

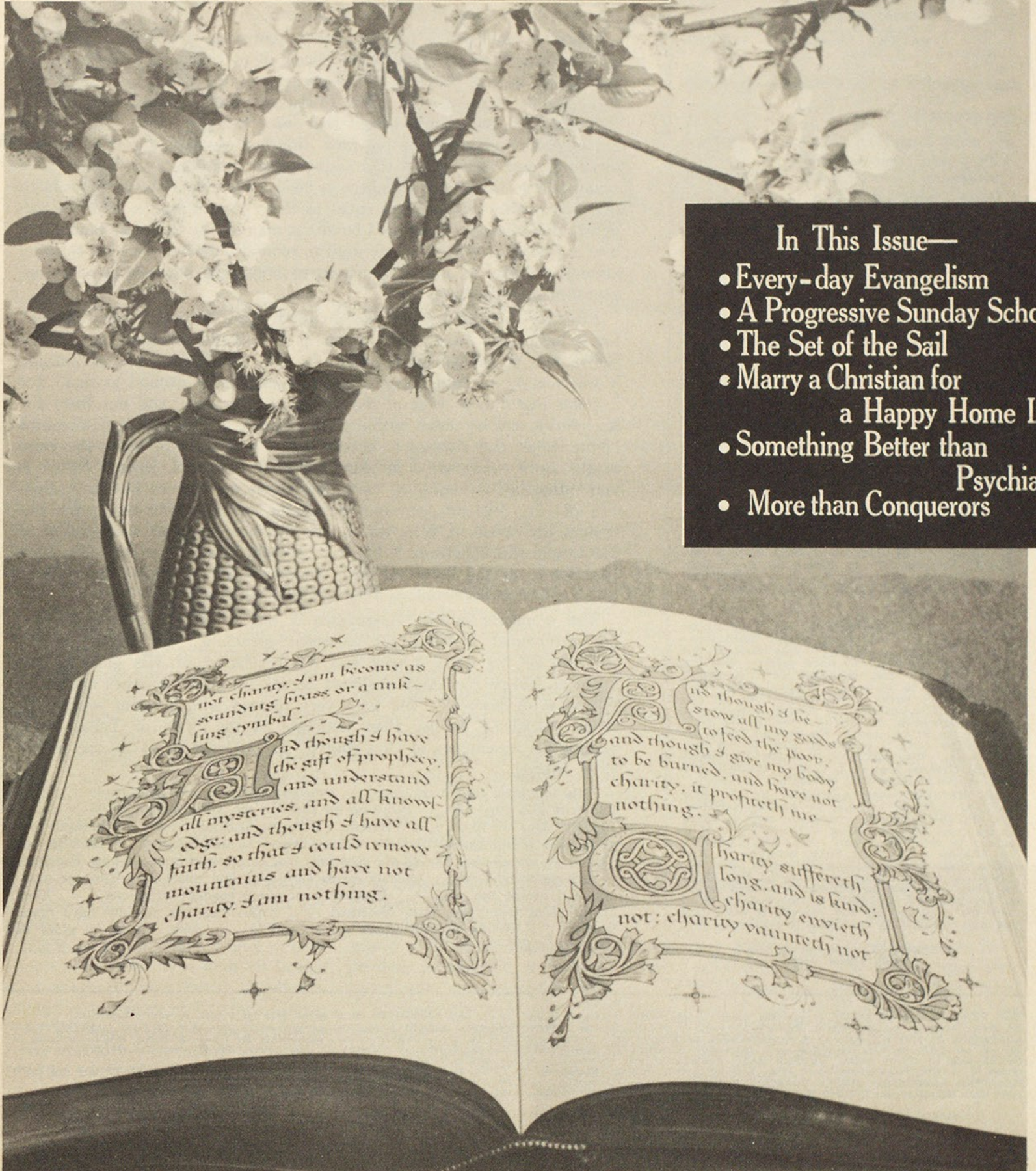
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Solomon built a magnificent house for God, and it seems that men have been trying to match his feat ever since. They have poured fortunes into temples, cathedrals, and ornate churches—motivated, no doubt, by the thought that a “house of God” should be the finest house men can build—but men often overlook the fact that “the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands” (Acts 7:48). God wants pure hearts, not pretentious houses, for His habitation.

When we dedicate a building for a “house of God” we should remember the Most High will not dwell there except as He dwells in the hearts of the people who congregate in it. There is a tendency today to be extravagant. Even Christian people find it hard to be satisfied with the simple things that once satisfied them. This is an era of plush living and people want fine houses—both for their private dwellings and their places of congregational worship. We believe it is commendable for church members to build a respectable house of worship that has quality and comfort equal to their private homes, and we recognize that cheaply-constructed buildings may not be the most economical over a period of years; but we need to remind ourselves that the spiritual atmosphere of a church is much more important than its physical appearance or furnishings.

Probably there is no name for a church more beautiful than “Bethel,” for it means *the house of God*, but it is doubtful whether the original Bethel was a very beautiful place. In fact, the Bible seems to indicate it was merely an outdoor spot (and a rocky bit of ground at that) for it states that Jacob “took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.” It was there he dreamed of the ladder that reached to heaven and it was there he heard the voice of the Lord. Afterward he named the place Bethel, saying, “This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven” (Genesis 28:17). Just an open spot out under the stars, but that place was to him the house of God, for it was there he received a revelation of the Lord. And wherever it be that we really meet with God, that place becomes to us the house of God, whether it be an outdoor meeting, a brush arbor, a storefront church, or costly cathedral.

The emphasis in our Assemblies is not on architectural grandeur, nor ceremonial worship, nor eloquent preaching, but rather on the presence of the living Christ and the revelation of His glory in the midst of His people. May it always be so. May our churches always be “the gate of heaven.” We were very pleased with a poem written by Aline Michaelis, former Poet Laureate of the State of Texas, after visiting an Assemblies of God church. It was sent to us by one of her close friends:

“Into this little church we come . . . entering gladly, as men seek home . . . after the strife of a busy day . . . thrusting the cares of the world away. . . Here in this friendly place we find . . . a Presence waiting us, tranquil, kind . . . Strength that gives us a lifting hand . . . Love which always can understand. . . Here in this church we are all akin . . . all are conscious that God comes in . . . taking His place in each burdened heart . . . quickly easing each sting and smart. . . Here are gladness and praise and song . . . freedom from every bondage of wrong. . . Even the blind in this house have discerned . . . truths that the worldly have never learned. . . Bright are the hopes we see unfold . . . here, where the glory of Christ is told.”

—R.C.C.

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Every-Day Evangelism



There is absolutely no excuse for anyone not being a soul winner. No one is without the power and opportunity to win souls for Christ.

BY JAMES A. STEWART

LUIGI TARISIO WAS FOUND DEAD WITH scarce a comfort in his home but with two hundred and forty-six exquisite violins, which he had been collecting all his life, crammed into an attic, and the best violin stored in the bottom drawer of an old rickety bureau. In his very devotion to the violin he robbed the world of their music all the time he treasured them. Others before him did the same, so that when the greatest Stradivarius was first played it had been speechless one hundred and forty-seven years!

How many of Christ's people are like old Tarisio. They keep the treasure of the music of the gospel to themselves. I am convinced it is God's will for every child of His to endeavor within his own sphere to be a red-hot witness for Jesus Christ. There is absolutely no excuse for anyone not being a soul winner. No one is without the power and talent to win souls for Christ.

Early in my ministry I met a dear crippled man who lived with his brother, a shepherd, in a lonely shepherd's cottage in the heart of Britain's Chevio Hills. While preaching to the shepherds I was invited to this cottage for a meal. Imagine my surprise, when I met the crippled brother, to find that he was a radiant, dynamic believer. Not once

during that evening did he speak of his own helpless condition. The theme of his conversation was of those who were without Christ and without hope in the world.

Completely paralyzed, he had to be waited upon, and yet so great was his burning love for souls that he had painfully mastered the writing of letters. Now he was sending out gospel tracts and booklets all over Great Britain. His brother spread newspapers before him each morning so he could scan the birth, death, and marriage columns for names to whom he could send suitable literature. With great joy he told me to read the letters he received from the people telling how quite a number of them were saved through his ministry.

Some years back a minister, trained in Spurgeon's college, was laid aside by a malady preventing him from ever preaching again. In his enforced retirement he thought of the lonely lighthouse keepers along the coast. He obtained a list of these keepers and began sending Spurgeon's sermons to a few along with an occasional letter.

Presently the work grew until every month he was sending the sermons to every lonely lighthouse keeper. Nor did he stop there. He obtained a number of the sermons which had been translated into different languages and sent

them to foreign shores. Thus he became the lighthouse keeper's minister; and when, after years of retirement from the pastoral office, he was called Home from his suffering and service to eternal rest and reward, there was great lamentation in many parts of the world.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, in his book, *The Personal Touch*, devotes almost an entire chapter to the dynamic ministry of Police Sergeant John D. Wheeler, of Oldham, near Manchester, England. Chapman tells how he and Dr. Torrey were deeply moved by the vital witness of this policeman on and off duty. He tells how Wheeler had a card printed, entitled, "Get Right with God," this being the theme of the meetings of Torrey and Chapman in the British Isles.

Dr. Chapman tells how this one policeman through hard work won many fellow officers to Christ and mobilized them into a soul-saving unit. It was my privilege as a youngster to be a co-laborer with this unique man after his retirement from the police force, and I can testify that right till the very day of his Homegoing he was all out for souls. He always said he wanted to die in harness; and God gave him the desire of his heart, for it was

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A Progressive Sunday School Is Evangelism in Action

BY C. W. DENTON

National Sunday School Secretary

GENERAL EISENHOWER ONCE SAID, "There is no easy way to win a war." It is equally true that there is no easy way to win souls. But there is a way—a certain and sure way. It is primarily a matter of getting more people in Sunday school to study the Bible.

Billy Graham has had marked success in winning multitudes of people to Christ, but he agrees that the constant, permanent effort of the churches in the field of evangelism is superior. And he has given the highest evaluation to the Sunday school as an effective agency of the church in reaching, teaching, and winning souls to Christ.

Searching Out the Lost

Lost people will not be won until lost people are known. The shepherd in the Luke 15 account knew of the missing sheep. He knew the approximate location and thus searched until the lost was found. The same was true of the lost coin. The owner was first aware that the coin was lost and then he sought for it in a given area. A religious census can be at the very heart of successful Sunday school growth and evangelism. The lost multitude must be seen and placed upon the hearts of Christian people. Until the lost multitudes are in our hearts they will never be in our Sunday schools.

They will not seek—they must be sought. They will not come—they must be brought. They will not learn—unless they are taught.

