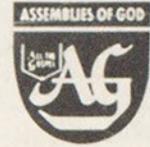
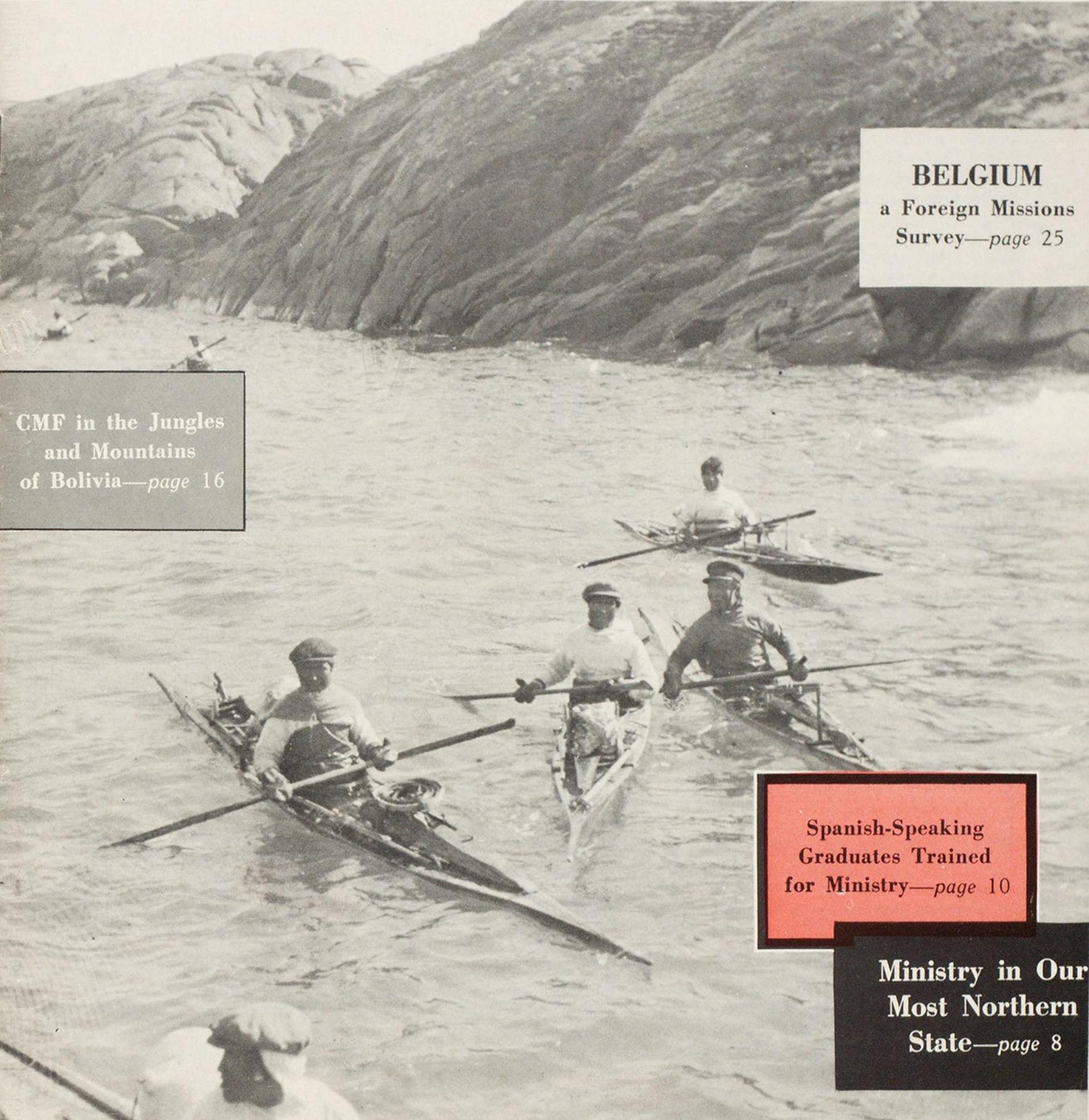


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## Faithful Unto Death

The Lord was not alluding to the making of wills when He said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Nevertheless the statement applies quite appropriately to this matter of being faithful stewards of God's money until death and beyond.

Primarily the verse applies to Christian witnesses who remain true to their Lord through trials and tribulations. The Saviour said that if we are faithful to the end of life we will only taste death once. After that, we will enjoy the satisfying fullness of the everlasting life which only Christ can give.

However, it is both reasonable and scriptural to believe that the reward of faithful contributors and prayer warriors who stand behind the preachers will be equally great as that of faithful ministers and missionaries who pour out their lives in preaching the gospel. One ministry is as essential as another.

The earthly ministry of the witness stops when he draws his last breath. So does the ministry of the prayer warrior. But the ministry of giving continues beyond death if the deceased has willed his estate to a dependable soul-winning program. The lamentable fact is that many of the Lord's stewards put off this matter of making their will until it is too late.

Some of the ablest men in the world have died without making a will. One of these was Alben W. Barkley, former vice-president of the United States. One would think that a man who helped to safeguard the welfare of an entire nation and took a hand in managing millions of taxpayers' dollars would manage his own affairs carefully; yet when he died his family received less than a fourth of the estate he left behind. Records in the McCracken County clerk's office (Paducah, Ky.) show that the Internal Revenue Service took \$343,444 for income taxes; estate taxes totaled \$13,744; funeral and estate administration expenses were \$132,740. In the end, heirs of the late Mr. Barkley received only about \$154,000 of his \$643,801 estate.

Don't disappoint your family—or your Lord—by failing to designate what should happen to your estate when you depart. Talk to a good lawyer and let him draw up a will for you. Some will say, "I am young; I will wait a few years." But death strikes early and without warning in many cases. Others will say, "My estate is too small to warrant a will." All the more reason why you should safeguard every part of it. Another man will say, "I don't need a will—my wife is joint owner of all I have." In some cases this arrangement may cost unnecessary taxes. And besides, what would happen if both you and your wife were taken? A good lawyer will advise you on such matters as appointing a legal guardian for your children, choosing an executor for your estate, being sure all birth certificates are in order, etc.

If you would like to make a bequest to the world-wide soul-winning program of the Assemblies of God, write to the Finance Department, Division of Stewardship, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. Information on wills and bequests will gladly be sent to you without any obligation on your part.

—R.C.C.

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**Y**ES, I AM SURE IT IS BLACK WATER fever." These dreadful words pierced the very citadel of Daisy Torta's heart and brought an anguish which far exceeded physical pain. She clutched her five-months-old baby daughter more closely and her tall young body swayed like a tree before the onslaught of a wind of hurricane force.

The man who had spoken these words was doing all he knew to do because there was no doctor in Cape Palmas, Liberia, that morning. He saw the missionary's face take on the ashen hue which told him, more plainly than words, the depths of this blow which he had been obliged to deliver. "I am very sorry, Mrs. Torta, but I do not think there can be a doubt about it. Your husband has black water fever." His voice held the utmost sympathy and pity as he led the young woman to a chair and gently eased her into it.

Daisy did not weep, but her eyes were glazed and unseeing. She rocked to and fro in her agony and moaned, "Oh, my Father God! Help me now! Black water fever! Oh, John, my darling! My darling!" It seemed the heavy beating of her heart would stifle her very life. She closed her eyes and in doing so closed the window through which the torture of her soul could be read. It was thus that, like a kaleidoscope flashing its multitudinous patterns, in a moment of time she saw the short span of her missionary service.

How happy she had been three years before to see the shores of Africa come into view. It was a vision fulfilled and a call from God verified. She stepped ashore and took up her work with thrilling anticipation and unflagging zeal. One year later this tall, handsome young missionary, John Torta had arrived. They had been acquainted in the Southern California Bible College and had belonged to the same prayer band for Africa. They had been interested in each other then, but here in Africa their love blossomed.

He was stationed eight-hours-bush-trail away and both were extremely busy in the service of the Lord, so their days together were infrequent—but very precious. One year later they were married and for the eighteen months which followed they were supremely happy. Their love found complete fulfillment with the birth of Esther. Now John lay in the adjoining room just waiting for that most dreaded plague of Africa to run its course and

usher him into the presence of God, whom he had loved and served so faithfully.

A spasm of pain crossed Daisy's face and at last the tears came. She bowed over the tiny child sleeping in her arms and sobbed out her prayer. "Oh, God, he is so precious! The people love him deeply! He is only beginning his ministry and there remains so much more he could do for Thee! He has been such a tower of strength and this new field needs him so badly!" Then she wept afresh as her own heart spoke above the heart of the missionary, "Oh, Lord, I love him so dearly! I need him and our baby needs him! Help

someone at home to pray for us! Lay us on someone's heart to make intercession for us!"

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It was night time in the United States where a certain Christian woman lay sleeping. Suddenly she was awakened by what she thought to be a hand gently shaking her. She heard a voice speaking, "John Torta! Pray for John Torta!" She moved her position and that only stirred her weary muscles, reminding her how tired she was. She felt that she should arise, get on her knees and pray, but she was exhausted. It had been a trying day and she was exceedingly tired. She reasoned, "I will lie here and pray." She did, for a few moments, but quickly her weary body took control and she fell asleep again.

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Suddenly the sleeping baby stirred in Daisy's arms, stretched, and opened her blue eyes. This movement roused her mother from her abstraction and made her once more conscious of the friend standing before her.

"Mrs. Torta, have you sent word to your own missionaries?"

Daisy wiped the tears from her cheeks and visibly pulled herself back to the things about her. "Yes, I sent a runner night before last, but of course if he got through he only arrived there today. Then this morning I sent another runner so that, if the first man did not get through, they yet would receive word."

"That was all you could do. It is wonderful that these two Episcopal nurses are here."

"I surely do thank God for them. I do not know what I would have done without them."

A moment later one of the nurses came from the bedroom and spoke gently, "Your husband would like to see you, dear. Here, let me have the baby."

Daisy gave the child to her and went into the bedroom. Stopping on the threshold for a moment, she silently prayed for strength and courage not to break down as she faced her loved one. She moved forward to stand by the bed.

John's eyes were closed and his black hair clung to his forehead. She saw the terrible inroads the disease had made. His skin was as yellow as gold and his eyes were sunken far back in his head. His breath came in shallow

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# Voice in the Night

by

Evangelist Inez Sturgeon

*The tragic account of  
a missionary's death that  
might have been avoided*



John Torta's grave in Liberia

gasps and his big frame lay so still. She marveled how it had shrunken in the short three days of his illness. She dropped to her knees and gently brushed his hair back. When she touched him she felt the dreadful heat of the fever that was literally consuming him.

With her touch John's eyes opened and as they slowly focused on her face she saw his love for her mirrored in their depths. She watched him draw upon his fast-waning strength, as he whispered, "Darling, you—won't—give—up—will—you? You—will—go—on—with—the—work, won't—you?"

It was almost more than she could do to keep from sobbing aloud, but she managed a faltering smile as she bent close. "Yes, dear, I will go on. I will carry on the work for God."

For a moment he closed his eyes, but then he forced them open once more and with labored breath said, "It—will—not—be—easy, but God—will—take—care—." He could say no more.

She saw that he had slipped back into unconsciousness, but she continued to kneel there with her head resting on the edge of the bed. Here she went through her Gethsemane and knew the darkness of the encroaching shadows of the tragedy looming over her life.

A touch on her shoulder and the soft voice of the nurse said, "You had better come now and rest." Reluctantly Daisy allowed herself to be led into the other room.

"How much longer do we have?" she asked over the constriction in her throat.

"A few hours."

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It was shortly after midnight in the USA and again the child of God was awakened. Once again that voice spoke, "John Torta! Pray for John Torta!" She dearly loved the Lord. She desired to put Him first in her life and was giving regularly to His cause, praying for His work; *but her body was so tired*. The physical fatigue overrode the urge of the Spirit until, with a few whispered petitions for these missionaries whom she knew and loved, she went back to sleep.

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The great heat of the African afternoon bore down in that little house in Liberia. To Daisy it was more oppressive than she had ever known it. The baby fussed because of it and her mother noticed with concern that the heat rash on her tender skin was more angry looking.

Daisy spent most of her time by her husband's bedside, and whenever she left his room she inquired if any word had been received from the runner who had gone up-country with the news of John's illness. Each time she was met with a negative shake of the head. She knew in her heart that there had not been time, but she so wanted to hurry her friends to her side. She prayed with every breath as she walked the floor, as she knelt by John's bedside, as she rocked her baby, as she did the tender small things she could do for husband. "Oh, surely, Lord, you will alert someone at home to pray in these hours of dire need!"

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It was three o'clock in the morning in the USA. Yet again the Christian woman, who had been God's chosen intercessor, was awakened with the words "John Torta! John Torta needs your prayer!" But at this time of morning the physical is at its lowest ebb, recouping and regenerating and rebuilding its strength for the day which is to follow. The blood is slowed and the reflexes are not quick. It takes a mighty wrench, a thrust of vision, a flood of the power of the Holy Spirit to bring the Christian alive to the eternal workings of God, to make him know the part he or she should play in His great plan. This does not come without our volition. It requires our effort, our bestirring ourselves!

The Christian, as dearly as she loved God and His work, did not exert herself, but mumbled sleepily, "God bless John and Daisy Torta." Soon she slipped back into the realms of sleep.

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John's burning fever suddenly dropped, the dampness that betokened the nearness of death bathed his brow, but he struggled upward and with his last strength whispered to his precious wife who was bending over him, "Don't—give—up—keep—God's—work—going—"

Blinded by her tears and torn by the agony of her sorrow, all she could do was to choke out two words, "I will."

In the next few moments John Torta went to be with the Lord.

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The Christian in the homeland was not awakened again.

Who can say what are the dire consequences when we fail God and thus fail those for whom God asks us to pray? ◀◀



## CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### LIGHT FOR THE LOST

THE MISSIONARY ARM OF OUR MEN'S Fellowship Department bears the unique title, "Light for the Lost." It is a program designed to bring light to the lost of our generation. Being primarily a laymen's movement it is quite natural that "Light for the Lost" should have been developed by and carried on largely by our Christian laymen. God has used Sam Cochran of Costa Mesa, Calif., in initiating this unique enterprise which is now spreading to groups of laymen all over the nation.

The purpose of "Light for the Lost" is to furnish funds for the purchase of printed Gospels to be distributed overseas. Already many thousands of dollars have been raised and disbursed through the Foreign Missions Department for this project. The emphatic order the men give us is that we spend the money. These are easy orders to obey, I can assure you!

As the needs for Gospels arise around the world, we pass these requests on to the "Light for the Lost" committee and the men invariably come through with the money needed for overseas literature evangelism.

Surely the evangelism of this generation demands total commitment by every group in a local church. With this special action by laymen's groups in our Assemblies, every facet of local church life can have its missionary program: *Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade* for the boys and girls, *Speed-the-Light* for the youth, *Women's Missionary Council* for the women—and now, *Light for the Lost* for the men.

