

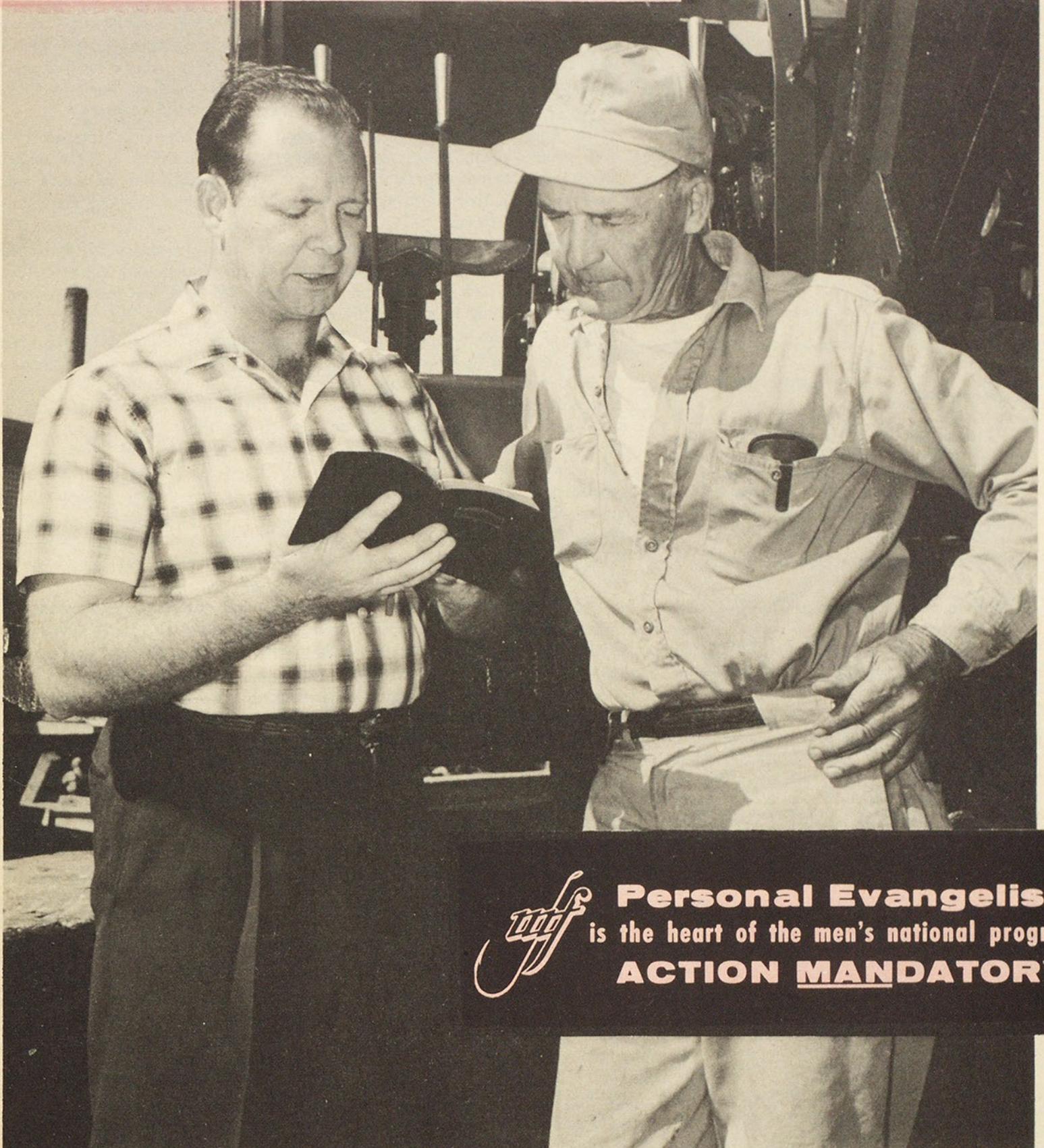
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Vote for Freedom!

When Americans go to the polls on November 8, some will be voting merely for a party. Others for higher wages, more government spending, greater price supports. Many who cast their ballots for the next President will just be voting for a Protestant or Catholic—or a member of a minority group. Others for a candidate's personal charm.

But there are much more important considerations in this election than private prejudices or selfish interests. Our country needs a leader whose background, experience, and philosophy qualify him to lead a free America and a free world against the worst threats to freedom that mankind ever has faced.

Every Christian believer ought to humble himself, and pray, and seek God's face in this crucial hour. We need to confess our faults before the Lord and ask His merciful intervention to save our country from making the wrong choice in this election.

One of the important issues in this campaign is religious liberty. We need to be sure that the next President is a man who not only professes to believe in religious liberty but who also is in a position to promote real freedom both in this country and throughout the world. Can a loyal son of the Roman Catholic Church do this? As a Catholic he belongs to "an organization that, everywhere in the world where it has the power, demands a partial union of church and state, with political treaties or concordats designed to protect its privileges, with political ambassadors, with public appropriations for church schools and sometimes for the salaries of priests, and with official Vatican-supported suppression of Protestantism in such Catholic countries as Spain and Colombia" (*Church and State*, October, 1960).

That is the question Protestant voters cannot conscientiously overlook. It is not a candidate's mode of worship that concerns us. Each man must choose his own manner of approach to God, but the political policies of his church are our proper concern.

It is predicted that this election will bring a greater turnout of voters than any in U. S. history. Many Amish and Mennonites, for example, who never have shown much interest in national elections, have registered to vote in this one. Residents of monasteries and convents will be permitted to vote this year for the first time. A record Negro vote is forecast. Politicians are working feverishly to help their cause by getting every available voter to the polls—but the will of the people will not be fully known unless all the Christians vote.

Some may say, "I don't feel God wants me to vote for either candidate." They might as well say, "I don't feel God wants me to pay any taxes." We have a duty to God and country. Religious liberty for gospel work throughout the world may be at stake in this election. Let us cast our vote for freedom and pray that the "will of the people" may turn out to be the will of God.

—R.C.C.

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'DELIVERANCE'

IS NOT ENOUGH

BY DONALD GEE

DELIVERANCE IS A GRAND BIBLE word. In Young's Analytical Concordance no less than thirty-seven uses are listed under the verb "to deliver." Its most frequent origin in Hebrew means, "To snatch or take away." Thus the Lord "delivered" His people out of the hand of the Egyptians (Exodus 3:8).

In the New Testament the most popular idea of deliverance—"to rescue"—occurs about sixteen times in the Greek. Examples are: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13); and "Out of them all the Lord delivered me" (2 Timothy 3:11). A study of the various Greek words translated by "deliver" and its cognates is very enriching.

In many places today the term "deliverance campaign" has supplanted the older "evangelistic and divine healing campaign" used by pioneers like Mrs. Woodworth-Etter, Charles Price, Smith Wigglesworth, Stephen Jeffreys, and others. It has become a popular catchword, so that we have "deliverance" evangelists, with a "deliverance" ministry, in "deliverance" movements, etc. The human need for deliverance from our multitudinous afflictions of body and soul is so universal that the word is immediately clothed with a popular appeal. That the Lord Jesus Christ is able to deliver men from all evil is a glorious fact of evangelism and is to be preached with all assurance. Whether men usually want deliverance from the right motives, or from the right things, is another question. But God is gracious to all who call upon Him.

Because the deepest needs of men are much greater than they realize, preachers of "deliverance" need to un-

derstand that by itself deliverance is purely negative. We are mistaken when we call such preaching "full gospel," even though we add divine healing and the casting out of demons to salvation for the soul. God has something more for us beyond deliverance.

All around us in Europe we are seeing imposing new buildings arising on sites bombed in the last war. Before the building could begin those sites had to be cleared of rubble and weeds and levelled. That was their "deliverance," but it was only a means to an end. The full purpose is now revealed in construction of a new building very much better than the old.

* * *

Perhaps this vital distinction is most clearly brought out in Peter's famous Pentecostal sermon, "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins* (we must not stop here; the verse continues) *and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" The joy of receiving forgiveness is so great that we may be inclined to stop there. Remission is literally a "sending away," and so we exultingly sing, "My sins are all gone," and "My burdens rolled away." Yet, when all has been said and sung, this is only a negative blessing. Something has been "sent away," but what has been "received" in its place? Peter at Pentecost preached both a negative and a positive message. It takes both to make a "full" gospel. In one sense we can believe that the positive side is automatically taken care of by the grace of God, but experience teaches us that the kind of word we preach is reflected in its results.

Jesus gave a solemn, almost frightening picture of a man who had been

delivered from an unclean spirit but remained "empty" (see Matthew 12:44). His emptiness was his undoing, and so his last state was worse than his first. The immediate application was to his own wicked generation, but that does not alter the principle of the spiritual peril of a soul left unfilled after a deliverance from evil. Vacuums are always potentially dangerous.

As Pentecostal preachers we must emphasize God's great gift of the Holy Spirit as the sequel to remission of sins. More is involved than the indwelling Spirit and the life of Christ within. Holiness, rightly preached, is the positive side of our salvation. Without it all else is negative.

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It is essential to recognize that divine healing, for all its gracious wonder, is still negative. Even in His earthly ministry our Lord met this problem after the mighty works done in the Galilean towns. "Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not" (Matthew 11:20). He had "healed all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" but it left no spiritual results. The recipients of deliverance had not changed their minds towards God and their sins. They eagerly sought for physical deliverance but went no further. This is exactly our problem today.

It is well known that many of the multitudes that come forward in our own great "deliverance" campaigns fail to go on with God and never become stable disciples of the Lord Jesus. Apart from the healing they are just not interested! Where hands are raised for decision it is often discovered that it

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A Burden for Souls

BY BURTON W. PIERCE

National Secretary, Department of Men's Fellowship

Through "Action Mandatory" the Department of Men's Fellowship is attempting to spark a new zeal for personal evangelism across the land.

DAVID WAS A FUGITIVE, HIDING IN a cave and despairing of his life, when he cried out of the anguish of his heart, "No man cared for my soul" (Psalm 142:4).

How many people are there today whose hearts are aching with a similar despair? They have a longing to be rid of their sin and to find something to satisfy their souls. It is only the Holy Spirit that can make us adequate to meet this need.

The tragic heart cry for reality is expressed in the experience of Charlie Peace. He was a criminal. Laws of God and man had not curbed him. Finally the law caught up with him, and he was condemned to death. On the fatal morning when he was taken from his cell in Leeds, England, for the death walk, the prison chaplain walked before him routinely and sleepily reading Bible verses. The criminal touched the preacher and asked what he was reading. "The Consolations of Religion," he replied.

Charlie Peace was shocked at the way the chaplain perfunctorily read about hell. Could a man be so unmoved under the very shadow of the scaffold as to lead a fellow human there, and yet with dry eyes read about a pit that has no bottom into which this fellow must fall? Could this preacher believe the Word that there is an eternal fire that never consumes its victim, and yet slide over the phrases without a tremor? Is a man human at all who can say with no tears, "You will be eternally damned and never know relief"?

This was too much for Charlie Peace as he listened to his on-the-eve-

of-hell sermon. "Sir," he addressed the chaplain, "if I believed what you and the church say you believe, even if all England was covered with broken glass from coast to coast, I would walk over it if need be on hands and knees, and think it worthwhile doing, just to save one soul from an eternal hell like that."

We can never excuse ourselves by saying our neighbors or friends are just not interested. There is much evidence around that the Spirit is striving, perhaps for the last time, with the hearts of men. The Holy Spirit will prepare our hearts for this God-given ministry if we will admit our own bank-

rupt condition. Honesty in confessing our sins and failures is the avenue for God to begin His final work through our fellowship. Beware of the mistake of the Laodicean church which said, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." We must admit we have need of help from the Lord.

Pentecost without a passion for souls is tragic indeed, but it is worse not to have enough spiritual perception to realize our condition. We have been lulled into slumber by the prosperity of the times in which we live and must be awakened.

Ask yourself, "Is winning a lost soul to Christ my meat and drink?" The winning of the lost meant everything to our Lord. When He was dealing with the Samaritan woman, His disciples came on the scene and asked Him to eat. He answered, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." How distressing is our condition when 95 per cent of our church members have never won a soul to the Lord. What a tragedy if an eternally lost neighbor is saying, "No man cared for my soul."

After realizing our responsibility and repenting for past failures, we must have a plan for advance. ACTION MANDATORY, the intercession-invasion sponsored by the Department of Men's Fellowship, provides this plan. The initial phase is a call to all the men to three months of intensive heart-searching. Revival always follows confession, consecration, and obedience.

This prayer phase will be emphasized between now and January 31, 1961. The purpose is twofold. First, it is to pray for conviction upon the sleeping church to hear the midnight cry, and through this endeavor realize that a constant revival is possible in the local assembly. Second, it is to accelerate the job of winning the lost. The strategy of this plan is that each man in the local assembly will take

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In the accompanying article Burton W. Pierce, National Secretary of the Department of Men's Fellowship, emphasizes the ministry of intercession in the Personal Evangelism phase of the new program. This first phase, called "Action MANDATORY," will be emphasized during November, December, and January.

personal responsibility for interceding for two unsaved men in his community. Then he will pledge to do his utmost to win these men to Christ during the three months of special intercession emphasis.

If each pastor and layman will win two men to the Lord that will be a revival indeed, and it will lead to greater victories still after the three months are completed. By signing the Prayer Prospect Chart each man declares his intention to win the lost. Certainly all church leaders will take the lead in making this declaration. God has called this Pentecostal Movement to action for an unusual ministry in these final moments before Christ's return, and every man is needed to make it successful.

God is moving in a remarkable way among many church groups. The Holy

Spirit is being outpoured on many who are hungering after Him. This is the hour of revival. And we are persuaded that it is God's hour to blast away our complacency so that a great and final work for God can be accomplished through our churches. Our Assemblies of God men can lead the way in the greatest prayer revival that we have yet seen. But if we slumber on, God will find other men with mighty convictions who will become inspired evangelists to do His final work.

With every MF member a soul winner, our churches can enjoy the constant revival that our Lord intends for them to have. God grant that materialism will not blind our eyes to what it really means for a soul to go into the eternal night of darkness without a Saviour, crying, "No man cared for my soul." ◀◀

become sensitive to the feelings of the sinners we contact? What has happened to the preacher who would walk the aisles or the altar rail calling people to repentance? What has happened to the church member who would dare to be led by the Spirit of God to go to the side of an unbeliever at the close of a gospel service and ask him to surrender to Christ?

A salesman realizes he might have only one opportunity to sell his product, so he must take advantage of his opening. Will we have only one chance to reach the sinner in our midst? Only God knows, so let us forget our fears and our "soft sell" ideas and approach the unconverted boldly.

All successful salesmen welcome objections from the prospect during the sales talk. The objections serve to uncover the need for his product. The best salesman has no fear of the prospect or of what he thinks of him. Neither do successful soul winners. They do not care what the world thinks of them. Nor do they fear what objections the unbeliever may bring up because he knows he has the answer to the objection in the Word of God.

