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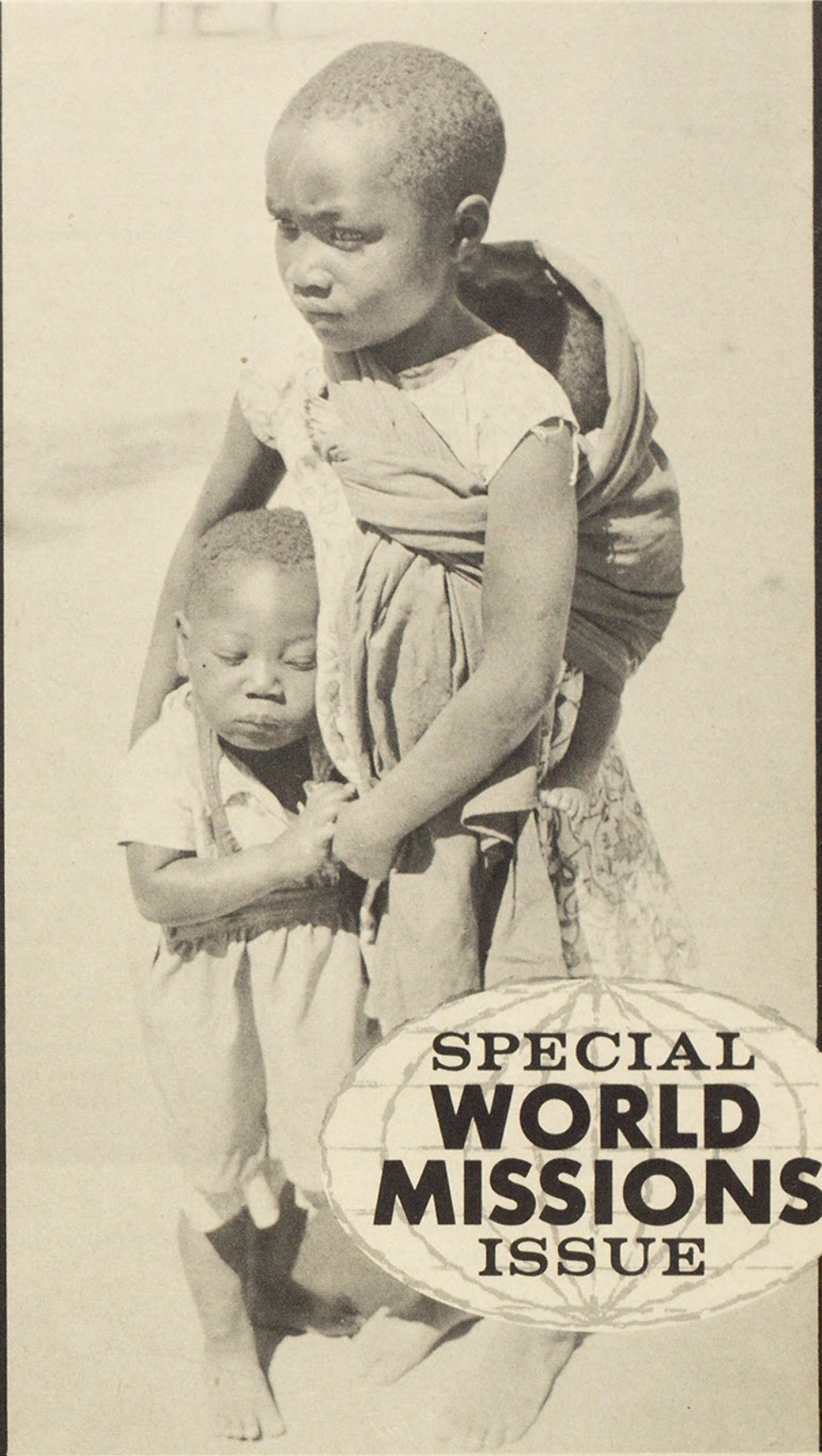
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A War of Words

The world powers are engaged in a war of words. National governments are pouring millions of dollars into a propaganda warfare. False religions also recognize the power of the press to sway the minds of men, but most evangelical mission boards have been painfully slow to seize the opportunity presented by this great communication medium.

It is true that nearly half the people of the world are still unable to read, but they are learning at the rate of about 150,000,000 a year. These newly literate millions are eager for something to read. Communists are seizing the opportunity and are turning out literature in every language. Their beautiful books can be purchased at a fraction of their cost in all major cities throughout the earth.

In India, for example, our missionaries tell us that a person can obtain for one dollar a library fifteen inches thick of selected Communist works, with a lamp thrown in for good measure, to enable him to read the books at night. They tell of seeing children sitting on a curb in Hong Kong engrossed in Red comic books. University students in many lands study textbooks produced in Moscow and Peiping.

Roman Catholics are using literature more than ever before to convince the nations that theirs is the one true church. False cults are more alert than evangelicals to the possibilities. It is reported that the Jehovah Witnesses in one year sold 17,500,000 of their books, Bibles, and other printed items, plus 73,000,000 copies of two main periodicals. The Seventh-day Adventists spend \$15,000,000 a year on literature. Undoubtedly the growth of these organizations can be attributed largely to their extensive use of literature.

The growth of the Assemblies of God likewise springs, to some extent, from the emphasis we have always placed on publication work. Our Gospel Publishing House produces five tons of literature every day. In addition to our English-language literature, we have a Spanish literature division that is second to none in evangelical circles. Our missionaries have set up printing presses in South Africa, Nigeria, Hong Kong, and many other places. We thank God for what has been accomplished to date, and for the growing interest and vision that is evident in our Sunday schools, C. A. groups, Men's Fellowship, and other circles. Foreign literature work is being supported by BGMC, Speed-the-Light, Light for the Lost, and other missionary offerings. But in view of the tremendous need throughout the earth we believe "we have only begun to fight" in this war of words. Pray that this battle for truth will be stepped up all around the world. Ask God to provide the workers, facilities, and funds needed to wage this spiritual fight effectively.

One special request we would like to lay before every reader is for prayer for a foreign edition of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Our Foreign Missions Department would like to see such a magazine printed in some foreign land, possibly once a month, for circulation throughout the entire English-speaking world, but there are no funds for this project at present. The regular weekly editions of the *Evangel* are not suitable for a wide foreign circulation. Will you make this a matter of special prayer in view of the tremendous influence such a magazine could have for the cause of the full gospel.—R.C.C.

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"We are too busy to entertain. . . ."

Is Your Latchstring Out?...

By Margaret Anderson



"Missionaries are always welcome at our house."

SOME TIME AGO A WOMAN FROM A nearby city lamented the fact that so few church members were willing to open their homes to visiting ministers, missionaries, denominational representatives, and conference delegates.

"How does your church handle this problem?" she asked.

We have an entertainment committee whose members are delegated by the church to secure places for visitors to stay," I told her. "If a visit is brief, members are appealed to by telephone, usually alphabetically, so no one is missed in the course of a year. If guests stay for several days or a week or more, a list of dates is posted on the church bulletin board. Members sign their names to indicate for which meal, lunch, or dinner they will be responsible. Usually, whoever entertains guests for the night gives them breakfast too."

"And your people respond?" This didn't seem possible to her.

"Yes, and in most cases very willingly," I answered. "Oh, there are always a few whose 'house isn't cleaned,' or who 'haven't a good bed'—as if visitors owned the latest back-conditioning mattress or lived in a home that was always spotless! But they are the exceptions. Why, when a couple who do youth work visited our church last year, several people expressed very real disappointment because they had

delayed 'signing up' until all appointments had been nabbed. And when our church entertained our district conference, we had more offers for rooms than we could use."

Now weeks have passed since we talked together. In the interval I've thought a good deal about the significance of this type of hospitality.

Why are our people willing? Why are their latchstrings out?

Personally, I believe it is because they count such entertaining a *privilege*. It enables them to make new friends—"cream-of-the-flock," at that! Recent guests in our church, for instance, have included a chaplain, a missionary aviator, a Christian journalist, a college professor, a missionary to Japan, and a youth leader.

Fortunate are the people with whom they have fellowshiped. Missionary needs and responsibilities are personalized. Missionary fields take on new significance. Laymen-preacher walls of separation are broken down. And, best of all, children are exposed to personalities parents would like them to emulate. In fact, many youngsters have decided on specific careers because they were drawn to guests who worked in those fields.

Here's another reward. Christian fellowship takes on new meaning in a hospitable environment. Personalities blossom—children learn to converse intelligently with guests; shyness disap-

pears; social grace develops. I recall the time I had been called away from the house unexpectedly for an hour or so. When I returned, I found my daughter, then seven or eight years old, had taken over in my absence and was carrying on a very animated conversation with my guests. "She'll be a good hostess some day," they praised. I agreed.

But personality development isn't the only reward. When children hear a business executive describe an answer to prayer or see talented missionaries who trust God implicitly, their faith is bound to be strengthened. An ounce of walk is still worth a pound of talk!

But who has room for guests in this day and age? is a question many folk who read this will ask. Make room, I counter. It's worth it. Families have been known to sleep on make-shift beds, cots, and even on the floor that they might be able to have church guests in their home.

Years ago a Phoenix, Arizona, couple—I don't remember their church affiliation—designated one of the rooms of their home as "the prophet's room." So sold are they on the blessings of such an arrangement, they admonish, "Go thou and do likewise!"

So, the next time the "Who'll entertain?" question is presented in your church, don't hesitate. Put your latchstring out. You'll be glad you did.

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BACK FROM SIBERIA

BY RUTH DEMETRUS



EXILED, IMPRISONED, AND FOR YEARS BELIEVED TO BE DEAD, Katherine Voronaeff arrived in New York City direct from Moscow last July 18.

Friends in this country who had been praying for Brother and Sister Voronaeff for years were startled. Like Peter's friends of old upon his release from prison by an angel, they found it hard to believe! But here she is in person, very much alive.

Although frail in body, there is an alertness about her. Her expressive eyes show that though she was physically mistreated, her enemies could not dim the spirit within her.

Katherine and John E. Voronaeff, born in Russia, emigrated to this country in their youth. As Baptists they hungered for a deeper spiritual experience and found what they were seeking in Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, where they were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Although this fabulous new country of their adoption offered them many material advantages and they had already taken out their first papers for citizenship, they felt constrained to go back to their own people in Russia. They realized that thousands in the Old Country who were hungry for the full gospel would gladly open their hearts to this overflowing experience of Pentecost.

Accordingly they left the United States July 15, 1920, and had ten blessed years of preaching in freedom. They saw a Pentecostal revival sweep over Russia and the Ukraine. People were so open and hungry for a deeper experience with the Lord! Pentecostal churches sprang up throughout the Soviet, with headquarters in Odessa. Odessa was likened to Jerusalem. Believers from far and near came to receive the message of Pentecost, then went back to their towns and villages to establish churches.

Then came a swift blow. Communism, working under cover, crept upon the evangelical churches as quietly as a tarantula and suddenly lashed out at them with its venomous sting. In one night (January 6, 1930) all pastors were arrested. They were held in local prisons for a number of months, then exiled to Siberia.

Sister Voronaeff recalls how the communists herded the 800 pastors and Christian leaders into freight cars as though they were cattle and shipped them to Siberia. The horrors of that journey are indescribable. They had no food nor water, no sanitation, no provision for rest, and poor ventilation. The survivors were then forced into slave labor.

Sister Voronaeff did her best to minister secretly, but three years later she too was imprisoned 2,000 miles from her husband. Later, she made an appeal to be put into the same prison camp with her husband and permission was granted. The women of the camp would cook and scrub while the men worked in the forest and quarry.

Brother and Sister Voronaeff had three precious years together. In spite of the long hours of hard labor, they

were not unhappy. After their long day was ended they would walk together through the snow in the deep forest, under cover of night, and enjoy blessed times praying and praising the Lord. Heaven seemed very near during these hours of fellowship.

The Voronaeffs were released for a month. It was then that our American Assemblies of God raised funds for a visa to permit the Voronaeffs to return to the States. A sizable sum was paid to the Soviet Government and Brother Voronaeff was asked to come to a certain point and sign for it. Upon his arrival there he was again arrested and sent back to Siberia. He has not been heard from since, and the money has not been refunded.

Katherine, who now had a measure of freedom, moved from camp to camp seeking her husband. She almost located him a number of times but he was being moved about and she was never able to contact him. In the meantime, she again went about encouraging believers. When she had to apply for employment her identity became known and she was imprisoned for the second time. After six years of imprisonment she was released.

In 1949 she was arrested once more and charged with being a counter-revolutionist and a spy. Her only crime was that she had attempted to write to her children in the United States.

Sister Voronaeff was put into solitary confinement. Her captors tried to hypnotize and brainwash her, but without success. She would close her eyes and silently pray. Her rat-infested cell had a cement floor upon which she was forced to sleep without any bedding and she was clad only in a few worn-out garments. She was watched by the soldiers constantly through a peep hole. They waited for any signs of emotional breakdown, but a quiet confidence had come over her. Through a broken window she could look up into the sky, and as she would raise her eyes heavenward she felt a peculiar sense of the presence of Him who said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." She was kept here for a year and constantly suffered from the brutal treatment she received. In spite of the torture, her spirit remained free and she kept a song in her heart.

Final liberty came for Sister Voronaeff after Stalin's death in 1953. She was given the right to return to Odessa, her home town. But no one would receive her for fear of reprisal. She had to move about with great caution.

It was nothing short of a miracle that one of her sons living in California, through negotiations with top ranking officials in Washington and a direct appeal to President Eisenhower, was able to obtain permission for her to leave Russia. Sister Voronaeff says it was only through the prayers of those who had not forgotten them that the Lord made her freedom possible. ◀◀

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. VORONAEFF

Many of Katherine Voronaeff's friends have been interviewing her since she returned from Russia. These are some of the typical questions and her answers.

Q. Is it true that the communists are more liberal and tolerant of religion than before?

A. No. The communists have their own religion and still consider Christianity their greatest enemy.

Q. Is it true that any regular pastor preaching in a Russian pulpit must first be a card-carrying communist?

A. That is true.

Q. What about the reports we receive of the wonderful meetings attended by our American tourists?

A. The emotion demonstrated in the audience is real. People are spiritually hungry but few of them are getting the gospel.

