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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT,

SAITH THE LORD



**ARTICLES
& FEATURES
ON CHILD
EVANGELISM**

CHILDREN'S SONG

*A little child of seven,
Or only three or four,
May enter into heaven
Through Christ, the open Door;
For when that child believeth
On Christ, the Son of God,
'Tis then that child receiveth
Salvation through His blood.*

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Get Right With God!

In a great evangelistic campaign in Canada a number of years ago, these four little words were used very effectively—"Get right with God." They were printed on small white cards, one inch wide and six inches long. The words, in red ink, appeared on both sides so that whichever way the cards fell the message always met the eye—"Get right with God." Tens of thousands of the cards were distributed throughout the city and nearly everybody saw them. As a result, hundreds of souls were saved. They could not forget those four little words and the sermon they preached.

The same message needs to be repeated over and over today, for many are not on good terms with God. They are living in sin, gambling their eternal future for this world's brief pleasures. They need to "get right with God" by repenting, changing their ways, and trusting in Christ as their personal Saviour.

But it is not only the unchurched who need the message. Some who profess to be Christians are toying with a besetting sin, treating it as a sweet morsel and yielding to temptation in each moment of weakness. No wonder they live an up-and-down life void of joy and spiritual power.

Do you wonder why your prayers are not answered? Perhaps it is because there is something in your life that you have never brought to the Cross and conquered through the power of God. You have never made a clear break with sin. The inspired writer said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18). God will not even bend down and listen to what we have to say if we are harboring sin in our lives. Perhaps no one else knows about it, but God does. The only way to get right with Him is through confession, renunciation, and restitution.

The Bible says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). If you have wronged someone you must apologize. If you have stolen you must do all you can to make restitution. You cannot be right with God until you are right with man. Perhaps there are debts that will have to be paid. If you will humble yourself before the Lord and give yourself to prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to search your heart, He will make everything clear, and He will give you grace and strength to right the wrongs that stand between you and your Maker.

The prophet of old said, "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God" (Isaiah 59:1, 2). Sin is the one great barrier. That barrier must be removed by confessing your wrongdoings and forsaking them completely. God will forgive if you will repent—it was for this cause that Christ shed His precious blood. And God will give you power to conquer every besetting sin if you will turn your back upon it and yield the controls of your life to His Holy Spirit.

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What shall it profit a man if he pray for the salvation of the whole world and neglect the boys and girls at his own doorstep?



DIAMONDS MAY BE FOUND IN YOUR own back yard. Russell H. Conwell highlighted that truth as he traversed this continent and, well over five thousand times, gave his celebrated lecture, "Acres of Diamonds." The basis of that lecture was the story of a man who yearned for diamonds and searched for them throughout the world. In the end he found them, but not at some distant point. They were near the house where he first dreamed of the wealth that such precious stones would bring him.

There are potential jewels for the Master's crown right at our own doorstep. They are the children who romp in our neighborhood, play in our parks, and make our residential streets to ring with laughter and shouts of delight. Such young lives present the greatest potential for eternal wealth and rank among the most precious jewels that can be discovered by anyone.

To overlook the children and the eternal possibilities in them is to have faulty vision. Many of us have glimpsed the need of a distant land but have remained blind to those whom we almost tramp upon in our zeal to do something for God.

In all periods of church history the tendency has been to leave the work of evangelization to a select few who have distinctive talents. The laymen suppose that it is the particular calling of the ministers to be soul winners. The pastors reason that the evangelists are those who are gifted in reaching the lost. Individuals are prone to thrust the responsibility upon another who appears to be more resourceful.

Despite this inclination, students of the Scriptures are aware that evangelism is the work of all the church. Such a great work cannot be left to the pastors, evangelists, and missionaries. The lost can be won to Christ only when every believer realizes and

assumes his responsibility to be an evangelist himself.

In like manner, the average person relegates the responsibility for child evangelism to specialists in that field. If there is any sense of obligation to win children to Christ, the easiest procedure is to call in someone who can hold special meetings for them exclusively. It is falsely assumed that a few dedicated children's evangelists can carry the entire brunt of child evangelism. Just as the burden for adult evangelism should rest upon the broad base of all the church, so should every Christian have a responsibility to win the children about him. The wise person will see in the children a challenge and seek ways to bring them the Word of life.

The first step in winning children to Christ is to have an awareness of them and a sincere desire to capture them for the Saviour. Properly, there should be a realization of the importance of children. They must be more than incidentals to the activities of life; more than mere bundles of nerves and noise to distract us from more serious endeavors. Each boy and girl has a soul

and is as valuable as an adult, if not more so. This knowledge of their presence, importance, and potential is basic to successful evangelistic efforts among the youngsters.

An example of an awareness of children is given by Andrew, one of our Lord's disciples. He and the others were faced with a problem. A great crowd had thronged after Jesus. They were so intrigued by His miracles and His teachings that they forgot about their physical needs. They must be fed but how could it be done? The problem was too great for the others and they threw up their hands in despair. Andrew made a start toward the solution by saying, "There is a lad here."

Through that lad, food and blessing came to thousands. A solution to adult problems was triggered by a boy who was near at hand. A lad and his possessions, yielded to the Saviour, provided temporal blessings for all the people and a noble example for succeeding generations to emulate. Those who were too busy with so-called major matters to think of the children were rebuked by the example of Andrew.

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Where Are the **DIAMONDS?**

BY DON MALLOUGH



Our Growing Youth Camp Ministry

BY PAUL A. KIENEL



Many a boy is led to Christ by his camp counselor

OVER 6,600,000 BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER fifteen years of age will be in Sunday school next Sunday. When they will have reached twenty-four years of age 6,200,000 of them will have left the Sunday school. Only 400,000 out of over 6½ million will be kept for the church and for the Lord. Sunday school experts tell us that the average American church loses eighty per cent of its pupils as they reach their teens.

Recently, *This Week* magazine carried an article that should further challenge the church to sober reflection on the effectiveness—or ineffectiveness—of its youth program. Under the title, "Are the Churches Failing Our Young People?" was reported a survey involving five thousand typical young Americans, the majority of whom attended

church when young. In answer to the question, "Do you feel that the church helped prepare you to meet the problems of adult life?" more than three fourths of those interviewed answered in the negative.

These significant reports, coupled with the continuing increase of juvenile crime and violence in the United States, compel us to re-evaluate the depth of our interest in the youth of our own denomination.

How grateful to God we are for the many thousands of fine young people in the Assemblies of God. We are solemnized when we realize their worth, first of all to Christ, and then to our Assemblies. May God grant our movement wisdom and guidance as it nurtures this church of tomorrow.

Both the Sunday School and Christ's Ambassadors departments of our denomination have been greatly blessed in efforts to reach the younger generation for Christ through summer camps. These two departments joined forces to create a National Youth Camp Commission, which is receiving excellent cooperation from district leaders and all the dedicated Assemblies ministers who are engaging in this work.

The commission reports 3,452 conversions in our Assemblies of God youth and children's camps last year. This was an increase of 200 over 1958. Also 3,617 in 1959 testified to receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is 307 more than the previous year. Only eternity will reveal the many others who made renewed dedications to Christ or were called to some field of Christian service.

Dick Fulmer, national C. A. secretary, has said, "The youth camp program of our denomination is one of the most fruitful ministries we have toward maintaining the spiritual integrity of our youth." The importance of this program is shown by the fact that 27,000 (including camp counselors) attended our Assemblies of God youth and children's camps last year.

Most district-sponsored youth or children's camps participate in the "self-evaluation" standard provided by the Assemblies of God youth camp program. This standard defines a number of minimum requirements which our youth camps should meet. Camps

FIVE-YEAR YOUTH CAMP REPORT

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS (ages 9-12)					
NUMBER SAVED	1,014	1,211	1,381	1,565	1,942
NO. REC'D BAPTISM	833	1,046	1,311	1,448	1,761
YOUTH CAMPS (ages 12-20)					
NUMBER SAVED	993	1,615	1,478	1,458	1,528
NO. REC'D BAPTISM	1,142	1,484	1,407	1,810	1,874

which measure up to the specified requirements are recognized by the Assemblies of God Youth Camp Commission as Certified Youth Camps. Last year 44 camps met these requirements.

We are indeed grateful to God for the harvest of spiritual blessing in the lives of our youth across the nation. For many young people, the spiritual experiences received at camp are the turning point of their lives. Problems are solved that could never be solved otherwise. Prejudices are broken down. Opportunity is given to pray in earnest without interruption from outside influences. Attitudes toward God, the church, and the home are often corrected as the Holy Spirit speaks to young hearts that are open before the Lord.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to our camp directors and the hundreds of counselors who so unselfishly minister in these camps. As his camp ministry continues to expand, we are confident the streams of blessing will swell into a great spiritual flood that will spread its benefits into every church and family circle throughout our fellowship. ◀◀

Over 300 Children Filled with the Holy Spirit

BY E. ROMAYNE HERTWECK
El Centro, California

LIKE HEAVEN ON EARTH!" "JUST wonderful!" "The greatest camp I ever attended!" "I've seen more people filled with the Spirit in these two weeks than I have in my entire life!" These are just a few of the remarks made by the staff of the 1959 Southern California Kids Kamp.

During the two weeks of Kids Kamp in July, which immediately followed the adult camp meeting, over three hundred youngsters — nine through twelve years of age—were filled with the Holy Spirit. It was not an accident that God should manifest His presence at the Pine Crest Camp in such a mighty way. Long before the camping season, the leaders of the District Sunday School Department were praying and planning for a spiritual camp that would glorify God.

Camps Get New Certification Award



Forty-four Assemblies of God Boys and Girls Camps and Youth Camps have been awarded Certification status for their camping operation in 1959. Certification status is awarded each camp which meets the minimum requirements of the Assemblies of God Youth Camp Standard.

These Certified camps must qualify again in 1960 to retain Certification status. In addition, many other camps have applied for Certification and may receive such status through their 1960 camping operation.

Arkansas: Kids Camp
 Eastern: Maranatha Park Youth Camp
 Georgia: Roosevelt State Park Youth Camp
 Kansas: Youth Camp, Teen Camp, Boys Camp, Girls Camp
 Kentucky: Boys and Girls Camp
 Michigan: Fa-Ho-Lo Park Boys and Girls Camp
 Mississippi: Boys and Girls Camp, Youth Camp
 Montana: Teen Camp
 Nebraska: Kids Camp
 New Jersey: Teen Camp
 New York: Mountain View Gospel Youth Camp, Lakeview Boys and Girls Camp, Mountain View Boys and Girls Camp
 Northern California-Nevada: Mt. Lassen Youth Camp, Bethany Park; Bass Lake Youth Camp
 Northwest: Silver Lake Boys and Girls Camp
 Oklahoma: Youth Camp
 Oregon: Youth Camp

Potomac: Youth Camp
 Rocky Mountain: Eastern Slope Senior Camp, Western Slope Youth Camp, Eastern Slope Junior Hi Camp, Utah Youth Camp
 South Carolina: C. A. Youth Camp
 South Florida: Fort Lauderdale Youth Camp, Camp Ithiel
 South Texas: Boys and Girls Camp, Ross Sterling I Youth Camp, Ross Sterling II Youth Camp, Camp Wildurr, Singing Hills Youth Camp
 Southern Missouri: Boys and Girls Camp, Eastern Division Youth Camp, Western Division Youth Camp
 Ukrainian Branch: Lanesville C. A. Camp
 West Central: Storm Lake Youth Camp
 Wisconsin-North Michigan: Spencer Lake Youth Camp
 Wyoming: Youth Camp

Consequently, extensive thought and preparation were put into the Kids Kamp program. Norman Field, district Sunday school director, had strong convictions that children should be taught to give their best to God. This, of course, would include giving that part of the day when they would be at their best and have the most energy to concentrate on spiritual things.

Immediately following breakfast and the clean-up period, the morning chapel service convened. This was the evangelistic service of the day. The after-

noons would be filled with recreation and handwork. The night service was to be very light and of short duration since the children would be tired after a full day's activity.

