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(ABOVE) THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS AND THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.
AN AERIAL VIEW OF JERUSALEM (LEFT) SHOWS THE MOSQUE OF OMAR.

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... *We believe* the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

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The Peace Corps

We are not surprised that President Kennedy's idea of sending a Peace Corps of young men to underdeveloped countries should receive the ovation it has received from the American public. Americans are big-hearted people and they love to share their blessings with folk who are less fortunate. It is quite natural that the idea of helping fight poverty, disease, and ignorance by means of the proposed Peace Corps should appeal to the altruistic American spirit.

What surprises us is that some of the people who applaud the new Peace Corps idea have not shown equal enthusiasm for the great Peace Corps that has been active for a century and a half. We refer, of course, to the many thousands of Protestant missionaries who have gone out from this country and have done so much to raise the educational, moral, and economic standards of backward nations.

As David Lawrence pointed out in his newspaper column recently, a great many missionaries are already doing exactly what the President's Peace Corps proposes to do. They open schools, teach trades, build hospitals, furnish medical aid, educate doctors and nurses, train native leaders in administrative work, develop social-welfare programs, and supply technical skills. Many of the missionaries are agricultural experts who show farmers how to increase their yields. There are 26,000 Americans serving as Protestant missionaries in foreign lands and the churches spend approximately \$163,000,000 a year to support them. Thousands of these missionaries are devoting themselves to the same kind of work that the new Peace Corps will do at the taxpayers' expense. The time may come when missionaries who specialize in humanitarian work will seem to be "excess baggage" and they may find it hard to compete with the government's Peace Corps for their support.

But included in the 26,000 are thousands of evangelical missionaries who concern themselves more with people's spiritual needs than with their physical, educational, or economic needs. Our 788 Assemblies of God foreign missionaries are in this number. Last year our Assemblies of God members gave nearly five million dollars to finance this vast foreign enterprise. Over 95 per cent of our 7,633 Assemblies of God churches contributed to the great soul-winning program.

In addition to the foreign work, our churches contributed over \$650,000 last year to finance a "Homefront Peace Corps." This corps numbers approximately 300 home missionaries who preach to the American Indians, the Deaf, Jews, prisoners, Alaskans, foreign-language groups, and other Americans.

The real Peace Corps, we believe, is composed of those missionaries who preach Christ, the Prince of Peace, and who show the people how to obtain inner peace by accepting the gospel that frees them from the guilt and power of sin. The reason men war against each other is that they are at war with God. Reconcile men to God and they will be reconciled to each other. This the President's Peace Corps cannot do, for it must operate on a strictly natural plane. If men are to be saved from sin and strife we must pray for, and support, the real Peace Corps.

—R.C.C.

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HOW CHURCHES ARE BORN

BY C. M. WARD

**In this article, the well-known
 Revivaltime radio preacher gives
 some excellent pointers
 for pioneer churches**

PAUL WROTE, "DO THE WORK OF AN evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5). This apostle never ceased to be an evangelist in the truest sense. He specialized in the opening of new churches.

Is this "the work of an evangelist"—and if so, *why?*

Paul said in his first letter to the church at Corinth, "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." This is the first necessity in opening a new church. *Get a preacher!* "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." *There isn't a bit of sense in going to a community with an expenditure unless you go there with a message.*

Dr. Merton Rice tells of an aged veteran of the Cross in Detroit who was eager to hear a distinguished leader's address on a special occasion. The old man, who was very deaf, made his way to the front pew and jammed himself down beside a young man. When the speaker of the evening was presented, the old gentleman pulled out his long tin trumpet, carefully adjusted it to his ear, and looked up at the speaker with eager expectancy. He listened, but he heard not a word. Turning to the young brother beside him, he said in the strident tones of the deaf, "What's he saying?" The young man tried to tell him, but without success.

He listened again, without satisfaction. Turning to the younger man, he made the same inquiry as before, with the same result. He put his trumpet to his ear the third time and listened intently, but still heard not a sound. Becoming impatient, he turned to the young brother the third time and said in a voice that all could hear, "What's he saying?" Confused by the attention the old man's voice was attracting, the young man shouted in the ear trumpet, "*Father, he hasn't said anything yet.*"

It is the message that arrests the attention of the community. Every community has professional clergymen. Too often, though, the effect is the same as that described by Ezekiel of his contemporaries: "Thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on

an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not."

Jesus set the pattern for all evangelists. He presented the message in *simplicity* and *humanness*, and with *authority*. Such a message will gain an audience. And it is out of an audience that a new church is born.

By *simplicity* I mean clarity of thought and expression—the ability to tell others what one has seen and felt himself until they see and feel it for themselves. Fog is good for lima beans. They prosper in its clammy dampness. But fog has little to offer men. It has been determined by scientific experiment that a bank of fog three feet thick, six feet high, and one hundred feet long contains less than one-seventh of a glassful of water. One cannot slake his thirst with fog; he cannot even bathe in it. There is only one thing to do with fog, and that is to keep out of it. There was no "fog" about the gospel when Christ and Paul presented it.

By *humanness* I mean we need to remember that God made us human beings—made us men a long time before He made us ministers. One of the most striking and significant things about the preaching of Jesus is its human content. His message was always adapted to the needs of the multitudes who gathered to hear His words. His discourses always dealt with the people's problems—their sins, their temptations, their failures, their diseases,

their disappointments, their hopes. He told human-interest stories. His ministries were human ministries. *Our problem is folks*—plain, ordinary people.

When Daniel Webster talked with President Fillmore concerning his great address on Adams and Jefferson, he said, "I will tell you what is not generally known. I wrote that speech one morning before breakfast, in my library, and when it was finished my paper was wet with tears." *Concern* leads to conviction and conviction leads to *conversion*. Find the man with the message who is concerned about his fellow man!

By *authority* I mean the authority of personal experience—the quiet conviction in one's soul that something has happened in one's own life that is profoundly worth while—a contagious certainty that comes from conscious contact with the Eternal. It is what Jesus meant when He replied to Nicodemus' questionings: "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen." It is that note in the preaching of Old Testament evangelists, "Thus saith the Lord." It is what Paul meant when he said, "I know whom I have believed." *The evangelist must be certain.* It is said of Phillips Brooks that "he was ever an eager inquirer, but always a positive preacher." His hearers always left his presence with a fresh sense of God upon them.

May God give us evangelists like this. And when we find them, let us introduce them to the community through every means of communication possible and available. There will be a response. A fixed law of science declares that "to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." *Our business under God is action.* Reaction will follow as day follows night.

CHECK LIST

1. Do I know what is meant by the gospel?
2. Do I sense a message in my soul?
3. Have I anything to say that I feel I must say?
4. Have I become "professional"?
5. Do I know how to put it simply?
6. Have I ceased to be "human"?
7. Do I sense the authority that comes through personal experience?
8. Is my presence contagious for good?
9. Am I willing to rest my case on the fixed law that "to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction"?
10. Am I in sympathy with "the work of an evangelist"?

LATIN AMERICA AS I SAW IT

*Field Secretary for Latin America
Reports on His Recent Tour*

BY MELVIN L. HODGES



Executives J. Philip Hogan (left) and C. W. H. Scott visit Bolivia. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hodges (right) meet them at the airport.



Missionaries and national workers in Uruguay. Brother and Sister Hodges are standing on right.



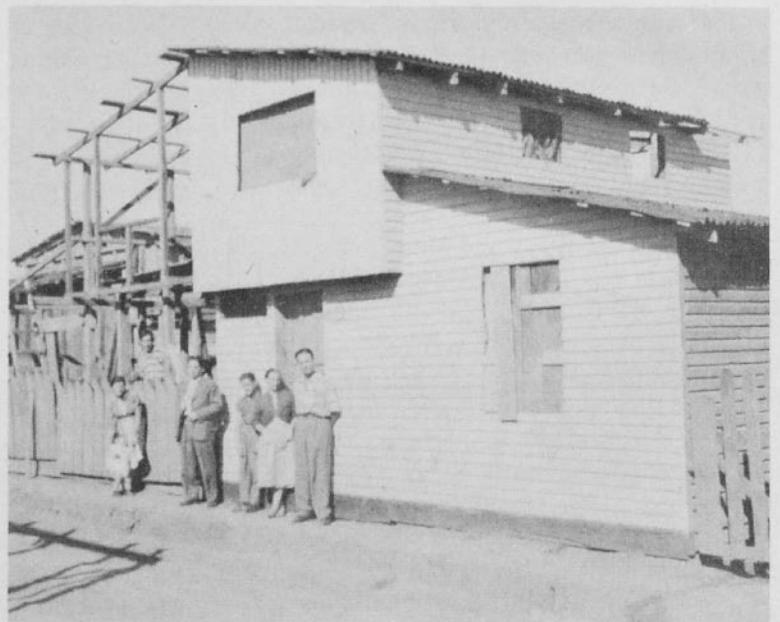
Canadian and American Assemblies of God missionaries in Argentina. George Upton, missionary secretary from Canada, seated on right.

A WAVE OF POLITICAL UNREST HAS HIT MOST OF THE Latin American countries. There are continual reports of attempted invasions or revolutions in many of the countries. In most of the cases the cause seems to be a combination of fervent nationalism and communistic influence. This latter, working in key places in the labor movement and elsewhere, seeks to turn the people against the United States and undermine the government in power. In spite of these unfavorable conditions, the work of the Assemblies of God is continuing to make remarkable strides. Revivals are being experienced in some areas, and there is reason for special encouragement in some countries that have been considered slow.

In *Uruguay*, recognized as a "slow" mission field for years, revival has broken out and churches are being established in new towns.

Colombia, famous in these latter years as a place where evangelical Christians have been persecuted, is enjoying a remarkable growth. Statistics show that Colombia is experiencing the fastest growth in evangelical ranks of any country in South America. Evangelical churches had an estimated 16 per cent increase last year. Our own Assemblies of God work is developing rapidly. Opportunities are everywhere and the people are responsive to the gospel.

Bolivia is making remarkable progress in training workers. Three Bible schools are now in operation: the highlands Bible school for the Aymara Indians, the lowland



Chilean Assemblies of God family whose home was rebuilt after the earthquake with relief funds sent by Evangel readers.

Bible school in Santa Cruz, and more recently a night Bible school in La Paz for the city population. In these three schools approximately 100 students are being trained for the work of God.

Brazil. The meeting of our executive brethren, J. Philip Hogan and Charles W. H. Scott, with our missionaries in Brazil proved to be profitable. The Field Fellowship was reorganized. The door for advance is wide open in Brazil. Our missionaries are making a valuable contribution in the fields of literature, radio, and Bible teaching. Among the more recent encouraging developments is the opening of a Bible school in the state of Sao Paulo, with the backing of Brazilian Assemblies of God pastors. It is a small beginning but the effort is being well received. Another forward step was the forming of the churches in the state of Minas Gerais in an organization similar to a district council. Workers receive credentials from a central office and a permanent committee oversees the work in this area. The opportunities are tremendous in Brazil.

Argentina. We had the opportunity of being present in the annual council meeting of the Union of the Assemblies of God in Argentina. Our work in Argentina is carried on in co-operation with our Canadian brethren. George Upton, missionary secretary for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was present, and I had the joy of sharing with him the ministry of the Word to the receptive and open-hearted brethren of Argentina. Paul Sorensen is doing an outstanding work as superintendent of the Union of the Assemblies of God. Churches are being formed and the spirit of revival is present in many parts. Argentina presents great opportunities today and the brethren request additional personnel to help them reap the harvest.

Peru. Our work in Peru has shown steady growth during the years. Recent statistics compiled by the secretary of the Evangelical Association of Peru shows that the Assemblies of God is not only the strongest evangelical force in the country, but its membership of over 6,000 is more than twice that of the next group in strength. Also, the Assemblies of God has 102 ministers which is more than five times the number of the next largest group. Opportunities are everywhere and we have been officially requested to send

additional missionary personnel to Peru.

In *Chile* we had the opportunity of visiting an old-fashioned camp meeting held by the Assemblies of God in a beautiful spot donated for the purpose by the town of Machali. The Chilean Council meeting was held at the same time. Cyle Davis, who has served as superintendent for several years, did not permit his name to be offered and Wesley Bjur was elected to this post. Together with the main camp there was a special effort made for youth and children. In the boys' camp, called Christian Cadets, regular meetings were held each day and a program of Christian education followed. God blessed the boys camp with an outpouring of the Spirit and before the meeting was over practically all the boys had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Additional missionary couples are needed in several areas of Latin America. Bible school properties need to be secured for the Bible schools already in operation in rented quarters in Paraguay, Uruguay, and Colombia. The

dormitory needs to be built on the Bible school property in Argentina. Many of the larger cities need an evangelistic center or a church building to provide a meeting place for council meetings and special campaigns. Support also is urgently needed for Bible school work in many of the countries where Bible schools are already in operation. Outstanding needs in this line include Bolivia, Venezuela, Paraguay, Colombia, Uruguay, and Chile.

In view of the current crisis in Latin America, we need to pray as never before that the Bible-training and national-evangelism ministries throughout the continent will be strengthened.

Offerings for any of the Foreign Missionary projects mentioned in this magazine should be mailed to:

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FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD AND LAYMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

In March the Foreign Missions Board and Laymen's Advisory Council of the Foreign Missions Department met in Springfield, Mo., for their annual joint meeting. Present at the meeting were (seated left to right): Emmett Peterson, Seattle, Wash.; Deroy Owings, Greenville, S. C.; J. Bashford Bishop, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Bert Webb; J. Philip Hogan; R. T. McGlasson; M. L. Hodges; (center row) W. F. Morton, Everett, Wash.; D. V. Terry, Vestal, N. Y.; (back row) Emil Balliet, San Diego, Calif.; E. C. Sumrall, Chicago, Ill.; F. L. Chambers, Valley Center, Calif.; C. N. Webster, Dodge City, Kans.; H. C. Noah, Dallas, Tex.; R. M. Severance, Saginaw, Mich.; D. L. Sanders, Cincinnati, Ohio; and V. G. Greisen. Members not present were T. F. Zimmerman; N. D. Davidson, Brooks, Oreg.; E. L. Phillips; and M. L. Ketcham. Approval was given at this meeting to enlarge the scope of the Global Conquest program and long-range plans were made for evangelistic advance on the 70 foreign mission fields of the Assemblies of God.

Another Church in Moslem Africa

BY WAYNE TURNER
Missionary to Republic of Togo

TCHAMBA, A VILLAGE OF 7,000 IN the Republic of Togo, West Africa, was the scene of great victories for Christ. This village was always bypassed by the Europeans. The Roman Catholics had tried to establish a work here but failed; the Moslems were in full charge.

At our Togo-Dahomey field council we felt it to be the Lord's will that we evangelize Tchamba. When we chose Tchamba for conquest, my wife and I, with our other missionaries and the African pastor who is working with us, began to pray for this place.