Seeking to Enroll

The quickest route to soul winning is to bring the lost under the influence of Bible study. Since the Holy Spirit brings conviction for sin through the

Word of God, it follows that those who regularly attend Sunday school are most likely to be saved. It is tragically true that very little Bible study is done by those outside the Sunday school; hence, there is less opportunity for them to be saved.

A progressive and growing Sunday school provides the church with its greatest evangelistic field. Here is a field within the walls of the church, for many of the children and youth who attend are not converted. J. N. Barnette, of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, estimates the following percentages of unsaved pupils in various departments: 75 per cent of the juniors; 45 per cent of the intermediates; 15 per cent of the young people; and 8 per cent of the adults.

The fact that youth and children are most receptive to the gospel indicates that here is a golden harvest for the church. Spurgeon revealed his belief in the importance of teaching children in these words:

"E'er a child has reached to seven,
Teach him all the way to heaven;
Better still the work will thrive
If he learns before he's five."

Urging Workers to Win the Lost

There will be no revival where there is no preparation or readiness. Spiritual preparation on the part of the workers through prayer and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit underlies every successful evangelistic effort. Each teacher becomes an evangelist to his class. If there is a breakdown here the church suffers great losses; if there is success, great gains will be made. Think of the thousands

of adults who today are lost because as children they slipped through the hands of careless and indifferent teachers.

Workers need training in the art of soul winning as well as in teaching. There are three excellent books on the training list that cover the ministry of personal witnessing. If your school has not already used these textbooks, we suggest that you consider scheduling them on your training program. They are: *Personal Workers Course*; *The Ministry of Visitation*, by John Sizemore; and *Ye Shall Be Witnesses*, by D. V. Hurst.

Leading Pupils into Church Services

Bible study in the Sunday school produces the atmosphere for evangelism. But if this is not reinforced by church attendance it is apt to grow sterile. Therefore, every school should seek diligently to lead all the pupils into the church services. It has been rightly stated that Christ must be intelligently apprehended before He can be devotionally worshiped. The apprehending experience takes place in the Bible study period while worship flows out of the pupil's heart in the congregational service.

The pastor becomes the key in developing an evangelistic atmosphere. His vision will be reflected in the attitude of the Sunday school workers if he will love them, instruct them, and lead them. He will ever be conscious of the evangelistic opportunities as he prepares his message for the morning or evening service. He will ever keep his concern for evangelism and its opportunities before the congregation through his preaching, pastoral visits,

workers conferences, board meetings, and other contacts with various departments in the church. An evangelistic pastor will take into consideration extra activities that will result in new people being brought into the preaching services. The vacation Bible school is one of these extra efforts that can result in successful evangelism. Here again the Bible is taught, and souls are won to Christ as a result.

Soul winning and Bible study are inseparably linked. The most fruitful soul-winning church is the one whose Sunday school program is equal to its evangelistic opportunities.

CHECK LIST

After reading the accompanying article, ask yourself these questions to see how well you are fulfilling the basic responsibility of your ministry in the Sunday school:

1. Are you concerned for the lost around you?
2. Do you make a specific effort to bring the unreached into your Sunday school so that they may receive the gospel?
3. Are you first of all a soul winner, no matter what your particular ministry may be?
4. Do you take advantage of every opportunity to study and otherwise prepare yourself to be a more effective soul winner?
5. Are you continually seeking to lead pupils who come under your influence into active participation in the church? ◀◀



A PAGE FROM A SOUL WINNER'S DIARY

Witnessing Through Gospel Tracts

BY ALMA WARE CROSBY
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

SOON AFTER I WAS SAVED I HEARD a minister testify that while on a Sunday excursion train to the beach a tract entitled, "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" was handed him. He said this tract resulted in his conversion. This testimony inspired me to begin my first special work for God—the distribution of gospel tracts.

Thrilling results came from my tract ministry. A handsome, gray-haired, immaculately dressed gentleman, who had been a colorful figure in Beaumont for many years, but was now retired and a shut-in, was testifying to people who called on him that he was gloriously saved through my ministry. When I heard these reports I was surprised, for I hardly knew the man, so I decided to visit him.

At his door I received a cordial greeting. Happily he pulled a gospel tract from his breast pocket and explained, "I carried this in my pocket for fifteen years. I could never get away from it. Finally it brought me to know Jesus as my Saviour. Oh, Miss Alma, I am so happy! I thank you so much." Though his hair was gray and his body feeble, there was a happy radiance in his eyes. "It won't be long now until I will get to see Him," he exclaimed. For many years now he has been in heaven.

Soon after beginning this work I was led to place tract boxes in public places where passers-by could find the true story of Jesus. I was so happy with my little red-and-green wooden boxes marked, "Free—Take One."

I asked God to show me where to place them. He led me directly to a large saloon right downtown. I felt very embarrassed to go in, but my heart bled for the bleary-eyed men who lined the bar. Timidly I asked for the manager. Holding up my little green box I said, "I would like to put this in your store. It is full of gospel tracts. Where can I place it?"

The manager smiled and said, "Well, if you want the men to read them, put it on the bar." So I walked over and placed it there. As I walked out the devil shamed me, saying, "Well, that's a nice place you put your box." But God's still small voice assured me the bar could not hurt God's box, but that the tract box would hurt the bar. I visited the tract box regularly to refill it. It was only a few months until the bar went broke and a good honest seed store located in the building.

Through the years I have placed tract boxes in various locations over the city, and have visited them regularly to keep them filled with tracts. God has blessed this ministry in a special

way. One of the largest downtown office buildings furnished me a very beautiful large gilded tract stand which was placed in their lobby for my use. Surely Jesus said, "Go," and "Lo, I am with you always."

I was so happy when Assemblies of God people from all over the world gathered in my home city, San Antonio, for the General Council in 1959. I had witnessed many worldly conventions there during my lifetime, and knew that the cleanness of our convention and the joy showing on the faces of our people would produce a hunger in many hearts for God. Thus it would afford a great opportunity for personal work, so I went well-supplied with tracts.

Knowing that San Antonio has many Mexicans, I prepared Spanish tracts on salvation to distribute to Mexican maids and porters, of which our hotel was full. As I passed out tracts to them my heart rejoiced as they said, "Oh, you are the sweetest people, so kind and well-behaved. You are so easy to take care of."

I think my greatest thrill was in witnessing to the permanent guests in the hotel where I was staying. More often you hear of witnessing to the "down-and-outer" than to the "up-and-outer." In selling insurance through the years I have become well acquainted with many of the "up-and-outers," and have come to know that millionaires' hearts are the same as paupers'.

These lovely dignified guests, mostly retired people who had chosen this beautiful stately hotel as their last home on earth, sat about the long lobby. I prepared choice tracts for these people, and how I did enjoy moving about casually among them. They were all amazed at the difference in the people attending this convention and those attending other conventions. Their eyes glowed as they exclaimed about our happy, wonderful people. Our people won their confidence and these hungry-hearted people wanted to know the reason for the difference. My tracts helped to answer their questions.

Each of us is a "living epistle, known and read of men." Our life is a silent sermon but our acquaintances may never understand the secret of our happiness unless we give them gospel tracts and tell them about Christ.

I am a "fisherman" and no joy is ever complete to me (not even attending a General Council, one of the greatest of all privileges) without doing some personal "fishing for souls." ◀◀

Down through the years Christians have been setting their souls to go through with God. Like Jesus who "set His face like a flint," they have refused to be turned back.

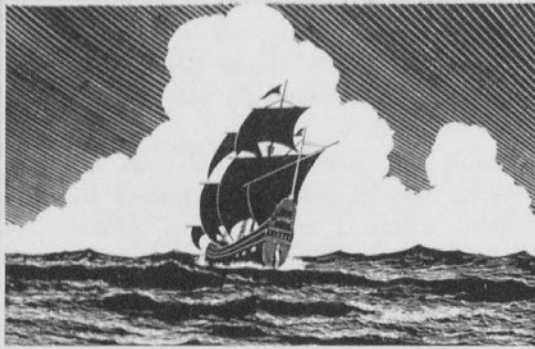
CHARLIE STUDD, FAMOUS SPORTSMAN of Cambridge University, found a greater love than cricket when he found Christ as his Saviour.

Studd wanted God's guidance for his life, so he sought it through prayer and reading the Bible. He asked counsel, too, of his friends. Finally Studd decided he would study law until God clearly revealed His will to him.

One day he picked up an atheistic tract which challenged the reality of Christian faith. The atheist said if he believed, as Christians do, in an eternal existence, he would put everything he

Set of the Sail

by *Honore Osberg*



The Set of the Sail

I stood on the shore beside the sea;
The wind from the west blew fresh and free,
While past the rocks at the harbor's mouth
The ships went north and the ships went south,
And some sailed out on an unknown quest;
And some sailed in to the harbor's rest;
Yet ever the wind blew out of the west.

I said to one who had sailed the sea
That this was a marvel unto me;
For how can the ships go safely forth,
Some to the south and some to the north,
Far out to sea on their golden quest,
Or in to the harbor's calm and rest,
And ever the wind blew out of the west?

The sailor smiled as he answered me,
"Go where you will when you're on the sea,
Though head winds baffle and squalls delay,
You can keep the course by night and day,
Drive with the breeze or against the gale;
It will not matter what winds prevail,
For all depends on the set of the sail."

Voyager soul on the sea of life,
O'er waves of sorrow and sin and strife,
When fogs bewilder and foes betray,
Steer straight on your course from day to day;
Though unseen currents run deep and swift,
Where rocks are hidden and sandbars shift,
All helpless and aimless, you need not drift.

Oh, set your sail to the heavenly gale,
And then, no matter what winds prevail,
No reef shall wreck you, no calm delay,
No mist shall hinder, no storm shall stay;
Though far you wander and long you roam,
Through salt sea-spray and o'er white sea-foam,
No wind that can blow but shall speed you Home.

—Author unknown

had into seeking souls, from early morning until late at night.

Here was the answer to Charlie Studd's heart cry for guidance. He was stung into action by an atheist to go as "all out" for God as he had for cricket.

"I at once saw," he said, "that this was the truly consistent Christian life. When I looked back upon my life, I saw how inconsistent it had been. I therefore determined that from that time forth my life should be consistent. I set myself to know what was God's will for me!"

That was the moment in Charlie Studd's life when he set his soul to go through with God.

It is the "set of the soul," as the poet has expressed it, which decides our goal.

Our human wills are comparable to the sails of a boat. When we have set our will to go through with God, then the storms of temptation and trial and conflict will not swerve us from our course. Instead, all these are used, as a sailor uses a headwind, to carry us forward.

God recognizes this determined setting of our will to do His will. And the Bible encourages those who are naturally weak. They, too, can go through with God if they set their sails in the beginning.

Consider Simon Peter. The Lord knew all about him—his weak, wavering nature. Even his name Simon, which means a reed, betrayed his character. A reed is blown in every direction by the wind.