On the very first morning the pattern for the next two weeks was set. Vivian Allen, the camp evangelist, spoke to the boys and girls under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Using black lights and flannelgraph, she captivated their attention. At the close of the sermon when she gave the invitation, almost every camper came to kneel at



PHOTO BY HERTWECK

Staff member with a group at 1959 Southern California Kids Kamp

the altar. Nearly thirty were filled with the Holy Spirit during this first service.

This scene was re-enacted each morning. Instead of interest waning in the services, it mounted. Many of the campers would pray all morning and through the noon hour. Each day scores were filled with the Holy Spirit.

On Thursday evening a missionary program was planned. This was to be rather light but with a real missionary message. The presence of God had been in evidence all during the evening, so it was decided to extend an invitation to the campers to dedicate their lives to the work of the Lord, should they so desire. As the invitation was given, practically all the children moved to the front. Many were refilled as they dedicated their lives.

At the close of the two weeks a final count was taken, and over three hundred had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

But the story did not end with the closing of Kids Kamp. These campers took their experiences back to their own churches. Many pastors have reported the campers were a real blessing in the home-church services. One pastor stated that his church was "set on fire" by the testimony of the returning campers.

We here in Southern California thank God for a spiritual Kids Kamp program that can change the lives of our pre-C. A. young people. ◀◀



The Children's Hap

DID YOU EVER WONDER IF THE CHILDREN in your church were receiving all the Christian training they needed? Sunday school is a great institution, but it occupies only a very small portion of the child's week. Vacation Bible school fills a definite need, but it is impossible to have VBS the year around.

Some churches conduct a children's church on Sunday mornings, and this teaches the children to worship the Lord on the level of their experience and understanding. A few groups conduct a weekly story hour a portion of the year, and in some areas released time is available for religious instruction through the courtesy of the public school system.

But there is one other avenue of training open to your church. This is the children's service conducted while the mid-week adult prayer and Bible study meeting is in progress. (This

is called "Family Night" in some churches.)

Almost any church can plan such a service for their children. It needs to be directed by an individual with a love for children, a love for souls, some ingenuity, and a willingness to work. Of course, co-operation from the pastor, parents, and a few helpers greatly contribute to the success of this venture.

A very effective service of this nature is conducted at Toledo, Ohio, by Mrs. Fava Gee. (G. G. Martin is pastor of this Assembly of God.) For the past fifteen years Mrs. Gee has been working untiringly with the junior church in her Assembly, and just a few months ago she undertook to develop this new avenue of service.

Her group which meets Wednesday night calls the gathering "The Children's Happy Hour," and that is just what it is to the children. They love it. The leaders make this service different from all other children's services. To sustain interest, there is always a little surprise gift for the children. It may be balloons, ice cream, candy, cookies, ball point pens (donated by a member of the church), fans, and other things which appeal to boys and girls.

The Children's Happy Hour is full of variety. Those who attend never know what will take place from week to week. Sometimes they have chalk talks or object lessons; on other nights they have a surprise speaker, or a story from a record. They may have sword drills or handwork; but always there are games and memory work.

As often as possible the leaders use talent from among the children—vocal and instrumental solos, duets, and trios.

For several weeks all the children who attended The Children's Happy Hour were "prospectors." They followed the "Prospecting in God's Word" course which may be obtained from the Child Evangelism Division. The leaders made each child a "prospector's" cap from brown paper. Then each child received a pan (obtained from small



PHOTO BY HERTWECK

Each day scores were filled with the Spirit in Southern California Kids Kamp



py Hour

frozen pies), and a bag for his nuggets (pebbles sprayed with gold paint). These nuggets were earned by being present and learning memory verses. The nuggets were kept at the church until commencement night when the one with the most was awarded a prize. Also, each night a child was present he received a small gold-wrapped chocolate "coin."

As a special feature, a Christian probation officer one night spoke to the group. The parents were invited to attend this session.

On commencement night the sixty children were thrilled to sing for their parents. Awards were made. Each teacher gave a three-minute talk capsuling her course of study for the six weeks. Each demonstrated a unique visual method of teaching Bible verses.

Finally, four of the happy little miners took up the offering. The pastor surprised the group by returning the offering to the Happy Hour to purchase handcraft materials. The money was used to make Christmas gifts for the parents. The children also made some cheery planters for shut-ins. (A recording of the Happy Hour service is made each week and taken to shut-ins. The songs cheer the hearts of the shut-ins, and they in turn record a few words for the children.)

You might ask, "Does all of this preparation and work pay?" If souls are any indication—and we know they are—we can answer Yes. Five girls have been saved as a result of the Children's Happy Hour.

One little girl said, "Mrs. Gee, I sure love this church. I never went to any other church I liked as well as this. I love the stories and songs. And just think, I can make Mother something nice for Christmas."

The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. What can you do in your church to gather in the golden grain? Could you help provide some happy hours of spiritual training for your boys and girls? ◀◀



Four miners of the Toledo Children's Happy Hour take up the offering.



Happy Toledo prospectors receive attendance and memory work awards.



Sixty of Toledo's Happy Hour children sing at commencement.

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IT IS REALLY NO SECRET! Boys and girls like vacation Bible school, camp, children's church, released-time classes, home Bible clubs and just about anything where an exciting story is told and where they can *do* something. That combination of working at something fascinating and learning of the things of God is an unbeatable one.

Across the nation in classrooms, churches, camps and homes eager children with buoyant spirits are learning eternal truth while their lives and wills are yet pliable. Consecrated workers have put other matters into a secondary place that they may reach the children. They bid for the full life of the individual rather than the tag ends of one that has been wasted. The pictures on this page give a lit-



JUNE IS CHILD EVANGELISM



Winning

MEANS!

tle insight into the great ministry being carried on by workers of the Assemblies of God.

The avenues to effectively winning children for Christ are open to all who will look for them. This ministry does not call for a specialist in children's work but one who sees a potential in winning young lives and who is willing to spend time with the youngsters.

What have *you* done to bring eternal life to the children near you?

The message to us is twofold. Without doubt we must win the children to the Saviour. Using every method, idea, plan and legitimate device we must claim them for Christ and train them for His service. **WIN THE CHILDREN—BY ALL MEANS.**



ANGELISM MONTH

Child Evangelism Helps

The Child Evangelism Division of the National Sunday School Department offers help in the following phases of children's work:

- VBS
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Parents, Be Christian Parents

BY FRED GREVE

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SOME SCIENTISTS HAVE RECENTLY been making some interesting experiments with ducks. Following the lead of Konrad Z. Lorenz, these scientists have been seeking to determine whether ducks acquire their behavior by instinct or by some kind of learning.

Very young ducklings are placed in the presence of an ingenious artificial duck. This clever thing, colored unlike any real duck, makes an unducklike noise. Motor-driven, it waddles back and forth among the ducklings. The little ducks, if exposed at an early age, do everything the fake duck does, and they utterly refuse later to follow a real mother. The effect is pretty permanent, too. Scientists call this process *imprinting*.

Our children are *imprinted*, in a sense, just by being around us; for very much of their behavior comes by imitation of adult patterns. A child of worldly parents may use profanity—without even knowing the words are bad—simply because he has been impressed with the emotionality of the adult using it. English teachers note that if a child hears good grammar in the home, he will use good grammar; in fact, it is almost impossible to teach him if he has not heard it at home.

CHRISTIAN IMPRINTING

We know that Christianity begins with the *born-again* experience; that each individual must make his own decision for Christ. What is the function, then, of home training and Christian family life?

It certainly seems logical, in the first place, that the decision for Christ will come more easily for the child reared

in a wholesome, Christlike home. In addition, while we know that converted people are "new creatures in Christ Jesus," the basic personality of the individual—attitudes, values, manners, emotions—have roots in childhood. The Christian parent is constantly aware that he must walk carefully before his child; he is imprinting him.

What are the important spiritual imprinters we should have in our homes?

Happy, Christ-centered Home Life.

We all believe in the family altar. The family that prays together stays together. There is a touch of irony, however, in the fact that some families spend hours in quarreling and bickering, yet faithfully go through the formality of a family altar.

A Christian family is more than a family altar. A Christian family is a family which practices Christianity. The Christian family has (1) Christian business ethics; (2) Christian conversation; (3) Christian fun and laughter; and (4) Christian recreation.

In our snack-bar society—when the various members of the family swish past the snack bar, gulping snatches of food on their way to some outside activity—the old art of table talk has vanished. Other families have a diet of TV at mealtime. But table talk is healthy spiritually and physically. The conversation need not be entirely theological. The family can talk about current events, about social problems, about life—all cast in the framework and context of the gospel.

One warning! Families should never talk about church problems. Some fam-

ilies have a routine menu of "roast preacher" every Sunday. A child may be permanently harmed by such sordid activity.

Glowing Personalities

An adolescent psychologist has noted that young people are attracted to glowing personalities, like a moth to a light. The gang leader may have an evil and sinister influence, but he is an interesting person. The psychologists plead for good people who will glow. A Christian can glow!

A glowing personality has a love for life. A Christian parent can be zestful, enjoying the great things God has provided.

A glowing personality has a sense of humor. Small jokes and light touches attract children and teen-agers.

A glowing personality is vivacious and happy. A glowing Christian does not criticize and complain. A glowing Christian parent understands children, makes allowances for childish mistakes. He finds great joy in just being with his family.

Christian parents who can glow will find that their children enjoy being with them. Children will accept without rebellion the counsel and discipline that are inevitably necessary.

Realistic Behavior Expectations.

Some child-rearing authorities insist that parents be permissive, allowing children free expression. (This allegedly insures that children so raised will be capable of independent action later on.) Others stress an authoritarian ap-

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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

FIND THE HIDDEN VERSE

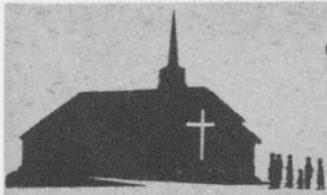
In the puzzle at right is a Bible verse. To discover it, start at the upper left hand corner. Move either left or right, up or down, to find the next letter. (Do not move diagonally.) Use each letter just one time. A gray square indicates the end of a word.

If you have solved the puzzle correctly, you will end on the gray square with the word "end" in it.

Hints: The first word of the puzzle is "search." One word of the puzzle consists of one letter only.

(Check your answer by looking up Psalm 139:23.)

START	S	E	A	G	O	D
END	S	C	R	O	N	A
	T	H	M	E	D	K
	H	O	H	W	O	N
	G	U	T	M	E	A
	N	O	Y	Y	H	R
	K	W	M	M	Y	T
	D	N	A	E	R	T



The Family Altar



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

Monday, June 13

Read: Acts 2:1-11

Learn: "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11).

For the Parent: Review both the command of Jesus to tarry in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49) and the promise of what would happen (Acts 1:8). This passage is the fulfillment of that promise. Discuss how the Holy Spirit was given to those who had obeyed Christ's command and were humbly seeking Him. Have the group review the signs which accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit (vv. 2-4) and the effect this occurrence had on the multitudes (vv. 6-11).

Question Time: What were the signs of the outpouring of the Spirit? (vv. 2-4) What was the reaction of the multitude? (vv. 6-11)

Missionary Birthdays: T. Glenn Dunn, Philippine Islands.

Tuesday, June 14

Read: Acts 2:12-32

Learn: "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17).

For the Parent: Have the group review the material studied yesterday. Point out an additional reaction of the crowd (vv. 12, 13). The rest of this passage is part of Peter's sermon in answer to the questions of the multitude. Show how he used the Scriptures to prove the validity of this experience. He then discussed the death and resurrection of Christ as the immediate cause of the fulfillment of these Scriptures.

Question Time: What signs did Joel list for the last days? (vv. 16-21) How can a person be saved? (v. 21) Apply verse 32 to our lives today.

Missionary Birthdays: Olga V. Olsson, Germany; Palma Ramsborg, Formosa; Mrs. R. M. Stawinski, Paraguay; Delbert H. Tarr, Switzerland; John E. Phillips, Jr., Alaska.

Wednesday, June 15

Read: Acts 2:33-47

Learn: "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

For the Parent: Review the part of Peter's sermon which relates specifically to the death and resurrection of Christ (vv. 22-32). Then point out: (1) the exaltation of Christ, vv. 33-35; (2) Jesus is the

Christ, v. 36; (3) the conviction that rested upon the Jews, v. 37; (4) the way to be saved and also to receive the infilling of the Spirit, vv. 38, 39; (5) who may be filled with the Spirit, v. 39; (6) the results of Peter's sermon, vv. 40-47.