Why not accept the challenge to become a good salesman for Christ. Quit relying on the excuse that people no longer want to be asked to come to Christ. That is not so. What the average sinner wants is to find someone who believes in the gospel enough to become an out-and-out salesman for Christ twenty-four hours a day.

As you go to your neighbor remember that it was Jesus who said, "Go ye into the highways and compel them to come in." As you witness to the unbeliever be bold as Paul, who said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16).

What Happened to "The Hard Sell"?

BY WILLIAM T. ALLEN

Battle Creek, Michigan

TO A SALESMAN THE PHRASE "HARD sell" speaks of the act of high-pressure selling in whatever his field may be. While Americans today often say they do not like to be pressured into buying anything, yet they respond to a salesman using high-pressure technique. However, the emphasis today is on the "soft sell"—the low-pressure approach whether on the air, in the press, or in personal contact.

What has happened to the "hard sell" or high-pressure selling in America? What has happened to the man who believes in his product so strongly that nothing deters him from making his sale? Do we no longer have people who believe in a product or way of life so deeply that they sell out to this belief?

The author is district manager for a well-known life insurance company. As a layman he is very active in his church, the Church of the Four Fold Gospel, and serves as church secretary.

Has the "soft sell" philosophy slipped into our churches? Are we afraid to sell our belief in a Christ who is able to solve the problems of the world? Do we feel that we must use low pressure on sinners to get them coming into our churches? Is the church basketball team, the softball team, the church party the way to get the lost into the fold? Why do we feel that we must slip up on unbelievers by inviting them to social functions?

Almost without fail the salesman who high pressures his prospects does so because he believes in his product. The first rule of selling is to obtain an interview. Once a salesman has the interview he will attempt to convince the prospect he needs his product. He will chance being thrown out of the office or the home because he believes he has the answer to the need which he has uncovered. If a salesman selling material things of this life is so hard nosed in his approach, why should we

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THE SOUL WINNER'S MANDATE

By Gunnar Sondeno

Men's Fellowship Vice President, Northern California and Nevada District

TOO MANY MEN ARE PLACING THE entire burden of soul winning on the pastor. They consider he is being paid for the job so why should they be concerned?

The fact is that every believer has been given this job. It is the New Testament pattern, for we read in Acts 8:4, "They that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the Word." These were laymen, not apostles, for the first verse of the chapter says the apostles remained at Jerusalem.

The great commission—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)—is a mandate given to every born-again Christian. Satan has tried by every means to keep Christians from winning souls. First he tried to stop them by bitter persecution; but the example of faithful martyrs only stirred the believers to greater soul-winning activity

and historians estimate that three-quarters of the known world became Christianized. Then Satan hit upon another idea. He would overemphasize the divine distinction between Christian servants by dividing the church into two groups. The larger group would be called the laity, and the smaller group the clergy; and the work of the gospel would be left in the hands of the smaller group.

So the laity was encouraged to go to sleep, and to sleep it went. For twelve centuries the laity slept. Not until the Reformation of the sixteenth century and the invention of the printing press did the light break forth upon the Dark Ages. But the clergy-laity division is still with us today, with the result that we have an idle laity and an over-worked clergy.

The Lord is saying to us, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" "Go

work today in my vineyard." *The sleeping giant of the Pentecostal Movement today is the idle laity.*

The soul winner's mandate is given to clergy and laymen alike. The clergyman's job is to train the members of the church to win souls. The members' job is to go out and win them. According to Ephesians 4:12 the pastor is given "for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry"—not to do the work for them!

It is probably true that ninety per cent of all professing Christians never have led a soul to Christ. Probably it is also true that they don't know how. The crying need today is for scriptural training that will enable the laymen to be effective soul winners. This the new Men's Fellowship program proposes to do by means of the *Action Mandatory* plan.

The real battles of faith today are being fought in factories, offices, farms, and government agencies. It often has been said that the church should go into these spheres. The fact is that the church is in these spheres already, in the persons of her laymen. The laymen merely need to be aroused to their task, equipped with the tools and know-how for winning men to Christ, filled with the Spirit, and encouraged to witness to the Truth that sets men free.

The best way to win men is to do it one by one. Let *Action Mandatory* be your mandate to become a "fisher of men." Laymen, this is a call for *action*. Let us work arm in arm as laborers together with our pastors until the job is done.



SITE OF REGIONAL PRAYER MEETING, NOVEMBER 14-15

The Spiritual Life prayer meeting for the Northwest Region will be held in First Assembly of God, West 828 Indiana, Spokane, Washington, shown here. (C. Ralland Bixler is pastor.) The Monday service will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Tuesday services will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon and evening. The Spokane meeting is the fifth of eight regional prayer meetings to be led by our General Superintendent throughout the country.

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Healed of Congenital Heart Ailment



Gary Dewyne Huckaby

Our son Gary, who is now almost five years old, was born with a hole in his heart. When he was one week old the doctor told us the dreadful news of his condition and said, that we would have to watch him at all times so that he would not overexert himself.

Both my husband and I knew God could heal but this news about Gary bound us with fear. We couldn't have faith for his healing, it seemed. We had him prayed for several times

and yet that fear haunted us.

In June of this year Gary began to get worse. Our doctor insisted that we take him to a prominent heart specialist, Dr. John Carey, of Oklahoma City. He examined him on July 5 and declared that there must be open heart surgery as soon as possible. He explained that there was a hole within the heart and that the organ

itself was enlarged to three-quarters the size of his chest. Without surgery, he said, Gary would not live to be a teen-ager.

On July 29 he was admitted to Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, to have further tests made. Another specialist came into our room the night before the main test and told us that Gary was worse and that we should not delay the operation.

We prayed all night and we knew that the people of our church, the First Assembly of God in Altus, Oklahoma, were calling on God. Just before they came to take Gary a blessed peace came upon us.

Upon the conclusion of a final test Dr. Robbins came to us with good news. He told us Gary could go home! He said he wouldn't need surgery, after all. Furthermore, he said we could let him do anything he wanted to do as his heart would never bother him.

That news made the sun shine brightly for us. The shadow of fear was gone for the first time in almost five years.

God is real to us and we cannot praise him enough for this miracle.—Mrs. Leon Huckaby, Altus, Oklahoma.

(This testimony is verified by Carl McCoy, pastor of the First Assembly of God, Altus, Oklahoma.)

How God Healed Me of Multiple Sclerosis

By Mrs. Clara Shannon

IF TIME IS THE TEST OF A GENUINE healing, then there is no question that God worked a great miracle in my life. It was thirty years ago I was healed of multiple sclerosis and a recent medical examination showed there is still no trace of the disease.

I was saved in 1919, while working at a Free Methodist home. While I was there, a lady took me to some revival meetings. I had never heard of the need of being born again until that night. The Spirit placed conviction upon me and I sat in the seat crying. The minister came to me and asked if I wanted to be saved. I did, so I began to pray. They prayed with me

and afterward I felt so light and happy that I wanted to tell everyone.

A young man became attentive and asked me to go out with him. I told him I would go to church. He came along, became a member, and was baptized. He quit smoking in my presence and showed signs of a new birth. We kept company for two years and then married. To my sorrow I found he was not saved. Before long he stopped attending church. We had two little boys but our married life became very unhappy.

In 1925 I was stricken with a crippling disease called multiple sclerosis and became unable to care for the children. My husband took me to two clinics. At the Mayo Clinic in Rochester the doctors said nothing could be done for me. They said that in time I would be paralyzed. They said I would remain so until my Maker saw fit to take me Home. (I have found out since that some such patients live for forty years, helpless as a baby.)

After using crutches for six months I was forced to use a wheelchair. Later I became so paralyzed I was practically helpless. My family took the children. I weighed over two hundred pounds, so no one could handle me but my husband. I had a pulley in the ceiling over my bed and I could raise myself with my hands so the nurse could make the bed.

All this while there was a friend who was trying to get me to believe for healing, but I couldn't see it. I never had been given the Scriptures on it. I had told her that if God wanted me to live I would get help from doctors, and if not I was ready to go Home. I did not realize at that time what an ordeal lay ahead of me.

After I was confined to the wheelchair God commenced to work upon my heart in answer to prayers that were being offered at this friend's church. Her pastor was Wesley Hurst, Sr. Eventually my husband, who was un-

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May I Call You "Dad"?

Can you imagine how the homeless children in Alaska must feel—especially at Christmas?

BY RUTH LYON



I WAS GRIEF-STRICKEN FOR DAYS," Albert's letter read, "when I learned my father had passed away at the Pioneers Home in Sitka, Alaska."

Albert, who grew up in the Assemblies of God Children's Home at Palmer, Alaska, was a twelve-year-old when the sad news of his father's death

reached him. In the Home he received the comfort and love that his young heart needed.

His letter, telling how much the Home and the staff had meant to him, was his reaction to the story, "Boys' Haven in Alaska," published last July 31 in *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

"Truly," his letter continued, "the Home is a boys' haven. After my father's death, I had a talk with Ray Cather (who was in charge of the Home) and asked, 'May I call you 'Dad' as the others do?' I remember well how he put his arms around me and said, 'You surely may, Albert.' I knew then why they called him 'Dad.'"

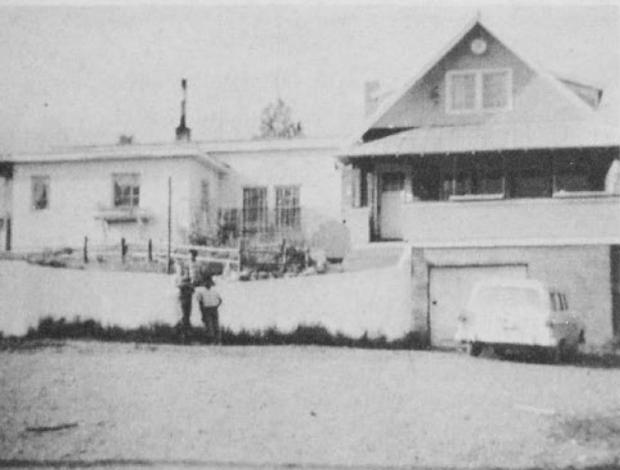
You, too, can be a "dad" or a "mom" to the nearly seventy boys and girls in the three Assemblies of God orphanages in Alaska this Christmas. These orphanages, approved by the State Welfare Board, are located at Valdez, Palmer, and Juneau and are maintained through contributions.

Alaska has around 2,500 orphans,

most of them illegitimate. Because the state of Alaska does not maintain orphanages for its homeless boys and girls, the work of caring for these children is left to churches or individuals interested in their welfare. The state does give some financial help if the children received in the Homes are approved by welfare workers.

The Juneau Children's Home is our oldest and largest. It was founded nearly thirty years ago by the Lyle Johnsons, who are still in charge. The Children's Farm Home near Palmer, supervised by the C. L. Stroms, was founded in 1944 and is really a boys' farm. The Valdez Home, where the D. T. Schmidts are in charge, is the newest.

Recently, Brother Schmidt wrote us: "We have some new children here who do not know what Christmas is like in a Christian home, where people open their hearts to give. It will be a great privilege for us to watch these kids. Three of our home children have been



The C. L. Stroms are supervisors of the Children's Farm Home in Palmer, Alaska.



The children in the Children's Farm Home in Palmer are all boys.



The younger children in the Juneau Children's Home dress warmly for playtime.



Individuals and WMC groups sent Christmas packages for the children's homes.

saved recently. We hope to receive more children in the Home soon."

Scores of boys and girls have been converted in our three Children's Homes. Some of the children are now grown and taking their places in the world as useful, dependable citizens. Some are in the ministry. One has pioneered three churches. They are grateful to the *Evangel* readers whose contributions have kept these Homes in operation.

As Christmas draws near the Home Missions Department is hoping it will

be possible to provide a special gift for each Home which will benefit both the children and the staff. For Juneau—vinyl tile on the first floor of the main building. For Valdez—a large refrigerator to replace the worn-out model now in use. For Palmer—a large refrigerator (theirs also is nearly worn out).

If you would like to have a part in these gifts, kindly mail an offering as soon as possible. You may be a "Dad" or "Mom" to precious Alaskan children in this way. ◀◀

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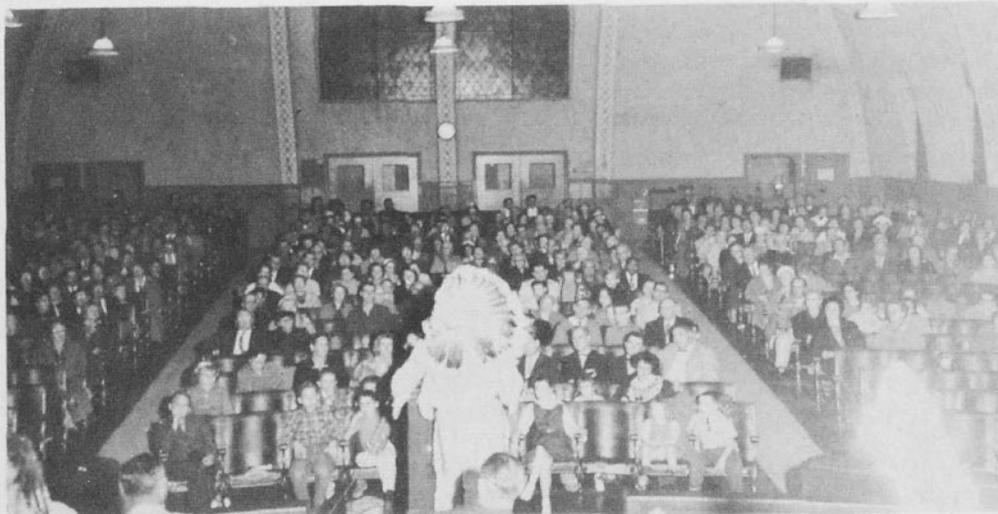
Missionaries to the Indians Honored at Christmas

Last December the American Indian Fellowship of the Northern California-Nevada District and the district WMC president, Goldie Anderson, sponsored a Christmas party for home missionaries of the district. The host church was Bethel Temple in Sacramento (Clyde Henson, pastor).

Top left: The platform in Gaston Hall of Bethel Temple had several tables loaded with gifts for the missionaries. The sectional WMC leaders had been told what each worker needed most, and had provided gifts for each missionary.

Top center: John T. McPherson, vice president of the American Indian Fellowship; Manuel C. Cordova, secretary-treasurer of the AIF; and George C. Effman, AIF president.

Top right: These four ladies were honored for their very active work in promoting the gospel work among the Indians. Reading left to right, they are: Doris Effman, wife of the AIF president; Alpha Henson, wife of Pastor Clyde Henson; Goldie Anderson, WMC president; and Naomi MacPherson, wife of the AIF vice president.



Left, above: This was the scene in Bethel Temple on American Indian Day as George Effman addressed the congregation. The platform was decorated with two large teepees and a colorful banner. Brother Effman interviewed various missionaries who were seated in the congregation, with the aid of a roving microphone. John McPherson gave the reading, "Trail of Tears, a saga of the Cherokee Indian."



Right, above: The Manuel C. Cordovas were among the many happy recipients of gifts at the Christmas party.

