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# God's Will for You

"To know Christ and to make Him known" is God's will for you. This is the primary purpose of your earthly existence and you must never allow the changing times to dim this changeless truth.

If you are not yet saved, God is sparing your life for one major reason, and that is to give you further opportunity to become acquainted with His Son, the Saviour of all who will repent and believe.

If you are already saved (and it is possible to know for certain that you are the object of His saving grace) the major reason why God is prolonging your earthly life is that you may lead other persons into the marvelous light of the gospel.

No joy is as great as the joy of knowing Christ, *except* the joy of sharing Him with others. How would you like to have the privilege of visiting a death cell and delivering a pardon to the condemned man who sits there in miserable despair! Would you like to see that light of hope rekindled in the prisoner's eyes? Would you like to hear his sobs of gratitude, and to witness his happy reunion with family and friends? What a thrill you would get—yet that thrill is small compared with the sight of a penitent sinner kneeling before God and receiving pardon through Christ.

It seems inconceivable that anyone could have an official pardon for a condemned man in his hand and be so calloused that he would refuse to hand it to him, yet there is a case in English history where this actually happened. One of the best governors the Isle of Man ever had was found guilty of treason in the English Civil Wars, and was sentenced to death. Afterward the king granted a pardon. However, the pardon fell into the hands of a bitter enemy of the governor, who never delivered it, and the governor was executed. Are you shocked by such heartlessness? Yet you, if you are a Christian, hold in your hand the world's pardon and you may be permitting men and women to die without offering them the Word of Life.

You should be alarmed at the fact that people are being born into the human family much faster than they are being born into the redeemed family of God. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, there are now 2,913,000,000 people living on the earth. The world population is growing at the rate of 50,000,000 every year but the Church is winning only a fraction of this number of converts in a year.

The population of the U.S. is increasing at the rate of over 3,000,000 per year but the churches are not growing as fast as this. One estimate is that the unchurched population of our country is increasing by over one million a year. There are 24 states in which over half the population have no church membership. There are 110 counties where more than 80 per cent of the people are unchurched. It is clear that a "breakthrough" program to establish new churches across the land is urgently needed, and the situation is made all the more urgent by the fact that a large percentage of those already enrolled in various churches do not even profess to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

Will you do *your* part to make Him known? —R.C.C.

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# The Big Breakthrough

SERMON BY E. M. CLARK

Illinois District Superintendent



**J**ESUS LIKENED THIS EARTH TO A giant wheatfield, and in Revelation 14:15 we are given a picture of the harvest-time in this field. We read, "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

For six thousand years there was very little change to be seen in this field, but suddenly about the turn of the century a change began to set in. A few spots of yellow began to appear in the field and the harvest began to ripen.

We are living in a time of many changes. It wasn't many years ago that the first locomotive sat on the track and George Stevenson's sister made that memorable statement, "George, it will never start." And as the steam was let into the cylinder and the wheels began to turn, she said, "George, it will never stop!" Friends, that's like the Assemblies of God movement. The steam has been let into the cylinders and I don't believe it will ever stop until Jesus comes!

Fifty years ago when people drove cars they went at the breakneck speed of thirty-five miles an hour. The more sober souls sat on the sidelines and said, "We wouldn't be caught dead in one of those. They are contraptions of the devil!" My, what a change has been made in automobiles in the last few years. I saw one the other day that will run 240 miles an hour! In fifty years, travel has seemingly changed the size of this world. You can spend a week end in almost any part of the world and get back for work on Monday morning.

A few years ago our grandmothers washed clothes on a washboard—I doubt if most of you have even seen one. A few years ago it was plain hard

work to operate a home but now everything in the home operates with a switch—except the children!

I believe the greatest change this old world has ever seen will take place in this decade. We can look for explosive things to happen. The crust is crumbling and a giant breakthrough in every area is imminent. We are on the verge of breaking into an unknown realm. I want to tell you what I think we can look for in the next ten years.

In the field of religion, historic and prophetic things are happening before our eyes. The meeting between Pope John XXIII and the Archbishop of Canterbury set the stage for something tremendous, and the great Ecumenical movement we see in the religious world is prophetic. Some people feel that the uniting of the churches today is the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17, when He said, "Father . . . that they all may be one." But friends, it is rather a sign of *weakness*, and instead of answering Jesus' prayer I believe it will culminate in that church of the night which is going to be left on earth after the true Church is taken out of this world. That coalition will finally merge in the woman of Revelation 17 sitting on the scarlet-colored beast, riding to power on the back of the world ruler who soon will come.

Another breakthrough I believe will be in the space area. After the first man was put into space I read the statement that man was now omnipotent. It reminds me of what I read in Isaiah 14, of one who said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God," and God said, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." I believe one reason Russia has taken such an interest in exploring space is the boast she made a few years ago, "We will ascend to the throne of God and tear God down

from the throne." But they will not approach the throne of God; they will go only as far as God says they can go and no farther.

I believe another thing we can expect in the next ten years is nuclear war. Scientists tell us that a nuclear war could affect heavenly bodies. Read Revelation 6 and you'll read the language of nuclear war, with mountains being shaken down, islands disappearing, and the heavens being blacked out and failing to shine any more.

We also read in Revelation 9 of armies marching 200,000,000 strong! In Revelation 16:2 we are told of the River Euphrates being dried up to make way for the armies of the East to march. We know a river could not stop an army's marching, but I believe the river is symbolic of the division line between the East and West, between the Occident and the Orient. A few years ago Russia reached over that invisible line and grasped the hand of the sleeping dragon; and China arose, shook out her garments from the dust, and began to march 600,000,000 strong. She's marching today, and she wants to march against us.

Friends, when I saw those Africans stand in the U.N. in chieftain's robes, speaking faultless English in the language of diplomacy, and I saw hatred mirrored on their faces against the United States, I said, "Yes, it is true. The armies of the East will march and God alone knows when it will be." I believe they *will* march and it may be very soon.

In Revelation 16:19 the Bible says, "And the cities of the nations fell." In *one hour* judgment comes (Revelation 18:19) and the people stand afar off, watching the destruction but not daring to draw nigh. We have interpreted the one hour to mean a short

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## Home Missions Picturama

In response to the message, conventioners literally packed the altars to humbly dedicate themselves to the support of the new Home Missions "Breakthrough" program and the Norwalk, Conn. project in particular.



Pastor D. Leroy Sanders of the First Christian Assembly graphically related the Cincinnati story, displaying the check given by the "mother church," shown at right, to the fledgling assembly, and the plans for the new Assembly's building.



Wayne Kraiss, pastor of the new assembly in Wheaton, Ill. told how the Wheaton assembly was started. He said the new church is already paying its own way but could not have had its start without help from the district and local churches.



Edward Hartman, pastor of Bethel Church, Oak Park, Chicago, told how his church's vision for a new assembly in Wheaton moved them to give \$40,000 credit backing in addition to a sizable monthly contribution toward the building debt.



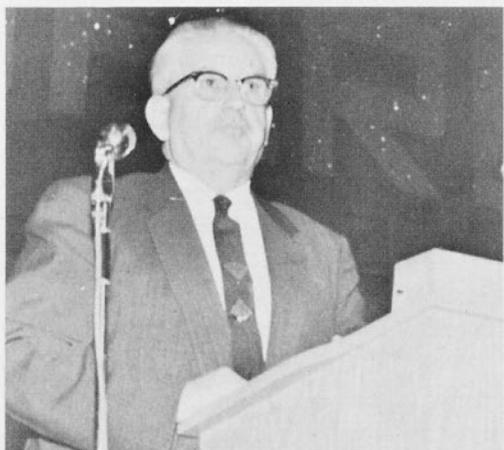
The Spanish Men's Trio from the Latin American Bible Institute, Ysleta, Tex., presented fifteen minutes of special music several times at the Home Missions booth at the General Council. They also sang during the Home Missions rally and the C. A. Service.

