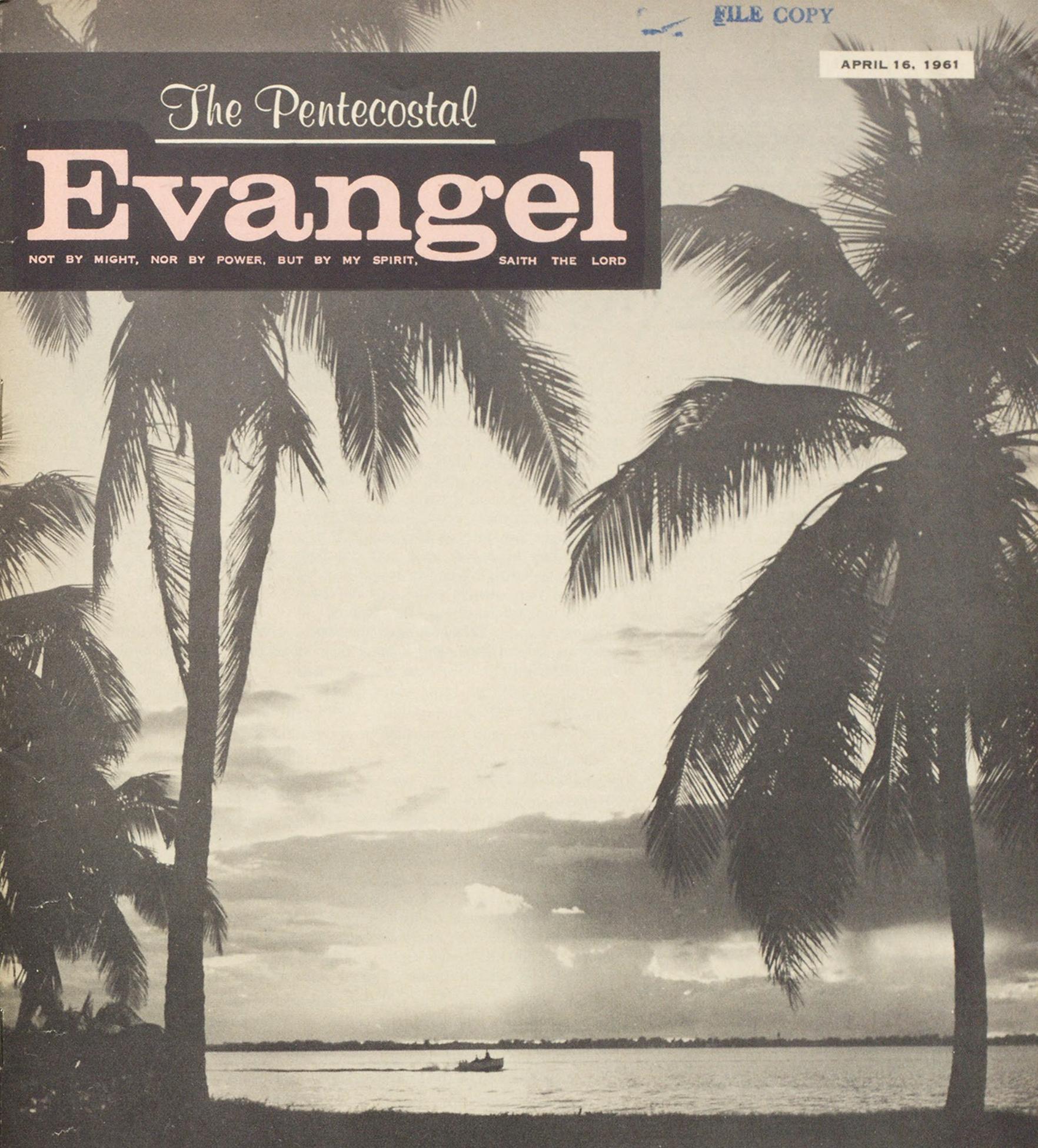


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



The Master dipped His brush in the flame  
Of the fires we all pass through,  
And He painted banners that waved, blood-red,  
On a sky of glorious blue.

He took the wealth of a Father's love,  
And in letters of wondrous mold,  
He wrote a message to all mankind,  
Then mingled the crimson with gold.

And our eyes find the sunset beautiful,  
Like a glimpse of the promised land;  
Our hearts, exalted, adoring, know  
The touch of the Master's hand.—*Selected*

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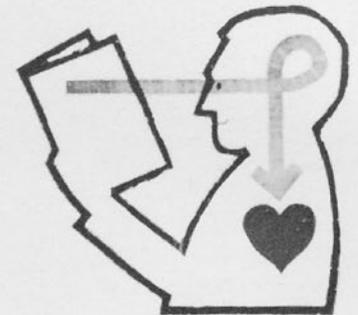
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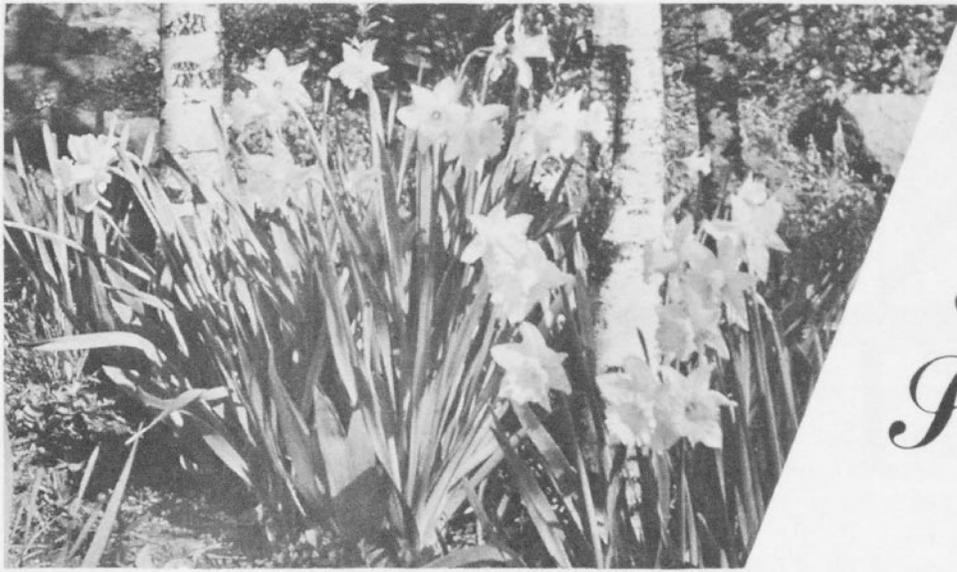


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# Fruitfulness Through Separation

BY ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

**T**HE JONQUILS IN OUR GARDEN WERE lovely this year—large, perfect, and as golden as a sunset sky. There were hundreds of them to send to others—jolly, bright blossoms. The plants have grown large and stocky; so I shall be forced to do fresh separating, dividing the bulbs and replanting, in order that next spring may bring even greater blossoming.

But were the plants not divided in other years? Yes, and the growth and beauty increased accordingly, making necessary now a fresh separation. Blessed parable of my jonquil blossoms!

Is it not a temptation to us to regard with a certain satisfaction some severe separations of the past in the secret hope that now we are safe from future disturbance? Our heart has bled its fullest, our "earth-bulbs" have endured their last dividing, and we seem comfortably settled for all time. Established like Job in his nest of self-sufficient ease! What a picture we have of this in the twenty-ninth chapter of Job:

*"Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.*

*"My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.*

*"My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.*

*"Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel."*

Then came the sad breaking of that nest—the disentangling of those roots—as God brought His servant into a place of new separation from which Job cried out, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Ch. 42:5, 6).

See this in Abraham's life, which

underwent at least seven definite separations and perhaps more for all we know. Following God is a very progressive matter—a gracious, constant development with its attendant separations. It was the fruit-bearing branches which at recurring intervals felt the keen pruning knife. To cause needless suffering? No—no. "That they might bring forth more fruit." All to a fuller fruitfulness; all to maintain a wholesome spiritual life. It is only thus that we can know a divine, living energy by which we can meet victoriously the debilitating inertia of these Laodicean days.

From an old saint, now in Glory, who visited in our home when I was a child, I have preserved these strong, simple words of warning which are as forceful today as when written over sixty years ago:

"The very thought of lukewarmness implies that the soul has previously been in a good, hot state of grace. Persons who have never known a good degree of fervor will never have the malady of lukewarmness. It is like pestilential insects, which attack thrifty, living vegetables, and not dry, dead sticks. We never think of a dry, rainless desert as suffering from a drought. The very thought of suffering from drought implies that the ground has previously been well watered.

"And this lukewarmness manifests itself by a disposition to label as heretics those who do push beyond. Will there ever be any end to the narrowness and the littleness of our minds and faith? In the mind is the secret fact that the soul has done so much for God, has fought so many battles, endured so many afflictions, had so

many uplifts in grace, that it can put itself on the retired list of the army and draw full pay. God only knows how many of His children, once hot with holy love, are living, like broken-down aristocracy, on the faded splendors of the past.

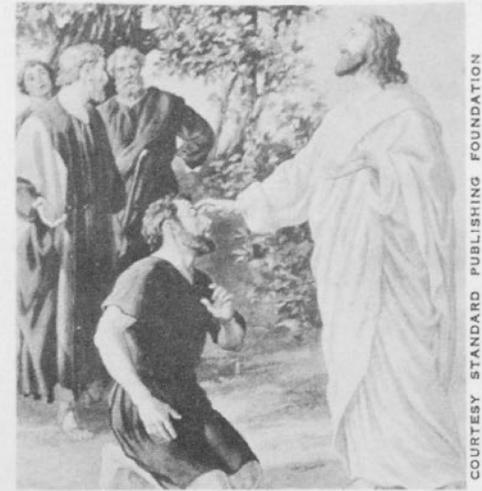
"There is no conscious touch from God, no sense of fullness dilating the heart; no sweet vision of God's attributes; no bright, faraway fields open in secret prayer; no rapt adoration of His majesty; no melting, yearning love for the saving of souls; no bullet-like piercing of the words of Scripture; no whispering of the Holy Ghost as of old; no conscious grasp on the Throne through prayer.

"The flash has left the eye; the smile the lip; the divine throb has gone from the heart; the promptness from the will; the gentleness has left the voice; the third heavens with its retinue has gone off somewhere. If only something would happen to this lukewarm soul; if it could be hurled to the dust in humiliation and mortification! But such a state of soul is so pleasing to the devil that he will not even tempt it to commit any great sin, lest it should be shocked into renewed repentance and fervor of grace. The devil likes to bury a hot religious experience in a smooth shroud of cold virtue.

"There is a quiet, unexpressed decision of the mind that the soul is getting on very well, and that it will settle down into its present thought and feelings. Most Christians have quietly decided to live the remainder of their days just about like they are now doing. They expect no further great epochs in their experience. It is

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# FAITH IN ACTION



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**T**HE STORY OF BLIND BARTIMAEUS in Jericho, related in Mark 10:46-52, is a lesson on *faith in action*. Bartimaeus cries, "Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy on me." As the story continues it says, "He, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus. . . . He received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

Faith can be seen by what it does. Of one occasion in the life of our Lord the Bible states, "He saw their faith." Let us examine several aspects of the faith of Bartimaeus.

## FAITH THAT BELIEVES

Bartimaeus knew about Jesus before this meeting. People in the crowd told him Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. This was not a very high tribute to Jesus. Nazareth was an insignificant town in Galilee. There was a common saying, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Why then did Bartimaeus call Him, "Jesus, thou Son of David"? He must have believed that Jesus was more than a man—that He was divine.

He believed that Jesus was the promised Son of David for whom all Israel waited. Doubtless he had heard of the teachings and miracles of Jesus. He had been told of those healed of leprosy, lameness, deafness, and blindness, and his hope was that some day Jesus would pass near him.

In the word "Lord" in verse 51, Bartimaeus' faith in Jesus is revealed. This is the only time the word "Lord" is translated from the Greek *Rabboni*. *Rabboni* is a greater title than *Rabbi*. This word is used in John 20:16, when Mary Magdalene ascribed it to Jesus. At that time He had just revealed Himself to Mary as the risen Christ. When she called Him *Rabboni* she meant "my Lord and my Master." This evidently is what Bartimaeus also meant.

## FAITH THAT SEEKS

Bartimaeus cried out, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me." With great humility and earnestness he sought after the Lord. The prophet Isaiah urged, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Jesus was now passing within his reach. Soon he would be beyond him.

The blind man thus called out as if this was his one and only opportunity to receive help from Jesus. He did not know it, but this was indeed the last time Jesus would pass by Jericho, as He was headed for Jerusalem and the cross. When Jesus is passing, we should earnestly seek His help. He always passes near when we worship with God's people, and when we pray, and when we read His Word. He is near when we praise the Lord, for He "inhabitheth the praises of Israel."

Many priests and Levites lived in Jericho. Often they passed Bartimaeus but gave him no help. Nor did he seek or cry after them. Others passed in gaiety and laughter. They might give alms, but they could not offer the help this poor blind man needed.

As he felt his unworthiness, Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord for mercy. It is necessary to receive mercy from the Lord before receiving His blessings. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." We must realize God owes us nothing because of our position or our service. His blessings are all of grace. There are those who do not receive healing, because they feel

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they are worthy of it. We must earnestly seek for God's mercy and grace.

## FAITH THAT OVERCOMES

The handicap of his blindness Bartimaeus overcame, as well as the obstacles that others put in his way. The people in the crowd rebuked him and commanded him to hold his peace. There will always be those who will discourage faith and seeking after God. We must not be concerned about the opinion of people when we desperately need the help of the Lord.

Though he was told to be silent, he "cried the more a great deal." His importunity in prayer availed, for "Jesus stood still" and commanded him to be called. The sun and moon stood still at the earnest prayer of Joshua. The Jordan river stopped its flow to allow Israel to pass over. So Bartimaeus' persistent cries halted the Master.

Bartimaeus overcame the rebuke of the people and now they spoke kindly to him, saying, "Be of good comfort, rise, he calleth thee." Jesus commanded that the blind man be brought to Him. Jesus calls every needy person to come to him. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," He says.

## FAITH THAT ACTS

Hearing the call of Jesus, the blind man cast away his garment, rose, and came to Him. Perhaps his outer garment would hinder him from quickly getting to Jesus. He cast it aside as one ready to run a race. It is important to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Some have suggested he threw aside the beggar's garment that he was wear-

ing. (When I visited Jericho, I took a picture of a blind beggar sitting by the wayside. He was clothed in a dark-colored, loose-fitting garment, as worn by many beggars.) Bartimaeus had an active faith that assured him he would not need the garment of a beggar any longer. Jesus would restore his sight, and by following a new and useful occupation he would be able to wear new garments. He had not yet received his sight, but in faith he laid aside the beggar's garment.

The word "rose" has a meaning of "springing to his feet." The same word was used in regard to Jesus who "died and rose again." Divine life came into Bartimaeus as he was quickened by the Word of the Lord. As a partaker of the Divine nature, he would no longer be feeble.

With a bold faith he requested, "Lord that I might receive my sight." There were many things he needed, such as money, food, clothing, and shelter, but he did not ask for these things. When his blindness was gone, he would be able to provide these things for himself. Jesus gave us this promise: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things [food, drink, clothes, shelter] shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

#### FAITH THAT RECEIVES

Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Luke uses the words, "Thy faith hath saved thee." Bartimaeus was healed of his physical and spiritual blindness when his faith laid hold of the promise. Jesus had said, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Here is a great truth, *Jesus puts Himself at our command*. Jesus had commanded Bartimaeus to come to him, but now he bids Bartimaeus to command what he desires of the Lord. Is not this His promise to all of us? He says to us, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

#### FAITH THAT CHANGES HABITS

"And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Luke puts it like this: he "followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God." When through faith one has received help, healing, and blessing from the Lord, he should faithfully and lovingly follow His way. This truth is expressed in a chorus, "After all He's

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# Testimonies of HEALING

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JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO-DAY, AND FOR EVER (Hebrews 13:8)

## Lung Congestion Healed

In August, 1958, we were driven from our home on the river bank by a flood. As a result of the flood, muddy waters seeped into the well making the drinking water impure. After drinking this water, I was stricken with a congestion in my right lung causing almost unbearable pain.