Step by step God miraculously prepared the way by opening doors before us. We received a warm welcome and an African member of the Chamber of Deputies in the newly independent country of Togo helped us to secure property in this densely populated area.

An appropriate site was chosen and we built a cement platform. We used electric lights and a public address system operated by a portable light plant.

Although the hour of the opening

service had been announced, few came until we started playing sacred records over the P. A. system. In a little while about 800 people had assembled. They stood because the ground was too wet to sit on in the rainy season. On the second night there was a crowd of about 1,500.

Many prayed and learned the way of salvation. After the altar call, classes were conducted in Christian living. Faith rose in the hearts of the people and some were healed. A deaf boy ten years of age was instantly healed. A young man was healed of epilepsy.

Meetings of this nature must be followed with teaching. To win converts and leave them is like deserting newborn babes. Please pray for us as we teach these young converts and establish a permanent work in Tchamba.

Twenty-five French-speaking young men, ages seventeen to twenty-five, are studying the French version of Brother Riggs' book, *We Believe*. Another class of forty young men is studying our book, *French by the Bible*. ◀◀



Wayne Turner conducts open-air services in Tchamba, Togo. The concrete slab under the pulpit will serve as the platform for a church to be erected on the site.



**CALL TO
ACTION**
J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Missionary Housing

OUR PRESENT STRATEGY DICTATES that we concentrate our advance overseas to cities and centers of population. This not only makes good sense now; it also made good sense in New Testament times. You cannot read the Book of Acts without discovering that the Early Church occupied the cities of Southern Europe and Asia Minor.

This means housing becomes an immediate need for the missionary family ministering overseas. Since the last war there has been a housing shortage in every major city of the world and now, with a world-wide population upsurge, the matter becomes more acute.

We are not interested in owning property overseas except as it increases the efficiency of our missionary endeavor. Current conditions make it imperative that we buy and build more missionary residences overseas if we are to be able to occupy the cities of the world for the Kingdom of God.

Before me now is a list of several cities where our missionaries are forced to pay exorbitant rental prices. One hundred dollars a month is now considered fairly low, and in some areas we are paying up to as high as one hundred and fifty dollars a month. In many instances even these facilities are inadequate.

Since there is a maldistribution of wealth in many foreign countries, and interest rates are fantastically high, it is the present burden of the Foreign Missions Department to purchase or build missionary residences where we can, using American funds.

For this purpose, we have set up a revolving loan fund for buildings. Because every missionary raises some housing allowance, these loans can be liquidated and the money reinvested in other strategic areas.

If you are interested in helping in this vital area of missionary work, designate your gift to *Foreign Missions Revolving Loan Fund*, or make inquiry directly to our department for particulars on this subject. ◀◀



Mal Blakeney and Paul Schoonmaker tape radio broadcasts in English and Hindi to be beamed throughout India.

Electronic Evangelism in India

BY PAUL D. SCHOONMAKER
Missionary to North India

IT WAS NO WONDER THAT OUR FIRST programs broadcast in Hindi over FEBC, Manila, contained some technical errors. It was mid-August, 1958, and swelteringly hot. We sat by the recording machines, alternating between wiping perspiration and swatting mosquitoes.

Over our heads stretched a strange array of wires, old tent pieces, and burlap sacks, confining us within draped walls. Added to musty smells were other strange odors—could it be that a rat had died in the hole behind one of the curtains? (When all was finally torn down, this proved to be the case.)

Outside, the trains seemed to whistle endlessly. Our curtain walls could cope with echo, but not with this. So it was *wait and try*, and hope that a successfully recorded speech in a foreign language would not end with the whistle of a train or the bark of a dog.

We next graduated to a separate studio and control room. With the help of our house servants we built this with our own hands in a spare bathroom, using bamboo frames and yards and yards of "relief" grain sacks from America. We ripped and washed the sacks, then sewed them together to form huge curtains which could be draped over the frame for soundproofing. Bricking up the door and window of the bathroom helped too. The only difficulty was that it too efficiently shut off all circulation of air.

We are now producing in this studio, looking forward to a permanent location in the new Lucknow Assembly. Having slowly gained in experience and equipment, and having the advice of additional members and friends of the work, we hope to have a satisfactory studio there.

For over a year we worked at producing programs, quite "in the dark" as far as knowing who was listening and where. Last year we offered a free calendar for 1960 to the first 1,000 people writing in. We were thrilled to have over 500 written re-

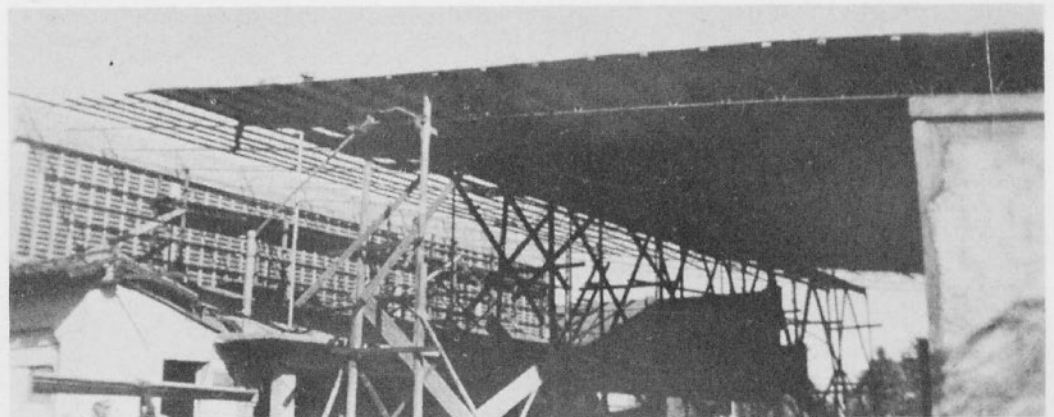
sponses from nearly all the Indian states and fifteen foreign countries. Many of these have expressed appreciation for spiritual help received.

Another great encouragement has just come from the FEBC director of programs for China. He has felt that our programs are so well suited to the Oriental mind that he is requesting permission to take our material and make a Chinese program out of it, which will then be beamed to that great country. We thank God for this enlarged ministry and pray that we may be able to do work worthy of it.

We began with two members on the radio committee—Mal Blakeney and I. Emery Snyder later came to help on the technical side. With this skeleton staff we endeavor to meet the present schedule of four programs a week—two of the programs in English and two in Hindi. Since the first of the year another English program is being produced by the Revival Center in Calcutta. This makes a total of five Assemblies of God programs each week, besides *Revivaltime* which is also heard over the same station.

Right now we need help to meet the heavy expenses we are facing in building our permanent studio. The Lucknow church is giving us the shell in which to build, but we shall need sound-proof doors and walls, lighting fixtures, counters, and technical help for this expanding work.

If you would like to help promote this strategic radio ministry in India, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: PAUL SCHOONMAKER—RADIO.



A JOB UNFINISHED

Although only a partial shell of the building has been erected, the Steelberg Memorial Evangelistic Center in Managua, Nicaragua, is averaging more than 250 in Sunday school. Started as a memorial to our late General Superintendent, Wesley Steelberg, construction has been halted through lack of funds. The national church is doing all it can to complete the structure, but funds from American assemblies are urgently needed to complete this evangelistic center and memorial to a beloved leader. If you should like to help, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation—Steelberg Memorial Evangelistic Center, Nicaragua.



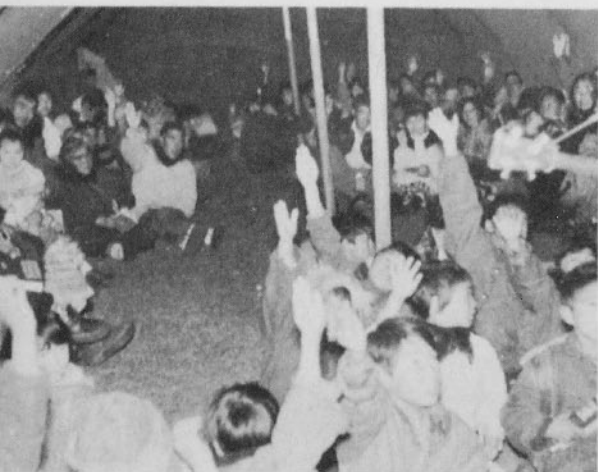
A Report on the Assemblies of God Advance in the Arctic—

New Churches on the Arctic Horizon

BY ALVIN E. CAPENER

Presbyter of the Arctic Coastal Section of Alaska

WITHIN THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE been able to import material and construct churches for two of the needy villages on the Arctic Coast. This progress is the result of a program we initiated about seven years ago. At that time we proposed to pioneer in Barrow, the largest of these Arctic Eskimo villages.



Eskimos singing at a meeting in Point Hope

The awakening that came to Barrow has spread to the entire Arctic Coast touching, in some way, every Eskimo village! Many of the Eskimo people have received the Baptism. Eskimo people coming from other villages have been saved and touched by the fire of the Holy Spirit. In turn, they have requested us to open an Assemblies of God church and give them the full gospel; and they are praying to that end. Surely it is the Spirit of God moving upon us to enlarge our faith and vision to include them all and meet these needs.

By action of the 1960 convention of Alaska's Assemblies of God missionaries a new section was formed, to be known as the Arctic Coastal Section. It embraces all of the north coast of Alaska. This move was made because of the problems peculiar to this area and a feeling that a resident pastor in the area serving as presbyter could best forward the work of God.



Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Capener have ministered in Alaska for 16 years and have pioneered several churches.

To be sure, the problems confronting us are different from those of most areas. The resident population of the north coast is almost one hundred per cent Eskimo which lives for the most part in small, widely-separated villages of 150 to 300 people. Barrow is the exception, having about 1,500 people. It is larger due to the employment offered by government projects.

Point Hope, where my family and I are pioneering, is 650 miles from Kaktovik, but both villages are still a part of this section. These vast distances pose special problems since they can be properly covered only by plane.

The Eskimo people, with year-round heating problems, of necessity live in very small homes; and sometimes more than one family live in a home. This makes it impossible for us to conduct services in any dwelling. Usually we find no other building suitable for public service that we can buy or rent in any Eskimo community.

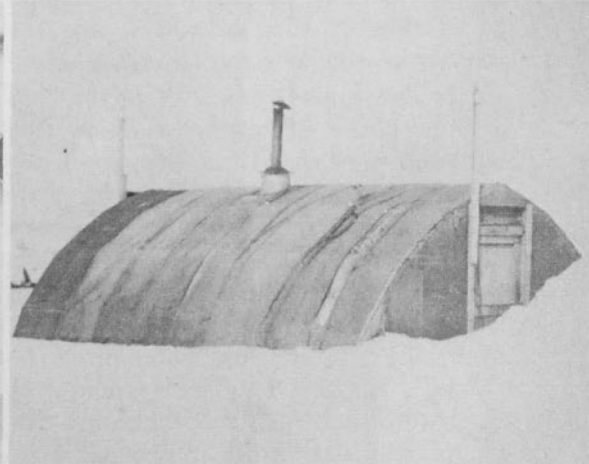
This all means that to pioneer with the full gospel in any Eskimo community we must first of all make a prayerful estimate of the response we



Part of the Sunday school at Barrow, Alaska



Typical Eskimo children at Barrow



Hut used for church at Kaktovik



Ned Nusunginya of Barrow made a trip by dog team 700 miles to Point Hope to help the Capeners erect a new church.

might expect to have; then in faith we must raise funds for and erect a suitable building. But problems of building are multiplied because there is no local building material. The closest trees would be several hundred miles to the south, with no roads leading to them. Furthermore, there is only one supply ship which comes to the north coast each year. It loads in Seattle, Wash., so we have no choice but to ship from there. Freight costs are just about equal to material costs.

Much planning must go into a venture to pioneer in an Eskimo community for the missionary must have a year's provisions of food besides all other needed supplies. One great help, however, is that the Post Office Department now permits parcel post packages to be sent by air from the last surface route station with no extra cost. This makes it impossible to obtain necessities if we forget something in our orders.

It was a great step of faith for I. Cecelia Piper when she moved into Wainwright about a year ago. She had to depend upon home visitation for her

ministry. Now, just a year later, Wainwright has a new church building and an apartment—one of the projects of this year. There is a fine congregation of newly saved Eskimo people and a revival spirit that has literally taken hold of the entire village.

Kaktovik, 310 miles east of Barrow, has also caught the revival spirit and has a fine congregation of saved and many Spirit-filled Eskimo people. Another single woman, Agnes Rodli of Fairbanks, has been shepherding this flock, but has recently had to leave because her little cabin burned. They worship in a very temporary building, a cast-off military Jamesway hut. They have sewed, patched, and plugged to make this usable. These folk need our help to get them a proper permanent structure.

After completing construction in Wainwright, my family and I came to Point Hope where we plunged into another building project which is now completed. This building is at present serving both as our home and a meeting place. We *must* build more in the coming year to meet the need.

Interest is keen and attendance is excellent. We believe that before long we shall see the transforming power of God manifest here as we have seen it elsewhere. We invite you to pray with us to this end. There are many complex problems, but God is helping us as we move forward in faith.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Capeners have labored in an admirable way for the past sixteen years in the interest of the salvation of the Eskimo people. About \$3,000 is needed to put a suitable church building in an Eskimo community, where the Eskimo people may be won to the Lord. There are other Eskimo communities that need the help the Capeners can give. You can share this burden and help our missionaries propagate the full gospel in Alaska by sending your offering today designated for ALASKA MISSIONS.



White Already

THERE IS A DIVINE URGENCY IN the words of Jesus to His disciples at Jacob's well, "...the fields are *white already* to harvest" (John 4:35). This is the language of the farmer. To him it means the crop is "dead ripe" and must be reaped immediately or he will suffer great loss.

I recall a certain experience which occurred on my father's North Dakota farm years ago. The grain had grown and developed beautifully, and harvest-time had come. In the midst of the harvest, notice came regarding the death of a relative at a distant point. Dad and Mother felt there was no alternative but that they attend the funeral. This would necessitate their being gone several days, so Dad placed hired men in charge of harvest, operations.

For a short time these men kept the machines running, but soon they began to look homeward. To them the harvest meant very little. Finally, they decided to stop the machines. They packed their suitcases and headed home. By this time one of the fields was dead ripe and beginning to shell out as the wind blew the heads against each other.