The ladies of the Bethel Temple WMC provided a delicious dinner after which Paul Trulin, pastor at Vallejo, Calif., brought the evening message. The many missionaries were greatly encouraged by the Christmas party and their cars were well packed with useful gifts as they drove back to their mission fields.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Election

BILLY GRAHAM SAYS VOTERS SHOULD DECIDE ON THEIR KNEES

"We should choose the next President on our knees in prayer that God's will shall be done," said Evangelist Billy Graham, on his return to the U. S. from a twelve-week European crusade.

Survival, rather than questions of farm policy, labor relations, or a candidate's religion, should be the key issue in this election, he told newsmen. He said the election will be the "most crucial" this country has ever held, because "for the first time in history the U.S. is in mortal danger."

The evangelist held meetings in Berlin and other key European cities attended by 700,000 people. His final meetings were in a giant tent only two hundred yards from the Soviet sector of Berlin. He said Communism is gaining ground in Europe.

"While 95 per cent of the East Germans still remain anti-Communist, time is on the side of Communism," he said. The Reds are waiting only for the growing-up of another generation which knows nothing but Communism.

He said that he met two top Communist leaders at a specially arranged meeting in Switzerland, and they told him that America will be Communist by 1972. "I think they are exaggerating," said Graham, but he warned that "moral deterioration and inflationary tendencies" may make this nation a prey to Communism.

He said that voters who elect a U. S. president are thereby electing a world ruler.

Temperance

WOMEN DEMAND LOCAL OPTIONS TO OUTLAW LIQUOR SALES

Some 1,000 delegates to the annual WCTU convention in Portland, Maine, adopted a resolution calling for local option elections throughout the country to outlaw the sale of alcoholic beverages. The women said such referendums are "the only effective way to create dry territory" and declared that "real effort in this direction will lead to prohibition."

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, in her presidential address, quoted Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the Department of Clinical Science at the University of Illinois, as saying that "the next wave of prohibition will be in 1965-70" and that prohibition occurs "when on the average one or two severe alcoholics develop in every family."

MORE BARTENDERS THAN CLERGYMEN IN THE U.S.

The Census Bureau says the U. S. has fewer clergymen than it has bartenders. The nation has 193,467 bartenders and only 167,471 clergymen, according to the annual edition of the *Statistical Abstract* published by the Census Bureau.

Another fact disclosed by the Census Bureau of spiritual significance is that nearly three million mothers with children under twelve years of age now hold full-time jobs (35 hours a week or more) outside the home to help supplement the family income. This is the largest number of working mothers ever reported.

Litigation

FREETHINKERS CHALLENGE LEGALITY OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

An appeal was filed at Albany, N. Y. challenging the legality of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance recited by school children. One of the two men bringing the suit is Joseph Lewis, president of the Free-thinkers of America. They contend that the pledge amounts to "compulsory teaching of religion in the public schools."

COURT DISMISSES SUIT CHALLENGING CHURCH TAX EXEMPTION

Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff dismissed a suit which challenged the tax-exempt status of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D. C. The suit charged that the archdiocese used its funds to further "political" objectives and purposes other than charity and religious education, as the law permits. It was filed by Harrison Parker, 83-year-old Protestant minister.

Mr. Parker argued the case himself

in court. He asserted that funds sent by the Roman Catholic Church in America to the Vatican are contributions to a "foreign state" and should not be tax exempt.

Judge Holtzoff said, in dismissing the action, that the courts have ruled in many cases down through the years that the religious and education work of the Roman Catholic Church is entitled to tax exemption.

HOOVER SAYS DEATH PENALTY NECESSARY

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover says that the death penalty is a necessary deterrent to "atrocious crimes" such as murder and treason. Writing in the monthly FBI law enforcement bulletin Hoover cited the Rosenberg atom spy case and that of plane bomber Jack Graham as examples of crimes which clearly warranted the death penalty.

"To abolish the death penalty would absolve other Rosenbergs and Grahams from fear of the consequences for committing atrocious crimes," Hoover declared.

Foreign

EAST GERMAN YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL ANTI-CHRISTIAN PRESSURE

Increased pressure on school children in the Soviet Zone of Germany has resulted in 88 per cent of all eligible young people taking part in Communist youth dedication ceremonies, the Reds claim. The ceremonies are an atheistic counterpart of Christian confirmation.

(The Communists also have devised new ceremonies for giving names to infants, and for weddings and funerals, to take the place of christening ceremonies and Christian weddings or funerals.)

Protestant churches in East Germany have taken the position that the majority of young people who submit to the Communist youth dedication ceremonies do so out of a feeling of compulsion, rather than a genuine acceptance of atheistic teachings. The churches therefore do not bar the youths from confirmation if they sincerely desire it, even though the Red rites are irreconcilable with the Christian faith.

SERVICEMEN IN GREENLAND WORSHIP DEEP WITHIN ICE CAP

U. S. servicemen stationed at Camp Tuto, Greenland, have their worship services seventy feet below the surface of the ice cap. A round tunnel has been carved as a meeting-place, eight feet in diameter and twenty feet in length. It is estimated that the age of the ice at this seventy-foot level is 2,000 years—dating back to the time of Christ's birth.

During summer the chaplains can conduct services above ice, but with the coming of winter it is necessary to "go below."

SUDAN MISSIONARIES BEING RESTRICTED BY MOSLEMS

All Christian missionaries have been ordered by the governor of Equatoria, the southernmost province of the Sudan, to close down their bookshops and any other business-connected enterprises that they operate.

This was the latest in a long series of restrictive measures imposed on missionaries by the government in a campaign for the "complete Islamization of Sudan." In some places, mission workers are being quarantined and are not permitted to leave their stations to visit the sick.

NEW KERALA GOVERNMENT ENDS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CONVERTS

The new non-Communist government of the State of Kerala in India has put an end to the discrimination which had been practiced formerly against Harijans (low caste Hindus) who were converted to Christianity.

The Harijans, commonly known as Untouchables, were excluded from various concessions for schools, books, and financial aid, when they became Christians. Now that the Communist government has been voted out of office, there is a new state regulation which provides that Harijans who are converted to Christianity shall be entitled to the same financial aid and concessions as are granted to non-Christian Harijans.

INDIAN OCEAN TO BE EXPLORED

The White House has announced that the U. S. will participate in an international expedition to explore the Indian Ocean, one of the last unexplored areas on earth. The expedition will begin late this year and extend through 1964. It will greatly extend man's knowledge of these least-known waters and perhaps discover new sources of food for the hungry peoples living on these shores.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Will we who love the Lord be judged as soon as we get to heaven?

It is my conviction that believers will be judged according to their works after they have been caught away to be with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

Why did Jesus on the way to the Cross say to the women, "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children" (Luke 23:28)?

These women probably were His followers; if not, they at least were grieved that He had been condemned to death. Jesus was not looking for sympathy for Himself, but His heart was filled with sympathy for the Jews as He foresaw the sufferings which so soon would fall on them. Likely the hearts of the men were hard and rigid, while the hearts of the women were tender toward Him.

How could Samuel say to King Saul, "Tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me," when Samuel was a righteous man and Saul a wicked ruler (1 Samuel 28:19)?

The Jews believed that all went to *sheol*—some to that part to which the righteous went, others to that part in which the wicked were confined. Jesus supported this belief in the account of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-26). The Jews also spoke of *sheol* in general terms; such as, "He was gathered unto his fathers."

Why do we need a membership roll? Are not all saved people members of the church?

All saved people are members of the Church, the Body of Christ, but the local churches need recorded memberships that their business activities may be handled according to law, and that there may be evidence of membership in calling pastors, buying or selling property, exercising discipline where it is needed, and in other choices and decisions.

What is and when will be the Babylon out of which God's people must come (Revelation 18:4)?

It seems rather clear that Revelation 17 describes a spiritual Babylon. Some believe it describes the church with its center at Rome. Others believe it refers to all false religions. Some believe the Babylon of Revelation 18 to be commercial Babylon. These Babylons work so closely together that they seem as one. They well represent idolatrous religion, a formal religion with no Christian life and character, and business Babylon which corrupt religion approves.

The command, "Come out of her, my people," is a call to separate from the spirit of false religion and also from the spirit of corrupt commercialism. We are to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, and to conduct business activities in harmony with Christian principles. Different cults have said we must come out from other organizations and join them, that all other organizations are Babylon. Let such be careful lest they build around themselves a little Babylon of their own.

It is probable that the time will come during the Great Tribulation when believers will have to separate themselves completely from all association with an apostate world. At present it is the spirit of apostate religion, with apostate principles in business, that true believers must avoid.

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).

A New Dimension in Missionary Evangelism

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK



Armando Castro, master of ceremonies

FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS A SERIES OF EVANGELISTIC telecasts has been aired in San Salvador, capital city of El Salvador, Central America. The response has been tremendous.

"I congratulate you for the messages you are giving by television every Sunday," writes viewer Miguel Montalvo. "Through these interesting transmissions I have been pre-occupied more and more about spiritual things."

Another viewer writes: "I do not omit, Brother Paul,



Television trio with Mrs. Arthur Lindvall at the piano

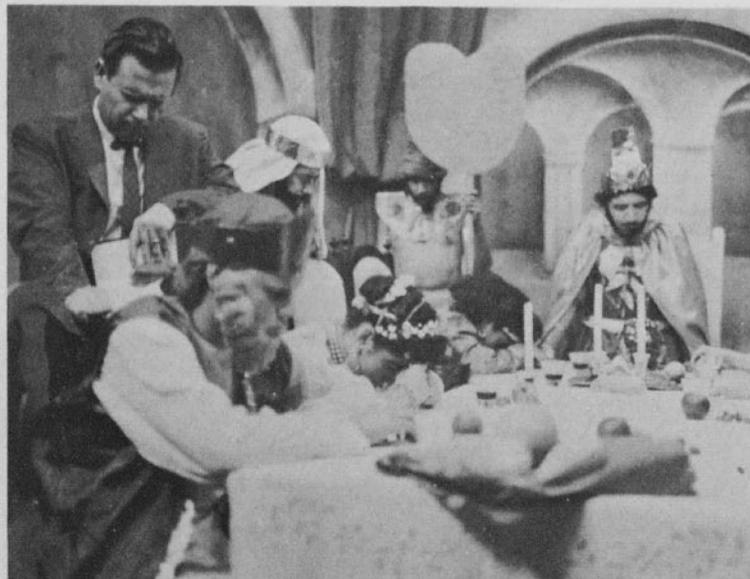
that I am Catholic; my ancestors, my grandparents, and my parents and children profess the same religion; but I am frank in telling you that I have enjoyed your explanations, so sincerely and simply given, about the Word of God. This brings me to you, not in curiosity, but in search of the truth."

"Your program is well received in my home," reports Donald Paz Monge. "It is without doubt one of the best and healthiest of the programs transmitted."

And from a Salvadoran businessman comes this comment: "I am Catholic but I enjoy hearing your program every Sunday. The truth is that any person will be converted to Christianity if he listens to you."

This unprecedented opening on station YSU-TV is an answer to prayer. Missionary Arthur Lindvall says: "Although we have eighteen Assemblies in this city of 300,000, very few of the middle and upper classes have been reached. After praying for several months, we felt impressed to secure television time and we have from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. every Sunday. The station estimates that there are 10,000 TV sets in San Salvador alone and more than 40,000 sets in the entire listening area tuned to our program each week. (The 70,000-watt transmitters, located on top of a 7,000-foot mountain, reach all of El Salvador and parts of Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.)"

Paul Finkenbinder serves as director of the program. He is assisted by his wife, the Arthur Lindvalls, and numerous national workers. It is believed by the staff that this is



Paul Finkenbinder and national workers pray before presenting the Biblical setting of Belshazzar's feast and the handwriting on the wall.



In a contemporary setting, Paul Finkenbinder explains the way of salvation to a Latin American family.

the first regular presentation of the gospel via television in Latin America. Letters come from housewives, businessmen, sergeants, city treasurers, and even ambassadors. As a result of the telecast, Brother Finkenbinder was invited for a personal conference with the ambassador from Haiti to El Salvador.

The presentations are in Biblical costume and setting, or in a contemporary setting, with national Christians participating in the dramatizations. Broth-

er Finkenbinder concludes the presentation with a strong evangelistic message which has gripped the hearts of hundreds of hungry seekers. "Hermano Pablo" has used this new dimension in missions to bring Christ to a level of Central American society heretofore untouched by the Pentecostal message. Your prayers and support of this television ministry are needed urgently.

If you should like to keep this television ministry on the air in Central America, send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: PAUL FINKENBINDER—TELEVISION PROGRAM.

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: The Paul Cunninghams are home from Mexico. Their mail should be sent to Box 456, Cuero, Texas.

GOING: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Niles have sailed for Venezuela.

Miss Ellen Marie McCormick has returned to Liberia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Good, new missionaries to Bolivia, have gone to Costa Rica for language school.

Misses Ann Symonds and Eva Davison have returned to Ghana for another term of service.

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MISSIONARIES NEEDED: A matron is needed for Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria, where our missionaries' children attend school. No teaching experience is required, but the applicant should be prepared to take full charge of a dormitory of children. The matron must work in harmony with the Hillcrest staff which is composed of teachers and staff members from five evangelical missions. A widow or single woman is preferred. Also, a **certified teacher** is needed at Hillcrest. A minimum of a B.A. and 2 years' experience is required.



National worker prepares correspondence courses for mailing. (Photo by Kenneth Weigel)

Evangelism Through the Mails

BY KENNETH WEIGEL
Missionary to South India

THROUGHOUT INDIA EACH YEAR thousands of adults are learning to read. Each one is a potential convert; many of them are earnestly seeking the Truth.

Seven thousand have enrolled in the correspondence Bible studies of the Home Study Division of Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore. Forty per cent of these students have never gone

to a church or Sunday school. Hundreds of secret inquirers are studying the courses we distribute in English and several Indian vernaculars.

The mailman gets where the missionary and the national worker are not accepted. One town has resisted efforts of evangelism of many denominations for years and was proud of its record. The mailman gets there, however, and 160 students in the local high school are enrolled in our *Life of Christ* course.

If you should like to help perpetuate this ministry of evangelism through the mails in India, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: KENNETH WEIGEL, HOME STUDY DIVISION.

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Ann Symonds



Eva Davison



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Niles



Mr. and Mrs. Leland Good and daughter

Out of the tragic story of a wasted life and a cruel murder, there are lessons we all can learn.

Who Was To Blame?

BY MRS. MOSES COPELAND

SEVERAL YEARS AGO THERE OCCURRED in and around Kansas City what has been called "the most flagrant kidnapping and murder in history." For two years, Carl Hall planned to abduct the child of a wealthy man. When at last he found a suitable accomplice, he persuaded her that it would be necessary to murder the youngster.

In the most cruel and ruthless manner they lured the small boy away from school, then murdered and buried him. From his frantic parents they extorted \$600,000 with a promise for the boy's safe return. While a horrified public learned that the brutalized body had been unearthed, Hall and his companion in sin were trying to stupefy conscience in a drunken orgy.