# 'BREAKTHROUGH' PROJECT No. 1— NORWALK, CONN. —LAUNCHED AT PORTLAND

By R. L. BRANDT  
National Home Missions Secretary



John McPherson, Cherokee Indian Evangelist, was one of the home missionaries from different Special Ministries fields who took turns carrying this poster at the Council. Cards were inserted at the bottom of the poster according to the particular field the missionary represented.



G. F. Lewis, Executive Director of the National Home Missions Department, was in charge of the Home Missions service at the General Council.



E. M. Clark gave Harvey Meppelink, pastor of the new church to be established in Norwalk, Conn. a \$1,000 check from the Illinois District Council.

A NEW VISION FOR HOME MISSIONS WAS BORN DURING THE GENERAL COUNCIL home missions service in Portland, Oreg. Responding to the mighty move of God, the conventioners gave nearly \$25,000 in cash and pledges to launch a new church in Norwalk, Conn.

The service was built around the new General Council theme, *BREAKTHROUGH*. An early feature of the program was titled "Background for Breakthrough," during which some startling facts were brought into focus.

It was pointed out that (1) America, spiritually speaking, is lost; (2) the Church has not kept pace with the population increase; and (3) time is running out.

Conventioners were confronted with the fact that of the 180,000,000 Americans over 100,000,000 have no vital contact with any church. It was also revealed that the Assemblies of God has opened 7,000 churches during the past thirty-five years and that for a time the denomination averaged one each weekday and two every Sunday; but now the average has dropped to about four per week. This despite the fact that Illinois needs 1,000 Assemblies of God churches but has only 200; North Carolina needs 450, but has about 100; Southern New England needs 800, but has 60; Rhode Island needs 100, but has none; Metropolitan Boston needs 300, but has only 8; Norwalk, Conn., needs 10, but has none; and many other similar examples could be cited. (These figures are based on the national Assemblies of God goal of one church per 10,000 people.)

It was noted that there is general agreement among military leaders, economists, and churchmen that only a brief period—possibly ten years—remains for the present order of things, and that, in the light of this, God has mightily moved on the hearts of laymen, pastors, district superintendents, and leaders in the Movement to meet the challenge of the hour.

A goal of 8,000 new Assemblies of God churches in the ten-year period ahead was urged, and it was observed that to gain such an objective would require some drastic changes in methods. "The church's ability to change is going to determine her ability to meet the challenge of this hour," the thousands of delegates were told.

Immediately after this presentation the Coliseum lights were turned off and another inspiring feature called "Spotlighting Breakthrough" was given. Two new Home Missions projects were highlighted.

First the spotlight fell on Pastor D. Leroy Sanders who gave a graphic description of a thrilling project recently launched by the First Christian Assembly of God in *Cincinnati, Ohio*. He told how his Assembly, because of a vision and burden for a new suburban area of that great city, borrowed \$75,000 and gave it outright to start a new church. He also related that, in addition, this church gave about fifty of its fine adult members and its much-loved associate pastor to see the new work started.

The audience was thrilled with the report that a mighty move of God has come to this church since it carried out its vision and that many recently have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, replacing those who had been given.

Next in the spotlight was the *Wheaton project*. Pastor Wayne Kraiss led off with a delightful report on how this new church sprang into being because

## The 'Breakthrough' Program in Brief



Robert F. Brandt

'Breakthrough' is the word of the hour. It is used to describe the latest scientific achievements, the greatest medical victories, and the most profound accomplishments in every sphere of life.

Now it has been chosen to describe the vision of our Movement for the days ahead and it will be the theme of Home Missions for the next two-year period.

Here is a capsule view of *Breakthrough* plans:

1. A determined effort will be made to give the Movement a new vision of lost Americans.

2. All Assemblies of God constituents will be invited to cooperate in a united thrust to reach the lost.

3. All Assemblies of God churches will be encouraged, according to their size and ability, to participate in projects to open new churches. (There are 658 Assemblies of God churches which now run 200 or over in Sunday school. Certainly most of these, along with many smaller churches, could sponsor a new church within the next year.)

4. Mature, experienced ministers will be engaged to pioneer. (Heretofore we have left this most important job to the immature and inexperienced.)

5. Arrangements will be sought whereby these men will be per-

mitted to itinerate among our churches for their support and raise funds for their projects so their hands will be free to build a work for God. (It has been maintained that the pioneer church must be built on sacrifice, but the sacrificing has been largely left to the pioneer. Now the time has come for all to sacrifice together.)

6. Effort will be made to surround pioneer pastors with vocational volunteers.

7. As soon as possible a placement commission will be established to work in a liaison relationship between fields of opportunity and available workers.

8. Ministerial graduates of Bible colleges will be urged to spend six to twelve months as apprentices in established churches.

9. A financial program commensurate with the task and responsibility will be developed.

of the cooperation between the National Home Missions Department, the Illinois District, the section, and the local churches. He told how the church, now only a few weeks old, had already seen several saved and was already carrying its own financial responsibility. In the first month of its existence, he reported, it had given over \$80 to missions.

Edward Hartman, pastor of Bethel Church, Oak Park, Chicago, added to this presentation with an inspiring account of his church's vision for a new church in Wheaton which eventuated in their willingness to give \$40,000 credit backing in addition to a sizable monthly contribution toward the building debt.

The highlight of the service was a stirring, Spirit-inspired message by District Superintendent E. M. Clark of Illinois. So mighty was the moving of the Spirit that at times it became necessary for Brother Clark to pause until the spontaneous praise and worship of the audience had subsided.

When the message was ended the *Norwalk, Conn., project* was announced. Here was a typical American city of 100,000 people with less than 100 people of evangelical faith in church on an average Sunday night. The *pilot proj-*

### Evangels for Norwalk

Brother Meppelink, who is spearheading the Breakthrough effort at Norwalk, Conn., says the *Evangel* would help him greatly if he had sufficient copies to distribute among the people of the community. He would like to receive 100 copies per week.

The cost of this quantity would be \$5.00 per week, postpaid. It occurred to us that a number of *Evangel* readers might like to send \$5.00 to us to pay for a weekly bundle. Brother Meppelink will use the copies wisely in his pastoral visitation and will present them to newcomers who visit the services. The *Evangel* will help him establish a church in this city.

If you would like to assist the Breakthrough effort in this way, kindly send your offering to: The Pentecostal *Evangel*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield. Designate your offering for "Free *Evangel* Fund—Norwalk Project." Contributions of any size will be appreciated.

*ect* of the new *Breakthrough* program was to be a new church in this city, with a pastor supported by the constituency and a weekly release of *Revivaltime* also fully underwritten.

The response was tremendous. Not only did the delegates give generously but some excellent Assemblies of God evangelists offered their services without cost to the new church, and some folk offered themselves to become vocational volunteers.

Harvey Meppelink, a young man with over six years of experience as a pioneer pastor, had already offered him-

self to become pastor of the new church. He was on hand to witness what God did and found great encouragement in the response of the congregation.