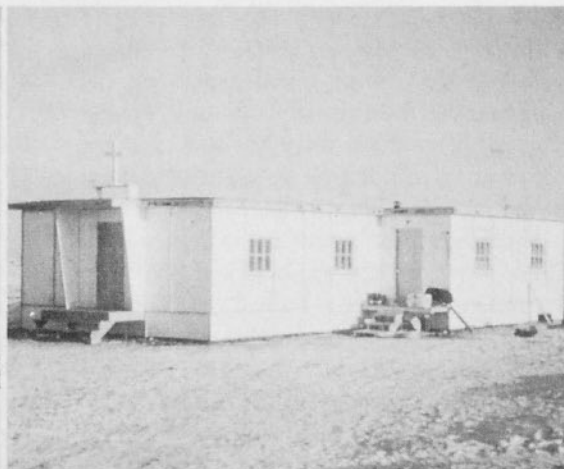
In a day or two Dad and Mother returned. I still vividly remember how concerned my father was when he saw the grain falling to the ground and learned the reapers had gone. Quickly he donned his work clothes and once again got the machines going to save the harvest.

You and I are harvesters too. The Lord's harvest is ready to reap. But there is grave danger of our getting occupied with "home" to the neglect of the harvest. Certainly this is too often the case. Due to our selfish occupation with our own future, we tend to overlook the future of others.

We are not here just to live our own lives and then go to heaven. *We are here for the harvest.* Let us therefore reap while there is opportunity "for the night cometh when no man can reap." ◀◀



The new Assembly of God in Barrow



New church and apartment in Wainwright



PHOTO BY H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

If you were a Jew, a deaf or blind person, an Indian or a prisoner . . .

Who Would Preach to You?

BY RUTH LYON

YOU ARE A FORTUNATE INDIVIDUAL. You can see to read this article. You attend a comfortable church and can hear your godly pastor preach his inspiring sermons.

You live in a comfortable community and take your place in the society of which you are a part. You do not move often from place to place, having no particular spot to call "home." You have not committed any crime against society. You are respected.

Yes, you are comfortably situated. But have you ever put yourself in the place of a person belonging to one of the minority groups of the United States?

What if you were blind? If no one was willing to read the Bible to you, how would you know about Christ and His power to save? Two out of every thousand Americans are blind, totaling 320,000 persons! For years no full-gospel literature was available even for those who could read Braille.

More than half a million people in our nation are deaf—and you could have been one of them. If you were deaf, where would you find a preacher to tell you the good news of salvation? Most church services are for the "hearing."

Of the more than half a million American Indians in the States, many live in absolute poverty and some in rank heathenism. Some have never heard the gospel once! The medicine man still wields powerful influence over them. Did you ever stop to think that you could have been born an American Indian? You could have been one of those pushed aside onto a reservation to live in despair.

Again, what if you were one of the 2,000,000 behind prison walls? How would you feel to be shut away from society and condemned by it?

Or where would you go to church if you were a foreign-speaking person in the United States? Most churches are for the English-speaking.

You might have been born an Eskimo—one of those who have no written language. Who would ever tell you that Jesus loves you and died to save you? *If you were one of the minority groups, who would preach to you?*

The Fall-Winter 1960 issue of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers Magazine carried an excellent outline concerning minorities in America, part of which we quote here:

"1. Minorities tend to become little 'islands' within the general society. This is neither good nor bad. It is not the fault of either the majority or the minority entirely, but is the result of pressures and desires within each.

"2. Minorities have a tendency to enact the role assigned to them by popular opinion or romantic legend.

"3. Minorities usually exhibit certain elements of frustrations within their behavior patterns. (There is a tendency for withdrawal and introversion.)

"4. The minority often reacts with a 'chip-on-the-shoulder' sort of conduct.

"5. Minorities often use face-saving attitudes toward their situation.

"6. Minority leaders have a tendency to keep a conflict going with the majority.

"7. Minorities often suffer from economic difficulties."

The Home Missions Department, through its seven Special Ministries, is attempting to reach these often-neglected minority groups representing a potential of 35,000,000 people. The groups include: American Indians, the Jewish people, six foreign-language branches (districts), the Deaf, the Blind, Alaskans, and prisoners. Nearly 300 appointed missionaries are working with the national and district departments in this endeavor of the Assemblies of God.

Since work among transients or migrants and Kentucky Mountain ministry are more or less local or district projects, the national department does not include these as special ministries.

The Special Ministries are maintained through the contributions of interested individuals and churches, and limited funds often curtail activities. About thirty growing Indian congregations are urgently in need of new or more adequate buildings for worship at present. The department has been unable to help

them for lack of sufficient funds. There are over 100 Indian Assemblies of God churches and outstations. Statistics reveal that the Assemblies of God does eighty per cent of the evangelical work that is accomplished on the reservations.

Better church buildings are needed in several Alaska communities to cope with the intensely cold weather. The Assemblies of God has 33 churches and at least eight outstations or preaching points in Alaska and a church in every town of 1,000 or over population.

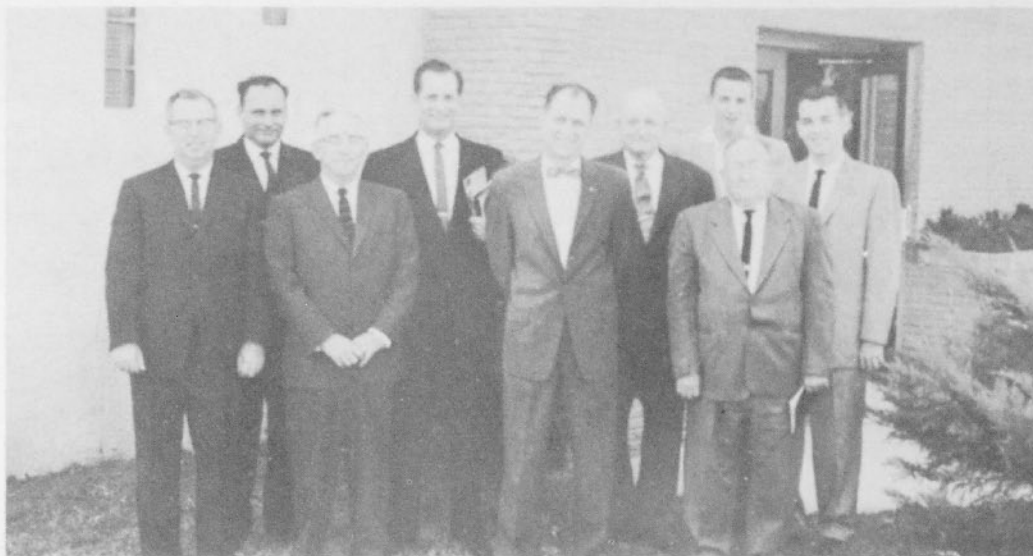
Full-gospel literature in Braille is provided free of charge for the Blind. At present, there is only one appointed worker among the Blind.

Assemblies of God Bible schools are teaching the sign language so more ministers to the Deaf will be available. Also, special gospel literature for the Deaf is provided by the Home Missions Department. Over forty workers are now appointed and minister to the Deaf in various parts of the nation.

Nearly 150 missionaries are reaching the American Indians. Some of our own Indian Christians have helped in the translation of the Scriptures into Indian languages. Fourteen fine missionaries are attempting to win Jews to Christ. Nearly 90 Assemblies of God missionaries are extending the kingdom in Alaska.

The Women's Missionary Council groups of the U.S. have given tremendous assistance in our missionary work through their contributions of new and used clothing for distribution and finances. These gifts have helped to open the hearts of the American Indians and Alaskans alike to the missionaries and to the gospel they preach. Thousands of souls have been saved in these neglected and often isolated areas our missionaries have penetrated. Many of our faithful workers have suffered hardships and sacrificed greatly in order to obey the Lord's call upon their lives. Some have actually given their lives for the people to whom they ministered.

Those who sacrifice to contribute to the support of the Special Ministries—and those who take the gospel to the neglected and isolated areas of the homefront—are obeying an important part of the Great Commission in taking the gospel "to every creature." Many of the people reached with the full gospel through the Special Ministries would never be reached any other way. There is yet much to be done, for many are still waiting to hear.



Laymen of First Assembly, Jackson, Miss., conduct service in Hinds County Jail. (Pastor L. R. Logan, third from left)

MISSISSIPPI LAYMEN WIN PRISONERS

THE HINDS COUNTY JAIL IS THE only escape-proof jail in the state of Mississippi. All prisoners awaiting transfer to federal and state prisons, escaped prisoners who are recaptured, and federal prisoners are jailed in this building. Many are awaiting the gas chamber at the state prison in Parchman, Miss.

The most desperate criminals apprehended in the state are confined here. This provides the church an opportunity to minister to approximately 95 prisoners each Sunday morning.

In 1946, J. C. Lovett of First Assembly of God in Jackson began attending jail services with other denominations. In 1951, Charles L. Griffith began to attend and these two assisted several denominations through the years in conducting services. Two years ago several more members of First Assembly began to attend regularly.

As an activity of the Sunday School Department of First Assembly, the church began to sponsor thirty-minute services each Sunday morning before the regular services. Since this time the group representing the church has grown to an average of about eight

This article was compiled and written by the laymen who compose the jail squad of the First Assembly of God in Jackson, Miss. The group takes full responsibility for the services in the Hinds County Jail. Four of these men are truck drivers. They have been able to schedule their work so their Sundays are free. Most of the members of the squad are faithful Sunday school teachers in First Assembly. The ministry of this group includes both white and colored prisoners.

workers, including two teen-age girls and one teen-age boy who minister to the women and teen-age prisoners.

Services are conducted on both floors of the jail including maximum security, two "bull-pens," juvenile section, and women's section. The present administration of the jail has been very cooperative and helpful in conducting these services.

The state prison consists of approximately 2,000 prisoners in 18 different camps. Located in the Delta and covering many thousands of acres of farm land, this prison grows many crops of agricultural products each year, chief of which is cotton. It is unique in many phases of confinement and is the largest of its kind in the world.

Only one chaplain resides at this prison. He conducts services at each camp only occasionally due to the number of camps and the distance between



J. C. Lovett opens the service at the jail

each. Converts from the Hinds County Jail services conduct services at many of the camps in the absence of the chaplain.

Since the church has sponsored the County jail services the Lord has blessed in a special way. Through the years many hardened criminals have given their lives to the Lord. Some are now preaching the gospel and many are preachers and teachers at the state prison at Parchman.

One of the most outstanding men converted through our ministry was a



Ethel Beaver and Karen Kelley (standing in front) joined the jail squad to work with the women

highly intellectual individual who organized Sunday school classes and taught at Parchman. Two years after being sentenced to 15 years, he was pardoned by the governor of the state and given a high commendation for working with the prisoners and being instrumental in settling a revolt of the prisoners.

Those who participate in this jail ministry are convinced that it is an important part of the field to be evangelized according to the Great Commission. Preaching the gospel "to every creature" means going behind the walls to take Christ to the often-forgotten prisoners. Members of this jail squad have been greatly blessed as they have seen the lives of incarcerated men and women transformed. This ministry has paid rich dividends in a harvest of souls through the years. ◀ ◀

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

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Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

New Appointees

New appointees to American Indian ministry are the Ronald Almbergs, Neah Bay, Wash. They are reaching the Makah Indian tribe. The Harry Leids formerly ministered here. Also, Charles Bates of San Carlos, Ariz., was recently appointed to minister among the American Indians. He is an Apache Indian.

Lodge Pole, Montana

When the John C. Gundersons were listed as new appointees to American Indian ministry, we failed to give their address. They minister to the Assiniboine and Gros Ventres tribes in the Lodge Pole Assembly of God on the Fort Belknap Reservation. Their address is Dodson, Montana.

Espanola, New Mexico

Ira Van Houten, missionary at Espanola, recently began a regular 15-minute Sunday morning broadcast over Santa Fe's KTRC. It is sponsored by Espanola businessmen.

Red Rock, Oklahoma

The Skyview Assembly at Red Rock, Okla., made a down payment on a 1959 house trailer which Lula Mae Morton, newly-appointed missionary, will take to the Navajo Reservation.

Present Indian Population

According to an Arizona newspaper account of current date, the Indian population of the U.S. has increased probably 100,000 over what it was a century ago.

"The Navajos of northeastern Arizona have increased to an estimated

80,000 today from a tenth or less of that number a century ago, and now constitute the largest tribe in the nation comprising well over one-fifth of all Indians combined.

"The 'Vanishing American' has stopped vanishing, with improved health practices and better economic conditions, and no doubt will continue to increase in numbers at a rate equal to if not exceeding that of the rest of the population."

West Texas Project

The West Texas District WMC is sponsoring a "Gallons of Pennies for the Indians" project. These pennies are to be brought to District Council in April 1961 in jars, with each WMC group's name and the amount of money written on its jar. This offering will be used to help missionaries Lois Caruthers, the Leonard Everlys, the Lemy Pikes, and the James Browns.

Pocatello, Idaho

The John T. Kindalls are rejoicing over an attendance increase in their Sunday school. Nearly a dozen Indian people raised their hands for prayer. This congregation urgently needs a church building.

Stanfield, Arizona

Mrs. Lucille Farmer, who is beginning a new work among the Pimas at Stanfield, tells us that the people are very hungry for God's Word. Most of them have never heard the story of Creation as recorded in the Bible! They have their own story of Creation and the Catholics allow them to believe that way.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bates
 (New Assemblies of God missionaries to the American Indians)



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Almberg

Albuquerque, New Mexico

The First Assembly of God, Waxahachie, Tex., gave the L. E. Davises, missionary-pastors at Albuquerque, a '51 Ford bus!

Holbrook, Arizona

The Eugene Herds, missionaries at Holbrook, write that God has helped them to obtain the title to property and \$500 in the building fund with which to erect a new church.

Lawtons, New York

The James Keifers, missionaries at Lawtons, N. Y., are rejoicing because their people are now beginning to respond to the moving of the Spirit. Some were saved and others reconsecrated their lives during one special service in February. February 12 they reached their highest attendance in Sunday school with 51 present.

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Missionary Owen Mincks reports excellent services on the Cheyenne Reservation in South Dakota during February. Larry Bisonette of Minneapolis was the speaker in the services at Cherry Creek and Moreau. Eleven came forward for salvation. Services at Moreau are conducted in an Indian home. Children sat on the floor and many adults were standing. Some people left because of the crowded condition.

Phoenix, Arizona

The All Tribes Indian Bible School at Phoenix, Ariz., has been enjoying a wonderful revival. Students have received the Baptism while sitting in their seats, and during chapel services the Spirit has been outpoured. The school has been enveloped in a heavenly atmosphere. Some students have spoken in languages others have understood. On April 14 the school had its first graduating class. Plans are under way for a new school building on the Salt River Reservation where they have acquired ten acres of land. Mrs. Alta Washburn is the school director.



Mr. and Mrs. Willard C. Sparlin, new staff members of Children's Farm Home, Alaska

Maricopa Reservation (near Phoenix)

Mabel Holland, who is pioneering among the Maricopas and Pimas, reports as follows: "In order to conduct services, we have stood out in the open air night after night with the sand blowing in our faces until I would have to turn my head to one side to be able to preach. My Indian people would sit very attentively and never even move from their seats although the sand was blowing in their faces.