It was a short road from the stubble field in Kansas, where they had taken the youngster's life, to the death-house in Jefferson City, Missouri. They were scorned even by the other inmates of the penitentiary. Hardly a feeble voice was raised in their behalf, except that of the lawyer whose duty it was to defend them. To a boyhood friend, Carl Hall said, "You can't imagine, Dan, how you would feel if you... died and no one cared." Weeks later they entered the gas chamber where deadly fumes snuffed out their lives. There were few who cared.

What were the contributing factors to such a life as that of Carl Hall? It is with no feeling of superiority that we review this tragic, misspent life. (A great psychologist says that we are all potential criminals.) With the English statesman who saw a criminal en route to the gallows we say, "But for the grace of God, there go I!"

Briefly, this is Hall's story as far as crime is concerned:

Carl was a very grateful and appreciative child, polite and courteous

as a boy. Said a boyhood friend, "He was just a normal kid when we were growing up. He was a little better off than the rest of us."

Bad companions were partly to blame. The former schoolmate continued, "We weren't exactly in the same gang." Myriads of those in sin today, those who have committed crime and those who have contributed to crime, began their downward course because of the influence of wrong companions.

Home influence was partly to blame. Though financially prosperous, his father had little time for Carl. "Like as a father pitieth his children," is the metaphor used in the Psalms to compare the fatherhood of man with that of God, but many fathers do not deserve to be compared with our Heavenly Father. Carl Hall's father was too busy to give his young son much attention, and died when the boy was twelve years old.

His mother was called a "fine" woman. She took seriously her duties in the fields of politics, church, club, and society. She was intelligent and had a good business head; but as a mother she reportedly was cold blooded, hard hearted and domineering. A woman's highest work is to be a real mother to her children. The woman who puts any

work, even church work, before the eternal welfare of her children is inviting tragedy.

The influence of a godly, loving mother cannot be reckoned this side of eternity. Think of Jochebed with her Moses—of Hannah with her Samuel—and Eunice with tiny Timothy! Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, all I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother—blessings on her memory. I remember my mother's prayers. They have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

One night James Garfield, while sick in bed, heard his mother praying in the next room. Later on he said, "If my mother could rise in the dead of night and pray for my recovery from sickness, I thought my life must be worth something. I then and there resolved to prove myself worthy of my mother's prayers."

Fanny Crosby once kissed a besotted young man "for his mother" after she had spoken in the old Bowery Mission in New York City. Seven years later he came to her in Chicago and told her that her kiss had saved him.

The movies were partly to blame. The movies are a school of immorality, crime and vice. Who can say how many
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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

GEMS FROM ISAIAH

Following are verses from the Book of the prophet Isaiah. Can you complete the verses? Each dash represents one letter of a missing word.

1. "Come now, and let us _____ together, saith the Lord: though your _____ be as scarlet, they shall be _____ as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

2. "Also I heard the _____ of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I _____, and who will _____ for us? Then said I, _____ am I; _____ me" (Isaiah 6:8).

3. "The _____ that walked in _____ have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of _____, upon them hath the light _____" (Isaiah 9:2).

4. "Behold, God is my _____; I will trust and not be _____: for the Lord Jehovah is my _____ and my song; he also is become my _____" (Isaiah 12:2).

5. "He will be very _____ unto thee at the _____ of thy cry; when he shall _____ it, he will answer _____" (Isaiah 30:19).

6. "And the _____ of the Lord shall be _____, and all flesh shall _____ it together: for the _____ of the Lord hath _____ it." (Isaiah 40:5).

7. "But they that _____ upon the Lord shall _____ their _____; they shall mount up with wings as _____; they shall _____, and not be _____; and they shall _____ and not _____" (Isaiah 40:31).

8. "_____ thou not; for I am with thee: be not _____; for I am thy God: I will _____ thee; yea, I will _____ thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the _____ hand of my _____" (Isaiah 41:10).

ANSWERS

1—reason, sins, white; 2—voice, send, go, here, send; 3—people, darkness, death, shined; 4—salvation, afraid, strength, salvation; 5—gracious, voice, hear, thee; 6—glory, revealed, see, mouth, spoken; 7—wait, renew, strength, eagles, run, weary, walk, faint; 8—Fear, dismayed, strengthen, help, right, righteousness.



The Family Altar



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

Monday, November 7

Read: Acts 6:8 to 7:1

Learn: "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake" (Acts 6:10).

For the Parent: Stephen, one of the first deacons (Acts 6:1-7), was a man "full of faith and power." Have the group list the characteristics about him which are mentioned in this passage (vv. 8, 10). Usually emphasized is Stephen's faith and power. But equally important was what he said to the people and the manner in which he said it (v. 10). Because of Stephen's faithful testimony, unbelievers falsely accused him and brought him to trial before the council.

Question Time: What office did Stephen hold in the Early Church? (See above) What characteristics made him outstanding? (See above) What happened to him because of his faithful testimony for Christ? (v. 12)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. A. H. Bauer, Peru; Dale G. Brown, Ghana; Mrs. A. Giordano, Uruguay; Eva J. Radanovsky, Republic of Upper Volta; John S. Richards, South Africa; Mrs. Odell Roberts, Philippines; John O. Burnham, Alaska; Mrs. Carl Glick, Alaska.

Tuesday, November 8

ELECTION DAY

Read: Acts 7:37-53

Learn: "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye" (Acts 7:51).

For the Parent: Review yesterday's material. The scripture read today is part of Stephen's defense before the council. In it he traces God's dealings with Israel from the time of Abraham, showing God's mercy and love and Israel's constant turning away from God. He concludes by bringing it down to the days of his hearers, showing they were no better than preceding generations—they were doing exactly what their ancestors had done in refusing God and His messengers.

Question Time: What kind of defense did Stephen make before the council? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: J. Edgar Barrick, India; Mrs. G. F. Bender (superannuated), Venezuela; James E. Barnard, Liberia; Mrs. M. W. Steward, Philippines.

Wednesday, November 9

Read: Acts 7:54 to 8:4

Learn: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4).

For the Parent: Review the material

from Monday and Tuesday. Then point out: (1) the crowd's reaction to Stephen's sermon, (vv. 54, 57, 58); (2) Stephen's reaction to the prospect of martyrdom, (vv. 55, 56, 59, 60); (3) the first mention of Saul—Paul, (vv. 1, 3); (4) an unexpected—but very important—result of Stephen's martyrdom, (v. 4). Stress the Christian love and compassion Stephen had for his enemies. Also discuss briefly how God in His wisdom allows some to be martyrs while He delivers others from death.

Question Time: What did the mob do to Stephen? (vv. 54, 57, 58) What was one result of his death? (v. 4)

Missionary Birthdays: Douglas A. Pew, Hawaii; Mrs. L. P. Richards, Korea; Mrs. R. L. Schirman, British Honduras.

Thursday, November 10

Read: 1 Kings 1:1-10, 13

Learn: "But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Queen Who Sought God" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The person who really seeks for God will find Him. The Queen of Sheba is an illustration of this truth. Have the group review her journey to visit Solomon, showing: (1) her purpose in coming, (vv. 1, 2); (2) the wisdom and wealth of Solomon, (vv. 3-5); (3) her reaction to all this, (vv. 5-9); (4) her acknowledgment that God was the Source of Solomon's wealth and wisdom, (v. 9).

Question Time: Why did the Queen of Sheba come to visit Solomon? (vv. 1, 2) What was her reaction to what she found? (vv. 5-9)

Missionary Birthdays: L. Virginia Carpenter, Cuba; Maurice H. Luce, Samoa.

Friday, November 11

Read: Jeremiah 18:1-8; 2 Kings 24:11-16; 25:1-6 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass" (Ezekiel 12:25).

For the Parent: One of the great proofs that the Bible is God's Word lies in the fulfilled prophecies in it. The passages read today give God's prophecy that judgment would come upon any nation—including Israel—that refused to obey God. The passages from 2 Kings show how this prophecy was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem. Use the lesson to emphasize: (1) the Bible is God's inspired Word; and (2) destruction shall

come upon all who do not obey the Lord.

Question Time: Of what did Jeremiah prophesy in his visit in the potter's house?

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. A. M. McDermid, India.

Saturday, November 12

Read: Mark 4:35-41 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Even the wind and the sea obey him" (Mark 4:41).

For the Parent: Have the group review this familiar story. Stress from it that Jesus has all power—even over storms. Show the importance of believing God, trusting Him to take care of us. Emphasize too that if Jesus has power over the wind and the sea that He certainly can take care of all of the problems that arise in our lives. He can heal our bodies; He can save our souls.

Question Time: What problem did the disciples face on the sea? (v. 37) To whom did they take their problem? (v. 38) What did Jesus do? (v. 39) What lesson did He teach them from this? (v. 40)

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. F. G. Barker (superannuated), Peru.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Yoane Alubaki has been elected field superintendent of the Congo Assemblies of God at a time when the Christians are in need of special guidance. Pray for this national leader as he accepts these new responsibilities.

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The Indian congregation on the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation in Texas has had to discontinue its building program for lack of funds. Pray for this urgent need. Also pray for the Charley Lees at Shiprock, N. Mex., who are enlarging their church. They also need a new parsonage.

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Arrangements are being made for a new advance in Dakar, one of the largest cities in Senegal, West Africa. Pray for the William Lovicks who are transferring from Togo-Dahomey to take charge of this evangelistic effort.

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There is a need for funds to complete the San Salvador Evangelistic Center in El Salvador. Pray that this financial need will be met.



Excavation work began the day after the ground-breaking ceremony. Here four executive presbyters survey the scene: C. W. H. Scott, Bert Webb, T. F. Zimman, M. B. Netzel.



Heavy bulldozers and scoop shovels dig deeply into the rocky clay soil to make room for footings and basement.



Excavators were slowed down by solid limestone rock which required many days of blasting.



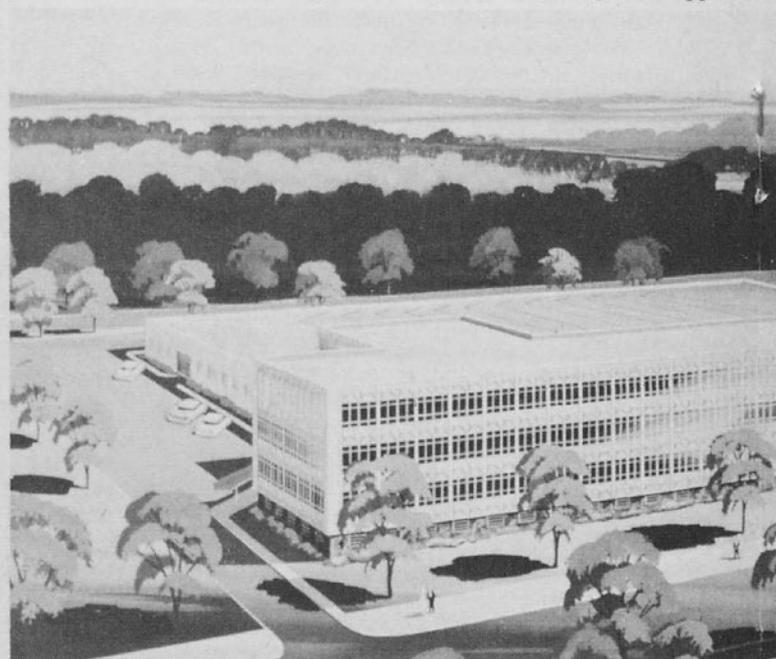
A fleet of trucks hauled the dirt away and within a few days the concrete mixers had moved in to pour footings.

RAPID PROGRESS ON NEW ADMINIST

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—The new administration building which will house the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God is taking shape rapidly. The contract calls for the building to be completed by August 1961.

Construction of the new facilities was made necessary by the steady growth of the denomination. At present the offices of the various national departments are located in two separate buildings, several blocks away from the printing and shipping facilities of the Gospel Publishing House. The new office building will adjoin the publishing house bringing all opera-

Architect's drawing shows how the building will appear w



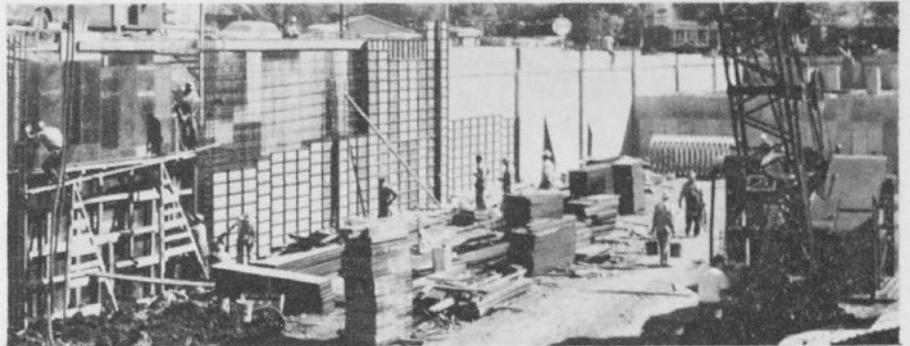
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ra- tions into one location and resulting in greater effi-
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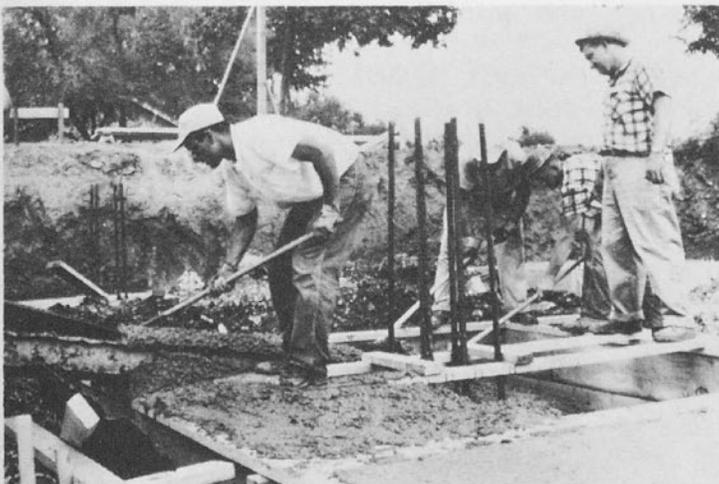
The four-story building—360 feet long and 105 feet
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At of interest-bearing bonds (see advertisement on this
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cks to: M. B. Netzel, General Treasurer, 434 West
the Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.



The architect and the contractor, seen at left, carefully checked each step of the construction work.



The wooden forms into which the reinforced concrete walls were poured were made of prefab sections bolted together.



Heavy steel rods were set in concrete bases to reinforce all of the weight-bearing pillars.

near when finished. (Gospel Publishing House adjoins at rear.)



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CHRIST and the COMMUNISTS



Red Square and Lenin's tomb in Moscow

NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV, SELF-avowed head of world communism, recently said:

"If there is a God, and if he has any power, he would destroy the capitalists!"

In attributing to God such murderous intent toward a large segment of humanity the "butcher of Budapest" is very little worse than some religious people we have known to say, "Why doesn't God destroy those atheistic Communists?"

The truth is that God doesn't want to destroy anyone. He takes no pleasure in "liquidating" people *a la* Soviet style but rather delights in showing mercy to sinful men.