I was taken immediately to the nearby Samaritan Hospital. Because of the seriousness of my condition and advanced age (79 years) little hope was given for my recovery by the doctor. He said an operation would be necessary, and even then recovery would be questionable. My wife and two sons at home refused to permit the operation. The doctor was dismissed from the case and prayerfully I was left in the care of the interns and nurses.

The best of care was given me. Thorough examinations including X-ray therapy were received immediately and every two or three days thereafter. Though slow, improvement was noticeable from the first and the pain in my side was allayed.

Though there but a short time, I became impatient to get home. While confident the hospital attendants were doing all humanly possible for me, I believed God could hasten my recovery and bring a permanent cure. I noticed that other elderly patients had been there in the hospital for many months, even years. I knew God could perform at once that which the hospital doctors would take many weeks and months to accomplish.

I requested my son to call his pastor to come and pray for my healing. He came to my bedside and after a few moments of conversation and meditation on James 4 he anointed my head with a drop of oil and prayed. The Lord graciously heard and answered that prayer.

The next day, following another thorough examination and X-ray photo, I was helped into a chair where I sat for one-half hour. The next two days

I walked around the room and corridor to gain strength. On the fourth day I was released to go home. Later I returned to the hospital by request for another complete checkup and was pronounced completely cured.

I praise the Lord for healing me completely, and keeping me well these past three years through prayer.—Robert W. Anson, Fremont, Nebraska.

(Endorsed by Allen Wine, pastor, Assembly of God, Fremont, Nebraska.)

## Tumor Removed in Answer to Prayer

God miraculously healed me recently of a soft fibroid tumor.

For almost nine months I thought I was to have a baby. I had all the symptoms accompanying a pregnancy. The doctor did not suspect anything different until he saw I was still too small to be so near my time of delivery. After examining me he decided I had a tumor. A rabbit test confirmed I was not pregnant.

On August 27 the doctor said I would need surgery to remove the tumor. I believe God wants to be our Healer so the next day (Sunday, August 28) I went to church where they anointed and prayed for me according to the Scripture. From that time I began to go down in size, and started to have pains which indicated something unusual was taking place.

Five days after the anointing and prayer, I started having pains like at child birth, and literally gave birth to a tumor.

I am so grateful to God for healing me. The removal of the tumor has helped me so much physically, and it has helped me spiritually even more (which, of course, is most important). Praise His name forever—Mrs. Mary Branch, Caney, Kansas

(This testimony is endorsed by Roy F. Hollis pastor of the Assembly of God, Caney, Kansas, who saw the tumor that was passed.)

**G**ETTING PEOPLE CONVERTED TO Christ is the primary obligation of the Church. No department or arm of the local assembly is doing its real job unless it is producing changed lives. No individual believer is obeying the Lord's command unless he is doing all he can to bring new members into spiritual birth in the family of God.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," commanded Jesus. Eleven awestruck men listened as the resurrected Jesus promised them unlimited blessing in carrying out His orders. Fully persuaded of the resurrection to which they were now witnesses, they rocked the world with their preaching and power.

Less than three centuries later half the civilized world was practicing dynamic Christianity in spite of tremendous opposition and great persecution. Not long afterwards the whole Roman Empire became nominally Christian.

We can see genuine, old-fashioned, earth-shaking revivals in our day if we will follow the scriptural pattern. "Go ye into all the world," said Jesus. No one of us can do this by himself but each can go into his "world" and preach the gospel to those with whom he is associated from day to day.

The twentieth-century Church must return to the primitive concept of evangelism which calls for every-member participation. One need not leave his present calling in order to serve God. Whatever be the circle of our individual lives, let each of us work there, taking personal responsibility for the souls we contact in our particular sphere of duty.

Some have attached a false dignity to the word "minister." The New Testament meaning of "minister" is *servant*, a subordinate. Jesus said, "Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:43, 44). The term is applied to all believers. In the true Biblical sense each Christian is a "minister" and should serve his fellow man by giving him the gospel. This respon-



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# EVANGELISM IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

BY EVANGELIST ROBERT WATTERS

*Arleta, California*

sibility is enormous and not to be taken lightly. If followed, this course of dynamic personal ministry could lead to universal revival within the lifetime of one generation.

"Preach the gospel to every creature," Jesus said. The local revival crusade is essentially an obedience to that command. But the public church services of an evangelistic campaign are only a small part of the evangelism program of the Church.

"Get the right evangelist at the right time and we will have a revival," has been said too often. Repeated evangelistic disappointments in various areas have led to the mistaken and tragic conclusion that revival efforts in the local church are no longer profitable.

Planned evangelism is gradually disappearing in some of our churches. What a pity it would be if the Assemblies of God, born in the fires of evangelism and nourished by its fruits, were to follow the path down which some large denominations have gone. Once these denominations were evangelical and powerful in their spiritual influence on society. The fervor of evangelism cooled and modernism appeared. It has been said that to cease to be evangelistic is to cease to be evangelical! Let us never forget that full-scale evangelistic effort is a vital source of energy and growth in the Church.

Great revivals are not the product of an impressive pulpit personality, planned program, nor popular perform-

ance. Nevertheless God can use every talent that is humbly dedicated to Him. There is a place in His program for each unique personality and for well-organized crusades. *But prayer is the key to revival.* Historic revivals have left that testimony.

God's promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14 holds good in the twentieth century. "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." *Prayer is the mark of true revival.* I have never seen revival without it. Prayerlessness is the mark of apostasy. The Assemblies of God had its beginning in the humble prayer meetings that sparked the great Holy Spirit revival at the dawn of this twentieth century. Prayer is our breath of life. Without it we perish.

Prayer, then, is the major ministry in which every Christian can participate. Prayer produces the right conditions in which evangelism can flourish. Prayer is the one preparation I desire above all others in the churches where I minister.

Evangelistic praying is a special kind of praying. It involves the consecration of the one who prays. Heart preparation of the church members, sincere soul searching and healthy spiritual progress, create a Christlike climate in the Church which makes it easy for sinners to find Christ.



Evangelistic praying is directed praying, first for a burden to see people converted. One must live close to God in order to evaluate spiritual things above the physical—to estimate the importance of eternal things in relation to temporal matters. Prayer awakens us to God's presence and shows us how greatly human beings need Him. A burden for souls is a part of real revival.

Enlarged expectations grow out of evangelistic praying. We "see things" in the Spirit that cannot be envisioned by carnal or secular considerations of our churches' possibilities. May God grant to every *Evangel* reader a vision of community-wide, city-wide, nation-wide stirrings growing out of our local evangelistic campaigns. Let us recognize that evangelism is not fulfilling itself in a mere two-weeks' "feast for the saints." Evangelism is the spreading of the good news of Christ in order that unbelievers may be converted to Him.

Evangelistic praying prepares the human mind to hear the voice of God. God can bring into our consciousness the faces and names of acquaintances of ours who need the Saviour. Through such praying comes a dependence on God to help us win these persons to Him. Such holy desires create courage within us to be bold in testifying and faithful in witnessing. When one desires to help another more than anything in the world, he will spare himself nothing to fulfill the task. A real, heartfelt, all-out, individual effort to bring people to church to hear the gospel preached is a big factor in successful evangelism.

If each Christian who attends an evangelistic crusade in 1961 will win just one soul to Christ during that campaign, the earth will reverberate with the results. ◀◀

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## The Answered Prayer

I prayed for strength, and then I lost awhile  
All sense of nearness, human and divine;  
The love I leaned on, failed and pierced my heart,  
The hands I clung to loosed themselves from mine;  
And while I swayed, weak, trembling and alone,  
The everlasting arms upheld my own.

I prayed for light; the sun went down in clouds,  
The moon was darkened by my misty doubt,  
The stars of heaven were dimmed by earthly fears  
And all my little candle flame burned out;  
But while I sat in shadow, wrapped in night  
The face of Christ made all the darkness bright.

I prayed for peace, and dreamed of restful ease,  
A slumber drugged from pain, a hushed repose;  
Above my head the skies were black with storm,  
And fiercer grew the onslaught of my foes;  
But while the battle raged, and wild winds blew  
I heard His voice, and perfect peace I knew.

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou art too kind to heed  
My feeble prayers, and answer as I sought.  
Since these rich gifts Thy bounty has bestowed  
Have brought me more than I have asked or thought.  
Giver of good, so answer each request  
With Thine own giving, *better than my best.*

—Annie Johnson Flint

## Divine Holiness

BY A. B. SIMPSON

THE GLORY of the New Testament teaching regarding sanctification is that it presents to us not human but divine holiness as a possibility of faith and a provision of grace. It demands from us conformity to the very highest standard of purity and righteousness, making no compromise, asking no abatement of the highest claims of the divine character and law. And then it supplies the grace and power to meet this demand, through Christ Himself. It gives what it demands.

The great mistake of most persons in seeking for a deeper spiritual life is the attempt to become something themselves and have something which they can call their own holiness. On the contrary, God is ever seeking to withdraw us from ourselves, to lead us to realize our helplessness and nothingness, and to find our all in Himself continually and forevermore.

It is, therefore, not a state of self-constituted perfection but a relationship with a perfect and divine Person. "Christ . . . who of God is made unto us . . . sanctification." And he that abideth in Him sinneth not; but as He is, so are we also in this world. This lifts us higher than the highest human goodness and yet it stoops lower than

the lowest depth of our conscious weakness and inability. It leaves no excuse for those who claim their unworthiness and insufficiency, for it provides all the resources of God Himself. It affords no occasion for self-consciousness or pride, for when we have obtained it there is still nothing in ourselves; it is all of grace. It leaves no place for the excuses of those who plead that all men are imperfect and therefore none can be holy, for it admits our imperfection and yet demands that we shall receive His holiness.

It is, indeed, a perfect paradox, "having nothing, and yet possessing all things." Crying, "I am not sufficient even to think anything as of myself," and yet surmounting the clouds and shouting from the heights of victory: "(My) sufficiency is of God"; "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

What an available provision God has made for our complete Christian life! Let us accept it in all its fullness and give it to our weary and struggling brethren who are crying and groaning in all lands for deliverance from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

—The Alliance Witness



# Let's Take the Guesswork out of Youth Work

BY TED W. ENGSTROM

President, Youth for Christ International

**I**N THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS IN Washington, D. C., they will show you some metal objects that are guarded as carefully as the gold in Fort Knox—not because the metal itself is so valuable, but because these objects are the standards for our system of weights and measures.

Imagine how confusing our lives would be if there were no standard foot, pound, or meter! Progress would come to an immediate halt, and no one would be certain of anything. Obviously you cannot run a scientific laboratory

or a hospital operating room on guesswork!

The same principle applies to the work of the local church and Sunday school: guesswork leads to *less* work and ultimately to poor results, if any at all. Having worked with young people in local churches and interdenominational programs around the world, I am convinced that it is time to take the guesswork out of youth work and start operating on basic fundamentals that will get the job done. It is time to exchange points and challenge today's teen-agers with a program that will make a difference in their lives and in the work of our churches.

*Let's Stop Guessing About the Importance of Youth Work*

Whether we like to admit it or not, this is the "Age of the Teen-Ager." The 17 million teen-agers in the United States have gained more and more importance since the end of the war, and have quite a bit of influence on today's world. Back in 1945, the average American teen-ager had a weekly income of \$2.50. Today his income (allowance plus earnings) is close to \$10 a week! Businessmen tell us that today's young people spend about nine *billion* dollars annually!

But even apart from the size of the teen population and the amount of money it controls, young people are important because *they are the controls of the future*. The church or Sunday school that makes no provision for the youth is not looking to the future. Granted, the teen-agers might not have the wisdom today to sit on church

boards, but tomorrow they will be called upon to carry on our work after we have gone. "Should we have a youth program?" is not the question. Yes—every church *must* have a youth program. The real question is, "How much of ourselves are we willing to give to make the youth program succeed?"

*Let's Stop Guessing About the Kind of Youth Workers to Enlist*

Not everyone can work with teen-agers. This is a simple statement to make, yet a difficult one to practice. We are careful to get the best Bible teachers for the adults, and the finest, most patient story tellers for the children; but too often we give the young people sponsors and directors that no other department wants. Sunday school experts tell us that we lose 80 per cent of our pupils when they get to the teen years—and common sense would demand that we enlist the very best workers to put a stop to this spiritual kidnapping!

What are the ingredients that go to make up a successful youth worker? Let me suggest:

1. *Spirituality*. Teen-agers can detect a counterfeit in almost no time, so don't try to fool them. A sponsor who lives in the Word, depends on the Spirit, and prays daily for his young people will have a better chance for success.

2. *A love for teens*. He will never be able to put up with the problems or face the heartaches if he has no love in his heart for the fellows and girls he is working with. Techniques fail, methods fail, and programs fail, but " *love never faileth.*"

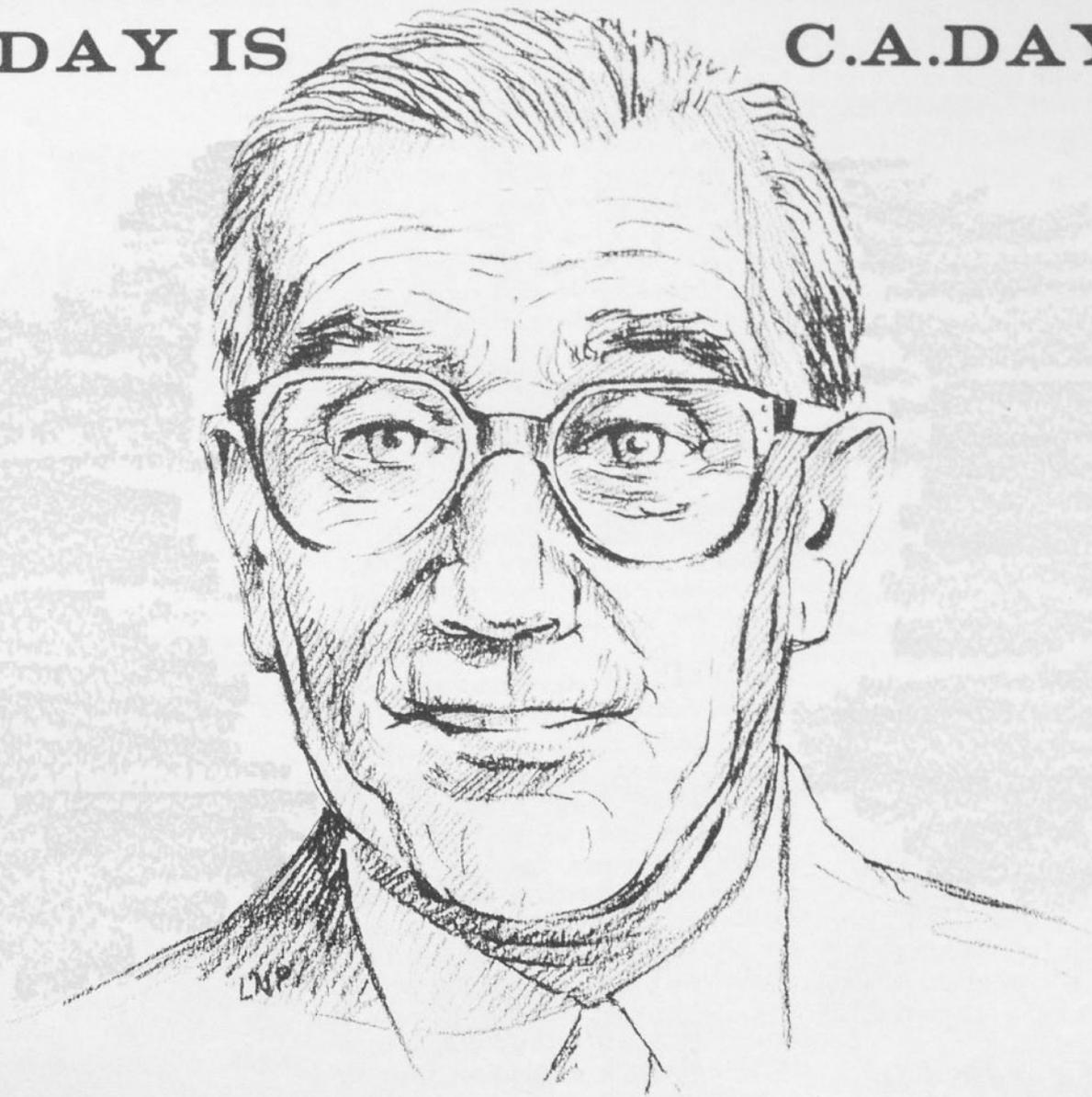
3. *Alertness*. Avoid the sponsor who keeps saying, "Now, back when I was a teen-ager..." Whether we like it or not, today's teens are different, even though their basic spiritual problems are the same. No missionary would dare to go to a field without knowing the language and culture of the people he is trying to reach; yet many youth sponsors think they can win the respect and confidence of teen-agers when they know nothing of their culture and the lives they lead! This does not mean we must approve of their vocabulary and fads, but we must know how they are living if we ever hope to win them.