Q. Must every citizen of Russia carry a card, meaning simply that they are citizens of that country?

A. No, accepting a card means that you are embracing communism. Our full-gospel Christians do not hold cards with the party.

Q. Were all Christian prisoners released when Stalin died?

A. By no means. Thousands are still held prisoners along with my husband, who was sentenced for life; and the right to correspond with people is taken away from them.

Q. Are Christians still being arrested in Russia today?

A. I was threatened as late as last June when I made an attempt to speak to a tourist. Recently our full-gospel leaders drew up a petition asking for the right to hold their own services. All of those whose signatures appeared



Katherine Voronaeff

on this petition were arrested and sent to Siberia for twenty-five years.

Q. Why were not the Russians afraid to let you come back to America where you would be free to talk?

A. Undoubtedly they were afraid. Several incidents took place before boarding the plane that could have taken my life. As it was, I almost died. I left Russia very ill, but the Lord kept His hand on me.

Nation Number Ninety-nine

BY REX JACKSON

AS THE NINETY-NINTH MEMBER IN the United Nations, Nigeria is considered a leader in the African bloc. With independence has come a new interest in international affairs.

Dr. H. A. Oluwasanmi, a professor at University College, Ibadan, wrote recently in the *Daily Times*, "There are some among us who rightly admire the achievement of the Soviet Union. There are others who hold the view

that the Soviet achievement is made possible by communist ideology. There can be no doubt about the unifying role of communism in Russian life."

This conclusion represents a growing attitude which will greatly influence Christian missionary advance in Africa's newest nation.

We need to reach Nigeria's educated class with the gospel, for they are the ones to whom the communists are appealing. Events of the past few months have proved only too well how successful communism has been in indoctrinating some of the national leaders of Africa. Like the dreaded spitting cobra, communism has raised its head and spread its hood in Congo, and other parts of Africa are already af-

fect. Nigeria has just become independent—we cannot wait to increase our efforts to get the gospel to the people of this land. We must act NOW!

The western part of Nigeria has been neglected by the Assemblies of God in the past, and it is only recently that our first missionary couple has been stationed there to work among the largest tribe of the area—the Yorubas. If there were a well-established work, no doubt it could carry the responsibility of a radio broadcast, but because we are just getting started we need help. It will cost \$100 a month to put *Revivaltime* on Radio Nigeria. I know there are many demands on our American assemblies these days, but I should like to appeal for only one dollar a month from one hundred different sources. From an individual, a Sunday school class, a W.M.C. group, a C. A. group—one dollar could be afforded easily. Radio Nigeria offers us the opportunity of spreading the gospel in this English-speaking land and reaching into the homes of Nigeria's educated citizens.

If you should like to help put *Revivaltime* on Radio Nigeria, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: *Rex Jackson, Nigeria Radio.* ◀◀



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Young Nigerian preachers preparing to cycle to their places of ministry.

(Photo by Ralph Cobb)



A 'FILMSTRIP' TOUR

THROUGH
EUROPE AND
SOUTHERN
ASIA

By V. G. Greisen, Foreign Missions Secretary for Europe and Southern Asia

There Is a World-Wide Hunger for the Gospel...



Congregation in Chutupaloo. The people manifested little interest in the gospel at first. When Mr. McClay killed a man-eating tiger that had killed 200 people, crowds came "to hear the man who was not afraid of the tiger."



These people came to the mission station in Gomoh for food where the Dillinghams are working. Great poverty is the lot of the overwhelming majority of Indian people. Their physical need is a reflection of their dire spiritual condition.



A few years ago Mrs. Esther Harvey was led to open a work in Dhanbad, a great industrial center. A fine group of Christians now worship in this church. Similar congregations are being formed in other industrial cities or North India.



The English-speaking Assembly in Chittagong, East Pakistan is supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkes. Miss Elsie Marialke is in charge of the Bengali church and the new work in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

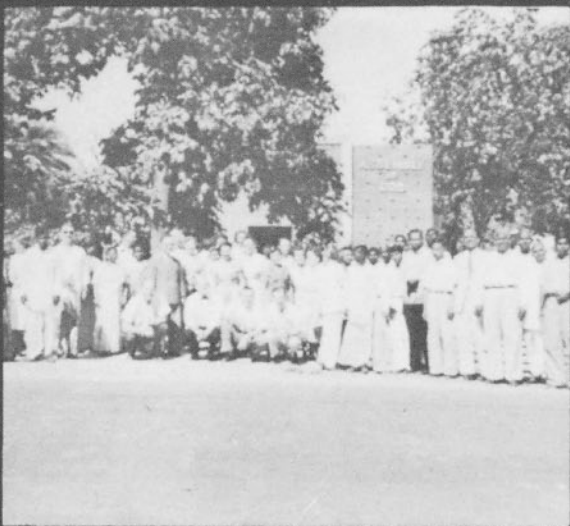


Twenty young men are enrolled in the Middle East Bible School in Port Said, Egypt. Graduates of this school have opened many churches in the Nile Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown are directors of the school.



A day school is conducted in Es Salt, Hashemite Jordan Kingdom. Ayoug Rihany, an able national minister, is superintendent of our work in this Bible land. We believe this is God's hour for harvest in Jordan.

... Now Is the Time for a Strong World Missions



Our North India missionaries and national workers gathered at the new Assemblies of God Church in Lucknow for a convention during Brother Greisen's visit. The building was completed last year under the leadership of Andrew McDermid.



In Duragpur, Brother Greisen ministered at the new land site Alta Wyckoff has purchased on which to build a church in this industrial center. Malcolm Blakeney (extreme left) and Sydney Bryant (extreme right) were also present.



"Three Danish-born witnesses for Jesus" is the fitting caption used for this picture. Through the dispensary work in Mahoba, Miss Frandsen and her co-worker, Miss Nielsen, witness to more than 200 people each day.



Institutional educational ministries are an integral phase of our missionary program in India. The Junnar Boys' Orphanage provides a Christian home and schooling for the boys. Graduates of the school are taking positions of leadership.



The Boys' Industrial School in the Shencottah section of the Tamil field was opened in 1953 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards. The missionaries have aptly chosen as their motto, "It is better to build boys than to mend men."



Dinner time (curry and rice) was enjoyed at the ministers' convention in the Khulna Bible School in East Pakistan. The future of the work in this predominantly Moslem country will depend on adequate national leadership.



We have four organized churches in Spain. Ronda, where Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dalton are ministering, is the largest. Our six missionaries in this predominantly Catholic country need the special undergirding of our prayers.



A partial view of the congregation in the new Evangelistic center in Athens, Greece. Louis Fengos is the pastor and Mrs. Mary O. Metaxatos the missionary supervisor. May a spiritual revival permeate every part of this ancient land.



With our missionary, George Goomas, Brother Greisen visited the traditional site in Philippi where Paul and Silas were imprisoned. Brother and Sister Goomas are stationed in Salonika (the former Thessalonica of Bible times).

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EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY AND ALL who sustain his efforts must have a clear picture of what he is to achieve.

The main emphasis in missions must always be the winning of men to Christ and the gathering together of these Christians into New Testament churches. In September, 1960, our foreign program embraced 11,901 churches and preaching points: each a separate and distinct location where people regularly gather to worship.

The only true standard of progress and growth on the mission field lies in church development. There have been instances of missionary labor where large-scale institutions were developed, while only minor emphasis was placed on church development. When changing circumstances forced the closing of the institutions there was little left of permanent value.

This is not to say that the work done by institutions is to be discredited entirely, but it is to say that education, medicine, publication services, and all other kindred missionary activities should be focused ultimately to produce a church—a local unit of the body of Christ that can be self-sustaining and self-governing.

There are areas of the world where some form of institutional work must be carried on in order for the missionary to live and work among the people. At present our foreign program embraces 154 day schools and elementary schools. The combined enrollment in these schools is now 16,381. No one can deny that these schools provide vital opportunities for evangelism.

But our Bible school program overseas, as it relates to national ministry, is of far greater consequence. Since no church can be fully established without trained leadership, our emphasis on overseas Bible schools fits into the New Testament picture very clearly. We now have 2,480 young people enrolled in our sixty-six Bible schools. They are preparing for ministry in their own nation—with emphasis on evangelism.

LITERATURE ADVANCE IN EAST PAKISTAN

BY ORVILLE CARLSON

Missionary to East Pakistan

WE ARE LIVING IN A THICKLY-populated area approximately the size of Wisconsin with a population of 47,000,000. The Christians are very few in comparison to the large numbers of Moslems and Hindus. We must spearhead literature evangelism in East Pakistan without further delay.

In East Pakistan we have seen the communists advancing. They are growing stronger and are trying to gain control of the government. If it had not been for a dictator taking over the government recently, it is likely that communism would already have a strong hold here.

Communists are putting out attractive yet inexpensive literature. They sell this at a price the common man can afford. We would like to put out Christian literature just as attractive and at a price that can be purchased by all. We have much more to offer than the communists. We ought to do more printing.

Just before our furlough we set up a booth at the annual fair in the Khulna area. The government authorities in charge were most helpful, making it possible for us to present the gospel in a unique way. Our booth, decorated with Bibles and Christian literature, was more popular than any of the other booths. Thousands of people came to inquire about Bibles and Christianity. They asked us who Jesus was and why we believed in Him. We sold large quantities of literature and trust that it will bear much fruit for the Master.

There is a great demand among our pastors, workers, and laymen for Chris-

tian literature in the Bengali language. We have people who are constantly translating from English into Bengali so that we will have literature in the vernacular to meet this demand. Will you pray for this work? We desire to spearhead a literature evangelistic effort such as we have never seen before in East Pakistan. We would like to choose nationals of outstanding ability and establish an indigenous literature work in this country. ◀◀

Five Workers Ordained in British Guiana

BY MELVIN HODGES

Field Secretary for Latin America

THE THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL OF the Assemblies of God in British Guiana has just closed. Reports from throughout the country reflect wonderful growth in the churches on this field. In one year the work has doubled. The total number of organized churches has increased from four to seven, and the number of outstations has grown from three to eight. Enrollment has passed 3,300 in the thirty-one Sunday schools. We now have fifteen national workers.

On the last night of the Council the first ordination service was held. Five brethren were ordained to the full gospel ministry. It was an impressive service and the Spirit of God was felt in a marked way.

This one hundred per cent growth is due in part to the *Revivaltime* Crusade and also to the faithful and sacrificial work of the missionaries and national workers. There is a wonderful unity among the workers and churches. The future of the Assemblies of God in British Guiana appears to be brighter than ever. ◀◀

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Progress of the Gospel in SOUTH INDIA

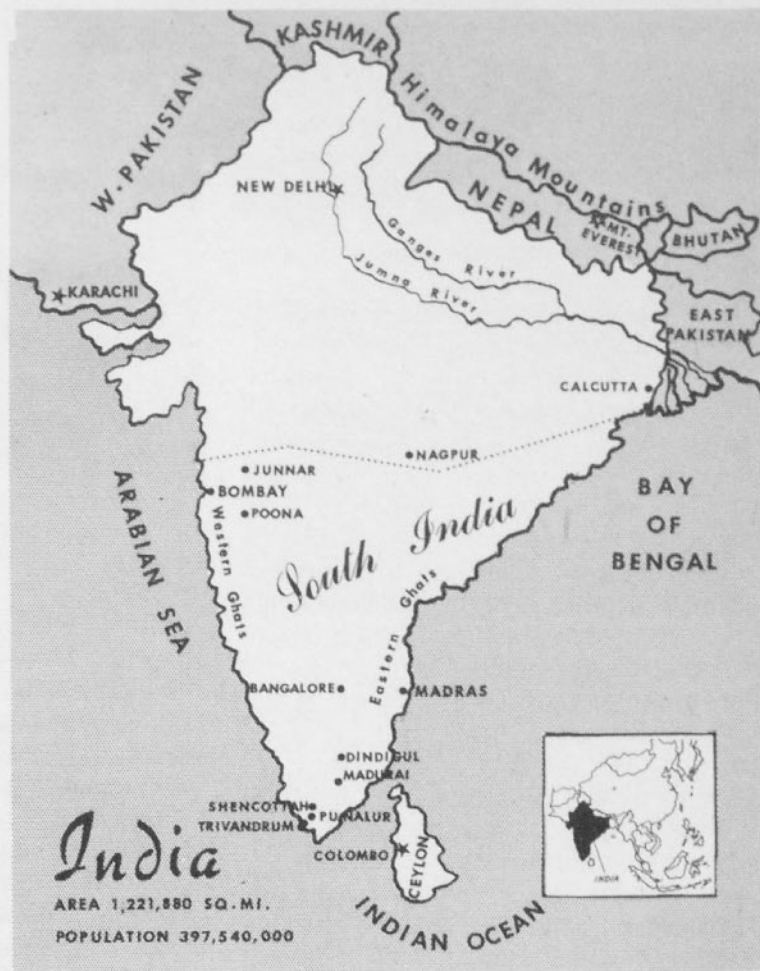
INDIA IS A LARGE TRIANGULAR PENINSULA JUTTING SOUTHWARD from the Asia mainland. The base of this inverted triangle rests upon the Himalayas, the world's highest mountain range, and forms the country's northern border; its apex is Cape Comorin 2,000 miles to the south. India, sometimes called a sub-continent, has an area of 1,221,880 square miles. Its population of 397,540,000 constitutes one-seventh of the human race and presents a colorful mosaic of races, religions, and cultures.

South India consists chiefly of a high tableland, called the Deccan, flanked on the seaboard by the Eastern and Western Ghat mountain ranges. Between the Deccan and the sea lie plains that vary from a few miles in width on the west to 200 miles on the southeast. A tremendous rainfall unites with the sun to give tropical fertility to the plains.

The population of South India is found almost entirely in the plains and is made up of hard-working agriculturalists who labor for a mere pittance. On the mountain slopes are numerous tea, coffee, and cinchona plantations. Manufacturing is on a small scale. In old times remarkable skill was shown in architecture, and wonderful temples are to be seen such as those at Trichonopoly and Madurai.