I heard of a lecturing infidel who made the challenge: "If there is a God, I challenge him to strike me down!" He set a time limit, took out his watch, and waited until the time was up. Of course, nothing happened to him just then; but after his harangue a husky individual elbowed his way to the speaker's rostrum and confronted the infidel.

"Mister," he said, "the Almighty does not think it worth His while personally to strike you down, but His servant will do it in His name." And with that he struck the lecturer. If his blow punctured the skeptic's braggadocio, perhaps it did some good, but it hardly reflected the spirit of Christ. For He taught by precept and example that the way to overcome evil is not by resisting it but by returning meekness for wrath, humility for pride, and love for cruelty.

Why do people find it so difficult to understand that the Lord would rather save men than damn them? Jesus said He came not to condemn the world,

but that the world through Him might be saved. God does not destroy people. They destroy themselves. "He that believeth not," Christ said, "shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). In other words, men ask for wrath when they deliberately yield to doubt and unbelief. By faith they could ask for redemption and remission of sins, for the Master also said, "He that believeth shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

God would rather lift up a sinner than strike Him down. The Lord prefers to give eternal life to people rather than condemn them to physical or eternal death. We must concede to Mr. Khrushchev that some individual capitalists may deserve to be destroyed, but God would rather redeem them. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11).

In the same verse, the Lord adds this appeal to all sinners, whether they be capitalists or Communists: "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"

The Lord invites all to be saved and gives ample opportunity. He puts up with much mischief. He might not otherwise tolerate were it not for the fact that immediate retribution would terminate men's opportunity for redemption. God is "longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). He persists in showing patience so that sinners may be saved.

Jesus Christ died for the Communists. He died for capitalists, too. He died for all sinners and His atonement is sufficient to save them. The apostle Paul said, "Christ Jesus came into the

world to save sinners," and he added, "of whom I am chief." The trouble is that many people are not willing to make that admission that Paul made.

George Whitefield, the famous evangelist of colonial days, had a brother who wandered far down the broad road that leads to spiritual destruction. This ungodly man finally agreed to attend a meeting where his brother George was scheduled to speak, and when he listened to the sermon his conscience was awakened. But he declined the invitation to embrace Christ at this time.

The next day this man was eating with several companions when he began to brood over his condition. "I'm a lost man," he moaned.

Sitting opposite him was Lady Huntingdon. She heard him mutter something and she asked, "What was that you said, Mr. Whitefield?"

"I said I am a lost man."

"I'm glad of that!" she replied.

"Your ladyship, how can you say such a thing? It's positively cruel to say you are glad I'm lost."

"Oh," the noblewoman explained, "I'm not glad you're lost, but I'm glad you *know* you are lost!"

Whitefield glared at Lady Huntingdon as though she were a barbarian. His bewilderment prompted her to say, in a kindly tone, "I'm very glad you said you are lost, because it is written in the Bible that 'the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.'"

"What's that?" demanded Whitefield, his expression softening.

The lady repeated the quotation. Tears came to Whitefield's eyes and he exclaimed, "Oh, what a precious scripture. I never before had a verse

strike me with such force. I thank God for it. It means He will save *me*. I will trust myself to Him, and pray that He will forgive my sins."

He will forgive *anyone's* sins. He will forgive *your* sins. The question is, *Will you ask Him to do so?* You will be saved this day and this very hour if you will admit you are a sinner and accept Christ as your Saviour. For the Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). ◀◀

God's Mysterious Way

BY WALTER T. HANSON
Director of Men's Fellowship
Northern California-Nevada District

FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING the airplane crash which left me with a broken back, I was hospitalized in a little town in West Virginia. As I lay in agonizing pain I asked God why this happened to me when I was on business for Him. I just could not understand.

But Mrs. Martha White, one of the nurses, said, "God sent you here."

Martha was the first nurse to care for me after I entered the hospital. From her conversation I presumed that she was a Christian. However, just three days before I was released from the hospital her mother visited me. She told me that Martha had known the Lord as a child, at twelve had received a call to be a missionary in Africa, had been C. A. president in her church, and was active in other departments as well. Then she had backslidden.

The mother looked at me very intently and said, "Mr. Hanson, Martha has great respect for you. I feel that you can lead her back to the Lord. I have prayed so earnestly for her, but so far no one has been able to reach her."

Could it be that God had permitted this accident that I might reach Martha? I felt that this narrow escape from the very jaws of death would be worthwhile if one soul could be rescued and saved. Yes, God will go to great lengths to save one soul who has lost her way. So I prayed for God's direction. ◀◀

I saw little of Martha for the next two days, so I sent word asking her to come to my room. She came just before going off duty.

"Martha," I said, "you have ministered so faithfully to me for these past weeks when I so desperately needed the help which you could give me, but now I feel it is my turn to minister to you. How is it with your soul?"

Her eyes filled with tears, and she replied, "I know God sent you here, Mr. Hanson. The very first time I came to your door I sensed the presence of Almighty God, and I felt almost as though I was walking on holy ground as I approached your bedside. The Spirit of God spoke to me that day and told me this was His day for me."

At this point we were interrupted by other visitors so Martha excused herself and left. She went home where the Holy Spirit continued to strive with her. After dinner she told her husband she had to return to the hospital. She had not done this before and so he questioned her as to why she had to return. She replied, "I just have to go back and talk with Mr. Hanson."

The moment I saw her my heart rejoiced, for I knew God had brought her back to care for the unfinished business. For one hour she poured out her heart to me. As a young person in the church she had done everything she could for her Master, but she was criticized and misunderstood. Finally she became discouraged and little by little turned to the things of the world until she was backslidden completely.

After she had unburdened her heart, I said, "Martha, let us pray. Your Lord, who loves you more than you can ever know, is anxiously waiting to take you back into His fold." As she prayed and earnestly sought the Lord for forgiveness the room lighted up with the glory of the presence of the Lord. That night Martha not only found the Lord again as her Saviour, but she also re-dedicated her life to Him for service in Africa.

"Oh, how I thank God that He sent you here, Mr. Hanson," she said, "for no one else could have helped me. How happy I am for the peace of God in my heart once more. How miserable I have been." She arose from her knees with her face aglow with the light of heaven.

Yes, God works in mysterious ways to return the lost ones to His fold again. ◀◀



HE IS THINKING
OF YOU...
ARE YOU THINKING
OF HIM?

An aged minister receives his monthly AMA check in the mail. In gratitude he bows his head.

"Thank you, Father, for kind friends—for all those who give to AMA."

His check is very small, and in many instances it is the only income he has. But his letters of appreciation do not mention the inadequacy of the check—only his sincere gratitude for being remembered.

Will you remember him on November 20? Your church will take an offering then for

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These Are the Offerings That Keep Revivaltime on the Air

BY LOIS HOKANSON

SLIGHTLY TIRED AND DUSTY FROM mowing lawns, Stanley Horton, Jr., pressed two dollars into his father's hand. "Here," he said, inspired by the post card he had read telling of *Revivaltime's* financial straits, "*Revivaltime* needs this more than I do."

This was not the first time Stanley, the thirteen-year-old son of Stanley Horton, instructor at Central Bible Institute, had given to *Revivaltime*. But this gift inspired his father to add ten dollars more.

"Stanley would attend the studio

broadcast service every Sunday, if he could," Brother Horton commented. "He is very much interested in *Revivaltime*. He likes to sit on the front row and watch everything that is going on."

For spending money, young Stanley cares for the neighbors' lawns, especially during the summertime when many of the neighboring instructors at CBI are gone. It was money saved from mowing lawns which he donated to *Revivaltime*.

Offerings of this nature are often received, and it is these offerings that keep *Revivaltime* on the air. When young teen-agers give up their spending money, or when elderly persons contribute from their puny pensions, the full-gospel message goes out across the air waves, reaching the hearts of hungry souls everywhere.

Heart-warming and often touching stories accompany some offerings sent to the Radio Department. It is a humbling experience to read of persons sending their last dollar, doing without a necessity, or contributing freely from a meager income so that the story of Christ may be heard.

A Muskegon, Michigan, woman wrote that she had been unable to give to *Revivaltime* this year. However, she prayed, and God gave her a job picking blueberries for three weeks. She sent five dollars to help spread the full gospel.

From Elverson, Pennsylvania, a 76-year-old woman sent twenty dollars to *Revivaltime*. Her regular monthly offering is fifteen dollars, and five dol-

lars was a special gift. This wonderful Christian lady receives only a small monthly pension.

Some months ago a woman in Evansville, Indiana, sent two dollars to *Revivaltime*. Her daughter-in-law had given her the money to buy a new coat. "I haven't had a coat for about eight years," she wrote, "but I would rather send you some money than to have a new coat." (There is a post script to this story of sacrifice. Hearing of this offering, a gentleman voluntarily sent the lady money for a new coat. This certainly proves that we cannot out-give God.)

Another lady in Conway, Missouri, enjoys reading a certain weekly news-magazine. However, as she was preparing to send in her renewal subscription, the Lord spoke to her heart and suggested that she send the money to the broadcast instead. "I tore up the old check and made out a new one," she wrote. "I do enjoy my magazine, but I love the Lord's work much better."

"We are denying ourselves many things," a businessman in Moran, Michigan, wrote, "but we do it cheerfully for Jesus' sake. We are greatly concerned about the great deficit in your treasury. Here is a \$200 check to help out."

When young and old, well-off and poor, contribute freely to God's work, that work—and their own souls—will prosper. We thank God for the many friends who give and pray for *Revivaltime*.

Remember, it takes hundreds of devoted Christian friends to keep this broadcast on the air. Each dedicated dollar reaches 1,200 people; five dollars reaches 6,000; and twenty-five dollars reaches 30,000 through *Revivaltime's* ministry. An investment in *Revivaltime* is an investment in eternity. Send your letters and gifts to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

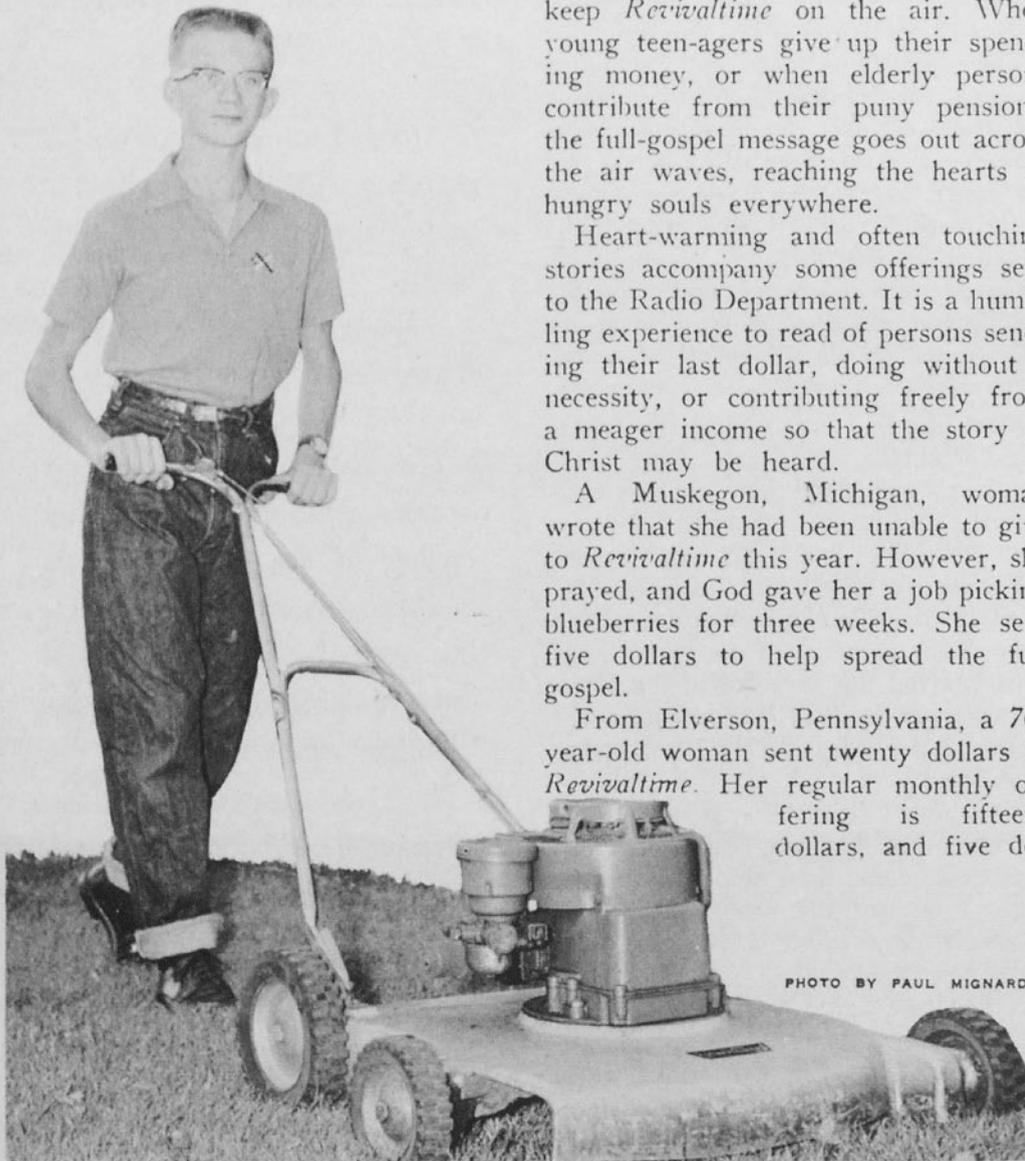


PHOTO BY PAUL MIGNARD



REVIVALTIME, LUNCHEON

The WMC's of Indiana, led by their president, Mrs. Zella Anthony, gave a *Revivaltime* luncheon on the closing day of camp, in honor

of C. M. Ward, who was the camp evangelist. The tables in the dining room were attractively decorated with miniature flashing radio towers, and a short program similar to

the *Revivaltime* broadcast was presented. Later in the afternoon rally, a pledge of \$1300 was made toward releasing *Revivaltime* in Nigeria.

Who Was To Blame?

(Continued from page fourteen)

youngsters in their formative years have received impressions of crime and vice as they sat in a darkened theatre, before a television screen, or with a "comic" book in hand—impressions that lay dormant deep in the subconscious mind for years and years and then rose up and took control to bear bitter fruit in later life as they did in the life of Hall? A nine-year-old boy, apprehended for picking vault combinations, said to police, "I learned how to do it by watching them do it on television."

Drink was partly to blame. It is a grave indictment against the moral precautions that surround our armed forces to state that Hall began drinking while in the service of his country. The liquor institutions must accept their share of the blame for this criminal as well as for many other unfortunate ones that they have influenced toward the downward path.

Intoxicating liquors have come a long way from the saloon of olden days to the refrigerator and table of the "respectable home." Our nation is becoming liquor soaked.

Though Hall was not drunk at the exact time he committed the crime, he and his accomplice prepared themselves for the revolting job by drinking. Said his defense, "I think you know that liquor will deaden your senses just as anesthesia will do to a person about to undergo an operation." Said Hall to his childhood friend, "I am a horrible

example of what liquor will do." Upon being admitted to the Missouri State Penitentiary, from which he did not return alive, Hall remarked, "Lots of people are in here because of liquor. They usually learn too late."