4. *A sense of humor*. "We don't need any fire extinguishers in our church!" complained a teen-ager. "There are enough old grouches to throw a wet blanket on anything!" It

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is too bad that young people have equated sourness with spirituality, when just the opposite is true. "These things write we unto you that your joy may be full," says the Apostle John. A sanctified sense of humor will solve many problems in youth work and win teens to Christ.

5. *The ability to plan.* Youth are accustomed to planned programs. They have it in school, Scouts, civic organizations, and other activities; and when they fail to find it in their church they feel left out. The successful youth sponsor plans ahead (with the school calendar before him, by the way) and keeps his teens active in a balanced program.

6. *Time.* A youth sponsor is more than a representative on a church board, or a designer of a church youth program. He is actually the pastor of a teen-age church! As the young people come to appreciate and trust him, they confide in him; and he discovers that his time and his home are not his own. This is actually a compliment, even though he has to pay a price to get it.

One of the keys to a successful youth program is the sponsor. God does not build a ministry on a program, but on a person—and the right person can be sure of God's blessing.

#### *Let's Stop Guessing About the Kind of Youth Programs to Present*

A program is much more than activities. Many a church has invested money in recreational equipment and refreshments for exciting youth activities, only to discover the embarrassing absence of the young people! Why? Because teens have plenty of activities available to them (and most of them more exciting than what we can present). What they want is not activities but *aims*. They do not want something to do, so much as *something to live for*; and a successful youth program must be built around basic aims. May I suggest several?

1. *Fellowship that is uplifting.* Teen-agers are group-minded because they need what the group has to offer: a sense of belonging in a world that cares little about them. Childish games dug out of a 1910 "game book" will never provide the fellowship and fun teen-agers are looking for. But teen-slanted games, training sessions, and opportunities for service will help do the job.

2. *A challenge that is demanding.* If young people today do daredevil

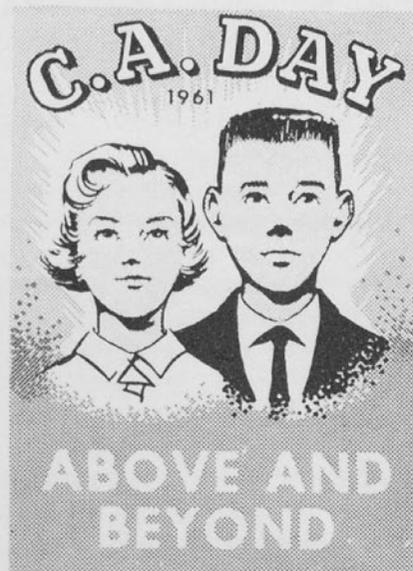
things and get into trouble, it is only because they respond quickly to a challenge. The Communists have proved this and the church has forgotten it. Give them goals that are bigger than themselves and they will grow in achieving them. I am convinced that more teen-agers leave our Sunday schools and churches because they are not asked to do anything, than any other single reason.

3. *Christian education that is exciting.* Young people want excitement, and instead of trying to change this basic factor in their nature, let's capitalize on it. Is there any reason why Bible study, singing in a youth choir, or planning next month's programs cannot be exciting? If we make God's Word *live* and have twentieth-century meaning, then we will give them the kind of Christian education that is lasting and exciting.

4. *Devotion to Christ that is satisfying.* We make a serious mistake when we think that Christ is not sufficient to challenge and satisfy a red-blooded American teen-ager. But He is! When the Son of God becomes real to young people, and they allow Him to live out His resurrection life through them (Galatians 2:20), they testify to the fact that nothing satisfies like Jesus Christ. It is wrong to ask teen-agers to be loyal to a program or even an organization, when loyalty and devotion to Christ produces devotion to Christ's work. Our youth program must be Christ-centered!

Teen-agers are growing out of the dependence of childhood into the interdependence of adulthood, and they do this through the independence of adoles-

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ABOVE AND BEYOND  
THE CALL OF DUTY

# HERO IN A PRISON CAMP

BY DAVID W. PLANK  
Chaplain, U.S. Navy

**D**URING WORLD WAR TWO FOUR Navy Chaplains were taken prisoner by the Japanese in the Philippines. Of this number only one chaplain lived to tell his story of those terrible years of suffering and privation as a prisoner of war. This was indeed one of those unique experiences of life which try a man's soul. It stretched the endurance of his body and soul to the limit.

In the throes of such a crisis, a man either sinks into idle despair and ignominy, or rises splendidly to greatness. Chaplain Earl R. Brewster rose.

A few days before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, Chaplain Brewster was sent from the submarine tender *U. S. S. Holland* to the naval hospital located on the outskirts of Manila. He was a patient there when the Japanese swept in, gained control of the islands, and imprisoned the vanquished defenders. The chaplain and eight thousand other American prisoners were herded into railway boxcars and taken to a POW camp in Cabanatuan—eight hours out of Manila.

The rigors of prison life began at once. All prison inmates were put on a near-starvation diet consisting only of white rice and water. Sanitation was nonexistent; living conditions defied description. Medical supplies and treatment were practically unobtainable. Before long over two thousand had died from such maladies as dysentery, beriberi, diphtheria, and their complications; there was little or no hope for the sick. In fact, Chaplain Brewster himself suffered severely from beriberi, a painful and debilitating disease.

Thus the chaplain, in the face of awesome handicaps, undertook the difficult responsibilities of this, his first prison parish—his pastoral ministry being further complicated by the fact that the prison officials prohibited the holding of any religious services. But in spite of the pain and enfeeblement which constantly plagued him, the chap-

## D-CAP CONFERENCE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.



**RECORD CONFERENCE**—A record total of 132 youth workers from all parts of the U. S. registered for the 16th annual District Christ's Ambassadors Presidents (D-CAP) conference in Springfield, Missouri, February 13-16, 1961. Shown above are 34 of the 38 D-CAP's who attended. Seated in front are members of the National C. A. Department and (far right) two members of the National C. A. Committee.



**MOST MILES TRAVELED**—Eleven other district and sectional C. A. workers came with D-CAP Dale Carpenter (center, with hat on) from the Northwest District (Washington and Northern Idaho) to the D-CAP Conference. The 12 traveled in the two cars shown above. This was the only district with 100 per cent representation of its C. A. workers—and it was the district with the greatest distance to travel!



**CAR SEMINAR**—While D-CAP's were conducting their business, sectional C. A. representatives (CAR's) and other guests engaged in a seminar slanted to their areas of youth work. More than 90 CAR's and other district C.A. officers attended these sessions on the campus of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.



**TO MEXICO!**—This is a scene from a skit announcing the first International C. A. Convention which will be held in Mexico City, August 14-17, 1962. John Jackson, Shirley Hembree, and Lloyd Colbaugh humorously portrayed some problems North Americans might have at customs check points—and some problems they might give customs inspectors!

lain fearlessly and undauntedly carried on a secret spiritual ministry, usually in the confines of his barracks when the guards were out of earshot and not looking.

After spending several months in the Cabanatuan camp, the chaplain was transferred to a second and more remote POW camp located deep in the Philippine jungle. The twelve-day trip was made by boxcars and freighter, crammed over-full with American POW's, some more dead than alive. Chaplain Brewster, now prison pastor for another group of two thousand fellow-prisoners, arrived emaciated, diseased, and wasted, being seventy-five pounds underweight. He was confined

to a cot, being too weak and ill to walk. On Sunday mornings the chaplain, unable to rise, conducted services from his cot. On communion Sundays, the "cup" consisted of grape jelly from Red Cross packets, melted and poured into each worshiper's canteen cup; the "bread" was painstakingly made from rice crushed into flour. When he gained sufficient strength to walk, he read from his Bible and other books, for as long as he was able, to those who had lost their sight.

Finally, following his transfer to a third prison in Manila, the long-awaited American forces of liberation arrived and freed the small percentage of prisoners who had survived confinement.

The long three-year ordeal was over. Soon they were homeward bound for much-needed rest and rehabilitation.

Chaplain Brewster has added an inspiring and thrilling chapter to the history of the Navy Chaplain's Corps. His illustrious example should encourage all who read his story to expend their very finest efforts for the Master; to push on the second mile for God in spite of obstacles; to go above and beyond the call of duty for the Kingdom of God, even as did he.

*"The high soul climbs the high way,  
The low soul gropes the low,  
And in between, on the misty flats,  
The rest drift to and fro."*

On which way are you? ◀ ◀



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Statistics

### NEW-CHURCH BOOM CONTINUES

Despite inclement weather and the business recession, construction of new churches was down only \$2,000,000 for the month of February. The total was \$77,000,000 (compared to \$79,000,000 in February 1960).

### GIVING MORE TO RELIGION

Contributions to religious causes now amount to slightly over half of the nation's philanthropic giving and the total is rising. During 1960 religious groups of all faiths received an estimated \$4,180,000,000—as compared with \$3,900,000,000 the year before.

Of all the money given to philanthropic causes, 51 per cent went to religious organizations, 16 per cent to education, 15 to welfare, 12 to health, 4 to foundations, and 2 per cent to other causes, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.

## Government

### PRAYER ROOMS AT STATE CAPITOLS

An increasing number of states have provided prayer rooms at their capitols. Plans have been initiated for such a room at the Arkansas state capitol in Little Rock. It is to be nondenominational in nature and to be open to anyone regardless of race, color, or creed. A joint resolution has been introduced in the New York state legislature for a prayer and meditation room to be set apart in the Empire State capitol at Albany.

### AMERICAN DANCE BAND SENT TO STRIFE-TORN CONGO

Dr. James H. Robinson, prominent Negro pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Master in New York City, said he could have wept when he learned the U. S. government was sending trumpet player Louis Armstrong to the Congo as a goodwill ambassador.

"Don't they know there is a crisis in the Congo?" Dr. Robinson said. "At the cost of sending Armstrong and his band, they could have loaned Africa

twenty doctors for one year." The shortage of medical doctors has been acute ever since the Belgians moved out last summer.

## Churches

### JAZZ BAND GETS CROWD AT CATHEDRAL

A jazz band playing Dixieland spirituals and hymns took the place of the sermon at Sunday evening vespers in the Episcopal Cathedral at St. Louis, Mo., recently and drew an overflowing audience of 1,300 persons.

The six-member band, which has been featured at a popular night spot in St. Louis for many years, sat in front of the high altar at Christ Church Cathedral and played for thirty-five minutes. The jazz program was inserted in the formal worship service.

The clergyman in charge explained that the introduction of jazz was "part of the search for new ways in which people can communicate with the church and its message." Evidently something was communicated to the congregation, all right, for many of the people tapped their feet and swayed their heads to the rhythm of the music! The question is whether the church-goers might not have gotten the same message by going to the night spot.

### CHURCHES FIND JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED TEEN-AGERS

In its first year of operation, the North Philadelphia Youth Employment Service placed 805 teen-age boys and girls in part-time or full-time jobs. The unique, non-profit service is conducted jointly by two churches: Zion Baptist, a Negro congregation, and Christ Episcopal, a white congregation. The employers were mostly small stores and businesses.

During the year, the 805 youths earned about \$350,000 and none of them was involved in delinquency.

### MEXICAN ARCHBISHOP TO GET UNDERGROUND RESIDENCE

The new official residence for Mexico's highest-ranking Roman Catholic prelate, the Archbishop of Mexico, will have the unusual features of being subterranean and topped with a garden.

To be located next to Mexico City's famous colonial cathedral, the \$400,000 residence will be constructed underground to fill up an unattractive pit which has been used in the past as a refuse heap. The church wanted to build a ground-level residence but government officials objected, saying it would block the tourists' view of the cathedral.

## Israel

### ZIONISTS URGE NEW "EXODUS"

Officials of the World Zionist Organization have appealed to the world's Jews to "come to Israel in the thousands so as to live a full Jewish life." The call for the new "Exodus" was sounded at the group's twenty-fifth congress, held in Jerusalem.

According to the congress statement, Israel's rapid development has led to a manpower shortage. It said the Zionist organization and Israel should help Jews who want to emigrate to Israel, and singled out the need to organize the emigration of North African Jewry and their settlement in Israel. It also instructed the Jewish agency executive as well as the French Zionist Federation to encourage North African Jews now in France to emigrate to Israel.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in his address to the congress, asserted that Jews living outside Israel were godless and violated the precepts of Judaism. He said: "Since the day when the Jewish State was established (thirteen years ago) and the gates of Israel were flung open to every Jew who wanted to come, every religious Jew has daily violated the precepts of Judaism and the Torah (Jewish law) of Israel by remaining in the diaspora." Then he quoted Jewish sages as saying: "Whoever dwells outside the land of Israel is considered to have no God."

Mr. Ben-Gurion's assertion drew strong protests from people in all branches of Judaism, including the Orthodox who are the most pious, and from the Zionists themselves. Replied one Jewish leader: "Wherever Jews choose to live, their covenant relationship with God remains the same."

## POVERTY IN THE PROMISED LAND

Since Israel became an independent state in 1948, great changes have occurred in the land. Jews have gone to that country from 74 countries of the world, speaking 42 different languages. The population of Israel has more than trebled in thirteen years.

When the state was proclaimed, that land which the Bible calls "a land flowing with milk and honey" was not even flowing with water. Now there are roses in the desert and vegetables growing by the shores of the Dead Sea.

Irrigation water is carried over great distances to revive parched soils. Salt water is being desalted; sun power drives refrigerators; crops are made to grow in gravel.

Nevertheless, it is reported that a third of the million persons who have gone to Israel since 1948 are still in need. Rabbi Herver A. Friedman told the United Jewish Appeal conference in Miami, Fla., that "American Jews dare not become complacent about Israel's progress while a third of its million immigrants since 1948 are unabsorbed and are unable to care for themselves." He said that a big percentage of those needing help are farm settlers.

## Miscellany

### NEGRO BAPTISTS SETTING UP LITTLE "PEACE CORPS" IN LIBERIA

With the good wishes of the Liberian consulate, a three-man commission of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., has gone to Liberia to set up a "miniature Peace Corps." The delegation was authorized to purchase 5,000 acres of farmland in Liberia, on which skilled young American Negroes will be encouraged to settle, become Liberian citizens if they wish, and help the country's economic development, while teaching the natives modern farming methods as well as the Christian way of life.

### ATHEISTS ORGANIZE IN NORTH KOREA

When Communists seize power one can look for the Society for the Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge (an atheist organization, born in Russia) to replace the societies for the dissemination of the Christian gospel. Such an atheistic society reportedly has been set up in North Korea. The Hanoi Radio reports that branches of the society are to be formed in "every factory, office, school, and village," with the support of the Red government.

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Why does the Sunday school lesson say the Samaritan woman (John 4) was of questionable character?**

The Samaritan woman had five husbands, and the inference is that they were still living. Even at the time Jesus spoke to her, she evidently was living with a man in an unmarried state, for Jesus said, "He whom thou now hast is not thy husband" (v. 18).