For three centuries India was under British rule. During the past decade political and social changes have swept over India, and are still in progress. India achieved her independence on August 15, 1947, and became a self-governing member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

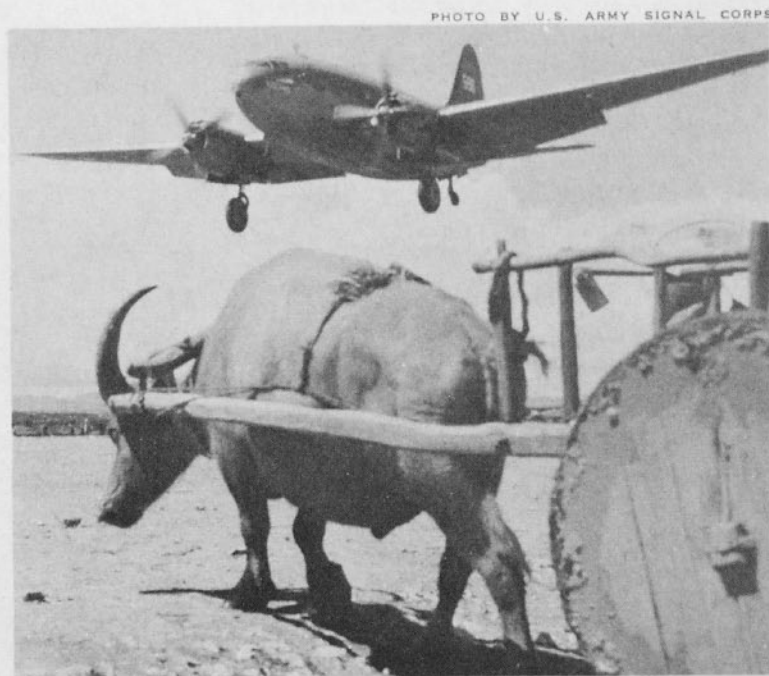
The people of South India belong to the Dravidian race. These people were driven southward when the Aryans invaded North India and brought with them their culture and language. The name Hindu generally is used to describe all who are neither Christian nor Moslem, but true Hindus are descendants of the Aryans.



One-third of India's wealth is in the hands of one per cent of the people; poverty is therefore appalling. The eighty per cent illiteracy rate is slowly being reduced under new compulsory education laws. Child marriage and the seclusion of women are slowly being abolished by the impact of Christianity and education. India's new constitution guarantees rights to all, irrespective of class or caste, but legislative action cannot quickly do away with long-established customs. (Continued on next page)



Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore



Transportation—a strange mixture of the old and the new

Tamil, Malayalam, Gujurati, Telugu, Marathi, and Hindi are spoken in South India. Hindi is not used extensively in the south, and the people strongly resent the present political move to unite India around the Hindi language and culture. English is more widely used in the south than in the north.

The overwhelming proportion of India's people are Hindus. The worship of devils and spirits is especially common among the Dravidians in South India. The caste system is not as strong as in the north. The classes most receptive to the gospel are those which are outside the Hindu system.

According to tradition, the apostle Thomas brought Christianity to South India in A.D. 58. He is credited with converting many Brahmins to Christ and establishing a number of churches along the coast. He was stoned to death near Madras.

In A.D. 345 there arrived a colony of Christians from Syria. As this Christian community in Travancore grew in numbers and influence the descendants of the converts of St. Thomas were merged into this growing Christian constituency. The members of this truly indigenous group are today known as Syrian Christians. Their Maramon Convention, held annually, draws 50,000 attendants. Spiritual results are difficult to appraise but there is evidence of a spiritual awakening.

When the British gained control of India this large indigenous group was brought to the attention of Protestants in Europe. The first Protestant missionary to go to South India was Bartholomew Ziegenbalg who arrived in Tranquebar in 1706. He and his associates translated the New Testament and parts of the Old Testament into Tamil. Schools also were established and education became a major phase of Lutheran missionary enterprise.



As part of their practical ministry, students from South India's four Bible schools conduct village Sunday schools

The first Pentecostal visitation came to India in 1906 when 700 girls in Pandita Ramabai's orphanage in Mukti were baptized in the Holy Spirit. As the revival spread, mission stations were opened which became the nucleus of the present Pentecostal constituency.

The General Conference of the South India Assemblies of God follows geographical-political divisions and is divided into the Malayalam, Tamil, Marathi, and Mysore Districts. In the early 1920's the Assemblies of God began its work in Travancore (now known as Kerala) in the far south of the peninsula. Small churches came into existence and with the coming of more missionaries the work expanded. Bethel Bible School was founded in 1927. For the next two decades the work progressed slowly due to vast distances, language barriers, differences in customs, and organized religions. During World War II the missionary staff was reduced and the work suffered. When India gained her independence in 1947 it became evident that national church bodies should be developed. Thus the South India Assemblies of God was planned and organized in which the Indian brethren play a dominant role.

Our pioneer missionaries became keenly aware of the need for trained national workers. The deep concern resulted in the opening of vernacular Bible schools. Bethel Bible School (Malayalam) is in Punalur; Tamil Bible Institute is in Madurai; Southwestern India Bible Institute (Marathi) is in Junnar.

In the city of Bangalore is located Southern Asia Bible Institute for English-speaking students. Graduates of this school are now on the faculties of all our vernacular Bible schools in southern Asia. The Home Study Division

of Southern Asia Bible Institute offers correspondence courses in English and some of the vernacular languages. With 8,000 enrolled, these courses are reaching all over southern Asia and many countries of the Far East.

In a land of dire poverty like India, missionaries cannot ignore the need for institutional ministries. The South India Assemblies of God was given the responsibility of the Junnar Boys' Orphanage in 1946. The Cornell Memorial School, opened in 1950, provides education through the seventh grade. In 1953 the Assemblies of God Industrial School was founded in Shencottah. The missionaries who operate this school of 100 students have as their motto, "It is better to build boys than to mend men."

The crowded villages, towns, and cities of India are a challenge to evangelistic effort. Our missionaries are working with a sense of urgency. The Bible schools are preparing workers to take over the responsibility of reaching India for Christ.

Twenty-three missionaries are under active appointment to South India. Space in this short review does not permit mention of each missionary and the part he has played in the success of our work. Our missionaries work side by side with the Indian pastors, evangelists and Bible women to produce an effective furtherance of the gospel.

—Christine Carmichael
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Note: The work of the Assemblies of God within the boundaries of the Republic of India has been divided into two areas (North and South India) due to geographical as well as linguistic considerations. The line of demarcation is drawn from Bombay through Nagpur to Calcutta.



A woodworking class at the Boys' Industrial School in Shencottah



FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Europe

PENTECOST BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

"The Church of Jesus Christ continues to thrive in those countries dominated by Russia," reports Gustav Kinderman who recently returned from a tour in Eastern Europe. Although it is not organically connected with the Assemblies of God in America, for political reasons, there is a fine Pentecostal work directed by nationals in Austria, Yugoslavia, Poland, and Hungary. Brother Kinderman reports: "In Austria's eighteen churches and preaching points there are 840 members supervised by twenty-one ordained and lay national ministers. The 1,200 members of the fifty-four churches in Yugoslavia are served by forty ordained and lay national ministers. There are forty-five churches in Hungary and some 3,000 active members. Thirty-eight national ordained ministers pastor the forty-five organized churches attended by 2,218 active members in Poland."

Philippines

C.A.'S EXTEND CHURCH MINISTRY

Fifty Christ's Ambassadors of Calvary Temple, Bacolod City, are actively working for the Lord, according to Mrs. Lester Kenney. "The C.A.'s form teams that conduct services in the eighteen outstation churches and fourteen extension Sunday schools sponsored by Calvary Temple.

"During the summer vacation the

C.A.'s serve in the vacation Bible schools in Bacolod City and outstation churches, giving one entire month of their school vacation to this ministry. Thirty-three of the C.A.'s also sing in the choir of Calvary Temple. This year, seven of the C.A.'s are studying for full-time ministry at Immanuel Bible Institute in Cebu City."

Singapore

CHINESE ASSEMBLY HAS NEW CHURCH

"The Chinese congregation of Singapore's Faith Assembly of God is rejoicing in its new home," reports Missionary Stevens Nolin.

"Located at the junction of two busy streets, near a large government housing estate, the outreach has been increased greatly. An excellent response among the children of the area has been seen, and many new people have come since the dedication. Services are conducted in both Chinese and English.

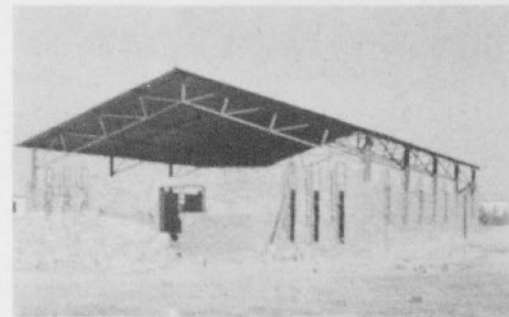
"The parking lot of the church will accommodate 1,000 for an open-air service. Also located on the property are quarters for the pastor. With more than 13,000 square feet of land, there is room for future expansion."

South Africa

DAVEYTON CHURCH NEARS COMPLETION

Following a tent campaign in Daveyton in the Johannesburg area, a church is being built.

In 1959 Missionary Vernon Patten-



Daveyton church under construction.

ger began a series of tent meetings in Daveyton. From the first Sunday God began to deal with the people. On the second Sunday the tent was jammed with nearly a thousand people.

Germany

MIRACLES IN STUTTGART REVIVAL

Evangelist Hal Herman has just concluded a tent campaign in Stuttgart, Germany. He reports that in spite of cold weather, rain, and serious problems God gave a blessed victory in the campaign. "Joyful conversions included young couples, aged, and afflicted," he reports. Many miracles of healing were recorded. When the campaign ended, new converts and others crowded into the Stuttgart church until people had to stand outside. Pray for the pastor and members in Stuttgart as they strive to build a new church home.

Brother Herman has moved on to Frankfurt for another crusade. Pray for revival in Frankfurt.

Brazil

REVIVAL IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL

Nearly one hundred accepted Christ in services conducted in Porto Alegre and Niceroi recently. "The daily Bible studies were well attended and sinners accepted the Saviour nightly," reports Missionary Gustav Bergstrom. "Some 700 crowded into the building for the last service." This work represents more than 3,000 members scattered throughout the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and part of Uruguay.



Pastor Nilo Lapasaran and the Bacolod City C.A.'s who minister at outstations.



When Our Missionaries Come Home

WHEN A WEARY MISSIONARY FAMILY returns home from the field for a much-needed furlough, a place is needed to live as a family unit. Visits with relatives and friends are pleasant, but they still need a place where they can unpack their suitcases and relax to live as a normal American family for a little while.

Recognizing this need for temporary homes for our missionaries on furlough, the Foreign Missions Department established Mission Village near the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield several years ago. There are now ten completely furnished two- and three-bedroom cottages at the Village. In addition, there is a guest house with private rooms for single missionaries.

Each cottage and guest room is adopted by some district WMC organization. The WMC's keep it adequately furnished with linens, bedding, small appliances, and even furniture. Districts adopting cottages and rooms include Illinois, Southern Missouri, Indiana, Northwest, Southern New England,



Entrance to the guest house

New Jersey, South Dakota, North Dakota, New York, Montana, Eastern, South Texas, North Texas, and Wisconsin.

That the missionaries appreciate the privilege of living at Mission Village is evidenced by some of their letters to the National WMC Department.

Elsie Isensee, who with her two children occupied the North Texas cottage until recently, says,

"I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful work of our WMC groups in furnishing and caring for the cottages in Mission Village.

"I returned home from Peru this time with what the doctors termed complete nervous exhaustion and fatigue. If I had had to face the problem of hunting for a place to live and furnishing a home, I think I would have had to give up. I was desperately in need of quiet and rest in order to give my worn-out nerves a chance to calm down a bit. To walk into a lovely furnished cottage and be told that this was to be our home while

on furlough, was like music to my ears!

"Over and over we have asked God to bless our dear WMC's who faithfully labor to make Mission Village the missionary's 'haven of rest.'"

Veteran missionary James Vigna writes, "Upon returning home from Formosa, we felt it was the Lord's will for me to take some special studies at CBI as part of our furlough, in order to better prepare for future service. As the time drew near to start classes, a cottage was available for us. To our joy it was the Eastern District Cottage. This had been our home district when we first went to the foreign field in 1932.

"What a joy it was just to make ourselves at home in this lovely cottage so completely furnished. We hung up our clothes, made our beds, went to the grocery, and had our supper ready in no time at all. Dishes were done and we relaxed in the comfortably furnished living room while our daughter Miriam played the piano.

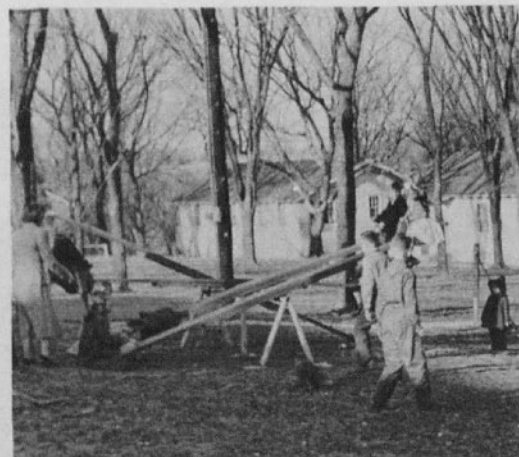
"As we knelt in prayer during family worship, we thanked God for the Mission Department which provided this cottage. We also gave thanks for the Eastern District WMC's who furnished it. God richly bless all of you for this service of love to us missionaries who have to live out of suitcases so much of the time during furloughs."

The Floyd Woodworths came home from Cuba for a few months on special assignment during the past summer. Mrs. Woodworth wrote:

"We never dreamed such a completely furnished home awaited us here in Mission Village. As we opened closets, drawers and cupboards, we found lovely linens, stainless steel cookware and tableware, pastel plastic dinnerware, and even a generous supply of face soap. [Most of these items were supplied by the Southern Missouri District WMC's.]