When the offering had been received, an invitation was given to the people to move forward in a great dedication and consecration in behalf of this new Home Missions vision.

At the time of this report, plans for the Norwalk Church are progressing nicely. Brother Meppelink will arrive there October 30, after visiting several churches en route in the interest of additional support for the project. Several thousands of dollars are yet needed for the lot and building, in addition to monthly pledges for worker support and for a weekly *Revivaltime* release on the only station in Norwalk.

Should the reader feel impressed to share in this pilot project, please designate offerings as follows and send them to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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 building fund . . . . \$.....  
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 port for Norwalk, Conn. . . \$.....

## Reports from Foreign-Language Branches

*There Are Six Foreign-Language Branches of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. Operating as Separate Districts Under the Supervision of the National Home Missions Department*

# German Branch Makes Gain

BY ALVIN SPRECHER

*Secretary-Treasurer of the German Branch*

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED MORE SOULS were saved in German churches this year than last. During 1960, several efforts were made to start new German churches. At present, Harro Braker is doing a fine work in San Jose, Calif. In a matter of about six months, the group has grown from 30 to 40 in attendance each Sunday, with all services in German. Brother Braker also has meetings with a group in San Francisco once a week. In addition to this schedule, he has a radio program for the German people called "Bells of the Homeland," which is proving a blessing for the work.

Then in Brooklyn, N. Y., one of our young men, Gunter Rex, is undertaking a pioneer work. He has purchased a building and completely renovated it, making it into a lovely little church. He is now holding services regularly. Brother Rex has taken the responsibility for all the expenses associated with the new venture. He works in a secular position to support his family. If he were free to give full time to his ministry, the work could move along at a greater pace, but our district, at present, is unable to give him the support he so desperately needs to do justice to the work.

We had a very profitable camp again this summer. J. P. Kolenda was the speaker. We had a record attendance, and a blessed outpouring of the Holy Spirit with souls saved and believers filled.

Youth camp was a success, for here too, the Spirit was outpoured. Paul Hild was the speaker. No record was kept of souls saved or baptized, but results were gratifying. Children's Camp proved encouraging. Attendance was excellent, a number of children were saved, and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We continue to publish a monthly paper which is sent by subscription of \$1.50 annually to subscribers among our Assemblies and the German Assem-

blies of Canada, Germany, and South America, as well as to subscribers in other parts of the world. We also have our German Sunday school quarterlies, using the same plan as Springfield.

In the last year, our churches gave \$15,557.06 to foreign missions through our branch office, besides the other given direct and through the Springfield office. Toward German branch work, our churches gave \$11,952.16, which helped cover operational expenses and made it possible to loan some money to some of our churches engaged in building programs. Our WMC Department did a great work in the last year.

At our annual business meeting, the elections did not bring any great changes. Pray with us that God will help us to extend His kingdom further among German people.

## Ukrainian Conference Gets Spiritual Refreshing

BY JOSEPH J. MATOLINA

*Superintendent of the Ukrainian Branch*

ANOTHER YEARLY CONFERENCE OF the Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God convened on July 20-22, 1961, on the camp grounds in Lanesville, N. Y. This was not a year of elections, but financial reports of the various departments of the Ukrainian Branch were read. The Lord has helped us and we thank Him for His faithfulness to us during the year. We were confronted with problems that only God could solve, and He so graciously undertook for each one of them.

From July 9-23, two weeks of camp were conducted for the Ukrainian-speaking people. We experienced a time of great spiritual refreshing in the presence of the Lord. A five-day youth camp followed. The speaker, Ken Bom-

bay of Canada, was richly blessed of the Lord.

Boys and girls camp opened July 30 and closed August 12. The children had a wonderful time learning God's Word, singing, and playing. It is so good to hear them recite God's Word and sing the praises of the Lord. Their course this year was "Outdoors with Christ." The Lord baptized souls both at the youth and children's camps. He has manifested His power in saving souls and healing sick bodies.

## Pacific Conference Convention Is Blessed

BY ALEXANDER G. BAZAN

*Conference President*

APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED PASTORS and delegates attended the thirtieth annual convention of the Pacific Conference of the Latin American District Council, July 31 to August 4, 1961, at Bethany Park College Campus, Santa Cruz, Calif. The first three days were dedicated to the business meetings, and the last two days were devoted to spiritual camp meetings. The Pacific Conference includes the states of Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and the Hawaiian Islands.

The business meetings were presided over by District Superintendent Jose Giron, Conference Superintendent Simon Franco, and Jose Ibarra, conference secretary-treasurer.

The first evening service was under the direction of the WMC (*Concilio Misionero Femenil, CMF*) of the conference, with Lupe Mazzottee, president, presiding. The speaker of the evening was Angel Roque, one of the three conference representative presbyters. The conference C. A. Department (*Embajadores de Cristo*) had charge of the meeting the next night with Alexander G. Bazan, president, presiding. The speaker of the evening was nineteen-year-old Evangelist Ray Mesa, Jr., who began his preaching ministry

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at the age of nine. Jose Giron, district superintendent, was the speaker for the ordination service the third evening.

Other speakers for the conference and camp were: Juan Romero, district C. A. president, who preached on Thursday night, Simon R. Franco, Chonita Howard, district WMC president, Alberto Gamez, Felix Valentine, E. Jaramillo, Frank Medina, J. F. Antigua, and A. Placeres.

A special youth program for the young people attending the conference was conducted in the Redwood Bowl during the business meetings of the conference. It was under the direction of the conference and sectional C. A. presidents.

The conference Sunday School Department, under the able leadership of Thomas Hernandez, director, presented a very interesting program on Thursday morning. The speaker was George Davis, field Sunday school director for Latin America. The Missionette Department, under Lupe Mazzottee, and the Child Evangelism Department under their director, Carmelita Betancourt, also presented features representing their respective departments.

An outstanding feature of the conference was the youth participation. Two youth midnight services were held in the prayer room, under the direction of the C. A. Department. The services began at 11 p.m. both nights. On Thursday night, the Holy Spirit moved mightily upon the young people (about 300 were present). The service was a true "Pentecost."

This was an unforgettable sight to observe all the young people under the power of God. Some were dancing in the Spirit, others were speaking in tongues and prophesying, and still others were singing, but everyone was "in the Spirit." On Friday night, the service also ended at 3 a.m., but this was a candlelight dedication service. The Holy Spirit again moved as before.

As a result of this outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the conference, 16 young people were saved and 10 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. (This number is inclusive of only those persons that we were aware of, because many others left the meetings before we took the count.) At the candlelight dedication service, 75 young people came forward to dedicate their lives to the Master. Most of them expressed a desire and calling to enter the service of the Lord in some type of ministry. ◀◀

**I**N OUR CONSIDERATION OF END-TIME events we must necessarily take note of those things which are unpleasant. The Great Tribulation will be a time of darkness and violence.

"Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night" (Isaiah 21:11, 12). *Also the night!* It is good news to know that the morning cometh, but it is also true that the night is coming.

In the sermon from Mount Olivet Jesus gave a summary of that night. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24: 21, 22).

This was almost a restatement of Daniel 12:1, "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time."

Isaiah also describes it: "Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment" (Isaiah 63: 2-4).

The reaction of the people of the world to this great turn of events is found in Revelation 6:15-17: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains: and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

The story of the Great Tribulation can be likened to a military campaign. The great King of kings and Lord of lords has just been given authorization and instruction from His Father to take forcible possession of this earth that has rebelled against Him. After long years of patient invitation to rebels to surrender and repent, and a corresponding time of winning "a people for His

## *Fifth in a series of articles on coming events*

# The Time of Great Trouble

BY R. M. RIGGS

name" (Acts 15:14). He now, at last, completes the number for His bride and decides that the day of grace is past.