**Was the woman of Samaria born again through her contact with Jesus? John 4:6-39.**

All we know about the Samaritan woman is that she came to believe Jesus was the Messiah for whom they looked. Many in Israel, as they saw the miracles which Jesus did, believed Him to be the Messiah, but they were not saved. They looked for Him to become their national deliverer and ruler rather than the One who would save them from their sins. They therefore missed the most important part of His mission which was to "save his people from their sins." When the test came, "They walked no more with him."

**Are some sins more terrible in the sight of God than others?**

James said, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). This shows that no sin is to be tolerated. It does not mean, however, that there are not degrees of responsibility. "And that servant, which knew his Lord's will, and prepared not... shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes" (Luke 12:47, 48). God is going to "reward every man according as his work shall be."

**I have heard pastors in the communion service say, "We shall now partake of the wine." Webster defines wine as "fermented juice of grapes," and I think most people would interpret wine as being alcoholic, but we do not use fermented wine at our communion service. Do you think the pastor should call it "wine"?**

The Bible does not use such terms as "partaking of wine" at the communion service. That which Jesus gave His disciples to drink in remembrance of Him was spoken of as "the cup" in Matthew 26:27; Mark 14:23; and 1 Corinthians 11:25, 26. It is called "the cup" and "the fruit of the vine" in Luke 22:17, 18. Why not say, "We shall now partake of the cup in remembrance of the shed blood of Jesus," rather than, "We shall now partake of the wine"?

**Many of my girl friends are now wearing some make-up. I have even seen some of our minister's wives using it. Isn't this just a part of our culture today, and therefore permissible? We just want to be like everyone else.**

Some are now including in their make-up, not cosmetics only, but curling of the eyelashes and penciling over and under the eyes. Good, modest young people are doing this. Perhaps they do not realize that not many years ago the only women who did these things were prostitutes.

You say you just want to be like everyone else. Do you know what "everyone else" is following? They are following after the things from which Jesus came to save us. "Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Read Ephesians 2:1-3 to see what we were, and then read verses 4 to 10 to see the new life to which we have been saved.

*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).*



BETTY KASS, A CHICAGO TEEN-ager, says: "I didn't know anything about the Assemblies of God until I went with a boy who attended an Assemblies of God church. He aroused my curiosity, and I decided to find out what the Assemblies was all about."

The boy brought Betty some pamphlets about the beliefs of the Pentecostal churches. Although she read the literature, she felt that these beliefs were not for her.

"Then one night," she writes, "by accident I turned to the program, *Revivaltime*, on my radio. When I heard it was an Assemblies of God broadcast I decided to listen. After listening to two broadcasts, I decided that I liked this church very much and that I had to know more about it." So Betty wrote to *Revivaltime* for additional information about the Assemblies.

Religion has always played an important part in Betty's life. Since she was a child she has attended church, and also attended a Protestant grammar school. She has tried to lead a good Christian life and help others learn about Christ. However, she recognized that something was lacking. As

# Revivaltime Introduces Youth to Christ and Pentecost—and a Life of Service



Betty Kass

BY LOIS HOKANSON

she said in her letter, "It seems strange to me to have such a strong faith. I never dreamed I would feel like this."

Through listening to C. M. Ward preach on *Revivaltime*, Betty has received a call to be a missionary. "I came to realize that God put me on earth for a reason, and that is to glorify God. Brother Ward made me see how much my help, as a young person, is needed," she says. "To me there is no greater joy than bringing people to God."

Each week Betty listens to *Revivaltime*, trying "to learn as much as I can." To prepare for the mission field she is hoping to be able to attend one of our Bible colleges.

Betty is one of many young people who have been inspired through *Revivaltime* to dedicate their lives in service to Christ. Some have found Christ as Saviour through this broadcast ministry, while others have been filled with the Holy Spirit, or have been called to full-time Christian ministry.

The following testimony is from a college student who was saved as a result of *Revivaltime*.

"You have shown me the way to truth. Before I had the good fortune to listen to your soul-stirring program, I was evil. As a philosophy major on the campus of the University of Illinois, I come in contact with many non-believers. I need a way to show them what you have shown me. Through your book I hope to achieve my purpose."

Sometimes Christian teen-agers become discouraged because there are very

few other Christian young people in their area. This letter is from a teenager in that situation who was encouraged by *Revivaltime*:

"I do not know how to express my appreciation for your broadcast. I am a high school senior in a small oil town. Your broadcast is like a piece of heaven opened up. It thrills my soul to know there are thousands of other young people throughout the world who love Jesus, too."

In the busy rush of studies and pastoring a small church, even a ministerial student can become "weary in well-doing." From Kansas City, Missouri, a young seminary student wrote to *Revivaltime* about the blessing the broadcast has been to him.

"I listen with great zeal and love to your broadcast every time my full schedule will permit. As a matter of fact, I have never listened to any religious program that blesses my heart and my ministry for our precious Saviour more than does *Revivaltime*. I listen a while, weep a while, praise God a while, and then want to go to the overripe fields and 'bring them in.' I pray that someday God will see fit to bless my ministry with a small touch of the power which He has given you."

Because many Christians—young as well as old—are at times troubled with doubts, Brother Ward recently preached a series of two messages on how to deal with doubts. A fourteen-year-old girl wrote to tell how these messages helped her.

"Tonight, for the first time, I heard your program. I can't say or express

## REVIVALTIME GIVING TOP DISTRICTS

January 1-February 28, 1961

### TOTAL GIVING

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. South Florida .....              | \$2,966.35 |
| 2. Northern California-Nevada ..... | 2,713.06   |

### AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

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| 1. South Florida ..... | \$ 16.75 |
| 2. Nebraska .....      | 13.42    |

### INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

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| 1. South Florida ..... | \$1,706.80 |
| 2. Appalachian .....   | 419.64     |

### INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

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|------------------------|---------|
| 1. South Florida ..... | \$ 9.51 |
| 2. Appalachian .....   | 5.60    |

### GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

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| 1. North Texas .....       | 27 |
| 2. Southern Missouri ..... | 21 |

### GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENT- AGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Southern Idaho ..... | 15% |
| 2. Nebraska .....       | 14% |

my feelings. I had just finished writing a letter to a friend who is older than I, telling her how I was worried because I doubted that I was a Christian. Then I heard your program and the doubts seemed to vanish. I bowed my head and asked God to forgive me and help me to have more faith in Him. I no longer doubt that I am a Christian, for I know that I am. I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour about a year and a half ago."

Through *Revivaltime* hundreds of teen-agers have been strengthened in faith, brought to spiritual reality, and encouraged to live a radiant life as a testimony to Christ. Their letters reveal their problems and their gratitude for Brother Ward's understanding counsel. This ministry to youth is vital—for today's youth are the church and nation of tomorrow. They must be reached with the gospel message if our nation is to remain Christian and if our church is to be evangelistic.

To carry on this ministry to the youth of America and the world, *Revivaltime* needs your letter of assurance and support. Send your letters and offerings to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Remember, too, to pray for the youth of our nation and for *Revivaltime's* ministry to them.

#### RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

CALDWELL, IDAHO (KGBN)

910 kc.

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

CALDWELL, IDAHO (KGBN-FM)

94.1 mc.

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE (WSMN)

1590 kc.—5,000 watts

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO (KCOL)

1410 kc.—1,000 watts

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

BELMONT (CHARLOTTE), NORTH CAROLINA (WCGC)

1270 kc.—500 watts

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA (WHMS)

1490 kc.—250 watts

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

#### TIME CHANGES

YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA (WNAX)

Sundays, 9:05 a.m.

CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA (KICO)

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS (KFDF)

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

ELMIRA, NEW YORK (WELM)

1410 kc.—1,000 watts

Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

LAREDO, TEXAS (KVOZ)

1490 kc.—250 watts

(See local newspaper for time)

## "Fear Not Little Flock"



**T**WO RECENT EVENTS—THE SIGNIFICANT visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Pope in Rome, and the proposal of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the United Presbyterian Church for a union of four major denominations—emphasize the intensity of the current ecumenical climate. It must be recognized that disunity between believers and churches is often a scandal and a stumbling block to the unbelieving world. In Scripture, division and schism are at times justified and on other occasions condemned.

It is sin to continue in church union with heresy, which dishonors the Lord Christ and violates His truth. The schism of the Reformation is justified. It must be acknowledged that very often division and schism are sinful because they are based upon personality conflict and questions of secondary importance not involving "the faith once for all delivered" to us. Being so imperfect, frequently we deceive ourselves into believing that what we stand for and separate over is God's truth, when in reality it is personal pique. Because of what we are we must always endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3, 4).

However, Dr. Blake speaks of bridging "the chasm of the Reformation." He seems to suggest that we no longer should be Protestant but that Evangelicals and Catholics should unite, and this apparently without specific repentance for false doctrine and practice, and apart from clear adherence to the authoritative Word of God. One wonders if these happenings are not part of a trend that one day will result in a reunited Christendom in the guise of a reunited church. A union that es-

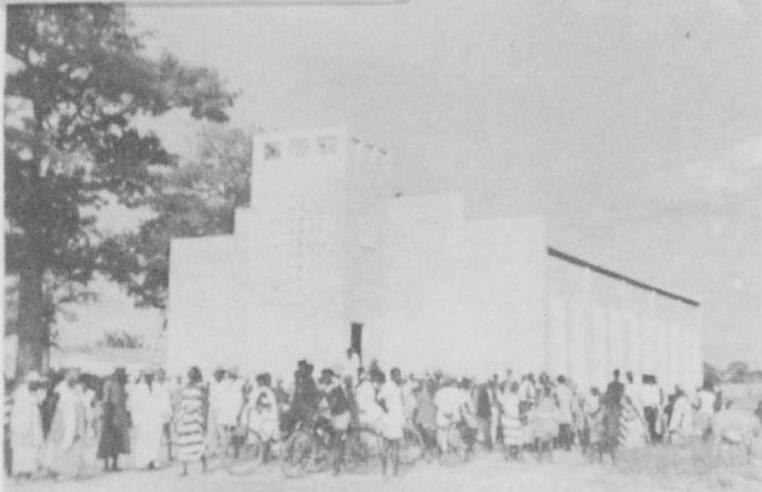
entially will be political and organizational rather than spiritual. An official world church organization of monolithic proportions that will take to itself almost absolute authority under one head. A church organization that will not tolerate criticism or independence; a church corrupt in its power; a persecuting church; a vast, false, evil misrepresentation of that holy, spiritual Body of which Christ is the Head and for which He shed His precious blood and died.

True Christians may take comfort that such events are indicated in Scripture and are part of the permissive will of God, while the mystery of iniquity festers into its final corrupt manifestation and misrepresentation of Christ and His Church. The question is asked, in view of an anticipated world-wide apostasy, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8.) However, Christ has declared, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). This is Christ's work and it will succeed. Man's work ultimately will fail.

The Church of Jesus Christ has its true unity in Christ. On earth it is a small company, despised, scattered, confessing much weakness and failure. Its very existence one day may be threatened by Satan and those whom he deceives. By itself, Christ's Church will never achieve victory. It is spoken of as a little flock, helpless, even hopeless in itself. But Christ is the head of His Church. He is the true Shepherd of His sheep amidst many false shepherds. He comforts and reassures His own amidst darkness and confusion: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." —*Sunday School Times*

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New Assembly in Tenkodogo, Upper Volta



New converts at the Tenkodogo Assembly

# Tenkodogo Church Dedicated

*Mud Church Replaced by Beautiful Block Building*

BY RAYMOND AND KATHERINE ZENTS

*Missionaries to Upper Volta*

THE NEW CHURCH IN TENKODOGO is finished and has been dedicated to God. Missionaries from four fields, government officials, African pastors, members, and friends crowded into the new building for the dedication service. Every chair and bench was filled and many of the people were standing. This was a great day in Tenkodogo and long to be remembered.

Fourteen years ago we answered God's call and came to Tenkodogo. At that time the church was a small mud building with a thatch roof. It was much too small, but finances would not permit a new building at that time. However, the Lord did enable us to enlarge the building and cover it with a roof of split palm logs. It looked much better after it was whitewashed. Souls were saved and added to the church and soon this building was too small to accommodate the congregation. Since the building was made of mud, it deteriorated rapidly with each rainy season. We began planning for a new cement block church for Tenkodogo.

During our second term here we had to put aside our hopes for the new church. The mud house in which we were living began to fall in and we were warned of its dangers. We began to pray for new living quarters.

Through the faithfulness of our supporters at home the finances came and an entire new mission station was built on a lovely location. The difference it made in our general health and morale was worth all the effort put forth.

When we returned to Tenkodogo our last term we determined to trust God for a new permanent church building. During our furlough some funds were raised, but there was not enough to erect the building we so much needed. A building fund was established here but we soon realized that the greatest part of the cost must come from our friends in America. God laid the burden of this need on many hearts and the response was encouraging. As the money came in, the work progressed. Most of the cement, sand, lumber, and roofing were hauled by our Speed-the-Light station wagon and trailer.

All glory and praise to God, Tenkodogo now has a new, beautiful church where God's people can worship and where the gospel can be preached. It is located in the heart of town and already quite a number of people have been saved.

Pray that this new church will always be a veritable lighthouse where many Africans will find salvation and rest for their souls. ◀ ◀

## MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

January, 1961

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama .....	\$ 2,798.67	N. Texas .....	8,902.13
Appalachian .....	575.15	Northwest .....	40,819.57
Arizona .....	2,185.86	Ohio .....	10,929.15
Arkansas .....	5,203.92	Oklahoma .....	15,339.94
Eastern .....	10,701.98	Oregon .....	12,598.38
Georgia .....	7,365.78	Potomac .....	9,543.01
German Br. ....	812.69	Rocky Mtn. ....	4,192.53
Greek Br. ....	32.22	S. Carolina .....	1,197.31
Hungarian Br. ...	50.00	S. Dakota .....	1,683.15
Illinois .....	9,831.26	S. Florida .....	7,302.17
Indiana .....	4,608.03	S. California .....	31,971.77
Italian Br. ....	343.77	S. N. England .....	3,404.39
Kansas .....	6,452.90	S. Texas .....	9,496.25
Kentucky .....	823.00	S. Idaho .....	1,367.06
Latin Am. Br. ...	181.41	S. Missouri .....	10,183.79
Louisiana .....	2,672.09	Span. E. Dist. ...	393.80
Michigan .....	11,201.91	Tennessee .....	6,536.85
Minnesota .....	10,757.66	Ukrainian Br. ...	24.46
Mississippi .....	1,357.97	W. Central .....	6,495.51
Montana .....	2,388.08	W. Florida .....	1,777.09
Nebraska .....	3,723.87	W. Texas .....	4,451.05
New Jersey .....	5,559.28	Wis.-N. Mich. ...	5,607.93
New Mexico .....	1,794.84	Wyoming .....	911.83
New York .....	9,835.26	Alaska .....	222.45
N. Carolina .....	1,321.32	Canada .....	1,774.32
N. Dakota .....	2,441.69	Hawaii .....	263.50
N. N. England .....	859.06	Foreign .....	570.00
N. Calif.-Nev. ...	22,441.93	Miscellaneous .....	218.00

Total Amount Reported .....\$326,498.99

District Funds .....\$9,995.14

National Home Missions ..... 2,458.80

Office Expense ..... 3,330.76

Given Direct to Missionaries .. 3,732.82 19,517.52

Received for Council Missionaries .....\$306,981.47

Received for Non-Council Missionaries 4,105.97

Missionary Offerings Not Allocated to

Any State ..... 14,597.45

Total Receipts .....\$325,684.89

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel .....\$159,469.28

Equipment ..... 58,998.20

Missionary Work ..... 100,600.76

National Workers Abroad ..... 12,529.72

Deputational Returns ..... 835.75

Buildings in Foreign Lands ..... 32,660.03

Missionary Transportation ..... 56,794.74

Transferred from "Hold Accounts" .... \$421,888.48

96,203.59

\$325,684.89

# Meet Our Missionary Heroes

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

**H**EROES OF THE FAITH HAVE LIVED in every generation, and ours is no exception. Among these heroes are numerous Assemblies of God missionaries who are laboring in some 70 foreign countries. Their stories read like pages from the Book of Acts. The inspiration and challenge of these lives make it essential that missionary biographies be included in every Christian library—personal or church.