Question Time: What were the results of Peter's sermon? (vv. 40-47) Who may receive the Holy Spirit? (v. 39)

Missionary Birthdays: Robert W. Cummings, North India; Verne A. Warner, Dominican Republic.

Thursday, June 16

Read: Matthew 22:1-14

Learn: "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid them to the marriage" (Matthew 22:9).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Guests at a Marriage" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From the parable discuss the various types of people who rejected the king's invitation to come to his son's wedding. Discuss also their attitudes and resultant actions. Then discuss those who did come to the wedding and the attitude of the man whose deliberate lack of respect brought the king's judgment upon him (vv. 11-13). Apply the lessons of the parable to the kingdom of heaven.

Question Time: How do attitudes determine actions? (Illustrate from this parable) What are the important lessons of this parable?

Missionary Birthdays: Louise J. Davis, Liberia; Mrs. Ralph Buchanan (Indian) North Carolina; Caroline Kingsley (Indian) New York.

Friday, June 17

Read: Acts 3:2-7; 4:1-10, 15, 18-23, 31 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "A friend loveth at all times" (Proverbs 17:17).

For the Parent: Being a friend to Jesus

involves being loyal to Him in all circumstances. Use the story of the healing of the lame man—and the resulting persecution of Peter and John—as an example of loyalty to Christ in the midst of difficulty. Discuss the attitudes of the rulers of the Jews, their threats to Peter and John, and the disciples' stalwart decision to stand up for Christ no matter what it might cost.

Question Time: How does this story of Peter and John illustrate loyalty to Christ? How can the principles of this story be applied to our lives?

Missionary Birthdays: Robert B. Carlson, Nigeria; Mrs. G. G. Hemminger, West Africa; Edsel Jones (Deaf), Indiana.

Saturday, June 18

Read: Exodus 5:1-9; 8:16-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "We ought to obey God" (Acts 5:29).

For the Parent: After Moses had received his call from God to return to Egypt and lead the Israelites to freedom, he found he had not been called to an easy task. Discuss the various demands that Moses made of Pharaoh, Pharaoh's refusal to let the Israelites go, and the judgments which God sent upon Egypt because of Pharaoh's stubbornness. Emphasize how easy it is to harden our hearts against God's voice when He speaks to us, and warn of the danger of stubbornness and disobedience.

Question Time: What was Pharaoh's attitude toward Moses' request that he let the children of Israel go? How did God judge him because of this attitude?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. J. E. Baker, Formosa; Mrs. W. S. Brooke, Costa Rica; Mrs. W. H. Clifford, British Honduras; William E. Lovick, Togo.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Robert A. Hymes, Japan; Mrs. Rowena Chaves (Indian) Arizona

Special Prayer Requests

Pray for the 13 Assemblies of God home missionaries to the Jewish people as they attempt to reach the Jews in our larger cities. This gospel work is very difficult and consists mostly of personal evangelism in the homes, hospitals, etc. It takes courage for a Jew to respond to the truth concerning the Messiah, Jesus, for he is usually disowned by his family upon public confession.

Pray for Trudie Weigel, youngest daughter of Missionaries Kenneth and Esther Weigel (South India). Against medical recommendation, the Weigels are

returning to India, trusting that the Lord will heal Trudie who is suffering from a kidney ailment. Pray that God will restore Trudie to perfect health.

Pray for a revival among the Deaf of the nation. Many of the ministers to the Deaf have been writing the national department concerning this need. Pray that many Deaf will receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is requested for Jose Duarte, superintendent of our largest district in Mexico. He is very ill and in urgent need of prayer.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Temperance

METHODISTS DEBATE DRINKING, SMOKING HABITS OF CHURCH LEADERS

Candidates for the ministry of The Methodist Church will have to continue to promise that they will abstain from using tobacco, delegates to the general conference decided. A committee at the quadrennial conference in Denver had recommended that the rule be relaxed, but the delegates voted 424 to 319 to keep the pledge in which would-be Methodist preachers agree to abstain from "all indulgences, including tobacco."

Debate at the general conference also dealt with the use of intoxicating beverages. The delegates received a proposal that positions of leadership in the church be limited to "total abstainers." One lay delegate complained that the church was using "kid gloves instead of clenched fists" in dealing with the liquor traffic. He said there were "known drinkers" on the official boards of some Methodist churches. The conference, however, defeated the proposal concerning "total abstainers." Instead it approved a resolution saying that The Methodist Church "advocates total abstinence for all its members," and that all officers in the church "are expected to refrain from all uses of intoxicating beverages."

Civics

CHURCHES URGED TO PLAN BASEMENT SHELTERS IN NEW BUILDINGS

If there is an atomic attack on the United States, churches should be ready to provide physical as well as spiritual refuge, the National Conference on Church Architecture at Minneapolis was told last month. An engineer from the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization expressed regret that so many new church buildings are being designed without basements.

"We would like to see the basement stage a comeback in church planning," he said, "because it is relatively easy to provide protection for large numbers of people in basement areas."

AMISH ASK EXEMPTION FROM SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Eighteen bishops of the Old Order Amish Mennonites from thirteen states have signed a petition to Congress asking enactment of pending legislation which would excuse members of their sect from participating in the government's Social Security program. They do not believe in old age and survivors' insurance because they feel it implies a lack of faith in God's judgments. Furthermore, it "yokes" them with "unbelievers," they say. They hold that all charity should be administered by the church. They take care of their sick and aged members through contributions levied by the deacons of each church district.

Jews

SOVIET RABBI FOUND GUILTY OF TEACHING PUPILS TO PRAY

A "Comrades Court" in the Moldavian villages of Faleshti tried and found guilty a Jewish rabbi, two assistants, and a former rabbi for "teaching pupils to pray" and for "holding conversations of doubtful political character."

According to *Soviet Moldavia*, a Communist Party newspaper, the four were ordered to be held up to public ridicule, contempt, and scorn. The journal said the four were accused of "infecting" young people with "religious poison" and advising students to hide their religious beliefs when in public.

NEARLY HALF OF WORLD'S JEWS LIVE IN THE U.S.A.

Of the world's 12½ million Jews, approximately 5,367,000 live in the United States, according to statistics in the new 1960 American Jewish Year Book. Published by the Jewish Publication Society in New York, the year book says there are only nine countries with more than 200,000 Jews each; namely, the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel, Great Britain, Argentina, France, Canada, Romania, and Morocco.

Of the 3½ million Jews in Europe, between two and three million were

estimated to be in the Soviet Union and its satellites.

The population of Israel, according to the book, is about 1,837,000 Jews and 225,000 non-Jews.

The year book shows an amazing increase in enrollment in Jewish religious schools in the U. S. Total enrollment is now nearly 554,000. This is an increase of more than 131 per cent over ten years ago, although the total Jewish population of the country has grown only about 15 to 20 per cent during the past decade.

Miscellany

CONSERVATIVE PROTESTANTS PLAN LARGE UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK AREA

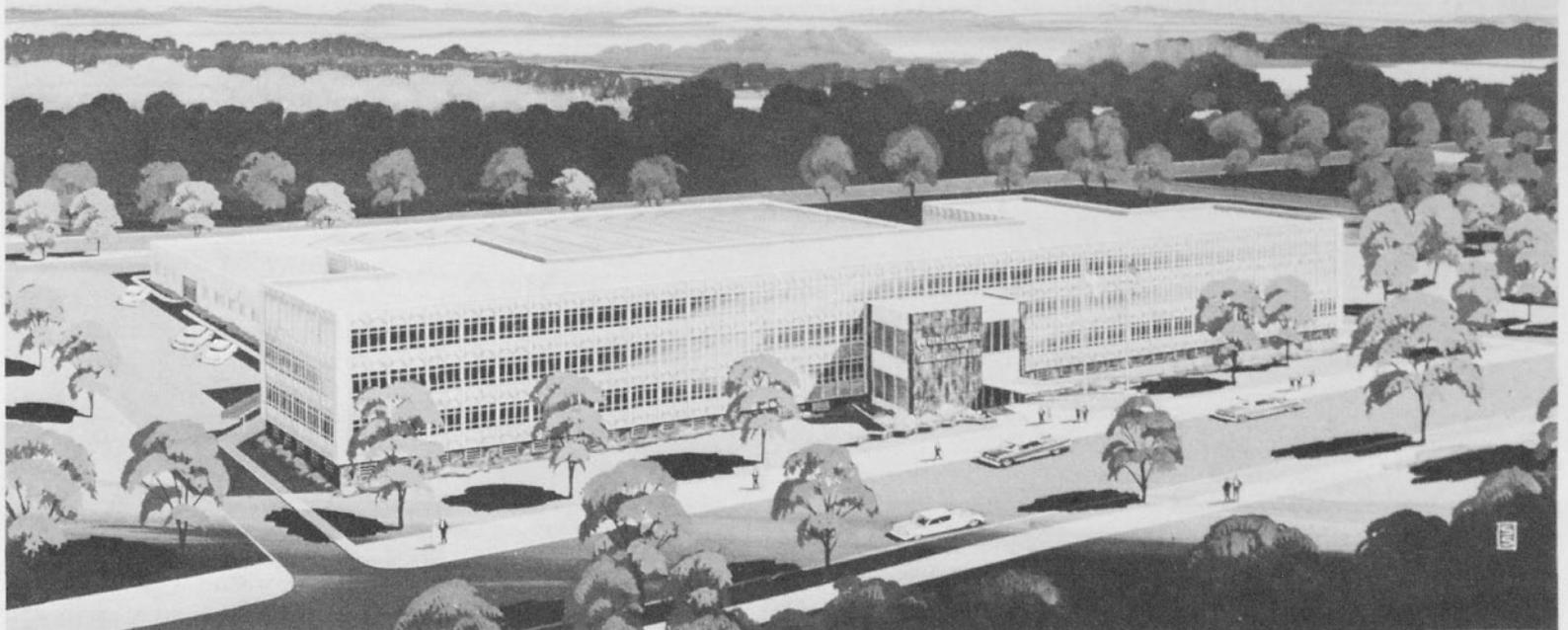
Conservative Protestant leaders, with Evangelist Billy Graham among the sponsors, are exploring the possibility of establishing a large Christian university in the New York metropolitan area.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of the interdenominational Protestant magazine *Christianity Today*, disclosed the plans last month. Calling it a "supra-denominational project," he said an initial investment of \$20,000,000 is being sought for the campus.

The proposed university, which would have a tentative opening date of September, 1963, would be committed to goals of academic superiority and Christian conviction in depth, said Dr. Henry. It would include an undergraduate liberal arts college and four graduate schools in (1) theology, Christian philosophy and religious education; (2) communication arts; (3) music; and (4) political and social sciences. Decision as to whether to proceed with the proposed plans for the university probably will be made this summer.

"PRINCE OF THE PULPIT" RETIRES

Dr. Robert G. Lee, renowned Southern Baptist "Prince of the Pulpit," retired last month at the age of 73. While he was pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis some 24,000 persons joined the congregation.



Architect's drawing of the new Administration Building which will house the Assemblies of God national offices. Construction is scheduled to begin in September and to be completed in 1962. The one-story building in the rear is the printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House which is now in use.

Plans Completed for New Headquarters Building

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri — Plans have been completed for a new office building to house the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God. Leaders of the denomination are accepting bids this month for construction of the four-floor building, and it is hoped that ground can be broken during the annual General Presbytery meeting this fall.

The new office building will adjoin the modern Gospel Publishing House printing plant. It will replace the original office building at 434 West Pacific Street and a smaller office building at 1640 Boonville Avenue.

The 360 by 105 foot structure will contain some 126,000 square feet of office space which is more than double the amount in the old office building now in use. Engineers estimate it will take nearly two years to erect the building and have it ready for occupancy.

The contemporary style structure will be done in granite up to the first floor with the 360-foot front broken by a foyer measuring 20 by 40 feet. The foyer also will be of granite. The design calls for curtain-wall type of architecture using modern building materials, concrete, glass, and steel. A sculptured pattern on the outside walls will decorate the building.