"As we enjoyed the automatic washer, pop-up toaster, window exhaust fan, and other modern appliances, we wondered—could it be that some of you don't even enjoy such conveniences in your own homes? Yet you have sac-

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In summer, missionaries' children enjoy the playground facilities at Mission Village



In winter, Mission Village affords warm houses for missionaries on furlough

The WMC's in a Philippine Church

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL of Calvary Temple, Bacolod City, Philippine Islands, is a group of active Christian women who gladly offer their services to the work of the Lord. They meet regularly on Mondays for cottage prayer meetings. As the need arises the president, Mrs. Benedicto, calls special meetings for work sessions.

The women have been assigned to various committees that take responsibility for different phases of the work: Dorcas Committee—sewing projects; Lydia Committee—needs of pioneer workers on Negros Island; Hannah Committee—needs of young people from Bacolod who are attending Bible school.



Ladies attending the annual WMC service in Calvary Temple, Bacolod City, Philippines.

The members of each group pray especially for their particular burdens and present urgent requests to the entire WMC at the regular meetings so all can share in supplying the need. The latest project was supplying a layette for the first baby of a young couple pastoring a pioneer work.

The Dorcas group remodels used clothing sent by WMC's in the States for the needy Christians. They also

made robes for the church choir members.

When seven young people from Calvary Temple left for Bible school this year, the WMC presented each one with a gift of linens and toilet articles.

The annual WMC Sunday night service is attended by a large congregation and inspires all who come to "minister as unto Christ."

—Mrs. Lester Kenney



BROKEN ARROW WMC'S GIVE FOR NEW HOPE TOWN

The WMC's of Broken Arrow (Oklahoma) Assembly of God recently presented Florence Steidel with over 200 new dresses and 143 pairs of new trousers for the lepers of New Hope Town in Liberia.

Miss Steidel, who founded the leper colony, and the Paul Boyers, were invited by Pastor James C. Dodd for special services in the church on August 21. The WMC's worked on the clothing far in advance of the meeting in order to present it at that time.

In addition to the clothing presented by the WMC's, the church responded with a generous cash offering. Also seven hundred dollars, the amount needed to build a house accommodating four leper families, was given by one man in the church. Money for another house was pledged or given by the young married people's Sunday school class. The church also promised to supply three winches (valued at \$1,000 each) for the trucks used at New Hope Town.

Left to right in the picture above, looking at some of the clothing given, are Mrs. James C. Dodd; Miss Steidel in native Liberian costume; Pastor Dodd; and Mrs. Alvin Eskridge, WMC president.

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Stairway to the Stars

By Charlotte Schumitsch

STAIRWAY TO THE STARS" IS THE NAME CHOSEN FOR THE new Missionette Achievement Program. Any girl who attends Missionette Club meetings may participate in the program. Its purpose is to help the girls develop Christian character, better acquaint them with Assemblies of God beliefs and doctrine, and make them more aware of the world-wide ministry of our movement.

Stairway to the Stars consists of a series of four steps. The steps must be taken in consecutive order, but the girls may take as long as they like to complete the program. The completion of each step will be marked by the placing of a symbolic seal in the girl's handbook and upon a wall chart. An attractive emblem for sweater or weskit will be available for those wishing to purchase it. As each step is completed the girl will receive an award to go on the emblem.

While participating in the program, the girls will read the entire Bible, memorize Scripture, read missionary books, witness to the unsaved, visit the ill and aged, engage in handwork projects, enjoy times of fellowship with other Missionettes, work in the local church, and join in world-wide missions activity.

All materials are now available at a nominal charge so that any girl can afford to participate in the program.

An additional feature of the new Achievement Program is the incorporation of Junior Missionettes into the regular Missionette set-up. Until this time only girls 12-17 years of age could be Missionettes. Girls from 9 through 11 will be known as Junior Missionettes. They may have their own club or, in cases where there are not enough girls to warrant two clubs, both age groups may meet together. However, separate handbooks will be used by the two age levels.

Stairway to the Stars has been prepared in response to a demand from Missionettes and sponsors. It is the sincere hope of the National Missionette Division that as many girls as possible will take part in the program. The lessons learned and experience gained will prove valuable to the girls in years to come.

An order blank listing prices of all Missionette materials will be sent upon request. Address Missionette Division, WMC Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

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These happy girls are Missionettes at the Assembly in Armada, Michigan. Shown with them is their pastor's wife, Mrs. A. A. Austin, third from left, back row, and sponsor, Mrs. Alice Kaiser, far right, second row.



Missionettes of the Assembly of God, LaPorte, Texas, with their sponsor Mrs. H. C. Cowan. These girls have rolled bandages and made blouses for a leper colony, sent clothing to missionaries in Arizona, and sung for patients at a rest home. Mrs. Cowan says that having a Missionette Club has helped the girls to grow spiritually.



Oraleen Pope, back row, center, is the sponsor of these Missionettes at Calvary Temple, Oakland, California



The Family Altar



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

Monday, November 28

Read: Psalm 102:1-12

Learn: "But thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever; and thy remembrance unto all generations" (Psalm 102:12).

For the Parent: Life may sometimes be a combination of sorrows and troubles when it seems that God has hidden His face from us. From this psalm point out some of the difficulties of the psalmist. Point out too the shortness and uncertainty of life. Contrasted to the fleeting life of man here on earth is the everlasting endurance of the Lord (v. 12). Show that God sees and knows our needs and that He will meet them as we believe Him.

Question Time: To what does the psalmist compare the length of his life? (v. 11) What were some of the difficulties through which he was going?

Missionary Birthdays: John T. McPherson (Indian), California; H. William Ponge, Alaska; Mrs. James W. Pulver (Jews), Washington.

Tuesday, November 29

Read: Psalm 102:12-18

Learn: "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer" (Psalm 102:17).

For the Parent: Review the material used yesterday, stressing the affliction of the psalmist and the everlasting endurance of the Lord. This passage is an answer to the psalmist's cry for help. From it point out some of the ways in which God helps His people. Show how these helps demonstrate God's love and concern as well as His power. These answers to prayer should result in our praising God for all His goodness and faithfulness to us (v. 18).

Question Time: What is connected with God's building up of Zion? (v. 16) What makes the heathen fear God? (vv. 13-15) How would you interpret verse 17?

Missionary Birthdays: Arline L. Crompton, India; Esther B. Harvey, India.

Wednesday, November 30

Read: Psalm 102:18-28

Learn: "But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end" (Psalm 102:27).

For the Parent: Review the material studied earlier this week. Verse 19 mentions that God looked down on earth. The next

several verses list some of the things He saw. Have the group make a list of these things, showing the significance of each. Verses 23-27 again compare the fleeting life of man on earth to the eternal existence of God in heaven. Use these verses to emphasize the importance of doing things that will last for eternity. Verse 28 can be taken as a promise of eternal life to all who take Christ as Saviour and who serve God.

Question Time: What are some of the things God saw when He looked upon the earth? (vv. 19-22) Of what can verse 28 be taken as a promise? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Edith Wight, Alaska; Philip Mangum, South Africa.

Thursday, December 1

Read: Esther 5:1-4; 7:1-3; 8:14-17

Learn: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Queen Esther, the Faithful" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From the first four chapters of Esther review Esther's Jewish background, how she came to be queen, and the plot against her people—the Jews. Today's lesson shows how she served her people and saved them from destruction. Emphasize that as we are faithful to God He has ways of bringing to destruction those who oppose the plans of God and who threaten His people.

Question Time: How did Esther serve her own people? What was the result of this service? (8:14-17)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. J. H. Boyce (superannuated), India; Gordon A. Marker, Mexico.

Friday, December 2

(Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

For the Parent: This week's lesson for juniors is composed of some outstanding prophecies concerning Christ. Explain the meaning and purpose of prophecies to the group. Then have them look up and read the following, commenting briefly on each: Genesis 3:15; Jeremiah 23:5; Micah 5:2;

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; 11:1; 53:10-12; Zechariah 12:10.

Question Time: What do you think is the purpose of prophecies? How do they help us know Christ was God's Son?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. R. W. Edwards, South India; David K. Irwin, Egypt; Mrs. L. E. Spencer, Costa Rica; Mrs. Meyer Tan-Ditter (Jews), California.

Saturday, December 3

Read: John 11:32-45 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

For the Parent: Review the story of the death and resurrection of Lazarus, stressing especially: (1) Jesus' great love for Lazarus, vv. 34-36; (2) the Jews' question about the wisdom of Christ, v. 37; (3) Martha's unbelief and Jesus' rebuke to her, vv. 39, 40; (4) the miracle, vv. 41-44; (5) a result of the miracle—many believed on Christ, v. 45.

Question Time: How do you think the Jews' question in verse 37 could be answered? What connection does verse 45 have with the question of verse 37?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. Vallance Baird, Malaya; Myrna Sue Wilkins (Deaf), Kansas.

Missionary Birthdays on Sunday: John T. Covlasky, Alaska; Mrs. H. B. Felton, Argentina; J. Philip Hogan, executive director; Mrs. Paul Weidman, Japan.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Construction of the Evangelistic Center in Seoul, Korea, has not begun because of a new surge of nationalism in the country. Pray that conditions will become stabilized so that work may proceed on this Global Conquest "pilot project." Pray especially for the missionaries who need divine guidance in dealing with the current situation.

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New, unpleasant demands are continually being made by Congolese authorities upon European residents of the Congo. Pray for the safety of our missionaries in this tense situation, and for the hundreds of national Christians who are remaining true to Christ in spite of political tensions.

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New Eskimo Congregation Builds Church

BY I. CECELIA PIPER

Missionary to Wainwright, Alaska

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST ESKIMO Assembly in Wainwright, Alaska, are busy but happy—for they are building a new church. They are racing against winter. We think that by the time you read this the building will be completed enough to use for services, although it may not be finished inside.

These enthusiastic new Christians feel that God has been especially good to them, since the building materials ordered for their new church landed safely after a stormy ocean voyage. No facilities for services have been available to our little group except a small Eskimo coffee shop or my little home. We will need a light plant or a generator to provide electricity for the church we are building since there will be almost total darkness throughout the winter months.

THEIR FIRST WHITE MISSIONARY

Wainwright is located in the most northern Arctic region. You will rejoice with me when I tell you a little about this pioneer work and God's faithfulness to us. These people have never

before had a white missionary living among them. As I sat with them month after month last winter through all the long, dark days and on into spring and summer, I witnessed a constant growth toward the truth and saving power of the Lord Jesus.

In recent weeks we have been meeting for worship in my little ten-by-twelve-foot Eskimo dwelling. Interest has grown with each service and frequently new faces appear. Hour after hour is spent giving out the gospel which has to be interpreted for them. For many weeks we had services out of doors along the sandy stretches of beach (where the hunting camps are pitched) and the Spirit of the Lord began to move in the hearts of these dear people.

"WE WANT TO BE BAPTIZED"

As we finished teaching one Sunday night and the people were still sitting, talking among themselves in their native tongue, I was happily surprised to have the interpreter say to me, "They want to be baptized like Jesus was, all the way."

I looked from one to the other of the eager faces as they sat before me. There were tears in their eyes. As I questioned them, in their own broken way they told me how for a long time God had spoken to their hearts to go "all the way with Him" (as they put it). The power of the Spirit of God was very present among us.

I wondered briefly in my heart how this could possibly be, since we had no church as yet and no baptistry was available. As I pondered this in my heart, the Spirit seemed to say to me, *Here is water; what doth hinder?* I prayed silently, *All right, Lord, if this is Your will you will take care of everything. I am not afraid.*

Even in the summer we have had freezing weather. Ice has choked the shores until no water was visible. Only in the past week has the wind shifted and taken the ice pack off shore a little distance, giving us the opportunity for an outdoor baptizing.

DIPPED IN ICE-COLD WATER

When the day dawned for the baptismal service, God smiled broadly upon these dear people in their sincerity and faithfulness. There was a cloudless blue sky overhead and the open tundra was steaming beneath the rays of the Arctic sun. The water, although cold, seemed to have taken on some of the quality of the day, for no one felt chilled.

After being in the water longer than all the others I did not feel in the least uncomfortable. Truly it was a miracle. Six Eskimo natives followed the Lord in baptism. A small tent was pitched on the beach near the water and a gasoline stove heated it.

As we changed our clothing and made ready to return to the village, everyone seemed filled with the love of God. The Eskimo people were singing among themselves in their own language, "Into My Heart." As we walked the rough tundra the half mile back to the village, this song and praise filled the air about us. It was perfect praise from hearts fully consecrated to Christ.

A PRAYER REQUEST

In conclusion, I would like to make a special prayer request. We have made several trips into outlying districts and to hunting camps for special services. On a recent visit to a little Eskimo village at Port Lay, we found practically a ghost town of about twenty inhabitants. This village lies about one hundred miles southwest of Wainwright and these people have virtually no contacts with the outside world.

The little mail plane goes there once each week with mail. No other help is offered these people—no school, no church, no medical assistance. Please pray that some means will be provided whereby we can regularly visit such outstations in this immediate vicinity.

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

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An Eskimo hunting camp near Nome, Alaska



The Richard Donahues

A Minister Who Became Deaf Discovered that—

“All Things Work Together for Good”

By RICHARD DONAHUE

TWO YEARS AGO I KNEW THAT I would soon be deaf and that it would be necessary to resign my pastorate in Russellville, Ark. My hearing had gradually become worse because of my duty in Africa during World War II.

Shortly after God called me to preach in 1952, my wife, son, and I began a pioneer church. For the following eight years we joyfully proclaimed the gospel in Arkansas.

A feeling of hopelessness and despair swept over me when I realized I could not do the work much longer to which God had called me. I studied lip reading and used a hearing aid, but was

often embarrassed when I could not understand the voices of the people in my congregation. I could not understand God's leading in my life.