On February 10, Miss Lillian Trasher celebrated fifty years of service in Egypt. How she became a missionary, the trials of establishing the Assiout Orphanage, and her unfaltering faith in God are graphically portrayed in *Lillian Trasher, Nile Mother*, by Lester Sumrall, and *Lady on a Donkey* by Beth Prim Howell.

Through the tears of sudden widowhood, Elva Vanderbout saw the challenge of the headhunters in the Philippines and dedicated her life to their conversion. Her consecration to service and the first fourteen years in the mountains of Luzon are the subject of *Give Me This Mountain*, a thrilling book by Inez Sturgeon.

*High Adventure in Tibet* records the life of veteran missionary Victor Plymire as interpreted by his son, David.

The initial presentation of Christianity into this mountain kingdom is outlined and documented by testimonies of numerous converts.

It is doubtful that any living missionary has written more clearly and accurately about India than has Violet Schoonmaker, veteran Assemblies of God missionary to India. Her unforgettable *Light in India's Night* is a "must" for every Christian reader.

Before his untimely death, Raymond I. Sanders wrote an introduction to the people of West Africa among whom he had labored so faithfully. *Meet the Mossi* is a small but poignant glimpse into the hinterland of Africa.

The introduction of Pentecost to Africa and its expansion across the continent is accurately retraced in *Making Many Rich* by Elizabeth Wilson. The contributions of missionaries and their lives to the national church are reviewed and supported by statistics to 1955.

These books, available through the Gospel Publishing House at Springfield, Missouri, are a *must* for Assemblies of God readers. Their message will create a new appreciation for the sacrifice of our faithful Assemblies of God missionaries and increase the missionary vision of the local church.

- 2 EV 543 LILLIAN TRASHER, NILE MOTHER, by Lester Sumrall, \$2.25
- 3 EV 1883 LADY ON A DONKEY, by Beth Prim Howell, \$3.95
- 3 EV 1525 GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN, by Inez Sturgeon, \$1.95
- 2 EV 522 HIGH ADVENTURE IN TIBET, by David Plymire, \$3.75
- 2 EV 477 LIGHT IN INDIA'S NIGHT, by Violet Schoonmaker, \$2.50
- 3 EV 2006 MEET THE MOSSI, by Raymond I. Sanders, .75
- 2 EV 545 MAKING MANY RICH, by Elizabeth Wilson, \$4.95

## Missionary Called Home



G. F. Bender

On February 21, 1961, Gottfried F. Bender went to be with the Christ whom he faithfully served for sixty-seven years. After thirty-three years of missionary service in Venezuela, Brother Bender retired in 1947. At the time of his Homegoing he lived in Toledo, O., with his wife Christine.

Brother Bender was born August 25, 1877, in Baden, Germany. At an early age he came to the United States and became a naturalized American citizen. Brother Bender attended the Christian and Missionary Alliance Bible Institute, Nyack, N. Y., for three years where he was a fellow-student with Frank M. Boyd and the late W. I. Evans. After ordination in 1912 Brother Bender engaged in active ministry before sailing to Venezuela in 1914. The Benders were married on March 21, 1918. One son, Frederick, survives and is living in New York.

Brother and Sister Bender's missionary service in Venezuela was marked by triumphs of faith. When Brother Bender established the Pentecostal church in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, it became the first Protestant church in Lara State. Unhappy over the Protestant church, a Catholic priest built a church directly behind Brother Bender's and declared that he would make sure there would be no more Protestant churches built in that area. However, Brother Bender's church became a center from which the gospel was taken to other cities.

Brother Bender also purchased land and buildings for a day school, and directed the school for a number of years. These buildings now house the Central Bible Institute of Venezuela.

Undaunted by hardships and persecution, Brother and Sister Bender were rewarded in seeing many souls saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Missionary William Stepp, who is now serving in Barquisimeto, gives this testimony of Brother Bender's life and work in Venezuela:

"I walked into the mayor's office in Barquisimeto and explained that I was working at the Assemblies of God Mission. The mayor asked me if I knew Brother Bender. The mayor said, 'We all knew and loved Brother Bender.'" Brother Stepp reports that Brother Bender was recognized as a saintly man of God as he walked the streets of Barquisimeto.

Throughout his years of service, Brother Bender's motto was, "Keep your eyes on the goal." Indeed the testimony he leaves behind is of an individual who kept his "eyes on the goal," and he is now reaping the eternal reward for faithfulness.

—Nora Blain

## MISSIONARY News Notes



**COMING:** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull have arrived in the States from Haiti. Their address is 4555 Lemon St., Riverside, Calif.

Mary Katherine Bush is home from India on emergency furlough. She is living at



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cunningham and family

918 South Marlborough, Dallas 8, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ferguson have returned from Jamaica. They may be reached at 520 Ave. "M" South East, Winter Haven, Fla.

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**GOING:** The Paul Cunningham family has returned to Colombia for another tour of missionary service.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossnickle have returned to Dominican Republic for another term of service.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossnickle

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## Does Your Child Read?

*His reading habits are important—and what he reads can be determined by his parents*

BY NELL F. HALL

WRITING TO YOUNG TIMOTHY, THE apostle Paul said, "Give attendance to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13). The apostle also said, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures" (2 Timothy 3:15). And as the aged apostle sat in his dreary confines, evidently suffering from the cold of the damp prison, he wrote, "The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest bring with thee AND THE BOOKS..." (2 Timothy 4:13). Oh, don't forget the books! And as for you, Timothy, continue to follow my example and "give attendance to reading!"

There must have been a great many things the apostle Paul could have thought of in the way of comforts that would have helped to cheer him in that Roman prison, but what he wanted most was "the books and the parchments."

Love of good books is something that usually has to be acquired. In the case of Timothy, we know he was led into appreciation of God's Word by his mother and grandmother who loved him dearly and cared for his future. Few women are mentioned in the Bible, but God has inscribed the names of Lois and Eunice for all generations to read because of this one thing.

Your children must be taught the value of good books, and the pattern set here in the Bible is to *start early*. Do *not* wait until the child is old enough to read for himself; babies may have the Word of God dropped into their *hearts* long before they can se-

cure it in their *heads*. You may have heard a child say a curse word before he had any idea what it meant. The thinking is not there, but the sense impression is. Naturally, as he begins to think, his thoughts will follow these words—the sound-and-sense impressions he has received. In other words, he will draw the meaning out of what he already has received by way of sense and emotion impressions. Let us take our cue here and let the child's heart, ears and eyes be filled with the Word of God before he is able to think. Then as the process of thinking begins to function his thoughts will have these impressions, and it will be said of him, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures."

As soon as the tiny tot begins to appreciate pictures a picture book should be available, over which he can pore, and these stories can be read to him. Only God can measure the influence such pictures and stories have had on boys and girls. There is a wide selection of good Bible story books which tell only the facts of the story, leaving the parent to make his own comments, and this is the best way to introduce the child to the Bible itself. As the child grows older there is a large field to choose from, and carefully selected material should be supplied.

Every member of the family should own his own Bible. Even a very young child can pick out the name of Jesus in the text, and at the age of seven or eight years he can take part in the

reading of the gospels. The ownership instinct is strong in the child and we can capitalize on this; there will be little difficulty starting him in the reading of the Bible that is his "very own."

The child who has been read to in his early years, will naturally take up reading for himself, and now it is the duty of the parents to fill the home with the right kind of books. Fortunately there is an abundance of Christian reading material now available. There are books to help in family worship, illustrating truths for Christian reading. Missionary stories will help children to get a sense of missionary responsibility without which Christian life is at a low level. The supply of Christian biographies is rich, and a child never tires of reading life stories of men and women whom God has greatly used. Care must be taken in the choice of Christian fiction.

Some people may hesitate to buy books because of the cost, but homes should rather skimp in relation to luxuries than in the supply of carefully-selected books that provide for children the companionship of the great minds of the ages. Few expenditures bring such satisfying returns: a dollar spent on food lasts a few hours; a dollar spent on gasoline takes you a few miles; a dollar spent on clothes may last a few months; but the dollar invested in a book may last a lifetime.

How wise is that family that will set aside for this purpose a certain amount weekly or monthly—not just a dollar or two a year. Carlyle's advice to young men was, "Sell your beds and buy books!" Give books as gifts at Christmas time and for birthdays; let relatives know that Christian books and periodicals are welcome.

"Give attendance to reading!" Does it matter what your child reads—what you read? Indeed it does. Whatever enters the mind becomes as much a part of you as that lunch you ate, which will turn into tissues for your body. One book can change a child's life; multiply that by thousands of reading hours and you have a tremendous influence. Are your children getting a fair chance in this respect?

Dr. Halford E. Luccock speaks truly when he says that a youngster who has nothing better than the jiggling figures of a TV screen to feed his imagination, while golden books go begging, is an "underprivileged child." Surely God knew you would be rearing your family in days when TV added to your prob-

lems in directing children in the paths of righteousness, but the Word still says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." And again, "Give attendance to reading." The provisions of a good supply of carefully-selected books and periodicals will prove a great factor in tiding over the young life in these difficult times.

Young people must have definite religious experiences of their own, apart from which they are not safe, but beyond that they must also have careful nurture and jealous safeguarding. You cannot expect them to receive much moral or spiritual help at the public school. The tide of the age is strongly opposed to anything spiritual. Few secular magazines are fit to merit entrance into Christian homes; if the material is legitimate, the advertisements frequently are offensive. As Emerson has

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# SPEAKING of BOOKS

BY RUSSELL P. SPITTLER

MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

As a service to Evangel readers, the price and order number is given for each book reviewed in this column. All these books may be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES

*ISRAEL IN BIBLE PROPHECY*, by Louis H. Hauff. 81 pages. \$1.00. Order number, 2 RV 532.

● There's been nothing like it for nearly two thousand years. Not since A.D. 30 has there been a full-gospel conclave in Jerusalem, the manger of the Church.

But next month, May 18-21, Pentecostals throughout the world will assemble again in Jerusalem. Scheduled for those days is the Sixth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches. Representatives of all major Pentecostal churches will convene to explore God's will for twentieth-century Pentecostals.

Perhaps you or your pastor or some other friend will be among the fortunate ones privileged to attend the forthcoming conference. If so, this book will interest you especially.

But whether you are going—or just wishing you were—*Israel in Bible Prophecy* rates your attention. For startling events are taking place in Israel today. This little volume ties together Biblical prophecy and recent history—both as related to Israel.

At the dawn of the present century, discontented Jews throughout the world formed a movement to reoccupy the land of their Fathers. Called Zionism, this movement gained momentum in the famous "Balfour Declaration" of 1917 which cited the willingness of Great Britain to see a national home for the Jews established in Palestine. Success came on May 14, 1948, when Israel achieved statehood.

Quoting extensively from recent histories of Israel, as well as from the Bible, the author has assembled a compact survey of Israel's past, present, and future.

Not everyone who wishes can attend the forthcoming conference. To guide those who go, to inform those who stay, this brief introduction can

be readily recommended. On its last page is given a list of books for further reading in this intriguing area.

## NEW HANDBOOK ON PERSONAL EVANGELISM

*WIN OR LOSE*, by C. M. Ward. 44 pages. 60c (12 for \$6.50). Order number 2 RV 754.

● This new book on soul winning is written by a soul winner—Revivaltime's C. M. Ward. Though slanted for men, the contents are applicable to all.

*Win or Lose* is not a philosophy of soul winning: it is a "how-to" book. It spells out one-two-three just what to say in leading someone to the Saviour. In fact, this is the heart of the book: Brother Ward has worked out a simple plan, easily memorized, so that any layman may have a workable approach to men in need of the Lord.

In this plan you start with a question—one that asks the opinion of the person with whom you are dealing. This puts the man at your service, so to speak. Then, by going on to three more questions (and they're all given in this book) you lead the inquirer to the New Testament.

As you take the initiative, the inquirer follows your lead through five passages of Scripture—each of which builds on the other. Then you pray.

"Your job," says Brother Ward, "is to introduce men to Jesus. You do the introducing, He does the saving. Don't try to *explain*. Simply *proclaim!*"

This plan is presented in the simple, direct language we have learned to expect from C. M. Ward. It is done in 44 pages, 10 of which are illustrative drawings. Pocket size, the attractively-printed booklet will be welcomed by all who are—or who wish to become—fishers of men.

Study the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy.

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

## LINK THE LETTERS

There's an important message for you in the box above. Start where indicated and move one square at a time, either up or down, to the right or left. Do not move diagonally. Use each letter only once. A gray square indicates the end of a word. You can check your answer by looking up the first 11 words of Ephesians 4:32. (Hint: the first word in the puzzle is "and.")

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	D	T	F	O	I
	E	R	A	I	V
	R	H	E	N	G
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it, "Books are the best of things when used; abused, among the worst."

It would seem that Satan is wide awake to the influence of reading and is making the most enthusiastic use of the printed page. While many of us sleep, communism floods the world with its printed poison, and propagandists of false religions throw their heretical literature upon our porches and push them under our doors. Those responsible for home reading and the church library must observe great care lest dangerous literature find its way in, and extra caution is necessary when exceptionally attractive "bargains" are offered. Good and wholesome literature is generally more expensive than the dangerous propaganda type, but the latter is far too expensive even when it is free.

"Children learn to read by being in the presence of books" said Horace Mann. Who is going to supply the books? We cannot find very much of the evangelical type of religious literature on the shelves of our public libraries, but we can expect an awakened church to feel its obligations and see to it that it houses a good lending library. With thousands of acceptable evangelical books now on the market, there is no excuse if only a trickle seeps into the churches. Every church should have a well-stocked library within its walls.

The reasons for having a church library are as numerous as the members in the church, for everyone can benefit from it. The Sunday school teacher, choir leader, youth leader, members of the prayer band—all may step into the church library to find lesson helps, devotional materials, reference books, Bible encyclopedia, concordance, or ideas for wholesome party entertainment. "A library," someone has said, "is like a good bank, filled with riches that may be deposited, withdrawn, or otherwise used, with little effect upon the total amount of wealth."

All that is needed to make a church library possible is for someone to see the need of it, roll up his sleeves, and get busy. A special offering could be received to get it started. A few families pooling their resources can provide several times as many books as one family could provide for itself. It may be the governing body of the church could appropriate a certain amount of the annual budget to buy books. To begin with, you might have

a book shower with the understanding that all books thus brought in will be carefully screened and may be rejected if not appropriate or wholesome.

Pastors, church members, parents! You may have been waging war against printed trash, engaging faithfully in the problem of subtraction, but how about the addition column? Have you done all you can to satisfy the mental and spiritual needs of that little "Timothy" in your charge? Have you put up every possible blockade to keep those little feet

from going to the book and magazine racks that drip with lust, sex, and crime that will start him down a road from which he may never be recovered?

Dr. A. W. Tozer warns that if a taste for good reading is not consciously taught and instilled by suggestion and example, in home, school, and church, our group reading taste will decline still more and illiterate trash will continue to flourish.

*Can God count on you to make such an effort?* ◀ ◀



Sunday School workers from five assemblies in the Flint area gathered at Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, Mich. for a training course taught by Evangelist C. C. Wilcox. The scale model of the Tabernacle which Brother Wilcox used to illustrate his lessons can be seen in the center.

## Workers Train for More Effective Service

During the opening weeks of 1961 many thousands of Sunday school workers attended training classes in their local assemblies.

In some cases, several assemblies in a city or region united for a combined course of study. Two such cases are reported below.

### TYLER, TEXAS

Seventeen churches in the Tyler Section of the North Texas District co-operated in a most successful Workers Training Course, January 23-27. H. P. Vibbert of Evansville, Ind., was the instructor. A total of 988 persons attended the five-night series of lessons which were based on the book, *Ways of Understanding God's Word*.

"Part of the time," writes M. L. Fauss, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer, "the training course took on the aspects of a camp meeting as shouts and praises ascended to God." Children's meetings were conducted concurrent with the adult classes for the convenience of parents.