As He waited 120 years for Noah's generation to repent He now has waited thousands of years for these generations to repent. There will be no more delay. The time has come for judgment to begin.

He launches His campaign in dead earnestness. He causes to be killed, with the sword and with hunger and with the beasts of the earth, one-fourth of the earth's entire population. If that population now stands at 3,000,000,000, one-fourth of this amount would be 750,000,000 people. This number of people are killed in the first attack of Christ upon the world's wicked citadel.

A little later He looses four deadly and powerful angels who are prepared to slay the third part of the men. One third of the remaining three-fourths of the world is, of course, another 750,000,000 people who are killed by the power of these four angels and their army of 200,000,000 angelic horsemen. Read Revelation 9:15-16. The war is thus progressing rapidly from God's standpoint with half of His enemies already destroyed.

In Luke 19:14, 27, Jesus predicted

that when He returned and dealt with His own servants He would also call for His enemies to be brought before Him and slain. That is exactly what happens during the great tribulation time.

At this juncture the remainder of the world organizes under the leadership of the Antichrist, who opens his mouth in blasphemy against the God that wrought such destruction upon the earth. He decrees that if there are those who will not worship him and his image, they shall be killed. This also will result in considerable slaughter, not at the hands of the conquering Christ but at the hands of the new king of the world.

Toward the end of the three years and a half that the Antichrist is allowed to reign, the Lord sends "a great earthquake" such as was not since men were upon the earth. It is so mighty an earthquake, and so great, that the "cities of the nations fell . . . and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found" (Revelation 16:18-20). One's imagination can hardly conceive of the terrific world-wide loss of life. Every city, and even every wall, in the whole wide world tumbles down under the shaking of that mighty earthquake. Read Ezekiel 38:20. Hail also falls from heaven in one-hundred-pound chunks, and the plague thereof is exceeding great.

At this juncture the Antichrist decides there must be a showdown. He sends his "spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. . . . And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation 16:14, 16).

The Lord accepts the challenge. Heaven opens and He comes riding forth on a white horse. "In righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . . And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" (Revelation 19:11, 15).

The Antichrist and the kings of the whole earth and their armies are taken and destroyed. These armies are slain by the sword of Him that sat on the horse. The Antichrist and the false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire which burneth with brimstone.

This is the great war of the ages from which no soldier will return. Millions of men no doubt shall be marshaled by the Antichrist for this battle, and every last one shall be destroyed by Christ when He comes in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And every one of the whole world who has taken the mark of the beast shall under the power of His wrath sink into hell. See Revelation 14:9-11; 19:11-21.

The full effect of the torture and calamity of this tribulation time is not conveyed by a mere citing of the numbers of those killed. There are accompanying plagues and calamities which are horrible torments within themselves.

For instance, fire will fall out of heaven and start tremendous forest fires which will burn up one third of the trees of the earth and all the green grass. An unusual meteor will fall out of heaven which will cause one third of the seas to turn to blood, destroying one third of the earth's shipping. This will be followed by another meteor dissolving and distributing its poisonous ash upon one-third of the rivers and the fountains of waters. Many men will die of the waters because they are made bitter. Read Revelation 8:7-11.

Possibly the very worst of all the horrors of the tribulation time, even exceeding those that caused such terrific loss of life, will be that period of five months when men are tormented by demon locusts. "Their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (Revelation 9:5, 6). Such horrible torment for five long months will be sent upon men everywhere so that they will attempt suicide and find they are unable to take their own lives. Death would be preferable to their physical torment, but they are not given their preference. They must suffer without dying.

A grievous sore likewise will be upon all who have taken the mark of the beast. An angel then pours out his vial upon the sea and it becomes as the blood of a dead man, and every living soul dies in the sea. And the drinking water of the rivers and fountains also becomes blood, and men are made to drink it. The sun becomes so exceedingly hot it literally scorches men with its fire. Great darkness falls upon

the whole earth for an indeterminate length of time which will be so dense that it causes men to gnaw their tongues for pain. See Revelation 16:2-10.

This description is becoming intolerable. Men will say it just couldn't happen. But it has already happened on a small scale. In the land of Egypt, as recorded in Exodus, chapters 7 to 11, water was turned into blood. Great sores came upon men. Great hail fell from heaven to destroy all the crops and killed many men. And unusual darkness also was in that land. What happened to one rebellious nation years ago will happen again to one-third of the world as described in Revelation 8, and to the entire world as described in Revelation 16.

Some people believe there is no hell, so God will give them a five-month sample of hell on earth. There will be no cessation of being and of suffering in hell and so the Lord will give them suffering on earth which will not cease for five long months. Read Revelation 14:10, 11.

The Bible says there is a lake which burns with fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:8). For a year, a month, a day, and an hour the Lord will let the people of the earth be slain by demonic horsemen, out of whose mouths come fire and smoke and brimstone (Revelation 9:17, 18). They will see for themselves on earth that these are the actual elements by which men will suffer in hell. Some argue hell cannot be eternal for it certainly won't take too long for each man to be punished commensurately with his sin on earth. But there will be no repentance under the pressure of this hell upon earth, and a continued attitude of defiance will call for continued punishment. They will blaspheme God because of their pain and repent not of their deeds (Revelation 9:20, 21). This endlessness of sin and punishment is another characteristic of hell. It will be demonstrated on earth during the Great Tribulation.

In the light of this description, we can very easily believe 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." ◀◀

# Fifty Years of Pentecost in Japan

By DOROTHY C. HASKIN

**T**HE YOUNG JAPANESE, SAIGO SAN, sauntered down a narrow street in Tokyo. He felt dispirited. Life had lost its savor. He had found no meaning in either the intense patriotism stressed by many of his friends or the Buddhist philosophy of life preached by others. Twice his feeling of futility had led him to attempt suicide. But he had failed even at that. The first time he had thrown himself in front of an electric train, and the engineer saw him and stopped. The second time a policeman had stopped him. Within his heart he railed at both these men; if they could not tell him why he should live, why didn't they let him die?

As he walked along, he saw again a sign announcing a Christian service, and he thought, "It won't cost me anything, so I'll go in and hear what these Christians teach."

He turned into the house, and was greeted at the door by Eleanor Nipper. Because she was American he spoke to her in English. He had studied it in high school and though he didn't feel easy when he spoke it, he thought it would be polite to speak to the lady in her own language. Consequently she led him to the English Bible class taught by Brother Leonard Nipper.

Saigo San stayed for the class and then for the church services where Brother Nipper spoke through an interpreter. He listened to the sermon carefully. The American said much that was new to him. Could it really be that there was one God who cared what happened to each human being? Could

this strange Jesus have such great power? Was there a Holy Spirit that dwelt in human beings? He did not know, but he did know that Brother Nipper was teaching with assurance. He was telling about something that answered the vague questions in Saigo San's heart. That very morning he decided to be a Christian.

That afternoon he helped with the street meeting. From then on he came regularly to the services until he understood enough of the doctrine to be baptized. When he attended the youth camp held by the Assemblies of God Church in Japan, he responded to the challenge to give his life to the ministry. Having found a purpose for life—in living for Christ, he could do no

less than tell others of the great comfort in Christ. He enrolled in the Central Bible Institute in Tokyo, completing a three-year course.