Then one day a new hope came to me while I was at the Arkansas School for the Deaf to be fitted with a hearing aid. The rehabilitation leader came to me as I was intently watching the children using the sign language. I exclaimed with emotion, “I would give anything in the world if I could learn that language! I could then minister to the Deaf.” He called me into his office and told me of the need for ministers in this home missions field.

In a flash, I sensed God's plan for my life and realized He had a divine purpose in allowing me to be deaf. The scripture, “All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28), was real to me.

My wife and I, with our eleven-year-old son, are now enrolled at Central Bible Institute preparing for ministry to the Deaf. As we have looked upon the Deaf fields we see that they are white and ready to harvest. Pray for us.

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(*Editor's Note:* Brother Donahue is one of a number of students who are now in Bible school preparing for ministry to the Deaf. They are grateful for those who send offerings to the Home Missions Department for the Deaf Training Fund. Without this assistance these students could not attend Bible school.)



THE PLANT AND THE POT

THERE ARE THREE POSITIVE REASONS why the Assemblies of God must continue to open new churches in America. While the records reveal we have opened 7,000 churches during the last thirty-five years, we must not begin to feel we have completed our job.

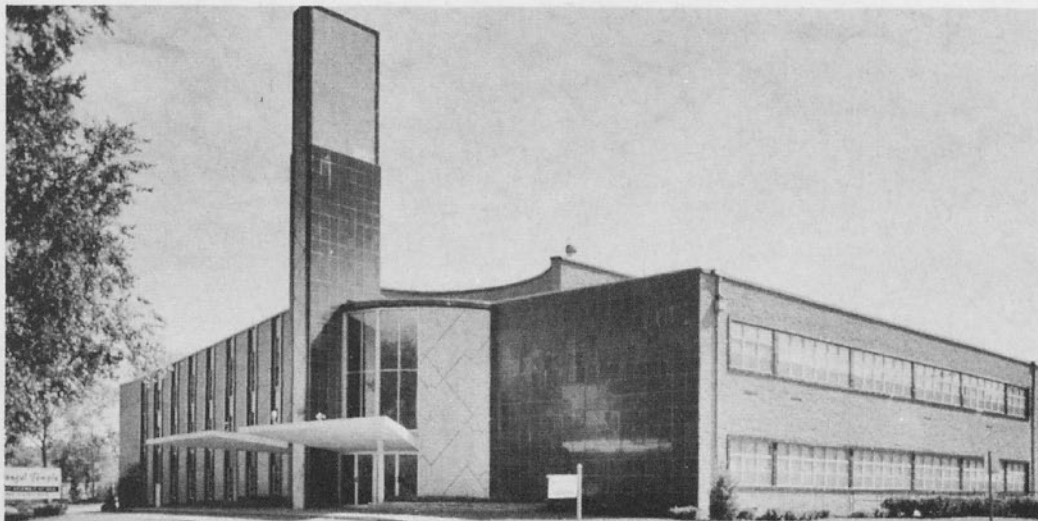
We must open new churches to meet the challenge of getting the gospel to over 100,000,000 unchurched Americans. Our existing 8,141 churches cannot possibly reach and satisfactorily minister to the rapidly increasing populace. Across the country countless suburban communities have been springing up, to say nothing of the numberless cities, towns, and rural areas which are yet uncultivated. The Assemblies of God objective is one church for each 10,000 people. Today we have less than one church for every 22,000.

We must open new churches to support our expanding foreign missions program. We are constantly faced with the danger of having “the plant outgrow the pot.” Today our foreign missionaries are confronted with a severe struggle in attempting to obtain sufficient support. The obvious reason for this is that present church missionary budgets are already taxed to the limit.

While it is recognized that there are yet untapped resources in our constituency, it is noteworthy that by the law of averages it takes ten Assemblies of God churches to support one Assembly of God missionary. Therefore, it is evident that if we are to enlarge our foreign outreach we must have more churches to undergird it.

We must open new churches for our own spiritual good. At the precise moment when a fire ceases to consume new material it begins to die. Likewise when a spiritual movement ceases to reach out in quest for souls it is in danger of dying.

May we unite in a renewed effort to open new churches for the sake of America's lost, for the sake of unnumbered multitudes in foreign lands, and for our own spiritual welfare.



SITE OF REGIONAL PRAYER MEETING, DECEMBER 8-9

The Spiritual Life prayer meeting for the Gulf Region will be held at Evangel Temple, (First Assembly of God), 2801 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri. (Aaron A. Wilson is pastor.) The Thursday service will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Friday services will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon and evening. The Kansas City meeting is the sixth in a series of eight regional prayer meetings to be held in key cities throughout the country.

Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

DEAF MINISTRY

Many lives were transformed in the 1960 summer camps for the Deaf which were conducted in Arizona, California, Michigan, Missouri, and Washington. Forty-six persons found Christ as Saviour and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is a thrill to witness deaf persons receive the Holy Spirit and speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Thanks is given to each contributor who helped a deaf person attend camp this summer. Regional camps are planned for more states next summer.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Parker, Arizona

The Fred A. Cruses, new appointees from Costa Mesa, Calif., are replacing the Lyle Wolvertons as missionaries on the Colorado River Reservation. The Wolvertons will minister to Indians in the Chambers, Ariz., area.

Lander, Wyoming

The Robert Rideners are replacing the Glen Whites on the Wind River Reservation at Lander. The Whites are now in evangelistic work.

Keams Canyon, Arizona

The Don Johnsons, who minister to the Hopi Indians, were presented with a Volkswagen Micro Bus by the Oregon churches.

North Texas District

North Texas WMC's have helped the L. E. Davises, missionaries at Albuquerque, N. Mex., financially and with gifts of food. The Davises represented the American Indians in a WMC rally in Fort Worth, Tex., recently.

Lawtons, New York

The James Kieffers have taken the Indian church on the Cattaraugus Reservation, replacing the Charles McClures who are entering the evangelistic field.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

The L. E. Davises, missionaries at Albuquerque, report that one of their fine Christian Navajo boys prayed with and brought thirteen Navajos to a saving knowledge of Christ.

The Davises are hoping to be able

to enter some of the unreached Pueblo villages soon with the gospel. People in these villages seem eager for the gospel. The clothing and literature distributed by the missionaries helped them to gain entrance into the homes.

Correction

The Portland Section WMC's (Oregon) had a food and clothing shower for the Fort Apache Indian Camp Meeting at Canyon Day, Ariz., rather than for the San Carlos Camp as formerly reported.

ALASKA MINISTRY

Kodiak

William L. Cummins, pastor at Kodiak, is now contact chaplain for the naval base and has started a men's Bible class composed mainly of servicemen. One serviceman has been saved already.

Palmer

Recently, the U. S. Navy invited the boys at the Children's Home in Palmer to be their guests aboard the *USS Falgout* which was docked in Anchorage harbor. The crew showed them through the ship and at noon served them a delicious dinner.

New Appointees to Indian Ministry

Mrs. Rose M. Chase, Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Helen M. Rickey, also of Phoenix, the Robert T. Rideners, Lander, Wyo., and the Fred A. Cruses, Costa Mesa, Calif., were appointed recently to minister among the American Indians.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Ridener

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

German Branch

The German Branch of the Assemblies of God had a summer full of activity which produced satisfying results in the extension of the kingdom. Their main camp, held at Bethel Park, Bridgman, Mich., was well attended. Churches even a thousand miles away were represented. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Spirit, and sick bodies healed. Brother Arthur Drewitz, pastor of the German Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada, was the main speaker. He preached in the German language. Carl Cline, of Chicago, Ill., was the evangelist for the services in English.

The Children's Camp and the Youth Camp (with the Paul Hilds as evangelists) were well attended and proved very profitable spiritually. Many were saved. Attendance was almost doubled at the Youth Camp. A number received the Holy Spirit.

A Bible Week, under the direction of C. W. Loenser, superintendent of the German Branch, was conducted October 18-21 in Streeter, N. Dak.

BLIND MINISTRY

My Personal Worker's Guide, a booklet prepared by C. M. Ward for soul winners, has been produced in Braille by Mrs. E. W. Whitney and volunteer workers from the Waukesha, Wis., First Assembly of God.

The names and addresses of blind persons desiring this book can be sent to the National Home Missions De-



Mrs. Rose Chase



Mrs. Helen Rickey



The Fred A. Cruse family

partment, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Because of a free mail permit these booklets can be sent to blind persons only. They cannot be sent to churches or sighted friends of the blind. Other Braille literature, including Sunday school quarterlies, is also available. These materials are sent free to blind persons, and are paid for by contributors who are interested in reaching the blind for Christ.

PRISON MINISTRY

During July, August, and September, 4,792 Bible courses were provided for men and women in prison. During the same period 1,473 prisoners completed all seven courses available. Other literature distributed to prisoners during the three-month period included fourteen Bibles, 250 large-print New Testaments, and 100 large-print Scripture portions.

Dallas, Texas

An ex-prisoner, once an inmate of a Texas institution, has been traveling around the States in a special bus on which is printed, "God's Bible Wagon,"



Ex-prisoner who distributes Bibles and gospel literature to prisoners and his bus, "God's Bible Wagon"

distributing gospel literature in county jails, where he often conducts services.

Before his release from prison he was wonderfully saved and conducted a Bible class. In gratefulness to God for his salvation, he is attempting to win others through the printed Word. This year he has given New Testaments to 1,977 prisoners, about 347 of whom he feels are really saved. The American Bible Society sells New Testaments to him at a low price.

This ex-prisoner does painting for a bus company when he is in Dallas. One-half of his salary goes to buy Bibles. He personally has purchased sev-

enten thousand small Bibles this year.

The Home Missions Department has supplied this enthusiastic Christian with Bible courses for distribution to prisoners. Many prisoners he has contacted are taking these Bible courses.

TEEN-AGE EVANGELISM

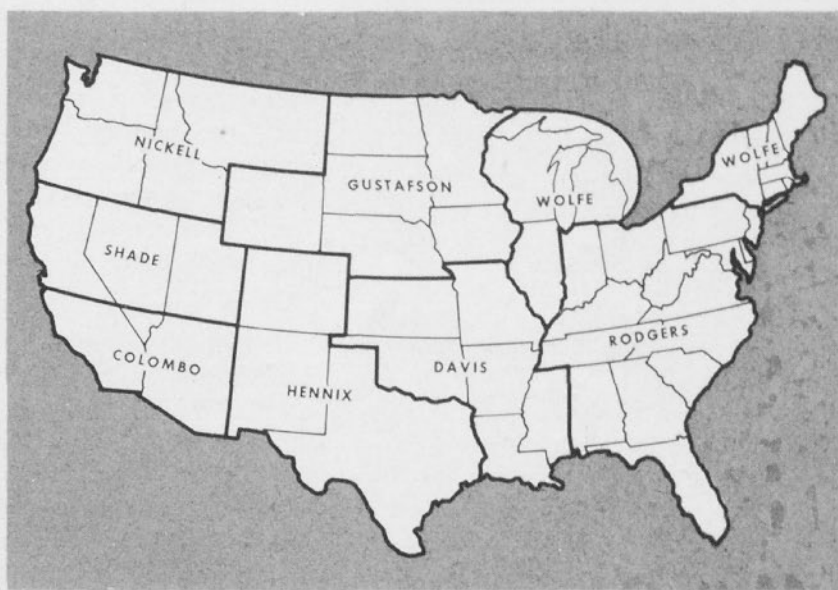
David Wilkerson, director of Teen-Age Evangelism in the New York-New Jersey area, was speaker at the Labor Day "Back-to-School" youth rallies at Fa-Ho-Lo Park in Michigan. Approximately one thousand C.A.'s and friends who attended were awed with the first-hand account of gospel work among the teen-age gangs and hoodlums.

Two young Puerto Rican fellows, former drug addicts, accompanied Brother Wilkerson to Michigan to give their testimonies concerning how God marvelously delivered them from the "living death." One of them received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while at Fa-Ho-Lo Park that day.

On display at the rallies were homemade zipguns, switch-blade knives, and brass knuckles formerly used by converts of Teen-Age Evangelism.



Members of the Church Building and Planning Commission (left to right): John Wolfe, R. L. Brandt, Gordon Nickell, Joseph Colombo (chairman), A. V. Gustafson, Earl Rogers, James Hennix. Orié Davis and James Shade were absent. Map shows regions served by the various architects



THEY SAVED OUR CHURCHES APPROXIMATELY \$50,000

At a recent meeting of the Assemblies of God church building and planning commission, Chairman Joseph Colombo noted that through its *Plans for Pioneers* program the commission has already saved pioneer churches approximately \$50,000 in architectural fees.

Ninety-seven sets of plans have been

sold in thirty-four states. California leads with twenty-three.

The commission, meeting in Southern California College, made a thorough study of the entire program. Procedural adjustments were made to accommodate the six new plans added to the original twelve early in 1960; and some adjustments were made in

regions served by the various regional architects (see map).

Those interested in detailed information regarding the blueprint program may write to the National Home Missions Department. A booklet showing the eighteen plans now available may be purchased for \$1.50.



Congregation of Central Assembly in Baton Rouge, La. (Inset: Pastor James Courtney, Jr.)

Baton Rouge Assembly "Mothers" Thriving New Church

BY RUTH LYON

IT IS AMAZING WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED by churches that have a vision for the extension of God's kingdom. Equally wonderful is the fact that when churches unselfishly divide their membership and financial means to help another church get started, they grow numerically and spiritually themselves.

Central Assembly in Baton Rouge, La., is an example of such churches. This group saw the need and opportunity for establishing a church in Baker, La., which is situated ten miles north of Baton Rouge, the state capital. The population in Baker has grown from 400 to over 6,000 in the past few years. Twenty families move into the town per month.

In March 1959 James Courtney, Jr., pastor of Central Assembly in Baton Rouge, encouraged the Everett R. Hurleys to step out in faith and begin a work in Baker. Brother Courtney helped the couple by securing the use of four classrooms at the Baker High School for Sunday school and morning worship

services. He also encouraged two families in Baker to back the effort. Baker Assembly is the Hurleys' second pioneer building project during their five years in Louisiana.