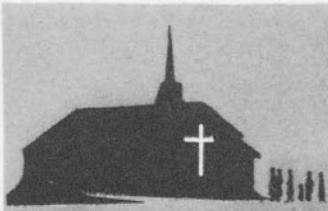
There were 149 certificates issued upon completion of the course. This was the fourth annual area-wide training course for the assemblies in the Tyler Section.

### FLINT, MICHIGAN

An area-wide Workers Training Course was conducted in the Riverside Tabernacle at Flint, Mich., February 13-17. Teacher for this five-night course was C. C. Wilcox of Spanaway, Wash. Brother Wilcox used his scale model of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness to teach on "Shadow and Substance."

Five churches co-operated in the Training Course. The average attendance was nearly 300 each night.

The Sunday school teachers and other workers who attended these classes gained a new understanding of the great significance of the Old Testament Tabernacle which pointed so clearly to the New Testament truths of the gospel of Christ. The replica of the Tabernacle, hand-made by Brother Wilcox, made the lessons very clear.



# The Family Altar



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

## MONDAY, APRIL 17

READ: Genesis 1:1-13

LEARN: "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

FOR THE PARENT: Use this lesson to stress to the family group the truths of the creation of the heaven and the earth. Point out: (1) God has always existed—this eternal existence is something our human minds cannot understand, but we accept it by faith, v. 1; (2) God Himself was the Creator of all things—they were made not by chance but by His design, v. 1. Then point out the events of the first three days of creation, stressing the mighty power of God in creating light, the heaven and the earth, and plant life.

QUESTION TIME: Who created heaven and earth? (v. 1) How did light come into existence? (v. 3) How did plants come into existence? (vv. 11, 12)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. E. E. Grams, South Africa; Mrs. R. B. Cavaness, Malaya; Mrs. R. J. Bolton, Formosa

## TUESDAY, APRIL 18

READ: Genesis 1:14-23

LEARN: "In the beginning was the Word, . . . All things were made by him" (John 1:1, 3).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, especially pointing out the events of the first three days of creation. Then discuss the fourth day of creation: the sun, moon, and stars. Point out their purpose (vv. 14-16) and show that all parts of God's creation have purpose. Discuss also the events related to the fifth day of creation: fish and fowl. All these acts show the power and wisdom of God. Let us always seek to be obedient to Him and to do His bidding.

QUESTION TIME: What did God create on the third day? on the fourth day? on the fifth day? What are the purposes of the sun, moon, and stars?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. George H. Davis, Costa Rica; Mrs. R. J. Ferguson, Jamaica; Harold S. Lehmann, Ghana; Ruth Selma Anderson, Belgium; Mrs. C. G. Davis, Chile.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

READ: Genesis 1:24 to 2:3

LEARN: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week, pointing out the activities of the first five days of creation. Then show how God created animal and human life on the sixth day, discussing: (1) man was created in God's image; (2) God's purpose for man, v. 26; (3) God's command to man, v. 28; (4) His provision for man, vv. 29, 30. Point out also God's evaluation of creation, v. 31. Then discuss the beginning of a day of rest, 2:1-3, showing the importance of this day.

QUESTION TIME: Who started the idea of a day of rest? (2:1-3) What command did God give to man? (v. 28) What dominion did God give to man? (v. 26)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. P. N. Mangum, South Africa; Hilda Wagenknecht, India.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20

READ: Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 31:7, 8

LEARN: "The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Joshua, Israel's New Leader" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) As Moses was coming to the end of his life, he was concerned about who would take over as leader of Israel. Point out: (1) Moses acted wisely—he took his problem to the Lord; (2) the Lord told him who the next leader would be—Joshua; (3) the act of transferring the leadership to Joshua was in a public service; (4) Moses reminded Joshua that God would be with him—this was a continual source of strength to Joshua in the days ahead.

QUESTION TIME: What was Moses concerned about at this time? What encouragement did he give to Joshua?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Sophie Erhardt, India; Leroy J. Atwood, Uruguay.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 21

READ: Acts 4:1-4; 5:12, 14, 17-20, 40-42; 6:8, 12; 7:54, 58-60 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

FOR THE PARENT: The verses read today show the beginning of the spread of the gospel message. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would make His disciples better witnesses. Show how the Spirit gave them courage to stand up under persecution, gave them determination to spread the good news that Jesus is the only Saviour.

QUESTION TIME: How does the Holy Spirit help Christians to be better witnesses for Christ? What kind of witness was Stephen?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. A. Walker Hall, Hong Kong.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22

READ: 1 Samuel 17:53 to 18:16 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Jealousy is cruel" (Song of Solomon 8:6).

FOR THE PARENT: After David killed the giant, Goliath, he had a chance to get better acquainted with King Saul. The king gave David a place of leadership in his army. In this position David acted wisely and became even more a national hero. Point out: (1) the attitude of the people toward David; (2) the attitude of the king's own son, Jonathan, toward David; (3) Saul's jealousy because of David's popularity; (4) Saul's attempt to kill David; (5) Saul's awareness that what was present in David's life was lacking in his own, v. 12.

QUESTION TIME: When David became a national hero, how did Saul react? How did he show his jealousy? (18:9-12) Why should we avoid jealousy?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Flora L. Shafer, Costa Rica; Anna B. Stafsholt, Liberia.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. Dan Marocco, Philippines.

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## JOSHUA, ISRAEL'S NEW LEADER

Sunday School Lesson for April 23, 1961

NUMBERS 27:15-23; DEUTERONOMY 31:7, 8

MOSES' CONCERN. Numbers 27:15-17.

Moses has been told by God that his end is at hand and that God is about to take him home to Glory. Immediately he proves that he has been motivated in his own service for God by a sincere love and concern for God's people and wholly given up to God's glory. "Let the Lord . . . set a man over the congregation . . . that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd." There have been those Christians and ministers whose interest in any work only lasted as long as they had anything to do with it, thus proving that their motives were mixed with self-interest. But not Moses! Instead of wincing at the thought of another taking his place of leadership, he himself takes the initiative in asking God to provide a suitable leader for the people! Perhaps if there were more of this foresight and unselfishness today a great deal of work done for God would have more permanence!

GOD'S CHOICE. Numbers 27:18.

"Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit." In our previous lesson we had a glimpse of the life and conduct of Joshua up to this point. During the years he had developed those very virtues which he would need as Moses' successor; namely, faith in God, courage, obedience. To those who are faithful and obedient in the little things, God commits larger responsibilities. Only those who have learned to *take* orders (as Joshua did from Moses) are qualified to *give* orders.

JOSHUA'S COMMISSIONING. Numbers 27:18-23; Deuteronomy 31:7, 8.

Moses not only asked God for a Joshua, but he wholeheartedly co-operated with God in the preparation of Joshua for the great responsibility which was to be his. "Charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him"—this was Moses' ministry to Joshua. See Deuteronomy 3:28. These words may be taken to represent the responsibility of the older generation to the younger. Let us consider them—

(1) *Joshua charged.* "And he [Moses] gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and I will be with thee." How encouraging to the younger man these words from his respected leader must have been! The younger generation today is getting plenty of "chargin'" of another kind; but many young people might be saved from spiritual shipwreck if the older saints would do more encouraging and strengthening and loving and praying for them instead of harshly condemning and criticizing them. Older Christian,

ED. NOTE: Brother Bishop, writer of this page, has resigned from the church he has pastored for a number of years, and is accepting calls for evangelistic meetings beginning June 1, 1961. His address is: 4318 - 22nd Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

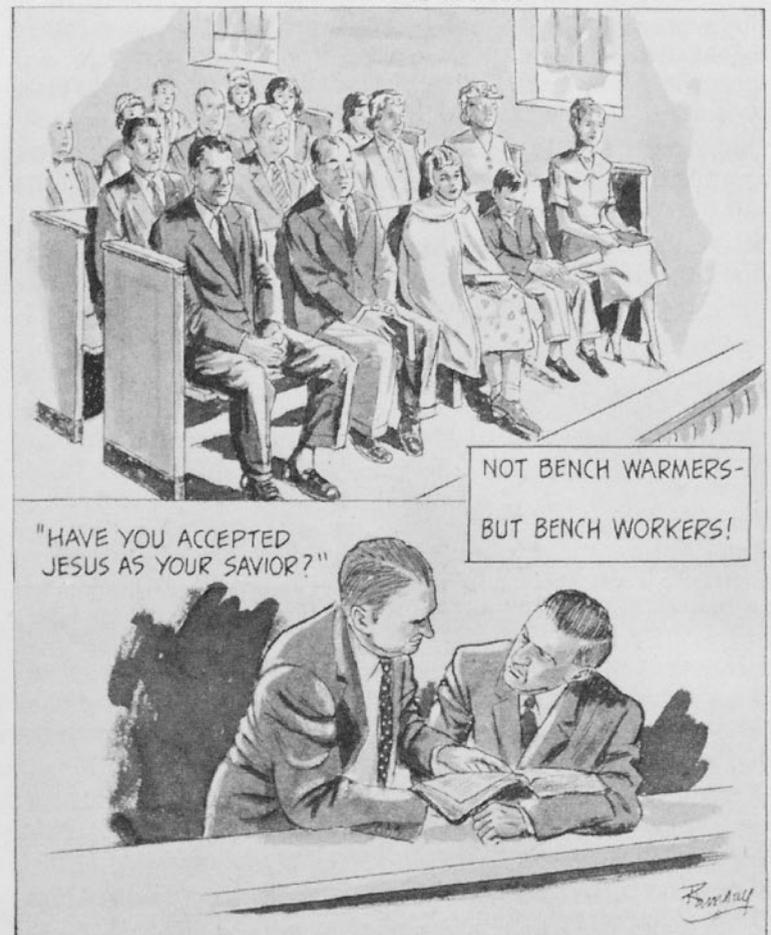
what are you doing in a practical way to help the young people to find their way into a life of Pentecostal purity and power?

(2) *Joshua encouraged.* To have Moses bring him word from the Lord assuring him that God would be with him and would enable him to lead the people into the promised land, must have brought great encouragement indeed to the heart of Joshua. Not only so, but it must have been very heartening to hear such an expression of confidence in him come from his master! Here again we have an often unused power; namely, that of letting others know that we believe in them and have confidence in them, for in the hearts of most men there is a desire to live up to the high opinions others hold of us!

(3) *Joshua strengthened.* "Lay thine hand upon him . . . set him before Eleazar the priest . . . and thou shalt put some of thine honor upon him." Many a young minister among us has carried through the years not only the blessing of the memory but the blessing actually bestowed upon him at his ordination service! We ought to recognize and appreciate the ministry of the laying on of hands today. Surely God intends it not as a mere ceremony but as a means whereby the Holy Spirit's power is definitely imparted for some specific purpose! —J. Bashford Bishop

God did not deliver the Hebrew boys from the furnace. Into the furnace they went. But God's response to their magnificent faith was larger than they ever dreamed. Instead of delivering them from the peril, He delivered them in it—which was infinitely greater. He made the peril contribute to the strengthening of their whole being. They did not escape the fire, but they experienced a fellowship in the fire which they had never known before.

### NEED OF THE HOUR





# CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOOR

BY J. DAN WOODALL

**S**HOPPERS AT A GIANT SUPERMARKET in Springfield, Mo., where we trade, were enjoying the pleasant modern way of grocery buying, complete with music and air conditioning. Suddenly the peaceful scene was disrupted and in the ensuing pandemonium tragedy occurred.

Loud explosions from flashing fireworks shattered the quiet of the summer morning. A counter, heavily laden with Fourth-of-July fireworks, mysteriously ignited. Flames quickly spread throughout the huge store.

Amidst the confusion and excitement customers and employees alike sought escape from the raging inferno. A woman apparently grabbed the hands of two little girls and fled through a door.

What seemed to them to be a door of escape and safety opened into the jaws of death. Instead of being an exit to the outside, the door through which they ran led into cloak and rest rooms without outside doors. As flames filled the building, return through the door to seek another exit was impossible, so they perished there.

Centuries ago Solomon declared, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Though millions may be sincere and earnest in the course they have chosen, yet that way may be only a "dead-end street."

The exit chosen by the frantic customers from the blazing building was

a door, but it was not the *right* door. Every door we choose in life is important. It may be a "door of opportunity," or it may be a "door to disaster and death."

Two ways opening to us are pictured in the Bible. One is a broad way, a way of destruction, a way of death. This is the way Christ said many take. But the other way is called narrow, yet it leads unto life, and the Lord said few find this way. Of the entrance to this way Christ said, "I am the door" (John 10:9). He is the only Door that leads to eternal life.

As Joshua neared the end of his life and leadership over the great nation of Israel, he challenged the people to make an important decision in the way they should go. This choice was between the gods their fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land they were now dwelling.

Joshua cried forth his challenge, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." And as an example for the nation to follow, he declared, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Joshua's choice and his courageous declaration of his course influenced those who followed him. They answered, "The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice we will obey" (Joshua 24:24).

Possibly the most serious and far-reaching decision ever made by a national leader was made when Jesus stood before Governor Pilate. Facing

the multitude of people the governor said, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

"Crucify Him," they replied.

Instead of releasing the innocent Jesus, Pilate freed Barabbas to the people as they demanded. Publicly he attempted to wash his hands of this decision and of his part in the unjust trial of Jesus. But he opened a door through which there was no return. It was too late now; his choice was made.

After Paul finished his testimony before King Agrippa, the king sensed the necessity of making a personal decision concerning Jesus. To Paul he declared, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). His decision was "almost" right but it fell short of being right.

Often we come to "forks in the road" where decisions must be made. At such a place we must make our choice about our eternal destination. Which way have you chosen? Have you chosen the *right* way? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). You can only be sure by following Christ.

While this world's way is filled with sin and death, Christ offers a way of escape to each one who will choose to enter the door of safety through Him. Yes, Christ is the *right* Door for you to enter. ◀◀

## FAITH IN ACTION

(Continued from page five)

done for me, how can I do less than give Him my best, and live for Him completely—after all He's done for me!"

Jesus said to Bartimaeus, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole," but Bartimaeus turned from his own way to follow Jesus. We need an active faith that will receive from the Lord what we need, and then prompt us to faithfully follow in His way. Jesus proclaimed, "I am the Way... no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Real faith will act in response to the Lord's command, and the Lord in turn will reward our faith by meeting our need. ◀◀

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# MISSION FIELD OF THE NORTH

BY B. P. WILSON

Presbyter of the Northern Section of Alaska

TO MANY PEOPLE, ALASKA IS A place where gold flows freely and there is no need for missionary support. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Although it is rapidly undergoing changes that affect its political, economic, and religious picture Alaska remains a most challenging missionary field.

Many tourists come to Alaska and, after visiting the cities and possibly a large village or two, return home without a true comprehension of the vast mission field the new state represents.

In addition to our regular missionary endeavors in the more remote villages and communities of Alaska, we must attempt to win the native as well as the white population in the cities. Such an effort is being made in Fairbanks by the Donel Leaches who hold special services exclusively for the native people in the Fairbanks Assembly. (The Eskimo and Indian people of Alaska prefer to be called *native*.)

Genuine progress in Assemblies of God missionary work in the northern section has been evident in the last few years. New mission stations have been opened, native people have turned to the Lord, and some have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Now the gifts of the Holy Spirit are being manifest among the Indian people.

For the past two years a camp meeting has been conducted for the native people at Fort Yukon. Until then, there were not enough believers in the area for such a meeting. These meetings have proved a rich blessing. From them there have been some outstanding testimonies of salvation, healing, baptism of the Holy Spirit, visions, and deliverance from sinful practices.

Most of these people have been bound by the superstitions connected with infant sprinkling, but it is wonderful to see them obey the Lord in water baptism in the Bible manner. Liquor remains a curse and scourge to the villages and cities of Alaska.

God has sent some very excellent, well-qualified missionaries to Alaska and they have proved their dedication and consecration. Space does not permit the mentioning of each individual missionary, but I feel the evangelistic ministry of the Oscar D. Butterfields has been a special help to the Alaska mission field. God has honored their ministry with some outstanding revivals that have affected the entire Alaska work.

