of Lafayette, Ind. The results were splendid, with some coming to the altar for salvation and two receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Both the Sunday school record and goal were broken during the meetings. This pioneer church is looking forward to breaking ground soon for a new building.

-Marshall A. Stull, Pastor

DENVER, COLO .- The high spiritual tide was a characteristic of the recent great revival conducted in the Full Gospel Tabernacle here by Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke of Dallas, Tex. People prayed well into the night and there were old-time tarrying meetings with believers being filled with the Holy Spirit. It was the belief of many that this was one of the greatest moves in the history of the -L. A. Duke, Pastor church.

▶ CLEARWATER, FLA.—One of the best meetings conducted in First Assembly in the past six years was recently concluded by Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. At least 30 people knelt at the altar for salvation, among them a number of high school students who formerly did not attend the church here. A goodly number of those saved have since been baptized and joined the church. On the last Sunday of the meetings a new Sunday school attendance record was established with 511 -A. L. Shell, Jr., Pastor present.

▶ LAIRD HILL, TEX.—The church here has just concluded a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Bayless of Beaumont, Tex. Several were at the altar every night seeking God. There were eight saved one night. One man who was an alcoholic for years was gloriously saved. Several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and testified to being healed by

the power of God. The young people of the church were drawn closer to the Lord. The anointed preaching and singing of the evangelists was a blessing to all. The congregation is thanking God for this wonderful move of His Spirit. -H. E. Boatright, Pastor

► VALDOSTA, GA.-The East Magnolia Assembly of God here recently enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist Roger Wood of Macon, Ga. The Spirit of God was manifested in every service. There were 12 saved and three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A number of new people came every night. The church was greatly blessed throughout the meetings. -E. L. Gilliland. Pastor

► HARRODSBURG, IND.—Over 40 souls responded to the altar call for salvation during evangelistic meetings that were conducted here by David Terrell of Atlanta, Ga. Many also testified to being healed by the power of God. The attendance was outstanding during the three weeks, and the Sunday school reached a peak attendance of 203 with an average of 176.

-James Bradberry, Pastor

▶ DE KALB, TEX.—The Briggs Evan-gelistic Party of Ft. Worth recently held a very successful revival in the First Assembly of God here. In spite of the winter weather good crowds came out nightly to hear the anointed singing and preaching. The entire church was stirred, and several young people received an experience of salvation. There was a good deal of preaching on death and hell fire, and it had its telling effect. -B. O. Smith, Pastor

▶ ROCKWALL, TEX.-Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Jackson of Tulsa, Okla., recently conducted a very excellent revival in the Assembly here. It is considered to be one of the best in the history of the church. Not only was it great in the sense that souls were saved, but it was also a time of heart-searching for the church people. The ministry of the Jacksons was outstanding in every way. The church is still feeling the results of the revival in the regular services.

-M. M. Hammack, Pastor

▶ GARLAND, TEX.—The Bethany Assembly of God here recently enjoyed revival meetings with Evangelists J. David Ward and Bob Rich of Indiana. The meetings were scheduled for two weeks, but ran for four because God blessed in such a wonderful way. Souls were saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Many sick were also healed by the power of God. The Sunday school broke all records. -W. A. Edwards, Pastor

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL NAE CONVENTION, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., April 26-29. For in-formation write: National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Ave., Wheaton, Ill.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION, Gospel Tabernacle, 13th St. near Phillips, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mar. 31-Apr. 3. Several missionaries and an Indonesian couple participating .- by Andrew S. Teuber, Pastor.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH and parsonage, and Homecoming Services, Apr. 3; Faith Assembly of God, West Division at Hillcrest, Springfield, Mo. District Superintendent N. Cleo Tapp speaking at dedication 2:30 p.m.-by James E. Radford, Pastor.

#### WITH CHRIST

IAMES D. (Main Line) COONS, 79, Phoenix, Ariz., passed away on January 20, 1960. He was ordained in 1942 and between then and his being superannuated in 1953 he served as an evangelist. His colorful nickname came from being a railroad man for many years.

FLOYD R. HOOLE, 61, Yerington, Nev., died on February 25, 1960, as a result of an automobile accident. Since his ordination in 1928 he served both as pastor and evangelist; most of the churches he served were in California. He is survived by his wife.

GEORGE A. FLETCHER, 78, Fresno, Calif., passed to his reward on February 18, 1960. Brother Fletcher was ordained to the ministry in 1931 and served as pastor of several California churches before, he was superannuated in 1953. Death was due to a heart attack. His wife survives.