But Jesus did not see only the unstable, impetuous man. He saw beyond the rough, self-confident fisherman with all his faults and weaknesses to the man that Peter would become because of the set of his soul.

It was no immediate, miraculous

transformation. Peter had many failures. But his decision to follow Christ kept him on the right course. Every time Peter hit into a squall in his life, he straightened up and kept right on.

Peter eventually became a power for God. Fear, weakness, braggadocio—all these were gone. Boldly he preached on the Day of Pentecost until his hearers were pricked in their hearts and three thousand souls turned to Christ in one day. He triumphed over the stormy trials of life because his sails were set the right way.

John Wesley, unlike Peter, had natural strength of character. But if he had not strongly set himself to do the will of God, he might have yielded to temptations to swerve from his course. There was a pull on his heart toward many things in this world. He was a scholar, but he put aside his love for books. He spent much of his life on horseback, riding from one poor church to another, helping men and women to find Christ.

Wesley had a passion for the art of this world, especially for music and architecture. But he used his talents instead to bring the richer beauty and light and glory of the love of Christ into the sad, dark lives of men. As he tenderly pointed them to Christ who could mend their shattered hearts, it helped him to forget his own broken and "inly bleeding heart."

One day he visited the home of a wealthy Englishman. As he looked at the well-kept grounds, he felt the sheer ecstasy which tugs at the heart when beholding beauty.

"I, too," Wesley said, "enjoy these things—but there is another world." His soul was set to reach that better world.

When we set our wills to go through with God, He does not always require us to give up other worthy goals. But

He counsels us to seek "first the Kingdom of God," and then these other things will be added to our lives.

Moses had the chance to rule an earthly nation. But he set his soul for the things of God; he chose rather to "suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." And after Moses made that choice, God gave him a higher position of spiritual leadership over the people of Israel.

John Wanamaker, as a boy, was always building air castles. "Some day," he would say, "I'll have a big store where you can buy whatever you want, all from the same store."

When he was only twelve years old he became a Christian. His friends told him this would end his plans to become a famous merchant. But John asked, "Isn't God able to use a Christian businessman?"

Then and there John Wanamaker set his sail to prove that he could be both a successful businessman and a faithful Christian. The store he finally built in downtown Philadelphia became the first department store in the entire world.

After sixty years of business life Wanamaker could say, "Religion is the only investment that pays the largest dividends possible, to receive both in this life and in that which is to come."

So down through the years, Christians have been setting their souls to go through with God.

Paul the apostle was warned by his friends of the storms which were ahead of him. But Paul's reply was, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Paul's mind was made up. He was going to do "one thing," to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is the set of the soul which will determine the course of our lives. Catastrophe enriches one life and pauperizes another. Physical deformity makes a poet of one man and a pirate of another. Two boats on the water may be going different directions, and yet they are propelled by the same wind.

Poverty helps one man to find God, and he becomes a minister. By tacking his sail he goes against the winds of adversity. But another man, who lives in the same poor district, goes with the wind and becomes a gangster.

So set your sails the right way. Seek God with all your heart, and make a

complete surrender of your will to His will. Commit your life into God's keeping. Let Him be the Captain of your life.

"One ship drives east, another west,
By the selfsame winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sail, and not the gale,
That determines the way they go.
Like the winds at sea are the daily tests
As we voyage on through life:
'Tis the set of the soul that determines the goal
And not the calm or the strife."

Most of the grand truths of God have to be learned by trouble; they must be burned into us by the hot iron of affliction, otherwise we shall not truly receive them.—C. H. Spurgeon.

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Missionaries to Upper Volta

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE FOCUSED on Africa. Russia and the Western world are doing all in their power to win the favor of the new republics. Pope John named four cardinals for Africa—one for Upper Volta. Islam is making an all-out effort to reach the people before the "white man's religion" spreads.

Our vision is to reach French-speaking West Africa with full-gospel literature. Funds were provided in 1956 to build the first building in French West Africa to be used solely as a publishing house and bookstore. This year Togo-Dahomey, Senegal, and Upper Volta are combining in an all-out effort to provide African-slanted Christian literature for the nine new republics. The Word of Life from our Full Gospel Press in Ouagadougou will reach some twenty million people.

Scripture portions, songbooks, tracts, and study books have been printed in five of the twenty-two French West Africa languages. The beautiful Roto-print press was made possible by Speed-the-Light. New equipment has filled the present building. We would stop here, but folding the pages of 2,000 copies of a book by hand takes a l-o-n-g time. The Christ's Ambassadors thought so, too. They have given funds to purchase the much-needed folder.

A stitcher has also been given so we can fasten the books together. But the question has arisen: "Where can we put the new equipment?" The only

answer is to build an addition to the present French-African Full Gospel Press and Book Store. Eight thousand dollars is needed. We will build the addition ourselves and save the cost of a contractor.

Many tribes in West Africa are still waiting for the New Testament to be translated into their language. The Mosi Old Testament has been translated and all books soon will be printed. African Christians are translating and printing the gospel in their country. No longer is it foreign "Printed in

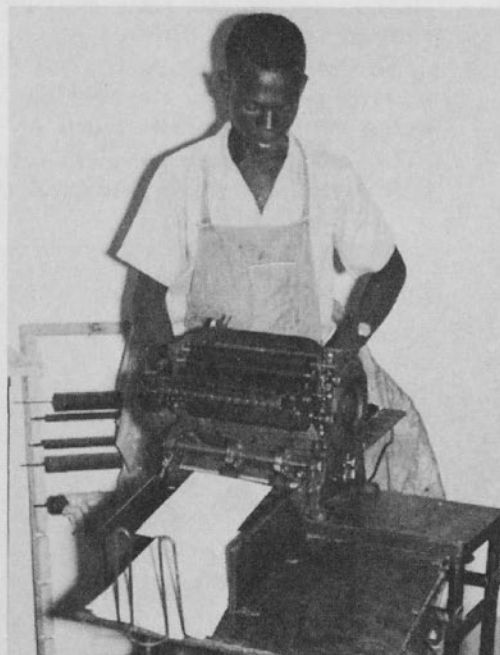
U.S.A." books and tracts—it is African. No Moslem can say it is the white man's religion, for the production of the gospel story has its "roots" in their own land.

What the Africans read will affect every aspect of their lives. Their opinions are formed and crystallized by what others have written. The majority of their prejudices will be based on what they read.

The printed page occupies a more strategic place than ever before in the history of evangelism. False religions are aware of this. Upper Volta alone has a population increase of 1,200,000 since the war, bringing the population to 3,700,000. Another million increase is predicted in the next ten years. We want to increase our literature program to meet this challenge. We must not allow Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventists, Mormons, or Catholics to give the African his first religious reading material.

The Communists have succeeded in dominating one-third of the world's population in less than forty years by using the printed page. Will we hesitate to enlarge the scope of our Christian testimony by putting our action off until "tomorrow"? If we do, we may find the door has been closed. This we cannot afford to risk.

If you should like to assist this vital literature ministry in West Africa please send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: HAROLD JONES—PRINT SHOP.



National worker prepares Sunday school materials in Upper Volta print shop.

South American Conference

BY M. L. HODGES

Field Secretary for Latin America



Officers of the Assemblies of God Fellowship in the Southern Zone of South America (left to right): Wesley Bjur, secretary-treasurer; Louie Stokes, chairman; Bruno Frigoli, vice-chairman

IN LINE WITH THE POLICY OF THE Foreign Missions Department to endeavor to create an International Fellowship of the Assemblies of God, a meeting of the Southern Zone of South America was called for January 25-27 in Santiago, Chile. The Chilean brethren furnished hospitality. Representatives were limited to six from each country, divided among nationals and missionaries.

The meeting was not a fellowship meeting in the usual sense of the word but a time in which the leading brethren came together to discuss the many important problems and plans for the advancement of the work in each field and in the whole area. The very fact that leaders from the different countries could come together to talk freely and report on their work was in itself a great forward step.

It was decided that a permanent fellowship committee should be formed. Louie Stokes of Argentina was elected chairman of the permanent committee. Bruno Frigoli, secretary of the Bolivia Assemblies, was chosen as vice-chair-

man, and Wesley Bjur of Chile was named secretary and treasurer. It was agreed that this International Fellowship should meet every three years. The next meeting is scheduled for early in 1964—in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is, of course, a non-legislative body which will seek to promote projects of international interest.

This meeting revealed that throughout South America the idea of GLOBAL CONQUEST has met with good response. The emphasis placed on GLOBAL CONQUEST in these countries is for each pastor and church to carry on its own "conquest" effort, evangelizing the town and surrounding country, and placing responsibility upon the executive brethren in each country to take steps to see works founded in those towns and areas where there are no Assemblies.

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Delegates to the Assemblies of God Fellowship, South America, include missionaries and nationals from six countries. Brother and Sister M. L. Hodges seated on first row center

Funds are urgently needed to back up this most practical and efficient way of establishing the church. A few hundred dollars for each country, contributed through GLOBAL CONQUEST, would be a tremendous boost in the opening of works in new areas. ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes



COMING: Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGee are home from Nicaragua. Their address is % H. C. Youngs, 22284 Grove, Detroit 19, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Garlock have returned from Nyasaland. They may be reached % Kirk Soper, Box 146, Mojave, Calif.

Marie Juergensen has arrived from Japan. Her address is 7747 Danby Ave., Whittier, Calif.

GOING: Paul Boyer has gone to Liberia under special appointment as Promotional Director of New Hope Leprosy Mission.

Miss Helen Kopp has sailed to Ghana for another term of missionary service.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Buntain and daughter have returned to the Calcutta Evangelistic Center in North India.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Devin have returned to Indonesia for another term of service.



Paul Boyer



Helen Kopp



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Buntain and daughter



Mr. and Mrs. Morris Devin and family

Help Needed for Cuban Refugees in Miami

BY GUSTAVE KINDERMAN
Secretary for Relief and Rehabilitation, Assemblies of God



Every day 40 to 50 more Cubans arrive in Miami, Florida, where they join the 32,000 refugees from the island already there. These people need to be resettled in other U. S. cities. Assemblies of God people are asked to help them do this. In the meantime, the refugees urgently need food, clothing, and shelter.

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD REFUGEE Center in Miami, Fla., has been a "port in a storm" for many Cuban refugees. By March 3, 1961, over 300 Cuban refugees (heads of families) had been registered and interviewed at the center and they continue to pour in. Although the people interviewed come from all walks of life, most of them are intellectuals.

Four former missionaries to Cuba (the Howard Coffeys, Virginia Carpenter, and Kathleen Belknap) felt a special burden for the refugees. Trusting the Lord to help them in the project, they rented a hall in Miami which now serves as a refugee center.

At this center every effort is made to minister to the spiritual and ma-

terial needs of those who inquire. The words spoken by Jesus to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat," are still applicable today. Therefore we give these needy people food, clothing, and assistance to find employment. Many of them arrive with the clothes they are wearing as their only possessions.