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

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**M**Y FATHER WORKETH HITHERTO, and I work." This is the way in which Christ explained the work which He was doing in Jerusalem to the Jews who questioned Him. On the same occasion, as recorded in the fifth chapter of John, He made another statement almost as beautiful when He declared: "The Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing."

We who are God's sons and daughters through faith in Jesus Christ are also greatly loved, just as the Father loved His Son Christ Jesus! "Thou hast loved them as Thou has loved me" (John 17:23). We also ought to be able to say: "My Father loves me and shows me what He is doing so that I might work together with Him to accomplish His plan and purpose."

When my wife and I went to India as missionaries for the first time, God was exceedingly kind to us and visited us both with gracious and powerful workings of His Spirit. We were stationed in Sialkot in the north, not far from the Kashmir border, a city full of Moslems, Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs. One unforgettable experience of those days was an intense concern for the lost. God gave me a spirit of intercession for the people of Sialkot and of the whole province, but even more profound was the almost agonizing concern He gave me for the national church, and particularly for the young men who were preparing for the ministry and for leadership in the church. That was forty years ago.

About five or six years ago in my morning quiet time alone with the Lord, He began to put the same intense concern for the people of Sialkot and West Pakistan into my heart. This was



## Return to West Pakistan

BY ROBERT CUMMINGS

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very surprising to me because the direction of my ministry had been turned almost entirely into India and then into Central Bible Institute. Yet it did not prove to be spasmodic, but every morning my time with the Lord was occupied with intercession for Sialkot and other cities and districts of West Pakistan. Still more surprising was the deeper concern for the national churches and for the young people who are to be the future leaders of the Christian church.

A very satisfying awareness came to me that our Father was working in West Pakistan in the evangelical churches that were true to His Gospel. He was giving me the privilege and joy of sensing something of what He was doing and of working along with Him in "wrestling against the principalities and powers" that are doing their best to keep the peoples of West Pakistan from coming to Christ and receiving His Spirit.

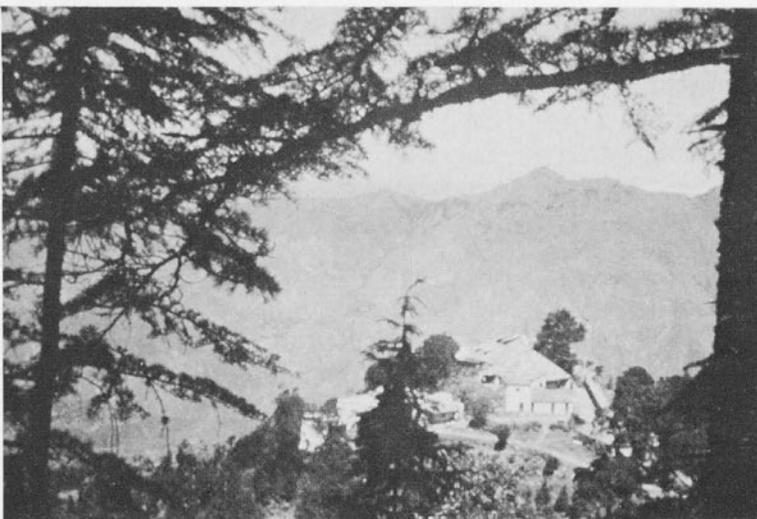
Then about a year and a half ago a strong impression came that God was going to take my wife and me back to the field in which we began our ministry in 1920. That impression became a conviction, and then an assurance, and very shortly after we both said "yes" to the Lord, God began to send in the necessary finances for our missionary journey. A United Presbyterian missionary who had received the

baptism in the Holy Spirit through the ministry of our Assemblies of God Rest Home in India (Childers Lodge) made \$1,700 available for our travel. From other sources, too, God abundantly supplied.

We are both very grateful to God for our Foreign Missions Board, our executive director, and our field secretary. We wanted to go as missionaries of the Assemblies of God, even though we were going into a field in which we have no work at present. When we told these official brethren of the burden God had laid upon our hearts and of our conviction that He wanted us to go back for a few months' ministry to West Pakistan, they gladly assented and fully co-operated with us. More than ever we are conscious of the fact that our Father is at work and that we are workers together with Him.

We farewelled from Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York, in the middle of August last year and sailed for Genoa on the Italian liner *Leonardo da Vinci*. The huge ship was full of Italians and of Americans of Italian ancestry. Everything seemed to show that the ship was in possession of the Roman Catholics, so we did not expect that there would be any Protestant services on Sunday. However, the Lord was at work on the ship, too. One morning my wife hunted up a

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Childers Lodge, a retreat for missionaries in India



Mrs. Robert Cummings with some Pakistani women

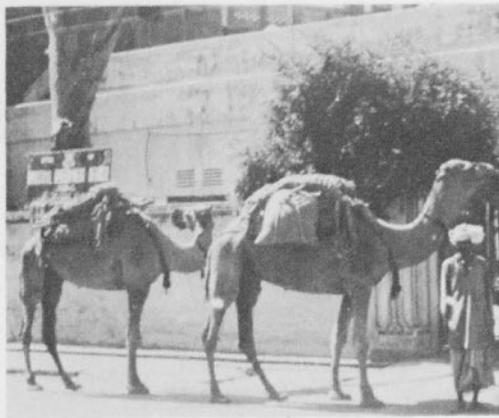
quiet spot on a covered promenade deck which was used very little, in order to spend time in prayer and Bible reading. While she was engaged in silent prayer a gentleman came up and addressed her. "Pardon me, lady," he said, "are you ill? May I help you?"

Sister Cummings looked up and smiled. "Oh, I was just praying and reading my Bible."

"That is the most sensible thing I've heard since I boarded this ship," was his rather astonishing response. Then ensued a conversation, the outcome of which was a request for a Protestant service to be held on Sunday. So we found that our Father was at work on the *Leonardo da Vinci* and He brought together about fifty men and women and gave us a splendid opportunity to present to them the Saviour and His love in a Protestant service on the giant Italian liner.

Only those who have had to enter a strange land and try to get through customs barriers when neither the traveler nor the customs officials can understand each other, can appreciate the relief and joy that welled up in our hearts when, after disembarking in Genoa, a stranger came up and said, "Are you Brother and Sister Cummings? I am Paul Arcangeli." Of course, we knew at once how they came to be there just when we needed them most. Virginia Cutrona, one of our Central Bible Institute alumni, had introduced us to her family some years before and when we were in Chicago last summer we had stayed in the Cutrona home. When they heard that we planned to go via Genoa and were to be there five days, Mary said, "I'll just write to my friends, Paul and Mary Arcangeli, and have them meet you." So they were at the dock to meet us and help us through customs and then direct us to a suitable hotel. Paul and Mary are pastoring the Assemblies of God church in Genoa. What delightful fellowship we had with them in their Sunday evening service where it was my privilege to speak to their people. We greatly enjoyed our visit in their home where we had the most delicious Italian dinner that we have ever eaten.

We landed at Karachi, West Pakistan, early in the morning of Sunday, September 11. We eagerly awaited our mail to get news of how plans were progressing for the big Sialkot Convention which was to begin with two days of prayer on the 13th. This was



Ancient modes of travel persist in Pakistan

the convention in which "Praying Hyde" was so wonderfully used to bring the blessing of God in revival power, and we felt that it was to be our biggest opportunity. Well, you can imagine the shock of learning that because of a cholera epidemic in the vicinity of Sialkot the convention was called off! The Spirit reminded us immediately, however, that God was still in charge of our affairs, so we thanked Him that our disappointments are always His appointments and that He brings even greater good from what looks like defeat.

Accordingly, this is the way it worked out! The committee in charge informed us that instead of the one big convention, they planned to hold smaller conventions on the same pattern in many different places, and arrangements had been made to have us visit seven large centers to hold convention meetings for the general public and also to conduct conferences and Bible study sessions with the national pastors, evangelists, and elders.

God had shown me that the great need of His servants in this hour is the enduement of the baptism in the Holy Spirit and power to make them true witnesses of Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection. We were welcomed by the churches and missions working in that area. We were told to be free to preach and teach what God had laid on our hearts. Many national pastors and leaders were somewhat opposed to the message of the baptism in the Spirit, but God gave us grace and favor and many seemed to be won over to seek Him for a visitation of the Holy Spirit among their people.

Although we felt that God had taken us out primarily for a ministry to the Christian church, He also gave us very wonderful opportunities to preach to many Moslems, both men and women.

In all the years that I worked with Moslem audiences in this area, I had only one or two opportunities of speaking to women in a public gathering. But I had quite a large group of Moslem women in attendance at the night meetings in one large city.

In Rawalpindi, in the large Christian college where my brother used to be principal, I had the privilege of speaking to a fine audience of Moslem students, about fifty of whom were girls, and I received very close and respectful attention. How well I know from many years' experience that many of those Moslem young people are convinced that Jesus is the Redeemer and they wish they could become Christians. But the price of separation from their families which would follow looms so large that very few will confess Him publicly. How greatly they need a mighty visitation from God which will make them forget everything else but their need of forgiveness and salvation at any cost. Pray for such a revival in West Pakistan!

My wife also had several fine opportunities of speaking to audiences of girls and women among whom were many Moslems. Praise God!

Our sense of the great need of literature for both the Christian community and the non-Christian community was greatly deepened by our visit. When I was in India before, I had written some evangelistic messages for the Methodist Publishing House and the Methodists had distributed them in great numbers in their districts. My determination to use the agency of tracts was reborn; and even though I am back in the States, God has opened the way for me to get the good news published in tract form in the Urdu language. One of the great rewards of this journey was to renew contact with the man who was the first to accept Christ in the days when we began preaching in Sialkot City. He is an Urdu writer of great ability and possesses an unusual talent for translating. While we were out there he translated some of my articles for publication and he has promised to continue this work. Thus the message will get out to the lost and perishing souls who know not the way of life.

West Pakistan is a country of about thirty-five million Moslems. Very few have found Jesus Christ the Redeemer. They all acknowledge Him as a great Prophet but like men everywhere they need a Saviour, not another prophet.

# Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Statistics

## AFRICA

E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary	
Missionaries .....	253
National Workers .....	1,675
Churches .....	2,581
Adherents .....	98,892
Bible Schools .....	17
Elem. & Sec. Day & Boarding Schools .....	103
Clinics .....	8
Orphanages .....	
Print Shops .....	6

## FAR EAST

M. L. Ketcham, Field Secretary	
Missionaries .....	189
National Workers .....	882
Churches .....	1,242
Adherents .....	64,148
Bible Schools .....	15
Elem. & Sec. Day & Boarding Schools .....	8
Clinics .....	
Orphanages .....	4
Print Shops .....	3

## TOTAL:

MISSIONARIES .....	788
NATIONAL WORKERS .....	12,657
CHURCHES .....	12,459
ADHERENTS .....	985,241
BIBLE SCHOOLS .....	71
ELEM. & SEC. DAY & BOARDING SCHOOLS .....	145
CLINICS .....	9
ORPHANAGES .....	11
PRINT SHOPS .....	17

## SOUTHERN ASIA, EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

V. G. Greisen, Field Secretary	
Missionaries .....	149
National Workers .....	1,101
Churches .....	1,410
Adherents .....	151,394
Bible Schools .....	11
Elem. & Sec. Day & Boarding Schools .....	25
Clinics .....	1
Orphanages .....	6
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## LATIN AMERICA & WEST INDIES

M. L. Hodges, Field Secretary	
Missionaries .....	197
National Workers .....	*8,999
Churches .....	*7,226
Adherents .....	*670,807
Bible Schools .....	28
Elem. & Sec. Day & Boarding Schools .....	8
Clinics .....	
Orphanages .....	1
Print Shops .....	4

\*These figures include united effort with Swedish in Brazil.

Our national brethren told us everywhere that Moslems are listening to the gospel much more eagerly than before. Now we need a great visitation of the Spirit of God that will convict them and make them feel their need of being cleansed and delivered from their sins and their darkness. It has cost many a Moslem everything he had including wife and family to confess Christ before men. It has cost some of them even life itself.

What grace and power they need to take such a step as accepting Christ publicly as their Saviour. But, thank God, some are doing it! It was our joy to see the converts' home and the brotherhood of converts in Lahore still functioning. We were closely connected with them when we labored in Lahore many years ago, and during this visit it was our privilege to minister at their annual convention.

Most of our time was spent in West Pakistan but we also had the privilege of spending a week in Hardoi at our Hindi Bible School and having some very wonderful meetings with the students there. In Lucknow, too, it was a joy to be able to minister in our Assembly and to encourage the mis-

sionaries and our national brethren. While we were in Lucknow we were invited to give the opening address at the annual meeting of the World Evangelistic Crusade Mission. God is working among their missionaries also. All in West Pakistan have received the Baptism and some in India have also received.

One of the greatest ministries of the Assemblies of God in India and Pakistan, though not as spectacular as some, has been the ministry of our missionaries and nationals to missionaries of other denominations, especially through our Childers Lodge. The ministry of this home had much to do with my wife's and my coming into the Assemblies of God. Many of the evangelical missionaries in West Pakistan and in India have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through Childers Assembly ministries.

In the big Union Theological Seminary in West Pakistan, six of the students have received the Baptism. Others are seeking. Yes, our Father is working in West Pakistan and even though most of us are unaware of how much He has used the Assemblies of God missionaries to bring the light of

Pentecost and of the healing ministry of Christ into various places in that Moslem land, it has been our high privilege to visit many places there and see Him at work and have a small share in working together with Him.

Will you not thank your Father in Heaven that He is at work in the Moslem Republic of West Pakistan. Ask Him for the privilege of having some share in that work through intercession or through helping our Foreign Missions Department as it seeks to send His messengers to every tongue and tribe and nation, not neglecting even those very difficult fields where Mohammed has usurped honor that belongs to Christ. ◀ ◀

Life's greatest privilege: to give up what you cannot keep, to gain what you cannot lose. Jesus said: "For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here], shall lose [eternal life]; and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake, shall find [life everlasting].—Matthew 16:25, Amplified New Testament.



# Ministry in Our Most

BY E. L. SCHONEMAN

Presbyter, Southeastern Section of Alaska

**P**REVIOUS ISSUES OF THE EVANGEL have presented articles compiled by presbyters of two of the four sections into which our Alaska Assemblies of God are divided. My purpose in compiling this third article in the series is to tell what God is doing in the Southeastern Section.

Following are reports from several pastors in this section.

## SITKA

Wesley Hansen, Pastor

Sitka was the capital of Alaska during the Russian rule. A few ruins and monuments of interest still exist. The nearly 100-year-old Russian Orthodox Church still stands and is still being used for religious services. The priests are keeping many of the native people in spiritual darkness.

Our church has made progress in Sitka, for which we are grateful to the Lord. We just recently purchased six lots, totaling 50,000 square feet of ground, one block from our present location. A building program will soon be under way. The Men's Fellowship of our church will be busy clearing the lots and salvaging logs from the beaches. The logs will be cut into lumber for our new building.

Our Sunday school continues to grow under the capable leadership of Mildred Pitts. The last two months we have averaged in the eighties. With the help of Trudy Bishop, Sister Pitts directs the Missionette group and has assumed

the leadership of our active Christ's Ambassadors. Sister Loyal Clark has just recently been elected WMC president and is reorganizing the group with a potential membership of twenty-two women.