The Donald L. Nelsons and their daughter, Judy, have been ministering with and for the Assemblies of God by a special arrangement with the Radio

Prayer League, of which they are members and whose members have provided most of their support. Their ministry has been a real blessing and honored of God with "signs following." May God reward those who have stood behind all these missionaries with their finances and prayers.

Very few of the Alaska missionaries of the Assemblies of God are adequately supported. Necessity forces them to secure secular labor in order to meet the very high cost of living in Alaska. This takes time that is needed for actual missionary work. Due to the intensely cold weather, survival—just staying alive—requires much time. It seems unfair that those ministering under such adverse conditions should also have to support themselves.

*Of the denominations making any real effort to reach the native population of Alaska, the Assemblies of God is operating on the smallest budget.*



The Earl D. McKensies ready to fly back to their station in Beaver



Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Butterfield and native arrive in Beaver in B. P. Wilson's plane



The Assembly of God in Fairbanks, Alaska where B. P. Wilson pastors



Assemblies of God mission at Beaver, Alaska



Assemblies of God mission station at Minto, where Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Olson pastor

Two different denominations have expended more money, in one village alone, than the Assemblies of God has invested in this whole Northern Section and possibly the whole state of Alaska during the same period of time. They also have more personnel and more equipment. In spite of this, God has enabled the Assemblies of God to make the greater progress, for it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

*There are several villages left in Alaska that do not yet have any evangelical witness.* At present, plans are under way for opening new areas for the full gospel. Your prayers and support are urgently needed. The challenge is great! The obstacles are great! Many of the native people are bound by heathen practices. They know a form of "so-called" Christianity, but do not know Christ and His saving power. How they rejoice when they find Jesus in a real way! The entrenched religious groups offer every opposition within their power including threats.

Only a definite work of the Holy Spirit can overcome the superstitions and bondages of the Alaskan people and bring them into the glorious liberty and life in Christ Jesus. The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" and can meet the need of the Alaskan native.

Jesus said to "preach the gospel to every creature." Let us accept the challenge today! Let us pray for qualified workers to receive sufficient financial support so they can move into these untouched fields. Let us put our hearts and wealth to the work and not be disobedient to the heavenly vision. We shall rejoice over any sacrifices we may make now when we stand one day before the Lord to present our harvest of precious souls.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Assemblies of God has nearly 90 missionaries, three orphanages, 33 churches, and at least eight outstations or preaching points in Alaska. There is an Assemblies of God church in every Alaska city of 1,000 or over population, but only four Assemblies are self-supporting. In a letter to the Home Missions Department a few months ago, the Governor of Alaska commended the Assemblies of God on its work in the new state.

The Home Missions Department has divided Alaska into four sections or districts, each under the supervision of an appointed presbyter, for the convenience of the missionaries as they seek to extend the kingdom in the vast northland. Watch forthcoming issues of the *Evangel* for reports of the other three sections of Alaska.

The Nearly Completed Indian Mission in Winslow, Arizona Is Now in Ruins—

## For Lack of One Hundred Dollars

**O**F COURSE YOU HAVE HEARD THE classic statement about the importance of insignificant things:

"For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe, the horse was lost; for the want of a horse, the rider was lost; all for the want of a nail!

Today, for the want of the small sum of \$100 to buy needed sheeting for the roof, the nearly-completed Indian Assembly at Winslow, Ariz., is wrecked! Here is the story.

The Robert Ruarks, missionaries at Winslow, were just getting up the trussing on the building and were ready to put on sheeting when the early spring winds began to blow. They had already exhausted every fund in order to buy the lumber for the trussing and knew of no other source of help.

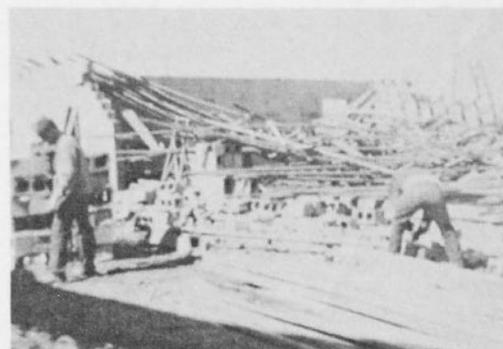
When February 25 arrived with more heavy winds, they felt almost defeated. In the afternoon, the missionaries heard a sound like thunder and then voices outside. When they investigated to find out what was wrong, they were horror-stricken with the scene that greeted their eyes. The new building, which had represented so many hours of tireless effort and \$1,000 worth of materials, lay before them a shambles.

Both missionaries broke down and cried. Their first thought was the same as it would have been with most of us: "We might as well quit!" But im-

mediately, they felt rebuked for this attitude and the Lord began to assure the Ruarks that He had *not* forsaken them or their people. Right there, they fell on their knees to pray.

The Indian people began to come in and their attitude was a blessing to the missionaries. One said, "Don't feel bad. The devil is just mad because God is blessing us; but we will work harder and get more people saved." Another said, "We will make the devil sorry he picked on us." Then the workers began to take new courage and to thank the Lord that no one had been injured.

The Ruarks find it hard to understand why, for the lack of only one



A windstorm damaged the nearly-completed Indian Mission in Winslow, Ariz.

hundred dollars, they had to lose so much; but they are leaving the answer with the Lord. Their present church building is accommodating more than double its capacity—and the congregation was so close to having a comfortable and adequate building! Now, as it appears from the human side of the picture, it will take months to raise funds again to get the building back to where it was and then complete it enough for use.

But there is another side to the story, a brighter side. Matthew 19:26 tells us: "But Jesus . . . said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." We know that God will undertake, for the Bible reassures Christians that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." God will honor the faith of those who serve and trust Him.

Would you like to have a part in rebuilding this urgently needed building? God can use and bless each contributor. Send your offering today, clearly designated for WINSLOW BUILDING FUND, to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

### MAP AVAILABLE

Recent numerous demands on the Alaska Missions Fund of the Home Missions Department have exhausted it. In fact, this important source of emergency assistance for Alaska missionaries is more than exhausted—it is \$1,000 in the red! If you are able to help share this burden, your offering will be gratefully received. Send it today to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

A current map of the Assemblies of God in Alaska is available to those who contribute \$5 or more to Alaska Missions. Please request the map when you write.



# Spotlight on Evangelism

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

► DENVER, COLO.—A most successful two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Oliver Johnson of North Dakota has just been concluded at Central Assembly. There was a real moving of the Holy Spirit. On the closing Sunday night 13 were at the altar for salvation. The entire church enjoyed the ministry of the Word. A good number of visitors attended the services.  
—L. A. Duke, Pastor

► ROSWELL, N. MEX.—First Assembly just concluded a very successful revival with George Newby of Pryor, Okla., as the evangelist. From the very first night the Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way. Some 45 were saved or reclaimed and more than 30 were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to definite healings. The church is deeply grateful to God for this marvelous move of His Spirit.  
—Edgar Newby, Pastor

► GEORGETOWN, S. C.—First Assembly recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelist L. M. Addison of Panama City, Fla. The evangelist's unusual grasp of spiritual truths enabled him to lead the congregation closer to God. Several were saved. There has been a remarkable increase in Sunday school attendance, as well as in the regular services, and we thank God for the revival spirit in the midst of the people.  
—David Flanagan, Pastor

► NAUGATUCK, CONN.—Ron Ripley of Elmira, N. Y., was the evangelist recently at Full Gospel Tabernacle in what was believed to be the best-attended revival in the 40-year history of the church. There were

at least ten clear-cut conversions, and many more unsaved raised their hands for prayer as a result of the anointed ministry in preaching and singing. Night after night the church was packed out. The congregation appreciated the co-operation of two other Assemblies of God churches.  
—John Eckstadt, Pastor

► MULESHOE, TEX.—The Assembly here rejoices in a wonderful refreshing from God as a result of two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Ken George. The soul-stirring ministry in sermon and song was a great blessing. The last service climaxed the meeting with some persons accepting Christ. There was a general consecration on the part of the entire church.  
—R. V. Luna, Pastor

► CAMPBELL RIVER, B. C.—Riverside Tabernacle experienced a time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord under the recent ministry of Evangelist Dave Tonn of Edmonton, Alta. Each night some were at the altar seeking and receiving spiritual edification. The inspirational ministry in Word and song will have a lasting effect upon the congregation.  
—W. T. Kennedy, Pastor

► MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Three weeks of meetings held here at Gospel Tabernacle by Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner were very inspiring and edifying. The preaching of the evangelist, who was well grounded in the Word, was very effective. Many new people were reached and the results were definite and lasting. The vocal and instrumental music was an inspiration to all.  
—F. J. Lindquist, Pastor

► SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—God used the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Don Hall of Anaheim, Calif., in a wonderful way during a one-week revival at the Point Loma Assembly of God. Six individuals were saved, four reclaimed, and two received the Holy Spirit. Six were baptized in water. The entire church received a refreshing from God.  
—R. Leonard Turner, Pastor

► BELLEVUE, ILL.—Glenn White, a former pastor of American Indians in Wyoming, was the evangelist at the Assembly of God here recently. These special meetings resulted in the salvation of three teen-agers and brought spiritual strength to the Christians. The entire church was challenged to a greater responsibility in practical Christian living.  
—R. L. Boyd, Pastor

► PONTIAC, MICH.—First Assembly rejoices in a most successful four-week revival conducted here by the Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio. Between 80 and 90 persons came forward to accept Christ as Saviour and 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. On many occasions there were overflow crowds. Over 200 people visited the church for the first time. The Sunday school attendance was broken with 635 present. Revival fires continue to burn in the hearts of the people. The ministry of the evangelists was deeply appreciated for their Pentecostal emphasis and thrilling anointed music.  
—Arnold Q. Hashman, Pastor

► GARLAND, TEX.—On January 3 Bethany Assembly of God began a revival with Evangelist Jimmie Merritt of Atlanta, Ga., which ran four weeks. God blessed in a marvelous way. People were saved in nearly every service, and backsliders came back to the Lord. Believers were filled and refilled with the Holy Ghost and fire, and the sick were healed. Every department of the church was benefited. The congregation enjoyed the anointed singing and preaching, and looks forward to a return engagement.  
—W. A. Edwards, Pastor

► CATAWISSA, PA.—God truly blessed in three and one-half weeks of revival meetings at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Reider of Berwick, Pa. The mighty convicting power of the Holy Spirit was evident from night to night as sinners found Christ as Saviour. Backsliders yielded to the moving of the Spirit and rejoiced again at the love and mercy of God. Individuals were delivered from habits which had bound them. There were definite healings, among them that of a baby who formerly could not open its eye. Three received the initial infilling of the Holy Spirit, while others were refilled. This was in-



Week-night service at the First Assembly in Pontiac, Mich. during the meeting with the Musical Vanns. (Arnold Hashman is pastor)

deed a real outpouring of Pentecostal power and the revival fires still burn. Sinners continue to find Christ. Four have received the Holy Spirit within the past week.

—Samuel O. Rarick, Pastor

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOMEcoming**—April 23 at Assembly of God, Venice, La. Services at 9:45 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—by Gayle D. Erwin, Pastor.

**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAL SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR CENTRAL AMERICA**—April 25-28 at Evangelistic Center, San Salvador, El Salvador. Victor and Edwina Trimmer, Wichita, Kans., guest speakers. For room reservations write Arthur Lindvall, Apartado 1074, San Salvador, El Salvador.—by Sterling Stewart and George H. Davis, co-chairmen.

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**MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**—Apr. 24-26 at Church of the Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich. J. Philip Hogan, Foreign Missions Director, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, Monday at 7:30 p.m. For reservations write Reservations Committee, 303 Capital Avenue N. E., Battle Creek, Mich.—by Orié L. Robinson, district secretary.

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### WITH CHRIST

**MRS. ADA K. SANDERSON**, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a licensed Assemblies of God minister in the Nebraska District, went to be with Christ in January.

**FRANK E. CREWS**, 33, of St. Joseph, Missouri, passed away in January. He was licensed to preach in 1957 in the West Central District, and had served as pastor of the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Tama, Iowa.

**LEONARD A. DODSON**, 73, passed away at Rochester, New York, on February 13. In 1930 Brother Dodson was ordained in the Northern California-Nevada District and served as pastor in a number of California churches. He was superannuated in 1957.

**FRANK T. CLAYTON**, 82, of Morrilton, Ark., went to be with the Lord on February 3. He was one of the early pioneers in Pentecost having been ordained in the Arkansas District in 1915. He engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work. Among churches he pastored were those at Houston and Lepanto, Ark. Since 1951 he has been superannuated.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Ft. Smith	First	Apr. 19-23	W. E. (Gene) Scott	B. Owen Oslin
	Paris	East Side	Apr. 9—	Gorman Daniels	Archie Miller
Calif.	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Apr. 14—	Quentin Edwards	Elmo S. Bowler
	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Apr. 23-May 13	David O. Bunch	Elmo S. Bowler
	Chowchilla	First	Apr. 18—	Don Martin	Floyd Baker
	Fontana	West Fontana	Apr. 18—	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Charles Miller
	La Jolla	A/G	Apr. 23—	J. G. Hall	J. B. Prettyman
	Redwood City	A/G	Apr. 9-23	Eddie Washington	E. R. Scratch
	Rio Dell	A/G	Apr. 23-May 6	James & Mrs. Buttram	E. L. Snyder
	Sacramento	Country Centre	Apr. 19-30	Christian Hild	Daniel Bayliss
	San Joaquin	A/G	Apr. 17-30	Zambos-Elwood Team	R. D. Tatham
	Las Animas	A/G	Apr. 23—	N. B. & Mrs. Rayburn	J. W. Arnold
Del.	Wilmington	First	Apr. 23-30	Louise Nankivell	Jacob Heinrich
Fla.	Bonifay	Carmel	Apr. 10-23	James Raley	Douglas Bartlett
Ga.	Ft. Valley	A/G	Apr. 17-30	Bobby Jackson	Leland Bush
Ill.	Bushnell	First	Apr. 18—	Roy & Mrs. Lee	Jerrell Snyder
	Grafton	A/G	Apr. 9-21	Bob Olson	Norman Hays
Ind.	Rock Falls	A/G	Apr. 16-23	M. Inez Smith	H. W. Lutz
	East Chicago	First	Apr. 18-23	Al & Tommy Reid	Dwight Hamilton
	Terre Haute	Chamberlain's Chp.	Apr. 19-30	Paul Hild	W. Shabaz
Iowa	Council Bluffs	First	Apr. 23-30	Larry Allbaugh	C. E. Turner
	Indianola	A/G	Apr. 17-21	Allan Ullestad	Robert Wenig
	Muscatine	First	Apr. 11-23	Hubert Surratt	Lloyd Eflin
	Newton	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Charles T. Crabtree	Hilton Griswold
	Vinton	A/G	Apr. 19-23	John French	A. M. Marshall
Kans.	Caldwell	A/G	Apr. 18—	Lolita Thompson	Preston Hollis
	Great Bend	Crescent Park	Apr. 18-May 7	Jeremiah Hanley	Howard Marshall
	Kinsley	First	Apr. 18—	Bill & Mrs. Lambertson	H. D. Mathews
Louisburg	A/G	Apr. 19—	R. L. Smith	R. L. Stanbro	
	Ironwood	A/G	Apr. 19-30	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	Norton L. Shotwell
Minn.	Faribault	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Gaidies-Wagner Team	Paul D. Sundell
Miss.	Little Falls	A/G	Apr. 11-30	Bill & Verna McPherson	Kenneth Freiheit
	Staples	A/G	Apr. 18-23	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Stanley Johnson
	Biloxi	First	Apr. 16—	Eugene Hartley	S. F. McManus
	Maryville	* A/G	Apr. 23-28	Bob Olson	Rex Anspaugh
	St. Charles	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Eric M. Johnson	V. D. Kelly
Mont.	Sikeston	First	Apr. 18-30	Watson Argue	James E. Smith
	Anaconda	A/G	Apr. 23-May 5	Charles J. Senechal	Joe Newby
Nebr.	Libby	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Evelyn Glosser	F. A. Dalton
	Burton	A/G	Apr. 12-23	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Charles Turner
N. J.	S. Sioux City	A/G	Apr. 16-30	Musical Lebsacks	B. F. Correll
	Baptistown	A/G	Apr. 21-23	R. Harry Rowland	James Occhipinti
N. Mex.	Elizabeth	First	Apr. 23	Donnel-Holler Team	Werner M. Johnson
	Somerville	A/G	Apr. 9-23	Ralph & Mrs. Bender	Norman Spong
N. Y.	Farmington	Faith Tab.	Apr. 18-30	Jerry Roberts	Melvin Sasse
N. C.	Elmira	Pent. Tab.	Apr. 23-May 7	J. Earl Douglass	John Bedzyk
	Woodbourne	Full Gospel Ch.	Apr. 21-30	Allan A. Swift	William Dickenson
Ohio	Newton	First	Apr. 20-23	Linton G. Creel	R. A. Stone
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	Corry	A/G	Apr. 18-30	The Olshevski Team	Leroy Wiley
	Hazleton	Faith	Apr. 18-30	Nate Killian	A. R. Hontz
	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 18-30	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Asa C. Martin
S. C.	Philadelphia	Frankford Gospel	Apr. 23-May 14	Dan & Anita Bogdan	James W. Donald
	Scranton	Pentecostal	Apr. 21-23	David McDowell	Parker B. Hayes
Tex.	Greenwood	First	Apr. 11-30	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	R. H. Duck
	Alba	First	Apr. 9-23	Wm. Paul Edwards	A. A. Clark
	Daisetta	First	Apr. 17-30	O. H. Dockray	W. E. Comstock
	Dallas	First	Apr. 9-23	The Tanner Team	E. E. Krogstad
	Ft. Worth	Riverside	Apr. 18-30	Calvin Melton	Elbert Wilkinson
Va.	Houston	Airline	Apr. 16-30	Bill Taylor	Jesse A. Callaway
	Houston	Houmont Park	Apr. 23—	Glynn Freeman	B. L. Wiggins
	Stephenville	First	Apr. 16—	W. O. Jackson, Jr.	Coyce Pollard
Wash.	Shenandoah	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Wm. F. & Mrs. Voodre	Linwood M. Ball
W. Va.	Brewster	A/G	Apr. 17-21	Jim & Betty Sconce	Vincent K. Kennedy
	Bewley	First	Apr. 19-30	Bob McCutchen	T. M. Waldron
Wis.	Mather	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Cox-Brown Team	Delmar Browning
	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 19—	Joseph De Grado	Harvey L. Flaherty
W. Africa	Abakaliki, Nigeria	A/G	Apr. 17-May 11	Billy Guthrie	V. H. Shumway