Although the Cubans in general are regarded as Roman Catholics, many have requested to be transferred to Protestant or evangelical centers. Each person, besides being registered with the U. S. Government for immigration purposes, must also be registered with one of the following centers: Catholic, International, Jewish, and Church World Service (Protestant). The Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Assem-

blies of God, and several other denominations work with and through CWS.

The U. S. Government will pay all transportation and give each person \$50 when resettlement takes place. If medical or hospital services are required, such services are available only through the recognized agencies. It is for this reason that the evangelicals must work through Church World Service.

The tourist season in Florida always comes to an end in March. Many of the local residents who worked at various jobs are then laid off. Therefore, the Cuban refugees *must* be moved out of Florida and settled elsewhere. The voluntary agencies are expected to assist in this project. CWS has already appointed the necessary representatives to take pictures of each Cuban and prepare dossiers for resettlement purposes.

Each religious or other voluntary agency will take an active part in the securing of sponsors, who in turn will seek to find homes and jobs for these refugees. This is similar to the work that was done by the Assemblies of God and other groups for refugees and displaced persons who entered the U.S.A. from Europe. Of course, the Cuban refugees will not present as great a responsibility as the Europeans did. Each sponsor of refugees from Europe was expected to watch that none of the refugees become a public charge. The Cubans' situation is different because the U. S. Government allowed them to enter without an affidavit of support.

Most of the Cuban refugees hope to return to Cuba sooner or later. They have their offices, homes, and factories there. Our present help to these refugees will prove of great significance in the days to come, when they return to Cuba.

I cannot help but evaluate in my own mind how much it costs to send a



Evening service at C. A. Convention in Guantanamo, Cuba in 1960

missionary to a foreign field: the outfit, the transportation, and other expenses. In so many instances, the missionary works very hard before he is privileged to see the fruit of his labors. In this instance, the people from Cuba have come to the U.S.A. to be "ministered unto." This presents a golden opportunity for evangelism. Many souls can be won to Christ.

No doubt most of these people paid little attention to the preaching of evangelicals in Cuba, but now they gladly listen. When they hear the gospel at our Miami Center these refugees express surprise that they have never before comprehended the plan of salvation. Most of the people we interview are Catholics who have been disappointed in their church all their lives (just as I, a former Catholic, was). Many of these Cuban refugees are asking for Bibles, New Testaments, and Gospels.

At our center we interview many interesting Cubans. The following incidents are typical.

A rather aristocratic-looking Cuban couple who asked help to find employment, disclosed that recently they were relieved of their earthly possessions in Cuba, which included large real estate holdings and a bank account of over one million dollars. The man formerly was a bank director and president of a sales organization. Prior to their departure by plane from Cuba, their two suitcases and even the U. S. residence permit which had been obtained from the U. S. Consul were confiscated. Usually, every person leaving Cuba is allowed to take only \$5 with them. The center helped this couple with food and clothing.

Another refugee couple, the wealthiest property owners in a certain city in Cuba where Sister Carpenter pastored an Assembly, came to the Center. Their possessions had been taken from them. The man had served a prison sentence because he was an administrator for an American business corporation. Upon his release from prison he and his wife escaped from Cuba and reached Miami safely. These inquirers appreciated our admonition given them on spiritual truths. They both admitted how uncertain and valueless the things of this world are.

A very polite and reserved gentleman, formerly a Cuban ambassador to one of the Latin American countries, entered our center accompanied by his sister. He very much appreciated the

A New Book of Remarkable Interviews With Mothers, by C. M. Ward —

Mother CHIEF OF STAFF

"Why am I so unhappy?" is the agonizing cry of many of today's privileged young mothers. Psychologists say these young married women even feel guilty about their discontent—don't they have more gadgets, more clothes, more cars, more prestige, more freedom than any other women in history?

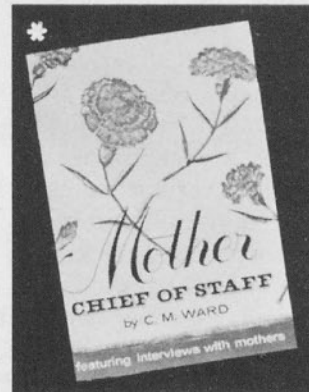
Even Christian mothers are finding that they are not exempt from this disease of our disjointed age. To them especially C. M. Ward has addressed his new book, *MOTHER—CHIEF OF STAFF*.

The first chapter contains answers taken from interviews with mothers of pre-school children, mothers of elementary, high school, and college students, and mothers of young married people. Among the questions dealt with are: How can children move up through the home and retain their religious experience? How can a mother preserve that simple faith first delivered to a child? What can a mother do to sustain the spiritual life of a child?

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spiritual advice given him and asked our assistance to find employment. He wished to avoid becoming a burden to someone. This man is a writer well known throughout Latin America. His sister formerly filled an important position with the Cuban Government. Both resigned from their positions when they were asked to carry on propaganda for the present regime. They lost all their possessions in the same manner as those mentioned above and succeeded in fleeing at an opportune time.

While our Evangelical Refugee Center has a fair supply of clothing for

distribution, we definitely need financial assistance to provide food and to take care of other operational costs. We serve approximately 330 families.

God will surely bless those who help us in ministering to the needs of these refugees *now* while the opportunity is before us. Kindly direct your contribution today to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., clearly designated CUBAN REFUGEE CENTER, MIAMI. (For additional information write to Evangelical Refugee Center, 1661 W. Flagler St., Miami, Fla.)

For a Happy Home Life Marry a Christian

*Put Christ first, your
companion second, and
"live happily ever after"*

By Charles A. Harris

MARY WAS A PROFESSING CHRISTIAN and had gone to church all her life. She fell in love with John, a stalwart, six-foot, good-looking lad. John went to church but frankly told Mary that would be the extent of his religion.

Mary was sure she could change John so she married him. Fifteen years went by and the change was wrought in Mary, not John! Now Mary wants to come back to God and the church but she finds the going hard. John is a good provider but they are beginning to live separate lives. Mary is proving God's Word true—we may sow what we will but we must face the harvest!

How easy it is now to see the mistakes that Mary made, and she herself would be the first to warn others not to follow her example. Perhaps it was her idea of "falling in love" that was to blame.

The expression is so commonly used that we accept it without question, but with it comes the implication that falling



in love is an experience that happens to you over which you have no control whatever—as though one were walking along and stumbled over a stick! How much more true to life it would be if the experience were thought of as *growing* in love, or *achieving* a genuine love relationship.

Surely there is such a thing as love at first sight; but no matter how rapidly affection may form in an unusually compatible situation, time is still required to give substance and organization to that affection. Today with our fast and crowded way of life, compulsory military service, higher education, night schools and other factors that seem to inject an intensity and haste into the courtship and dating practice, there seems to be little time for sober and prayerful consideration.

When a believer marries an unbeliever the marriage begins in compromise. It is not a compromise on the part of the unbeliever for he has given up nothing. It is a compromise on the part of the believer who knows the Word of God which says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness" (2 Corinthians 6:14)?

In attitude, if not in words, Mary had said, "I don't care what God says, I'm going to do it anyway." In no

aspect of life is it easier to walk in one's own way than when physical desire and sentiment are involved! And having chosen her own way, what good could Mary expect to come out of her marriage?

God's hatred for such an alliance has a logical reason. A mixed marriage involves a Christian who possesses two natures, having received the nature of Christ, and one who has *only* the Adamic nature. Of course two such people will live separate lives and lack fellowship, for "What communion hath light with darkness?" The answer to that is NONE!

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"I thought I could change her," said Peter. His wife was a pretty little thing and seemed to have no desire but to please him. She did not profess to know God but readily agreed to go to church with Peter. If he had not been so blind he would have seen through the act Jean was putting on! One month after their wedding day Jean announced, "Now I've got you, I want you to know I'm sick of this church routine. I try to live a decent life and that's enough!"

Years have gone by and Peter goes his lonely way to church each Sunday. His teen-age children, attracted by his good Christian example, go with him sometimes, but they are also influenced by their mother who gives them what she calls a "good time."

That first fork in the road of their marriage was not long in coming for Peter and Jean, and the question was, Whose way would they choose? As the humorous verse writer puts it:

*"A fellow and a girl who wed
Begin to live as one, 'tis said;
But many couples can't agree
Which one of them they wish to be!"*

At the heart of a Christian home pulsates the life of a spiritual oneness. It is the unity born of God's regenerating Spirit which keeps marriage and

A SECRET MESSAGE . . .

For Junior Readers

Here is a secret message for you, but it is in code. Can you figure it out?

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(To check your answer, look up Psalm 71:5)

home from breaking down and falling apart.

Before Peter and Jean were married, religion, perhaps, might not have sounded as thrilling as some other aspects of marriage, but Peter soon found that God was right and that it is basic—the all-embracing aspect, the determinative for all others.

By nature of his profession, the Christian must live and think and talk Christ. The unsaved one will usually resent such an attitude and constant bickering will ensue. The non-Christian thinks he is quite reasonable when he says, "But you don't have to bring religion into *everything!*" The answer of the Christian is, "Of course I must!" The one who is not living the life of the world but is living the *eternal* life, must relate everything to his redemption in Christ.

And so not only in church attendance, and in the training of the children, but in every phase of life, Peter and Jean hold different viewpoints. They cannot enjoy the same kind of friends, and there are few amusements they can share together. The religious problem in the home is basic as God declares, and loneliness and heartache are in the price paid by those who reject His counsel.

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In my own case, I knew early in life that I was called to the ministry. I looked for a girl in the church, and I looked for a genuine Christian. I also took into account the way she conducted herself and the way she dressed. All this has paid off! I know I was led of God to the woman who has been my wife for twenty-eight years. We are just as happily married now as the first day of our life together. It is possible to be deeply in love and be in the will of God too! God's will is not denied to those who seek it. Happiness is not denied them either!

Next to accepting Christ as our personal Saviour, surely the most important step we will ever take is that of choosing a companion for life. All your future may depend on your decision. It is worth taking time to pray and to think about. It pays to choose wisely and in the fear of God.

I was fortunate in having a father who told me long before I thought seriously about such things, "Son, pray that God will lead you to the right girl when the time comes." Let every parent be as wise and begin his teach-

ing early, knowing that the gulf between generations is wider here than at any other stage and the easiest time to lose contact with the children is in their adolescence.

That does not mean that the parent will not have a great deal to do with his children's choices at that time! The influence should begin in the child's early years when father and mother take a lively interest in his friends, and watch closely (though not with prying inquisitiveness) the early loves of the child. The family associates primarily will be other Christians, and church work and its different activities will not be neglected. The parents will see to it that the child attends a church that has a full program for youth, with church-located, Christ-centered activities so essential if the boy or girl is to have Christian friends and eventually a Christian mate.