While attending school, the Lord gave Saigo San an extra blessing. Japan is a land of the arranged marriage, which is finalized before the couple even know if they like each other. He grew to love a girl in the Kobe church, but the customs of his country were so engrained in his nature that he was afraid to approach her. Much to his delight, when arrangements were made for him to marry, it was with this girl!

Upon graduation he was called to a church started by a Canadian Assemblies of God missionary, Miss Jean Latta. The church is self-supporting



PHOTO BY EARL TAYLOR

Personal evangelism—Japanese fashion—introduces Christ to souls bound by the darkness of Shintoism and Buddhism.



PHOTO BY FRANK M. BOYD

Japanese national workers prepare for the ministry at Central Bible Institute in Tokyo

This material was written in the Orient, while Dorothy C. Haskin was on a missionary writing tour for World Vision, Inc.

and has about forty in attendance. This is a large church in Japan, where the average church has between fifteen and twenty in attendance.

Saigo San is but one of the many fine young men and women that the Assemblies of God church is reaching in Japan. In 1963 the Pentecostal witness will have been in Japan for fifty years. Due to the Pacific War (as World War II is called in Japan) the growth has at times been slow. Since 1949, however, it has been steady. There is at least one church on each one of the four main islands. In 1949 there were thirteen churches, now there are seventy-four. In 1949 only three of these churches were self-supporting, now two-thirds of them pay their own pastor and other expenses. There are over 120 national workers, 90% of which are graduates of the Central Bible Institute in Tokyo.

The growth of a national church is, naturally, the result of consecrated missionary effort. The prayers and labor of many have gone into the building of the church. The first chairman of the mission body and president of the school was John A. Clement. Under his direction all but two of the eight school buildings were erected.

He was followed by Leonard Nipper (whom I interviewed when I was in Japan). Brother Nipper pioneered three churches in Japan, two of which are now self-supporting. Six members of his first church are in the ministry. Four years ago he became chairman of the field fellowship but his term automatically expired when he went home on furlough in April, 1961.

The present chairman is Robert A. Hymes, who came to Japan in 1952. He spent the required time at the Kobe language school, then became the first Assemblies missionary on the northern island of Hokkaido. He pioneered four churches there, which are now all pastored by graduates of the Central Bible Institute. The pattern of the Assemblies work is for a missionary to pioneer a church, then as soon as there is an available trained man, he is called to be pastor. After that the missionary supervises the church for one or two years, or as long as is necessary.

The heart of the Assemblies work in Japan is Central Bible Institute, Tokyo. While in Japan I worked with sixteen different groups and in each case saw that the churches are built on the foundation of a Bible school of



## CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ROME?

IN ANSWERING THE ABOVE QUESTION, we are considering Rome the city, and Rome the symbol of Roman Catholicism.

What is happening to Rome the city? Recent reports indicate that this ancient city of seven hills has been visited by a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For months the Italian Assemblies of God, and particularly the pastors in Rome, have been planning and praying concerning an attempt at mass evangelism in Rome. Evangelist Hal Herman, who has had years of experience in some of the most difficult capital cities in the world, felt led of the Lord to undertake the campaign.

In previous attempts there had been an almost impenetrable barrier thrown up by the Catholic church. The press remained stonily silent; newspaper advertising space could not be purchased, and attempts to pass out handbills and post wall placards met with opposition.

Planning progressed, however, and a genuine break was indicated when it was possible to lease one of the largest theaters in the city for a Protestant revival campaign. Further, when glaring announcements on the marquee were

either the institute, college, or seminary type. The most important Christian work in Japan today is the training of national leaders, because only as national leaders take responsibility does the church become established and expand.

The Japanese head of the school is Yumiyama Sensei. When a young man, along with all progressive Japanese, Yumiyama San was interested in learning English. He bought a Japan-English New Testament and read it while still living on his native island. When he moved to Tokyo he attended English Bible classes taught by Missionary Juergensen. After his conversion he became a pastor and helped establish the Bible school.

not prohibited, a genuine change of atmosphere seemed to be present. In addition, the press, radio, and television showed an immediate and active interest and phenomenal coverage was given through these media during the meeting. As a result, thousands attended the meeting.

This immediately leads us to the consideration of what is happening among the hierarchy of Rome. Surprising effects are currently being noted. Whether or not these are temporary variations in a continued program of intolerance, I cannot say. For instance, there are some places where the Catholic church itself is encouraging wide distribution of the Scriptures. In some areas of Latin America, Catholic priests are breaking away in surprising numbers and finding their way to Protestant churches—some to Protestant ministries. In some of the most restrictive areas of the world—such as Colombia, South America—there has been some evidence of a change of policy on the part of Catholic leadership. However, many veteran authorities on Roman policy are indicating that the Vatican certainly does not have a change of heart and that no one should be misled by these temporary indications of tolerance.

Whatever the final outcome may be, we can rejoice that through Global Conquest and the magnificent response of Light for the Lost, the missionary arm of Men's Fellowship, we have been able to step into some of these open doors with the "good seed." The door may close tomorrow; but, thank God, the seed is eternal and we have the opportunity of sowing it today. ◀◀

The school is the heart of the work spiritually, and also physically. The headquarters are located there, its eight large buildings house the radio recording study, the Sunday school and literature department, the dormitories and a large auditorium, which seats 1,500 people. As one Japanese man said, "It looks as if you have come to stay."

The school averages forty students in the three-year course. Thirteen graduated in March, 1961. Their place was taken by eighteen students. The student body averages 60 per cent young men to 40 per cent young women. This is due in part to the fact that young women must be trained to be Christian wives for the young pastors. Eighty per cent

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PHOTO BY LEONARD NIPPER

Gospel literature is produced by Assemblies of God writers and translators for distribution throughout the Japanese islands.

of the churches are pastored by graduates from the school.

This flourishing work—one of the largest evangelical groups in Japan—was started in 1913. The Juergensen family came out as independent missionaries because there was no Assemblies work in Japan at that time. They preached the Word of God in Tokyo, and “the Lord added to the church such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47).

The Juergensens established the first Assembly of God in Japan, a two-story building, with an auditorium downstairs and their home upstairs. It is interesting to note that this was the only church building that was preserved during the destructive bombing of World War II. The surrounding area was so completely burnt out that the Christians were accused of being spies. The Japanese officials could see no other reason for their church being spared when everything else was destroyed!

The War years were hard for everyone, but especially for the Christians. Because they had heard of Christ through American missionaries they were accused of favoring the enemy. Pastors were forced to go into the army. Even so, one of the pastors, in his army uniform held street meetings in Osaka (a large city in Japan) and had tomatoes thrown at him. Another pastor, Kawasaka Sensei, continued to pastor his church, one of the largest in Osaka. He was, however, careful to preach only salvation through grace. The slightest mention of anything political or pro-American would have caused his arrest, as it did many other Christian pastors during the war.

Even though the Pentecostal witness continued during the war years, the

number of active believers did grow smaller. When the war was over, there was great rejoicing upon the part of those who believed, not only because the hardships and horror of war were over, but because they were free to preach the enduring Word of God.