Since the weather has been too cold for services outside, I have held Sunday school at the side of an adobe home. We stood by the wall of the building where the sun would keep us warm.

A two-week revival among the Maricopas was conducted recently with Leslie Sampson as evangelist. Interest was excellent.

ALASKA MINISTRY

New Appointees

The Willard Sparlins, of Fort Worth, Tex., are new staff members of the Children's Farm Home in Palmer, Alaska. Both were actively engaged in church activities at the Gospel Tabernacle in Anchorage while living in Alaska. They cared for two welfare children in Alaska for several years but were not allowed to take them out of Alaska when they returned to the states.

Children's Farm Home, Palmer

The State Game Department of Alaska recently gave a moose they had killed to the Children's Farm Home in Palmer. This gift is very welcome, for meat is very expensive in Alaska.

Seward

The C.A.'s of the Seward Assembly are an active group. They help their pastor in various ways, such as in visitation at an old folk's home in the vicinity of Seward. One or more of the fellows takes his guitar for accompaniment and the group sings gospel songs; then someone reads from the Bible. They sometimes have opportunity to pray with individual inmates.

Eastchester Branch, Anchorage

Gilbert Mort, Pastor of the Eastchester Branch church, reports that they have nearly completed the Sunday school annex and have started using it for classes, which gives them six additional rooms. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit and seven sought the Lord for salvation here recently.

Juneau Children's Home

Eight girls were saved in Juneau Children's Home recently and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. All were baptized in water in the local church.

Minto

Oscar Butterfield ministered in Minto for a week during February. Missionary Gordon Olson reports that three came to the altar for salvation and one received the Holy Spirit. These meetings strengthened the Christians and many others heard the gospel for the first time. The Butterfields also ministered in Fairbanks and Anchorage during February.

DEAF MINISTRY

New Appointee

Fred B. Watterson recently was appointed to minister among the Deaf in Independence, Mo. For a number of years he has been active in the deaf work and at present ministers to the Deaf at the Englewood Assembly of God, Independence, Mo. Once a month Brother Watterson conducts a service for students at the Olathe School for the Deaf, Olathe, Kans.



Ray Aldrich, volunteer Braille transcriber

BLIND MINISTRY

Ravanna, Missouri

Raymond Aldrich, a sighted person of Ravanna, Mo., felt the spiritual need of the blind two years ago. He had always deeply enjoyed studying the Bible. After coming in contact with several blind people, he desired to help them spiritually.

Brother Aldrich learned Braille and became a certified Braille transcriber in July of 1960. He has offered his services to the Home Missions Department as a volunteer transcriber and is now preparing Bible study books for the blind. He and his family are faithful members of the Assembly of God in Princeton, Mo.

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Nigeria

DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING DEDICATED

The Nigerian Headquarters Building recently was dedicated in Enugu. Provision has been made for a superintendent's office, general office, and a conference room. It is planned to enclose the lower portion of the building for use as a public reading room. Listeners to *Revivaltime* in the Eastern Region will be directed to send their inquiries to the District office.

Ghana

GOSPEL RECORDINGS IN AFRICAN VERNACULARS

Gospel records have been made in the Dagbani and Twi languages, the two leading vernaculars in Ghana, reports Missionary Wheeler Anderson. Produced free of charge by Gospel Recordings, Inc., Los Angeles, California, the records will be distributed in Ghana.

South India

INDIGENOUS EXPANSION CONTINUES

Progress in establishing indigenous churches in South India is reported by Missionary Clarence Maloney. One "mother" church has established three branch churches within a radius of forty miles. The congregation of one of these new Assemblies has already

built a branch church. Additional churches are under construction with only a minimum of financial assistance from other than local funds. In the "mother" church the record Sunday school attendance of 200 was broken recently and has now reached 270. Church income has doubled and the church now supports its own pastor and that of an outstation church as well.

Senegal

CRUSADE HELD IN MOSLEM CITY

From 500 to 1,000 people attended open-air revival services held in Tambacounda, Senegal, reports Missionary Peggy Lasley. The ten-day evangelistic crusade with Missionary Charles Petrosky (Togo-Dahomey) was held in downtown, Tambacounda at the invitation of the mayor. Hundreds raised their hands indicating their desire to follow God. However, since the meetings ended there has been considerable opposition. Pray that God will strengthen the converts in this Moslem country.

Mexico

PERSECUTION BREAKS OUT

Incited by a Roman Catholic Catequista and armed with rocks, clubs, bottles, and daggers, a mob attacked Missionary John Peck and a group of

workers holding services in the city of Marquelai Grol, Mexico, recently. Several were saved from death by the rapid intervention of the police. Missionary John Peck escaped from the city without injury. However, several workers were detained in jail. Pray for our workers in Mexico that God will protect and guide them.

Japan

"LIGHT FOR THE LOST" IN OPERATION

Three thousand Gospels of John were distributed recently in Japan, reports Missionary Paul Klahr. The people are gracious and the finest way to reach them for Christ is to let them read God's Word. These Gospels were provided by "Light for the Lost," the missionary program of Men's Fellowship.

Brazil

POLICEMAN HONORED FOR HIS FAITH

Pedro Frederico Soares, a member of the Baptist Church of Neves, Brazil, was honored recently on the Brazilian version of the television program *This Is Your Life*. A police officer in the Federal District of Rio, Mr. Soares carries no weapon—only the Bible. In closing the interview the announcer said, "There, policeman Pedro, are your children, whose lives you protect... as a man of faith you are acquainted



Assemblies of God headquarters building in Enugu, Nigeria



Japanese pastor distributing Light for the Lost literature

with these words in the Book of all truth: 'Suffer little children to come unto me...'

Basutoland

NEW ASSEMBLY IN NATIVE RESERVE

"Hope Chapel," the result of many months of work, was dedicated recently, reports Missionary Peggy Anderson from Basutoland, a native reserve in the Union of South Africa. Missionary Ed Rill, who assisted in the construction of the building, preached the dedicatory message. Evangelistic services are being held nightly in the new church.



Hope Chapel, the new Assembly in Basutoland, South Africa

Cuba

REVIVAL CONTINUES IN CASTROLAND

More than 120 attended the dedication of a new outstation church in El Ciego, Cuba, reports Missionary Floyd Woodworth. "In recent months a revival has broken out with 26 being converted and 23 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Twenty are now ready to be baptized in water."

Union of South Africa

TOWN COUNCIL REQUESTS CHURCH

A church has been begun in Charletonville, South Africa, reports Missionary Vernon Pettenger. This was the result of the following request:

"Owing to the lack of religious facilities in the above township, you and your church are hereby urgently requested by the Town Council of Charletonville to do your utmost to provide church facilities to obviate the dire necessity."

In response, a tent meeting was held by national evangelist Philip Molefe. Town officials were so impressed by the meeting that they gave a lot in the center of the town for the construction of a church. In faith a building has been begun.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

If it is true that not everyone will be saved, why do we put out such slogans as "The world for Christ"?

While not everyone will be saved, it is still our responsibility to take the gospel to all the world. Such slogans as the one you mentioned may help to awaken and stir up interest in the task before us. We are commanded to preach to *every* creature.

Does forgiveness of sin deliver from a guilty conscience?

Memory may call up sins of the past, giving pain to the heart and producing regrets. But when through faith in Christ our sins are forgiven, all guilt is removed. The person who accepts the salvation of Christ is not only forgiven his sin, but he is justified. This means that all the old record is removed completely as far as God is concerned and he is given a new record as free from guilt as if he never had sinned.

This does not mean that such a person may continue to sin and be without guilt. Freed from the guilt of past sins, he should seek to remain free from sin.

What is gossip? Is it wrong to talk to a neighbor about a home where a child has been saved but his parents will not let him go to church?

It depends on your motive and circumstances. Gossip is idle talk. It could be innocent, though wasteful of time, but it tends to develop into tattling, carrying idle tales, often speaking harmfully of others, and throwing out inferences that injure rather than help. Injurious gossip is condemned. "...tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not" (1 Timothy 5:13).

Must we speak in other tongues daily if we have the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Speaking in other tongues in our private devotions is a great blessing for it edifies the believer and brings him into close communion with God. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power for the born-again believer. Since the promise is that the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) shall "abide with you forever," we may believe the Spirit is with us and in us always whether we continue to speak in tongues or not. However, we need fresh infillings of the Spirit from time to time and God will give these to us if we remain yielded to His control. At the same time we ought not to judge our relationship to God by whether we speak in tongues or not. "The just shall live by faith."

Some of my friends have invited me to play various games with them and I have done so; but we have been severely criticized for playing card games. What is wrong with such games?

Since I am not familiar with the games to which you refer, I can speak only on principles. I see nothing wrong with simple amusements as long as they do not take time which ought to be given to God or to better uses. We are to be "temperate in all things." Some may feel that playing innocent card games could lead to gambling. I do think it is wrong to play with a regular deck of playing cards because of the evils that are associated with such.

Perhaps we should have the privilege of using our own judgment in these matters and in honesty satisfying our own conscience. "If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



Left to right: Mrs. Mildred Smuland, national WMC secretary; Mrs. Joseph Flower, New York district WMC president; Norma Johanson; Mrs. Arthur Graves, sectional WMC representative.



This Missionette group pledged \$10.50 toward printing equipment needed by Miss Johanson in Liberia. They are members of the Free Gospel Church in Flushing, New York.

WMC's to Equip Literature Department

BY NORMA JOHANSON
Missionary to Liberia

AFTER TWELVE YEARS' WORK AT THE Newaka Girls School in the hinterland of Liberia, I was asked by the field fellowship to spearhead a literature evangelism program for Liberia last summer. Eagerly I accepted this opportunity, for all of us realize that we must "by all means save some" while we have opportunity.

Our neat new letterhead reads, "Assemblies of God Literature Department, Cape Palmas, Liberia"; but the fact is, the literature department was set up without one piece of office or printing equipment! This did not prevent us from starting colporteurs on their way to sell Gospel portions in various languages, nor from setting up bookshops wherever we could. However, we still needed equipment if we were to carry out the job effectively and fulfill our long-range plans.

I returned to the U.S. on furlough last fall, hoping that possibly I might raise money for the basic needs of our new literature department—typewriter, letter file, adding machine, paper, paper cutter, and, of course, some kind of printing machine.

On February 27 I was a guest at

the tri-sectional WMC rally held at the Richmond Hill (L. I., New York) Bethlehem Church. This is my home area, so it was a great pleasure to be there, especially since Mildred Smuland, national WMC secretary, was to be guest speaker. Mrs. Arthur Graves, Long Island sectional WMC director, and the directors from the other two co-operating sections, Mrs. G. D. Moriello and Mrs. E. Benjamin, had put a lot into the planning of this rally. There was such a wonderful spirit in the meeting from the very start. The presence of the Lord was there and I sensed that here were women who feel deeply, whose eyes see and minds comprehend the needs of others.

In the afternoon service I told them of the literature work. Then Mrs. Mary Jane Flower, New York district WMC president, presented the equipment needs of the literature program. I wondered what would happen. I knew that WMC's would give quilts, layettes, and household items generously if the need was presented, but would they care about desperately-needed printing equipment in Liberia? I soon found out. When Sister Flower finished reading

the list, a lady stood and pledged to supply one item personally. That started it! Before they finished pledging, the entire \$900 I had estimated we would need had been promised! Even a Missionette group made a pledge.

That night when several other groups came in, Sister Flower took pledges for money for ink for the printing machine. This was a particularly blessed time as a little widow woman was the first to her feet. She said that the WMC group to which she belonged had been so good to her when she had no job and was very discouraged—so now that she had a job she wanted to personally pledge \$50 toward the ink. I was moved because the various pledges which came in were not small—they represented real sacrifice and true joy in giving. These women gave because they saw the need and wanted to do something about it.

One thing I learned through this WMC rally is that the greater our vision, the more God can do for us. I must confess my vision was small. I had hoped for funds for only the printing machine, and perhaps the ink, but God through these WMC's had provided the office equipment as well.

This will enable us to produce Bible study booklets, tracts, simplified Sunday school lessons, and other needed literature for distribution. We are most grateful for the literature provided through BGMC and by various WMC groups, but we do need to produce simplified materials on the field when possible. We need your prayers for this stepped-up literature evangelism program in Liberia. "The night cometh, when no man can work." ◀◀

OUR DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE SMALLER and newer districts, yet we have been blessed with a wonderful group of WMC's. They have done a grand job in the many and varied opportunities which have been presented to us in the line of WMC ministry.

We were organized in 1954 with Mrs. James Reb as district president. Mrs. R. O. Shamp followed Mrs. Reb; then Mrs. W. Ventling. In 1959 I was chosen to serve and have served since that time.

With thirty-two churches in the district, we have twenty-four organized groups. We hope to organize in the other eight churches soon, making us a hundred per cent WMC district. We have six Missionette groups, but interest is high and we expect to add a number of new Missionette groups this year.

Much of the WMC work in Wyoming is geared to assisting our pioneer works. Last district council we had our first "Penny Parade." The offering totaled \$337 and was used in various pioneer projects. Our slogan this year is "One Pint of Pennies per WMC member," and our goal is \$500.

Our ladies responded wonderfully in helping to bring added cheer at Christmas to pioneer workers in our district. Every home missions worker was remembered with boxes of gifts, toys, food, and clothing. E. D. Beard, our district superintendent, made special trips in order to deliver some of the packages in time for Christmas. The wife of one of our home missions ministers wrote, "This Christmas was our

Wyoming WMC's Rejoice To Serve

BY MRS. J. E. OVERSTREET
Wyoming District WMC President

first away from home and in a pioneer work. Thanks to the Wyoming WMC, we experienced one of the happiest holiday seasons we have ever had."

Another wrote, "It is hard to put into words the feeling it gives us to be remembered in this way. It certainly makes us feel that we do not stand alone in this field of labor, but that we have the support, love, and prayers of fellow laborers in the vineyard of our Lord."

In October 1955 our district president contacted the national WMC office requesting the name of a missionary we might adopt. In reply, Sister Smuland suggested that we consider two British missionaries, Ann Symonds and Eva Davison, who were laboring faithfully and sacrificially for souls in Ghana, West Africa. In addition to their work at one of our mission stations, they also were (and are) ministering in a large clinic among the lepers. Both of them are graduate nurses. Since they were not well known in America, and since the British have no WMC's, these ladies were receiving only limited help.

Our WMC's rejoiced in the prospect of helping these two missionaries, and we were so glad to receive a letter from them in which they said, "We think it very thoughtful of you to be willing to adopt two English lassies. We have no WMC groups in our own country, so it will be a great help to us to have the ladies of Wyoming join with us in our ministry."