No one reached him with the message of the Saviour who is able to change lives. At one time Hall wanted to reform. He made an "honest effort to go straight." He stopped drinking and began to apply himself to his job. In writing to his mother, he confided his high resolves to her. But he did not go straight. He had not reckoned with the power of sin. What a sin-bound youth needs is not reform, but conversion. The Bible says, "As many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Men are not saved from the power of sin and habit by high resolves, but by the precious blood of Christ. "For without the shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

Christian people who failed to offer the Saviour to Carl Hall come in for their share of the blame for his tragic life. He died according to law. In the grey limestone building that houses the gas chamber in Jefferson City, he and his companion in immorality and crime paid with their lives for the life they took. At the end of every life, whether it be the life of a "morally good" sin-

ner, a brazen criminal, or any of the shades and varieties between, will come that reckoning with the Great Judge who is above all. Carl Hall said to his childhood friend, now a minister, "You took one road and I took the other."

Those who contributed to his choice of the wrong road will be judged when the books of the works of men are opened at the judgment.

And, at another judgment—that of Christ,—Christians, who did not try to reach him and thousands like him, will be judged for their sins of omission.

How great will be *our* blame for the tragedy of misspent lives about us?

HEALED OF GOITER

I was saved on the last day of January of this year, and two weeks later I was healed of a goiter that had been choking and weakening me for a period of five years.

When our pastor in a church service, invited those who desired healing to step forward, I did so. He anointed and prayed for me. Three ladies also laid hands on me and prayed. As they were praying I swallowed and from that time to this I have not been bothered by the goiter.—Mrs. Alpha Ferne Merrick, Paris, Illinois.

(This testimony is verified by Fred Hendrickson, pastor of the Airst Assembly of God in Paris, Ill.)

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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **ROCKFORD, ILL.**—Evangelist Paul Cantelon was greatly used of the Lord here at First Assembly in a summertime crusade. His special talent with oil paintings drew many to the services, and his anointed preaching kept the folk coming back night after night.
—*E. A. Manley, Pastor*

► **ST. LOUIS, MO.**—The spiritual tide was high from the very beginning of a successful four-week revival at Faith Temple under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas B. Don Carlos. Eight were saved, eight baptized in the Holy Spirit, and there were miracles of healings. The anointed preaching, singing, and ministry in chalk drawing proved a great blessing to the church and drew new people.
—*J. A. Brooks, Pastor*

► **NICEVILLE, FLA.**—Approximately 300 registered at a recent Kids Crusade at First Assembly under the ministry of William W. Greene of Athens, Ga. On one Friday night close to 200 boys and girls under 14 years of age were present. It was a thrill to see so many boys and girls praying and receiving a real experience with God. Adults also enjoyed the services. On the Sunday following the crusade there were 236 in attendance at Sunday school.
—*H. Syvelle Phillips, Pastor*

► **MOULTRIE, GA.**—There were marvelous results at First Assembly during the third revival conducted here by Evangelist Johnny Barton of Madison, Ill. In the five weeks of meetings, 76 were saved and 53 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was edified.
—*L. W. Comer, Pastor*

► **BILLINGS, MONT.**—Park Hill Assembly was the scene of a very successful Kids Crusade recently with Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Jackson of Tulsa, Okla. Attendance increased daily. On Decision Day, 42 boys and girls responded to the invitation to accept the Lord as their own personal Saviour. Several new members have been added to the Sunday school as a result of the Crusade. The evening evangelistic services were also a source of a great blessing to the church.
—*Wm. J. Sanders, Pastor*

► **DES MOINES, IOWA**—Revival fires continue to burn following a nine-week revival at Southside Assembly with Evangelist Lloyd Huffey of Adrian, Mo. Some 65 were saved or reclaimed and 11 filled with the Holy Spirit. Several whole families were brought into the church, and many healings took place during the services—among them, that of a lady who had had to use crutches for over a year. When she received her healing, she left the crutches at the altar—where they still remain. Ulcers, varicose conditions, and growths also disappeared in

answer to prayer. Several were prayed for at home and then came to the services as a testimony of God's healing power. Some 27 were baptized in water and the Sunday school attendance hit a new high of 144.

—*Stanford F. Raleigh, Pastor*

► **ANUTT, MO.**—A wonderful two-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly here with Evangelists Thomas and Dean Heady, Jr. On the Sunday night preceding the revival four young people were saved. During the meetings eight persons came for salvation and three or four were filled with the Holy Spirit. God moved in a very gracious way.

—*Mary Warren and Mary Marsh, Pastors*

► **CHAPPELL, NEBR.**—Two revivals this past year have thrilled the Assembly of God here. These meetings were under the leadership of Evangelists Harry Hampel and Joseph De Grado, both of whom have recently returned from a successful overseas ministry. The altars were filled with souls seeking God. Many were healed of cancer, deafness, blindness, ulcers, and numerous other afflictions.
—*Floyd Garrett, Pastor*

► **TULSA, OKLA.**—The congregation from the Old Camp Meeting Tabernacle here enjoyed an old-fashioned brush arbor revival under the ministry of Evangelist Cecil Welsh of Kansas City, Mo. During this three-week revival, ten were saved and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist raised \$6,000 in cash and pledges for the new building program. The church is only one and a half years old.

—*Bob Alsop, Pastor*

► **TEXARKANA, TEX.**—Oaklawn Assembly of God was privileged to have the ministry of Evangelists Leon Bayless and David Drake during a very successful revival here. The hearts of the people were stirred as some 15 or more made their way to the altar for salvation. One man who had been a backslider for 29 years gave himself anew to God and was baptized in water at the close of the revival.

—*V. D. Dial, Pastor*

► **DETROIT LAKES, MINN.**—The Assembly here reports a very fine meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. William Andrews of Forks, Wash. Two were saved the very first night and there was a real meeting with God in the after services each night. Though the meeting was scheduled for two weeks, it was extended another two weeks as twelve people indicated a desire to accept Christ as personal Saviour. Several testified to definite healings. As a result of the meetings, many of the believers received a renewed vision of the need of witnessing and winning souls to Christ.

—*Claude Bratvold, Pastor*

► **DENVER CITY, TEX.**—One of the greatest revivals in the history of the Assembly here has just been concluded by Evangelist Quentin Edwards and his brother Dwight. At least 30 people were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. The ministry in Word and song was deeply appreciated. Some 300 visitors attended this two-week revival.
—*W. C. Wade, Pastor*

► **FORT TOWSON, OKLA.**—A wonderful two-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly here by Evangelist and Mrs. Al Davis of Oklahoma City. There were 14 saved and five filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival was well attended both by believers and outsiders. God be praised for this moving of the Holy Spirit.

—*A. O. Simmons, Pastor*

► **DUNCAN, OKLA.**—First Assembly here has just closed a fine revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles T. Crabtree of Bangor, Me. Eleven took their stand for Christ and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Those attending the services were thrilled nightly by the inspirational music and singing.
—*Armon Newburn, Pastor*

► **AKRON, OHIO**—God blessed from the very first service of a two-week revival just concluded at Cottage Grove Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist James Tucker of Medina, Ohio. There were seven saved and a good number received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit-anointed messages met the spiritual need of many.

—*E. D. Speich, Pastor*

► **CLEBURNE, TEX.**—The folk at Bethel Temple were spiritually refreshed in a one-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke of Dallas, Tex. who had recently returned from a great revival in Honduras. Several were saved during this meeting, and the entire church was blessed. God has met His people in a very precious way since the first of the year. At least 25 persons have received the Holy Spirit and several have been saved. Thomas A. Brazier is our pastor.

—*Lorraine Porter, Sec.-Treas.*

► **ROCKFORD, ILL.**—God's presence was mightily manifested from the very opening service of a united tent crusade held in this city with the Morris Cerullo Evangelistic Team. Many testified to healings. Short legs were lengthened, ear and eye afflictions were healed, and folk were delivered from many other illnesses. Several were converted and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. A beautiful spirit of harmony existed among the ten sponsoring pastors and their congregations. It was a time of much blessing and happy fellowship.

—*E. A. Manley, Pastor*

► **HARRISBURG, ARK.**—A three-week revival has just been concluded here at First Assembly with D. J. Martin of Arlington, Tex. as evangelist. Four were saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit, and a great number healed. Believers were brought closer to the Lord. —*Ernest A. Sharpe, Pastor*

► **WINFIELD, MO.**—Calvary Assembly was recently blessed with a wonderful revival conducted here by Evangelist Cecil Welch of Licking, Mo. Twenty-four were saved, and some wonderful healings were reported. In spite of unfavorable weather there were great crowds during these services. —*A. D. Wright, Pastor*

► **EL PASO, TEX.**—A very successful one-week revival was held recently in Valley Assembly with Evangelist Carl Walker, Jr. of Springfield, Mo. Several were saved and the church was greatly blessed. The chalk drawings were appreciated by all. —*Wesley J. Lange, Pastor*

► **BRISCOE, TEX.**—Evangelist G. B. Albritton of Fort Worth, Tex. held a good revival at the Assembly here. Some were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and five were baptized in water. The church was greatly uplifted and encouraged to go forward for God. —*Dora Lane, Pastor*

► **POLAND MINES, PA.**—The presence of God was very real in every service of a two-week revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham. Several came forward for salvation and a number reported definite healings. The anointed preaching, together with the special singing, proved a great blessing to the church. Folk came from a great distance to enjoy the meetings. —*Charles Morris, Pastor*

► **McALESTER, OKLA.**—The Assembly is praising God for the wonderful manifestation of His power during meetings just concluded here by Evangelist Eddie Wilson of Merrit Island, Fla. There were 13 definite conversions, eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several testified to divine healing. Many were blessed by the fine, outstanding ministry of Brother Wilson. During the revival 24 were baptized in water and several affiliated themselves with the local Assembly. —*Alton Parker, Pastor*

► **CHADRON, NEBR.**—The Assembly is enjoying a wonderful revival spirit since the closing of a three and one-half-week tent revival here. The services, under the ministry of Evangelist Orrin Kingsriter and family, were richly blessed of God with excellent outside interest. A good number knelt at the altar for salvation and others testified of outstanding healings. —*Gerald Spain, Pastor*

► **TULSA, OKLA.**—At least 12 were saved and six filled with the Holy Spirit during a recent two-week revival at Capitol Hill Assembly conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. C. E. Richards, of Collinsville, Okla. Though not slated as a "youth revival" this was one of the greatest moves among the young people. The anointed ministry of the evangelists both in Word and song was a great blessing to the church. —*M. D. Hartz, Pastor*

► **PORTLAND, OREG.**—For years Evangel Temple has prayed for a Bible visitation of Pentecost and our prayers were answered during the meetings with Evangelist Clifton Erickson. The power of God was felt so mightily that many were convicted of their sins and gloriously converted. Perhaps the greatest part of the revival was the move of God among the teen-agers. After many of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, they sought the unsaved teen-agers, led them to Christ, and they in turn received the Holy Spirit. Extra chairs were necessary to accommodate the crowds. Hundreds of sick people were prayed for and healings took place. This was truly God's time for revival at Evangel Temple. —*Joseph Dunets, Pastor*

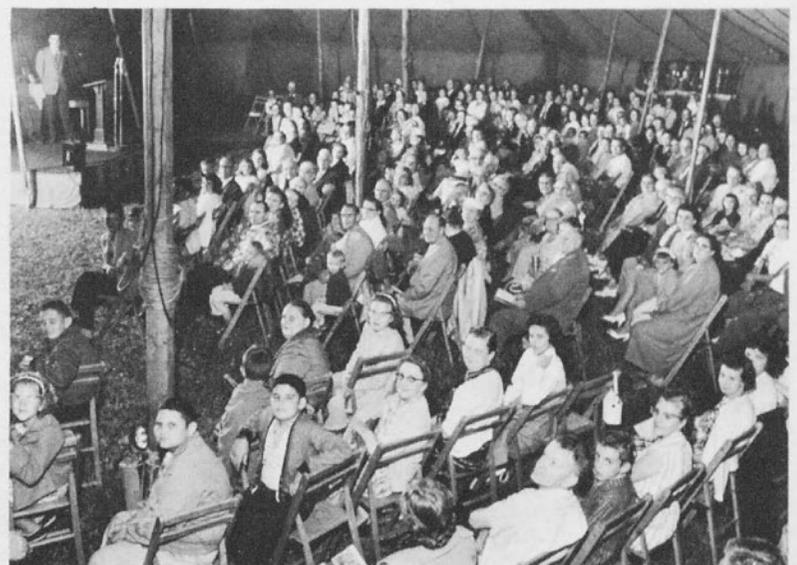
► **JACKSON, MICH.**—Evangelistic Center recently sponsored a two-week tent revival with the Basell Evangelistic Party of Altoona, Pa. God's blessing rested upon the meetings from the very beginning. There were people at the altar seeking the Lord for salvation in every service. Of the 35 saved, most of them were young people. However, the church also rejoiced in the salvation of older folk including an 85-year-old man who had been a nominal church member for several years. A baptismal service was held shortly after the meetings closed. Various healings were reported and

four believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Financial needs were met in a remarkable way. The campaign was climaxed at the tent by a fellowship rally of representative churches of the Pentecostal Ministerial Association of Jackson County one Monday evening. —*Everett E. Jones, Pastor*

► **MILES CITY, MONT.**—The Assembly here just recently concluded a revival with Evangelist Peggy Bolan of Edmonds, Wash. A great number were reached through her ministry whom we had never contacted before. Several came to the altar for salvation and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several other meetings throughout the year have been a special blessing to the church. Evangelist Victor Etienne had an especially good ministry among the children. Earlier, a meeting with Evangelist Marvin Moe of Wash. was particularly blessed of God. The congregation appreciated his sound and spiritual ministry. A sister who had been afflicted for many years with cancer was definitely healed, and today, after a number of months, she is pronounced free of cancer by her doctor. In the past year the church and Sunday school has grown and there has been a decided increase financially. —*Hubert C. Robinson, Pastor*

► **WILLIAMSPORT, PA.**—Evangelists Albert and Tommy Reid, who had recently returned from the Philippines, were used of God in a wonderful three-week tent revival here. Many were saved and a number of miracles took place. The outstanding case was that of a lady 61 years of age who had had polio since he was six months old. After prayer God caused her left arm to lengthen about two inches, so that she could lift it above her head. She was gloriously converted and delivered also of a growth on the back of her neck. Four Assemblies co-operated in the effort and we thank God for the tremendous help it has brought to our churches in this area. One night a number of young men and women dedicated their lives for missionary service. —*Theo. B. Terry, Pastor*

► **DUNN, N. C.**—This past summer (before the pastor resigned to join the staff of Evangel College) Glad Tidings church enjoyed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. The church auditorium was



Portions of the crowds attending the Basell evangelistic meetings in Jackson, Mich. (at left) and the Reid revival meetings (at right) in Williamsport, Pa.

filled every night and first-time visitors totaled 335. A decisive victory was won in the Sunday school over "Mr. Summer Slump." An all-time record was broken with 411 in attendance. Out of the many who expressed a desire for salvation there were 33 definite conversions. —*W. E. McTeer*

► **SHAWANO, WIS.**—The Assembly here enjoyed two successful weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Berg of Sioux Falls, South Dak. At least twelve came forward for salvation and fifteen received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The music and the timely and forceful preaching were a blessing. A return meeting has been planned. —*Howard Flaherty, Pastor*

► **TORRANCE, CALIF.**—Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher of Los Angeles were the evangelists at a wonderful revival just concluded at Walteria Assembly. The prophetic messages were a real blessing to all. Attendance was good, and the entire church was stirred to seek a closer walk with God. —*O. W. Fish, Pastor*

► **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.**—Glad Tidings Temple has experienced one of its greatest spiritual moves in many years during a recent revival meeting with Evangelist Warren Litzman of Texas. Seventy-five came forward for salvation and 62 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. —*Floyd W. Thomas, Pastor*

► **RICHMOND HILL, QUEENS, N. Y.**—The Pentecost Crusade was a time of blessing here in Bethlehem Church. Evangelist Martin Baxter from Medina, Ohio, ministered under a mighty anointing, and God blessed this one-week crusade. Souls were saved, backsliders returned to the Lord, sixteen were baptized in the Holy Spirit and five were refilled. The church is rejoicing because twenty-three new members were added. —*William J. Behr, Pastor*

► **GREENBRIAR, TENN.**—Zion's Chapel recently held two successful weeks of revival with Evangelist-artist Carl Walker, Jr., accompanied by his wife and daughter. There was one decision for Christ. Many came night after night seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit and continued tarrying until late in the evening. There were new visitors in practically every service of the revival. The Sunday school attendance increased by twenty over the previous month. Many sick were prayed for and testified to complete healings. It is felt that the results of this revival will be lasting. —*Ray R. Jenkins, Pastor*

ANNOUNCEMENT

4TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Nov. 4-6 at Assembly of God, Newcastle, Wyo. Wesley Hurst and Harold Carlblom, speakers.—by Howard Cummings, pastor.