Just recently a very capable young Eskimo man, Frank Lane, was saved. He has a responsible position in the school system at Mt. Edgecumbe.

We greatly need a Holy Ghost outpouring. At least ten people are eligible



Assembly of God in Haines

for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We can say with 1 Samuel 7:12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

## HAINES

Ruth Anderson, Pastor

The Leonard Olsons pioneered the Assemblies work in Haines in early 1953. In spite of opposition and seemingly insurmountable difficulties, this fine couple built a beautiful church with adjoining parsonage during their seven years of faithful ministry here. They also ministered regularly each week in the Indian village of Klukwan,

21 miles north on the Haines highway.

In June 1960 the Olsons resigned their station and I am carrying on the work. Last summer the attendance in Sunday school and the regular church services hit an all-time high and two attendance records were broken during a revival meeting with the Oscar Butterfields from California.

At the opening of school and the closing of the local cannery, five miles from Haines on Mud Bay Road, many people returned to their winter homes and the church and Sunday school attendance both declined. Also, the church was left without class teachers or other workers except for the pastor—and a financial problem arose too.

However, in spite of the crisis existing, the Lord helped and in November the need was met financially. The greatest need now is for someone to



Assembly of God in Skagway

help in the services. We have five scheduled services a week and sometimes extra activities. The mission needs a musician and a teacher-helper. This church has one of the greatest opportunities in Alaska and I believe it will become self-supporting.

## SKAGWAY

W. M. Jensen, Pastor

Our labor in Skagway started last August, following the resignation of the faithful missionaries, Brother and Sister John Phillips, who pioneered the work about five years ago.

Realizing the great need of reaching the parents of Sunday school children, we are putting forth special effort in visitation and sponsoring fellowship gatherings to establish complete families in the faith.

Our people are hungry for God and some meet nightly for prayer, praying



Sitka, Alaska with Mt. Edgecumbe in the distance

# Northern State

[A PROGRESS REPORT]

that God will move against all opposition. Growth is slow, but souls are being saved.

An annex to the church is desperately needed for we now have only one Sunday school room. We are praying we may begin building soon as God supplies the needed finances.



Assembly of God in Petersburg. Right: some of the Sunday school children who are picked up by boat every Sunday

Our Sunday school average has been over forty for the past six months, and we are looking forward to continued growth. Each Sunday morning we take a Sunday school boat across to the next island. We pick up as many as thirteen children and adults and bring them to church; then the



Sunday school children at Angoon

town by foot. However, there are many outlying homesteaders not far away who can be reached only by boat. We are praying a boat will be provided which will enable us to visit these folk.

We face the same almost insurmountable obstacles that most missionaries encounter in the bush villages of Alaska, America's last frontier. But God is helping us to win the confidence of the people and we are beginning to see indications of the Spirit's moving. Pray with us that God will strengthen and guide us and give us a revival.

## PETERSBURG

David D. Schmidt, Pastor

Petersburg, located on Mitkof Island, is often referred to as "The Alaskan Shrimp Capital," "Halibut Town," or "Little Norway." The first two names are due to its fishing industry and the last name to the nationality of the people who founded it fifty years ago. However, a mixture of nationalities is represented in this little city of fifteen hundred inhabitants.

About 350 Alaska natives who are connected with the fisheries live here. The famous "Wrangell Narrows" sweeps by the town's doorstep.

Regardless of nationality, these people need the full gospel. The Assemblies work in Petersburg is over twelve years old. The Charles O. Hirschys sacrificed much in laying the groundwork for this church. However, what is true in all other Alaskan towns is true here, too. About the time we think we have a good work established, people get the urge to move south. That forces us to start all over again.

This does not mean all our work is lost. Many of these folk go back to their home states, find a new home church, and are soon busy working for the Lord again. The progress has been slow, but we are encouraged as we see more adults added to the fellowship.

boat makes a return trip after the service.

It has been thrilling to hear some of the new converts testify, especially after they have gone through sickness or have lost loved ones. They have said to us, "Without Jesus we know we could never take it." Christ is the answer to all of man's needs.

## PELICAN

George Downs, Pastor

Pelican is a small town about a mile in length on the Chichagof Island. The population triples in the summer. It is not hard to reach all the people in

## JUNEAU

E. L. Schoneman, Pastor

Some forty years ago the C. C. Perseuses, the first Assemblies of God missionaries in Alaska, pioneered a church in Juneau, beginning services in an old store building. Today, the Bethel Assembly of God congregation in Juneau worships in a fine, modern edifice which was built in 1955 when the H. I. Maleys were its pastors. The congregation is made up mostly of young couples who are engaged primarily in governmental work, as Juneau is the capital of Alaska.

A wonderful revival has come to  
(Continued on page twenty-seven)



Interior of the Assembly of God in Juneau



Faculty of the Latin American Bible Institute, La Puente, Calif.



Graduating class of 1960-61 of the Latin American Bible Institute, La Puente, Calif.



Graduates of the Latin American Bible Institute, Ysleta, Tex.

## Spanish-Speaking Graduates Trained for the Ministry

**T**WO OF THE FOREIGN BRANCHES OF the Assemblies of God, which operate as districts under the supervision of the Home Missions Department, have Bible schools for Spanish students. The Spanish Eastern Branch maintains a Bible school in New York City and another in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. The Latin American Branch as a school in Ysleta (El Paso), Tex., and one in La Puente, Calif. The Puerto Rican school is the newest.

Each year the schools graduate enthusiastic, consecrated workers for the homeland harvest. These students go back to their own people and reach many who would never otherwise be contacted with full-gospel ministry. This year 101 students are being graduated by these four schools.

### INSTITUTO BIBLICO ASAMBLEAS DE DIOS

**Bayamón, Puerto Rico**

**By Manuel A. Cordero, Director**

This has been a wonderful year at Bayamón, Puerto Rico. The population has grown to 100,000, an increase of fifty per cent since the last census. Through our Bible school we have opened three missions in the city. Al-

though we have a heavy school program there is time to do gospel work.

We have now 18 students at the school and 10 will graduate this year. All of them have great desire to labor for God.

There were four graduates last year. Two are now pastoring in New York and New Jersey, among the Spanish people. Another is here on the island at Rincon, P. R., and the fourth is serving as director of Christian education and president of the WMC at her church in New York. Indeed our work was not in vain; the support we received from our churches last year to establish this school was well spent. Sinners are hearing the gospel, and souls are being saved.

Puerto Rico is a growing island, not in territory but in population, in housing development, in industries, and in *sin*. We surely need a group of workers to harvest in the great field of the Lord here. Thank God for this Bible school. In the not-too-distant future we will have more than 50 churches established through our school.

There is an urgent need for a school bus for transportation. We are using my car for everything and it is already giving trouble. We also need consecrated teachers and adequate buildings to accommodate more students. The present facilities do not permit us to take more than 14 boys.

We started to build a house for my family in order to use my present resi-

dence for a girls' dormitory building, but work has stopped for lack of funds. We hope our brethren will share the burden with us. We covet your prayers.

### LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

**La Puente, California**

**By Theodore Bueno, Superintendent**

The 1960-61 school term began with 59 students and a high spiritual tide resulting in blessings in the classes and all the school activities, including meetings in outstations.

In October 1960 a new church was founded in Pico Rivera, a community a few miles from the school. The students have been going from house to house doing personal work. This has resulted in a present average of about 70 in Sunday school. They recently organized a Missionette group. The crying need now is for larger quarters to conduct services.

During November some of our students visited a small mission in Carmenita, a small Spanish community. The pastor who had started the work was quite ill so he asked the students to help. They started working to build up Sunday school attendance. Several months later the pastor passed away. By this time the Sunday school record had been broken, and since the new pastor has come, attendance has continued to rise. Bodies have been miraculously healed and souls have been glo-

Faculty, staff members, and students of Latin American Bible School, Ysleta, Tex.



Graduating class of 1960-61 at the Assemblies of God Bible Institute, Bayamon, Puerto Rico



Manuel A. Cordero, director of the Bible school in Puerto Rico, with his family



riously saved. The small building is crowded out.

Our Bible school choir also goes out nearly every Sunday to the surrounding churches. They have been a blessing to the churches and have themselves been inspired through their ministry.

Many former students are now occupying pulpits in the Spanish churches, both in this country and in other parts of Latin America. Among them are persons holding responsible positions such as presbyters and teachers in Bible schools.

The school is urgently in need of larger quarters, especially a larger dining room. Some applicants are turned away every year because of limited dormitory space.

Pray for our 11 graduates of '61 as they enter the ministry.

### LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

Ysleta, Texas

By A. O. Martinez, Superintendent

Since 1928 when it was begun by the H. C. Balls, the Latin American Bible Institute has not failed to turn out a group of graduates each year to take their places in the whitened harvest among the Spanish-speaking. The school was founded in San Antonio, but is presently located in El Paso. The place is usually referred to as Ysleta, since the address is Ysleta Station.

From ten states, Cuba, Mexico, and Panama, students have entered our school with great enthusiasm to prepare for the Lord's work. How God has met us from time to time is beyond words. He has worked out in our lives what we could never accomplish by ourselves.

Ten of our students have been filled with the Holy Spirit this year and a number of visitors were also filled in our annual revival in January.

This year has been an outstanding one in soul winning by the school groups that have ministered in various places. We have seen a great move among our Latin American youth that will no doubt bring more students to school who will, in turn, go back to minister to their people. This year we are graduating 18 who will take the gospel to their people.

The fall and spring semester enrollment has reached a high of 75, which is a few more than we had last year. In 1960, five young men were graduated from our school and shortly after

graduation all five were elected pastors.

We have a nice library building with a good selection of books, which is an asset to our educational program. However, more books are needed. We especially desire books in English since most of our students speak and write English fluently.

### SPANISH-AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

New York City, N. Y.

By Jose Caraballo, Director of the School and Secretary of the Spanish Eastern District

On June 24 the Spanish-American Bible Institute, an evening college, will graduate 62 students, and 78 students will be completing the second-year course. The Spanish population of the United States presents a tremendous challenge to the graduates and to the Spanish Eastern District which sponsors this school. The Spanish population of New York alone is over 700,000.

The Spanish Eastern District, recognizing the great need of workers to reach this growing population, established the Bible school a number of years ago. For many years this college has prepared students for gospel work among their people in various areas of the country. Five of this year's graduating class are already in the ministry as pastors of missions.

Our Bible school does not have its own buildings yet. Classes are conducted in The Macedonia Church (one of the Spanish churches of the district). Classes are also conducted under the sponsorship of the school in Newark, N. J., Cleveland, Ohio, Bridgeport, Conn., and Philadelphia, Pa.

Two courses are offered by the school: one for those who plan to be lay workers and another for students who plan to enter full-time ministry.

Faculty members in this Bible school donate their services as unto the Lord.

The Spanish Eastern District is negotiating to buy a 2,000-seat theater building which we plan to convert into a school. ◀ ◀

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### SELECTIVITY AND SUCCESS

A. C. BATES, A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE in Assemblies of God circles, made the significant observation that *selectivity is the secret of success*. The more I have thought about this, the more I have been persuaded of the statement's accuracy.

That selectivity is the secret of success is a fact clearly recognized by God and employed in His economy. Yet we have been somewhat afraid to apply it lest we should offend someone or even possibly miss God's will.

Selectivity was carefully practiced in both Old and New Testament days. It was urged upon Moses in his dealing with Israel. "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens" (Exodus 18:21).

The law of selectivity was clearly in operation when David was chosen as Saul's successor. However, in this instance it was God who did the selecting, while Samuel was only the intermediary to effect God's choice.

Selectivity was practiced by Christ when He chose the twelve to be His apostles. "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom he named apostles" (Luke 6:13). The Early Church was instructed to practice selectivity in its choice of leaders for various areas of activity. See Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 3:2-12.

In this light it is of paramount importance that selectivity be practiced in the choice of men who are to pioneer and found new churches across America. Too long we have left this most important task to the immature, the inexperienced and, in many cases, the unqualified. Availability, noble as it is, must not be the only requisite.

Selectivity based on certain clearly-spelled-out standards will bless the work of God with greater success. Therefore, let us practice it. ◀ ◀

# Home Front Highlights

Glimpses of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department

## AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Woodsford, California

Several were saved, one person was filled with the Holy Spirit, and some were healed during a recent revival with Evangelist Mildred Schultz in the Woodsford, Calif., Indian church. Alfred Elgin, Jr., is pastor.

### Flagstaff, Arizona

Rowena Chaves, missionary at the new church in Flagstaff, has had to discontinue the weekly services because the car she was using for transportation wore out. Besides, the car was never adequate to hold all the Indian



Part of the congregation in front of the new Indian Assembly in Flagstaff, Ariz.

people who wanted to come in to church. The missionary was driving about eighty miles each service. Pray with Sister Chaves that God will provide a suitable means of transportation for the Indian people who are so anxious to attend church.



Congregation at Lander, Wyo. on the Wind River Reservation

### Infant-ry

The Albert C. Hollands, missionaries at Chamberlain, S. Dak., announce the arrival March 31 of Cynthia Ruth. Brother Holland has received permission from the principal of the Indian school on the reservation to hold religious education classes once a week (3 to 4 p.m.).

### Chambers, Arizona

The Lyle Wolvertons, who have recently moved to Chambers, Ariz., to minister, are building a 40- by 70-foot cement block church which will have eight Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, a nursery, a 10- by 30-foot room for Children's Church, a baptistry, and a 30- by 40-foot auditorium. Sunday school attendance in Chambers increased from 38 on March 12 to 184 Easter Sunday! They hope to complete the church soon to accommodate the growing congregation.

### Owyhee, Nevada

The Roy Nelsons, missionaries at Owyhee, recently had a two-week revival with Evangelist Faye Gregg of Nampa, Idaho. This revival resulted in the first Pentecostal outpouring on this reservation. Two backsliders were reclaimed and seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Following the revival, five more were saved and seven more received the Baptism. Many sinners are being contacted. The Nelsons have recently built a lovely new church at Owyhee.

## Lander, Wyoming

Seven were saved and several received the Baptism recently at Lander, on the Wind River Reservation, during a revival with W. B. Little. The R. T. Rideners, missionaries here, travel a thousand miles a month in their Indian ministry on this reservation!

## FOREIGN-LANGUAGE MINISTRY

### Golden Valley, North Dakota

Since January 29, 1955, a German broadcast has been beamed every Saturday afternoon at 4:30 over the Dickinson radio station. Beginning with a fifteen-minute program, Erick Frank soon discovered that the intense interest in this type of program would merit his purchasing time for a half-hour program. Brother Frank is an ordained minister with the German Branch of



Erick Frank (seated) signs contract for another year of broadcasting the gospel in the German language

the Assemblies of God. Listeners have supported this broadcast which has continued to pay for itself all these years.

Known as the *Gospel Messengers*, the Franks have added radio station KCVR of Lodi, Calif., to their work. Brother Frank recently received recognition from two newspapers, *The Mandan Pioneer*, Mandan, N. Dak., and *The Beulah Independent*, Beulah, N. Dak.