There will be a large executive conference room on the second floor of the foyer, with additional general con-

ference space on each floor. Besides conference rooms and offices, the structure will house a chapel measuring 60 by 116 feet with seats for 654 employees and visitors at the daily staff devotional services.

The chapel will be equipped with sound and broadcast facilities for *Revivaltime*, the weekly network radio broadcast of the Assemblies of God. There also will be professional recording rooms for use by the Radio Department and other departments.

Other facilities will include a library of several thousand volumes, a large cafeteria, and storage and supply areas. The entire building will be zone heated and air conditioned.

While current operations of the Assemblies of God are expected to fill most of the new building, the foundation will be constructed so that as many as four more floors can be added for future expansion.

Warren B. Straton, art instructor at Evangel College and well-known sculptor, artist, and designer, has been commissioned to plan the decoration of the foyer.

The Assemblies of God moved to Springfield from St. Louis in 1918 and located in a former store building at 434 West Pacific Street. This structure was remodeled and enlarged five times as the organization kept growing. Printing operations of the Gospel Publishing

House, as well as all the national Assemblies of God offices, were housed in this building until 1949 when the printing department moved into its large new plant four blocks away. Continued growth made it necessary to buy an additional building at 1640 Boonville Avenue to house the offices of the Radio and Church School Literature Departments.

When the new administration building is completed (probably by late 1962) it will be possible for all the offices and printing operations to be joined together at one location, a factor that will save time and money and result in greater efficiency.

Bert Webb, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, is chairman of the building committee, which is composed of all the executive officers of the organization and the manager of the Gospel Publishing House, as follows: T. F. Zimmerman, Gayle F. Lewis, Chas. W. H. Scott, Howard S. Bush, J. Philip Hogan, Bartlett Peterson, M. B. Netzel, and J. O. Harrell. Eugene F. Johnson and Associates, Inc., Springfield, Missouri, are the architects and engineers.

Executives of the denomination have announced that one and a half million dollars in first-mortgage bonds will be issued for construction of the administration building. The first issue will be released August 1, according to the general treasurer, M. B. Netzel. ◀ ◀



Through the Iron Curtain

BY RUTH DEMETRUS
San Francisco, California

THIS MORNING I HEARD A FAMILIAR voice on our short-wave radio. It was from FEBC, Manila, seven thousand miles away. Our Russian gospel program was coming in clear and strong. There was no jamming, no interference of any kind.

The voice I heard was that of Sister K who reads Scripture with fervor unequalled by anyone I have ever known. Her resonant voice makes the Word vibrant with life and power.

I started to reminisce. I thought of those days when the K family came to us from a DP camp in Germany. I recalled the tales they brought with them of miraculous guidance through the horrors of World War II. Forced from their home in Latvia, after many harrowing experiences they had man-

Paul and Ruth Demetrus are appointed missionaries of the Assemblies of God stationed in San Francisco, Calif. Both speak Russian fluently and are assisted by Russian and other Slavic Christians on the West Coast in preparing gospel broadcasts which are beamed behind the Iron Curtain from stations in the Philippines and North Africa. Brother Demetrus is in Europe this summer visiting the Slavic churches and promoting this unique radio ministry.



Paul and Ruth Demetrus singing in the Russian language

aged to find refuge in a German DP camp. I thought of the courage of Brother K who shepherded not only his family, but also a small group of believers who had fled with them. Brother K, when the bombs were falling, refused to run for shelter but calmly commanded his flock to stop and pray. Bombs and debris were falling all around them, but they came through unharmed.

I remembered our street meetings conducted in the heart of a Russian-Jewish shopping district in Philadelphia. Interest and attention was good, but the moment Sister K started testifying, the crowds were drawn magnetically to our little group. Their eyes were riveted on her earnest face while she reminded the foreign-born of what Christ had done for them. She told them that in spite of all their comfort and sheltered prosperity they were going indifferently on their way with no concern for anything but this temporal life.

Not all displaced persons and refugees backslide when they are relieved of the terrifying pressures that caused them to throw themselves unreservedly on to the mercies of the Lord. The K family have caught the vision of the lost and dying, and are doing their upmost to reach their own people who were not as fortunate as they in making their way to freedom.

We stopped in to see them on our way to the East Coast. "If you will come back," said Sister K, "I will have some messages prepared that you may record."

When we returned several weeks later, Mrs. K was out, but her daughter welcomed us into their home. "I guess Mom should be prepared," she said. "She has been fasting and praying for seven days."

Fanatic? Yes, but with the kind of fanaticism that will move the hand of God. We set up our recording equipment and left our sister alone. The next day we came away from there

with seven reels of burning, fiery messages from both Mrs. K and her husband, not only in the Russian language, but in Latvian as well.

There is not much glamour in our work. We cannot tell of outstanding results; the number of souls influenced or converted by this radio ministry cannot be determined. This, however, must not stop us from penetrating the iron and bamboo curtains with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know that His Word, which will never return void, is reaching its target. We also know that it must accomplish the miraculous as it goes forth because we have folk like Sister K who will fast and pray so that the messages might be quick and powerful.

We are waging a spiritual war and we feel it keenly. We need co-workers who are interested in the 300 million souls behind the iron curtain. That's a lot of people and our only way of reaching them is by means of radio. We need daily prayer partners who will become burdened for the Slavic people. We also need co-workers who will contribute regularly for the support of this radio ministry which reaches behind the iron and bamboo curtains where missionaries are not permitted to go.

If you should like to assist in this vital ministry, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: PAUL DEMETRUS—Radio Work

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: The Leonard McNutts have returned from Togo and may be reached % R. O. Julian, 1107 Kay St., Compton, Calif.

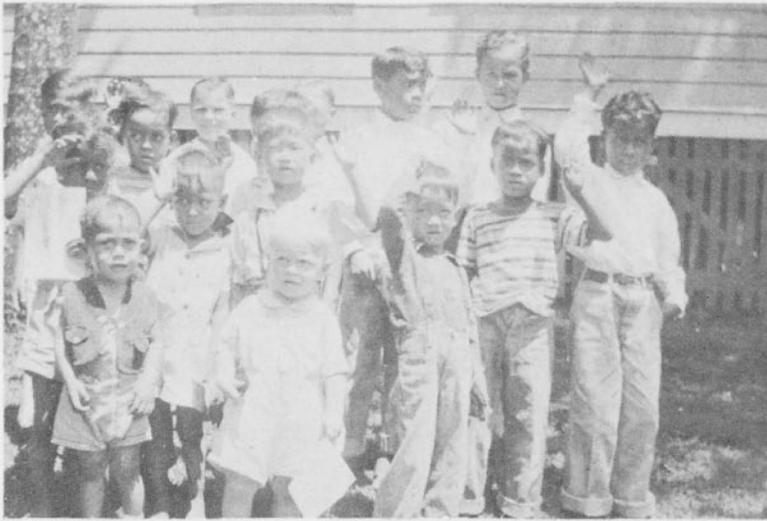
Charlese Spencer has returned from Ghana and is at 200 N. Second St., Belen, N. Mex.

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GOING: New missionaries, the V. Harry Shumways, Jr., sailed April 21 for North India.



The V. Harry Shumways, Jr.



Primary boys of one of the churches in Hawaii



Vacation Bible school children in Hawaii

Winning Children in Hawaii

Missionaries in Hawaii Build Churches by
Beginning with the Boys and Girls

BY WOODROW YASUHARA

Honolulu, Hawaii

THERE ARE SIXTEEN ASSEMBLIES OF God churches in the State of Hawaii at present. The oldest came into existence in 1929 as the outgrowth of children's meetings conducted by Miss Bernice Strickland (now Mrs. Ralph Procter).

Soon after Miss Strickland arrived from far-away Savannah, Georgia, she started a Saturday afternoon children's meeting in a little cottage in Ko Lane, Puueo District, in Hilo, Hawaii. Boys and girls in the neighborhood came—all of them barefoot, and with clothes containing patches upon patches.

These mischievous children would come with guavas, mountain apples, or other fruits (whatever was in season) in their pockets. Now there are two types of guavas: the sweet and the sour. One day Miss Strickland was given a guava and was told it was sweet. During the meeting she presented the story of Ananias and Sapphira—how they were slain because they lied. After the children were dismissed, one boy stayed around longer than the others. He had a guilty look on his face. Miss Strickland suspected something was wrong and inquired. The boy replied, "The guava I gave you before the meeting is not sweet; it's sour."

Little by little the truth had been instilled in these little hearts. Then one

afternoon the climax came. The Spirit of the Lord was so real and moved upon them in such a way that everyone was weeping, asking for forgiveness and accepting Christ as Saviour.

As they grew a little older, Miss Strickland taught them about the wonderful experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They gathered at the seashore or the stone quarry to wait and pray until everyone had received the wonderful Baptism with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This nucleus started to pray that God would provide a place to worship. They knew God would answer because of the many simple prayers that had been answered in the past; such as, "God, give Miss Strickland a Model-T Ford so she can take us on picnics."

In answer to their prayers, the Glad Tidings Church in Hilo—the first Assemblies of God church in the Hawaiian Islands—was born.

Many from that group of children later attended Bible schools and went into active ministry for the Lord. The first minister from Hawaii to be ordained by the Assemblies of God was once a pupil in Miss Strickland's children's meeting. He is now the assistant to Pastor Eldon Vincent at the First Assembly of God in Honolulu, and is

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Church Participation

In Missionary Giving

February 1960

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
N. Dakota	48	46	96%
Montana	63	57	90%
Nebraska	78	70	90%
S. N. England	64	57	89%
Northwest	267	225	84%
Minnesota	148	124	84%
New Jersey	103	86	83%
S. Dakota	52	43	83%
Ohio	164	135	82%
Michigan	175	144	82%
New Mexico	81	66	81%
Kansas	165	134	81%
Wis.-N. Mich.	142	115	81%
Eastern	249	199	80%
New York	153	122	80%
Potomac	178	139	78%
Illinois	207	156	75%
S. California	385	289	75%
W. Central	221	164	74%
Oregon	202	149	74%
Rocky Mtn.	123	89	72%
S. Florida	174	123	71%
N. Calif.-Nev.	336	237	71%
W. Florida	144	98	68%
Indiana	158	107	68%
Wyoming	34	23	68%
Mississippi	98	66	67%
Tennessee	110	74	67%
N. N. England	52	34	65%
S. Missouri	349	224	64%
Alabama	262	165	63%
W. Texas	134	84	63%
Oklahoma	488	304	62%
Kentucky	63	39	62%
Georgia	131	81	62%
S. Texas	271	167	62%
Arizona	91	55	60%
N. Carolina	85	51	60%
Louisiana	156	90	58%
Appalachian	69	38	55%
N. Texas	532	291	55%
S. Idaho	57	31	54%
Arkansas	435	219	50%
S. Carolina	56	21	38%

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Child Evangelism in Our 49th State

WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE WON, THE PARENTS ALSO BECOME INTERESTED AND BEGIN TO REALIZE THEY NEED THE SAVIOUR



BY DOYLE SMITH

THE LAND OF THE 49TH STAR holds countless numbers of children who need to be reached with the gospel. In this vast territory which has just become a state, evangelism among the children has been successful. But there are remote areas where the gospel is yet to be given.

Evangelism in Alaska is not easy when you think of the modes of transportation. Some places are reached only by boat, or by dog team. Much of the traveling has to be done by air. Flying a plane is a costly way to reach the children, but we cannot measure the life of a boy or girl by dollars and cents. One soul is worth more than earth's millions; we must win the children, no matter how much the cost in money or toil.

An unusual experience in ministering to children occurred at Port Heiden, Alaska, one year. At the request of the school teacher, we presented the gospel to the boys and girls of that area at Thanksgiving. The teacher, a

strong Christian, wanted to lead the children to the Lord. Day after day he gave out the gospel. The seed was sown and watered with tears, so the harvest was ready to reap. At this time many came to know Christ. Their knowledge of the Word of God had become very good and they were continually reveling in its truth.

Bible stories were exciting to these Alaskan children. Some of the stories used were "Barney's Barrel," "Johnny's Little Boat Twice Owned," and "Louise's Prayer." The latter story touched the hearts of many boys and girls. They realized they had not learned to pray as Louise had. So through this medium they were challenged to pray and seek God for the things that they really desired in life—and most of all, the things that were best for them.