ANNUAL TRI-STATE RALLY—Nov. 11 at Gospel Tabernacle, 13th St. near Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Services at 3 and 7:30 p.m. J. Robert Ashcroft, speaker. C. A. service at 6:30 p.m.—by Andrew S. Teuber, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

IRWIN U. SALZMAN, 81, of San Pedro, Calif., went to his eternal reward on September 9 after suffering an attack of bronchial pneumonia. He was ordained in 1938 by the Oklahoma District. He pastored in Nowata, Okla., for many years

and then served as assistant pastor in San Pedro First Assembly until recently.

JOHN WESLEY CHURCH, 73, of Lexington, Nebraska, passed away on September 26 after having been in ill health for several years. In 1940 he was ordained by the Nebraska District where he fulfilled most of his ministry.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Fayetteville	First	Nov. 8-20	Harold "Bo" Daniel	Wayne Danner
	Hope	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 6—	J. W. & Mrs. Walker	W. C. Land
Calif.	Bakersfield	First	Nov. 13-20	Harry E. Fisher	Dwight McLaughlin
	Banning	First	Nov. 8—	Roy & Mrs. Lee	James F. Walls
	Corona	Home Gardens	Nov. 8-20	J. G. Hall & Family	Leonard Hicks
	Kingsburg	Full Gospel	Nov. 1-13	John C. Poteet	A. B. Goossen
	Lincoln	Full Gospel	Oct. 30-Nov. 13	Lloyd Christiansen	Carl W. Oney
	National City	A/G	Nov. 6—	Benny H. & Mrs. Sapp	James R. Daily
	N. Long Beach	N. LB South St.	Oct. 30-Nov. 6	Harry E. Fisher	Allan Snider
	Oakland	First	Nov. 8-20	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Paul Schoch
	Oildale	A/G	Nov. 9-22	Orrin & Ann Kingsriter	George Brown
	Oroville	First	Nov. 9-20	Robert Watters	Charles R. Shuss
	Paramount	First	Nov. 13—	Glen Shinn	Ted S. Singleton
	Rio Dell	First	Nov. 8-20	Oren Paris	Eslie L. Snyder
	Roseville	First	Nov. 8-20	Ron Prizing	Robert Pirtle
	Santa Barbara	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 13	Sara E. Sharp	Charles O. Green
	Stockton	Faith	Oct. 25—	Roy & Mrs. Lee	M. J. Buttram
	Whittier	First	Nov. 13-27	Watson Argue	John C. Tinsman
Colo.	Pueblo	First	Nov. 8-20	Musical Lebsacks	Clyde King
Fla.	Bonifay	Carmel	Nov. 6-20	Douglas Bartlett	James Raley
	Grand Ridge	A/G	Nov. 6-20	Fisher-Cheek Team	A. E. Hall
Idaho	Nampa	First	Nov. 6-20	M. G. Fortner	Warren D. Combs
Ill.	Alton	Edwards St.	Nov. 9—	Donnell-Holler Team	Lloyd Shoemaker
	Atlanta	A/G	Oct. 30—	Earley-McCulloch Team	E. C. Cunningham
	Chicago	Belmont Gospel	Nov. 8-20	Walter D. Lascelle	Arthur Klaus
	Chicago	Mont Clare Gospel	Nov. 8-20	Garfield J. Unruh	M. J. Gebhart
	E. St. Louis	Fifty-seventh St.	Oct. 30—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Otis Runyon
	Hartford	A/G	Nov. 1-20	Bob McCutchen	Roy B. Warner
	Pana	First	Oct. 25-Nov. 6	Cox-Brown Team	Ethel B. Arnold
	Sorento	First	Nov. 6-20	Carl Walker, Jr.	LaVern Golbricht
Kans.	Ft. Scott	A/G	Nov. 9-20	Jim Collins	W. C. Crowder
Md.	Hancock	Full Gospel	Oct. 30-Nov. 20	Peiffer-Harden Team	Alvin Kyle
Mass.	Brockton	A/G	Nov. 9-20	Joel Palmer	A. T. Thomassen
	Springfield	Bethany	Nov. 9-13	John French	David Flower
Mich.	Charlevoix	A/G	Nov. 8-20	C. S. Tubby	T. B. Thodeson
	Wayne	A/G	Nov. 8-20	J. B. & Gene Davis Tm.	E. W. Raimer
Minn.	Mountain Lake	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 9	Louis & Mrs. Roggow	Julius O. Olson
Mo.	Elmer	A/G	Oct. 23—	Mildred M. Baker	C. O. Templeton
	Kansas City	Evangel Temple	Nov. 13—	Gene Martin	A. A. Wilson
Nebr.	Omaha	Glad Tidings	Nov. 6-20	Musical Mathans	L. E. King
N. H.	Manchester	First	Nov. 8—	John French	R. V. Fredrikson
N. J.	Perth Amboy	Glad Tidings	Nov. 1—	L. K. Dodge	David Garlock
	Vineland	Full Gospel	Nov. 9-20	William H. Kautz	Fred C. Packer
N. Mex.	Farmington	Faith Tab.	Nov. 6-20	James T. Burkett	Melvin Sasse
N. Y.	Adams	A/G	Nov. 10-13	Bob & Virginia Bradley	Kenneth Choflet
N. Dak.	Williston	A/G	Nov. 13-27	Bonetta C. Rabe	Charles Jackson
Okla.	Collinsville	A/G	Nov. 8-20	Billy D. Guthrie	Clifford Miller
	Oklahoma City	Southside Faith	Nov. 9-20	Frank & Mrs. Martin	W. A. McCann
	Oklahoma City	South West	Nov. 7—	Charles L. Ogdon	Harvard H. Palmer
	Sapulpa	First	Nov. 6-20	Bob Swaim	Claude Maples
	Sulphur	First	Nov. 6-13	Dan Jackson	Bob Campbell
Pa.	Johnstown	Grace Pent.	Nov. 8-27	Jack & Clara Peters	Ed Opdenhoff
	Newport	A/G	Nov. 1-13	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Henry L. Shaffer
	Peckville	First Pent. Tab.	Nov. 13-27	William Farrand	Samuel G. Clutter
	Shamokin	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 9-20	Earl & Mrs. Douglas	Peter Bedzyk
S. C.	Columbia	Mt. Olive	Nov. 8-13	John Eller	J. A. Davis
Tenn.	Ripley	Central	Nov. 6-13	Cayle Erwin	Gaylon Echols
Tex.	Dallas	First	Nov. 6-13	Louise Nankivell	E. E. Krogstad
	Duncanville	First	Nov. 8-20	Jesse K. Moon	H. S. Cowart
	Wichita Falls	Beverly Drive	Nov. 7-20	Leon Bayless	Elwyn Lewis
Wash.	Othello	A/G	Nov. 6-20	James Plumb	Oscar Lindseth
	Seattle	Beacon Hill	Nov. 9-20	Denny Davis	Harold Actipis
Wis.	Milwaukee	Community Gospel	Nov. 13-18	Bob Olson	John Congelliore
	Sheboygan	First	Nov. 9-20	The Tanner Team	B. E. Galyen

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Deliverance

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is only regarded as part of the ritual for receiving healing. It is foolish to deceive ourselves and call such a situation a spiritual revival if it is not rooted in true repentance towards God. The aftermath provides the evidence.

The disappointment is the more acute when people do receive genuine healing and deliverances after prayer. No reflection need be cast upon the evangelist, but it well may be that serious reflection is called for upon the lack of balance and perspective in our evangelistic preaching. Too often we divorce evangelism from teaching, to our inestimable loss. Sound theology is the root of all truly great evangelism, even as theology should be inspired through and through with the spirit of the evangel. We need to be balanced.

The healing of the body does not necessarily include the salvation of the soul, although both are purposed in the love of God for men. It is a shocking statement to make, but it needs to be made in all love, that a person can be divinely healed and yet go to hell! Deliverance is not enough. It is negative. Full salvation in Christ includes the positive. This we must believe and preach and teach with all authority, that the Saviour, who gives remission of sins and heals our sicknesses, also gives the gift of the Holy Spirit. The truly Pentecostal message is gloriously constructive. There is a Spring of Living Water put within the regenerate child of God. Our overemphasis upon healing for the body needs correcting by closer study of the New Testament—not to find proof-texts for divine healing but to discover in what the Christian gospel really consists.

Going right back to the beginning of Bible deliverances we find that when Jehovah brought His people out of Egypt it was to bring them into Canaan. The miracle of the crossing of the Red Sea when they were delivered from Pharaoh's cruel bondage had its counterpart in the miracle of the crossing of Jordan to usher them into campaigns of victory, resulting in possessing the Promised Land. So it always is in God's purpose. A conception of deliverance that is only negative is not good enough. It is not what we lose, but what we receive, that is the final blessing of salvation. We must keep our message strong on its positive side.

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Saints With an Edge on Them

ARE THE ONLY KIND OF
CHRISTIANS THE DEVIL NEED FEAR

BY VANCE HAVNER

WHATEVER MAY HAVE HAPPENED to it since, the Christian way did not begin as a broad boulevard. Our Lord said the gate to eternal life was strait and the way narrow. He said that few find it and from that to the faithful few in Sardis (Revelation 3:4) the New Testament does not give us the impression of a popular, all-inclusive movement. The early Christians were a persecuted minority group in a pagan world.

It was said of certain worthies, "They were narrow; in other words *they had an edge on them* as men that serve in great emergencies must have." As long as the church kept that edge, nothing could stand before it. But Constantine came along and the pagans flocked into a popular catch-all fellowship. That almost smothered vital Christianity and we have had revival only as now and then some group has found the narrow way again.

Today with peaceful coexistence and conformity and compromise the prevailing marks of the age, nothing is abhorred more than narrowness and differentness. As the race is leveled into one faceless mass in a world-church and world-state preparatory to Antichrist, it is considered the unpardonable sin to be distinctive. Instead of meeting the challenge of this pagan civilization with the sharp edge of a dedicated minority, scorning the pleasures of the times and living by rigid discipline, we are now supposed to hold summit conferences with the heathen to work out a religious formula acceptable to all. Such a hodgepodge built on the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of

man will deceive well-meaning souls who have never known how to separate truth from error, but any real work of God will be an outbreak of original narrow Christianity, foolishness to all natural men. We are devising clever ways of reducing the faith to what has been called "a fleshly and flat religious neutrality."

Prayers for peace made in crazy-quilt fashion from the Koran, from Hinduism, from the Bible, may deceive some politicians, but God is not mocked. When a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, and a Protestant minister stage a religious rally, it does not mean that the millennium is just around the corner. Everybody is riding the religious bandwagon these days, which may mean the opposite of what some optimists imagine. "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you" might be spoken of religion.

Paul did not meet the perils of pagan Rome by working out an agreement with Caesar. He did not dwell on how much the gospel had in common with Rome. He did not augment his forces by taking in unrelated groups "who almost believe as we do." If he had grown tolerant in his old age he could have advised Timothy, "After all, times have changed and perhaps we had better dull the edge a little." To the contrary, he stiffened Timothy's moral backbone and bade him endure hardness as a soldier, not negotiate as a diplomat.

Just here, however, much of orthodox Christianity has made its big blunder. It has been sound enough, strict enough, but, while nonconformed with

a vengeance, it has not been sufficiently transformed by the renewing of the mind. It has been right but not radiant. Its work and labor and patience have not been a work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope. We have had ethical strictness and theological correctness without the hilarious joy of being fools for Christ's sake, in love with the Lord and the souls of men. There have been noble exceptions, to be sure, but this has been too true of orthodoxy generally.

The remedy is not in running to the other extreme in a smiling amiability that does little more than fit everybody with rose-colored glasses and paint the clouds with sunshine. The hour calls for transformed nonconformists, who have mastered by the Spirit the positive-negative combination of putting on Christ and making no provision for the lusts of the flesh. That will never be a popular movement. Multitudes who crowd the Lord for loaves and fishes will disperse when they face the meaning of His flesh and blood. Only a remnant will remain, the Master's minority, the few in Sardis. Their greatest peril will be to become proud of it. If they stay humble and faithful and keep sweet, fear the Lord, think upon His name, and speak often one to another, they will be His witnesses, His last-minute men while the night darkens before the Day dawns.

There are subtle influences aplenty that would dull the sharp edge of this testimony. There will be persecution aplenty for those who refuse to be dulled. But persecution makes a good grindstone, and you cannot sharpen an ax on a pound of butter. You can either sharpen or dull an ax on a grindstone, however, depending on how you hold the ax.

The rough pressures of these days will do one or the other to all of us. It depends on how we meet the grindstone. A lot of people are going to be dulled until they no longer cut wood for God. Others will be made all the keener. The Saviour came to send not peace but a sword. The Scriptures are sharper than any two-edged sword. The saints should see to it that, as instruments for the Master's use, they keep an edge on them.

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Never Irritated

BY MRS. F. HELEN JARVIS

TEARS FLOWED DOWN THE LINED FACE of the tall, shabbily-dressed woman who was testifying of the goodness of the Lord and her love for Him. As she spoke, a sense of the sweetness of her spirit swept over the congregation. A benediction fell upon restless souls, and a fresh love for Christ began to move hearts.