The new Indian Mission in the desert at Owyhee, Nev.

## How to Help the Blind

MANY SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND churches are now reaching the blind in their communities. Their visitation programs include visits to the Blind. Churches may obtain full-gospel literature in Braille and gospel tapes from the Home Missions Department.

### LITERATURE AVAILABLE

Braille literature available from the Home Missions Department includes *My Personal Worker's Guide*, Sunday school quarterlies for all ages, and a monthly publication, *The Pentecostal Digest*, which is a compilation of choice articles from the *Evangel* and various Sunday school publications. Gospel tapes are also available for blind persons having tape recorders.

The Blind are not charged for these materials. The continuance of this ministry depends upon the contributions of friends. All orders and contributions should be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. (If a sighted person orders materials for the blind, the name and address of each blind person must be given. Because of a free mailing permit, these materials must be sent directly to blind persons.)

### HINTS IN WITNESSING

Some sighted persons have a fear of conversing with or witnessing to the Blind. The following hints will help when contacting the sightless.

1. Always make your presence known. Identify yourself when entering a room occupied by a blind person.
2. Be natural with a blind person.

Talk to him as you would to the sighted.

3. Use special care in speaking; your voice should be moderate. Do not talk to him as though he were deaf.

4. In conversation, address the blind person by name if he is the one expected to reply, or he may not know the remark is being directed to him.

5. Do not discuss blind people in their presence as if they were not present.

6. Help to familiarize the blind with their surroundings; they are at ease when they know where they are.

7. Always leave doors open or shut as you found them; the Blind remember them that way.

8. In guiding a blind person, never take his arm and push him ahead; instead, offer your arm. The movement of your body will inform him whether he should step up or down. ◀◀



Carl Conley



Mrs. Carl Conley



James Phillips



Mrs. Dorothy Terry



Mrs. E. Whitney



S. W. Shaneyfelt



Julia Ann Ford

## Approved for Ministry on the Home Front

In the past two years nearly fifty new workers have been added to the home missionary family. Missionaries are appointed by the National Home Missions Department in six of the seven Special Ministries fields: American Indians, the Jews, the Deaf, the Blind, Alaska, and Teen-Age Evangelism, which is part of the Prison Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrison and sons



During the past month, ten well-qualified workers have received appointment.

The Carl Conleys of Clearwater, Fla., have been approved for service in American Indian ministry. Brother Conley, who is the son of Mrs. H. P. Conley, missionary-pastor of the Indian church in Winterhaven, Calif., attended Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. His wife attended the University of Arizona and Southwestern Bible Institute Junior College, Waxahachie, Tex. She has been a public school instructor and also has been active in church music.

James Phillips, a San Carlos, Ariz., Apache Indian, has been appointed to minister to his own people and is pastor at Bylas, Ariz.

The John Davises from Ohio have received appointment to work among the Navajo Indians in Holbrook, Ariz., to assist the Eugene Herds who are missionaries there. Brother Davis has worked with several home missionaries in Arizona previously. He attended Central Bible Institute and pastored in Ohio. He served as an Assemblies of God missionary to India for four years.

The Ralph Harrisons, from the Southern California District, have been appointed to assist Rowena Chaves with the new Indian

church in Flagstaff, Ariz. Both have had Bible school training.

Mrs. Dorothy Terry has been appointed to work among Indians in Arizona. She has had some ministry among the Navajos for two and one-half years.

Mrs. E. W. Whitney of Pewaukee, Wis., is the first appointed worker to the Blind. Her burden for the Blind pressed her to study Braille and soon she began preparing Braille materials for the Home Missions Department. Supplies she has needed for preparing this literature have been provided by the department. Mrs. Whitney and her family have sacrificially given of their time, energy, and finances to do this work to which God has called them.

S. Wayne Shaneyfelt of Indianapolis, Ind., has received appointment to Deaf ministry. He has been ministering to the Deaf ever since he graduated from Central Bible Institute in 1951. He has pastored deaf groups and directed deaf camps in Kansas and Indiana. At present Brother Shaneyfelt is engaged in evangelistic ministry to the Deaf.

Julia Ann Ford of Bellevue, Wash., received appointment for service in the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home in Alaska. Miss Ford attended Northwest Bible College and has had experience as a nurse's aid in a nursing home.

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## Spain

### VICTORIES IN BARCELONA

Prayer has been answered in Barcelona, Spain, reports Missionary Kenneth McIntyre. "During the World Day of Prayer, one young man was completely delivered from the habit of smoking. That same evening as we prayed for the sick, an unsaved lady who had come to receive healing raised her hands and with tears streaming down her face said, 'I have just been saved!' At a later prayer service a lady was healed of an ulcer.

"Recently a teen-age girl received the baptism of the Holy Spirit—the fourth to receive in about two months."

## Tanganyika

### CHURCH DEDICATED IN ARUSHA

More than 1100 people, including Africans from as far as 335 miles away, and thirteen Assemblies of God missionaries, attended the dedication of Calvary Temple, in Arusha, Tanganyika, reports Missionary Paul Bruton. E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa, brought the dedicatory message.

At the service the chief of the Waa-rusha Tribe said, "I myself am the product of Christian missions. Missionaries mean much to my people and to my country—let us get on with the job!"

A memorial plaque in honor of

Brother Bruton's mother was unveiled. The late Mrs. Bruton has four children in active ministry with the Assemblies of God.

The building, of contemporary style, seats approximately five hundred. At the front of the church stands a beautifully-proportioned concrete and steel cross rising 56 feet from a reflecting pool. The cross is the highest point in the city of Arusha.

## South India

### STUDENTS MINISTER IN THE VILLAGES

As a result of personal work by our Bible school students, a lady was saved and healed recently, reports Missionary Lydia Graner. "Pankajakshiyamma, unable to use her right arm and leg, had been an invalid for nine years. One day two of the students stopped at her home and told her of Christ's love and power to save and heal. That evening she had a vision of Christ suffering on the cross for her. Her faith reached out to Him and she arose from her bed, delivered in soul and body. She also testifies of how God healed her little girl in answer to the students' prayers."

## Indonesia

### INDIGENOUS CHURCH DEVELOPS

A completely indigenous church has been discovered in the interior of Indonesia, reports Missionary Anthony

Sorbo. "Government troops were in the interior and met people who were different from the others. On returning they asked our workers if they had visited that area. When they answered 'no,' the officials could not understand, as these people did not smoke, chew betel nut, drink, or do the things that their neighbors did. They said they belonged to the Assemblies of God church. We later learned that someone had visited our church on the coast, was converted, and took the message back to his village. As a result many people had turned to the Lord."

## Nigeria

### SLAVE DEALER JAILED AFTER CONFESSION

A middle-aged woman, Nkakul Mota, has been sentenced to jail for six months by the Ogoja High Court, Ogoja, Nigeria. The charge—slave dealing.

Shortly after her conversion Nkakul voluntarily went to the police last year and confessed that she was owner of an eight-year-old slave girl. Nkakul was surrendering the girl to the parents, the prosecution added, because she had joined the Assemblies of God church where she had been told that slave dealing was sinful.

The judge of the court said he was sentencing the woman to six months' imprisonment because the law must always take its course.



Sunday night congregation in Barcelona, Spain



Calvary Temple dedicated in Arusha, Tanganyika

## Hawaii

### CHINESE SAILORS BAPTIZED IN HAWAII

One hundred and fifteen Chinese nationalist sailors recently attended the Assemblies of God services while their ship was in a Hawaii port. Missionary Albert Kehr reports that "when the invitation was given to accept Christ, nearly every sailor raised his hand. At the close of the afternoon service, eighteen of these young Chinese servicemen were baptized in water."



Harmonica band in Hong Kong

## Hong Kong

### BUILDING TOO SMALL FOR GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

More than 150 children are attending the Sunday school in Un Long, Hong Kong, reports Missionary Annie Bailie. Many others must be turned away weekly because of the lack of space. In Peng Shaan more than two hundred attend but there is a lack of teachers.

Sunday schools are also being held in other parts of Hong Kong.

## South Africa

### REVIVAL IN A.B.T.I.

As a result of a prayer chain during the weeks before commencement, revival came to the African Bible Training Institute, South Africa, reports Missionary Fred Burke. A number of students received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and many received definite calls into full-time ministry.

In their practical ministry, film strips made in African settings with tape recordings in the Bantu languages are being used with success by the students. A team equipped with power plant and projector has been invited to show the film strips in schools, churches, and a large hospital. Principals of schools as well as young people have been coming forward to seek salvation.

Forty-nine of the Bible school students were graduated at the term's close.

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Where in the Bible does it say the people would pluck out the beard of Jesus?**

It was prophesied that "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off my hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). Since it speaks of "my cheeks" it is reasonable to assume the hair mentioned would be the hair of his face.

**Numbers 16:32 says, "All the men that appertained unto Korah, ... went down alive into the pit." In Numbers 26:11 it says, "Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not." Is this not a contradiction?**

"All the men that appertained unto Korah," refers to those who shared with him in the insurrection. The children, who had not taken part in the insurrection, were not included in the judgment.

**When Jesus comes, will we be caught up bodily to meet Him, or will only our spirits meet Him in the air? 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18.**

When Jesus comes for His own, the dead in Christ shall come out of their graves in new, glorified bodies. We which are alive will find our bodies suddenly changed into spiritual bodies. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52).

**Will Zechariah 14 be fulfilled in the future, or has it been fulfilled already?**

Generally it is believed that fulfillment of Zechariah 14 is yet in the future. The enemy nations will come against restored Israel, and will be defeated by the personal return of Christ when He comes to reign. This will be followed by the Millennium when the nations send representatives each year to Jerusalem "to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

**What are the "better things" which God has provided for us, as mentioned in Hebrews 11:40?**

They are the blessings of full salvation through Christ, with all the blessings present and future which belong to believers in Christ. Until Jesus came the Jews did not have a perfect sacrifice for sins. Now Jesus is that perfect sacrifice, and these "better things" are available to us.

**What was the "jot or tittle" of the law which Jesus mentioned in Matthew 5:18?**

These were points or markings in the Hebrew language indicating the vowels. A somewhat similar saying in English would be, "Not a comma or period of the law shall pass away." The actual meaning of Jesus' saying was that not the least bit of the law would remain unfulfilled.

**I am a Christian girl, but I have been going with a nice boy who is not a Christian. He says he wants to take a stand for Christ but is afraid he could not hold out. He goes to church regularly. Do you think I ought to continue going with him?**

Many letters are received from Christian women who have been taken in by men who professed religion only to get them. After marriage they found themselves yoked to wicked men.

The boy you are interested in may be a fine young man, but you will be on the safe side if you tell him you feel you ought not to go together since the Bible says: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." If he has a desire for God, he will not be hurt by the stand you take.

*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).*



The CMF choir of La Paz Evangelistic Center sing under the direction of Mrs. Monroe Grams at the dedication service.

## CMF in the Mountains and Jungles of Bolivia, South America

BY MRS. MONROE GRAMS  
President, Bolivian CMF

FROM THE HIGH MOUNTAIN PASSES in the snow-bordered city of La Paz, Bolivia, to the low jungle grasslands of Santa Cruz, Christian women wend their way on Wednesday afternoons to the meeting of the *Concilio Misionero Femenil*, Latin American equivalent of the WMC. Some arrive with babies tied on their backs in a typical hand-woven Indian shawl, wearing full skirts, and little black derbies on their heads. In other areas they arrive in more elegant style, but all come for one purpose, "To serve with willing hearts and hands."

Bolivia has five different geographi-

cal areas which makes for quite a variety of people, customs, and habits. The climate, language, foods, altitude (varying from 13,000 feet above sea level at La Paz to sea level at Santa Cruz), roads, and living conditions are different in each area. This diversity of land and peoples has made it difficult to organize on a national scale. However, in October 1960 the Bolivian Assemblies of God was organized as a national body, and in January officers were appointed by the general presbyters. I was asked to serve as the president of the CMF.

When we first came to La Paz in 1952, we realized that the national pastors needed clothing and bedding for their families in this high Andes region. We wanted to help, and yet teach the people to help themselves and others, and to have a missionary vision for the people in the country areas served by our pastors. We felt the best way to do this was to start a CMF and teach the women to help others.

The Lord has blessed the Bolivian CMF and also sent a growth to the churches. For Christmas in 1953 our CMF prepared quilts and knitted gloves for three national pastors and their

families. This ministry has increased until for the last three years we have prepared clothing for fifteen pastors and their wives and children. This makes a total of seventy-six people receiving help from the La Paz CMF.

In order to keep pace with the work, our women prepare clothing, embroidery work, quilts and uniforms which they can sell to get funds to invest in materials for the clothing for our pastors.

This year our plans are to help furnish straw mattresses for our country Bible school among the Aymara Indian people, descendants of the Incas. We want to furnish sheet blankets and some sheets so that they may begin to use bed linens. We plan to help in the opening of two outstations in the city of La Paz where we also hope to foster new CMF groups.

As yet there are no women's meetings in the rural area around La Paz since all our believers there are among the Aymara Indian women. They work all day tending sheep and spinning wool. Very few read or write, and few speak Spanish.

In the Santa Cruz lowland jungle area there are four organized CMF groups, sponsored by Mrs. Everett Hale. The women of these groups have made a specialty of weaving hammocks to be sold. That money is used for materials to supply the needs of the pastors of their area.

In the Santa Cruz area they make lightweight white shirts and clothing for the pastors, while in the mountain area the clothing includes heavy sweaters and flannel shirts.

There are two other WMC groups in the area of Cochabamba where Mrs.



Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Grams stand behind the pulpit at the La Paz Evangelistic Center.



The La Paz CMF group helps to provide for this national pastor and his family.



CMF group in jungle area near Santa Cruz displays a hammock and a quilt they made

T. O. Johnston is helping, and in Tarija where Mrs. Ray Jones is in charge. When we visited this last WMC it was interesting to see that the women had brought in crude raw wool and were carding, spinning, and washing it to be made into sweaters. So each area presents its distinctive needs and different people, but the heart is the same everywhere, desiring to serve.

We ask the WMC's in the U.S. to pray for us as we seek to inspire and organize the women to "minister as unto Christ" on a national scale.

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Editor's note: The Santa Cruz CMF also sews for the Bible school located there. They did a great deal of work by hand until recently when a sewing machine was supplied for the school through the Etta Calhoun Fund.

## Navajo Women Serve with Gladness

By Bonnie White Ruark

ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO WE STARTED our WMC group at the Indian Assembly in Winslow, Ariz. Feeling the need for our people to be concerned for the needs of others, we encouraged them to do for others rather than for themselves.

The first year we made quilts and clothing and sent some new toys to Hillcrest National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Ark. This was a real inspiration to our ladies and they determined the next year to do even more. That year a large box of quilts was sent to the Juneau (Alaska) Children's Home. The WMC ladies featured the orphanage in a Christmas program and received an offering of over forty dollars to be sent to the Home. They also sent a box of new clothing which they had made, plus many small articles.