During the past five years our WMC's have contributed to the personal needs of these missionaries as well as supplying materials for the clinic.

In 1960 our adopted missionaries visited the States. They toured our dis-

trict and were able to visit most of our churches. A number of groups presented them with personal showers and birthday parties while they were in the district, and many brought things to the camp meeting for them. Several barrels of clinical supplies were provided.

Now these ladies have appointment by our own Foreign Missions Department and are members of the Wyoming district. We feel that they are no longer "adopted," but are our very own missionaries. God has worked in wonderful ways to make it possible for us to share in the worthy work of these ladies. We are thankful for the cooperation and direction from the National WMC Department which enabled us to adopt these missionaries six years ago.

So much is to be done, and we realize our work will not be finished till Jesus comes. Yet we do feel that the Lord has wonderfully helped us to make progress in WMC work here in Wyoming these past few years. We have contributed to the scholarship fund for foreign Bible schools, and we supplied linens for our district camp and youth camp last year. When Sister Velma Hixenbaugh needed a divan to take back to Liberia with her last year, the WMC's were glad to be able to supply this need. These are not great things, we realize, but they do represent concern, work, and faithful giving on the part of our WMC's, and when they are done for God's glory they are not accounted small in His sight.

Pray with us that God will continue to keep us faithful, so that should He tarry the Wyoming WMC's may prove equal to the opportunities God is pleased to send our way.

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Editor's note: In a recent letter to the National WMC Department, the two English missionaries mentioned above, wrote:

"How we do appreciate the ministry of the Wyoming WMC's in the Lord toward the Bimoba people and ourselves. Several times a day we handle gifts sent by them. The gowns and bandages they sent are a blessing to our many patients here. Above all, we so appreciate their prayer fellowship. We pray that the Lord will bless and encourage every WMC to be as Phebe of old—a sister, a servant, a succorer of many (Romans 16:1)."



Wyoming's adopted missionaries, Eva Davison and Ann Symonds, in native dress of Northern Ghana

Missionettes

AUXILIARY OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL



Missionettes and sponsor, Susan B. Hargrave, of First Assembly, Pueblo, Colo. The girls have made children's dresses to be taken to a foreign field, and also greeting card awards.



These girls are the Missionettes from the Assembly in Union Grove, Wis. Last year the girls honored their mothers at a banquet. Some of their handwork has gone to Indian missions. Sponsor is Mrs. Darlene A. Philbrick.



These Missionettes from Wainwright, Alaska, are busily engaged in a handwork project. The girls are very eager to learn to do new things and find Missionette meetings a great blessing. Sponsor of the group is the pastor, I. Cecelia Piper.



Here are the Missionettes and sponsor, Mrs. James Ince, of Southside Assembly, Garland, Tex. Notice the toys which were given to poor families at Christmas time, along with other gifts. The girls enjoy making things that will be useful to others.



American Indians have received gifts made by these Missionettes from Marysville, Wash. They sing at nursing homes and help in their local church whenever needed. Sponsor is Agnes E. Drawz.



Some of the Missionettes from the Assembly in Iowa Park, Tex., with their sponsor, Martha Allen (front row, right). This active group has completed a number of projects. They sing together for church services.

PLEASE NOTICE—

The list of new Missionette Clubs which appeared in the Evangel each month will no longer be printed. Due to the rapid increase in the number of clubs the lists have become very long. The space previously needed for the lists will now be used for articles and pictures of Missionettes.



BGMC PAGE

FRANCES FOSTER—DIRECTOR



BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

Working for B.G.M.C.

BY ELEANOR GROSSGLASS

TERRY! TERRY! AREN'T YOU EVER going to wake up? The sun is shining, and just listen to the birds singing. It's time to get out of bed!"

If Buddy Barrel Bank, sitting on top of Terry's chest of drawers, could have screamed and made himself heard, Terry would not have slept so late. This Saturday was a big day for the little BGMC barrel and for Terry, his proud little owner.

"Oh, good morning, Buddy! I guess I slept a little longer than I planned to. We'll have to hurry. I told Mrs. Brent that I would be there at nine o'clock to weed her garden. I don't want to make her wait for me. She promised to pay me 75 cents if I do a good job, and I really need that money to fill you up because tomorrow is BGMC Day in Sunday school. There, I'm all dressed and ready to go. Hop into my pocket, Buddy. You might as well go along with me."

Terry hurried down the stairs, ate his breakfast quickly, and started down the road to Mrs. Brent's farmhouse. When he got there, Mrs. Brent was already working in the pretty flower gardens that surrounded the little white farmhouse.

"Good morning, Mrs. Brent. I made it right on time. It's just nine o'clock!"

"Good morning, Terry. Isn't this a lovely day for doing yard work? Let's get started in the garden right away. I imagine an energetic little boy like

you wants to have lots of time left to play. Here is a hoe; all you have to do is my vegetable garden. Be especially careful of the corn. I have some work to do in the house; so when you are finished, just knock on the door."

Terry picked up the hoe and began to dig around the plants in the garden. He made certain that every weed was dug up and soon the even rows of plants began to look neat and clean. It was a big job and Terry's back soon began to ache from bending over the hoe. He noticed the sun was hotter than he ever thought it could be. Little beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead and blisters began to pop out on his hands.

Terry mopped his forehead with a handkerchief and started on the last row of corn. It seemed longer than any other, but finally he turned over the last bit of ground and the job was completed. He walked to the house, knocked politely on the door, and heard Mrs. Brent hurrying down the steps.

"All finished, Terry? My, but you're a fast worker! Let's have a look at the garden."

They walked to the garden and as she looked up and down each row of neat plants, Terry, watching her face, could see that she was pleased.

"Why Terry, you're not only a fast worker but a very good one. You must be hot and tired. Let's go into the house and have some cold lemonade."

While Terry was sipping his lemonade, Mrs. Brent went to the cupboard to get Terry's money."

"For doing such a wonderful job, I'm going to give you a dollar instead of the 75 cents I promised you. Buy an extra ice cream cone or some candy with it."

"Oh, no!" said Terry. "This money is for my BGMC bank. It will buy Sunday school papers, quarterlies, picture rolls, and lots of literature for

boys and girls in other lands. These children don't know about Jesus and I can help the missionaries tell about Him."

"You mean you worked all morning for this money and you aren't even going to spend it on yourself? What a fine boy you are! If you come to my house every Saturday, there will be a few odd jobs if you want to earn more money. I like your work and I like you, too."

"Thank you so much, Mrs. Brent. I promise to do my best. I'd better be going home now. It's getting late."

Terry was so happy he skipped down the road singing a little song. "Oh, my!" he stopped suddenly. "I forgot to put my money into Buddy Barrel Bank. I'll do it right now."

Terry reached into his pocket where Buddy was supposed to be. But the little wooden barrel wasn't there now.

"What's happened to Buddy?" cried Terry. "I had him in my pocket when I left the house this morning. He must have fallen out somewhere in the garden!"

Terry turned around and ran back to the garden as quickly as his legs could go. He searched each row of plants and looked under the leaves. But he couldn't find Buddy!

And then as he felt almost ready to give up the search, he saw his little friend almost completely hidden under a pepper plant.

"Didn't you hear me call you?" scolded Terry, as he snatched up the little BGMC barrel. "I'm so glad you're not really lost! I'm all through working and I was halfway home before I missed you. Imagine! While I was working so hard in the sun, you were taking a nap in the shade of a pepper plant! But never mind, Buddy! I'm not really scolding, and I'm not forgetting that you're going to go to work now. Let me put the dollar Mrs. Brent gave me in you now, so we won't lose it. And from now on, don't go jumping out of my pocket!"

Buddy Barrel Bank and Terry walked on home, each one looking very well satisfied because they were ready for BGMC Day. How about you and your barrel bank? Remember to be ready on the first Sunday of each month!

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District C.A. Presidents Meet

Foreign Missions Director Calls for Greater Urgency in Promoting STL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—“Speed-the-Light is the most unusual missionary approach made by any youth group in the world,” stated J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, at the Speed-the-Light banquet held here February 16 to climax a four-day conference of District C. A. presidents.

Brother Hogan told the more than 175 youth leaders and their wives and official guests that as a result of this missionary concept there was little worry about transportation for our missionaries on the foreign fields. It was reported that \$350,000 was given by the Christ's Ambassadors of the nation to Speed-the-Light. This brings the total giving since the inception of the program to more than three and a half million dollars.

In opening his address the missions leader said, “Our Assemblies of God missionaries may not be the best paid, as far as their personal budget is concerned, but they certainly are not the worst. They may not be the best housed, though not the worst. As for fringe benefits—insurance, pensions, education for children, and a few other things—we could do much better. But transportation-wise there are no missionaries in the entire world as well equipped as our Assemblies of God missionaries. This is due to the tremendous Speed-the-Light concept which

has been blessed of God over these many years. For this, I want to express the gratitude of our missionary family to the Christ's Ambassadors.”

Describing how profitable Speed-the-Light has been in its ministry to our missionaries, Brother Hogan referred to the early days of the program when funds were raised to open evangelistic centers in strategic cities of the world. He said, “Some of you remember how, when the war was over and Japan was opening up, \$20,000 was raised for the evangelistic center in Tokyo. It was built in the days when materials were hard to secure. It was not too permanently constructed, but it was the best we could do with the materials we could get in Japan in those days.

“The center was built on an area flattened by bombs. As the years passed, enterprising Japanese improved the area around the center. Nearby is located one of the most fabulous shopping centers you would ever want to see, with some very large department stores.

“More recently, a new insurance company decided to build next to the evangelistic center. They made a proposition: if we would turn over the center and its small plot of ground to them, they would give us a piece of land twice the size just three blocks away. On it they would build twice as large an evangelistic center and bookstore. They would also put a suite of offices on the fourth floor of the build-

ing for headquarters of the Japan Assemblies of God. In addition, \$5,000 would be given for a church in Tokyo.

“You can be sure that we took them up on this deal. You see, the Speed-the-Light dollars have a way of growing—your pound gained ten pounds!”

In his recent travels in Latin America, Brother Hogan learned how quickly communication is possible between various areas of the world. In seconds the continents can now speak to each other. This points up, he said, that this is the most communicative age man has ever known. Thus from the background of his recent tour of the Orient and his trip to the capitals of Latin America, he spoke with great feeling in declaring, “This is entirely in keeping with the way missionary work ought to be done today—with great speed and urgency.”

In developing his message he referred to 2 Timothy 4:1-3 in the Amplified New Testament and selected the phrase, “Keep your sense of urgency,” as not only a good text but also a timely one. From this he proceeded to stress some of the considerations which demand urgency on the part of our missionary program today.

He referred to President Kennedy's remarks concerning the dark political outlook in the world at present, when he said, “Time has not been our friend.” He declared that if the President can awaken a sense of urgency on the part of the American people, he will have gone a long way toward equipping them to meet the world situation. Similarly, he said, if Christians can be aroused to a “sense of the urgency” of this hour something will be done about it.

He said his personal attitude has changed very greatly in the past few months. “I have come home from all the major cities in the Far East, and all the major capitals of Latin America with a deep foreboding in my heart

Speed-the-Light banquet climaxed the annual District C. A. Presidents Conference at Springfield, Mo.



about the future of our own country. And, of course, you cannot separate this from the attitude of the Christian, because great world political factors and great world spiritual factors belong together. You cannot separate them." He declared that ministers are failing in their duty if they do not preach the nearness of the second coming of the Lord.

Pursuing the factors which demand urgency from the Christian, Brother Hogan pointed to the attitude the rest of the world takes toward America. He said that this definitely affects the Church of Jesus Christ because America is now the last resource area from which world evangelism can start. If the countries of the world refuse us political recognition, then we cannot continue our missionary activities. "This world-wide growth of anti-Americanism is a very serious threat to our business of evangelizing the world. We need to pray about this."

Another area, Brother Hogan cautioned, which demands our urgent consideration is that of the imbalance of the gold reserve.

"Uncle Sam has never, as far as I know, placed one restriction on one missionary dollar that has ever gone out. But if this gold reserve situation does not reach a balance, 'an embargo on American dollars going for charitable purposes' may be forthcoming, according to *Time* magazine. This means missions. This is the reason the fountain of world evangelism has dried up in many areas of the world. . . . It is not because the Christians of Great Britain, Scandinavia, and other parts of Europe do not love missions. It is because they cannot send resources out of the country.

While there are many other notes of urgency to which attention could be drawn, Mr. Hogan said the rapprochement between Roman Catholicism and the National Council of Churches in America is one that has very serious undertones for missionary work. This demands our urgent observation and study. He called attention to the meeting in San Francisco recently at which Bishop Pike and Dr. Blake stated, "This is the time and place for Catholics and Protestants to get together." If this is what lies out in the future, it may affect our missionary opportunities in many foreign lands, he said.

He told of being in Argentina recently when a great Catholic rally was underway. He said an eighteen-inch statue was moved from a shrine, where it had rested for three hundred years, to the central cathedral in Buenos Aires. Here with all the army brass in attendance that statue was made a full general in the Argentine army with pension rights and a full salary.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of the United States was present and blessed the whole proceedings. Brother Hogan pointed out the significance of this, saying: "Most Americans do not know Catholicism. Bishop Sheen wouldn't have tried that in Boston or St. Louis. He knows better than to do that, but he would accommodate himself to Catholicism as it is preached in Latin America, and would stand and bless the making of an idol of a virgin into a full general of the Argentine army. To me this points to the real predicament of the situation."

Concluding his remarks, he called for a greater sense of urgency in praying, in evangelizing, and in promoting Speed-the-Light. ◀◀

Howard S. Bush (center), Executive Director of the C. A. Department, presented plaque awards for excellence in Speed-the-Light giving by local groups. C. A. leaders who received awards for churches in their districts are shown here. Left to right: Dan Hughes, Arizona; Derald Musgrove, Kansas; Roy Sopp, Southern California; Stephen Asmuth, Northern California-Nevada; Brother Bush; Dick Fulmer, National C. A. Secretary; E. W. Rethford, Tennessee; Joe Wilmoth, Arkansas; and Duane Buhler, Southern Idaho. The churches receiving these awards gave a grand total of more than \$20,000 in 1960.