BART D. BROXSON, 57, was killed in an automobile accident recently. He was a minister affiliated with the West Florida District of the Assemblies of God for several years. While active in evangelistic ministry he also served as sheriff of Santa Rosa County, Florida. He is survived by his wife and eleven children. His minister son, John R., was appointed to succeed him as sheriff.

WALTER J. HIGGINS, 75, El Cajon, Calif,. went to be with the Lord on February 21, 1960. Brother Higgins was one of our faithful pioneers. He began his ministry in 1911 and was ordained as an Assemblies of God minister in 1916. He received an award of honor at the 1955 General Council in Oklahoma City for having opened twenty-five churches during his many years of ministry.

Brother Higgins served the constituency as a pastor and evangelist in a number of states. At the time of his death he was pastor of Bostonia Assembly of God. He is survived by his wife and fifteen children.

KENNETH W. WILKERSON, 53, pastor of the Pentecostal Assembly of God, Scranton, Pa., was called Home on February 13, 1960. Brother Wilkerson held three Pennsylvania pastorates during his twenty-five years as an ordained minister. He had been in Scranton since 1955 and was instrumental in building a new church there which was dedicated in 1957. He served two years as assistant superintendent of the Eastern District.

Death was due to a stroke. Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Harris and Mrs. Robert Kloss; three sons, David (an evangelist), Kenneth, and Donald.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST
Ala.	Selma	Calvary	Apr. 3-	Michael Lord
Ark.	Branch	First	Mar. 30-	Tommy Lofton
	Fort Smith	First		Warren Litzman
	Heber Springs	A/G		Bob Swaim & wife
0.11	Paris	Union	Mar. 27-Apr. 10	
Calif.	Chowchilla	First	Mar. 29-	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.
	Corning Los Angeles	First Western Aug	Apr. 3 Apr. 3-17	Thornton Evang. Party R. L. Davis
	Los Angeles Sacramento	Western Ave. Bethel Temple		Louise Nankivell
	Santa Ana	First		Oran & Audrey Duncan
	Whittier	First		Musical Rogers
Colo.	Aurora	First	Apr. 3-	Lula M. Ware
Fla.	Avon Park	First	Mar. 27-Apr. 1	
	Crestview	Aubum	Apr. 3-	Billy R. Jones
	Panama City	Dirego Park	Apr. 3-17	B. R. Minton
	Panama City Pensacola	First Brownsville	Apr. 3 Apr. 3-17	Jimmy Swaggart & wife
Ga.	Columbus	Riverview		Roger Wood Forrest Whaley
Ill.	Quincy	Bethel		Richard Vinyard
	Rock Island	Bethel		Walter D. Lascelle
	St. Elmo	First	Mar. 20-Apr. 3	N. J. Sorensen
Ind.	Hammond	Full Gosp. Tab.	Mar. 29-	J. Haskell Wooldridge
	Hartford City	First	Apr. 3	Oren Paris
	Hebron	A/G		Bob Ludwig & wife
	Laporte	First		A. F. DiMusto & Party
	Mishawaka Muncie	First Glad Tidings	Apr. 3-17 Mar 20 Apr 10	T. T. Ward
Iowa	Boone	Christian Tab.	Mar. 23-Apr. 3	G. Lee (Gary) Thomas Frank Martin
	Des Moines	Central		Jimmie Parrack & wife
	Woodbine	A/G		C. M. Smitley
Kans.	Garden City	Faith Tab.	Apr. 3-17	Billy Guthrie & wife
	Scott City	A/G		Clenton Winford
	Wichita	So. Seneca	Mar. 30-	Jack Pruitt
La.	Baton Rouge	First	Mar. 29—	Donnell-Holler Team
Md. Mich.	Cumberland Flint	Central Riverside Tab.	Apr. 3-17 Apr. 3-17	Peiffer & Harden Ira Stanphill
witch.	Tecumseh	A/G	Mar 29-Apr 10	J. W. Beam & wife
Minn.	Bemidji	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 3-	Emil Wolf
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Ohio	Bowling Green		Mar. 22—	Mel Jennings
011	Wadsworth	First		William Ilnisky
Okla.	Atoka	First	Apr. 3-	Al Davis
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	Dallas	Maplewood	Apr. 3-17	Robert L. Watters
	Fort Worth	Bethel Temple	Mar. 27-Apr. 3	W. E. (Gene) Scott
	Houston	Greens Bayou	Apr. 3-17	Glen Shinn
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Editors of award-winning magazines in the Evangelical Press Association. Left to right: Robert C. Cunningham, "The Pentecostal Evangel"; James F. Gregory, "The Free Methodist"; Warren Wiersbe, "Youth for Christ" magazine; Gwen Jones, "Sunday School Counselor"; Bessie Kresge, "The Missionary Tidings"; Russell Hitt, "Eternity"; Martin Simon, "My Chum."