Enthusiasm was really running high now, so we decided to "adopt" a mis-

sionary's child for 1960, according to the WMC Adoption Plan. We chose the daughter of an Indian missionary known to our ladies, and they did a good job meeting her needs. Also that year our ladies gave a number of new garments and quilts to the missionaries at the new Indian mission in Flagstaff.

When I was married in April, my husband started a Men's Fellowship, and it met each week at the same time our ladies met. The men and women worked together on articles for the Indians' Christmas at Manuelito, N. Mex., where June Pearson had gone to start a new Indian church. Since she had formerly worked here in Winslow with us, the people took particular interest in doing things for her. The men made plaques, wastebaskets, and other articles of wood, and the ladies made pillows, quilts, and clothing. We also decided to send a monthly offering to the new work at Manuelito for a year.

In addition to the above projects, our WMC and Men's Fellowship groups have also spent many hours working on our new church building. Our ladies meet several times a year to clean the church and wash curtains and windows. They help prepare for Vacation Bible school and children's revivals, as well as helping around the parsonage and sharing in providing food during revivals.

Both our WMC and Men's Fellowship have been a great blessing in our work here. This year they plan to give much of their time to working on the new building. We desperately need to get into it.

Several people have been saved and added to the church as a direct result of our WMC and Men's Fellowship. We have seen many answers to prayer as the groups gather for a prayer service each week and pray together with a burden for the lost. ◀◀



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruark, missionaries to the American Indians in Winslow, Ariz.

## Another Victorious WMC DAY

THE NATIONAL WMC DEPARTMENT is still receiving good reports and offerings from churches concerning National WMC Day. We are grateful to everyone who took part in the WMC Day activities and who gave to the support of the national office. It is our earnest prayer that the quality of our service to the whole constituency may justify your continued support of this office.

Among the many good letters received with WMC Day offerings is this one from Mrs. Mary E. Baker, First Assembly, Pontiac, Michigan:

"Our pastor, Brother A. Hashman, used the entire morning worship service in which to present the WMC Day program to the whole church. The choir and Missionettes furnished the music. Five of the WMC ladies were the speakers, and the other women received the offering. Brother Hashman, in such a simple yet appropriate manner, brought the service to a close with a consecration call.

"There were so many comments all day long about the service and many said they learned many phases of our labors of which they had known nothing. We have had such a spirit of revival in our church in the last several months and the many new converts heard for the first time of our missionary endeavor around the world.

"As a fitting climax to such a wonderful day in the Lord, one of our WMC ladies received her Baptism that evening as well as one of our Missionettes. So a big 'thank you' for your part in this service and we say, *God bless your every effort in leading us to further the work of God.*"

Mrs. Glenrose Jensen, Havelock, N. C., wrote: "We enjoyed giving the WMC Day program, *Freely ye have received; Freely give.* The ladies who gave it really received a blessing and God anointed our service. Our entire church was blessed.

"We have enjoyed the presence of the Lord in our WMC meetings so much. One lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at one of our meetings in January; another received this blessed experience after she had gone home. Praise the Lord!" ◀◀

## Good Response to New Achievement Program

BY CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH



Some of the missionettes at Vidor, Texas, who earned \$20 to help pay for their new church organ. The sponsor, Mrs. D. S. Chance, encourages the girls to participate in church affairs. They are growing spiritually and most now have received the Holy Spirit.



Here are some of the Missionettes and their mothers who attended a mother-daughter banquet in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mrs. Hilda Vehmeier is the sponsor.



Mrs. Norma Cuthbertson sponsors these Missionettes at the Assembly in Thomaston, Maine. The girls are shown with boxes which they filled and distributed at Christmastime. They also made tray favors for a nursing home and went Christmas caroling.



These Missionettes at First Assembly, Council Bluffs, Iowa, send \$5.00 a month to help an orphan girl in Haines, Alaska. They have secured a large map showing Assemblies of God foreign mission stations, and it is used in conjunction with their studies from "Missionette Memos" twice a month. Sponsor is Mrs. Roxie Pasko,

"The Lord has blessed our girls this past year. Four girls were saved in our services and two received the Holy Spirit at the Missionette Camp. I believe Missionettes is the answer to keeping our girls and giving them the gospel. The Lord has truly done a great work among our girls here." These words, written by Mrs. Thomas Ming, Wilmington, Calif., are typical of comments we often receive in the national office. The Wilmington Missionette Club grew until there were more than 25 members. As a result, the group was divided so there would be a Club for Juniors from 9 to 11, and another for Missionettes from 12 to 17.

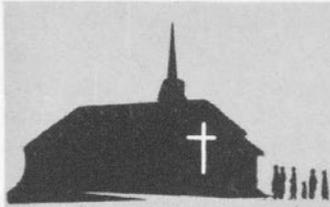
Many clubs across the nation are finding it necessary to divide into two separate groups because of the rapid growth in membership. One of the main reasons for the increase in the number of Missionettes has been the introduction of the new achievement program, STAIRWAY TO THE STARS. The tremendous response to this program has far exceeded our expectations. First materials became available about the middle of last December. By the end of March approximately 7,000 handbooks had been mailed to Missionettes and Junior Missionettes, and more than 1,000 manuals for sponsors had been requested. According to these figures, about one-third of all our Missionettes were engaged in the achievement program in less than four months after it was made available.

It was not the intention of the national office just to present another program that would keep the girls busy, but rather to give them something that would help them to grow spiritually while becoming better acquainted with our Assemblies of God doctrine and our missionary work at home and abroad. Many letters expressing appreciation for the program have been received. Thousands of girls are now climbing the STAIRWAY TO THE STARS. The training they are receiving will prepare them to be better Christians and more effective witnesses for the Lord.

Information concerning the achievement program and suggestions for organizing a club are available upon request from the Missionette Division, WMC Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



Two Missionettes in Wilmington, Calif. present their sponsor, Mrs. Thomas Ming, with a movie camera to take on a trip to the Holy Land.



# The Family Altar



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

## MONDAY, MAY 29

READ: Romans 8:1-17

LEARN: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

FOR THE PARENT: Too often Christians do not exercise the freedom that is theirs in Christ. From verse 1 show the two qualifications to being free from condemnation: being in Christ and walking in the Spirit. Then point out: (1) why we can be free from condemnation, vv. 2-4; (2) the differences between those who walk after their own desires and those who obey the Spirit of God, vv. 5-13; (3) being led by God's Spirit is a sign of our sonship and inheritance in Him through Christ, vv. 14-17.

QUESTION TIME: How can we be free from condemnation? (v. 1) What family relationship does the Christian have to God? (vv. 14-17)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: R. L. Brandt, National Secretary of Home Missions; Mrs. Rose M. Chase (Indian), Arizona; Derrell G. Surface (Indian), Texas; Mrs. S. S. Bryant, India; Robert B. Turnbull, Haiti.

## TUESDAY, MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY

READ: Romans 8:18-27

LEARN: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material. Then tie in today's material with the Memorial Day holiday by pointing out that we remember the past to help us in the present and to give us courage to face the future. This passage stresses both the past and the present—and looks forward with hope to the greater glory of the future, vv. 18-25. It also points out how the Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer times, vv. 26, 27.

QUESTION TIME: What does Paul have to say about our present sufferings? (v. 18) How does the Holy Spirit help us in our prayer times? (vv. 26, 27)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

READ: Romans 8:28-39

LEARN: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material from the two previous days. Then point out: (1) the assurance that God allows all things for our best interests, v. 28; (2) the process by which God has called us to Himself, vv. 29, 30; (3) the glorious assurances that go with knowing we are on God's side, vv. 31-34; (4) the security we have in Christ—nothing outside of our own will can separate us from His love, vv. 35-39.

QUESTION TIME: How do we know that all things that happen to the Christian are for his own good? (v. 28) How do we know God has our best interests at heart? (v. 32)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Adeline Wichman, Ghana.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1

READ: Joshua 14:6-15; 2 Timothy 2:12

LEARN: "I wholly followed the Lord my God" (Joshua 14:8).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Caleb Rewarded"

will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From the study of the life of Joshua, the lessons now turn to the life of one of his contemporaries: Caleb. Review the good report that Caleb, one of the 12 spies, brought back to the people of Israel (Numbers 13:17 to 14:45). He was faithful to God in spite of the opposition of the people. Now he was claiming his inheritance. Stress how his actions show his continuing faith in God and his rising to meet the challenge of life in the power of God.

QUESTION TIME: What kind of report did Caleb, as one of the 12 spies, bring back to Israel? What was Israel's reaction? How did God reward Caleb for his faithfulness?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. D. J. Guenther, British Guiana.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2

READ: Acts 18:1-4; 19:1, 2, 6, 18-20, 23, 28, 35-39 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

FOR THE PARENT: From these verses point out: (1) Paul's faithfulness in preaching the gospel, 18:1-4; (2) the importance of being filled with the Spirit to witness effectively, 19:1-6; (3) the varying reactions of the people to the gospel—some believed and a great change occurred in their lives; others caused a riot because the good news cut down on their business of making idols!

QUESTION TIME: What is one of the benefits of being filled with the Holy Spirit? (See above) How did reactions to the gospel message vary? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Kenneth L. Godbey, Nigeria; Mrs. T. R. Schultz, Dahomey; Mrs. Oscar D. Butterfield, Alaska; Carl L. Peppiatt (Indian), Michigan.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

READ: 2 Samuel 15:1-15; 18:9-17 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Honor thy father and mother" (Ephesians 6:2).

FOR THE PARENT: Absalom was David's eldest son—and he desperately wanted to be king. Normally the eldest son became king, but Absalom wasn't willing to wait. Show: (1) how he undermined the people's confidence in King David and told them he would be a better king; (2) how he deceived his father, 15:7-12; (3) how he set up a rival kingdom; (4) how he met disaster on the battlefield because God wasn't with him. Stress the importance of obedience and respect to parents. Stress also the folly of going against the plan of God for our lives.

QUESTION TIME: How did Absalom win the hearts of the people of Israel? How did he deceive his father? How did he finally die?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Leonard J. Everly (Indian), New Mexico; Charles S. Slater (Indian), Wisconsin; Mrs. Cole W. Tyner (Deaf), California; David V. Plymire, Taiwan.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Mrs. R. A. Busby, Indonesia; Mrs. L. E. Lanphear, Hong Kong; Mrs. L. R. Larson, Fiji; Miss Laura R. Pape, Liberia; Floyd C. Woodworth, Cuba; Albert G. Bratton (Deaf), Kansas; Williard C. Sparlin, Alaska.

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## CALEB REWARDED

Sunday School Lesson for June 4, 1961

JOSHUA 14:6-15; 2 TIMOTHY 2:12

The time had come when the land of Canaan, conquered by Joshua and Israel, was to be divided among the tribes and families of Israel. Caleb, one of the twelve men commissioned to spy out the land forty-five years before, now stepped forward to claim his part.

**CALEB'S FAITH.** Joshua 14:7, 8.

1. *The test.* "Forty years old was I when Moses... sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land." This commission represented a real test to the twelve men who were assigned to it. But Caleb's faith was equal to the test!

2. *The triumph.* "I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. Nevertheless my brethren made the heart of the people melt." In his report Caleb did not attempt to please either Moses or the people. Desirous only of being true to his genuine convictions and to God, Caleb expressed his faith—"Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Such faith and courage is needed in these days. God is looking for men who possess not only *physical courage*, but *moral courage* to be true to God-given conviction regardless of whatever personal loss may be involved. It may be difficult to go against a majority, against one's loved ones and friends, but such faithfulness will be rewarded in the end.

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.** Joshua 14:6, 9-11.

*The divine promise.* "Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses concerning me... Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance." All the gloom, misery, and hardship of the forty years' wandering in the wilderness had not dimmed the glory of God's promises!

*The divine preservation.* "The Lord hath kept me alive as he said, these forty and five years." What a testimony Caleb had! With gratitude and praise to God he could say, "As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me in." Here is not only divine healing but divine health!

**CALEB'S REQUEST.**

*Ambition in God.* "Now therefore give me this mountain." Here was one of the two oldest men in the nation seeking not a place of ease and retirement, but what was perhaps the most difficult task which any individual in the nation would be required to face! What an encouragement Caleb is to those in advanced years! What a proof of the fact that a man's usefulness in the kingdom of God continues to the end of his days!

We have many mountains that can and ought to be conquered. Shall our prayer be, "Lord, give me tasks equal to my strength," or, "Lord, give me strength equal to all tasks which may challenge me"?

*Assurance in God.* "For thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there... if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord hath said." Forty-five years earlier Caleb believed that, with God's help, His people were more than a match for the giant-sized people of Anak—and he still believed it! His habit of faith and trust in God through the long years explains his confident faith now. And the God on whose Word and power Caleb relied helped him indeed, for he seems to have been the only one of Israel's tribal leaders who succeeded fully in expelling the enemy from his territory. See Joshua 14:15; 15:13-19.

**CALEB'S REWARD.** Joshua 14:13-14.

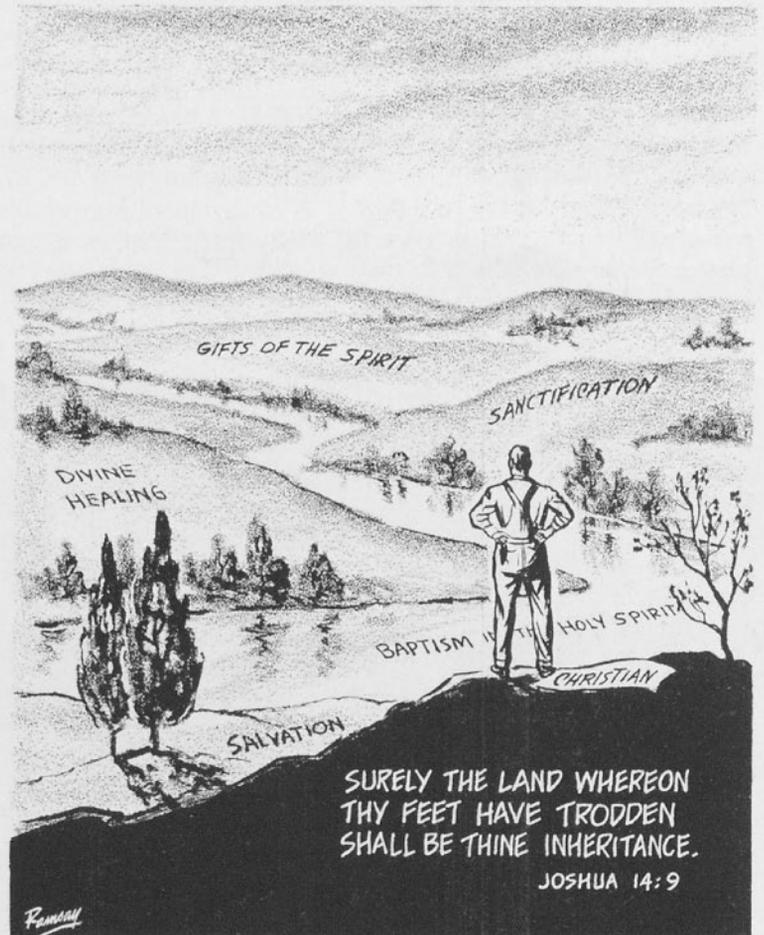
*The secured blessing.* "And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb... Hebron for an inheritance."