And having brought his child to Christ and taught him to love and trust and *obey* the Lord, the parent can now silently guide with his prayers, and trust that his child's commitment of faith and loyalty to Christ will affect his great decision of his life.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

applies in marriage as in all other things. We cannot seek the kingdom of God and choose friends who seek it not. We cannot say we truly desire the kingdom of God when we choose a companion whose way of life is contrary to that kingdom.

There is a promise given to those who seek God's kingdom and His righteousness *first*. The promise is, "All these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). What things? All that is for our good and happiness and God's glory.

The contrary is also true. If we do not seek first the kingdom of God, we do not only miss the blessing, but bring countless sorrows on our head.

Happy homes are rooted in God. They have their beginning in church associations and Christian companionships. ◀ ◀

Keep the home near heaven. Let it face toward the Father's house. Not only let the day begin and end with prayer to God, with mercies acknowledged and forgiveness sought, but let it be seen and felt that God is your chief joy, His will in all you do the absolute and sufficient reason.

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JOSHUA AT JORDAN

Sunday School Lesson for April 30, 1961

JOSHUA 3:17, 14-17

Joshua is a Book of conquest. It is the story of Israel (1) entering the land (chapters 1-5); (2) overcoming the land (ch. 6-12); occupying the land (ch. 13-24). It is full of lessons suggesting how the New Testament Christian may enter into the realm of spiritual experience made possible to him through Christ. Before Israel could begin the conquest of Canaan, however, Jordan must be crossed. This experience and its meaning with respect to our own spiritual lives is the subject of today's lesson.

THE CROSSING INVOLVED FAITH.

Israel is at Jordan. Its waters were turbulent, at flood stage, overflowing the lowlands on each side. On the other side was Jericho, surrounded by palms, in the midst of a paradise of vegetation. It looked so inviting. What should be done about it?

"As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests shall rest in the waters, the waters of Jordan shall be cut off." This was the word of the Lord upon which Israel was to step out in faith! As they did so, God would do the impossible. Jordan always stands between us and our Canaans. We cannot cope with it by our own power or wisdom, but as we step out in faith and obedience to God our difficulties are rolled back and supernatural intervention takes place!

THE CROSSING WAS RELATED TO THE ARK.

The waters rolled back when the priests bearing the ark stepped into the water. The ark typified the presence of God, which means victory in any situation. Years later the Psalmist in writing about this event exclaimed, "What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan that thou wast driven back?" Then he answered the question, "Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord." There is no defeat to those who walk with God and take Him with them into all their trials, temptations, and adversities.

THE CROSSING TYPIFIES DEATH WITH CHRIST.

After safely crossing Jordan, Joshua placed twelve stones in the bed of the river where they were soon buried and lost to sight. One of the basic facts in the New Testament teaching of deliverance from the power of sin and self, consists in the intelligent understanding and clear realization of this, that when Jesus died the whole Church died with Him and was buried with Him! We are "buried with Him by baptism into death." We are to reckon ourselves "to be dead indeed unto sin," "knowing this that our old man was" [not "is"] "crucified with him" (Romans 6:1-7, 11. As we believe the fact, the Holy Spirit makes it real in our experience.

THE CROSSING SPEAKS OF RESURRECTION.

Joshua also saw to it that twelve other stones were taken out of the river bed and carried to Gilgal where they were erected into a permanent memorial of what had taken

place at Jordan. Out of Jordan, then, came stones which were a memorial of a finished victory. Likewise, out of the death of Christ there came a finished victory, not only for Himself, but for all who will identify themselves with Him in victory over sin's power, as well as sin's penalty! If we are to live the victorious life, we must first see clearly that such a life is the normal Christian experience and that it is definitely for us! Thus Paul says, "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin" [negative side], "but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" [positive side]!

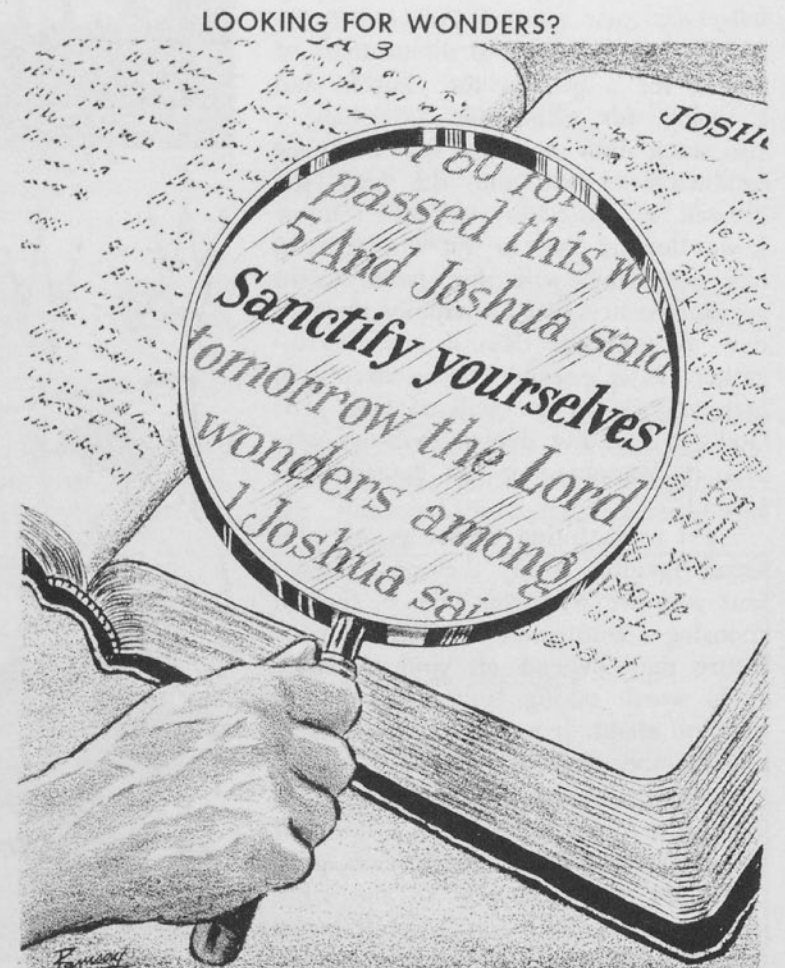
THE CROSSING MARKED ENTRY INTO NEW TERRITORY.

By passing through Jordan, Israel entered the land of Canaan. Similarly as we believe God's Word and actually identify ourselves with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection, we too enter a new spiritual realm and find "newness of life." We experience victory over the enemy as Israel did—victory over the world, the flesh, the devil, and circumstances, as we believe and obey God!

THE CROSSING WAS A NEW REVELATION OF GOD'S POWER TO A NEW GENERATION.

The group of Israelites led by Joshua had not witnessed the miracles of Egypt nor had they experienced the Red Sea crossing. They had only the "say-so" of their fathers. Now they experienced God's mighty power themselves. Has the time not come when all of us need a fresh experience of God's divine fullness and power? Ought we be content to have doctrines of Pentecost without an up-to-date experience of Pentecost? Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, surely waits to be gracious to those who seek Him and wait upon Him!

—J. Bashford Bishop



SOMETHING BETTER THAN PSYCHIATRY

The personal salvation that Christ offers a man or woman is vastly superior to the help psychiatrists can offer because it taps a far greater Source than self

BY JAMES LA VALLEY

CONVENTIONAL PSYCHIATRY IS doomed to failure. The large numbers of patients who seek its aid are headed toward disillusionment. This is true because psychiatry has no more strength to offer than that which resides within man. Its source of power is "self", and it merely attempts to redirect the activities springing from that source. It has not attempted to utilize a superior source of power.

Recently, a study was made comparing the process of psychiatric consultation with that of Christian conversion. It was claimed that changing from dependence upon self to reliance upon God was merely a turning from conscious to subconscious self-guidance. This is but one of many examples of the rejection of God and the emphasis upon self which psychiatry stresses.

With self as its god, "much of psychiatry has changed from a science into a religion, with Freud as its prophet," stated Dr. Thigpen in a convention of the Student American Medical Association. Here, one of the prominent leaders in this field admitted that there is something terribly wrong with the work of the group with whom he has long been associated.

The basis of the failure of psychiatry was disclosed by the former head of the Department of Psychiatry at a major Eastern medical center. He admitted that "after thirty years in the

practice of psychiatry, I have found that we are able to diagnose the cause of the mental illness, but we have no power to change the motivation of the patient. Perhaps religion has the answer." This sounds like an echo from a relatively new school of thought headed by Dr. Frankl of Vienna, who contends that man's basic drive is a hunger for God.

The process of repentance from dead works has thus begun in the very profession founded by Freud, who scoffed at the conversion of a fellow physician, calling it the result of a complex. But psychiatry's type of religion should produce a greater change than did the religion of the Greeks, whose gods were merely examples of the passions of men. It should have more power than did the legalism of the Pharisees, who attempted to gain God's approval by self-efforts. The one tendency is to depend upon the "divine spark" within for strength to "live as you please." The other is to attempt by sheer will power to please the holy God. In either case, the source of power would remain the self, a source which conventional psychiatry is now beginning to call bankrupt.

It is clear that until his source of motivation is changed, the nature of a man's activity remains the same. Psychiatry's attempt to rechannel human actions into socially acceptable fields

has merely resulted in the flooding of new ground by the same impure water from a corrupt spring. When a patient is taught to redirect his hatred or lust into such activities as identification with actors on television, he has not gotten rid of the source of his trouble. He has only sublimated and hidden it, as the Jews did when they whitewashed their tombs, which were full of dead men's bones.

Jesus warned against hidden sin by saying, "Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment," and "whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Jesus knew what was in the heart of man and what was the source of man's trouble. He said that "out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness and blasphemies."

Where then is there hope for those who desire a new source of power to live a God-pleasing life? God has promised, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ezekiel 37:26, 27).

There is a spring of motivation that is satisfying and life-giving. For Jesus has assured us that "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

It is possible for you "to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your heart by faith" (Ephesians 3:16, 17). For "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12).