SPEED-the-LIGHT

TOP TWENTY-TWO

LEADING THE NATION

January 1 to February 28, 1961

TOTAL GIVING

Calvary F G A/G, Inglewood, Calif.	\$600.00
First A/G, Eugene, Oreg.	505.00
Firestone A/G, South Gate, Calif.	502.68
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex.	500.00
A/G, Megargel, Ala.	472.75
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Tex.	455.00
First A/G, San Bernardino, Calif.	435.00
A/G, Ennis, Tex.	434.41
University A/G, Waxahachie, Tex.	433.82
Northside A/G, Fort Worth, Tex.	331.00
Pentl Assembly, Albany, Oreg.	315.00
Bethel Temple, Dayton, Ohio	305.50
First A/G, Clearwater, Fla.	295.00
Crichton A/G, Mobile, Ala.	258.16
A/G, Corvallis, Oreg.	255.00
Full Gospel A/G, McMinnville, Oreg.	253.00
First A/G, San Pedro, Calif.	250.00
A/G, Jacksonville, Oreg.	245.20
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala.	234.00
Hi Way Tab, Cleveland, Tex.	233.00
Northside A/G, Bryan, Tex.	227.22
First A/G, Russellville, Ark.	210.00
HONORABLE MENTION	
S. W. Bible Inst, Waxahachie, Tex.	978.59

PER CAPITA GIVING

Per capita offering is based on total offering divided by number of C. A. members. Number of members is in parentheses.

Calvary F G A/G, Inglewood, Calif. (15)	\$40
A/G, Jacksonville, Oreg. (7)	35
A/G, Megargel, Ala. (23)	20
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex. (25)	20
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala. (12)	19
University A/G, Waxahachie, Tex. (23)	18
First A/G, Russellville, Ark. (12)	17
A/G, Shoshone, Idaho (12)	17
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg. (19)	16
A/G, Coleman, Fla. (7)	14
Glad Tidings A/G, Clio, Ala. (5)	13
Oak Dale A/G, Orepton, Ala. (10)	13
Trinity Tab, Baytown, Tex. (35)	13
Marvin Chapel, Coffee Springs, Ala. (4)	12
A/G, Corvallis, Oreg. (20)	12
A/G, Geary, Okla. (8)	12
Hi Way Tab, Cleveland, Tex. (19)	12
A/G, Wilmer, Tex. (5)	12
Fleming Hts A/G, Orlando, Fla. (11)	11
Fontaine A/G, Houston, Tex. (17)	10
A/G, Lambertville, N. J. (6)	10
Airline A/G, Houston, Tex. (11)	10



Sunday's Lesson

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH



JOSHUA AT JERICHO

Sunday School Lesson for May 7, 1961

JOSHUA 5:13-15; 6:17-26

The miracle of the Jordan crossing was marvelous indeed. But now Jericho loomed large and foreboding before Israel's eyes—a strongly garrisoned city which appeared invulnerable. God, however, has a word for His people:

"March around the city once a day for seven days. Let the priests lead the way, bearing the ark and blowing their trumpets. As for the people, let them be still. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. At the end of the seventh time let the priests blow a long blast on their trumpets and let all the people shout! As they do so the walls of Jericho will fall down flat."

Israel obeyed God. They marched. They kept quiet. They waited. Then they shouted. As God had said, so it came to pass. Jericho's massive walls crumbled and Israel took the city. This story is written for our instruction. It suggests how we too may overcome our "Jerichos"!

1. *Spiritual victories are won by means and methods which appear ridiculous to the natural mind.* How absurd and unreasonable God's orders concerning Jericho must have seemed both to Israel and to her enemies. How Jericho's inhabitants must have taunted God's people from the walls. God's methods and ways are not our methods and ways. He takes the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. By means of very insignificant things and very ordinary people He brings to nought the wisdom and might of man. Why? In order that no flesh may glory in His presence. To demonstrate the fact that spiritual victories are not attained by human ingenuity, merit, or power. See 1 Corinthians 1:17-29; 2:14; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:12-17.

2. *The victory proves the value of persistence.* Thirteen times the Israelites marched around the city. Why did God keep them waiting so long? In order to test their faith and the depth of their desire to possess the city. Suppose they had given up too soon! Over and over again the Bible teaches us the value of persistence. "Every one that asketh receiveth. . . . Ask . . . seek . . . knock" this is His command which carries the assurance of victory!

3. *The victory was not won by Israel's own efforts, but by obedience and faith!* "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down," states the writer of Hebrews eleven. Whose faith? The faith of the people who proved their faith by obeying God and marching around the city. Faith, which is putting into practice God's Word and acting upon it alone, is the condition of all spiritual progress and victory.

4. *The victory was accepted before it became evident.* God said to Joshua, "See, I have given into thine hand Jericho." Not, "I will give," but "I have given." The Holy Ghost is not a faulty grammarian. He meant what He said. As far as God was concerned Jericho was already in the

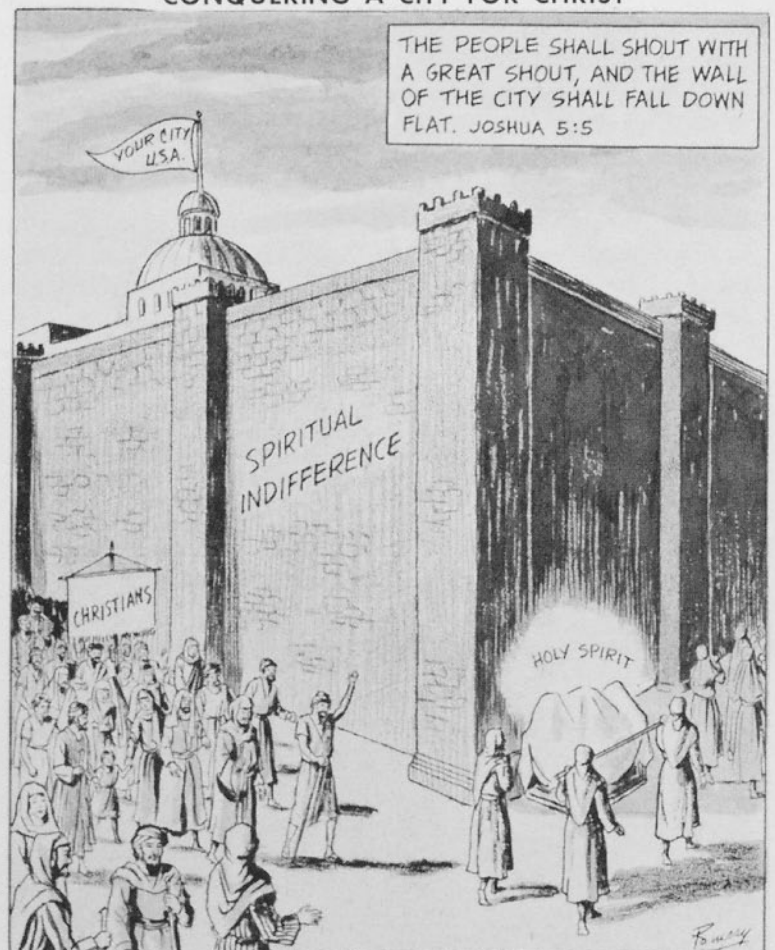
hands of Joshua, and Joshua was simple enough to believe it! With all due respect to our well-known song, "Victory Ahead," we believe it would be more scriptural to sing, "Victory just now." It was not "victory ahead," but "victory from beginning to end!" Israel was not so much advancing *toward* victory, as advancing *in* victory—and there is a real difference between the two! " whatsoever things ye desire, *when ye pray, believe that ye receive* (present tense) and ye shall have them."

5. *The victory reveals the value of the shout of faith.* For seven days Israel was commanded to be silent. Then the people were commanded to shout. There is a time to be still, but there is also a time to shout. Again, there is no use to shout unless it is in obedience to God. Furthermore, shouting is not a substitute for righteousness or faith, but the fruit of it. Joshua said, "Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city." Yet Jericho appeared just as formidable as it had been the first day! But the people obeyed. "The people shouted with a great shout." What did they shout about? We believe they shouted and rejoiced because the city was theirs. For once they acted like true sons of Abraham who had a like faith in that when God promised him a son in his old age "he considered not his own body now dead . . . but was strong in faith giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able to perform." Said the late Smith Wigglesworth, "You must learn to take the victory and shout in the face of the devil, 'It is done.' There is no man who can doubt if he learns to shout!"

6. *The victory over Jericho assures us that we can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."* Our Jerichos will fall as we look to Christ in faith and obey!

—J. Bashford Bishop

CONQUERING A CITY FOR CHRIST





Suicide

Is it the way out?

BY NELL F. HALL

How presumptuous is any man who ends his day of grace sooner than God has planned it—who rushes into the presence of his Maker before he is called to appear!

IN A RECENT ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK, the Golden Gate Bridge is described as not only the longest and most beautiful single span in the world, but also the most lethal. Two hundred people from all walks of life have plunged from it seeking a "way out."

Only seventy-three days after the bridge was opened Harold Wobber was strolling over it. He suddenly took off his coat and vaulted the rail, shouting, "This is where I get off." An instant later he hit the water 238 feet below.

Why would anyone take his own life? Why is it that more than 18,000 people in the United States commit suicide every year? Are they really finding the way out?

The main reason is that many people have ceased to believe there is any life after death. "When you're dead, you're finished," is their wishful thinking, but Jesus pulled aside the veil that hides the spirit world from our view and showed us clearly that the death

of the body is not a terminus but rather a junction. He told of two men who departed this life, whose bodies were buried but who continued in the conscious existence for which they had prepared themselves.

One was a godly man who entered into eternal joy. The other man had lived as though this life would end all, and he found himself in torment. He was very much aware of his surroundings and his plight, and complained of the terrible flames of hell. He remembered his brothers who were headed for the same tragic fate. He even prayed—but his prayer was too late. He found out that death is not the final destiny but a juncture with the eternal world. Dust may return to dust, but human personality is more than protein and minerals and it will go on somewhere — consciously—maintaining its identity and responsibility forever.

Suicides are most frequent among those who have lost faith in religion, and who, tired of life, are willing to anticipate by a few years their inevitable destiny. Life seems to them like a jigsaw puzzle with none of the pieces fitting. Many materialistic, worldly people have no higher ideal in life than to "eat, drink, and be merry," not realizing that the soul can no more be satisfied with worldly things than bodily hunger can be fed on a diamond, or bodily thirst satisfied with a pearl. Banquets, balls, bridge parties and theatres may absorb a few years of this life, but always leave the life like a sucked orange—fit to be cast aside.

It is significant that the highest percentage of suicides occur not among the crippled and blind, or people from the slums, but among the educated and well-to-do.

And while man sees no purpose in life, his very soul is the battleground of two powers struggling over eternal issues! For man is the inhabitant of two worlds—he stands immersed in two orders of being, related to one world through the sensory apparatus, and to the other through a strange spiritual mechanism that defies analysis but which functions in the subconscious. This subconscious which relates him to a spiritual order is a vast realm with powers and latent faculties that are wonderful. Through this medium man is governed by spirit influence either from above or from the under world. Jesus taught that each of us belongs either to the kingdom of darkness or to the kingdom of light.

This idea of evil spirits influencing the mind of man is something offensive to human pride, but Jesus believed in a personal devil whose power He came to destroy, and on many occasions He commanded demons to come out of their victims. They brought to Him a boy vexed with a demon that sought to destroy him, sometimes by water and sometimes by fire. Jesus rebuked the demon and set the boy free.

The enemy, Jesus said, comes but to kill and to destroy (John 10:10). The whole weight of Scripture supports the fact that evil spirits may get control of human lives, and, once they are seated firmly on the throne of the affections, may exercise despotic sway, trying to blight the whole life. The Bible speaks of unregenerate men who "walk according to the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), whom Christ called the "prince of this world." John tells us the world "lieth in the evil one."

James 4:7 tells us to "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." In no case is this more needed than when the suggestion of suicide comes. Among all who have jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge only one survived. She later said her action was due to a "sudden impulse." No doubt this was a suggestion from a demon who sought to destroy her. She should have recognized this and resisted.

A drunk man is wide open to demon powers by virtue of his lack of control. One who loses his temper is similarly exposed, as are those who have anything to do with spiritism, or other occult sciences, or religions which deny the power of the blood of Jesus. Back-

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slidden Christians are in a most vulnerable position. Some of these evil powers will drive the victim to commit suicide, as in the case of Saul.

If Saul was driven to this awful act, was he then to blame? A coronor's inquest today would probably bring the verdict of mental derangement and excuse him from the responsibility of the act. I wonder if God does. An act of suicide cannot be judged by itself. It must be taken in connection with the course of the previous life. The criminality of many an act must be thrown back on a previous act out of which it has arisen.

For example, a drunkard gets into a brawl and kills. He comes to himself, totally unaware of what he has done, and when he learns that he has killed he is remorseful. He would not have done the deed had he been his proper self, but his proper self was overmastered, overthrown, brutalized by liquor. Do you excuse him on that account? You may excuse him of deliberate design of murder, but the possibility of the deed is involved in his getting drunk! To get drunk, to deprive oneself for hours of his senses, to expose self to an influence that may

cause him to commit some horrible crime, is a fearful sin. Thus you carry back the criminality of the act of murder to the previous act of getting drunk.

So in the case of Saul, the criminality of the suicidal act is carried back to the earlier sin of which he was guilty when he determined to follow his own will instead of God's will. We can trace the decay of Saul's inner life as the natural disposition goes unchecked in its peevish, fretful way, every day becoming more stubborn and impulsive, until self-will and pride bring a complete severance of his heart from God. God ceases to interfere with him—Saul gives himself over to spiritism, and the only step remaining is to hurl himself into eternity, a suicide.

In Saul's case, an unseen hand urged him to his doom. The evil spirit manifested itself in incurable melancholy, which at times blazed forth in fits of uncontrollable, jealous anger. Despondency today is the leading cause of suicide, for the devil delights to fish in troubled waters.

How important it is that we learn to discipline ourselves in our everyday lives! Young people may scorn strict teaching here—"This is a new genera-

tion; things are different!"—but some things do *not* change. The law of gravity has never changed; neither has the law of cause and effect. It is true that we make our future out of our present deeds.

But why is suicide so serious a sin? It is because life is a sacred trust. It is a sin against the authority of God when man usurps His sovereignty and presumes to dispose of that life. Suicide is an atheistic denial of God's government—a desertion of the post to which God has assigned us, and a refusal to submit to His will. The Word of God admonishes us to endure afflictions with patience and to bow to the will of God.

But we see an even graver aspect to this sin in God's Word which declares, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; *for in the image of God made he man*" (Genesis 9:6). Here is a manifest reference to the dignity put upon human nature when the Creator endowed it with a rational, immortal spirit. The crime of murder is not merely in putting to death the animal part of man's nature; it is a crime against the Creator whose image man bears. Murder or suicide is an indignity done to the noblest work of God, the life of an immortal being who is accountable in another state for the actions done in this. Surely for this reason it should be specially guarded, since death introduces man into changeless and eternal relations which are not to be at the mercy of human passions.

And so we find we are stuck with ourselves not only for time but for eternity! How can we learn to take the bludgeoning of circumstances—how can we handle the problems of life? We live in such troubled times, both in the world about us and in our own private inner worlds! Both seem at a fever pitch with disturbances in the outer world of politics, industry, and international relations, and in the inner world of emotions, values, and beliefs; until, as someone has aptly stated, "The old world is like a man stricken both with a broken back and a nervous breakdown at the same time."