*The secret of the blessing.* "Because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel." This statement, thrice repeated in the lesson, gives us the secret of Caleb's—and for that matter, of any man's—success! Caleb had an eye single to the glory of God. He had no reservations, no carnal motives and ambitions, no regard for the opinion of man nor for the approval of man. Men and women who "wholly follow the Lord" are the men and women who make spiritual history! And they alone are eligible to receive reward at the hands of the Lord.

Though Caleb found it necessary to wait forty-five years in order to receive his inheritance, yet it was his as certainly the day he returned from spying out the land as when he received it. God's promises to each of us will be fulfilled when we "wholly follow the Lord."

—J. Bashford Bishop

## GOOD PLACE TO HOMESTEAD





# BGMC PAGE

FRANCES FOSTER—DIRECTOR



BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

## How Some Boys and Girls Increased Their BGMC Day Offerings

### Dear Boys and Girls:

Buddy Barrel Bank and his master Terry heard some very good news recently, and I know you are eager to hear it too. But first, do you remember what February 5 was? It was BGMC Day, of course! Boys and girls in churches all over the United States brought their barrel banks to Sunday school filled with money and deposited the money in the new BGMC bank tellers' booths on that day.

Do you have a BGMC bank teller's booth in your church? An instruction sheet was sent to each church, showing how to make the booth. If your BGMC secretary did not get one, why not write to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, and ask for one.

They are free of charge. (Mark your letter, "BGMC Division.")

There is also a bank book for each boy and girl, you know. This bank book can be used all year long. Each month when you bring your barrel to the bank the amount of your offering is entered in your bank book. These bank books also can be obtained from the BGMC Division free of charge.

Two of our churches sent us pictures of their bank tellers' booths. One is from Hartford, Conn., where the children are delighted to make their "deposits" each month on Missionary Sunday. Imagine how happy they all felt when the money was added up on BGMC Day, and totaled \$100.55!

A new teller is appointed each month from the Junior Department of the Sunday school. The two tellers on this Sunday were Audrey and Alan Hanson. On the picture you see two-year-old Lisa Sterbins about to make her deposit. Helping her is her big sister, twelve-year-old Cheryl, while Tommy Sterbins, who is four years old, is waiting for his turn. Another brother, ten-year-old Timmy, had already been to the bank.

The other picture comes from Board Camp, Ark., showing us how National BGMC Day was observed there. Danny Bates is serving as teller, and Rhonda and Tommy Boyd are making their monthly deposits at the BGMC Bank.

How happy all these children are to have a way in which they can help advance the kingdom of God! These are just two of the many churches where the tellers' booths have been made and are being used.

And now for the good news about BGMC Day. Our goal, you may remember, was to receive \$23,000 on that day to pay for translating and printing gospel literature for boys and girls in foreign lands. Well, we did it. Thanks to the fine work of all you BGMC members (and some help from the grown-ups) the actual total of the offerings was \$23,111.16. Here is a



Board Camp, Ark.

list of the churches and districts that won trophies for giving the largest offerings during the month of February:

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### FIRST AWARD FOR HIGHEST GIVING:

Trinity Tabernacle, Bayton, Tex.

### RUNNER-UP AWARD FOR HIGHEST GIVING:

Gospel Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn.

### DIVISIONAL AWARD WINNERS:

1. Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo.
2. First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Ariz.
3. Capitol Hill Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4. Fair Ridge Assembly of God, Shade Gap, Pa.
5. Bethel Temple, Oak Park, Ill.
6. Assembly of God Tabernacle, Scranton, N. Dak.
7. Assembly of God, Jay, Okla.

### DISTRICT TROPHY AWARDS:

Highest Amount—South Texas District  
Runner-up Highest Amount — Minnesota District  
Highest Per Capita—North Dakota  
Runner-up Per Capita—Minnesota District and Nebraska District (this was a tie).

Congratulations to these winners and to every boy and girl who contributed on BGMC Day 1961!

—Eleanor Grossglass



Hartford, Conn.

# Revivaltime Ministers to Missionaries and Christian Workers on the Foreign Field

BY LOIS HOKANSON

**D**EVOTING THEIR LIVES TO BRINGING the story of salvation to those who have never heard the gospel, our missionaries work long, hard, and tiring hours to win even one soul to Christ. As they labor, often in isolated spots hundreds of miles from other Christians, they need to be reassured that they are not laboring alone. *Revivaltime*, in addition to helping spread the gospel to English-speaking foreigners, also brings blessing and encouragement to the missionaries themselves.

At times, the joy of listening to *Revivaltime* is not confined to the half hour each week the broadcast is on the air. John F. Hall, missionary to West Africa, gives the following testimony of blessings received from listening to tape recordings of old *Revivaltime* broadcasts.

"What a blessing to listen to *Revivaltime* tapes several times! Yes, the same tapes, over and over—a blessing you don't have. It's a pity that our strange philosophy of life in America prevents re-use of broadcast programs.

"Altogether, nine tapes of *Revivaltime* programs were sent to us while we were in Upper Volta, West Africa. We have a small 110-volt, 750-watt, gasoline-motor-driven light plant to provide lights for our mission station. With our Pentron tape recorder it was a pleasure and inspiration to listen from time to time to the same program.

"When we had visiting missionaries we would share with them these repeat programs and they too would be blessed. One guest in particular was a bit discouraged. When he listened to one of these tapes he got the 'lift' he needed to again tackle the mountainous

tasks which face all of us missionaries in a time of personnel-dirt pressures on the foreign field.

"We are in a tremendous ideological struggle—the battle of words—and we need a 'last-ditch stand' to get as much as possible of the wonderful gospel of God's redeeming grace on the air waves while 'it is yet day.'"

Another missionary from West Africa wrote of inspiration received from hearing *Revivaltime*, as follows:

"Recently we began to hear your program over here in Monrovia, Liberia. Of course, we were very happy. The few messages we have heard thus far have been very inspiring. As missionaries we are responsible for giving out the Word of God, but we realize that to give out we must first take in. Your preaching is one means of taking in the Word."



John Hall, missionary to Upper Volta

## RADIO NEWS FLASH!

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

MARIETTA, GEORGIA (WFOM)  
1230 kc.—1,000 watts  
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.

PENSACOLA, FLA. (WPFA)  
790 kc.—1,000 watts  
Sundays, 5:30 p.m.

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI (WCMA)  
1230 kc.—250 watts  
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO (KTFI)  
1270 kc.—5,000 watts  
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

RUSTON, LOUISIANA (KRUS)  
1490 kc.—250 watts  
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"Our mail is very slow in reaching us at times out here in the Maluccas, and your letter stating that people would be praying did not arrive until just the other day. However, I knew someone had touched God in faith for me before I heard that you received my letter.

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 cers. Another said it was cancer. But  
 God knew what the trouble was, and  
 healed my stomach.

I had turned my back upon God and  
 remained in a backslidden condition  
 for many years. It was during this  
 period the affliction came upon me.  
 The doctors tried to help me, but they  
 couldn't. Then in 1957 we lost our  
 baby and I returned to God.

When the Lord restored me to His  
 grace He delivered me from alcohol  
 and cigarettes which had bound me  
 for so many years. He also baptized  
 me in the Holy Spirit.

At this time my stomach trouble be-  
 came almost unbearable. I was in con-  
 stant pain, was hemorrhaging, and could  
 not keep any food on my stomach. I  
 only weighed 122 pounds. Then the  
 blessed hour came when God brought  
 me help.

It happened in a Wednesday night  
 service at the Assembly of God at  
 Sulphur Bluff, Tex. Our pastor, Broth-  
 er Jones, laid his hands on me and  
 prayed, and God healed my body.  
 Praise His name.

That was almost four years ago, and

## TOP DISTRICTS

### Revivaltime Giving

January 1 to March 31, 1961

#### TOTAL GIVING

1. Northern California-Nevada .....\$3,973.33
2. South Florida ..... 3,861.15

#### AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Wisconsin-Northern Michigan ...\$ 22.23
2. South Florida ..... 21.81

#### INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. South Florida .....\$2,092.70
2. Kansas ..... 1,664.94

#### INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Arizona .....\$ 13.65
2. South Florida ..... 11.65

#### GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. North Texas ..... 27
2. Wisconsin-Northern Michigan ..... 25

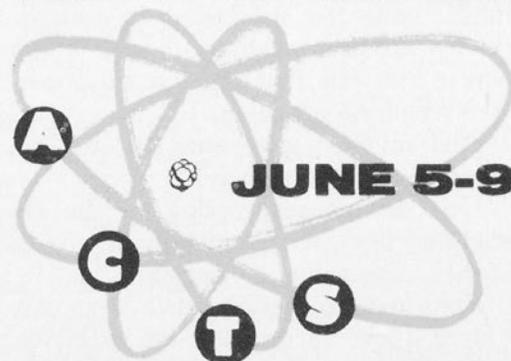
#### GREATEST INCREASE IN PER- CENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Wisconsin-Northern Michigan .....19%
2. Nebraska ..... 17%

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# The Mockingbird Mother —by Mrs. W. E. Hawkins

A LETTER IS ON MY DESK FROM A mother which contains this plaintive cry: "Oh, is there no hope for one who did not realize early enough her responsibility to God for her own children?"

Let me tell you the story of the mockingbird mother.

Coming home from church one summer day, I went back to the kitchen to prepare dinner. In a tree just outside the door was a bird's nest. I knew it was there, and I think the little bird-mother knew that I knew. But this time instead of her note of greeting there was distress and alarm in her cry.

I did not stop at first, but her S.O.S. grew more and more insistent. She called and kept calling, so I stepped

out and then I saw the cause of the disturbance. A rattlesnake was hanging from a limb just above the place where her babies nestled. They were in imminent peril and she knew it, and she was calling for help with all her might.

I ran for Grandfather, who quickly brought a hoe and soon dispatched the intruder. Her little ones were saved ... all except one. It was too late for one.

As I went back into the house I thought of other mothers, human mothers, the very souls of whose children are threatened by the great Adversary who goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. How utterly careless and indifferent they are compared to this mother in the treetop!

And I thought, too, of that cry of distress wrung from the little burdened heart. Could I turn a deaf ear? Why, no, not if I had had to kill that snake myself. I could not have turned down that cry.

Do you think, mother, that your loving God is going to be heedless of your cry to Him for your little ones? No, not even though you may have only tardily awakened to their great need. Be assured that His ear is now open to your cry.

In Jeremiah 33:3 you have His promise, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Claim this promise and keep calling. He is faithful and will make good His Word. Keep calling!

—The Home Builders League

## A Modern Parable—

A CERTAIN MAN HAD A WIFE AND three children. The wife, becoming dissatisfied with housekeeping, and coveting the money being earned by her neighbors, said to her husband, "Husband, secure for me the social security number that falleth to me, and divide unto me a portion of thy trousers..."

With a reluctant heart the husband granted her desire and divided his wardrobe.

Not many days later the wife donned slacks and, with tool box under her arm, waved good-bye to the children, and took her journey into a far country and there secured a man's job in a factory.

She made big wages but she associated with the wicked and listened to the vulgar stories that they told.

There was a mighty spiritual famine in that land, and she grew lean in her soul.

The children, turned loose at the mercy of the neighbors, soon forgot

that they had a mother; but the husband remembered the duties of a wife and wished that his wife would return to her home.

The husband dined on cold lunch meat, while the wife tried in vain to fill her stomach with the husks of the cheese crackers that fell from the canteen vendors' machine.

And no man gave unto her the respect due unto a lady.

One day at rest period as she sat engulfed in cigarette smoke and smutty stories, she came to herself.

She said to herself with remorse, "Here I sit, surrounded by vulgarity, and sacrificing the respects due a lady. At home is a deserted husband, while my children roam the streets unrestrained. The money I make seems small compared to peace of mind and soul."

In vain she tried to smother her conscience with the thought that she was contributing to the family's economic

welfare. So she said to herself, "I will arise and go to my husband and will say unto him, 'Husband, I have sinned against heaven and neglected my family in a terrible way. I am no more worthy to be called thy wife, nor the mother of thy children. Make me as thy hired housekeeper.'"

So she gathered her tools together, and started home. And when she was yet a long way off, the husband saw her, and ran and clasped her in his arms. And the wife said, "Husband, I am no more worthy to be called thy wife, nor the mother of thy children."

But the father said to the children, "Run and bring hither a dress, and the best apron. Put shoes on her feet. And rush to the meat market and get a steak of the fatted calf, and let us have a warm meal once more. For this your mother was lost, and is found." So they rejoiced and made merry.

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**B**ELGIUM, ONE OF THE SMALLEST COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, is bordered on the north by the Netherlands, on the east by Germany and Luxembourg, on the south by France, and has a 40-mile coastline on the North Sea. With only 11,775 square miles of territory Belgium is about the size of Maryland, but contains a population of 9,134,000—one of the most densely populated countries in the world. To provide more land for the growing population large tracts (known by the Dutch as Polders) have been reclaimed from the sea. Behind protective dikes and dunes lie fertile fields with their intricate network of canals providing a circulatory system for Belgium's commerce. More than 60 per cent of the land is under intensive cultivation. Belgian farmers are among the world's best.

Thousands of tourists visit Belgium each year. The World's Fair held in Brussels in 1958 attracted record crowds. The Battlefield of Waterloo, near Brussels, attracts many sightseers. Of special interest to Christian tourists is the monument erected in memory of Tyndale at the place where he was burned at the stake. Tyndale gave us the English Bible, but he paid for it with his life.

Due to its position at the crossroads of Western Europe, Belgium has been the innocent victim of aggression in time of war. In 1914, and again in 1940, Belgium was crushed by invading forces. Cities and industries were systematically destroyed, but the nation's economic recovery has amazed the world. By 1948 production exceeded prewar levels.

Largely because of its vast resources of coal, Belgium is one of the most highly industrialized nations in Europe. The great steel industry is centered in Liege. Metal products constitute the country's chief export. High among the handicrafts are tapestry and lacemaking, and glass blowing. The most spectacular is the diamond-cutting industry in Antwerp.

Belgians are among the most literate people in the world.

The population is divided into two well-defined groups, the Flemings and the Walloons. Most Belgians are bilingual. Of the nine provinces, the four northern are Flemish and the four southern are Walloon, in both language and tradition. The central province, Brabant, which contains Brussels, the capital city, is bilingual and international in character. The city, founded in the seventh century, has a population of 1,398,000.

Religiously the country is predominately Roman Catholic, although many Belgians no longer give more than a nominal allegiance to the church. There are approximately 60,000 Protestants in the country and of these it is estimated 12,000 to 15,000 can be classed as born-again believers. Belgium has one evangelical missionary or national worker to 47,800 persons.