VBS plays an important role in evangelizing Alaska. Every church has a vacation Bible school. In the villages the boys and girls are eager to learn and will spend much time preparing their lessons. There have been summers when over 500 children attended our Bible schools. Through this medium, many young lives have been molded and given a goal to reach in Christian living.

In Kenai, Alaska, the children showed great interest when Mrs. Glick started a story hour. The story hour helped to build the Sunday school and church attendance. That "a little child shall lead them" was evident as adults started to attend church. We should not despise the day of small things, especially the child's enthusiasm and fervor. It has been said many times, "Fill the church with children and young people and others will come."

The children's homes in Alaska have added impetus to the evangelism of children in the last frontier. No written account can be given of the actual number of children who were nothing but who become something through child care and the gospel. These Assemblies of God children's homes have a quiet hour of meditation each day, providing a good background for daily living and an emphasis on Christian life.

A challenge also is given for the boys and girls in the homes to reach out for others after they have experienced real salvation. Children now receiving care number about 80. The homes are located in Palmer, Valdez, and Juneau, the latter being the largest of the Alaska homes. Juneau Children's Home has been in existence over



Vacation Bible school at Minto, Alaska



Children's church in Fairbanks, Alaska

twenty-five years. Out of this home have come nurses, the wife of a missionary, a pastor, laymen, schoolteachers, and others with Christian character and a good vocation.

Child evangelism in Alaska is unlimited. There are hospitals where native children are placed for care because of some disease or illness. Story hours would be a real blessing to these boys and girls. The printed page would also be welcome.

There are many miles that yet need to be covered in giving the gospel to these boys and girls who hear the gospel only when a visiting missionary happens to pass by—perhaps once a year. The whole Aleutian Chain has no Pentecostal workers giving the gospel. Some 1,500 miles of trails are yet to be “blazed” in taking His love to Alaska’s children. They need the gospel of our Lord Jesus. How can they accept it unless they hear? ◀◀

One-Year-Old Congregation Dedicates New Church in Arkansas

BY H. WAYNE TAYLOR

Pastor, First Assembly of God, Barling, Arkansas

TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST Assembly of God, Barling, Ark., their new 40 by 60 concrete block church is little short of a miracle. Just one year from the date of the groundbreaking service, the new building was dedicated.

Everett Hogan, sectional presbyter and pastor of the First Assembly of God at Paris, had charge of the dedicatory service on March 13. G. W. Hardcastle, superintendent of the Arkansas District, brought the dedicatory message. More than thirty Arkansas ministers were present.

The Lord has helped this faithful congregation in so many ways while in the building program. Some of the needs have been supplied miraculously. The building is valued at approximately \$13,000.

The mahogany plywood interior is very attractive. The building has acoustamatic tile ceiling, ledgestone pulpit with a lighted blue cross made of glass block in front, ledgestone planters on each side of the pulpit, and ledgestone about two feet high inside the church at the front and back.

The church contains the main auditorium, a nursery, pastor’s study, two Sunday school classrooms, and two rest rooms. We plan to brick the exterior later.

As I look at this fine building, another evidence of God’s faithfulness, I am so glad I obeyed the Lord and came to Barling. This is how it happened.

After resigning my church in Waldron, Ark., and moving back to my home town of Van Buren, I got a job driving a milk truck for a local dairy in Fort Smith, which took me through Barling three days a week. The Lord kept dealing with my heart about a church there, for the town with 1,140 population had no Pentecostal witness—only Catholic, Methodist, and Baptist churches.

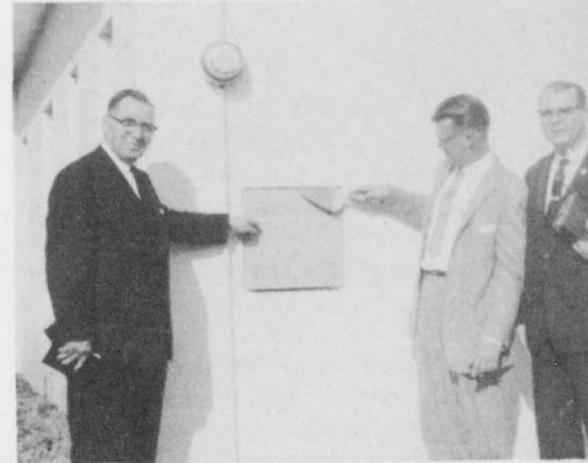
One afternoon my wife and I drove to the little town which is about eight miles from Fort Smith and one mile from Fort Chaffee (an army post) to look for a vacant building. The only one available was a cleaner’s building which had been partly burned. We found that we could rent it for \$30 per month, so I went back to Van Buren and told my pastor, Edwin Burris, what I had found.

The next Sunday morning he presented the matter to the congregation and laid his Bible on the altar for an offering to pay the rent on the building. Very quickly the offering grew to \$60 with which we paid the first month’s rent and had the gas and lights turned on.

The next afternoon we started cleaning, painting, washing windows, etc. Brother Burris loaned us some seats and G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., loaned us some songbooks. Merle Harris, pastor of New Bethel Assembly in Fort Smith, had a sign made to hang in front of the building and 500 leaflets printed announcing a month’s revival services. I preached for the first two weeks of



First Assembly of God, Barling, Ark.



Dedicating new church at Barling, Ark. Left to right: G. W. Hardcastle, Sr., district superintendent; H. Wayne Taylor, pastor; and Everett Hogan, sectional presbyter.

the meeting and neighboring pastors preached the last two.

The Arkansas Home Missions Department gave us \$2,000 with which we bought a lot for \$1,500. I arranged the plans for the building. Since I had to drive a truck from 4 a.m. to about noon, I was able to spend only my afternoons and evenings working on the church, but the Lord helped us to get the building finished.

Our indebtedness now is a little less than \$1,750, for which we praise the Lord. Some Methodist friends who are in business in Barling sent the church a \$50 check for Christmas. The city of Barling plans to blacktop our parking area soon. We are planning, the Lord willing, to tile the floors, purchase new church furniture, and landscape the property in the near future.

Our Sunday school average so far this year is 41. We feel that we are gradually winning a place in the hearts of the folk in the community. Pray with us that God, who has helped us so graciously hitherto, will continue to bless us and use our church in the salvation of many who are not serving Christ in this area. ◀◀



Wells of Salvation

BY GEORGE HOLMES

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AS A PROPHET, ISAIAH SAID MANY disconcerting things. He warned the backslidden of his own nation. Surrounding countries also came under his scathing rebuke. Yet, no prophet was more evangelistic than Isaiah. By the Holy Spirit he was led to tell of a glorious Redeemer who in humble guise should come to man's aid and, through sorrow and intense suffering and death, proceed triumphantly to glory and enthronement followed by a cleansed and praising host.

The twelfth chapter of Isaiah is a gem of revelation. Isaiah was permitted to taste the power of an age to come, and to illustrate it from his own experience.

Notice his conception of the abundance of the Saviour's provision. "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (12:3). God's fullness was as wells. With the Gospels in our hands we know that Christ is God's well; all the fullness of the Father is made available to us in Christ.

The various compound names of God found in the Old Testament reveal His character as well as His desire and ability to bless those who come to Him. As Jehovah-jireh, "the Lord will provide." As Jehovah-rapha, He is "the Lord that healeth thee." As Jehovah-nissi, He is "the Lord our banner." As Jehovah-tsidkenu, He is "the Lord our righteousness." As Jehovah-shammah, "the Lord is present." As Jehovah-ra-ah, He is "the Lord my shepherd."

What wells of blessing are these names of our wonderful God! No wonder Isaiah spoke of wells of salvation. One well could never express this bountiful provision.

However, a mere contemplation of

this abundant supply was not sufficient for the prophet, and neither will it be for us. Thirst is not quenched by the mere knowledge that wells exist, nor even by gazing into their cool depths. "With joy shall ye draw water out."

But how, and with what shall we draw? To sense our need, to realize our own inadequacy, is to take the bucket in hand. To search out an appropriate promise of God is to fix the bucket to the hook. To consider the promise prayerfully till it grips our soul is to let the bucket drop into the well's hidden depths. So far, all is comparatively easy—the bucket drops, carried by its own weight. Our needs may bring or drive us to God.

Are you facing financial problems? Remember Jehovah-jireh—the Lord will provide. Has sickness brought you low? Draw from Jehovah-rapha. Do evil powers beset you like an invading army? Then come to Jehova-nissi. He is our banner. Is your particular anxiety one of loneliness? What an opportunity to call upon Jehovah-sham-

mah, the Lord who is present.

The multiplicity of our needs affords opportunity for exploring the supplies that are available to us through the wonderful God of our salvation. That great missionary, C. T. Studd, came to the place where he actually *delighted* in finding himself in a difficult situation. He *enjoyed* watching God work out what seemed to be an impossible problem.

The straitening experiences of our lives are not sent to crush us, but, paradoxically, to increase our capacity, to enlarge us. The end of self is the beginning of God. Having nothing, we possess all things. Being poor, somehow we can make many rich. Let us sink our need into the depths of the well of God's unseen yet unlimited provision.

Even yet, Isaiah is not finished with describing this profitable operation. Recognizing the source of supply is necessary. Dropping the bucket is important. But the final process is the most important as well as the most productive. The prophet, therefore, is careful to point out that "with joy shall ye draw water..." When it comes to bringing up the bucket, faith is tested to its extremity. It may take longer to wind up than to loosen the windlass; the law of gravity is against you and (thank God) the bucket is now full.

But the winding seems less strenuous and the waiting time shorter if you have a joyful song while you work. Set your winding to words and let the handle turn to the tune, "Joy Unspeakable." The bucket will soon come swinging to the top, and as you joyfully seize it your neighbors may get a few splashes. *With joy* we learn more of God's ways. *With joy* we experience more of Christ's grace. *With joy* we drink more of the Spirit's fullness. *With joy* we share the blessing with others.

These are times of uncertainty and depression, but salvation's wells have not run dry. Habakkuk lived in times when the news was so alarming that he could say, "My lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself." Yet he came to the wells of salvation, and while he let down his bucket he faced up to the economic situation: "The fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be

BIBLE VERSE



PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

no herd in the stalls." A grim prospect. His bucket has hit bottom.

Now it is time to draw up the bucket and he does so with joy. Slowly, steadily, expectantly he winds, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Well done, Habakkuk, your bucket is nearly up. Here it comes. You have shared it with many through the centuries. "The Lord is my strength, and he will make my feet like hind's feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

Hallelujah, what a Saviour! ◀◀

Where Are the Diamonds?

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The people in a Scottish village were disappointed with the results of special meetings in the village kirk. One was overheard to say, "It is a pity there were no results. Only wee Bobby Moffat responded to the plea for Christ." That lad was in their midst but they counted him as being unimportant. In later years when Robert Moffat did his great work on the mission field those who were yet alive were made to reconsider their faulty evaluation of the results of that preaching mission.

On a snowy night in London a substitute lay-preacher was aware of a mere lad who stumbled into the small church. Alluding to Isaiah 45:22 he said, "Look unto the Lord, young man, and He will save you." Charles Had-

Be Christian Parents

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proach, in which the parent makes virtually all the decisions for the child, the supposition being that children are incapable of decision making. Neither of these is adequate.

The Bible dictum is that children obey their parents, but this is tempered with "fathers provoke not your children to wrath." Wise parents formulate family codes of conduct, making them very clear and very practical and very spiritual. The child is allowed some freedom within the framework of this code.

Consistent Discipline.

Suppose an infraction occurs. The child is naughty, caught in the very act. Every home must have sound discipline

don Spurgeon did that—and the reverberations of that experience, and his later preaching, are still felt in the Christian world.

Edward Kimball was conscious of a stripling of eighteen who worked in a Boston shoe store. He took time to talk to that lad and to point him to the Saviour. No one will ever calculate, this side of heaven, the number of souls who were saved because that boy named Dwight L. Moody was led to Christ and later was used by God to bring multitudes in two great countries to their knees in repentance.