In seven Sundays the attendance increased from 20 to 40. Over one hundred visitors attended the Sunday school during the first four months. By May 1959 the Sunday school was able to purchase valuable property which has a 200-foot frontage and a depth of 182 feet. It is located on a corner lot on the main street in the heart of the city.

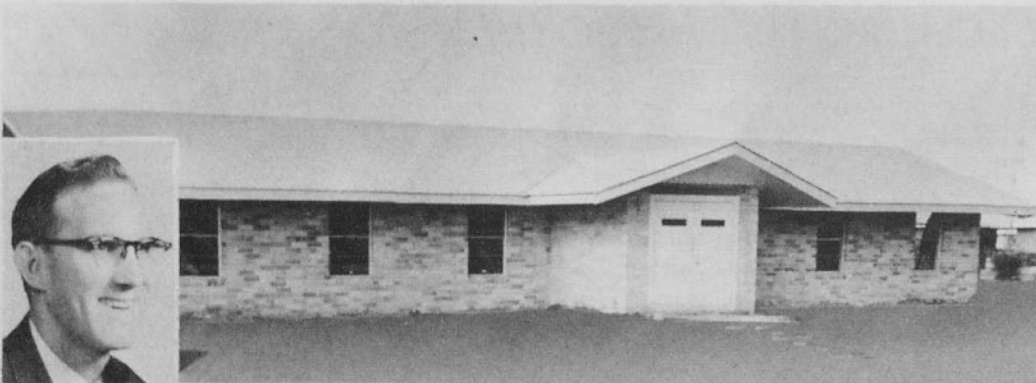
In July the foundation was laid. God wonderfully supplied building needs such as brick, electrical equipment, and other supplies. Labor was donated by men of the church and the community. The congregation moved into a 30-by-70-foot brick veneer building October 4, 1959. Facilities include an auditorium with a seating capacity of 100, five classrooms, and two restrooms.

Also, a 10-by-10-foot entrance graces the building.

A statewide magazine *Louisiana Municipal Review* featured the church in the January 1960 issue. Also, a picture of the church appeared on a brochure published by a bank in Baker. The weekly newspaper *Baker Observer* gave them front-page publicity.

Until February 1960 Pastor Hurley was employed in secular work while pastoring the new church. He is now able to give full time to this ministry. He does a great deal of door-to-door visitation, which is paying dividends. The Sunday school has doubled. The harvest is ripe in this *fastest-growing town in Louisiana*.

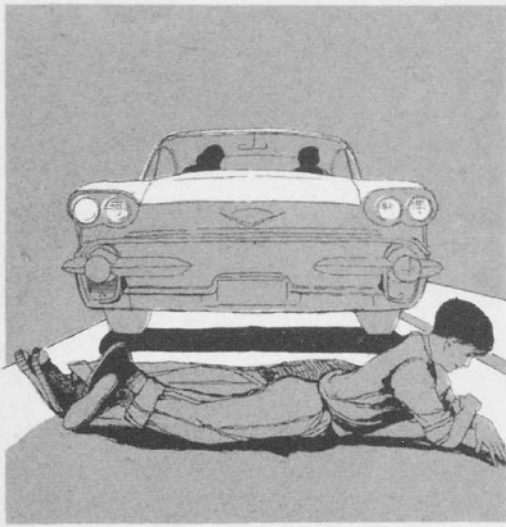
The Baker Assembly of God, a little over one year old, is averaging 65 in Sunday school, having had a high of 77. Members of the Assembly are thankful to the Lord for the growth and the publicity He has given them. Also, they greatly appreciate the "boost" given them in "getting off the ground" by Central Assembly, Baton Rouge. This congregation earnestly desires to continue to win souls. Some day (who knows?) Baker Assembly of God also may be a "mother church."



Assembly of God in Baker, La. (Inset: Pastor Everett R. Hurley)



Group at first service in new Assembly



You May Be Playing "Chicken"

By Wildon Colbaugh

TWO BOYS, EIGHT AND NINE YEARS old, recently lost their lives while playing a suicidal game of "chicken" on a highway in North Carolina.

The state highway patrolman in describing the game said the boys would lie on the highway until a car approached, and then see which would be the last to jump clear. Both boys were run over.

While the boys might not have been fully instructed as to the possible consequence of their game, yet they did suffer from the results of their recklessness.

They were playing too dangerous a game. Every move they made was a gamble with death. They waited too long before trying to escape from the fast-approaching car. What a pity! By jumping just a moment sooner they could have been safe, but neither wanted to be "chicken."

Most people today are playing a game of "chicken" with their own lives. There is a certain excitement in taking

a chance and living dangerously. Doing something that has risk to it produces a momentary sense of achievement; that is, if you are fortunate enough to get by!

But for a person to play recklessly with his immortal soul and risk the danger of eternal separation from God—this is the height of folly. There may be a few exhilarating thrills from taking such a risk, but these are purely momentary—they result in no abiding satisfaction. The penalty is assigned too quickly.

The Bible gives us many warnings about playing such a dangerous game. In Job 11:20 it says, "But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost." "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape" (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

The full force of divine judgment is stated in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

There is no reason to play "chicken" with your soul. The truth is that it is the courageous person, not the coward, who admits his need of the Saviour and who is willing to accept Him. The Bible says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

You may be playing "chicken" because no one has warned you of the great dangers in it. Perhaps you do not know how to escape the inevitable tragedy of being separated eternally from Christ. Then take this advice. Before you are overcome completely and destroyed, leap to safety—into the arms of the Saviour.

The Spirit of the Lord pleads with all of us to "Come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy" (Hebrews 4:16). Even though you may be very deep in sin He still offers to rescue you from the eternal doom that awaits all sinners. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Don't play "chicken" any longer! Make certain of your future by accepting Christ as your Saviour today. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Something New for the Family

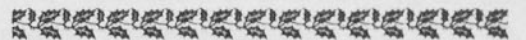
To encourage families to read aloud together on Christmas Eve the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, the American Bible Society is prepared to distribute ten million copies of "Unto You . . . A Saviour"—an attractive, pocket-size reprint of Luke 1:5 to 2:40.

"Many families," the Society states, "are so carried away by the commercial and festive aspects of Christmas that the religious significance of the day is forgotten or ignored. If churches and individual Christians everywhere will encourage the custom of family Bible reading on Christmas Eve, the occasion will become as beautiful and meaningful to millions of people today as it was to the shepherds and wise men who, with Mary and Joseph, were the first to rejoice at the birth of our Saviour."

The Christmas Scripture booklet is printed in large, easy-to-read type, with an attractive cover. Single copies may be obtained without charge by writing the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Churches and other groups wishing to distribute quantities of the booklets to their members and to others in their communities may obtain them from the Society for \$3 a hundred, which is less than the booklets actually cost. They are available at the same rate to individuals who would like to enclose them with their Christmas cards, or give them personally to neighbors and friends.

The Society asks that those who desire the King James Version, rather than the Revised Standard Version, should so specify when ordering.



IT'S TIME AGAIN

Yes, it's time to think of a Christmas remembrance for those who represent you on the home missions front. With your kind assistance, the Home Missions Department would like to send a little extra check to each of our nearly 300 home missionaries this Christmas. This encouragement will mean so much! Kindly send your offering this week to the **Home Missions Department**, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., clearly designated "**Home Missionaries Christmas Fund**." Help make their Christmas a joyful one.



Reader —
 This is a step of
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 Committee depends
 on all its friends
 to support this decision

REVIVALTIME TO ON THE ABC NE



Bartlett Peterson

By BARTLETT PETERSON
 Executive Director, Radio Department

REVIVALTIME'S MANY FRIENDS HAVE responded wholeheartedly to the broadcast's great financial crisis. More than \$25,000 of the \$37,500 which was needed has come in to date (October 21) and we are believing that the remaining deficit will be made up very soon.

The Radio Committee, with a measure of faith, has decided to keep Re-

vivaltime on the ABC Radio Network for another year. Our deep appreciation is expressed, in behalf of the Assemblies of God, to everyone who responded to the emergency.

The broadcast's serious financial plight was made evident when the 1959-60 fiscal year closed with a deficit of \$37,446. In addition, during 1959 the income met the expenses only three out of twelve months, and in 1960 the income did not once meet the expenses during the first six months. A sharp reversal of this trend was essential if *Revivaltime* was to remain on the ABC Network.

When news of this financial crisis was announced to the *Evangel* readers by our general superintendent, T. F. Zimmerman, people began to respond at once. Many told of the great blessing they had received from *Revivaltime* and expressed the hope that its ministry would be expanded rather than curtailed.

"I have read of the crisis in the *Revivaltime* radio release on ABC," an evangelist from Michigan wrote. We would like to be a link in the chain of helping hands and hearts to pull this great broadcast out of this emergency."

A ninety-two-year-old man in the West Indies sent a \$50 money order to help *Revivaltime*. He wrote, "I read

your article about the broadcast being in the red. It said that many of the stations might be discontinued. Your statement struck me forcefully, and I wondered what I could do besides praying for *Revivaltime*.

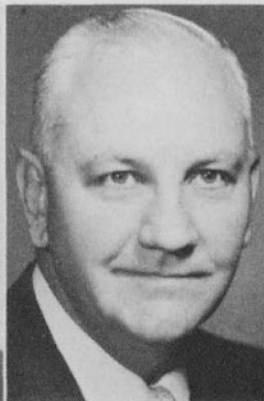
"I thought of a party who owed me \$50, which I did not expect to get. Then I told the Lord that if He would enable me to get that money I would make a donation to the broadcast. Two days ago I received the money, and now I'm fulfilling my promise..."

Others with less to give also responded. A man in Portland, Maine, sent a testimony with his offering. "Enclosed is \$5 to be applied to your radio broadcast," he said. "To me the broadcast is wonderful in every respect. Your messages are so inspiring and constructive. I encourage everyone I possibly can to tune in to your program. Personally, I believe it is the answer to many of our present-day problems."

Revivaltime's outreach extends beyond the Assemblies of God. For example, a pastor of another denomination in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, told us, "I listen to your broadcast at 10:30 each Lord's Day night, and it adds a sweet and perfect ending to the day's activities. Praise the Lord! It rejoices my heart to know we are on the winning side; we cannot fail, for the prom-



T. F. Zimmerman



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J. Philip Hogan



D. V. Hurst

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL RADIO COMMITTEE, ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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ises of the Book are ours. Keep up the excellent work. Don't get discouraged; even those of us outside the Assemblies are behind you."

The way in which friends have responded is most encouraging. We continue, however, to depend entirely upon regular monthly support by our *Revivaltime* friends to carry out this decision to remain on the network. *Regular* giving is the only final solution to our problem.

We would be grateful if many more of our *Evangel* friends would share in this world missionary ministry by making a faith pledge to support *Revivaltime* REGULARLY each month as it enters another year of network broadcasting. Fill out the "faith pledge" coupon below, and let us know you will be standing with us. Those who share in this great burden will also share in the reward. Please let us hear from you now. Your pledge will help continue *Revivaltime* and the soul-winning ministry of Brother Ward.

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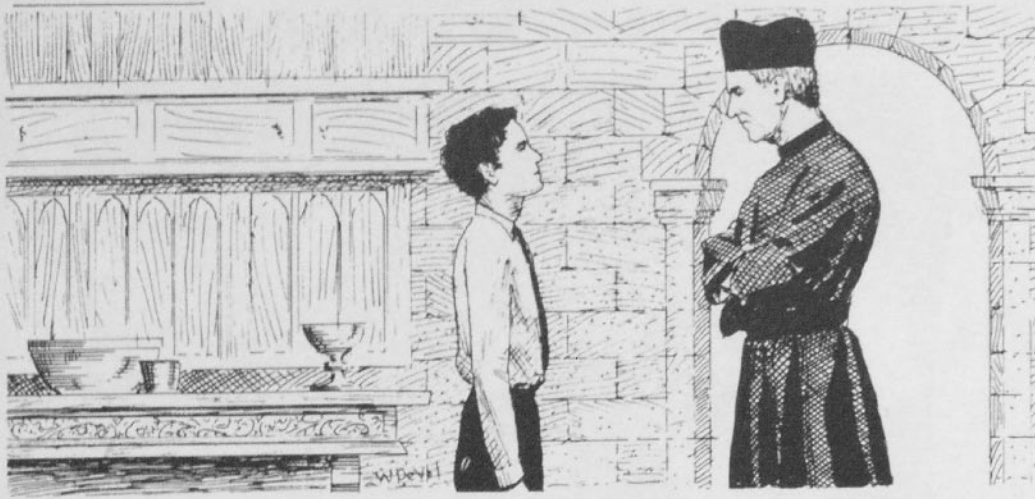
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CALENDARS NOT RETURNABLE



Fito Stands Firm

BY ADELE FLOWER DALTON
Missionary to Spain

I WAS SITTING AT MY DESK ONE DAY when my husband came in and handed me a small white envelope. It was one of the offering envelopes in which our believers put their tithes each Sunday. Scrawled across its face was the name, Rafael Orozco Manzano. Opening it, I pulled out one Spanish *peseta*! Less than two cents in American money.

Rafael—Fito, we affectionately call him—is so short and slight that you never would guess him to be more than twelve. But he is really fifteen. His voice is deep and quiet and there is a grown-up seriousness in his dark brown eyes.

One day during the spring of 1954 Fito was playing with his friends in the street outside our chapel here in Ronda, Spain. At that time he had just begun to attend our services.

"You don't believe in the Virgin Mary, do you?" one of the others taunted him.

"Yes, we do," Fito answered. "We believe in the Virgin Mary more than you do. But it is the real one, not one made of china." Since all of Fito's friends were Roman Catholics and worshiped the many images of the Virgin Mary that are found in Spanish churches, they were horrified.

Back they ran to tell their teacher, who in turn told the director of the boys' school which they attended. The director sent for Fito's father. Antonio listened as they explained to him what his son had said. "Bueno," he answered. "Well, which is speaking more truthfully, you or the boy?"

"Yes," the director answered, "but we can't have him spreading that sort

of propaganda here in the school."

"All right," Antonio answered. "I'll tell him to keep still after this."

In the days that followed, the other boys said all sorts of unkind things about our chapel and the people who attended. But not once did Fito answer them. Obediently, he kept still.