### **Editors Honored at Press Convention**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-Three Assemblies of God magazines were among those honored at the 1960 convention of the Evangelical Press Association.

The Pentecostal Evangel was selected as the best denominational magazine among those entered in the annual contest.

Sunday School Counselor won first place among the Sunday school magazines.

C. A. Herald won honorable mention as second-place winner in the youth bracket. Top honors went to Youth for Christ magazine which also received the "Magazine of the Year" award.

Judges in the contest were Prof.

Kenneth Butler of Northwestern University; William McDermott, Chicago's veteran free-lance writer; and Kenneth Taylor, director of Moody Press.

The Evangelical Press Association is an organization of more than 140 magazines having a total circulation of over 4,000,000. Officers elected for the coming year are: Joseph T. Bayly, editor of His, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship magazine, president; Robert C. Cunningham, editor of The Pentecostal Evangel vice-president; Miss Gwen Jones, editor of Sunday School Counselor, secretary; C. Leslie Miller of Gospel Light Publications, treasurer; and Larry Ward, editor of World Vision magazine, executive secretary.

mire went to unbar the gates, and stood

face to face with two evil-looking ban-

dits, each of whom had a bloody sword

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flag over your property so that no one

will harm you or your property. You

this, except that once more God had

overruled the wicked intentions of

barn roof and ordered him down,"

says Mr. Plymire. "The man came

down begging for mercy. I tried to

What explanation could there be for

"The bandits spied a man on the

"Our leader sent us," announced one

gripped securely in his hand.

have nothing to fear."

men?

#### **REIGN OF TERROR**

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help them, only to be struck in the chest by a heavy rock hurled by a bandit.

Meanwhile the shouts of the bandits mingled with the screams of the wounded and dying, victims of unspeakable atrocities. As Mr. Plymire reported later: "Children were held up by the feet and cut in half or pulled apart. Some were carried about on spears. Not far from us they cut both feet off an old man."

By now the bandits were pounding on the mission doors demanding to be let in. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Ply-

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save him from their swords but they swung over my head and struck him in the mouth. Then they shot him."

The two bandits were no sooner out of sight than another appeared, alone. He entered the barn and emerged with the missionary's horses. He was carrying a bloody sword and seemed in a bad humor. Mr. Plymire decided to let him alone. Leading his loot out into the street, the would-be horse thief was accosted by a fellow bandit who insisted, "You must take the horses back immediately, before our leader finds out what you have done."

Meekly obeying, the man returned with the horses and tied them up. He apologized sheepishly to Mr. Plymire.

But now another bandit came in. As he passed one of the rooms where people were hiding, a slight sound attracted his attention. Peeking through a crack in the door he saw the people and demanded to be let in. It was obvious that the man was intent on killing: his bloody sword emphasized his intentions. The missionary could not bear the thought of seeing helpless people slaughtered. Planting himself in front of the door, Mr. Plymire said quietly, "To get inside you must kill me first!"

This show of courage took the man by surprise and for a moment he did not know what to answer. But two more felons had come up, also demanding to be let inside.

"I will permit you if you promise not to hurt those inside," said the missionary; but he insisted that the first bandit could not go in. The other two promised only to search the people for valuables, and to prove their sincerity they left their swords outside. In a few moments they emerged with their loot, picked up their swords, and left.

Returning to the mission entrance, the missionary was nearly knocked down by a Tibetan who fled with two bandits in hot pursuit. The Tibetan jumped behind Mr. Plymire to escape their bloody swords. The latter offered the bandits some money if they would spare the man's life. To his surprise they accepted the offer and left.

By now the injured bandits were asking the missionary for treatment. Though he detested their actions, he felt it best to comply. After all, several fellow bandits were standing around with their blood-stained swords, watching what he would do! While Mr. Plymire was taking care of one of the wounded bandits, the sound of



A sword wound inflicted by a bandit. The man survived and lived for many years.

rifle fire echoed out of the east. The patient sat up with a start. "That shooting is not from our men!" he exclaimed. "It must have come from the government troops! They have caught up with us!" Without waiting to be bandaged the man jumped up, grabbed his weapon, and rushed off.