The diamonds you seek are all around you. Idle dreaming of what you would do in some remote mission field is but the spinning of your mental wheels. Of inestimable value to God and the cause of righteousness is the soul of the ragged urchin who romps in the street nearby. Why look elsewhere when he is near? No special tools are needed to discover and ferret out these jewels except alertness, willingness, and patience.

In the children nearby are untold possibilities. Not only is the soul of a child of inestimable worth, but each young life also presents a maximum of years that can be dedicated to the Master's service. What more opportune field could be offered to any soul winner than the pliable minds, open hearts, and ready potential in children?

The field is the world and that includes your own back yard. The diamonds are right beneath your feet if you will but see them. ◀◀

practice. We do not "spare the rod," but we do use the rod wisely. And we have *different kinds of rods*.

Every parent learns that each child in the home is different. We must adjust the discipline to the offender. Some children will respond to our reasoning with them; others will need something painful. Punishment is not just retribution for past offenses. It is not an explosion of adult anger. Its purpose is to establish a deterrent to any future repetition of bad action.

Actually, the best discipline is the wise parental practice of preventing a deed before it happens. A wrong deed is done to fulfill a need. It is often a child's attempt to gain attention. If we give the child real love and attention and security, we will prevent many things before they happen.

"The only real discipline is self-

discipline." Somehow we have to build into our children the desire and the ability to choose to do the right thing themselves.

THE PARENTS' WALK

There is a lot of truth in the idea that controlling our children is really controlling ourselves as parents. If we are emotional, quick-tempered, unreasonable, or surly, it is quite likely that we will have a hard time with our children. While it is helpful to buy and read good books on child-rearing practice, the best course is to keep ourselves close to the altar so that Christ lives in us and through us. In other words, *we must be Christians* if we are going to exert a proper Christian influence.

Remember, it's likely that our ducklings are watchings! ◀◀

Winning Children in Hawaii

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the vice president of the Aloha Bible Institute.

Although Hawaii is made up of many different nationalities, the majority of the population is made up of Orientals—who are, for the most part, either Buddhist or Shintoist. Idol shrines are set up in all of these homes, and idol worshiping is an everyday routine for most of them.

It is difficult to get these parents to come to any Christian services, but because they believe different religions are different roads leading to the same place they allow their children to attend. Later, because of the definite change in the lives of their born-again children, many of these parents are also won to Christ.

Children in Hawaii are the same as children everywhere. They are humble and do not claim any merit for salvation. They are also teachable and ready to be shown the way of life. It is not unusual for them to put their trust in someone besides themselves. They are not steeped in sin nor are their habits fixed. True, the adults of Hawaii need to be reached, but our prime potential lies in these children.

Five or ten years have a way of slipping by without our realizing it. Children of today will become adults in those few years.

Every Assemblies of God church in the State of Hawaii realizes this one thing: "For the growth of their church, they must evangelize the children."

The Great Physician Prescribes for A Cantankerous Spirit

BY ROBERT W. CUMMINGS
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AFTER LONG PRAYER THE MISSIONARY nurse rose from her knees. Why wait any longer? This was it!

A month ago she knew she had been mistaken in thinking that Christ had called her to India. If she really had been called to be a missionary, failure would not have piled upon failure. Neither would life in the hospital be a story of daily defeat. For what was she waiting? More proof?

She packed her belongings and made all necessary arrangements to return to America. To all protests from her fellow-missionaries and urgings to stay where she was needed so desperately she had the same reply, "I know now that God did not call me to be a missionary. If He had, He would have given me grace to stand the annoyances and irritations of my work. But everything upsets me—the heat, flies, mosquitoes, and the hot winds that blow dust into every room. The patients don't understand me and I don't understand them. They will not follow my directions; they are so set in their ways. And to have to teach student nurses? Impossible! I never knew I could be so hateful, irritable, and mean. I'm a disgrace to Christ and to my church. No use trying to dissuade me. It can't be done."

Departure day arrived. She had sent her heavy baggage on ahead. She came into her room to get her suitcase and traveling bag. Before leaving, she dropped on her knees, for she never had started on a journey without ask-

ing God to keep and guide her on the way. But her prayer was just form, or so it seemed to her. However, as she prayed a voice seemed to say, "Did I not call you to India? To be a missionary?"

"I thought that You did, Lord. But I know now that I was mistaken."
"Are you sure you are mistaken?"

Chosen Lessons

In the way that He shall choose
He will teach us;
Not a lesson we shall lose,
All shall reach us.

Strange and difficult indeed
We may find it,
But the blessing that we need
Is behind it.

All the lessons He shall send
Are the sweetest,
And His training, in the end,
Is completest.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

"Surely, Lord! If it had been you who had called me to be a missionary to India, I would not have been defeated and humiliated so utterly by my un-Christlikeness, and I'd never have put you to so much shame."

"Will you follow My prescription if I prescribe for you?"

"Anything, Lord, just so that I may be what you want me to be!"

"I want you to promise Me that no matter how urgent the call, how important the person, or how critical the need, you will not leave your room each morning until you have opened your Bible at the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and in My presence have read it through on your knees."

"Lord Jesus, I promise." And she kept her promise.

The missionary nurse remained at her post of duty. Many years later, in an extremely tense situation where all her fellow missionaries had gathered together in order to discuss and decide serious problems, a young missionary came to her during a break in the conference and said, "Miss _____, would you mind telling me the secret of your Christlike victorious life? Every one else is nervous and fearful. Tempers are frayed. We're all on edge, irritable and ready to fly off the handle. How can you be so quiet and full of peace and even joy? Especially, how can you be so loving toward all?"

"I have never told anyone before," she replied, "but at the beginning of my missionary life the Lord gave me a prescription and I have followed it faithfully." Then she told her young colleague how the Great Physician had changed her life.

I heard this story many years ago in a Methodist District Conference in India and it has had a deep influence in my life. From one common point of view, what Christ asked His representative to do was simply to go to the mirror of His Word and take a good look at herself there, and then "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" as her "garments of salvation" and her "robe of righteousness" each morning before she appeared in public.

All of us really see two mirrors when we look into a mirror of glass—the mirror of our imagination in which we clearly see what we ought to be like, and the glass mirror in which we see how we actually look, so that if there is a blemish or a maladjustment of clothing we may be able to set it right.

When we look into the mirror of

1 Corinthians 13 we see what we should look like, or rather, Whom we should look like. At the same time we are made very much aware of what we actually do look like. Thus we can cooperate intelligently with the Lord in removing the blemishes and stains and in adjusting our garments of His righteousness.

This is the method of the Holy Spirit. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open faces beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:17, 18). ◀◀

Banishing Complaint

BY F. HELEN JARVIS

OFTEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH A severe trial or difficulty we are tempted to complain to ourselves, to others, or to the Lord. Many times these tales of woe are couched in terms of self-pity, and sometimes even prayer becomes a mere recital of grievances.

It is easier and even somewhat satisfying to complain, but how much more blessed it would be if we would humbly pray for His grace to provide wisdom and strength to meet the distress.

Grace will impart joy, peace, and happiness to an unhappy life. It will refresh the soul and keep the spirit sweet and hopeful, so the heart and mind will be enabled to victoriously cope with every trying problem.

Where circumstances can be changed, grace activates faith to meet and overcome the difficult obstacles. Divine wisdom is provided to solve the problems and to direct in a positive and successful course of action.

When our situation is unchangeable God's grace imparts to us divine strength to accept our circumstances cheerfully. Yes, even in the midst of adversity His grace can transform a complainer into a singer of praises. Hallelujah!

The next time the urge to fret and complain comes your way, signal for His all-sufficient grace.

Remember, we lose by complaint; we gain by appropriating grace. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). ◀◀

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Are we, in salvation, being prepared to take the place which the fallen angels have lost?

I think we are going to take a place all our own, forever with the Lord. We will always be distinct from angels, members of the Lamb's wife (Revelation 19:7-9).

Is the "Elijah" of Malachi 4:5 an individual or a company of special people?

He is an individual. John the Baptist came "in the spirit and power of Elijah" and he was an individual (Luke 1:17).

In John 12:3 we read that Mary, sister of Lazarus, anointed the feet of Jesus. Was she the same woman who anointed His head and washed His feet (Luke 7:37, 38)?

If you will read Luke 7:1, or verse 11, you will find it is most probable that the woman who anointed Jesus in this chapter did so either at Capernaum or Nain. There are evidently two Simons in the two lessons; the one in whose home this woman ministered to Jesus and the other the leper whose house was at Bethany. At the anointing of Jesus in John 12:3, Lazarus "was one of them that sat at the table with him," indicating that he was a guest rather than the host. Some believe this anointing took place in Simon's home, with Martha, either a near neighbor or relative, serving (see Matthew 26:6).

They tell us that when God forgives He forgets. Does this mean that God cannot remember that we have ever sinned once our sins have been forgiven? How could this be, if God is all-knowing?

God forgives and forgets our sins in the sense that He never will bring them up to condemn us for them. Here is a truth. Our memory might bring our sins to our remembrance, causing us to regret what we have done. We must remember that this is our own memory in action. God never brings up forgiven sins to condemn us with them. Their record against us is blotted out.

Some years ago I offended a friend very deeply. Realizing my wrong, I apologized to him and begged forgiveness. He said he forgave, but he has never been friendly to me since. Was his forgiveness real?

Wounds are easily made, but not easily healed. Your friend may have forgiven you, but the close friendship was broken. It might take grace greater than your friend possesses to forget the grief you have caused him.

As a child I was taught to pay tithes and I pay tithes as faithfully as I pay my rent, with about as much emotion. I do not object to paying tithes, but am told it is a part of worship. If it is, why is there no blessing in it?

We can lapse into formality in all that we do, whether it be tithing, praying, church attendance, or other things. Formality brings no blessing. It is giving out of a glad heart that brings blessing, a feeling of satisfaction knowing we are helping to carry the work of God forward. Then too, tithing does not cost some very deeply since they enjoy good income. Blessing comes through sacrificial giving.

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).



GUESTS AT A MARRIAGE

Sunday School Lesson for June 19, 1960

MATTHEW 22:1-14

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king which made a marriage for his son." This illustration was a familiar and well-loved one to Orientals, to whom a wedding feast was an occasion of great joy and happy fellowship. Jesus wished the Jewish leaders, for whose benefit the parable was spoken, to see that God's plan of salvation provided joy and blessing for those who accept it (Jeremiah 28:11).

God is the king of the parable, and Jesus is the king's son. In the Bible Christ is spoken of as the Bridegroom (John 3:29); the Church, composed of those who have accepted Christ's invitation to salvation, is spoken of as the bride of Christ. Our relationship to Jesus now is that of engagement (2 Corinthians 11:2). The event to which all men in this age are invited is the marriage supper of Christ, the Lamb (see Revelation 19:6-9). Are we preparing for this blessed event?

1. *The Gracious Invitation.* "And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding." The servants represent: (1) the Old Testament prophets who for centuries had been announcing to Israel the coming of God's kingdom; (2) John the Baptist, Jesus, and the first New Testament preachers who declared that the kingdom was at hand and that its doors were open to all who would repent and believe in the One who long had been promised.

2. *The Ungracious Refusal.* "And they would not come." To refuse an invitation to a marriage feast, and especially one extended by a king, was a gross insult! It pictures the stubborn refusal of the Jewish religious leaders to accept God's appointed way of salvation.

"Again he sent forth other servants." Here is revealed the amazing patience and long-suffering love of God toward those who reject Him. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

3. *The Amazing Indifference.* "But they made light of it." The invited ones did not value properly the invitation to the royal feast.

"And went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise." They were too busy, too taken up with their possessions and with their desire for gain; they had no time for the marriage feast. What a picture of present conditions! Pleasure-mad, wealth-seeking, luxury-loving, feverishly-active America! Much thought for the body, but none for the soul! How Christians need to watch lest the spirit of this present age invade their lives! "Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts are overpowered with dissipation . . . and worldly anxieties, and so that day catch you like a trap" (Moffatt).

4. *The Unpardonable Rejection.* Vv. 6, 7. Here we have the Jew's final rejection of God's prophets and God's

Son, and also a prophetic picture of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in A.D. 70.

5. *The Renewed Invitation.* "The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." When the Jews rejected Christ, God turned to the Gentiles. See Matthew 8:11, 12; Acts 13:46-48. God's plan cannot fail! If we fail, someone else will take our place. When Christ comes He will find a victorious bride prepared for His coming!