\* Teen Revival

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# Fruitfulness Through Separation

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amazing how few Christians are seriously determined to get beyond their present experience; and of course they do not get beyond."

Fresh separation is definitely needed in such a life! And who of us have not been tempted along some of these very lines? But let us return to Abraham: he was separated from his native land, from his native people, from his family connections (Genesis 12:1). Obediently Abraham journeyed on, responding to each move on God's part with a corresponding altar of fresh consecration. A famous altar builder he became, each new separation uniting him more completely to God.

Then came the separation from Egypt (where he was never instructed to go anyway). If we trespass on questionable territory there are sure to be extra painful separations for us, too. And next we see him parted from Lot, who started out with him from Haran (Genesis 13). The way was getting narrower; the cutting was coming closer, involving more vital issues. Following this came the separation from Hagar and from his child Ishmael, recalling the fleshly attempt of Abraham to achieve God's promised end. (Such attempts never pay; they bring only heartache.)

"Having begun in the Spirit," we can never reach the perfect fulfillment of God's purpose by "fleshly maneuvering" (Galatians 3:3). Ishmael was his own son, and under the strain of waiting Abraham even cried out to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before thee!" But God's plan could not include Ismael any more than His highest thought for us today can include the carnal efforts many well-meaning people would substitute for the pure moving of the Holy Ghost. There was another painful separation; "the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight." Such hours are never easy, but God still says, "Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman."

Undoubtedly the last separation was the hardest. Increased spiritual strength demands increased testing—closer separation. God has spoken those appalling

words, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I shall tell thee of." Accustomed to obey, the veteran pilgrim asked no questions, accepting the knife in his own heart before the literal knife was raised above the bound Isaac lying upon that altar. Here was the closest, hardest separation of all—and Abraham met it victoriously, though God stayed his hand from the actual deed. Behold his reward then, as well as for all eternity, when he heard those words, "Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

Did you ever hear of a house plant becoming "pot bound?" Roots so crowded that the whole plant is stunted? As with the jonquil roots, there must be separation and replanting. Apply this to friendships, associations that can become so absorbing, so dominating, so possessive, so demanding that each individual's spiritual breathing becomes impaired.

"Pot bound" spiritually! In a measure God is crowded out, for there must be sufficient "aloneness with God" for the imparting of His life. We ask for God's best and our faithful Husbandman proceeds to do some repotting in our lives—we are weaned from selfish love to a fuller devotion to Him.

God may take unusual tools, strange methods to accomplish the work. But as we hold steady under His loving hand a new revelation of Christ will fill our vision. To us the process may seem like rugged chastening; but if we hold steady, ere long we shall be able to say with Paul, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

As long as we are on this earth there will be need of separation and pruning in our lives. There are no graduation exercises from this school until we awake in His likeness. The older we

grow the more we need the Master Gardener's attention, if we desire continued beauty and fruitfulness.

*The wound God makes doth ever fully heal  
Until no scar remains for man to feel.  
If we submit to cleansing of His love,  
We know the perfect healing from above;  
And where there else would be a bitter waste  
God makes a fragrant garden by His grace.*

A precious missionary, after twenty-four years of service in India, spoke to us recently of "fresh cleavage" in her life as she prepared to return to the field. What did she mean by "fresh cleavage"? This very thing—fresh pruning, a new separation unto God, a closer cutting away of everything which might hinder greater fruitfulness. And as we talked with her we felt the new life that always springs forth when a soul has known fresh consecration. How fresh—how new—is your consecration? Here is the secret of our holiness and the measure of our power with God and man, now and always.

## Youth Work

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cence. If we keep in mind that this independence is a symptom, not a cause, of their problems, and that the right Christian fellowship, challenge, education, and devotion will help them during these difficult years, then we are well on the way to giving them an effective youth program.

*Finally, Let's Stop Guessing About the Rewards of Youth Work*

"It's not worth it all!" laments the tired, discouraged pastor or youth worker. "All this work, and no results!" But it *is* worth it all! Every dollar, ounce of energy, or hour of time invested in youth pays double dividends in both time and eternity. Personal standards and values today are set, not in college, say the educators, but in high school during the teen years. This means that the youth worker is helping one of the most important segments of our population at the most important time in their lives! When I think of men like J. Hudson Taylor and Dr. Billy Graham, who found Christ during their teen years, and when I realize that there are hundreds of devoted Christian workers today who made their important spiritual decisions during their adolescent years, then I have no doubt in my mind that the youth work

is rewarding. It is tiring work, demanding work, and seemingly unending work, but my own years of experience working with youth have convinced me that it is rewarding work!

Teen-agers today have enough question marks of their own without adult Christians adding more. Let's take the guesswork out of youth work and replace those question marks with exclamation points—with the eternal certainties of the Word of God!

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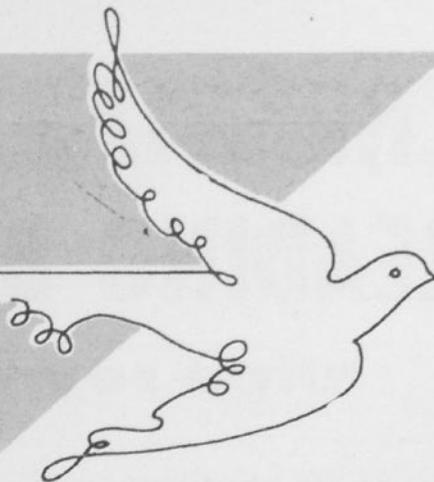
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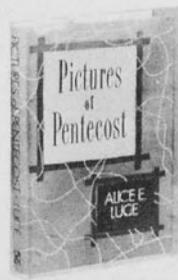
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# LETTERS

EVANGEL READERS WRITE

### Good Article for Parents

The article by W. J. Phillips ("The State Will Make Your Boy Mind," issue of February 26) is well written and timely. I am passing the thought on to several parents.

I have received the *Evangel* for the past year. It was sent to me as a gift and I've enjoyed reading it. I'm a Baptist. I teach a Sunday school class of adults and sometimes I refer to *Evangel* articles in my teaching.

MRS. PAUL H. BERRY  
Muskogee, Oklahoma

### Printed on Better Paper

I have just been reading the February 12 issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* and noticed that it was printed on a satin-finish type of paper. I thought this edition looked lovely. It seemed to add prestige to the already-appreciated publication.

Personally I certainly do appreciate the *Evangel* and its many fine articles. The new paper, however, gives it a "magazine" look and air of dignity.

May the Lord's richest blessings continue upon all who prepare it from week to week.

BARBARA FARLEY  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

(Ed. Note— The February 12 issue was printed on a different paper stock as an experiment. The issues published since that time have been on the regular stock but we hope to adopt the "satin-finish" or coated sheet in the very near future. For years the *Evangel* staff has wished to use better paper but always found the cost prohibitive. We prayed about this matter a great deal. Now the Lord has answered prayer and made it possible to obtain a superior stock without raising the subscription price. We are very happy over this prospect and hope all the readers will enjoy the new stock when we begin using it.)

### White House Correspondence

I was so pleased with your editorial article entitled "Righteous Rulers" (issue of January 15) that I mailed it to our new President. I stated in my letter that we prayed God would give us a leader consecrated such as mentioned in the article, and I said that countless thousands of humble Christians such as I would constantly keep President Kennedy in our prayers.

A few days later I received a personal letter from the White House, signed by Ralph A. Dungan, Special Assistant to the President. It stated: "Thank you for your letter to the President. He appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing and bringing the article 'Righteous Rulers' to his attention

and is grateful too for your remembrance of him in prayer."

I doubt whether my letter ever reached the President himself, due to the volume of mail that goes to him, but I pray the effort may be rewarded somehow.

W. C. SHIRK  
Independence, Missouri

**Displaying the Flags**

I have been in many churches of various Protestant denominations where the American and Christian flags have been displayed, and have noticed the positions they occupy. In some cases our country's flag is on the speaker's right; in other cases it is on his left. Is there any rule as to which is correct?

W. A. GOLDSCHMIDT  
Whittier, California

(Ed. Note: Yes. The U.S. flag may be placed either on the platform level or on the floor level and this governs the proper position. If it stands on the speaker's level (that is, on the platform) it should be on the speaker's right and the Christian flag on his left. If the American flag stands on the congregation's level (that is, on the floor of the auditorium) it should be on the congregation's right and the Christian flag on their left.)

**Inventor of the Telephone**

I noticed an article in *The Pentecostal Evangel* which referred to Bell as the inventor of the telephone. Possibly many readers are not aware of the controversy that has raged down through the years as to the telephone's true inventor.

Since we live in the community where Daniel Drawbaugh lived and are familiar with the evidence in the case, there is no question in our minds. We believe Drawbaugh produced the first working model of the electric telephone.

CHAS. N. CRONE, SR.  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

(Ed. Note: According to a newspaper clipping sent to us by Brother Crone, the court battle over the controversy lasted eight years. The U.S. Supreme Court finally decided in favor of Bell but many of Mechanicsburg's leading citizens question the decision. The consensus seems to be that Drawbaugh and Bell were working along the same lines, independently, at the same time, and that Drawbaugh had the first working model but lacked the financial and promotional abilities to win public recognition of his feat.)



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# MEASURING OUR GROWTH

By H. Paul Holdridge  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

**S**TANDING BESIDE THE DOOR CASING, A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD boy stretches to his full height and his father makes a mark. Then the boy measures from the floor and announces happily, "I have grown an inch since my birthday!"

The same boy gets onto the scales and exclaims, "Daddy, I have gained five pounds." Growth in a boy or girl is a blessing for it is a sign of health and normalcy.

Stand up straight now. Let's measure your *spiritual* growth. How tall were you a year ago? Two years ago? Ten years ago? Have you grown in the Lord? What was your measurement when you were *born again*? What is it today? Paul instructs us in 1 Thessalonians 4 to "abound more and more . . . that ye increase more and more . . . and that ye have lack of nothing." Growth is expected.

As a church we have enjoyed growth. But *how* are we growing? It is possible to grow in the wrong direction. It is possible to grow cranky, critical, ugly, and old. If we have grown, *how* have we grown?

"Ye ought to walk and to please God," says Paul. The Christian life is not an ornament to wear, a luxury to enjoy, a ceremony to observe, but a manner of living—a walk. It should be an approved life—"As ye have received of us how ye ought to walk." Life is modeled after the worthiest example. It is the tendency of all life to shape itself after the character of its strongest inward force. So our growth should follow the model—Jesus Christ.

Our Father in heaven twice placed His approval upon His Son, Jesus Christ. As Christ came up out of the waters of baptism, and also on the mount of transfiguration, God declared, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The Christian life should be one that finds its chief joy in divine approval. We can rise no higher in moral excellence than to be acceptable to God. John Donne, English divine and poet, said, "I count all that part of my life lost which I spent not in communion with God or in doing good." The Christian life is capable of vast expansion. Hence Paul said, "So ye would abound more and more."

"This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3). The Church is a group of called-out ones. Sanctification constitutes both a negative and a posi-

tive separation. There must be an abstinence from sin and a separation from worldliness. But also the Christian must be separated unto God.

Separation from sin and from things that displease God is a voluntary matter, but one that is essential if you are to please God. It is not the fact that the Church teaches it, or that the minister preaches it, but that it is the will of God—the strongest motive for sanctification.

Christianity never delivers men automatically from the wickedness and lusts of the world. But genuine salvation furnishes the receiver the equipment to effect his deliverance. When we make the effort, God helps us. The battle becomes the Lord's, and He always wins.

A sanctified life requires help from beyond us. We have been given the Blood to cleanse us and set us apart. The Word has been given to instruct us in our relationships and boundaries. The Spirit has been given to enable us to stay clean and separated. Thus, sanctification is the science of living right in the sight of God and man.

Holiness involves a rigid observance of bodily purity. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:7). Paul admonishes, "Every-one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor." Avoid the company of the sensual. Be temperate; be industrious; be much in prayer. In any transaction, never overreach your brother. Be honest at all times, not from the fear of punishment, but from love of God and a lofty sense of duty.

A holy life gives no license to sin. There is no place for evil in thought, word, or deed. Everything is in favor of holiness. He who called us is Holy. His Word is holy, and our help is the Holy Ghost.

A man was asked why he was so particular to give good measure. He replied, "God has given me but one journey through this world, and when I am gone, I cannot return to correct mistakes." Holiness is a way of life. It is not a piece of wearing apparel. It is an experience in which the receiver partakes of the nature of God, and it is His nature to be holy.

Paul writes, "Study to be quiet [peaceful], and do your own business." And so we may gauge our spiritual stature in peacefulness. Brotherly love can have no place in a heart from which peace has fled. A peaceful life is the result of diligent study and practice.

There is nothing that some people dread so much as being quiet. They delight in a row, a fuss, a noise. If one does not occur, they make one. We have the political agitator, the money grabber, and the war monger. And the Church is not without some disturbers—those who are full of endless suggestions for others to carry out. "It is an honor for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling" (Proverbs 20:3).

A peaceful life is maintained by keeping humble, and is further developed by attending to personal duties.

"... So mind your own business." All strife may be traced to meddlesomeness. A peaceful life is a full-time job.

"... And to work with your own hands." Piety has no greater foe than idleness. Many take more pains to go to hell than the holiest do to go to heaven. A peaceful life commends itself to those who are outside the kingdom.

How do you measure up? Are you showing spiritual growth? Does your life reveal this growth both to those inside the Church and to those outside? Check up and keep growing.