In a matter of minutes every bandit had left the city to take up positions in the mountains east of Tangar. The battle continued through the night and on into the next morning when the bandits were finally driven across the mountains to the north.

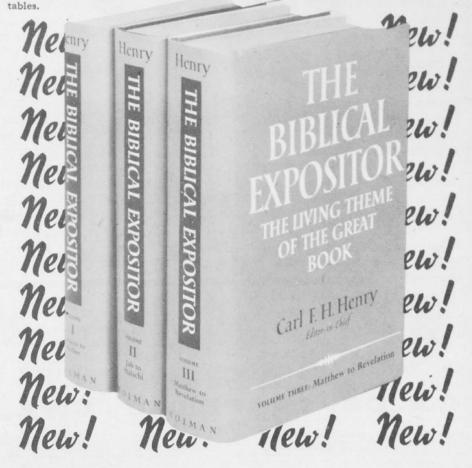
Soon the wounded were pouring into the mission. One man had nine sword cuts in his head. Another had a huge slash over the forehead, down across the nose and eyes. Still another had a spear thrust through his shoulder.

While the missionaries began the gruesome task of caring for these pitiful sufferers, several men carried in another injured man on a door panel. When they laid the man down the Plymires instantly recognized him as Mr. Yang, a young schoolteacher who had recently been saved. With him were his unconverted relatives. Mr. Plymire prepared to do what he could for him; but the young man protested, "I do not have long to live, pastor. I want to die here because this is where I found Christ. So I asked my friends to bring me." Then in a feeble voice he began to sing, "Take the Name of Jesus with You." His faith grew stronger than ever as death drew near.

The young teacher urged his sorrowing family to put their trust in Christ and meet him in heaven.

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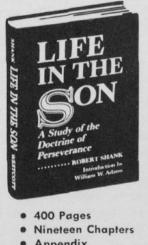
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limited, that it was all the missionaries could do to keep the wounds clean and free from infection. They cut up their bed sheets for bandages. They worked from morning till night to bring relief to the suffering.

All through that summer the work of mercy went on. The missionaries were taxed to the limit of their endurance. "Many times I bathed the wounds with my own tears as I worked, trying to put on the bandages," reports Mr. Plymire.

Three thousand dead were counted: almost a third of the town's population. Eight hundred were wounded, some maimed for life. Fathers were killed, leaving their families without a provider. In some cases both parents were gone, leaving the hapless children to roam the ruins of what once was home.

Surely the ghastly spectacle would never fade from memory. Yet neither could the missionaries ever forget the protecting power of God. Mr. Plymire testified: "During these days bullets were flying in all directions over our place, yet not one of them hit the house or fell in the yard. It was wonderful how the Lord protected us. God is faithful. He is a refuge, a stronghold for His people."

This is a chapter from the book, "High Adventure in Tibet," the thrilling biography of Victor G. Plymire, a pioneer Assemblies of God missionary. The book is available from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, for \$3.75. The order number is 2 EV 522.

## **Our Hearts Are** Made to Wonder

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them which we put into tin cans, one to each person. We explained that the WMC's had canned and preserved food in the tins, and that the popcorn had also come from them. Through Mary, they asked me to thank all the WMC's "very much for this fine feast and gift."

I could not hold back the tears as we had our final hymn-sing and prayers. Here were women who only a few years ago had never heard of Jesus. Now they sang, "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul...," and their prayers were full of thanksgiving for their sisters in America. They asked God to bless you and repay you for your kindness.

The next day they again asked Mary

to interpret their "words." "Madam," they said, "we have been thinking and talking about the thing we saw last night, and how the women of America show their love in wonderful way. We feel shame that we are doing nothing for Jesus. Is there anything we can do?" We spent the next period discussing various ways in which they could help their local churches, pastors, Bible school students, and native missionaries. How we rejoiced that by your example you had provoked these women to good works also!

#### "Sojas of de cross"

During my last term, I spent much time supervising the erection of the school. We were paying three pence for each headpan of sand and gravel brought in by native women and children. One day Elima came to visit me. Before her conversion she had wanted to be a fortune teller and had been in contact with demon powers. Now as she watched me pay for the sand, she told me emphatically that I was doing a bad thing. "But how will I get it without paying for it?" I asked.

"The people of America are doing very good thing to send us teacher and money for cement to build our school. It is very bad that we should make you pay for sand. Are there not some Christian women who will bring it to you free?"