Essentially we are not very strong, and the problems of life are solid and substantial. We may handle some of them but the continuous accumulation may overwhelm us and bring us to a point where we feel defeated—unless we get within us a power greater than

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ISRAEL IS ONE OF THE OLDEST NATIONS in the world and one of the youngest. On May 15, 1948, its Declaration of Independence was heralded around the world. Israel was reborn! For 2,000 years Jews had been a homeless and persecuted people. Now they had a homeland!

With the establishment of the new state all restrictions on Jewish immigration were lifted. By the twelfth anniversary, May 15, 1960, Israel had received more than 1,200,000 exiles from 72 countries—a mass immigration unparalleled in history. Israel now has a population of more than 2,000,000—a veritable kaleidoscope of cultures and languages. These people are in Israel because they wish to be. An irresistible force as deep-seated as that which stirs the migratory birds in spring brings them to Israel. It is God's time "to go home."

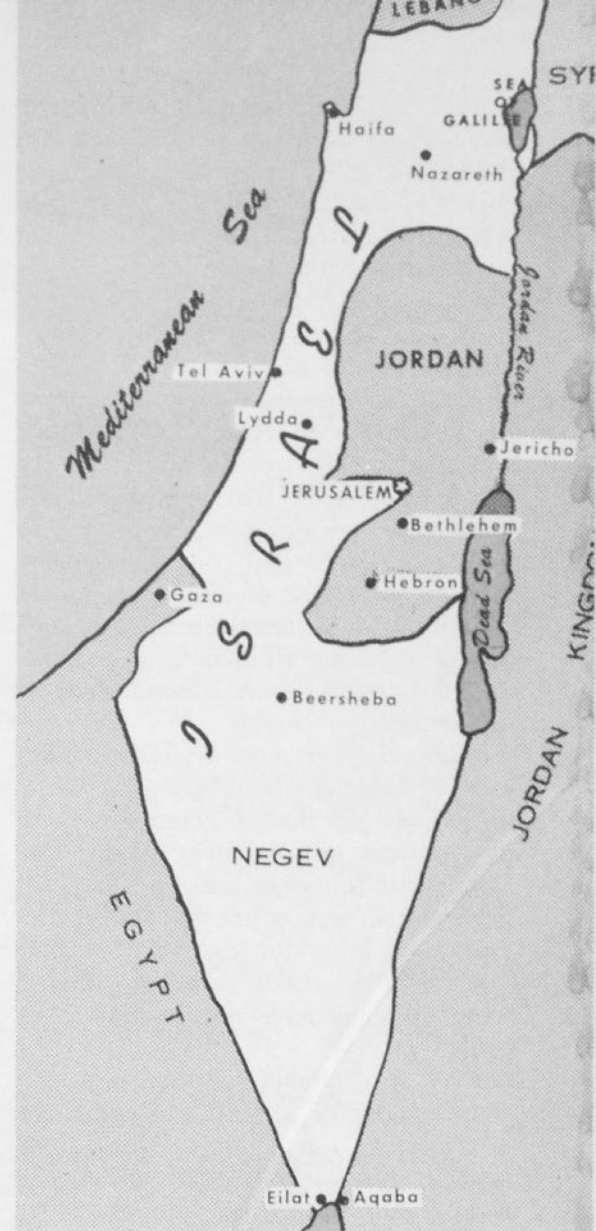
Israel is a nation so tiny that its name must be printed outside its borders on a world map. Its importance, however, is not conditioned upon size. No other land has so imposing a history. It was hallowed by the life and ministry of Jesus; prophets, priests, and kings once walked its roads. This small country of 8,048 square miles occupies a key position geographically and politically on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean between an aggres-

sive Egypt and the uneasy Jordan kingdom.

As in David's day, Jerusalem is Israel's capital. Its ancient hills formed the backdrop for the greatest events in history—the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. When Palestine was partitioned in 1948 Jerusalem also was divided. A narrow corridor of barbed wire and bombed-out buildings known as "No Man's Land" now separates the Arab-held Old City from the New City in Israel. Mandelbaum Gate is the only passage between the two sections. The Old City looks much like the Jerusalem of Jesus' day. The New City is a pulsating modern center with nearly 200,000 residents.

Haifa, a city of 175,000, beautifully situated on the slopes of Mount Carmel, is Israel's main seaport. Tel Aviv, modern seaside metropolis founded in 1909, was merged with Jaffa (Biblical Joppa) a few years ago. With a population of 400,000 it is Israel's largest city.

In spite of great handicaps Israel has made phenomenal progress in the last twelve years. The land has been brought into production as foretold by the prophet—"the desert shall blossom as the rose." Various industries have been developed. Copper mines in the southern Negev, forgotten since the days of Solomon, are in operation. Mil-



Fountain at the village of Cana. It was water from this well that Jesus turned into wine for the wedding feast. (Three Lions photo)

lions of trees have been planted in a great reforestation program. In reviewing the country's achievements and plans Israel's President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi declared recently, "It is our task to reclaim and prepare the wastelands of our country to prepare for more immigrants."

Tourism has been developed into Israel's most important source of foreign currency. More than 100,000 tourists visited Israel in 1960.

As amazing as the rebirth of the nation is the revival of Hebrew. It is now the official language of Israel, and is the means of uniting and integrating the people into one nation. All immigrants are expected to learn Hebrew; only among Sabras (Israel born) is it the mother tongue. Literacy is high; attendance at elementary schools is compulsory. More books, magazines, and newspapers are published in Israel, per capita, than in any other country.

The Bible is a textbook in Israel's schools because in it the nation's history, culture, and religion are recorded.

Bible quizzes are popular throughout the land. Bus drivers read the Bible to become well-informed guides for Christian tourists.

Judaism is the state religion; however, due to the different national backgrounds of the Jews there are many religious divisions and a wide variety of customs and observances. The constitution has decreed religious freedom for all citizens in Israel, but in practice it is greatly restricted.

It is significant that nearly 200,000 non-Jewish people are also residents of Israel. According to government statistics the Moslem population totals 147,000, with 100 mosques. "Christian" Arabs, including Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant adherents, number 45,000.

Modern Protestant missions date from 1820 when the London Missionary Society established a church, school, and hospital in Jerusalem. Many European and American societies followed. Their work was primarily among the Arab population for the Jews at that time were a small minority. Today many missions have representatives in Israel.

Miss A. Elizabeth Brown was the first Assemblies of God representative in the Holy Land. Miss Brown first went to Jerusalem in 1895 under another mission board, but after receiving the baptism of the Spirit in 1908 she established a Pentecostal work. While on furlough during World War I she was accepted as a missionary of the Assemblies of God. A number of other missionaries were appointed later and together they carried on an evangelistic and educational program in the Jerusalem area and in Trans-Jordan. For some years two mission stations were maintained in Jerusalem: Miss Brown's work was primarily among the Arab



Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Kofsmann and Florence

population while Laura Radford worked among the Jews.

Palestine's internal, economic, and political turmoil in the 1940's brought drastic changes in our work. During the Arab-Jewish War (1947-48) missionary work came to a standstill as missionaries were evacuated and Arab believers fled to neighboring Arab countries. The rented building used by Miss Radford for her work was bombed during the hostilities. Our other mission station, constructed under Miss Brown's leadership, received only slight damages. When Jerusalem was divided, this location (corner of King George Avenue and Mamillah Road) was included in the State of Israel. It is in this property, consisting of a large mission house, chapel, and bookshop, that our Jewish work is now conducted. Victorine Cheek and Dorothy Whitner supervised our work in this station (now known as the Messianic Assembly) from 1952 to 1955; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pencovic, from 1955 to 1960.

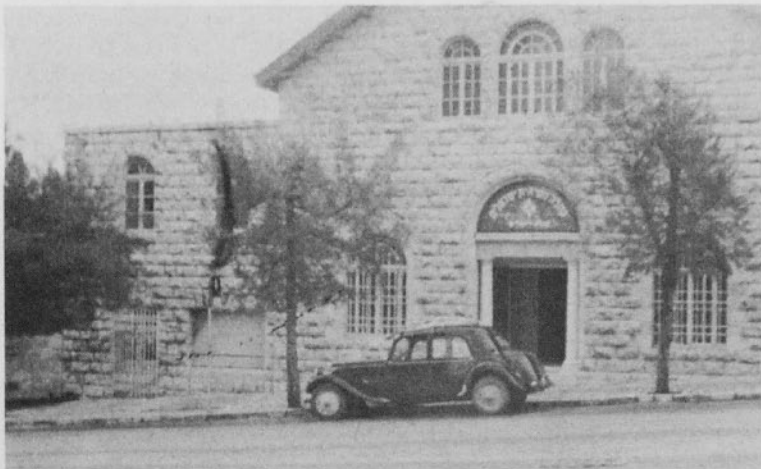
Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Kofsmann were recently appointed as our Assemblies of God representatives in Israel. The Kofsmanns are French Jews, also citizens of Israel. Mr. Kofsmann accepted Jesus as his Messiah when he was in

French colonial service in Upper Volta, French West Africa. A number of our missionaries on that field were instrumental in his conversion, but particularly Vivian and Florence Smith. Later Mrs. Kofsmann also was led to Christ. When Israel became a state the Kofsmanns felt led to go there to witness for the Lord. They emigrated from France to Israel in 1948 and have served there since that time.

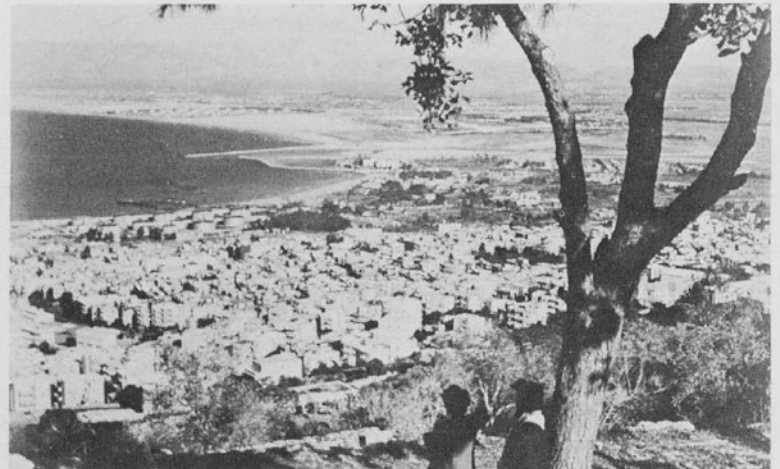
Large crowds do not gather for Christian services in Israel. Mass evangelism, so successful in other lands, is inexpedient in this land, at least for the present. Centuries of persecution and betrayal at the hands of so-called Christian nations have produced bitterness and skepticism in the Jewish mind. The terrible suffering they endured caused many to become avowed atheists. Traditional indifference and antagonism to the gospel are hindrances to the establishing of a strong Christian testimony in Israel.

In our Jerusalem bookshop, Bibles and Christian literature are available in many languages. In the window is a large Hebrew Bible; its pages are turned each day. Many people pause to read, and some enter the shop to talk with our missionaries. Often they ask for the entire Bible. As they read the New Testament they meet Jesus of Nazareth. A few recognize Him as their Messiah and acknowledge Him publicly; others remain "secret believers." They believe in their hearts, yet, for fear of severe persecution, dare not confess Him openly.

The Kofsmanns ask us to pray with them for another Pentecostal outpouring in Jerusalem so that the "wonderful works of God" will again be seen. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalm 122:6).
—Christine Carmichael



Our Assemblies of God mission in Jerusalem, Israel



Overlooking the port city of Haifa from Mount Carmel



The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, MAY 1

READ: Genesis 3:1-7

LEARN: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

FOR THE PARENT: The beautiful, perfect creation of God became marred by sin—by disobedience to God's voice. Show how Satan subtly tempted Eve: (1) by questioning what God said, v. 1; (2) by getting Eve to add to what God said—the original command of God mentioned nothing wrong in touching the fruit of the tree, v. 3; (3) by planting unbelief in God's Word, v. 4; (4) by implying that God was not thinking of Eve's best interests, v. 5. Note also the progress of temptation: looking, desiring, and sinning, v. 6.

QUESTION TIME: How did Satan tempt Eve? (See above) How does a temptation progress until it becomes a sin? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. C. F. Petroskey, Dahomey; Mrs. E. D. Pettenger, South Africa; Chaplain (Capt.) Elton E. Curnutt, Korea; Mrs. Ruby London (Indian), Colorado.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

READ: Genesis 3:8-15

LEARN: "It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, showing how Adam and Eve sinned. Then point out: (1) sin broke the fellowship they once had with God, v. 8; (2) God is ever seeking out the sinner, trying to bring him back to a place of fellowship with his Creator, v. 9; (3) sin makes us afraid of God—makes us hide from Him, v. 10; (4) all sin must be punished—the serpent, Adam, and Eve all suffered consequences for their sin. But in the midst of this sordid picture comes a ray of hope—a promise of One, Jesus Christ, who will save from sin, v. 15.

QUESTION TIME: What three things about sin does this passage teach us? (See above) What promise of redemption did God give to Adam and Eve? (v. 15)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. G. A. Anderson (superannuated), China; Howard B. Hawkes, East Pakistan; Arthur C. Sholtis, Korea; William H. Sakwitz, Japan; Anna Mary Hoffman (Indian), Arizona.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

READ: Genesis 3:16-24

LEARN: "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living" (Genesis 3:20).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week. Stress again that sin must be punished, showing the punishments upon Adam and Eve. This would be a good place to emphasize that just saying, "I'm sorry," doesn't always take care of a wrong deed. Often there are consequences to suffer. Show also how God killed an innocent animal to make clothes for Adam and Eve—again typifying the death of an innocent substitute—Jesus—to atone for the sins of man.

QUESTION TIME: What punishments came upon Adam and Eve because of their sin? (vv. 16-19, 22-24) In what way does verse 21 speak to us of the death of Christ for our sins?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Peter W. Funk, Hawaii; A. E. Sorbo, Indonesia; Mrs. J. M. Lewis, India; E. Charlese Spencer, Ghana; Mrs. Luther Cayton (Indian), Nevada; Mrs. Leo Gilman (Indian), Arizona; Chaplain (Capt.) James H. Cotton, North Carolina.

THURSDAY MAY 4

READ: Joshua 5:13-15; 6:17-27

LEARN: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him" (Psalm 25:14).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Joshua at Jericho" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The fear of Israel was upon the people of Jericho when Israel miraculously crossed the Jordan River. From a human standpoint, that would seem to be the ideal time for Israel to press the battle and take the city. But Israel had to undergo some important spiritual preparation before battle. Show how Joshua himself met with the Lord, recognizing Him as the true leader of Israel. Show also how faith in God—not human might—won a great victory for Israel.