In 1949 thirteen Japanese and seven missionaries met to plan the future of the Assemblies of God church in Japan. Miss Jessie Wengler, who had been interned and was the first missionary to return, was present. The Juergensens had returned. The Leonard Nippers, the first couple out in twenty-five years, were there. Also the John A. Clements. It was a rejoicing group, who with faith in God made great plans for the future, many of which have been fulfilled. These plans find expression in many ways. Following are a few of them:

1. The Central Bible Institute, which is mentioned above.

2. Evangelism—the forward thrust which is the proof of a living church. That which is alive begets itself; therefore, it is natural for the born-again believer to have spiritual children.

3. The Sunday school department—the training of those brought into the church. Just as a child must be trained to be an acceptable member of society, so the young Christian must be trained in principles of Christian living. At one time this department published their own Sunday school lessons but they have found that the Japan Sunday School Union material is usable. It is translations of lessons printed in the United States by the Gospel Light Press.

4. Literature—further feeding of the Christian. If the Christian life is to be of continued growth, ample spiritual

literature must be supplied. This is accomplished in Japan by the translation and publishing of such books as *What Meaneth This?* by Brumback, *Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible* by Pearlman, and *Successful Sunday School Teaching* by Riggs.

5. Monthly magazines—still another form of witnessing. The *Evangelistic Newspaper* is used by church members as a tract. Five thousand copies are published each month. Also, there is *The Witness*, fashioned after the *Evangel* and slanted toward the believer. Mrs. Nettie Juergensen is head of the literature department. The rest of the staff, however, is Japanese.

6. Christ's Ambassadors—the witness of young people is organized in each church. They have their own local national officers. At least fifty-four young people attend the two youth camps held each year. The camp is between Tokyo and Osaka, the first and second largest cities in Japan.

7. Radio—a witness to the lost. *Words of Grace*, as the program is called, has repeatedly proved that it is worth the time and money devoted to it. For example, last semester six members of the student body of Central Bible Institute were first contacted through the radio program.

8. Conferences, conventions, institutes, series of meetings called by different names seek to capture the holidays for Christ. A minister's retreat has been held every other year for the past four years. In the odd years a missionaries' retreat was held. There is a yearly convention of all the Assemblies of God every May, and in January, when the weather is the coldest, there is a ministers convention. All these gatherings build up the believers in the most holy faith.

In other words, after fifty years in Japan, the work of the Assemblies of God is flourishing. Leonard Nipper feels that if the missionaries had to leave Japan, the work of the church could continue. It is established. But there is yet more territory to be taken. There should be an Assembly missionary on each island. At present they are all serving on Honshu. There is need for a specialist in the distribution of literature. Tokyo is crowded with colleges, and needs a missionary to devote himself to student work. In view of all this, the hope and prayer is that each year at least two couples will dedicate themselves to the Lord for service in Japan. ◀◀

# Pentecost Repeated

By HARLEY VAIL  
Missionary to Mexico

THE YUCATAN PENINSULA OF MEXICO and especially its capital, Merida, has just experienced an amazing example of what God can do in our generation. Never before in my years of Christian service had I seen what I believe must have been the experiences on the Day of Pentecost.

Groundwork had been done for a campaign with an American evangelist and handbills had been distributed throughout the region. The need was great in our churches. Spiritual hunger and expectancy were general throughout the area. But only two days before the five-day campaign was to begin, word came from the States informing us that the evangelist's health would not permit him to be with us. We could only rely entirely upon the Lord in that moment as it was too late to call off the campaign.

We were certain that the many prayers for an outpouring of God's Spirit would still be answered. Hearts were sick with disappointment because the evangelist could not come; however, the Lord had already begun to manifest His presence in a special way

in the classes of the Bible institute. Several had already received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in a fellowship meeting.

A hurried call was made to Danny Lane, an evangelist and pastor from Waco, Texas, asking him to conduct the campaign. It seemed as though God had planned it that way, for the preparations, the trip to Mexico by jet plane, and even the most minute details of the campaign fell into place in a way which could only be arranged by the hand of God.

Within five days, 100 believers had been filled with the Holy Spirit. Before the evangelist had returned to his home, another 20 had received this experience in Merida, making a total of 120 who had received the Pentecostal experience. The enlarged student body of the Bible school—39—had received their share of the outpouring and were newly equipped with power from on High.

When the revival broke loose, many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while taking their part in a chain of prayer for the services, or in their homes. This outpouring was also reflected in the salvation of sinners and the healing of sick bodies.

One Christian lady had a throat condition and was not able to speak above a whisper. In the general prayer for the sick, the Lord healed her throat and she began to praise Him in Spanish. Before the service was over she was praising Him in other tongues.

One brother, partly paralyzed, could not lift his right arm. He was healed,

and lifted his formerly lame arm to praise the Lord. At that moment he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Brother Lane remained another week to minister each night in different outlying churches. At least another 45 or 50 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Revival fires are still burning and we know that the Holy Spirit will continue to multiply the results of these evangelistic meetings.

## SPEED-the-LIGHT

# TOP TWENTY-TWO

LEADING THE NATION

January 1—August 31, 1961

### TOTAL GIVING

First A/G, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	\$1,770.00
First A/G, Binghamton, N. Y. ....	1,514.62
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif. ....	1,125.00
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Tex. ....	1,105.00
First A/G, El Dorado, Ark. ....	899.93
First A/G, Bessemer, Ala. ....	806.45
Temple Church, Clanton, Ala. ....	736.00
Crichton A/G, Mobile, Ala. ....	710.21
Central A/G, Richmond, Calif. ....	700.00
First A/G Tab., Rapid City, S. D. ....	657.27
A/G, Lewiston, Mont. ....	650.04
First A/G, Sunnyvale, Calif. ....	640.29
First A/G, Madison, Tenn. ....	628.99
Bethel Temple, Dayton, Ohio ....	626.55
Calvary FG A/G, Inglewood, Calif. ...	600.00
First A/G, San Diego, Calif. ....	552.37
A/G, Sebastopol, Calif. ....	550.00
First A/G, Clearwater, Fla. ....	545.50
A/G, Morrilton, Ark. ....	541.00
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex. ....	540.00
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg. ....	536.77
A/G, Turner, Oreg. ....	533.00

### Honorable Mention

SW Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex	978.59
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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.

A/G, Jacksonville, Oreg. ....	( 7 )	\$57
First A/G, Binghamton, N. Y. ....	(32)	47
A/G, Sebastopol, Calif. ....	(12)	45
First A/G, Bessemer, Ala. ....	(18)	44
A/G, Redding, Calif. ....	(12)	43
First A/G, Gallatin, Tenn. ....	( 6 )	43
West Side A/G, Mobile, Ala. ....	( 7 )	38
A/G, Rifle, Colo. ....	( 5 )	34
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Tex. ....	(35)	31
First A/G, Madison, Tenn. ....	(20)	31
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala. ....	(12)	30
A/G, Canoe, Ala. ....	(13)	29
Glad Tidings A/G, Clio, Ala. ....	( 5 )	29
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg. ....	(19)	28
First A/G, Opelika, Ala. ....	( 5 )	27
Temple Church, Clanton, Ala. ....	(28)	26
A/G, Dodge City, Kans. ....	(15)	24
Mount Olive A/G, Brundidge, Ala. ....	( 12 )	23
First A/G, San Bernardino, Calif. ....	(78)	22
A/G, Megargel, Ala. ....	(23)	21
Oak Park A/G, Tampa, Fla. ....	( 3 )	21
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex. ....	(25)	21



More than 100 believers were filled with the Holy Spirit during the Merida campaign.

# Our Second-Generation Missionaries

By NORA BLAN

**F**ELIX, IF GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO be a missionary I would hate to see you shrivel down to be an ambassador," wrote the father of modern missions, William Carey, to his son who was debating a tempting offer in the diplomatic corps of his country.