"So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all, as many as they found." This verse certainly has a special application for our day.

6. *The Fatal Mistake.* Vv. 11-14. Since the Oriental host provided wedding garments for his guests, this man who did not wear one was without excuse. He represents the Pharisees and religious leaders who ignored God's appointed way of salvation as proclaimed by John and Jesus, and who sought to enter the kingdom by their own merits. How many make the same mistake today! No man can enter the kingdom of God unless he has been born into it (John 3:3). He must be clothed by God with the garment of salvation and the robe of Christ's righteousness (Isaiah 61:10; Romans 10:3, 4). This man was unprepared because he despised God's grace. Paul said, "I do not frustrate the grace of God; for if righteousness cometh by the law, then is Christ dead in vain." This applies to saints who would grow in grace as well as to sinners seeking salvation. We need God's grace in order to be saved and we need it just as much in order to live a victorious, Spirit-filled life! Salvation is all of *grace*. Let us ever be aware of our need of it!

—J. Bashford Bishop

ROPES OF HIS OWN MAKING





President Tubman of Liberia (at center) visits the clinic at New Hope Town. At his right is Missionary Florence Steidel.

SELECTED TO SERVE—ONE OF A SERIES

She Built a Town

MOST STUDENTS ENTER CENTRAL Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, as a prelude to a life of Christian service.

But others, like Florence Steidel, come after years of fruitful ministry. She had been a missionary for eight years when she entered CBI in 1943. She came to prepare to build a town—an unusual vision for a lone woman missionary! But God had called and led this unusual woman in unusual ways.

The Ozark hill country where Florence grew up had no Sunday school or church. But there were brush arbor meetings every summer, and the Steidel family attended these regularly. At seventeen, while reading the Gospel of John, Florence realized that salvation came by believing. Her life was transformed.

Florence worked during the day to help her widowed mother support eight children. She finished high school at night, then worked her way through nurses' training and seminary. She was ready to answer the missionary call God gave her six years after her conversion.

But America was then in the great depression. The mission board of her church had no funds to send her to Africa.

Undaunted, Florence worked as a

nurse to raise her own fare. But her \$1,000 savings were wiped out in a bank failure.

Still convinced of God's call, she went as far as New York in 1934, trusting God to prepare a way to Africa. She stayed at the Mizpeh Missionary Home, operated by the Assemblies of God. There she learned about the baptism in the Holy Spirit and received this blessed experience.

After sharing the good news with her pastor, however, she was startled by his reply. He said that because she had received the Pentecostal experience, his church would no longer support her. Miss Steidel felt an obligation to repay all they had previously given. This she did before sailing as a missionary under Assemblies of God appointment in 1935.

Working at the Newaka girls' school in Liberia, she also found time to treat the sick who came to her veranda. But her great heart was captivated most by the pitiable lepers. An aged leper begged to stay at the mission station, so she built a brush house for him. Soon there were 68 brush houses dotting the compound. But they were inadequate for the rainy season.

Miss Steidel returned to the States on furlough with her purpose clearly in mind: she would study missionary construction at Central Bible Institute

and then teach the lepers to build a town for themselves.

At CBI Miss Steidel also profited from the Pentecostal teaching and fellowship. The revival of 1944 stands out as one of the high lights of her Christian experience.

Florence Steidel returned to Liberia and saw the fulfillment of her vision. Now, in the middle of the jungle, three days inland from Cape Palmas, stands a town where hundreds of lepers have found new hope and new life—New Hope Town. Liberian President Tubman visited the town recently and was so impressed that he authorized a government subsidy to help carry on the mission's tremendous work.

New Hope Town is a testimony of God's faithfulness in the life of a young woman who was obedient to His call. ◀◀

The Right Suit

Some of our Nigerian Christians had been witnessing to an educated man who knew something about the Bible but practiced heathenism. He put them off by saying that he could tell them what the Bible said.

"If so," returned the Christians, "why don't you do what it says?"

He started thinking. In a dream he saw a being, dressed in white, coming after him with a sword. In the dream he tried to defend himself, but the being held a sword against his neck.

"Why do you want to kill me?" he cried.

The being replied, "Because you have not ordered the proper kind of clothing."

Just as the sword seemed about to pierce him, the poor man saw another being running toward him and saying, "Wait! I have already provided the proper clothes for this man. Here they are."

When the beautiful suit was laid out, the first being saw it and was satisfied.

Awaking from this dream, the man realized that the Lord had been speaking to him. Though he had pretended to be all right, the man knew that he did not have the right covering for sin. He called the church members to pray for him and the next day all his jujus were destroyed. The following Sunday the man brought his family to church and testified to what the Lord had done for him. —Rex Jackson

C. M. Ward Is 'Religious Emphasis Week' Speaker

BY LOIS HOKANSON

THE REVIVALTIME SPEAKER WAS INVITED to come to the University of Alabama for its Religious Emphasis Week. During the five-night period many of the University's more than 8,000 students were influenced for Christ by the Spirit-anointed messages of Brother Ward.

Religious Emphasis Week is an annual event on many college campuses across the nation. It is a time when thought is turned to the spiritual life of the students. Tests and assignments are kept at a minimum so that students may use this opportunity for evaluating their Christian life.

The setting aside of a week for spiritual emphasis has long been a tradition at the University of Alabama. Dalton Guthrie, president of the student religious association at the university describes it this way.

"For nearly a quarter of a century

Religious Emphasis Week has been a high point in the spiritual life of our campus. It is a time when we lay emphasis on the fact that education without character is a liability to the world, and we turn our spotlight on the character feature. During this time all of the campus religious groups join in an united effort to make our campus spiritually minded. In my four years of work with Religious Emphasis Week, this year's week was, in many respects, our most successful."

The president of the University, Frank A. Rose, expressed his personal gratitude to those who gave of their time and thought to provide the Religious Emphasis Week. "We are thinking and living in one of the most trying power cultures that history has ever known," he declared. "From our early rising in the morning until the striking of the chimes in the evening, there are

forces that beat upon our physical and emotional lives. In such a society, it becomes necessary to pause from time to time and evaluate our participation in all activities. Religious Emphasis Week furnishes us with this opportunity."

Robert Morrison, president of Chi Alpha, the Assemblies of God student group on campus, said he received "strength and encouragement" from Brother Ward's visit to the campus.

The Assemblies of God church in Tuscaloosa, where the university is located, has a strategic location. It has a unique ministry of serving a population in excess of 100,000, in addition to the more than 8,000 university students. Very little is known about the full gospel in this area, according to Pastor Robert H. Spence.

Revivaltime was first released in Tuscaloosa last June, and since its initial release it has opened many doors for the Assemblies. As Pastor Spence states, "It has become our 'fifth column.'"

Joe L. Langston, station manager of WNPT, from which *Revivaltime* is aired, has this to say about the program: "We broadcast *Revivaltime* each Sunday evening at 9:30. We often receive letters and phone calls with favorable comments about the program. We are always pleased when we make our listeners happy with religious broadcasts."

Listeners to *Revivaltime* from WNPT in Tuscaloosa have words of praise for the broadcast. E. S. Bryars, sales supervisor for the Tuscaloosa District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, states, "Listening to *Revivaltime* I am made to



R. H. Spence, pastor of First Assembly, Tuscaloosa; J. L. Langston, WNPT station manager; and Revivaltime Speaker C. M. Ward



Pastor R. H. Spence, Revivaltime Speaker C. M. Ward, and Dr. C. T. Sharpton of the University of Alabama

feel the peace that comes from the true, sincere, and profound ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to know that in the midst of this world of tensions, we can have the benefit of the Spirit-anointed *Revivaltime* ministry."

"The music on *Revivaltime* is outstanding," J. M. Tinklepaugh, druggist at the T. R. Taylor Drug Company, affirms. "And once you start listening to the message, Brother Ward holds your attention to the last word."

We thank God for the way He has used the broadcast to open this area for the full gospel message. The influence has spread not only through the city but also to the university where Brother Ward was invited to speak.

Pastor Spence declares: "Brother Ward represented the Assemblies of God on the campus during the University of Alabama Religious Emphasis Week. His work was monumental. His ministry was timely and well received by the university groups. One example of God's blessings on our efforts was the selection of Brother Ward as speaker for a university-sponsored religious telecast on a state-wide network."

Results from *Revivaltime's* release in Tuscaloosa and from Brother Ward's ministry to these university students cannot be measured fully. But as the work which has begun spreads, a great harvest of souls will be won to the Lord.

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Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 434 WEST PACIFIC ST., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► POMONA, CALIF.—The convicting power of the Holy Ghost was prevalent in every service of a successful two-week revival crusade held here at Faith Assembly by Evangelist Jean Lucy of Elmonte, Calif. It was truly a time of reviving for the church. A singspiration held on the last Saturday night of the campaign under the direction of Faith and George Price brought a great response spiritually and numerically.
—Virgil Price, Pastor

► VICKSBURG, MISS.—First Assembly enjoyed ten nights of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Troy Weir of Ventura, Calif. Six adults and several children were saved. At the close of the revival six were baptized in water. The congregation was enthralled as Sister Weir, an accomplished artist, presented the gospel in beautiful fluorescent chalk with Blak-lite.
—H. F. Wallace, Pastor

► HYANNIS, MASS.—There was a precious move of the Spirit of God upon the Assembly here during an evangelistic crusade recently conducted by Pastor Robert Lundstrom of Salem, N. J. There was a real stirring and revival of spiritual hunger. Altar services lasted for several hours. A teen-ager was saved and there were several newcomers at the services. Though this is a pioneer work, having just come under the supervision of the Assemblies of God in February, a record Sunday school attendance of 44 was set during the meetings. The people are rejoicing in the fact that the Lord has enabled them to build in a better section of the city.
—Paul Kinney, Pastor

► HOLDEN, MO.—The Assembly here just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist George Hammett of St. Louis, Mo. Night after night believers were blessed and built up in the faith under the anointed preaching. A man for whom the church had prayed for years, gave his heart to Christ. A good interest was shown by people from other churches. The Assembly was helped very much through the rich ministry of the evangelist.
—A. C. Perkins, Pastor

► HARTSVILLE, S. C.—The church here is grateful to God for a spiritual move during two weeks of revival conducted by Evangelist J. D. McVicker of Crestview, Fla. The anointed ministry of God's Word was pungent and the faith of the people was built up greatly. Several came forward for salvation, and at least two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many of the young people were stirred to make new dedications to the Lord.
—B. Frank Kittrell, Pastor

► SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—First Assembly has just concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelist C. A. Kelly of Columbia, S. C. God's presence was felt in a special way in every service. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. The evangelist is an excellent expositor of the Scriptures.
—G. E. Mandel, Pastor

► PATERSON, N. J.—The congregation of the Pentecostal Lighthouse here is still rejoicing in the great revival under the leadership of Evangelist Harold May. People responded to the challenge to go out and bring others to the meetings. As a result, 30 came forward for salvation, most of them being young people. Several of them were Roman Catholics. Thirteen individuals received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, including some who had been converted during the meetings. On the Sunday following the services, 21 followed the Lord in water baptism. One man received the baptism in the Holy Spirit as he was coming up out of the water. The Sunday school attendance reached a new high during the meetings with 176 present. It is estimated that nearly 100 people attended the church for the first time.
—George Butrin, Pastor

► BALTIMORE, MD.—A very fine revival meeting was held at Trinity Assembly of God during the Easter season by Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Bender. A number were saved and healed. Many of the meetings were characteristic of the early days

of Pentecost. The revival climaxed with a great healing service. The hearts of the people are encouraged to press on for greater things in this community.

—Alexander Clattenberg, Pastor

► BARCELONA, SPAIN—Evangelist Carrie Hunsberger of Bluffton, Ind. spent the past eight months ministering in churches of the Assemblies of God in Spain. In each church a good number sought the Lord for salvation, and some of the believers received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many also testified to physical healings. The Christians were edified in the faith and took new courage to press on in God.