One day Fito's class was taken to a nearby Roman Catholic church to study the catechism. Quietly Fito stood in the dim sanctuary with its arched ceiling, while the other boys ran noisily over the tile floor, tossing the chairs here and there. Then someone said to the woman who was their teacher, "Fito is a *protestante*."

"Perhaps he is," she answered, "but he is behaving more reverently than the rest of you."

When the black-robed priest heard about Fito, he took him into the sacristy. "Are you a *protestante*?" he asked.

"A *protestante*, no," Fito answered, "but I am an *evangelico*." (Since the word *protestant* sounds as though we are always protesting about something, many of our people prefer to use the Spanish word for evangelical, which means someone who believes in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.)

As they left the sacristy, the priest knelt before one of the many images that lined the walls of the ancient church. Then, seeing that Fito did not also kneel, he tried to push the boy to his knees. "No," Fito objected, "I will not bow before that image, since it has no power." Again and again the priest pushed him, but Fito stood firm, repeating, "Don't try to force me, it

is of no use. I will not kneel."

It was because of this incident that Antonio wrote a letter to Fito's teacher, explaining that his son was an *evangelico*, and asking that he not be compelled to do things that were contrary to his convictions. Since then, they have not molested him, and each time that he has been passed to a new grade, that letter has been presented to his new teacher.

In Fito's school the highest grade on the report card is ten. In his other subjects he received eight, nine, or ten; but in the one called Religion he consistently received zero. One Thursday toward the close of the school year, a priest entered Fito's classroom, greeted the boys, then asked, "What is the Holy Bible?" Since no one else answered, he turned to Fito and said, "Can you tell me?"

"Yes," the boy answered, "it is God's message to mankind."

"Did the rest of you know that?" the visitor asked Fito's classmates. Still no answer. "Which is the first book of the Bible?" he continued. And since this question also met with silence, once again he turned to Fito.

"Genesis."

"Who wrote it?"

"Moses."

For several weeks the priest came every Thursday. Each time Fito confounded them all by giving information about the Bible which none of his companions knew. One day the question was, "Does the Bible say that there were three wise men who came to worship the Baby Jesus?" Upon receiving a negative reply, the *padre* continued, "Then why do we say three? Why not forty or some other number?"

"It could be any number," Fito observed, "but since they gave the Lord Jesus three gifts, we consider that there were probably three wise men." The priest commended him for the wisdom of his answer; and later, although he did not again visit the school, when he saw Fito on the street he greeted him.

After that, our boy began to receive three, four, and even five as his grade in Religion. But these marks were still very low compared to those he received in his other subjects. "Why do you give me such low grades in Religion?" he asked his teacher one day. "Can I not answer questions about the Bible that no body else in the class can answer?"

"Because you do not belong to the Roman Catholic church," the teacher

answered. "We cannot give you higher grades because you are not practicing religion."

On one occasion Fito's class was taken to the school library to read. Since the Roman Catholic New Testament, though it has a little different wording, contains the same message as our own, Fito had planned to ask for this book. But he relinquished it to one of his friends who did not know what to choose. Fito then picked for himself a book of Bible stories.

When the teacher saw what Fito was reading, he was amazed; it is commonly believed that our people do not have the same Bible as the Roman church. Picking up the book, he leafed through it until he came to the story of Jesus' first miracle. "Do you believe the story of the marriage of Cana?" he asked Fito.

"Yes."

"Just the same as it is told here?"

"The very same."

It was a revelation to the teacher who remained standing beside Fito, silently thinking, for several minutes.

Recently, my husband met this teacher in the street. As they talked about the boy who had just finished his last year in the public school, the teacher said, "Fito is very intelligent. He should have more education; you must send him to one of your higher schools."

"We have no schools," my husband answered. Then remembering that in Spain all education above the grade-school level is given in private institutions conducted by priests, he added, "The government will not give us *evangelicos* permission to open schools of our own."

That is how it is that Fito, whose formal education had ended, was working as an apprentice to Jose Fernandez, one of our young men who repairs shoes. He had earned his first week's wages—ten *pesetas*. The small white envelope which I held in my hand contained his first tithing. But deep in our hearts we have a dream. Perhaps God will lay His hand even more heavily upon Fito's life. Perhaps some day he will help us to spread the gospel here in Spain. Will you pray for Fito?

(In our 1961 BGMC Campaign we are using the offerings to print gospel literature especially for boys and girls in other lands. Please be faithful in giving to BGMC. The literature your offering sends to some foreign country may help save other little boys—just like Fito.) ◀◀

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QUEEN ESTHER, THE FAITHFUL

Sunday School Lesson for December 4, 1960

ESTHER 5:1-4; 7:1-3; 8:14-17

Haman, a prominent officer in the service of King Ahasuerus, had been promoted to a position of command second to the King. Mordecai, a leading Jew, refuses to bow down before Haman. Seeking revenge, the wicked Haman lies to the king concerning the true character of the Jewish people and succeeds in persuading the king to make a decree placing all Jews under the sentence of death.

Mordecai at once appeals to Esther, his cousin, who has become queen and points out to her that God undoubtedly has permitted her to become queen for the express purpose of saving her people.

Esther hesitates at first, reminding Mordecai that if she appears before the king unbidden there is the possibility that she may be put to death. Then putting self-interest aside, she rises to the occasion, tells Mordecai to have the Jewish people fast for her three days.

Following this, an amazing series of incidents take place which give us one of the most thrilling revelations of God's providence—that mysterious weaving together of circumstances great and small whereby God's love, power and grace are manifested in the lives of His servants.

1. *Mordecai "happens" to discover a plot to kill the king.* The event was recorded in the royal chronicles, and temporarily forgotten, without being brought to the attention of the king 2:21-23.

2. *Esther "happens" to find favor in the sight of the king.* 5:1-5.

3. *Esther "happens" to delay her request.* 5:6-8. In this she surely was led of the Lord. Had she made her request the first day she would have been a day too early!

4. *Haman "happens" again to cross the path of Mordecai and plots his death.* 5:9-14.

5. *The king "happens" to spend a sleepless night.* 6:1-3. This was the night before Esther was to make her request that the Jews, her people, might be spared. It was the very night during which Haman plotted Mordecai's death.

Now it "happens" that instead of asking for musical entertainment the king asks to have the royal chronicles read to him. And it "happens" that the portion includes the record of how Mordecai had saved his life. Notice that (1) blessings may come from sleepless nights, if we spend the time wisely; and (2) the reading of a good book may be providential!

6. *Mordecai is honored and Haman humiliated.* 6:4-14. What irony there is in these verses. Haman, thinking the king has him in mind, suggests the method whereby Mordecai is honored—and he has the privilege of leading Mordecai's horse through the streets!

7. *Haman becomes the victim of poetic retribution.* Read chapter 7. Observe that every circumstance of the story

works together for good to Esther and her people. Wicked Haman is executed on the very gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. "Chickens come home to roost," is the old saying. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," is the Bible's way of saying it. Psalm 7:15, 16; 9:15, 16; Proverbs 26:27; Galatians 6:7.

8. *Esther intercedes.* 8:1-8. Observe: (1) A man's mischief outlives him. Haman was dead; but the sentence of death which he had originated was still in effect. (2) There is power in intercession. Esther fell at the king's feet "and besought him with tears." And her praying saved her people. Can we say with Esther, "How can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred"?

9. *The king issues a decree.* Read 8:9-17. In response to Esther's prayers the king made a second decree which gave the Jews permission to defend themselves on the day that previously had been set aside for their destruction. The two decrees when compared are seen to be symbolic and full of meaning for us:

(1) The first decree was a message of condemnation; the second a message of liberation made possible because of Esther's willingness to sacrifice herself. See Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23; Galatians 3:13.

(2) The king's proclamation of liberation was translated into every language and carefully distributed in every part of the kingdom so all the Jews might read, hear, understand.

(3) There was only a limited time in which to publish abroad the message of liberation. Is this not so today?

—J. Bashford Bishop

Faith believes the Word of God for what it cannot see, and is rewarded by seeing what it believes.

THE KING'S SCEPTRE



EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Yuma	First	Nov. 27-Dec. 4	Wm. Paul Edwards	O. Killingsworth
Calif.	Compton	Gibson Ave.	Nov. 27-Dec. 4	S. J. Zambos	D. R. Moulton
	Los Angeles	Bethel Temple	Dec. 4—	Watson Argue	Arne Vick
	Palo Alto	* Gosp. Lighthouse	Dec. 4-9	Charles Senechal	Huff-Martindale
Fla.	Pensacola	Brentwood Park	Nov. 27-Dec. 11	Douglas Bartlett	Thomas Rachels
	St. Petersburg	Glad Tidings	Nov. 16-28	Lloyd & Mrs. Faulkner	Bashford Bishop
Ga.	Columbus	East Highland	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Warren Litzman	R. C. Jones
Idaho	Buhl	** A/G	Dec. 1—	Quentin Edwards	L. C. Harris, Chm.
Ill.	Peoria	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Music Vanderploegs	Bobby Ray
Iowa	New Sharon	A/G	Nov. 22-Dec. 4	E. L. Surratt	Oscar H. Hamilton
La.	Bogalusa	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Ralph R. & Mrs. Hall	George E. Hicks
	New Orleans	Gosp. Lighthouse	Nov. 27-Dec. 4	James T. Burkett	L. O. Waldon
Minn.	Worthington	A/G	Nov. 29—	Richard Orchard	John Everett
Miss.	East Tupelo	First	Dec. 4-10	Simon Lynn	Walter N. Duncan
Mo.	Kansas City	Calvary	Nov. 22-27	Musical Mathans	Leonard Carpenter
	Pacific	A/G	Nov. 13-27	Eric M. Johnson	C. A. Pankey
	Springfield	Bethel	Nov. 29-Dec. 4	Christian Hild	W. Charles Harris
	St. Louis	Friendship	Nov. 20-Dec. 5	Billy Wolfe	Fred Wampler
Nebr.	Lincoln	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 4	Musical Mathans	S. K. Biffle
N. M.	Alamogordo	First	Nov. 30—	Jerry Roberts	Floyd Grant
N. Y.	Brooklyn	Calvary Tab.	Nov. 24-27	Wm. H. Kautz	Ben Grandall
Ohio	New Philadelphia	Glad Tidings Tab.	Nov. 29—	John Higginbotham	Kenneth Shaffer
	Xenia	A/G	Nov. 29-Dec. 11	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Paul Emery, Jr.
Okla.	Eufaula	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 11	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Harold Stockton
	Haworth	First	Dec. 4—	Al Davis	Joe McDonald
	Oklahoma City	Evangel Tab.	Dec. 4-18	Wallace S. Bragg	Floyd L. Poag
	Tulsa	Brunner	Nov. 20—	C. B. & Mrs. Anderson	P. H. Wootton
Oreg.	McMinnville	Full Gospel	Nov. 27-Dec. 4	Denny Davis	L. D. Hall
Pa.	Meadville	A/G	Nov. 29-Dec. 18	Jack & Clara Peters	Donald E. Berkey
	Scranton	East Scranton	Nov. 28-Dec. 4	Harold L. Zuch	F. F. Reidenback
	Strasburg	A/G	Nov. 24-27	Harold L. Zuch	Paul Pugh
	Walnutport	A/G	Dec. 1-11	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Robert Beisel
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Ghana	Tamale	Lonny Park	Nov. 28—	Bob Hoskins	W. Anderson, Chm.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

CENTRAL SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT sponsoring a revival beginning Nov. 20 in Holly Springs, N. C. in effort to start a pioneer church. Services conducted in Holly Springs school auditorium; nightly at 7:45 and Sunday afternoons at 2:30.—by D. F. Leader, Raleigh, N. C.

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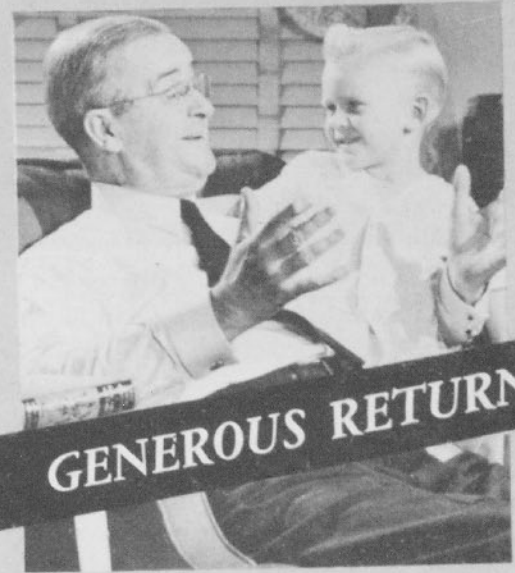
MRS. BLANCHE H. CHAPMAN, 62, of Mobile, Alabama, went to be with the Lord on September 27 following a lengthy illness. In 1934 she was ordained by the South Florida District but she was a member of the Alabama District at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, one son, and one daughter.

OTIS W. KEYES, 60, of Fort Worth, Texas, was called to be with the Lord on September 1. Death came suddenly, though he had been in failing health for several years. In 1941 Brother Keyes was ordained by the

Texas District. For a time he was superintendent of South Central Bible Institute. Entering military service in 1942, he served four years as an Army chaplain, rising to the rank of major. He was awarded the bronze star for outstanding accomplishments overseas. For some years he engaged in evangelistic and pastoral ministry in California and Texas, and for a period was president of Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife.

MRS. MARY PATE, 57, of Koshkonong, Missouri, went to her heavenly home on October 4. During the past two years she had been a patient in the tuberculosis sanitarium. Licensed in 1949 by the Southern Missouri District, she engaged in ministry in Missouri and Indiana.

RICHARD CLARENCE WALES, 70, Wills Point, Texas, passed on to his eternal reward October 12. He was ordained in the Texas District in 1947. This past summer he was superannuated after serving as an evangelist and pastor in Texas and Mississippi.



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ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Is it right to call the Blessed Holy Ghost "the Holy Spirit," as some do?