Through the years of modern missions countless missionary parents have served on foreign soil with the hope and prayer that some day their own children would follow their example. Thirty-three Assemblies of God missionaries are "following in their parents' footsteps" as appointed missionaries of the Assemblies of God.

Serving in various fields around the world, these missionaries are thankful for the heritage which is theirs because of their missionary parents. Many of the second-generation missionaries have returned to the land where their parents served; others have accepted the call of God to serve on another field.

Regardless of the place of service, the volunteers who were reared on the mission field have a definite advantage and recognize it. JOHN WEIDMAN (Upper Volta), son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weidman (formerly in Upper Volta, now in Japan), said concerning his missionary heritage, "As a 'missionary kid' going back to the foreign field, the advantages are many: knowledge of the language, customs and temperament of the people, the ability to adjust to changing conditions, and the ability to think like the nationals. All thanks to missionary parents. Having had missionary parents is a marvelous heritage, and to me a real privilege for which I am grateful."

"Physically you are already partially accustomed to heat and immunized to the diseases of the country, providing you return to the same general area. Then in a multilingual country it is a great benefit to have learned the major language from childhood as well as a

native language. Having been in the native country you are not a stranger to their food, customs, and ways of thinking. It is much easier to be one with them from the start," explains PEGGY LASLEY (Senegal), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones (Upper Volta).

With a passion for winning souls, the veteran missionaries set before their children an example which serves as a guiding light. This inspiration through childhood years finds its fruition in a life of missionary service for these "second-generation missionaries." PAUL SCHOONMAKER (North India), son of Mrs. Violet Schoonmaker (India), attributes much to the influence and example of his pioneer missionary mother.

"Mother was, and is, a convinced missionary who worked with a joyous abandon. She had no doubts as to the supremacy of Jesus Christ and the need for all to follow Him. The subtle influences of comparative religion studies had little place in her thinking. She was completely dedicated. Consequently she felt there was but one vocation for her children—missions. From early years she put into my hands books by missionary pioneers which served to challenge my youthful imagination. Mother's prayer life and faithful service, her conviction that God had given her children to raise them for missionary service, and her continued prayers for us have resulted in my dedicating my life to Christ for India." *Of the six children of Mrs. Schoonmaker's family, five have returned to the mission field.*

"My parents' consecration, sacrifice, and complete reliance upon the Lord and the moving of the Holy Spirit have been a source of inspiration and blessing in my life and ministry as a missionary," attributes MORRIS DEVIN (Indonesia) to his missionary mother, Mrs. Edna Devin (Indonesia).

Recognizing the importance of her parents' dedication to God in relationship to her consecration for foreign service, RUTH BREUSCH (India), daughter of Mrs. Violet Schoonmaker (India), said, "The example of my father Christian Schoonmaker (now buried in India), and the life of my godly mother, marked by intercession and sacrifice, have curbed the desires for ease and a comfortable mediocrity."

It is often thought that because missionaries' children see so much suffering and poverty on the foreign field



John Weidman    Peggy Lasley    Paul Schoonmaker    R. Morris Devin    Ruth Breusch



P. E. Finkenbinder    David Williams    Robert Cummings    Harry Shumway    Clarence Maloney



Ruth Rill    Vernon Pettenger    David Plymire    Don Phillips    Robert Merian

they will not want to return to a life such as this. Although some children do react in this way, most do not. PAUL FINKENBINDER (El Salvador), son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finkenbinder (Puerto Rico), writes concerning his missionary heritage, "I thought I did not want to be a missionary because of the suffering of my own family on the foreign field; but their example in suffering, their tireless labors, and their sacrifice without complaint were a strong part of that pressure which drove me to say, 'Yes, I'll go, Lord, where you want me to go.' Their sacrifice on the field spoke to my flesh that this was not the life for me, but at the same time spoke to my heart and spirit that there was no other choice that I could make but to devote my life to the same task to which they had devoted theirs. My call has not been merely their example, but their example added to the insistence of my call."

Many and varied are the experiences of a missionary child. As the rays of the sun may either melt or bake depending on the substance they touch, these experiences either make or break the child's missionary interest. DAVID WILLIAMS (Nicaragua), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams (Venezuela), spoke of his experiences as a missionary's child: "I have seen my parents mistreated by non-Christian nationals. I remember the time when my father had written a 'farewell' to mother. His life was at stake—but for a miracle he would have died with over 300 persons who faced the firing squad that day. I have watched as my mother scraped together the few things she could to try and make our Christmas 'on the field' something like it would have been in the States. It amazes me now as I remember how much she did with so little. I watched my father as he lay 'ashen-gray' suffering with illness. My mother has spent days, weeks, and months ill with foreign sickness. I

remembered that it might have been different had we been living in the 'good ole USA.' No, it was not easy for me to say 'yes' when God called me, but when His voice came persistently loud and clear I did!"

Some missionary children at first have resented the fact that they are the children of missionaries, but later realize what an unusual opportunity they have had. ROBERT BOLTON (Formosa), son of Mrs. Ada Bolton (Formosa), stated, "When very young I overheard a remark about missionaries' children being the worst in the world. This caused me to resent being in a missionary family. But with the sense of life's values taught to me by Mother and Dad, I later was very happy to be a missionary's son!"

"Knowledge of a need and possession of the ability to meet that need in themselves constitute a missionary call," is the way ROBERT W. CUMMINGS (North India), son of Dr. T. F. Cummings (North India), explains his call. He says that being born in India and living there presented the need as well as helped him to qualify for service, because he was able to learn the language and customs of the country as he grew into manhood.

V. HARRY SHUMWAY (North India), son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinton H. Shumway (Nigeria), also attributes his missionary career in a large sense to being exposed to the needs on the field. "Probably I would not have had such a strong interest in the mission field had it not been for the years spent with my parents in Nigeria. Those years left a deep impression on my life. I saw the needs of people without Christ. In returning to the mission field, I was being obedient to the burden given during these earlier years."

To some missionaries, as to CLARENCE MALONEY (South India), son of Mrs. Doris Edwards and the late Clarence Maloney, Sr. (South India), there was no choice but to fol-

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low in his parents' footsteps. He expressed it, "I never seriously considered that God wanted me to do anything else. Though I tried other jobs, I always had a feeling that they were temporary. When I arrived back in India I felt at home. I had a desire to see the work in India grow for the glory of God because I have seen the sacrifice and faith that went into it."

RUTH RILL (South Africa) has the distinction of being a third-generation missionary. Her grandfather, Anders Anderson, from Stockholm, Sweden, spent his life in missionary service among the people of Zululand, South Africa. He also made long treks to pioneer works in Portuguese East Africa. It was on one of these trips that he contracted blackwater fever. Mr. Anderson died on a stretcher as devoted nationals attempted to carry him home. Nearly a week elapsed before the news reached his waiting family.

Mrs. Rill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke (South Africa), has not let hardships dampen her spirit toward missions but rather states, "Missions

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The James Bakers



The Ernest Joneses



The Robert Boltons



The Sam Beckdahls

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Homosexuality is becoming so common. What does the Bible say about it?**  
I suggest you read Romans 1:26, 27.

**When Paul says "there is neither male nor female," what does he mean?**  
Galatians 3:28.

Paul means salvation is free to all, making no difference between men and women. Some have said it means there is no difference between men and women in the ministry. This is not correct. Women may be "workers together" with men, but headship is in the man. See 1 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:12.