—Ruth B. Weitkamp, Missionary

► SWEET HOME, OREG.—In February Evangelist Christian Hild conducted a splendid revival here in which many souls found Christ as Saviour. Whole families came to the church and to the altar, and there is every evidence that a lasting work has been done in their lives. Crowds were the best in a long while, and the people were thrilled with the response and results. On the last Sunday of the meetings the Sunday school broke all attendance records with 344 present. People were really stirred to bring others to see the evangelist's pictures and to hear his preaching. One lady was responsible for 87 persons attending one night, and 166 for the whole week.

—W. Price Rutledge, Pastor



Crowd attending meeting conducted by Evangelist Hild at Sweet Home, Oregon

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR



Pastor Price Rutledge and Evangelist Christian Hild display record Sunday school attendance at Sweet Home, Oreg.

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—The Meridian Assembly has just enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. W. E. Kern of Chico, Calif. The Spirit-anointed preaching of the Word was enjoyed by the church. There were 15 saved and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Others received physical healing. (Bertie McCoy is our pastor.)

—Mrs. C. C. Campbell, Secretary

► **YUMA, ARIZ.**—Evangelist C. C. Stafford, author of over 3,000 gospel songs, has just conducted a singing revival in the First Assembly of God here. During the two weeks of meetings, many were helped and some new talent was discovered. People in the congregation greatly enjoyed the ministry and music of the evangelist.

—O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor

► **BASTROP, LA.**—The Lord graciously moved upon the Log Cabin Assembly here with an old-time Pentecostal revival under the ministry of Evangelist Elizabeth DeGreef and co-worker, Arlene Cooper of Iowa. Almost every night there were souls at the altar seeking salvation. The attendance was outstanding and God's presence was felt from night to night.

—Vashti Smith, Pastor

► **GRIFFIN, GA.**—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed one of the greatest revivals in its history. God sent Evangelist Winifred Kelley of Seminole, Okla. to minister for seven weeks. Then Evangelist Douglas Coley of Columbus, Ga. continued for one further week. Altogether 59 were baptized in water and 62 were united with the church. Some 200 came to the altar for prayer and there were many healings. (In January of this year, Evangelist Jimmy Merritt of Lithonia, Ga. conducted a three-week meeting in which several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.)

—A. Valdez, Pastor

THE INDIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 15th annual Indiana District Council was convened in Terre Haute, Ind., April 25-27 with Ralph M. Riggs serving as special speaker for the occasion. All officers were re-elected on the nominating ballot and a spirit of unity and blessing prevailed.

Among other splendid reports was that

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	E. Brewton	First	June 19-July 3	Joel & Esther Palmer	R. H. Broadhead
		First	June 19-July 3	Wesley Weekley	James H. Standifer
Ark.	El Dorado	Green Grove	June 6-15	A. G. Caloway & wife	Herbert Stratton
Calif.	Colton	A/G	June 19—	Paul E. Riggs	Thomas E. Benvenuti
		Hoopa	June 5-19	Fisher-Cheek Team	Omar M. Goins
Fla.	Panama City	* First	June 13-17	Youngman-Howard Team	Harold Persing
		First	June 12-26	J. B. & Gene Davis	Ernest Pruitt
Ga.	Pensacola	Brownsville	June 12-19	Clarence E. Lambert	Carl A. Arnold
		First	June 14-26	Bob & Jeri Winford	John Casoria
Ill.	Belleville	* Full Gosp. Tab.	June 20-24	Carl E. Gammel	T. M. Kimberlin
Ind.	Indianapolis	* Calvary	June 13-17	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Howard G. Skinner
		Lafayette	June 19-July 3	Hildreth Ethridge	Jacob M. Smith
Iowa	Des Moines	A/G	June 14—	M. W. Roll	P. O. McLane
		Keokuk	June 19-July 3	Larry Allbaugh	David Houghton
Kans.	Kansas City	Berean	June 19-July 1	Lucelia Lanz	A. L. Ullestad
		First	June 14-22	Ernie Eskelin	U. S. Grant
Ky.	Wichita	Trinity	June 14-26	Clenton Winford	Dean Nygren
		Evangel Tab.	June 9-26	Bob McCutchen	Waymon L. Rodgers
La.	Baton Rouge	Central	June 15-26	Warren Litzman	James Courtney
		Hodge	June 12-17	Fred & Gladys Voight	F. C. Chamberlin
Mass.	Lawrence	* A/G	June 14-19	Robert Watters	Helen Wight
Mich.	Tecumseh	A/G	June 13-19	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	D. MacPherson
		Crestwood	June 19-July 3	Ron Prinzing	E. L. Glenn
Mo.	Newberg	First	June 14—	William Wallace	George Hammett
		St. Louis	May 22—	Delbert & B. Bucher	L. C. Ramsey
Mont.	Springfield	Southside	June 15-19	John French	Jack West
		Sullivan	June 19-24	Fred & Gladys Voight	A. W. Pettet
Nebr.	Columbus	* First	June 19-24	Bob Olson	Lonnie Peterson
		A/G	June 19-24	Bob Olson	Thomas Johnston
Ohio	Lewistown	A/G	June 12-17	Bob Olson	Kenneth Wray
		Omaha	June 15-27	The Tanner Team	L. E. King
N. Mex.	Omaha	Glad Tidings	June 8-26	Bill McPherson	Everett Smith
		Albuquerque	June 6-19	Raymond & Sue Schaeffer	Don Neel
Oreg.	Columbus	Valley Gosp. Tab.	June 14-19	J. O. Savell	Tom Shumate
		Fairmoor	June 14-26	Milford Addison	James Millsaps
Pa.	Delphos	First	June 14-26	Bob Ludwig & wife	G. G. Martin
		E. Liverpool	June 14-26	Arthur Arnold	Harry L. Ayers
Tex.	Toledo	A/G	May 24—	The Musical Vanns	David Phillips
		Grants Pass	May 25-June 12	Denny Davis	Edward Neidermeier
Wash.	The Dalles	A/G	June 14-26	J. Earl Douglass	David Blattner
		Central City	June 12-26	Dave & Jan Olshevski	David Weyandt
W. Va.	Cresco	Paradise Valley	June 14-26	David Howe & wife	H. J. Madden
		Roaring Spring	May 31-June 12	Lemuel Ammons	D. H. Hunter
Wis.	Farmers Branch	First	June 14—	Hardie G. Weathers	H. L. Ward
		Kingsville	June 9-19	A. G. Caloway & wife	B. J. Mikulek
Bolivia	Lufkin	Oak Grove	June 19-July 1	Paul Emerson	Edwin Smith
		Luling	June 12-19	Eric M. Johnson	R. R. Nichols
Bolivia	Marysville	A/G	May 23-Aug. 7	Christian Hild & wife	Edgar A. Hare
		Spokane	June 15-26	John Higginbotham	Mrs. N. Kight
Bolivia	Elkins	First	June 14—	Peiffer & Harden	H. L. Flaherty
		Moorefield	June 19-July 3	J. G. Hall & wife	Monroe D. Grams
Bolivia	Milwaukee	A/G	June 12—	Stanley P. MacPherson	
		Gospel Tab.	June 19-July 3		
Bolivia	La Paz	Evang. Center	June 19-July 3		

* Children's Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL* is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

the district reached a new all-time high by giving \$100,000 to missions during the past year. A sum of \$1,000 was raised during the council for Home Missions.

Thomas Paino Jr. was elected district Sunday school director, and Stewart Robinson and William L. Thornton were chosen as General Presbyters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMECOMING at Anahuac, Tex., First Assembly of God, June 19. Kermit A. Reneau, South Texas District Superintendent, morning speaker. Sister T. M. Puckett, afternoon speaker.—by M. E. Downs, pastor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Moab, Utah, June 20-July 1 at First Assembly of God. J. A. Cox, Pastor.—by Billy and Kathy Long, Children's Evangelists.

WITH CHRIST

MERLE L. EDWARDS, 60, Phoenix, Ariz., was stricken recently while preaching and passed away shortly afterwards. For twenty-five years he was a Presbyterian minister. In 1954 he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and affiliated with the Assemblies of God the next year. Most of the time since then he served as an evangelist. Surviving are his wife and three children.

PRICE E. ROBERTSON, 72, St. Helena, Calif., suffered a heart attack while preaching and went to be with his Lord on May 3, 1960. He received his first credentials with the Church of the Brethren and then affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1927. Practically all of his ministry was evangelistic. His wife and five grown children survive.



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My boys wanted to say "hello" to daddy, and we exchanged greetings. Last came my three-year-old who, in a pleading voice that seemed so far away, asked, "Daddy, are you coming home pretty soon?"

"Yes, I'll be home pretty soon," I answered. I didn't know just how soon, but of course I intended to get home as soon as possible. And when at last my train came, and I was on my way, I could not keep from thinking of the conversation, and of hearing my little boy's voice inquiring in such a pleading

tone, "Daddy, are you coming home pretty soon?"

Then I thought of this life with its storms and trials, its cold and wintry blasts, and the times of weary waiting and lonely hours. Tender voices seemed to come from a far-away land—at the other end of the line—calling, "Are you coming Home pretty soon?" For after all, that is Home!

This world is not my home. Heaven is. I remember my mother once was taken with a sudden illness and we thought she might die. As I stood at her bedside she said to me, "Will you meet me in heaven?" I went into another room to weep, but my heart cried out, "Yes!" Now she is there. She is Home.

Many others have gone on now—father, friends, loved ones. In my mind I can hear them calling, "Are you coming Home pretty soon?"

Gladly do I answer back, "Yes, yes,

THE CATHOLIC QUESTION.....

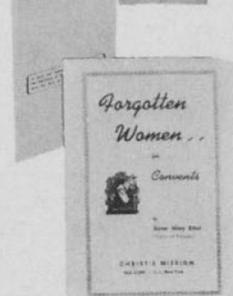
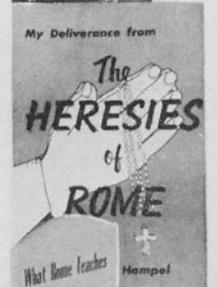
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You may not be able to answer back to a sainted mother, to a sweet little darling, to Jesus Himself, "Yes, I'm coming Home." You may not have answered Jesus' call to come to the Cross for cleansing and pardon, and for salvation. To you, Jesus calls with such tenderness and love, "Come Home, come Home; ye who are weary, come Home!"

You can come to Jesus this very hour. Though you may have wandered far away, you can answer Jesus' call right now, saying to Him, "Yes, I'm Home."

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a Christian, too, because I watched you. The Saviour who saved you has saved me. You never made a slip."

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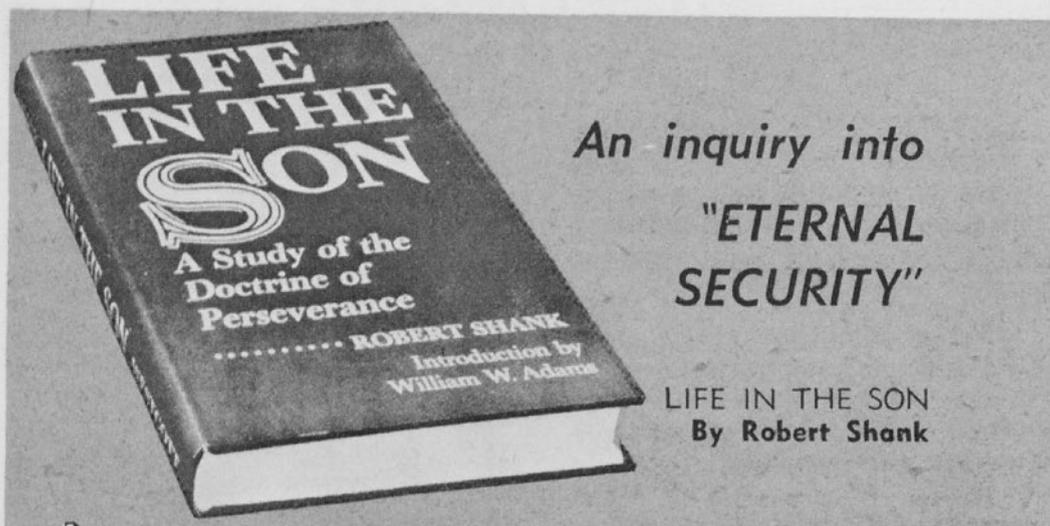
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