If you will allow Jesus to be your Great Physician, He is able not only to diagnose your case, but to give you a new heart, a new Spirit, and a new life with Him. ◀◀

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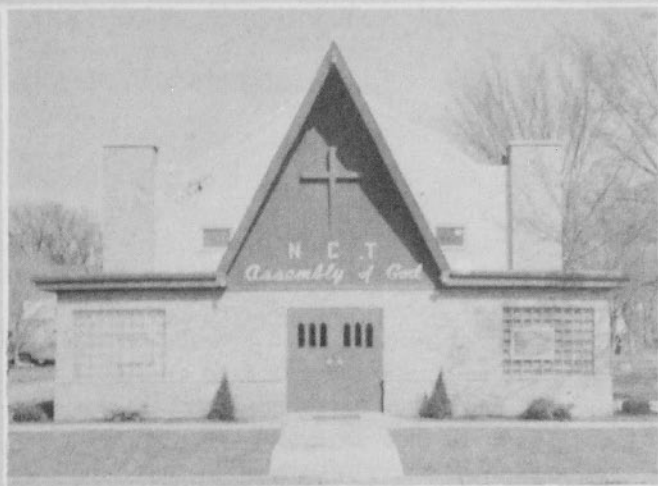
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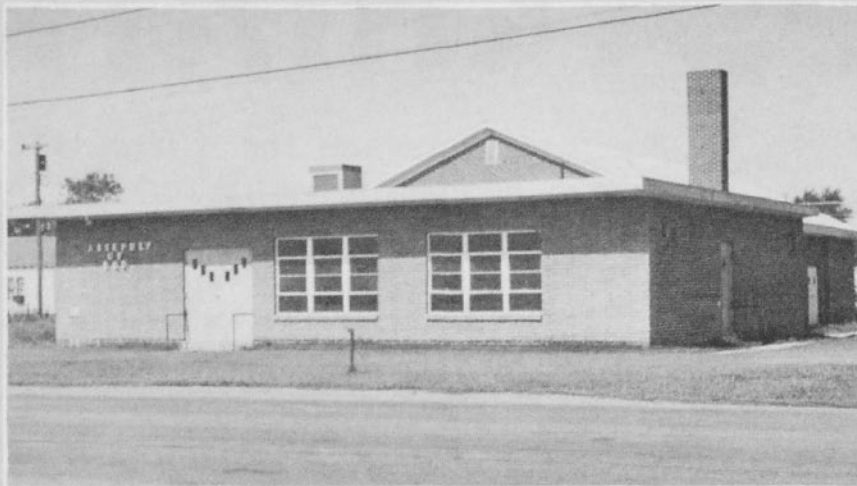
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NEVADA, IOWA—By adding an \$8,000 improvement to the former building the Nevada Christian Tabernacle (Assembly of God) gained a modern appearance, new nursery, pastor's office, etc. L. J. Franz is pastor.)



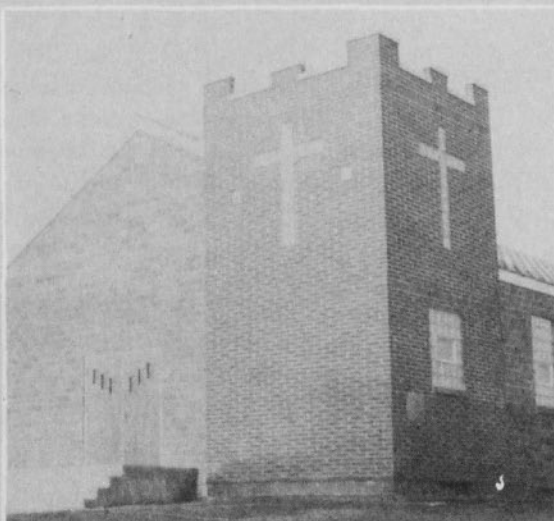
CYRIL, OKLAHOMA—A new brick building valued at \$50,000 now houses the First Assembly of God. Over half the labor was donated by members and friends. This is the fourth church building in which the pastor, T. T. Jacobs, has had an active part. He became pastor at Cyril in July, 1957.



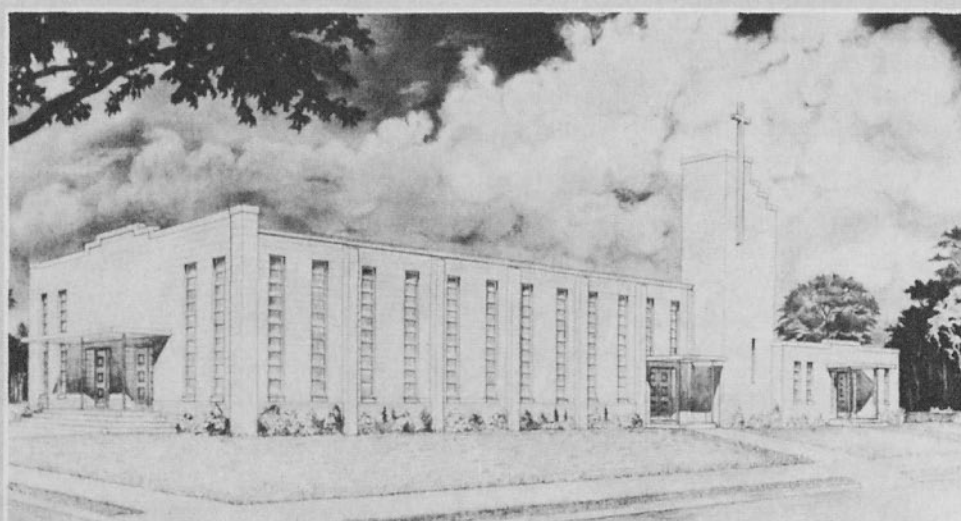
TROY, MICHIGAN—The Troy Assembly of God congregation now worships in this beautiful building on "the Lord's acre" across from the Troy High School. The property has 220-foot frontage on the main street. (Louie H. Calaway is pastor.)



MINDEN, LOUISIANA—Since Leslie E. Hunter Jr. became pastor, First Assembly has added this beautiful and commodious new front to their building. This photo was taken during a recent revival with Evangelist Jack Pruitt of Fort Worth, Texas.



EDGEMONT, SOUTH DAKOTA—Harry C. Meyer is pastor of the Edgemont Assembly, one of the South Dakota District's oldest churches. Only part of the new building is seen here.



WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA—This architect's sketch shows the new air-conditioned block edifice of First Assembly which contains an auditorium 50 by 90 and a Sunday School wing 40 by 85. J. D. Courtney, District Superintendent for South Florida, preached the dedication sermon. (Emerson Jones is pastor.)



The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, APRIL 24

READ: Genesis 2:1-7

LEARN: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7).

FOR THE PARENT: Review how God rested on the seventh day and sanctified it as a day of rest. Verses 4 and 5 then summarize the creation as recorded in chapter 1. Verses 5 and 6 add the interesting fact that there had been no rain on the earth—everything was watered by a mist. Verse 7 describes more in detail how God created man, forming him of the dust and breathing into him the breath of life—thus making him a living soul. This is what makes man different from the animals—he has a soul that will live eternally.

QUESTION TIME: Why did God sanctify the seventh day? (vv. 1-3) How did God make man? (v. 7) What makes man different from animals? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Alice F. Stewart, Taiwan; Martha A. Underwood, Congo.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

READ: Genesis 2:8-17

LEARN: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage describes the wonderful garden that God prepared for the man He created. Have the group describe the Garden of Eden, pointing out some of the facts related to it. Then show: (1) why God put Adam in the Garden of Eden, v. 15; (2) the positive provision that God made to take care of the needs of Adam, v. 16; (3) the negative provision—a test of Adam's obedience—which God placed in the Garden of Eden and the warning that went with it, v. 17.

QUESTION TIME: What was the Garden of Eden like? Why did God put Adam there? (v. 15) What test did God place in the Garden of Eden? (v. 17)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Florence Christie, Lebanon; Paul F. Klahr, Japan; Robert J. Renfro, Liberia; Emery J. Snyder, India; Paul E. Riley, Alaska.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

READ: Genesis 2:18-25

LEARN: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18).

FOR THE PARENT: Genesis 1:27 records that God created man and woman. Genesis 2:7 gives more detail about the creation of man. Today's passage gives more information about the creation of woman. Point out: (1) God's awareness of Adam's need, v. 18; (2) because Adam had a soul, his need for fellowship and companionship could not possibly be completed on the animal level, vv. 19, 20; (3) how God created woman, vv. 21, 22; (4) Adam's reaction, v. 23; (5) the principle of separation from parents to establish a home, v. 24.

QUESTION TIME: What does God's awareness of Adam's need (v. 18) teach us about God? How did God create woman?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Willis G. Long, India; William Barbary (Indian), New Mexico; Harriet Brown, Alaska.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

READ: Joshua 3:1-7, 14-17

LEARN: "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee" (Joshua 3:7).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Joshua at Jordan" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Appointed by God to be the new leader of Israel, Joshua faced the problem of getting the nation over the flooded Jordan River. Following Moses as leader of Israel was no easy task. Yet the situation Joshua faced was similar to the one Moses faced when he began leading Israel out of Egypt. God promised to be with Joshua just as He had been with Moses. Stress that God is no respecter of persons—He makes His help available equally to all men everywhere.

QUESTION TIME: What similar problems did Joshua and Moses face as they began to lead Israel? How did God meet those problems?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. R. B. Carlson, Nigeria; Mrs. George Flattery, Senegal; Mrs. Glenn D. Stafford, Burma.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

READ: Acts 9:1-6, 10-18, 20-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

FOR THE PARENT: Continuing the Junior series on witnessing, today's lesson has as its theme this important truth: to be an effective witness, a person must have met the One about whom he is telling others—Jesus Christ. Discuss how this theme was carried out in the life of Saul (Paul) and how from the beginning of his Christian experience the Lord had a special assignment for him. God has a special work for each of us.

QUESTION TIME: What was the special assignment the Lord had for Saul (Paul)? (v. 15) What did Paul do as soon as he was baptized? (v. 20)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. P. W. Funk, Hawaii; Mrs. P. H. Hall, Peru; Mrs. Ralph Harer, British Honduras; Elva L. Vanderbout, Philippines; James O. Brown (Indian), Texas.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

READ: Samuel 20:12-24, 25-42 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

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

FOR THE PARENT: Probably one of the most outstanding stories of friendship in the Bible is the friendship of David and Jonathan. Review the story of how Saul had been rejected by God from being king because of his disobedience. This meant that his son Jonathan would not succeed him. Unknown to Saul, David had been anointed king of Israel by Samuel. Use this background to show further the loving spirit of Jonathan, his desire to protect David, and his willingness to take his life in his own hands to protect David.

QUESTION TIME: Who was David? Who was Jonathan? What are some important qualities of friendship? How did Jonathan show his love for David?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Monroe D. Grams, Bolivia.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Marie Johnsrud, Republic of Upper Volta; Edna Griep (Indian), Arizona.

Shame on Us!

By HENRY EVANS
Gaithersburg, Maryland

THE APOSTLE PAUL PUT US TO shame, both by his words and by his deeds.

In 1 Corinthians 15:34 he wrote, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." Paul said the church at Corinth was shamed by the fact that some had not the knowledge of God. He said it was a reproach to the body of believers if men were perishing without a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is not entirely the fault of sinners that they are not saved. Unbelievers may not realize or care that they are lost. Some can even joke about their destiny; they make light of the fact they are doomed to hell. They have no fear of God. Why? Simply because they are unbelievers. We are the ones who believe Jesus meant what He said when He made the statement, "He that believeth not shall be damned." It is our responsibility, as Christians, to be more concerned for the lost than they are for themselves.