I explained that many of the women had heathen husbands and they were not able to do as they pleased. She told me not to buy any more sand and she would see that I got all I needed. Since Elima also had a heathen husband and lived four miles away, I wondered what she would do. But early the next morning when I awakened I saw ten women, walking single file up the steep hill with Elima as their leader, bearing pans of sand on their heads and singing heartily, "We are sojas (soldiers), sojas of de cross."

All that day and on several succeeding days they carried sand up from the river until there was enough to finish the work. And their continuous singing told onlookers that they were "sojas of de cross," and *glad* to do this work for Jesus.

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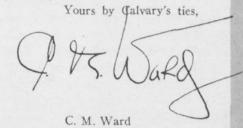
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## Little Blue Boat

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is just great! Sure am glad those kids got their literature."

"Keep up the good work," the pastor said. "Jesus will reward you for your sacrifice."

Billy left the study with spirits pretty low. What should he do? As he reached the shop window, he stopped and looked at the little blue boat. The faces of those boys and girls in Latin America seemed to keep passing through his mind. Finally he made his decision. He dashed straight home, went up to his room, and placed the \$1.53 back in his BGMC bank. He felt so much better after that. He could wait a few weeks to get that boat.

That evening was just like every other evening until Dad came into Billy's room. "Billy," Dad said, "I need a man to do some work for me; think you might be interested in the job?"

"Sure, what can I do?"

"Well, you know all my tools in the basement, and the new cord of wood I bought for the fireplace? The tools need to be put in their proper places and the wood needs to be stacked."

"Okay, Dad. I'll start tonight!"

His father started to leave the room, then paused. "Oh, by the way," he said, "I'll pay you fifty cents if you get it all done by Saturday!"

A big smile broke across Billy's face. Maybe if he did some extra chores and saved his allowance he wouldn't have to wait so very long for that boat, after all.

#### You Cannot Bury Your Soul

When Christ said to the rich young ruler, "One thing thou lackest," we know that He did not mean health, wealth, friends, intelligence, attractiveness of personality—for all of these things the young man had. The one thing that he lacked was God.

God hath set eternity in our hearts, and none but God can satisfy these hearts. This hunger for God, disowned and dishonored, men sometimes try to satisfy in business, drink, skepticism; but it is a vain effort. Some men try to bury their soul, and heap over it clothes, food, drink, checkbooks, dresses, clubs, automobiles, dances; but just when they think the job is well finished, and the soul well interred, lo, it appears again on the surface. You cannot bury the soul.—Selected.

#### **REVIVALTIME GIVING**

#### TOP DISTRICTS

January, 1960

#### TOTAL GIVING

1.	Southern	California		 \$1,414.82
2.	Northern	California-	Nevada	 1,382.38

#### AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1.	Montana	a	\$ 7.29
2.	S. New	England	 7.28

#### **INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING**

Southern California ......\$ 473.92
Northern California-Nevada ......\$ 462.18

#### INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1.	Montana	\$ 2.57
2.	Ohio	2.31

#### GREATEST GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1.	Northern	California-Nevada	16
2.	Southern	California	15

3. Southern Missouri ..... 15

#### PERCENTAGE OF GAIN IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1.	North	Dakota	12%
2.	Arizona		5%
3.	Illinois		5%
4.	Norther	n California-Nevada	5%



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LEADING THE NATION

#### January 1-31, 1960

#### TOTAL GIVING

A/G, Shoshone, Idaho	\$815.00
Temple Church, Clanton, Alabama	558.00
A/G, Forest Grove, Oregon	433.36
1st A/G, Montgomery, Alabama	187.50
1st A/G, Cleveland, Ohio	174.83
1st A/G, Denver, Colorado	150.00
A/G, Broken Eow, Nebr.	
A/G, Bellflower, California	125.00
Calvary F. G. A/G, Inglewood, Calif.	. 125.00
Gospel Tab., Dearborn, Michigan	124.00
Belmont A/G, Chicago, Illinois	122.10
1st A/G, Birmingham, Alabama	119.03
1st A/G, St. Elmo, Illinois	105.00
1st A/G, Farmington, New Mexico	104.50
Bethel Pent. Ch., Newark, N. J.	100.00
Evangel Temple, Portland, Oregon	100.00
1st A/G, Lancaster, California	100.00
A/G, Van Nuys, California	100.00
A/G, Pacific Beach, California	95.00
F. G. Tab., Tulare, California	
A/G, Deer Lodge, Montana	90.00
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Texas	