QUESTION TIME: How did Joshua acknowledge the Lord as the true leader of Israel? (5:13-15) How was Jericho conquered?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: F. William Olson (Indian), New Mexico; Mrs. C. Lewis Welker, Alaska.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

READ: Acts 11:19-26; 12:24; 13:1-4 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

FOR THE PARENT: The gospel message spread rapidly through the Middle East countries. This passage records its spread to Antioch—and tells about bringing the message to the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Discuss: (1) the apostles sending Barnabas to help this church; (2) his reaction to what he saw; (3) the kind of man he was; (4) his desire to have Saul (Paul) help him; (5) the growth of the work; (6) the new name for believers. Because Barnabas and Saul were faithful where God had placed them, the Spirit called them to an even more influential work.

QUESTION TIME: What kind of man was Barnabas? (11:24) What was the result of his ministry in Antioch? (11:24) With what new name were believers tagged in Antioch? (11:26)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Freida Neuhaus (Jewish), California; Mrs. R. F. Frivold, Japan; Martha M. Kucera, India; Mrs. H. E. Mock, Peru; Mrs. D. H. Peck, Republic of Congo; E. E. Shaffer, South Africa.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

READ: 1 Samuel 23:1-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "I will be with him in trouble" (Psalm 91:15)

FOR THE PARENT: Through jealousy Saul decided to kill David. This passage tells a little about David's wanderings, hunted like an animal by Saul. Stress especially David's dependence upon the Lord's guidance and the way in which God showed Himself faithful in protecting David from the wicked aims of Saul. Review the story of the friendship of David and Jonathan, Saul's son—and Saul's awareness that David would succeed him (v. 17). Stress the comfort that the Christian has in knowing his life is in God's hands—and that God does everything for our good.

QUESTION TIME: What does this story tell about David's relationship with God? How did Jonathan use friendship to bring spiritual blessing to David? (v. 16)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: John C. Bennett (Indian), Idaho; Orville H. Carlson, Pakistan; Mrs. J. W. Hurston, Korea.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Huffman	May 2-14	Joel Palmer	Bobby Smith
	Enterprise	First	May 1-7	Bobby Jackson	H. P. Trawick
	Grove Hill	Magnolia	May 2-14	John Eller	John D. Williams
	Mobile	Westside	May 2-14	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Wilton I. Lombard
Ariz.	Casa Grande	First	May 7-21	O. A. Franklin	Elmer Geesey
Ark.	London	A/G	May 7—	Freddie Richardson	J. R. Apple
	Texarkana	Stateline	Apr. 23-May 6	Douglas Bartlett	A. J. Malin
Calif.	Baldwin Park	First	Apr. 30—	Paul E. Riggs	Burl Rogers
	Monrovia	Monrovia-Duarte	May 1-7	Zambos-Elwood	V. E. Huffey
	Petaluma	Full Gospel	May 2—	Norm Robinson	E. C. Skultety
Colo.	San Jose	Bethel Church	Apr. 30-May 14	John A. Stallings	Leland R. Keys
	Loveland	A/G	May 3-14	Musical Lebsacks	Virgil Conger
Fla.	Hialeah	Bethel Church	May 3-7	Ernie Eskelin	Leonard Cutts
	Keyesville	* First	May 2-7	Musical Wellards	J. T. Denham
	Tavares	First	May 2-7	Robert Watters	Warren C. Anthony
Idaho	Sandpoint	A/G	Apr. 30-May 14	Don & Wilma Strong	G. C. Wilson
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tab.	May 7-21	Watson Argue	C. L. Gruver
	Belleville	Full Gospel Tab.	May 7—	M. Inez Smith	T. M. Kimberlin
	Palatine	Church of Hope	May 2-14	Jimmie Parrack	Howard Nelson
Ind.	Clinton	A/G	May 2-7	Paul Hild	E. C. Summerfield
	Crawfordsville	First	May 3—	Charles E. Hackett	John E. Smith
	Elkhart	Calvary	Apr. 23—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Jim Jones
	Kokomo	First	May 4-14	Bob McCutchen	Cecil J. Enochs
	Peru	First	May 2-21	John Higginbotham	Warren B. Tyler
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	* Central	May 7-12	Bob Olson	B. P. Bell
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Md.	Flintstone	Green Ridge	May 2-14	Peiffer-Harden Team	Josephine Keller
Mich.	Saline	First	May 2-14	Bob & Virginia Bradley	George Moore
Minn.	Benson	A/G	May 2-14	Robert A. Paul	Wilbert Remus
	Brainerd	A/G Tab.	May 2-7	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Stanley H. Clarke
	Wadena	A/G	May 3-7	John French	Sherman Buschow
	Willmar	A/G	May 2—	O. E. Vaale	Richard Orchard
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Mo.	Neosho	A/G	Apr. 27—	Hubert Surratt	D. C. Branham
	St. Louis	Friendly	Apr. 30—	Tom & Dean Heady	Fred Wampler
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	Rosenburg	First	May 2-14	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	W. B. Shows
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vivaltime representative, guest speakers.—by W. Glenn West, district superintendent.

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REVIVALTIME TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN PRAYER MEETING FOR UNEMPLOYED ON MAY 14TH

BY LOIS HOKANSON

On Sunday, May 14, the "Revivaltime" broadcast will originate "live" during a youth rally in Ford Auditorium, Detroit, Mich. Following the broadcast, C. M. Ward and the "Revivaltime" team, together with the origination congregation and individuals and groups across the nation, will pray for requests sent to "Revivaltime" for this special occasion.

EACH WEEK REQUESTS FROM FRIENDS seeking employment come to *Revivaltime*. These requests are given to our prayer partners who intercede in their behalf.

As the Radio Department is making plans for this nationwide prayer meeting for those who are unemployed due to the current economic situation, we would like to share some of the many testimonies from friends for whom prayer has been offered and who have found employment.

From Croft, Kans., Mrs. J. S. wrote, "I sent in a prayer request that we might find a job in ten days. Ten days later we got a good job on a 6,000-acre ranch. We have now been here five months."

After requesting prayer, F. C. of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, wrote, "I have been called to a job. I hadn't asked for a job at this place. It seems that a former employer of mine mentioned my name without my knowledge and on his recommendation I was phoned to come to work."

"I wrote you a week ago for prayer,"

M. D. of Kansas City, Mo., wrote. "My mother was ill and had to have medicine and special food. I was called to work yesterday, and my mother is gaining her health back."

A similar testimony came from Mrs. L. C., Slocomb, Ala., who said, "A few weeks ago I asked you to pray concerning my father who was unemployed and unable to find a job. Dad has found a job."

Mrs. M. B., Waukegan, Ill., reported to *Revivaltime*, "When my husband was laid off from his job, I wrote to you for prayer. After two weeks my husband was called back, even though they had said he would never be called back."

Three mothers—M. D. of Tarboro, N. C.; Mrs. E. R. of Elkhart Lake, Wis.; and Mrs. A. M. of Ardsley, Pa.—requested prayer for their sons who were seeking employment. All testified to rapid answers to prayer.

A double answer to prayer came to Mrs. D. H. of Greencastle, Pa. She had asked for prayer that her husband might get a raise or a better job. "Well, he got both," she wrote. "His boss gave him a small raise, and then he got another job for which he is better qualified."

A blind man, D. R. of Little Rock, Ark., also had two requests when he wrote to *Revivaltime*. "I needed a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon my

life. Since I wrote I have felt a moving of the Spirit in my life which I had not felt in a long time. I also asked prayer that I would be able to get a part-time job working on a newspaper. I have worked now for the past two Saturday nights. This is truly a miracle as I am the first totally blind man to work inside this newspaper plant."

While God has steadily and continually answered prayer for persons like the ones mentioned, we believe the need is now especially urgent. Our President and the nation's leaders have expressed grave concern about the current recession. Many of the nation's bread-winners—husbands and fathers—are unable to find work. Next month graduates from college and high school will also be seeking employment and making decisions about their future vocations.

We believe God is interested in working out these personal crises, as this sampling of testimonies has shown. This is the reason *Revivaltime* is calling, for the first time, a nationwide prayer meeting for those seeking employment during this time of urgent need.

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- if you need employment yourself,
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- if a college graduate in your home will be seeking employment.

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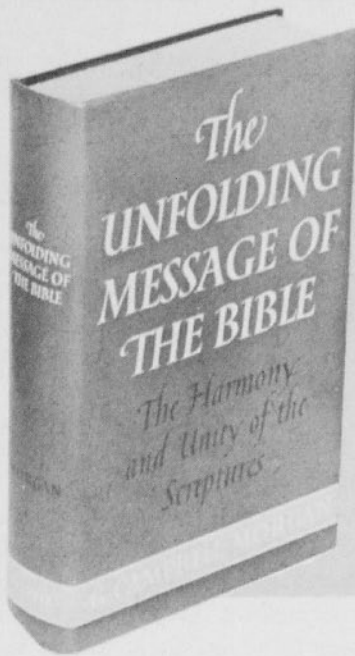
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ourselves! Doctors have a pill today that is said to be a potent "blues chaser"—it is supposed to end that "suicide feeling." The drug is said to work best in two types of depression most common after the age of thirty-nine. God has given us better solutions than this for our problems. The Bible solutions have no age limit, and they are uncomplicated—but effective. Put God in the center of the situation, and you will find that your problems can be solved. With God, life can become an adventure, each day full of wonder and anticipation. There will be puzzling moments still, but all the puzzling pieces will belong and fall into place.

When courage is depleted, *turn to the Bible!* It doesn't make any difference what the problem; if you really look for help in God's Word you will find it. The promises of God cover every eventuality, and these promises are substance and material that work for us if we let them.

Even in today's world of tension, anxiety, and confusion, inner peace is possible, because it is not an achievement but a gift to all who will receive it. "My peace give I unto you," Jesus said (John 14:27).

It is not a way *out* we want, but a way *in!* We can get into Christ, identifying our lives with Him, seeking His kingdom and interests *first* at all times (Matthew 6:33). This gives new interest in life, a new hope and motive for living. Indeed, whether we are at home, in school, in an invalid's chair, in an office, on the job or wherever, with Christ as our reason for living we are linked with eternity and cannot fail!



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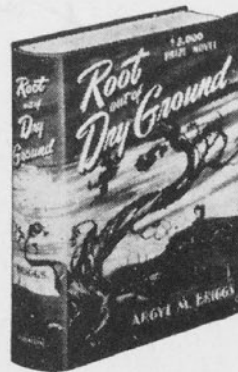
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Trusting God in the Little Things

BY P. S. JONES

RECENTLY I WAS LEADING THE SUNDAY MORNING devotional service in a small Canadian church. The atmosphere in the meeting was spiritually good and the people were called upon to testify to the grace of God.

One of the first to arise was a young lad who quietly gave his testimony. It was difficult to hear everything the boy said, and when he was finished I asked the mother to repeat it.

It seemed her boy had a much-loved budgie (a zebra parakeet), the kind of bird boys love so well. It was his pet, and when the budgie slipped out the door and flew away as many do, the boy was heartbroken.

He turned to his mother and said, "Mother, let us kneel down and ask Jesus to send our budgie back." Soon the pet birdie came back and was easily caught and brought into the house. Then the boy said, "Let us thank Jesus for bringing Budgie back."

I caught the pathos and joy of the lost being found, and remembered how very few of the lost pet birds do return. Many escape from the house but few are ever found. Very rarely does one return home. The people rejoiced and praised God. It was only a small boy, and only a budgie, but God, who sees the sparrows when they fall, overshadowed the birdie in its strange flight and heard the cry of the wee laddie whose heart yearned to have his pet home again.

For a while I mused and remembered small and seemingly insignificant things that had happened in the course of years wherein God had stretched forth His hand to deliver in answer to prayer. I remembered a small boy lying on a cot in a prairie home, tossing about with a high fever, eyes rolling, and face flushed. The parents were deeply disturbed and called me to the bedside. I asked, "Well, folks, do you want to go God's way, or do you want to take the very natural course and call for medical aid?"

"We would like to take God's way," they replied.

So I anointed the fevered boy with oil, according to the Scripture, and offered a simple prayer. That was all

we did, but God moved upon the boy immediately. His facial color changed, his eyes stopped rolling, he looked up, sat up, and stood up, and was himself again.

Then I remembered one winter day when a horse ran away with a cutter (one-horse sleigh). Those were days before automobiles became very numerous. The mare seemed to be a quiet docile creature with no apparent evil tendencies, but that day a model-T Ford came along and the noise of the machine had a most disturbing effect on that horse. She flicked her tail, grabbed the bit in her teeth, and started down the trail like a terror-stricken hare chased by a dozen hounds. No amount of tugging at the lines had any effect on the creature as I sat in that light cutter bouncing around like a small boat riding a choppy sea.

Many things come into the minds of those who face uncertain perils, and I remembered the farm house on the way, with two great trees at each side of the driveway. I decided that the horse would most certainly turn into that farm yard as it was accustomed to do. Then what would happen?

I shut that picture out of my mind, and suddenly remembered that the Lord Jesus stood up in a rocking, reeling boat on the Sea of Galilee. He said, "Peace, be still," and immediately there was a great calm. Faith came into my heart, and I thought, "Well, if Jesus did that He can take care of this situation." Then, believe it or not, a great peace overshadowed me, and although it may be hard to understand, yet I sat back, stopped pulling frantically at the horse's head, and enjoyed the ride.

The mare did exactly as I expected—she turned into the farm gate at full speed. To this day I do not know how it happened, but the horse went free from the cutter without breaking anything, while the cutter stopped and didn't even jar me. There was only one thing left to do, and I did it. I thanked the Lord Jesus for delivering me.

In this nostalgic mood I recalled another very simple happening which encouraged me in those early days of ministry. My preaching was very immature and must have tried the patience of my listeners. Before plunging into the unknown and declaring myself a preacher, I wrote out some notes on the subject of *faith*, but I left these at home while I went far afield to preach the gospel.

One day I thought of the notes and wanted them very much for sermon preparation, but I knew that if I sent a letter home asking for the notes they would not reach me in time. I said to the landlady, "I have asked the Lord to send me some notes I left home. You watch, they will be here in a day or two."

No word was sent to my wife about the matter, but here is what happened at the other end. My good wife was cleaning out a certain cubbyhole and found the notes. She was suddenly aware she should send them to me. So urgent seemed the impression that she left what she was doing, packed the notes into an envelope, and mailed them immediately.

Soon the notes reached their destination. Before opening the package I said to the landlady, "See, here are the notes." And then what did I do? Of course, I thanked the Lord for answering prayer.

Well, just trivial things—but *are* they? God is concerned about *every* part of our lives.