Paul believed the unbelievers were lost and He took seriously the command of Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature." Notice the statements he was able to make without fear of contradiction:

1. "I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great..." (Acts 26:22).

2. "I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:26, 27).

3. "From Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel" (Romans 15:19). This took in almost all the known world at that time.

4. "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. . . . I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:19, 22).

What caused Paul to be so concerned about the souls of men? Was it just because he was a preacher? No! He told us why, in Romans 1:14, 15: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you."

Paul remembered he had freely received this great salvation. Therefore he realized he must freely give it to others.

Notice how thoroughly he did the job. In Acts 19 we read that through the constant preaching and teaching of Paul and his helpers at Ephesus for two years, "All they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (v. 10). We have the testimony of their enemies who declared they had "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

The world needs Jesus. Shame on us if we don't do all in our power to tell men and women about Him.

SAVED FROM A TIDAL WAVE

I shall never forget the deliverance God gave me in May, 1960. At that time Chile suffered the worst earthquake in its history. Many smaller earthquakes occurred, new volcanoes appeared, and tidal waves ravaged many coast lines.

Newport stands on a portion of the Oregon coast and it is my custom to walk on the beach for prayer and medi-

tation with God. On the day of the earthquake the radio stations began announcing the news and warned all persons to stay off the beaches, as there would be high waves and unpredictable tides.

I was unaware of all these happenings since my radio was out of order and I had not seen a morning paper. Innocently I took my usual walk to the beach for prayer and meditation. I sat down atop some high rocks on a jetty some 100 yards long which was endangered only during a very high tide.

The tide was very low this day. I was about three-fourths of the way out on the jetty appreciating the beauties around me when suddenly a calm but insistent voice said, "Get thee away." I was startled, and immediately turned to go back to shore. Suddenly water seemed to be everywhere and coming from all directions. I was frightened and began to run, praying as I ran.

Only the tops of the rocks remained above the water for me to step on as I raced toward shore. One slip could be fatal. Water swirled between the rocks, and the beach disappeared. Soon the water reached the rock and driftwood line found on all shores.

"I've never heard of a tide coming in this fast," I thought as I ran.

At last I climbed the bank to safety. There I marveled that not even one foot was wet. This was certainly unusual for I had run on slippery rocks.

When I reached the top of the bank I looked down upon the spot where I had been. All was peaceful again; the waters were rushing back to sea. It was then I heard the voice of my blessed Lord again, saying, "Be assured, the children of God are under My protection and care at all times. Never fear, for My eye is on thee, even in peril. Just remember to trust in Me and I will direct thy path."

I sat in the presence of the Lord for a few moments longer, and then started home. Upon arriving there I saw the afternoon paper. Its headlines warned of tidal waves. I was thankful anew for the precious promise of my heavenly Father, "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not: I will help thee" (Isaiah 41:13).—Mrs. Kenneth Weygandt, Newport, Oreg.

(Confirmed by Russell Emerson, pastor, Assembly of God, Newport, Oreg.)

TEACHERS NEEDED

The Department of Education is interested in hearing from Assemblies of God persons who would like to teach in our high schools and colleges. The following needs exist:

1. A principal who can also teach in one or more of the following fields: Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

2. English teachers for Bible colleges (preferably with a masters degree).

3. People who are nearing completion of doctorate program in any field.

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Every-Day Evangelism

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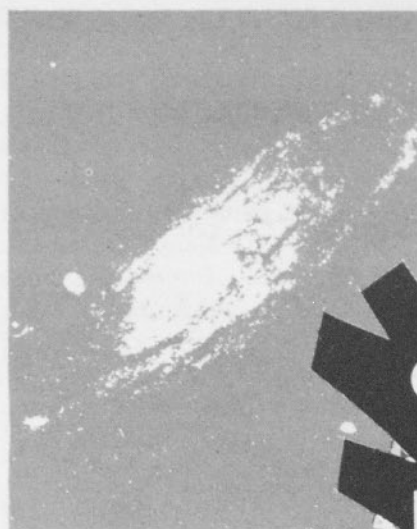
while he was preaching in the open air on a very cold, wintry night that he caught cold and soon passed into Glory at over seventy years of age.

Even a stutterer can win souls for Christ. One of the most effective soul winners with whom I ever labored was a man who was shell-shocked during World War I, and as a result spoke only with the greatest difficulty. In order to release some muscles of his throat, he had to keep moving his right leg; and sometimes he had to stamp his feet on the floor several times before the word would come out. He once asked me to pray for him that God would heal him of his stammering, but our prayer was not answered. Said he, "If God wants me to witness for Him with my stuttering, stammering tongue, then *hallelujah!* The Spirit of God can bless a stutterer's remarks just as well as He can use a most eloquent sermon preached by a budding Spurgeon."

Without any feeling of embarrassment, he approached people in public places with gospel booklets and began to speak to them patiently of Christ. After laboring with him for two years, it seemed the most natural thing to see him go to a person and stutter and splutter out to him the words of salvation. I visited a home many years later in the district in which we labored together in northern England, and the family confessed to me that of all the preachers and Christian workers who ever stayed in their home this man was the holiest of all. His witnessing day by day to the unsaved around him was a constant rebuke to his fellow Christians with normal speech faculties.

Many times we are afraid to contact important people for Jesus Christ. Yet I know a streetcar conductor who made a point of doing just this. He amazed me as he told me the story of his ministry, for he seemed to be the last man I would have chosen for this difficult task. He had neither cultured poise nor winsome personality, but he had the one essential for talking to people personally about Christ and that was a burning love for them.

He scanned the papers eagerly to see what important personages were



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going to visit his city. After much prayer, he telephoned them upon their arrival to ask for a few minutes' interview. When the request was granted he would visit them in their hotel rooms or in the reception room and simply tell them that he was a representative of the Lord Jesus and had a message for them. If he could not see them face to face, he wrote them a letter and asked them to read the gospel booklet enclosed. In this way this very ordinary brother contacted film stars, opera singers, football players, diplomats, and authors for Christ.

Another brother led by the Holy Spirit gives out gospel books in Braille to the blind who board his streetcar daily. The kindness of this streetcar conductor to these blind people is a very effective witness for the Lord.

Christian businessmen all over the world are participating in this holy crusade of evangelism. We knew a manufacturer in Czechoslovakia who commenced his own Bible society and was used by the Lord to print hundreds of thousands of portions of holy Scripture in different Slav languages. During World War II, when Hitler prohibited the printing of the Bible in that country, this dear Czech with another hundred Christian businessmen formed themselves into a secret society for printing the Word. Under the very nose of the Gestapo they printed the Scriptures at the risk of death. Then the great question arose: How were these Bibles to be distributed? This story I cannot reveal here, but the fact remains that precious men of God risked their lives to place the Scriptures in different villages and towns throughout the entire country.

One of our crying needs is for originality in the work of personal evangelism. One day while driving to Colorado our attention was arrested by some signs on the highway which announced "The House of Prayer." At intervals were such signs as "Stop and Pray," "Visit the House of Prayer," etc. Finally, we came upon a modest little white building by the roadside bearing the sign, "Stop, come in and pray." We stopped. We went in. And there we found behind a counter laden with gospel tracts and booklets a little woman sitting on a stool. We discovered she was crippled in both legs and only with great difficulty could move about. She talked to us about the Lord and directed us to a room which was set apart for prayer. Here any way-

worn traveler could find rest for his soul with help from the little crippled saint. This dear sister had found God's place of ministry for her. Have you?

Christian men and women have built grand and costly churches. These palatial structures are eloquent reminders to us of how little we follow the pattern of evangelism in the New Testament. When we see some of these buildings we stand amazed, remembering that there are entire nations without the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus said in Luke 16:8, "The children of this world [age] are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

The Communists with their glowing fervor do not build costly shrines but follow the New Testament pattern of man-to-man contact in their individual witness. The time has come for every child of God who believes that the gospel is the only hope for a lost and dying world to dedicate himself to an all-out witness.

A Chinese pastor asked a new convert if it were true that he had known the Lord for three months.

"Yes," was the answer. "It is blessedly true."

"And how many have you won to Jesus your Lord?"

"Oh," said the convert, "I am only a learner and never possessed a complete New Testament until yesterday."

"Do you use candles in your home?" asked the pastor.

"Yes."

"Do you expect the candle to begin to shine when it is burned half-way down?"

"No, as soon as it is lit."

The new convert saw the lesson and went to work. Within six months several of his neighbors were saved. *How long have you been saved? How many have you won to Christ?*

It was my privilege to spend some time with Dr. Paul Rader in the closing days of his ministry. I shall never

forget his impassioned pleas for every believer to go all-out for Jesus Christ in personal soul winning. He suggested that his hearers should form into "soul-fishing crews" and go out into the streets and be fishers of men.

Said Dr. Rader, "As I look back over the years and survey the ministry of Billy Sunday, Wilbur Chapman, Reuben Torrey, Dr. Beiderwolf, and my own mass evangelistic campaigns, I am more convinced than ever that we will never take the gospel to every creature on earth by mass evangelism alone. The desperate need of the hour is for every child of God to live one hundred per cent for Jesus Christ and to launch out under the Spirit's power and direction into every nook and corner of the globe." It was El Nathan (Major Whittle) who wrote:

*Let all that look for, hasten
The coming joyful day,
By earnest dedication
To walk the narrow way,
To gather in the lost ones
For whom our Lord did die;
For the crowning day is coming bye
and bye.*

It was the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, *that no man take thy crown*" (Revelation 3:11).

VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS CO-OPERATE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE CRUSADE

LANCASTER, N. H.—Ministers representing seven different denominations co-operated in an evangelistic crusade held in the Town Hall at Lancaster in February. The evangelist in this area-wide "North Country for Christ" crusade was an Assemblies of God minister, Clinton White.

Among those who made decisions for Christ were thirteen Methodists and Episcopalians. The local Methodist minister's wife came to Christ in the concluding service.

An amazing situation was disclosed in that so many church members attending these services had never heard of such terms as "new birth," "conversion," "saved," and other expressions common to gospel churches. One woman told the Baptist song leader, Pastor Harold Richards, "I am seventy years old and have gone to church all my life, but I have never heard anything like this before." She gave her heart to Christ.