A number of Protestant missions have representatives in Belgium. The Belgian Gospel Mission was founded in 1919 by Ralph C. Norton to provide Belgian soldiers with scriptures and tracts. Pentecostal work was started in 1932 by a British missionary. Later Swedish and Swiss Pentecostal workers began their work in Belgium. During World War Two church life came to a virtual standstill as churches were destroyed, congregations scattered, and all able-bodied men called into military service. The first American Assemblies of God workers arrived in Belgium about ten years ago.

After the close of the war the work was consolidated and there is now a Union of Pentecostal Churches in Belgium composed of 40 congregations and a constituency of about 3,000 people. Pastor Alfred Amitie is the President of this Union, and Paul Van Kestern is Secretary.

Although the Pentecostal believers in Belgium and other European countries have their national organizations and national leaders, it has been the privilege of American Assemblies of God ministers to work in cooperation with these brethren and to render help as needed and desired. The harmony and fellowship which exists has been especially significant in national worker training programs. Two years ago French and Belgian pastors met with our American representatives to discuss the need of establishing a Bible



Emmanuel Bible Institute in Andrimont, Belgium



Richard Dortch, an American Assemblies of God missionary, with his wife and children

school to train workers for the French-speaking countries of Europe. It was felt that Belgium would be a suitable location for the Bible school. An excellent property was found in Andrimont, 15 miles from Liege, consisting of a 27-room chateau, surrounded by 19 acres of landscaped grounds. The brethren agreed that this was God's provision. The property valued at \$200,000 was made available to the Assemblies of God for only \$38,000.

October 19, 1959, marked the opening of Emmanuel Bible Institute. Richard Dortch, American Assemblies of God missionary, is principal; Alfred Amitie, President of the Belgian Union, is one of the teachers. Since the opening of the school students have been enrolled from France, Spain, Italy, Morocco, Switzerland, Algeria, Germany, and Belgium. In one year's time several of the students have begun active ministry. The new Assembly in Jemeppe, started by Richard Dortch, is now pastored by one of the students.

The school has contributed to the development of the European Pentecostal Fellowship by making its campus available for Bible conferences and youth camps. The youth camp in 1960 was conducted with more than 100 teen-agers and young people present. This is a three-week camp with strong emphasis on Bible study and personal evangelism.

Cooperative efforts in evangelistic outreach also include a literature program. The Adult Student Sunday school quarterly in French is now in its ninth year of publication. It is printed in Belgium and used by the French Assemblies in Canada as well as Europe. Many thousands of copies of tracts and books have also been published.

Another means of reaching the lost has been through area-wide evangelistic campaigns in which many churches have co-operated. Large audiences have heard the gospel for the first time and many have responded to the call for salvation.

Sunday school work is also being promoted. In November, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williscroft from Germany gave courses in Sunday school methods at the Bible school which met with a warm response and filled a definite need.

Mr. Williscroft reported, "We conducted children's meetings in the school chapel which provided a practical illustration of that which we had been teaching. Many children attended and we felt a longing was born in the hearts of the students and workers to make Christ known to the rising generation."

It has been said that the greatest discovery in the Christian world in this century is that Europe, the cradle of Christian culture, is a major mission field. Few of the European countries have felt the impact of a spiritual awakening in this generation. In hundreds of European cities the Word of God and the living Christ are practically unknown.

French-speaking Europe will not be evangelized effectively until her young people are trained for the task. Because of their identity with language and culture, they can best win their



Missionary Paul Williscroft teaching a special Sunday school course

own people to Christ. Besides, this is their duty and privilege.

The greatest contribution the American Assemblies of God can make is to assist our European brethren in training these workers. To this task Emmanuel Bible Institute is dedicated.  
—Christine Carmichael



Faculty and students of Emmanuel Bible Institute. Faculty (front row, left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dortch, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Kestern, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williscroft



Young people attending the three-week youth camp in 1960 held at the Emmanuel Bible Institute. Bible study and personal evangelism were emphasized at the camp.

# TOP TWENTY-TWO

LEADING THE NATION

January 1—March 31, 1961

### TOTAL GIVING

Trinity Tab, Baytown, Tex. ....	\$980.00
Calvary FG 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
Bethel Temple, Dayton, Ohio ....	481.55
A/G, Megargel, Ala. ....	474.75
First A/G, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	435.00
A/G, Ennis, Tex. ....	434.41
University A/G, Waxahachie, Tex. ....	433.82
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala. ....	360.50
Crichton A/G, Mobile, Ala. ....	360.38
First A/G, Clearwater, Fla. ....	336.75
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg. ....	331.77
Northside A/G, Ft. Worth, Tex. ....	331.00
First A/G, Alabaster, Ala. ....	330.17
First A/G, Binghamton, N. Y. ....	300.00
A/G, Arkansas City, Kans. ....	293.87
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash. ....	275.00
A/G, Corvallis, Oreg. ....	255.00
Full Gospel A/G, McMinnville, Oreg. ....	253.00
First A/G, San Pedro, Calif. ....	250.00

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### PER CAPITA GIVING

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

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A/G, Jacksonville, Oreg. .... ( 7)	35
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala. .... (12)	30
G T A/G, Clio, Ala. .... ( 5)	29
Trinity Tab, Baytown, Tex. .... (35)	28
A/G, Megargel, Ala. .... (23)	20
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex. .... (25)	20
University A/G, Waxahachie, Tex. .... (23)	18
Mt. Olive A/G, Brundidge, Ala. .... (12)	18
Bethlehem A/G, Gordon, Ala. .... ( 9)	17
First A/G, Russellville, Ark. .... (12)	17
AG, Shoshone, Idaho .... (12)	17
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg. .... (19)	17
Hobson A/G, Chatom, Ala. .... ( 6)	17
First A/G, Gallatin, Tenn. .... ( 6)	17
F Street A/G, Lanett, Ala. .... (12)	15
A/G, Coleman, Fla. .... ( 7)	14
A/G, Arkansas City, Kans. .... (20)	14
West Side A/G, Mobile, Ala. .... ( 7)	14
AG, Rifle, Colo. .... ( 5)	13
Oak Dale A/G, Orepton, Ala. .... (10)	13
A/G, Corvallis, Oreg. .... (20)	12

Robert Arthington of Leeds, a Cambridge graduate, lived in a single room, cooking his own meals; and he gave foreign missions 500,000 pounds (over \$2,000,000) on the condition that it was all to be spent on pioneer work within twenty-five years. He wrote these words: "Gladly would I make the floor my bed, a box my chair, and another box my table, rather than that men should perish for want of Christ."

## Our Most Northern State

(Continued from page nine)

our church through concerted prayer, without the benefit of a visiting evangelist. Almost every service night someone comes to Christ and others are receiving the Baptism. Recently fifteen have been saved and twelve of these converts have received the Baptism.

We baptized fifteen in water and we plan to have another baptismal service in the near future.

Organizations of the church, in addition to the Sunday school, include the Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship, Missionettes, and a well-organized Junior Church. Gospel teams minister to both the men and women imprisoned in the local jail.

Our Sunday school includes members from the communities of Douglas and Auke Bay, as well as Juneau, covering an area of some twenty miles. To handle the distance problem, many members of the Assembly use their own cars to pick up Sunday school folk in certain designated areas. Our ministry is to both natives and whites. We thank God for the close fellowship we are enjoying.

The staff and children from the Juneau Children's Home make a very important contribution to the attendance and spiritual life of the church. Our Women's Missionary Council works in close co-operation with the Home and assists in redistributing left-over clothing for local needy people.

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the possibility that the capitol may be moved away from Juneau, a serious problem of unrest and insecurity has arisen. Some of our most faithful members have had to move from our midst. But God is able to send us new members to take their places. We do thank God for His presence and are earnestly praying for a definite moving of the Holy Ghost in our midst.

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*Editor's Note:* A number of Alaska churches are hardly out of the "pioneer" stage, but they are making progress. Some have already been able to erect attractive and adequate buildings. Others have buildings that need to be enlarged or replaced. But the consecrated missionaries of the north are working hard, extending the kingdom of Christ in America's last frontier area. They are disregarding the many sacrifices they must make. Your prayers and support for Alaska Missions are urgently needed.

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JUNE 18



# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **ALTUS, OKLA.**—Evangelist Leo Gaston of Wichita Falls, Tex., recently closed a profitable revival at First Assembly here. Seven were saved and eight received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The spirit of revival continues.

—*M. Carl McCoy, Pastor*

► **SOUTH GATE, CALIF.**—A revival with Wayne Shaneyfelt of Indiana last October, in which several were reclaimed and healed, was just the beginning of a great revival wave which has swept the Bible Assembly for the Deaf ever since. Eight have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of God has been so evident that many Sunday morning services have lasted until three and four in the afternoon. Only recently the presence of the Lord was manifested in such a way, meeting the need of each heart and life, that there was no actual preaching. Praise God for His continuous blessings.

—*Oliver J. La Mont, Pastor*

► **TEXARKANA, ARK.**—During January, Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla., returned for his fourteenth annual revival here at Central Assembly of God. Many of the people that now make up the congregation were won to Christ in the Ogden revivals through the years. Including those who came to Christ on the Sunday night prior to the revival this year, there were 22 that testified that they had accepted Christ. Over 150 visitors attended the revival meetings.

—*A. C. McGaugh, Pastor*

► **SALINA, KANS.**—Five weeks of meetings at First Assembly with Evangelists Donnell and Holler can truly be classified as a revival. At least 25 accepted Christ as Saviour and 18 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Twenty were baptized in water. There were many wonderful testimonies of healings. The glorious presence of God was manifested in the services each night, bringing revival to the entire church. The forceful preaching under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the inspiring music were a blessing to all.

—*Fred W. Prather, Pastor*

► **SEATTLE, WASH.**—During February, Evangel Temple witnessed a great move of the Spirit of God. Meetings were conducted by Evangelist Warren Litzman. Many were saved and some 90 filled with the Holy Spirit. At least 15 of those who were filled with the Holy Spirit came from other denominations. Some were reclaimed, and others were healed by the power of God. On

several nights the church was packed to capacity, overflowing into the prayer room. The revival has brought blessing to all departments of the church. Well over 150 were in attendance at the morning services.

—*John M. Tappero, Pastor*

► **BUNKER HILL, ILL.**—First Assembly rejoices in a two-week youth revival with Evangelist James Braddy of Edwardsville, Ill. Fifteen were converted and nine received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Nine or more received a refilling of the Holy Spirit. People were also healed, and a number consecrated their lives for the ministry.

—*Gene Thrasher, Pastor*

► **SALEM, OREG.**—Central Assembly just concluded a glorious revival with the L. H. Sheets Evangelistic Party of Los Angeles, Calif. The services were genuinely Pentecostal. People from other denominations were filled with the Holy Spirit. The meetings climaxed in a blaze of glory with several praying through to a clear-cut experience of salvation. The ministry in song by the evangelist's daughter, Nona Lee, was singularly used of God. Crowds were excellent.

—*Fred Versolenko, Pastor*

► **CERES, CALIF.**—Central Assembly of God recently enjoyed a Holy Ghost revival under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Cecil R. Welch of Licking, Mo. Good crowds attended the services. Sinners were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Some were also healed by the power of God. There was an increase in Sunday school attendance.

—*G. W. Alsup, Pastor*

► **COTTONWOOD, ARIZ.**—Three and one-half weeks of special services recently concluded at the Assembly of God under the ministry of Evangelist T. W. Carlton of Chowchilla, Calif. The results were excellent. The altars were filled with young people and a number of people were definitely healed.

—*John W. Owen, Pastor*

► **JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**—A wonderful revival has just been concluded at Norwood Assembly with the J. B. Davis Evangelistic Party. Twenty-six knelt at the altar for salvation and two received a genuine Pentecostal baptism. The evangelist very consistently directed a soul-winning emphasis which shall long be remembered by the congregation. The musical talent was a highlight to the crusade.

—*Clyde B. Wasdin, Pastor*

► **OLIVE BRANCH, ILL.**—There was an old-fashioned heaven-sent outpouring of the Holy Ghost at the First Assembly of God during a three-week revival with Evangelist Edward Hall of St. Louis, Mo. Fifty-one came to the altar and experienced the new birth. Nineteen received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were several outstanding healings and deliverances. This revival spirit began to be felt in the church at the first of the year and still prevails.

—*F. C. Twente, Pastor*

► **BELL CITY, MO.**—Crowds attending a revival at the Assembly of God here under the ministry of Glenna Byard were the largest in recent years. Three adults found Christ in the services, and one man prayed through at his home.

—*K. Baughn and R. Skaggs, Pastors*

► **AVENAL, CALIF.**—A mighty revival spirit swept the Assembly here during the ministry of Evangelist Harry Hodge. Though the special meetings have closed, people continue to be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the regular services.

—*Joseph Trucks, Pastor*

► **HUTCHINSON, KANS.**—The Donnell-Holler Evangelistic Team just completed a most successful three-week campaign at First Assembly in which a good number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. God richly blessed His Word. Night after night the prayer room was filled with men and women seeking God until a late hour.

—*Russell Rexroat, Pastor*

► **LEEDS, ALA.**—A very profitable four-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. Many sought God for salvation, with some ten or more definitely saved. Twelve received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. Several testified to genuine healings during the services. The church is grateful for God's gracious visitation and anticipates another old-fashioned revival in a return meeting with the evangelist.

—*Cary L. Rigby, Pastor*

► **OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS.**—Latimer Assembly of God reports a very successful revival during January with Evangelist Eugene Hartley of Bay Minette, Ala. Fifteen came to the altar for salvation and three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many were healed in the services.

—*Ernest Banc, Pastor*

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NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 6-8 at University Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex. C. A. Rally, Monday night, June 5. Speakers: H. G. Weathers, Wesley Hurst, Kermit Reneau.—by E. B. Crump, district secretary.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 5-7 at Civic Center Auditorium, McAllen, Tex. Raymond Hudson, guest speaker.—by Willis E. Berry, district secretary-treasurer.

EASTERN DISTRICT C. A. River Excursions—Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday, May 29; and Philadelphia, Friday, June 9. For further information write Chester P. Jenkins, Box 515, Camp Hill, Pa.

### WITH CHRIST

JOHN ROBERT KEITH, 60, of Tulsa, Okla., died very suddenly on Sunday morning, April 9. Immediately after preaching he

returned to his seat and quietly slipped into the presence of his Lord. The Oklahoma District ordained him in 1937. After having served as a deacon in the Lewis Avenue Assembly of God in Tulsa, he became pastor of this church more than thirty years ago and has served this congregation ever since. He is survived by his wife and one child.

WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, 63, of Porterville, Calif., passed away on April 2. He was ordained in 1929 in the Oklahoma District where he pastored churches at Granite

City, Lone Wolf, and Erick, and also engaged in evangelistic work. From 1950 to 1954 he pastored in Porterville. He is survived by his wife and four children.