Those who knew the woman marveled at her undisturbed spirit. Married to an alcoholic who abused and neglected her, she patiently made her livelihood at very menial tasks. Even when her husband was most disgusting and repulsive, she tenderly prayed for him and sought to do him good.

Years have passed and she has gone to be with her Lord. In our memory she lingers as an outstanding example of love that "is not easily provoked" (1 Corinthians 13:5). Some translations render it "Love... is never irritated." This suggests an intriguing thought. "Provoked" has the suggestion of anger or rage, but "irritated" conveys the idea of petty annoyance.

The problem of irritation is universal. No age nor walk of life is exempt. Housewives are upset by small humdrum difficulties in the home. Neighbors have frictions. On most jobs there are daily provocations. The well-regulated routine has its flaws, and well-laid plans fail miserably. Even children have their problems at school and at play. All of us know of countless situations which irritate and ruffle the spirit.

Yet in the midst of these pressures comes the challenge: "never irritated." Immediately someone exclaims, "That is an ideal—not to be wholly achieved."

Why not? God never asks anything of us that He will not help us attain. Continuous serenity of spirit is possible.

It can be achieved because "love is never irritated." The divine impartation of His love proves sufficient in every adverse situation, and enables us to meet courageously the disturbing and trying pressures of daily life. Instead of the human spirit becoming aggravated with disquietude and nerves becoming frayed and raw, there comes a divine peace, a quiet calmness in the inner being.

Romans 5:5 declares that God's love is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Spirit makes possible the divine enablement to demonstrate that "love is never irritated." This is the answer to the challenge.

Does the Holy Spirit dwell within you? Are you filled today with the Spirit? Permit Him to fill your life and learn for yourself, "Love is never irritated." ◀◀

KEEP LOOKING UP

Sometimes my faith has been so strong
As upon its wings I've soared
To mountain heights with Jesus,
Where His blessings were outpoured.

But other days I've felt so weak—
The Lord seemed far from me,
Till I remembered Peter
As He walked upon the sea. . . .

'Twas not that Christ had moved or changed
When Peter's faith grew dim,
But just that Peter saw the waves
Instead of seeing Him!

—by Jennie Maxwell

Fort Hall Missionaries Flooded Out

FLOOD WATERS TWICE THIS SUMMER covered the floor of the small basement living quarters of the John Bennetts, appointed missionaries to the Shoshone-Bannock Indians at Fort Hall, Idaho.

At the first flooding, the water reached a depth of three inches, and 134 buckets of water were carried out. Four days later the second flood, caused by the high water level, brought in five inches of water. The Bennetts, who have four small children, waded around like ducks in the ankle-deep cold water. After securing their clothes they had to dress upstairs. They were without electricity. One night they slept on the church benches.

After the flood, earwigs attacked the house ruining many things before the missionaries could get rid of the insects. The only word to describe these living quarters is *unhealthy*.

A new parsonage is under construction on the lot at present. Friends of the Indian missionary work have donated over \$1,500 toward the cost but it will take much more than this to provide the missionaries and their children with a decent house before cold weather sets in. Winter comes early in Idaho!

Offerings for the *Fort Hall Parsonage Fund* may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department at Springfield. ◀◀

NEXT SUNDAY IS NATIONAL PRISON DAY

The ever-expanding prison work of the Assemblies of God is supported through contributions.

Special offerings for the prison literature fund are taken by many churches on

National Prison Sunday.

Next week would be an ideal time for your church to initiate jail services.

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE QUEEN WHO SOUGHT GOD

Sunday School Lesson for November 13, 1960

1 KINGS 10:1-10, 13

Volumes have been written about the Queen of Sheba and her visit to King Solomon. Christ said concerning her: "The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12:42). As we proceed with the narrative, we see the queen:

1. *Hearing.* "And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions." The queen had everything the world could offer—wealth, prosperity, rank, and power—but she had a dissatisfied soul, for she was created, as indeed all of us are, with a nature that cannot be satisfied with anything less than the Creator Himself. She heard of the wisdom of Solomon and, more than that, of the power of Solomon's God. And the hearing of that Name awakened in her a sense of need, a condition which fitted her for great future blessing, for God delights to satisfy the needy, hungry soul.

2. *Inquiring.* "And she came to Jerusalem." Was her hearing the hearing of indifference? Nay! This queen was in dead earnest! She proved her sincerity by making the long and tedious journey. Expense, toils, hardships, and dangers of travel meant nothing to her! No wonder Jesus said she would rise up and condemn this generation! We have great needs, but will we put ourselves out to have them met? Often people want healing. They are willing to take a long ride to the doctor, wait in his office, then make the return trip home. But are the same people willing to spend the same amount of time in seeking the Great Physician for healing? Spiritual laziness gets nothing from God! But nothing under heaven can hinder the man who seeks God with his whole heart (Jeremiah 29:13)!

3. *Communing.* "And when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart." She had been true thus far in her quest, sincerely and openly revealing to Solomon those things which were upon her heart. In coming to our heavenly Solomon, let us come with open hearts, hiding nothing, having full confidence in His love, sympathy, wisdom, and power.

"And Solomon told her all her questions; there was not anything hid from the king which he told her not." Today the leaders of the nations gather together to discuss the question—"Where shall we find a solution to our problems?" And there is but one answer. Jesus Christ, the Greater than Solomon, is the only one wise enough to settle earth's problems. He can settle your personal problem too.

4. *Believing.* "And when the queen of Sheba had seen ... there was no more spirit in her." And so it is when any one has a revelation of the Greater than Solomon.

Job saw Him and was speechless (Job 40:1-3). Isaiah saw Him and saw his own sinfulness (Isaiah 6). John saw Him and fell at His feet as one dead (Revelation 1:17). The queen's doubts and questions were silenced when her knowledge of Solomon had become personal.

"And behold, the half was not told me." The revelation had far exceeded her expectations. And her testimony is that of all who have found the Lord. To those who doubt the reality and joy that there is in Christ, we would say, "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)!

Some three thousand years later than the episode related here, a great African chieftain, Khama, made the long journey from South Africa to pay his homage to his illustrious queen, Victoria the Good. As he bowed before her, she handed him a Book that contained greater wisdom than all the wisdom of Solomon, a Book that contained the words of the Son of God. King Khama loved these words, yielded his life to the Son of God, and brought up his children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, sending his son to a mission school for training. It is our privilege to hear words of greater wisdom than Solomon's as we sit at the feet of One greater than he.

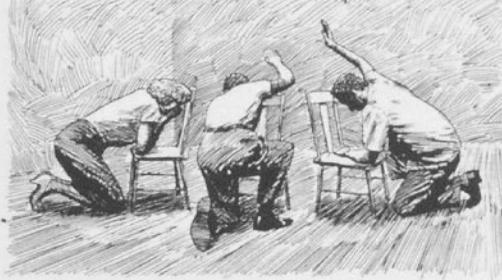
5. *Receiving.* "And King Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty." How lavishly extravagant was Solomon in his dealings with the queen! But even more generous is our heavenly Solomon to those who come to Him! Thoughtful hearing, desire for truth that will not count the cost, sincerity and openheartedness, honest acknowledgment of the truth when found—these characteristics of the noble queen, if made our own, will guarantee spiritual purity, power, and happiness.

—J. Bashford Bishop

OUR KING SOLOMON



The Undefeatable Praying Minority



GOD, IN ALL AGES, HAS CARRIED ON revival ministries in the assemblies of His saints through an undefeatable praying minority. The praying "twos and threes" again and again have prevailed with God and thus reversed what otherwise were hopeless situations. Numerous examples of this fact are found in both Testaments. These intercessors "stood in the gap" and turned the tide in favor of the people of God.

Thus did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Through prayer they "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, . . . stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire." Out-numbered seven million to one, the godly remnant prevailed. Unexpected blessing descended upon the people of God through their utter dependence upon the God of all grace.

Isaiah, Hezekiah, and their praying companions succeeded in the face of overwhelming odds. In answer to their united cry God saved them with a miraculous deliverance. One hundred eighty-five thousand of Sennacherib's army fell in a night under a stroke of God. Thus God interposed when all hope seemed lost.

Ezra and his praying companions at the river Ahava secured God's special favor for the whole nation. Their boast in God was amply sustained. God gave them more protection than a regiment of royal soldiers would have assured. They abundantly approved the assertion made to the king: "*The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him: but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him*" (Ezra 8:22).

Postexilic saints under the leadership of Haggai and Zechariah by their prayerful devotion to God obtained the completion of the second temple and

the revival of the nation. In answer to their united supplications, "The Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel . . . and the spirit of Joshua . . . and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God" (Haggai 1:14).

The New Testament abounds with numerous examples of how *praying minorities* repeatedly called down blessing from God, turned defeats into victories and barrenness into astounding fruitfulness. The disciples at Pentecost obtained blessings for a sin-hardened nation. Had we taken the religious census of Judah and Jerusalem we would have reported as follows: "Unbelievers, 3,000,000; people of faith, approximately 500" (1 Corinthians 15:6). Yet the *praying minority* in one day wrested 3,000 precious souls from the denomination of false religious leaders. Later, thousands more believed. Paul and his friends by prayer opened cities and countries to the gospel.

God is the same today. *Praying minorities* count upon God's faithfulness

even when conditions seem desperate and hope is at the lowest ebb! Moses secured God's favor on a "peradventure" (Exodus 32:30). Jonathan and his armor-bearer prevailed on an "it may be" (1 Samuel 14:16). The king of Nineveh turned God's wrath from His people on an "Who can tell?" (Jonah 3:8-10). The great triumphs are all trophies of prayer.

Our ever-faithful God still loves to honor intercession. Pray for a revival. "Stand in the gap!" Plead! Plead the victory of the Cross, the blood of Christ, the unfailing promises, the name of the Lord Jesus. By spiritual weapons pull down the strongholds of Satan, bring about the confession and forsaking of sin, a renewal of faith, and the removal of worldliness. Back of the "professing church" is the mighty power of the risen Lord. Pray, and get others to pray with you for revival. The revival of the church always has been by prayer. Evangelization of the world must be by prayer. *The praying minority, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is undefeatable.* —Selected

How God Healed Me

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saved and drunk at the time, went to Brother Hurst and asked him to visit me. Brother and Sister Hurst came and told how they had been praying for the Lord to open my eyes.

Strange though it seemed, my husband received healing from the Lord before I did. His arm was broken and in a splint. The Hursts prayed with him and he was saved. Then they prayed for his arm and he said that he felt the bones knit immediately. He took the splint off and found he could use his arm for lifting. He went back to the doctor who said he did not need the splint any more. It had been broken just a week. The X ray showed it was broken badly.

I received the Lord's touch at that time but not a complete healing. I was able to get out of the wheelchair and with help take steps. By holding on to something I was able to get the meals and had my boys with me for several months. Then I got sick with the flu and it put me back in the wheelchair again.

The final healing came when Lillian

Yeomans prayed for me. She told me the devil placed me there in the wheelchair, and I was accepting it and sitting there instead of acting on faith. Well, I knew there was a lot of truth in that, but how could I act on faith when I was not able to move? The brethren lifted me out of the chair and prayed and praised God with me for five hours. She then asked if I wanted to be anointed again. I had been anointed seven times. Putting my faith into action and praising God, I got out of the chair, and with the help of others I could walk. Eventually (after several months) I walked alone.

I never have gone back to the wheelchair and have worked hard for thirty years. I have raised a family of seven children, five being born after I was healed.

In the thirty years since the healing the multiple sclerosis has not bothered me. Just a year ago I had a thorough physical examination and there was no trace of the disease. Surely God did a miracle of grace in my body for which I always shall be grateful.

(Endorsed by Douglas M. Henderson, Pastor of The People's Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mrs. Shannon's present pastor, and by Wesley R. Hurst, Sr., her pastor at the time of the healing.)

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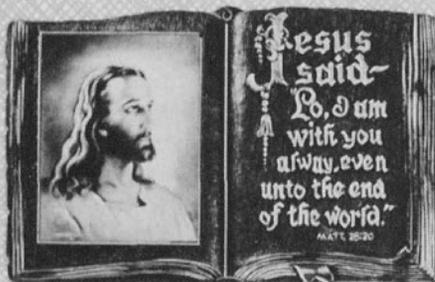
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Pray for the Impossible

BY A. B. SIMPSON

SOMEWHERE WE HAVE HEARD THIS strange message and, with all its audacious boldness, it rings true to the highest possibilities of God's Word: *It is easier for God to do a difficult thing than an easy one.* The very structure of His infinite nature is such that He lives in the realm of the supernatural, the omnipotent and the infinite. When we ask Him for some easy and trifling thing, there is always danger of our mingling with our faith a certain amount of human reasoning, and looking quite as much to second causes as to God. But when we come out into the clear light and the high altitude of the impossible, then there is no place for anything but God, and He is not limited by our human reasonings and unbelief.

It is His glory to treat the hardest and mightiest things as mere trifles. When promising one of His greatest miracles, through the ancient prophet, He added, *"This is but a light thing in the eyes of the Lord."* When Jesus was about to heal and save the poor paralytic His words were very strange and striking: *"Whether it is easier,"* He asked. Man would have said, "Whether it is harder." But the great thing was very easy for Him.

All God's greatest acts have been things impossible for any but God. Creation was making a universe out of nothing. Of the salvation of the sinner, Christ Himself says, *"With man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Daniel's wonderful deliverance was accomplished after even King Darius had labored till the going down of the

sun to find some way of escape for him, and had declared it impossible. . . .

Surely with these examples before us, we need not fear to pray for the impossible; to claim our Master's glorious promise, *"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*

Have you some friend beyond the reach of all human help? Pray for the impossible. . . . Have you trials and difficulties in your pathway too hard and too difficult for any human power to remove? Pray for the impossible. Nothing is too hard for God.

Have you work you long to do for God? Are your resources cramped? Is your strength insufficient? Does it seem too vast for even the highest faith and the strongest hand? God loves a hard work and chooses the weak things to confound the mighty—pray for the impossible and you yet shall sing with a joyful heart.

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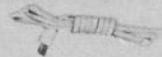
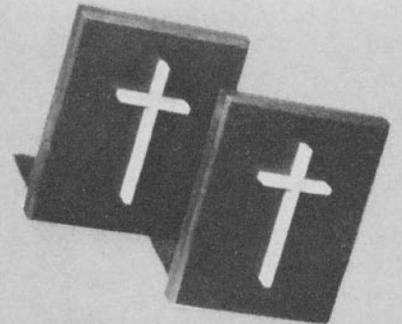
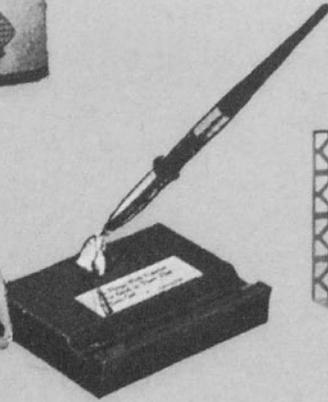
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