Night after night people were moved by the Spirit of the Lord. The idea of kneeling at an altar to accept Christ as personal Saviour was completely foreign to many who came to these meetings. They felt God's Spirit press them to a decision for the first time but, rather than come forward, they would sit and weep softly at their seats. Others, including persons



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EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Springerville	A/G	Apr. 30—	Tommy & Linda Crider	Clarence L. Collins
Ark.	Branch	First	Apr. 24-May 7	C. B. & Mrs. Anderson	J. R. Bolin
	Mena	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Wm. Paul Edwards	Joyce Groomer
	Monette	A/G	Apr. 30-May 14	Bonnie M. Ruble	S.S. Dean
	Monticello	First	Apr. 18-May 7	Sid T. Regnier	Otis Hubbard
	Portia	A/G	Apr. 30—	Charles & Mrs. Prince	Wm. Ashpole
Calif.	Campbell	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Eddie Washington	Herbert Johnson
	El Centro	First	Apr. 30—	Leon L. Martin	V. L. Hertwick
	Livermore	Bethel	Apr. 30—	H. Ralph Love	Elmer T. Bueno
	Westminster	First	Apr. 23—	Gladys Pearson	Floyd E. Westbrook
Colo.	Loveland	* A/G	Apr. 30-May 12	Edgar G. Rasmussen	Virgil Conger
Conn.	Hartford	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 25-May 7	Jack & Clara Peters	Oliver D. Collier
Del.	Lewes	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	C. T. Chegwin	Howard Garman
Fla.	Tallahassee	Lake Jackson	Apr. 23—	Roger & Sandra Wood	Wesley Weekley
	Tampa	Northside	Apr. 18-30	John Eller	Merris Halbrook
Ga.	Ft. Valley	A/G	Apr. 17-30	Bobby Jackson	Leland Bush
Ill.	Bushnell	First	Apr. 30	Roy & Mrs. Lee	Jerrell Snyder
Iowa	Jewell	Evang. Center	Apr. 24	John French	S. E. Carlsen
	Ottumwa	First Pent.	Apr. 26-30	Cantwell-Harmon Team	Stanton E. Johnson
La.	Minden	First	Apr. 25-May 7	Bob & Jeri Winford	L. E. Hunter, Jr.
Mass.	Everett	Glad Tidings Tab.	Apr. 19-30	Musical Vander Ploegs	J. Harold Bither
Mich.	Goodrich	A/G	Apr. 26-May 7	Glenna Byard	Everett Herberger
Minn.	Grand Rapids	First	Apr. 25-30	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Richard Holmquist
	Mankato	A/G	Apr. 18-30	Jimmie Parrack	Robert J. Strand
	Minneapolis	Evang. Aud.	Apr. 26-30	John French	Russell Olson
Mo.	DeSoto	A/G	Apr. 30-May 13	Harold Wright Team	Robert S. McGarity
	Maryville	* A/G	Apr. 30-May 5	Bob Olson	Rex Anspaugh
Nebr.	Mullen	A/G	Apr. 16-30	Robert A. Paul	Howard L. Smith
	Scottsbluff	First	Apr. 16—	Gordon Harmon	Milo Harmon
	York	A/G	Apr. 23—	W. O. Ziegler	Troy Allen
N. J.	Neptune	Full Gospel Ch.	Apr. 30-May 14	Ralph & Mrs. Bender	Irving Meier
N. Y.	Flushing	Free Gospel	Apr. 30-May 14	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Arthur H. Graves
	Hempstead, L. I.	A/G Church	Apr. 23—	R. G. Mohrman	Jack R. Cleeton
N. Dak.	Minot	A/G	Apr. 25-May 7	Wes & Pat Larson	Paul Sandgren
Ohio	New Philadelphia	Glad Tidings	Apr. 30-May 7	J. B. Woolums	Kenneth K. Shaffer
Okla.	Claremore	First	Apr. 30—	W. O. Henin	C. A. Snodgrass
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Tex.	Angleton	First	Apr. 16-30	M. W. Wright	Eugene Nicely
	Grand Prairie	Northside	Apr. 26—	The Tanner Team	M. L. Calloway
	Houston	Gulfgate	Apr. 30—	Glen Shinn	Paul W. Klinger
	Winnie	First	Apr. 30—	Charles W. Hyde	E. W. Labby
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who had been church members all their lives but never had been converted, came to the altar and received wonderful experiences of God's grace.

Seventeen ministers were present during the ten-day crusade. Ten came one night. This was remarkable in that Lancaster has only 3,000 people and four Protestant churches. The effect was truly interdenominational in nature. Churches from several nearby towns co-operated actively. Baptists, both conservative and liberal, supported the meetings as did Methodists, Congregationalists, Advent Christians, Free Will Baptists, Salvation Army and Assemblies of God congregations. Various churches contributed musical talent. The evangelist did not compromise the truth of the gospel but earnestly preached on the New Birth, the Blood of Christ, Judgment for Sin, Divine Healing, the Second Coming of Christ, and other Bible themes. Many heard these truths for the first time.

It is believed that the results of these services are only beginning to be felt. The evangelist is well known in Lancaster as

this is his home town. Before his conversion he was a hopeless alcoholic whose life of drunkenness was a grief to the whole town. The remarkable transformation in his life became evident to all who attended these services. The evangelist reached former acquaintances with his testimony in a way that he could not have done otherwise. —By *Evangeline Barney*

Local Assemblies of God Pastor

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED

CONCORD, N. H.—Carl O. Lindberg, pastor of the Assembly of God, Claremont, N. H., and former principal of the New England Bible Institute, was elected superintendent of the Northern New England District at a special council which met here February 13. He will succeed Grady L. Fanning who resigned to do field work.

Hudson T. Hilsden, pastor of the Assembly of God, Concord, N. H., was elected assistant superintendent to replace Stig G. Sundberg, who resigned to accept mission-

ary appointment to Latin America by the Foreign Missions Department.

Brother Fanning served as superintendent from the formation of the district in the summer of 1957. Prior to that he was superintendent of the united New England District for four years. Under his leadership the number of churches in the Northern New England District has grown from 26 in 1953 to 58 at present.

—George P. Hendrickson,
District Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

MORTGAGE BURNING—April 23 at Bethlehem Church, Richmond Hill, Queens, N. Y. Karl P. Steffens, former pastor, speaking at 10:45 a.m.; Joseph R. Flower, superintendent of New York district, speaking at 3:30 p.m.—by W. J. Behr, pastor.

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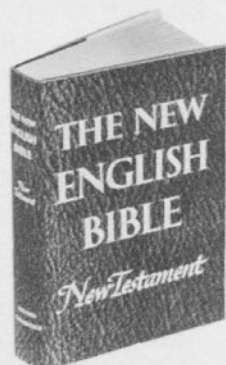
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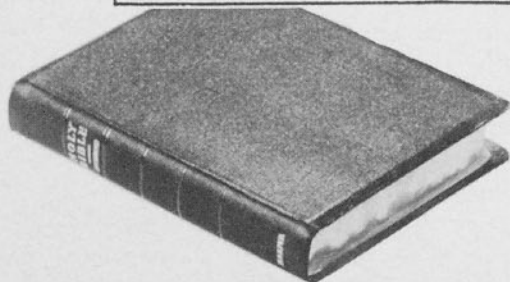


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More Than Conquerors

BY D. E. GRIBLING
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AS THE LITTLE APOSTLE PAUL SAT ON AN IMPROVISED stool in his tent workshop writing, Nero sat on his throne in all the regal splendor of the Roman Emperor.

In front of the royal palace towered an image of the Emperor more than a hundred feet tall. All could see it. Embellished at the base were the words, NERO, CONQUEROR.

The short-skirted soldiers of the great empire marched through the streets to the clank of shield and spear. The firm step and erect carriage declared to the world that they were the Conqueror's army. Recently they had returned from various countries bringing back captive kings. Chains about the prisoners' necks fastened them to the wheels of the chariots. Up the Appian Way came the marching heroes with the vanquished. While the great Nero rode in his chariot at the head of the procession, the people raised the chant, "Hail Nero, Hail Nero, Conqueror, Conqueror!" It sounds crescendoed to an overpowering volume as the people with shouts and salutes honored their mighty monarch.

Inside the Coliseum rumbled the chants and shouts of thousands of people, "Down with the Christians, down with Christ. Hail Nero, Conqueror." In the center of the coliseum knelt a large number of Christians praying. At a signal the cages holding the hungry lions were opened and out rushed the angry pack to pounce upon the kneeling Christians. The lions tore the Christians limb from limb while the Romans acclaimed their pagan gods and shouted, "Down with Christ!"

When Nero held a great feast he would inquire, "Where are the Christians?" Then men would be dispatched to search for the patriarchs, the hoary-headed sages, venerable matrons, tender virgins, and noble youths. These were brought to be made a spectacle. Even to save themselves from the hungry lions they refused to recant their noble testimony, "I am a Christian."

In times like these Paul was able to write, "We are more than conquerors" (Romans 8:37). This exclamation should be the battle cry of every Christian.

Was Nero the real conqueror? Paul reached into the eternal files of God to recall the records of the saints who went down in a blaze of glory, choosing rather to

suffer affliction for a little season with God's people than to return to the worship of pagan gods and earthly emperors. The Christians were looking for a better resurrection where they would be the real conquerors, obtaining a crown of righteousness and eternal life. They would then come into possession of the mansion of which Christ had told them.

Nero and his loyal followers with their paganism have gone to their eternal judgment. The coliseum has become a cavernous ruin—a stark witness against all the fury vented upon the early Christians. So it remains a grim witness that the way of the transgressor is hard, and that the wages of sin is death.

Thinking of the conflicts engaging the Christians Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Paul did not go to Rome as a first-class tourist. Nor did he acknowledge his chains as from the Romans, but of Jesus Christ to whom he recognized himself bound "for the gospel's sake."

Though Paul was visited by members of the household of Nero, yet he still had to tread the Appian Way as a captive and march to the coliseum in chains. En route he exclaimed, "I am not ashamed." Perhaps he glimpsed the great image of Nero, the Conqueror, but this did not frighten nor dismay him. He knew that he had been strengthened with might by God's Spirit within. He was wearing the armor of God and was fighting the good fight of faith, so he would be "more than conqueror." Already he bore marks in his body inflicted because of his testimony. He knew he had kept the faith. Had he not said, "To be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord!"

Nero, you are not the conqueror! You are defeated, humiliated, vanquished. Many have been made drunk on the blood of the saints, but it will be the saints in the better resurrection who will shine forth unto the perfect day.

When Paul's life was taken from him, he was assured of a crown in glory where he would be "more than conqueror." Though many are the afflictions of the righteous, yet the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

Were the Christians defeated because they were slain? Paul affirms, "We are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Sheep? Yes, but we have a good shepherd who gave His life for the sheep. And though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will not fear, for even there we are "more than conquerors."

Let the heathen rage and let the people imagine a vain thing. Though the devil turn loose all his imps from hell, we can affirm, with Paul, "Who shall separate us from the love of God?" In Romans 8:38, 39 he declares, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In spite of all the heartaches, sorrows, and seeming defeats of this life, we are assured by Paul that we shall be "more than conquerors" and shall gain an everlasting victory through Him who loves us. There awaits a crown for all who overcome "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."