DEWEY J. COLE, 62, of St. James, Mo., was called to be with the Lord April 12 following a heart attack. In 1936 he was ordained by the Southern Missouri District where he engaged in pastoral and evangelistic ministry. Pastorates were held in St. Louis, Mo., and in Afton, Okla. His wife and two children survive him.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Leeds	A/G	May 30-June 11	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	C. L. Rigby
	Mobile	Batesfield	May 28—	Douglas Bartlett	Norman Busby
	Opelika	First	May 21—	Fisher-Cheek Team	P. C. Hughes
Ark.	Little Rock	Rose Dale	June 4-17	Gerald Brewer	Marion Ballard
Calif.	Arvin	First	May 30-June 4	Harry E. Fisher	Bertie McCoy
	El Monte	Arden Chapel	May 28-June 11	Bob Bateman	Arthur Pryor
Calif.	Gardena	First	May 23—	Harry E. Fisher	M. W. Roll
	Garden Grove	First	June 4-18	Wallace S. Bragg	Ralph G. Markey
	Hawthorne	A/G	June 4-11	Watson Argue	James A. Ireland
	San Leandro	Haven of Rest	May 28—	Norm Robinson	P. A. Scroggins
Colo.	Canon City	First	May 28-June 4	Don & Pat Hall	William F. Heaston
Fla.	Holly Hill	Holly Heights	May 28-June 11	Joe & Ruby Ronsisvalle	James T. Galligan
	Jacksonville	Norwood	May 23-June 4	Ernie Eskelin	Clyde Wasdin
Fla.	Key West	Glad Tid. Tab.	May 31-June 11	J. Bashford Bishop	L. Wayne Pitts
	Niceville	First	June 4-18	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Hubert S. Phillips
	Orlando	Gosp. Tab.	May 14—	Bob Rich & Tony Vice	Dale Zink
Ga.	Brunswick	First	June 4—	(The Pastor)	W. F. Patterson
	Sylvania	* First	May 30-June 4	Musical Wellards	Eldon Brown
Ill.	E. St. Louis	Alorton	June 4-18	John E. Butler	W. H. Sumrall
	Granite City	First	May 31-June 4	John French	Paul A. Evans
Iowa	Clinton	First	May 30—	Joseph De Grado	C. E. Thompson
Kans.	Beloit	A/G	June 4—	Ron & Mrs. Mickley	A. V. Schneider
	Iola	A/G	June 4-18	Jeremiah Hanley	Lavern Pember
La.	Baton Rouge	Central	May 31-June 25	Sunshine Party	James V. Courtney
Mass.	Fitchburg	Full Gosp. Ch.	May 30-June 11	Sid T. Regnier	Edward Neuhaus
Mich.	Charlotte	A/G	May 30-June 11	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Robert Taylor
	Lansing	First	May 23-June 4	William MacFarlane	Leo Tomko
Minn.	Internat. Falls	First	May 30-June 4	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Ivan Kramer
	Red Wing	A/G	May 31-June 18	R. L. Smith	Ben Tims
Mo.	Charleston	First	May 31-June 11	The Tanner Team	R. D. Hastie
	Joplin	Faith	May 30-June 11	Musical Lebsacks	Arthur Schmidley
	Joplin	First	May 28-June 11	C. G. Rose	S. K. Biffle
Mo.	Maplewood	Revival Tab.	June 4-18	E. E. Hembree	A. L. Burnett
	Nevada	First	May 28-June 11	George Hayes	Marvin Haley
	Springfield	East Side	May 28—	Harold "Bo" Daniel	Albert Pyle
Mo.	Springfield	Friendship	May 23-June 4	John Eller	William E. Bills
	Webb City	First	May 30-June 11	Eric M. Johnson	A. M. Roberts
	Willow Springs	A/G	June 4-18	Glenna Byard	Freda Richmond
Nebr.	Lyons	A/G	June 4-18	H. K. Kahalehili	A. Mickelsen
N. J.	Rockaway	First	June 1-25	Ralph & Mrs. Bender	Levi Storms
N. Mex.	Grants	Milan	May 30—	Tommy Crider	Carl Swink
	Quemado	A/G	May 16-28	Tommy Crider	Hanna Sanders
N. Y.	Bronx	Glad Tidings	May 30-June 11	Allan A. Swift	Mary Signorelli
N. C.	Fayetteville	Calvary	May 30-June 11	Calvin Melton	Gardner Altman
	Canton	* Bethel Temple	June 4-9	Bob Olson	Robert Graber
Okla.	Lorain	Broadway	June 1-4	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Keith A. Smith
	Okemah	First	May 28—	W. O. Henin	G. H. Lancaster
Okla.	Tahlequah	A/G	June 4-18	Jerry & Billy Burns	George McGee
	Baker	A/G	May 29-June 2	Orville Phillips	S. S. White
Pa.	Barnesboro	North End	May 30-June 11	Olshevski Musical Team	James W. Swank
S. C.	Florence	First	May 31-June 11	Robert Watters	Ronald E. Cottle
	Hartsville	First	May 31-June 11	L. M. Addison	J. L. Dutton
Tex.	Dallas	Pleasant Drive	May 23-June 4	Wm. Paul Edwards	Harry K. Rose
	Midland	Calvary	May 28-June 4	Ervin Asiatico	W. J. Harvey
	Pineland	A/G	May 24-June 4	M. R. Boatright	W. A. Colvin
Wash.	Prosser	A/G	May 29-June 2	Jim & Betty Sconce	T. L. Blick
Canada	Winnipeg, Man.	King's Park Tab.	May 30-June 11	W. Clifford Nelson	E. H. Shelvey
	Orillia, Ont.	Calvary Pent.	May 31-June 18	Abraham Kudra	Orland Wells

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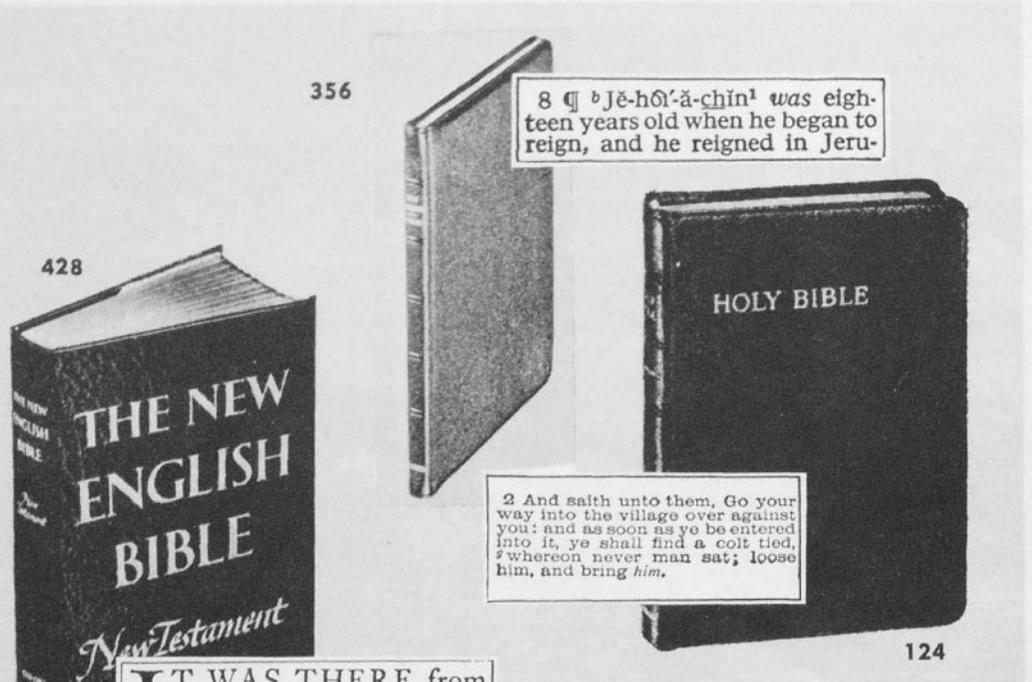
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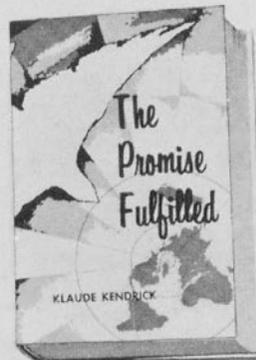
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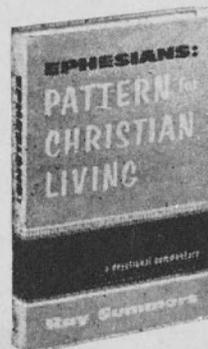
8 ¶ *ḅJē-hōi'-ā-chīn*<sup>1</sup> was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeru-

2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, *ḡ*whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring *him*.

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I have seen it with our own  
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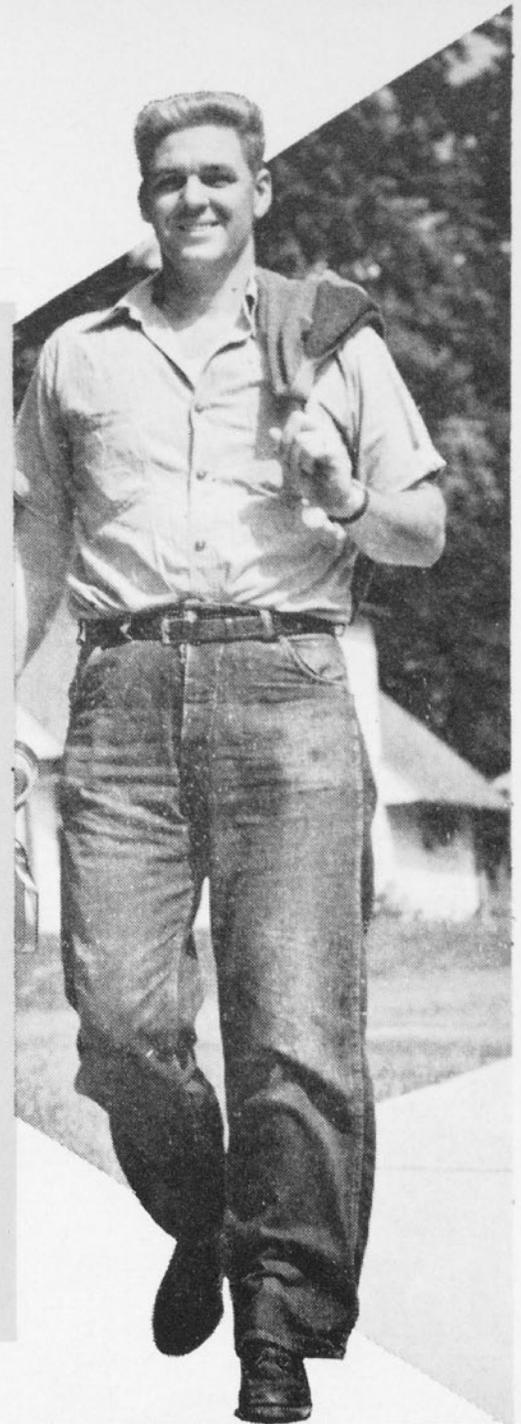
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# 'It Doesn't Matter'

by George Smoker

**I**T DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE, AS LONG AS YOU are sincere." That's what a plumbing salesman told me one day—and so many people have said the same thing that it is almost a proverb.

This popular saying puts a premium on sincerity, and sincerity is a rare thing in this age of sham. We all admire the man who is sincere and despise the hypocrite. We have great respect for the man who is so sincerely in earnest in his convictions that he is willing to die for them.

But sincerity is not enough.

Mr. Monroe sincerely believed that the railroad tracks were clear or he wouldn't have been caught on the tracks in his car, and hurled into eternity.

Mrs. Jones sincerely believed it was a dose of medicine she was taking from the medicine cabinet. It turned out to be poison and she died.

Joe Brady felt sincerely that he was doing the right thing to rid the community of the man he hated. But the court did not think so, and the electric chair awaited him.

Nor will sincerity save your soul if you believe the wrong thing. In fact, it is far more deadly to believe the wrong thing than to drink poison.

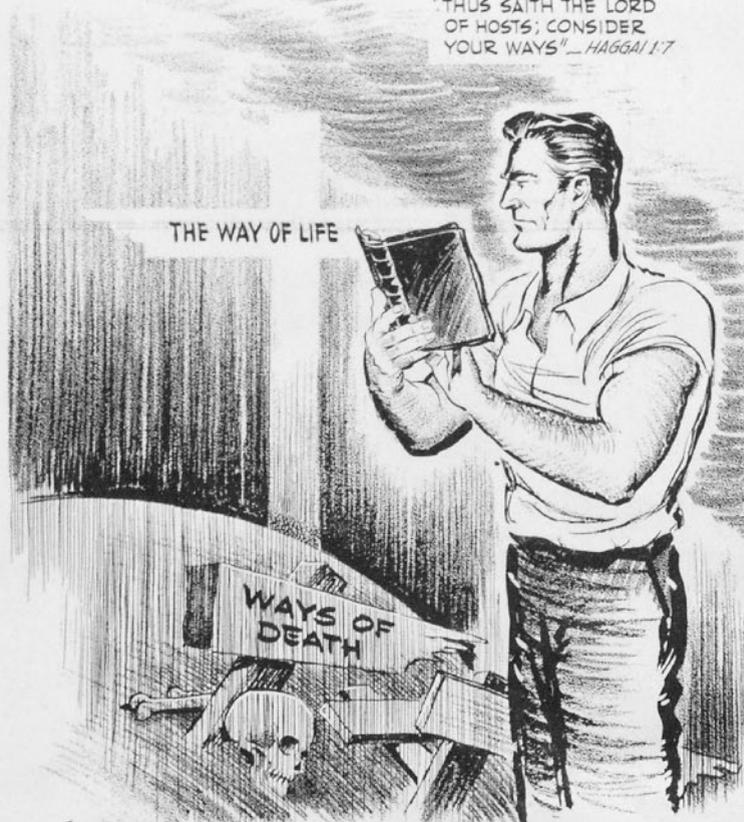
The statement, "It doesn't matter what you believe," assumes that any faith is all right and will get you to heaven if you follow it sincerely. But that isn't so!

The heathen are in great earnest as they worship their images of wood and stone. The Hindu fakirs that go on long pilgrimages or lie for years on beds of spikes are utterly sincere—but they are lost. The Mohammedans stop work five times daily and drop on their knees wherever they may be and pray to Allah. Many of them are sincere, too, but they are lost. The Jews with unquestioned sincerity go through a careful ritual of feasts and days, but multitudes of them have rejected the Christ, and so they too are lost.

Not even all so-called Christians are saved. If you place

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"THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; CONSIDER YOUR WAYS" — HAGGAI 1:7



your hope of salvation in a pope or in the intercessions of priests and departed saints, you are lost. If you rest your faith in Protestant religious ceremonies, you are lost. If you think the pearly gates of heaven will swing open for you because you are a moral man or because of your charities, even though you may be one hundred per cent sincere, you will certainly be lost. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," said Christ.

It is the devil's lie that it makes no difference what you believe. It makes a world of difference—an eternity of difference—what you believe! A person can be saved only by coming as a helpless sinner to the Lord Jesus Christ and accepting His pardon—a pardon made possible because Christ died on the cross the death we deserved to die. He alone can save us and keep us saved. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," cried the apostle Peter.

It does matter what you believe. Anchor your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with all the sincerity of your heart, and He will give you peace and everlasting life.

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