#### 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, Shoshone, Idaho	(9)	\$90
A/G, Forest Grove, Ore.	. (12)	36
Temple Ch., Clanton, Ala.		
A/G, Tuscola, Mich		
A/G, Broken Bow, Nebr.		
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala.		
1st A/G, Shrewsbury, N. J.	(10)	8
Pent. Ch., Lakehurst, N. J.		5
A/G, Cascade, Idaho		5
A/G, Perry, Fla.	(12)	5
A/G, Newport, R. I.	(5)	5
A/G, Beaver City, Nebr.		4
Gospel Tab., Dearborn, Mich.		
1st A/G, Cleveland, Ohio		4
A/G, Deer Lodge, Mont.	(28)	3
Capitol A/G, Trenton, N. J.	_(13)	3
1st A/G, Denver, Colo.		
A/G, Newcastle, Wyo.	(13)	3
A/G, Gold Beach, Ore.	(8)	2
A/G, Kalispell, Mont.	_(30)	2
A/G, Polson, Mont.	_(15)	2
Southside A/G, Houston, Tex		



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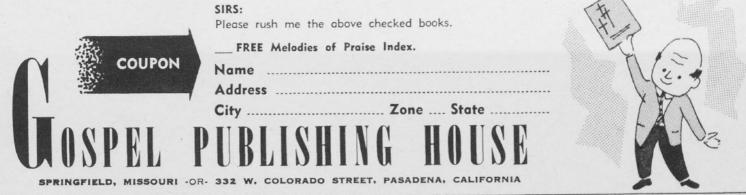
\* The Sunday school purchase and give these books as a token of Easter thanks to the church.

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## 1960 Loyalty Campaign Supplies



The "I Belong" pin has been prepared especially for the 1960 Loyalty Campaign. The red-andwhite design of this colorful button-type pin is lithographed on metal. Any member of the Sunday school will be proud to wear it throughout the campaign. Since the pin carries only the wording, "I Belong," it may be worn after the campaign as an attendance builder. Order a supply for use during the campaign and after. 15-6964 35c for 12 \$2.50 for 100

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souri. Be sure you order an adequate supply of each item.

MOLANGI STOOD IN THE DOORWAY OF the clinic, a pitiful sight, supported on either side by his two African wives. He tried to talk, but coughed and choked on the words. Saliva drooled down to his chest.

Yosefa, our African pastor, recognized him and exclaimed, "Madamo! This is the man I took your message to, but he ignored your words."

Then I remembered that almost a month previously these two women had come to the clinic saying that a mad dog had bitten them. They had killed the dog, so we sent for its head, and took it along with the women to the government hospital at Dungu. The doctor immediately informed us that the dog was rabid and that the women would have to stay for special injections. Before we left them we asked if the dog had bitten anyone else in the village. "Yes, yes!" they cried. "He bit our husband!"

On returning to the mission I sent

Pastor Yosefa with a message to Molangi, advising him to come immediately and we would take him to the hospital to get the necessary injections. Yosefa returned from the seven-mile journey with the news that the man would not come. "Go again," I pleaded, "and try to persuade him."

The second time Yosefa returned to say, "Madamo, the man says that the dog only bit him a little; in fact, the scratch has healed already. He says he will come when he has gathered his. cotton, as he cannot leave it to rot in his garden."

"Go again," I said. "Tell him that if he does not come he will be dead before he can sell his cotton.'

A very discouraged Yosefa returned that evening. "O Madamo," he said, "he will come only when he has finished gathering his cotton. Wasn't it only a little scratch?"

"Yes, Yosefa, it was just a little scratch, but enough to make him die within a month apart from treatment."

As I looked at the man now, beyond all human help, my heart ached.

"Friend," I said, "why did you not believe my words?"

His wife on the right side answered for him. "Madamo, it was only a little scratch."

"Just a little scratch," I said, "but enough to cause his death. Unless Jesus touches him and heals him, he will die. I have no medicine that can help him now."

We laid him in our small hospital. Yosefa prayed and talked to the man about his soul. After a while he signified that he wanted to believe. Two days later he died.

Just a little scratch, I thought, but it cost his life. Just a little delay, but it caused his death. How many today are treating their souls just as Molangi treated his body. They are putting off their decision for Christ, saying, "I'm not really bad; all my sins are little ones." But the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." It does not differentiate between little and big sins.

In Molangi's case, a little delay-till he gathered in the cotton-was fatal. And a little delay in coming to Christ for cleansing from sin may be fatal to the soul. Come to Jesus now!

-Mrs. Edith Cochrane