There is no difference in meaning whether we speak of the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit. The original Greek is the same. The term Holy Ghost was in harmony with the language of the day when the Authorized Version of the Bible was written. "Holy Spirit" is more in keeping with the language of the present.

Shall we know each other as soon as we pass from this life, or shall this knowledge await the time when we receive our resurrection bodies?

The disciples knew Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. We have the promise that then we shall "know even as also we are known." Our relationships, however, will be different. Here we know each other "after the flesh," or as fellow human beings. In that world all shall be changed; we shall know each other as heavenly beings.

I have always believed Jesus was nailed to the cross. In The Pentecostal Evangel of August 21 He was pictured as tied to the cross. Is the use of such a picture justified?

Most of us have supposed that Jesus was nailed to the cross, although tying was a method of fastening to the cross. Adam Clarke says the persons crucified were either nailed or tied to the cross. The record of the crucifixion of Jesus does not tell us whether He was tied or nailed. (See Matthew 27:35-38; Mark 15:24-27; Luke 23:33; John 19:18)

Does Matthew 5:42 ("give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away") mean that we should not refuse anyone?

I believe the answer to this question is found in Deuteronomy 15:7-11. The poor, especially among the people of God, should not be refused help in their time of need. The scripture does not mean we should give to every "panhandler" whose only desire may be to get enough for another drink.

Why did Jesus defend His disciples for plucking grain from another's field? Was this not stealing? (Matthew 12:1)

A rule in Israel permitted any who were hungry to pick and eat the grain. However, they were permitted to take only what they needed to eat; they were not to carry the grain home. See Deuteronomy 23:25.

What did Jesus mean in Mark 10:31 when He said, "Many that are first shall be last, and the last first"?

Applying this to us, I believe it means that many who have been called to serve the Lord will be last in receiving His blessings because of unfaithfulness. Some who seemed not to be of such promise will rate first, because of their faithfulness.

Jesus probably had the Jews and the Gentiles in mind when He spoke those words. The Jews held first place in the counsels of God. Through their rejection of Christ they sacrificed this position. On the other hand, the Gentiles, who had been aliens, would come into God's favor through accepting Christ and would rise into the higher place, becoming "partakers of His promise in Christ, through the gospel."

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).

SPEED-THE-LIGHT

Through the
Years With

SPEED THE LIGHT

BY FLORENCE BASSETT

WE'RE OFF! THANK GOD, AT LAST we're off!" We looked at each other—Pilot E. L. Mason, Florence Steidel, and I—then at the ground we were leaving below us. What excitement filled our hearts! We were flying in the *first* Speed-the-Light vehicle, on its *first* flight!

We were on our way from Roberts Field, Monrovia, to Cape Palmas, from where we would proceed as soon as possible to the interior by hammock and by foot to Newaka—Florence Steidel to lay the foundation for the now well-known New Hope Leprosy Mission, and I teach in the Newaka Girls School where we were training young women to be ministers' wives.

Two days earlier "Old Sikorsky," a war-surplus flying boat made for bombing submarines, had been loaded. Our luggage was stacked all around us, including a few young grapefruit trees for the leper colony. We were ready for the take-off when the pilot discovered that inexperienced helpers had poured the gas for the trip, not into the tanks,



E. L. Mason, Florence Steidel, and Florence Bassett beside first STL plane

but under the floor! There was nothing to do but get out, unload, and get that gasoline in the tanks where it belonged.

Never shall I forget the thrill and wonder of that first Speed-the-Light flight. We kept a course along the coast with the Atlantic Ocean on the right and the high bush on the left with occasional swamps between. Little villages were almost hidden among the trees. We were on our way in our own Speed-the-Light plane to do the work God had called us to do.

Since that memorable day in May 1945, I have seen quite a few pieces of Speed-the-Light equipment. The plane continued to serve in West Africa. As landing strips were dug out and leveled at the various mission stations back in the high bush country, the plane became our contact with the outside world. It brought supplies, mail, and emergency help. Many were the flights it made bearing a sick missionary or a dying national to the coast for medical help and care. Many hours and days were saved in travel for necessary supplies, and in getting to stations and preaching points.

In 1951, when I returned to Liberia for another term, I was met at Monrovia by the late Mary Martin. She was driving a jeep, given to her through Speed-the-Light by her home district, the Potomac Christ's Ambassadors. Miss Martin and I made many trips together in the jeep to places where previously she had to walk, hire a car if one were available, or stay home. We reached many for the Lord because of the jeep.

When Miss Martin went home on furlough, she said I should take over the jeep. The Arkansas District C.A.'s very kindly consented to raise the money for me to buy the jeep. This money would then help Miss Martin

to secure a new vehicle for her next term.

A few months later we moved ten miles out from the city and the jeep became indispensable. Aside from the regular village work, Sunday school work, etc., the jeep was used for carrying all kinds of building material, cement, sand, lumber, and supplies. We were then building a Bible school at Brewerville.

In 1955 when I came home for furlough, the jeep was still serving well. Robert Renfroe, helped by the Mississippi C.A.'s, purchased the jeep and used it while building another Bible school.


When my furlough ended, Miss Martin and I returned together to work in the Brewerville Bible school, the one the jeep had helped to build. With funds I had paid for the jeep and further assistance from the Michigan C.A.'s, Miss Martin was able to take out a Ford ranch wagon, a much more suitable vehicle than a jeep would have been. It was good for bringing in supplies, but much more important, for taking workers to outstations and preaching points for services. During this term Miss Martin went on to her reward and the station wagon was left with me.

When my furlough time came again, the station wagon was "sold" to two young lady evangelists from Texas (Margie Nickell and Betty Savage) who were building a church in the interior and badly needed a vehicle. North Texas C.A.'s furnished the funds for them to "buy" it.

Now I am back on the field again, awaiting arrival of a jeep pickup truck, which is much needed here at the Newaka Girls' School, sixty-five miles inland from the coast. Money from the old jeep, plus funds from the ranch wagon, plus help from the C.A.'s of

Southern Missouri, are combining to provide this new equipment.

Over the years there has been a very warm place in my heart for our C.A.'s who have given literally millions of dollars to provide us with transportation, radio equipment, and printing equipment in order that we may speed the blessed gospel light to the ends of the earth before Jesus comes. I thank God for the Ca.'s and Speed-the-Light.

SPEED-the-LIGHT

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When Our Missionaries Come Home

(Continued from page twelve)

rificed to make our stay at Mission Village comfortable and restful.

"We cannot conclude this letter without telling you that Beatrice Hildebrand, matron of the Village, and Mr. Clifford Simmons, who takes care of the outside work, are doing a wonderful job. They keep the grounds in good order, check on household supplies, and take care of necessary repairs. We thank them and all of you for the kindness and attention shown to us, your missionaries."

When the Verne Warners returned home from the Dominican Republic a few years ago, they lived out of suitcases most of their furlough. But this time it is different. Mrs. Warner says, "It was such a relief to move into Mission Village. There were plenty of drawers for our clothes, and lots of closet space for clothing and baggage. It seemed good to put all the suitcases and equipment out of sight and have a neat place in which to live.

"Mission Village isn't like a hotel or motel. The pillow cases are all so beautifully embroidered; the tea towels have cute little designs on them; and even the hot pads have an air of friendliness about them!

"Our cottage is really meant for a couple without children—and we have two. But we have a nice 'Hide-a-bed' in the living room, and the pretty drop-leaf table is also a space saver.

"A few days ago some missionary friends of ours came by to see us. They are under another mission board, but they were impressed with the lovely cottages the Assemblies of God and the WMC's have provided for their missionaries on furlough.

"Thanks again to all the WMC's."

The Power of Prayer

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but, I did not know
Someone had knelt in prayer;
Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the Load, and He
In infinite compassion had stooped down
And taken it from me.

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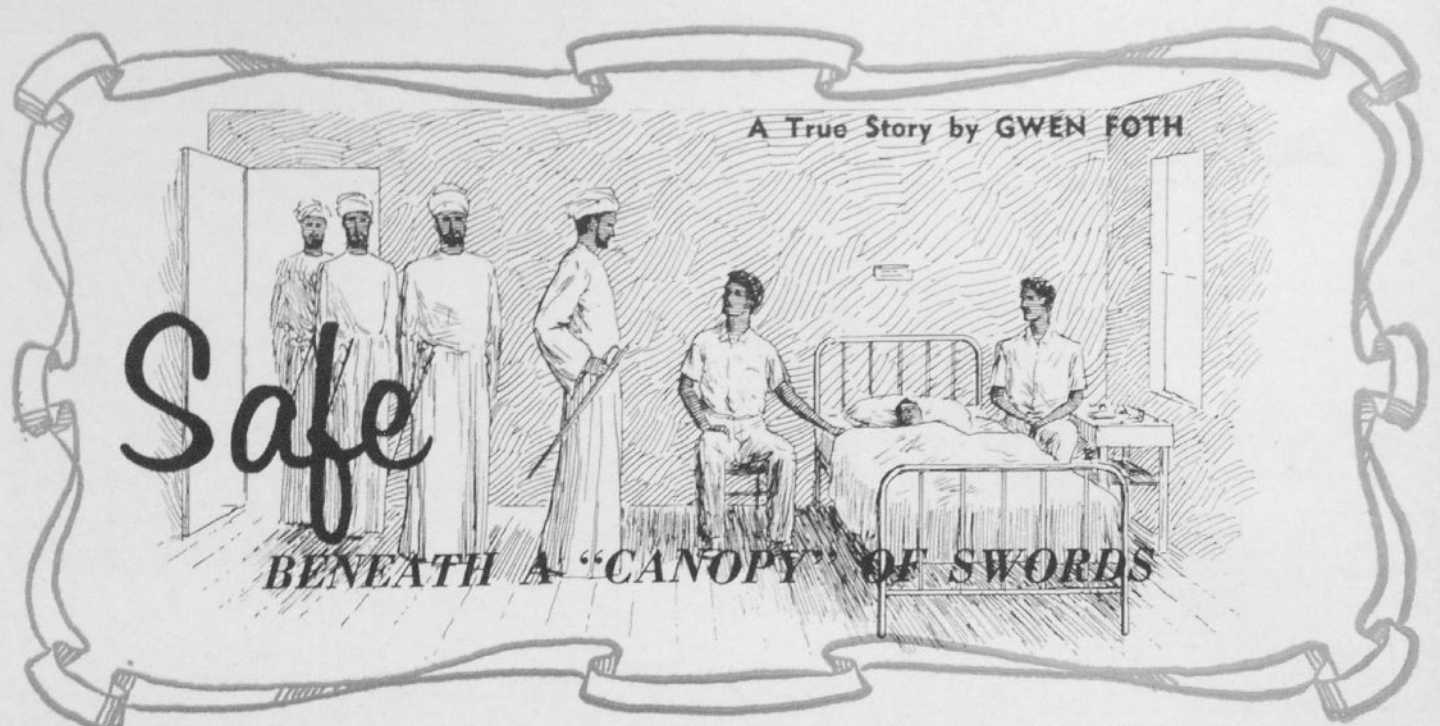
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BENEATH A "CANOPY" OF SWORDS

A VIVID ILLUSTRATION OF THE POWER OF PRAYER OCCURRED IN 1950. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE STORY HAS EVER BEEN TOLD IN *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

I was in California at the time. My husband, Oliver Foth, was in India. The children and I had returned to the U. S. a year ahead of our scheduled missionary furlough due to illness in the family but my husband had remained in India to finish our term of service and to complete the building of the Bible school.

A humble, Spirit-filled man of God who was pastor of the local church became principal of the Bible school. For many years he had longed and prayed for such a school as this where workers might be trained to carry the gospel to thirty million needy Tamilians in South India.

One day I received a cablegram from my husband which said the principal of the school was critically ill. The cablegram urged that special prayer be offered for him. Immediately I felt in my own spirit that this was another attack of the enemy against the work of God so I sent word to many praying people without delay. I contacted several assemblies in California, our Bible school, and friends in Springfield, Missouri, requesting special prayer that God would give victory in this battle of faith.

It happened that the WMC's of the church I attended were having their regular meeting the very day I received the cablegram. At the service I read the cablegram to the ladies and told them what a blessing this brother in India was to the work of the Lord and how badly he was needed at the Bible school. A great burden of prayer came upon all of them. There was a real travail of soul which lasted for several hours until we felt we had prayed through to victory.

In about a week I received an airmail letter stating the cause of the illness and telling of the wonderful touch he received from the Lord. He had suffered a severe attack of angina pectoris and was evidently so near death that all the members of his family had been called to his home.

Hour after hour the family remained by his bed. To relieve them, two of the Bible school students attended him so that the family could get a few hours' rest. They spent the night by his side, watching and praying. Sud-

denly, they said, the door of the little room opened and a number of men filed in, each of them dressed in shining white garments and carrying a sheathed sword at his side. One by one they came until the bed was completely surrounded.

The young men said they thought they were dreaming, at first, but they spoke to each other and knew they both were awake. Great awe filled their hearts.

They said that when the bed was completely surrounded, each of the men unsheathed his sword and held it aloft over the bed, touching the point of the sword on the opposite side, until the bed was completely covered by a canopy of swords.

The students realized that the presence of the Lord was filling the room and they said, "Who are these, Lord?" He seemed to speak to their hearts, saying, "These are friends and prayer warriors in America who are praying for your principal, and as they continue in prayer the enemy cannot press through and harm My servant." They looked up and noticed the dark forms of the enemy gathered over the canopy of swords, trying to press through, but they could not—they were held back by the power of prayer.

When morning came, they related their experience to my husband, and he told them of the cablegram which he had sent to America.

God graciously touched the principal and restored him to good health so that he was able to continue his ministry. His life was spared because WMC's, Bible school students, and other intercessors travailed in the Spirit in prayer to drive back the forces of Satan. May the Lord help us all to be faithful in this vital secret ministry, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

I can testify personally to the power of prayer. Because somebody prayed until the burden lifted, God spared my life while I was in missionary service in India. Because somebody prayed, each of our children's lives was spared, even though they were brought down to death's door. I am grateful for every kindness shown us but I am more thankful for the prayers of our friends than for everything else they have given me. Yes, it pays to pray.