**Do the unsaved go to hell when they die?**

The Bible says they go to "hades" which, unfortunately, is translated hell in the Authorized Version. At the judgment, hades (the place of departed wicked spirits) will give up its dead. See Revelation 20:13, 14.

**Does the Bible say that, before the coming of Christ, we will not be able to tell the seasons apart?**

I know of no such scripture. God said in His covenant with Noah, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

**What is the proper procedure to follow in disposing of a worn-out Bible? Would it be all right to burn it?**

I think we might reverently use any means to dispose of a worn-out Bible if we have a new one to take its place. We revere the Bible but do not worship it as a god. We honor it most when we take its teachings to heart and obey it.

**Please explain concerning the wearing of sackcloth and ashes.**

Sackcloth was a rough garment often worn in Israel as a sign of mourning and repentance. Putting ashes on the head was an expression of sorrow. These customs are not followed at present. What God requires is heartfelt repentance when we have sinned. David said, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

**A prominent radio speaker was asked if Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:14 taught that healing was in the Atonement. He replied by quoting Romans 8:23 and Philippians 3:21, saying that these verses proved healing was not in the Atonement. How do you understand this?**

Opponents of the teaching of healing in the Atonement say that such a belief implies it is a sin to be sick. They point out scriptures, such as Romans 8:23, to show that we do not yet have the redemption of the body—only the soul. That healing for the body is provided in the Atonement is evident from Matthew 8:16, 17 which says that when Jesus healed the people He fulfilled the promise of Isaiah 53:5. But physical healing is not on the same basis as spiritual healing. In salvation our souls are redeemed; it is this healing Peter has in mind in 1 Peter 2:24, 25. We do not yet have the redemption of our bodies; therefore the best of God's children may become sick and die. We wait "for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23). We have salvation for the soul and may have physical help on our pilgrim journey. Not until Jesus comes will we have the "redemption of our bodies."

*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).*

and mission work are in my blood. I grew up accustomed to the sound of beating drums and seeing the darkness and depravity of heathenism."

Although missionaries' children may realize their valuable heritage as being children of missionaries, they each find it necessary to receive a definite call from God for overseas service. They do not go to the field on the experience of their parents but on the basis of their personal relationship with God. VERNON PETTENDER (South Africa), son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pettenger (South Africa), expresses this idea: "The influence and heritage of missionary parents who are still active in missionary work here in Africa after forty years could never be measured in my life and ministry. What a God-given privilege has been mine to have their example of a godly life, a deep love for the people of Africa, and their burden and vision of reaching Africa with the gospel. All of this, along with being born here, have been assets of untold value. Yet, without minimizing such a heritage, the most important factors in my life as a missionary are—the call of God, the assurance of being in the center of His will, and the blessing of being led by the Spirit."

As DAVID PLYMIRE (Formosa) stood in the evening sunset watching the Tibetan people reach to touch an image, God spoke to his heart. Greater than an audible voice, this inner force compelled the son of Victor Plymire (now deceased) and Ruth Plymire (now in Formosa) to become a missionary. He describes the call of God upon his life in this manner: "In my heart there is a deep conviction that were I to do anything else I would be turning my back on Christ. I would be stepping from the King's highway onto the path which leads to an uncertain future and a life not worth living."

How do parents feel about their children returning to the foreign field? E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa, who was the first Assemblies of God missionary appointed to Nigeria, West Africa, bids farewell to his son DON PHILLIPS (Nigeria) this week. This second-generation missionary will teach in the Bible school his father founded. Concerning Don's call, Brother Phillips has remarked, "Of course, we wanted him to be a missionary but wanted him to make his own decision. We did not want him to go on the decision that his mother and I made

years ago when we dedicated ourselves for foreign service. We wanted him to make his own choice and so we actually discouraged him from returning to the field until we knew he felt sure of his decision."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merian (North India), whose children, MRS. SAM BECKDAHL and ROBERT MERIAN are serving in North India, said they were delighted that their children were missionaries, especially because they were going back to the field where they had been reared. However, it was the young people's own decision to be missionaries. Their father stressed to them the fact that as they chose their citizenship—whether India or America—when they became eighteen years of age, they must also know God's purpose for their individual lives.

Four Assemblies of God missionary couples have a double missionary heritage: MR. AND MRS. JAMES BAKER of Formosa, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baker (China), and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kensington; MR. AND MRS. ERNEST JONES (Nyasaland), son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones (Upper Volta) and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ketcham (Field Secretary for the Far East, formerly North India); MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BOLTON (Formosa), son of Mrs. Ada Bolton (Formosa) and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke (South Africa); and MR. AND MRS. SAM BECKDAHL (North India), son of Mrs. Agnes Beckdahl (North India) and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merian (North India).

Second-generation missionaries march forward—a dedicated group of young people who, knowing hardships and privations as well as the joys of missionary life, have answered "yes" to the call of the Master upon their lives for foreign service.

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## FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

### *Dominican Republic*

#### REVIVAL IN A TROUBLED LAND

At the close of a recent evangelistic campaign in San Pedro de Macoris, 52 were baptized in water. Missionary Louis Grossnickle reports that 32 more are preparing for water baptism. Other revivals conducted in various parts of the republic have had similar success.

### *Tanganyika*

#### SEVENTEEN SAVED AT DEDICATION OF CHURCH

More than 100 crowded into the new village church in Makambaka for the dedication service recently, reports Missionary Norman Correll. At the conclusion of the message, seventeen accepted Christ. Although no missionary has been in the area since 1959, the membership has doubled under the leadership of a national pastor.

### *Liberia*

#### PROGRESS AT NEW HOPE TOWN

Fifteen new houses for lepers have been completed at New Hope Town, reports Paul Boyer. Additional lepers are being accepted and every day souls are being saved.

"In order to help make the colony self-supporting, 4,000 rubber trees were planted in September. This enlargement is being accomplished at a minimum expense with the assistance of patients at the clinic. Other additions at New Hope Town include two missionary homes and a clinic chapel which measures 30 by 65 feet."

### *Burma*

#### HOLY SPIRIT OUTPOURED IN BUDDHIST CENTER

"Several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the altars were filled with people seeking God each night during a two-weeks revival conducted recently in Rangoon," reports Missionary Glenn Stafford. Evangelist Mabel Willetts was the speaker.

"Revival fires continue as those who received the Holy Spirit are testifying and praying with others. A number who had never been to a Pentecostal service have received the Baptism in the Spirit at home. At least ten, including

some ministers, have been filled with the Holy Spirit in the last six weeks. Pray with us for an ex-Buddhist priest who is now seeking the Baptism."

### *Fiji*

#### ONE HUNDRED SAVED IN EIGHT-DAY MEETING

"More than 100 were saved during eight days of evangelistic meetings conducted recently with Evangelist Jimmy Brown," reports Missionary Lawrence Larson. Others were filled with the Holy Spirit and fourteen were baptized in water.

### *Philippines*

#### YOUTH CAMP BRINGS GROWTH TO CHINESE ASSEMBLY

Forty Chinese young people from Manila gathered recently in Baguio for a youth camp, reports Missionary Dale Barber. The majority of these were not saved when they left for camp. In the closing rally many came forward for a special dedication service. It seems every heart was touched by God that night. Later some gave testimonies of what God had done for them during the service.

Although the camp has been over for several weeks, new interest and enthusiasm continues among our young people. There has been a real change in some of their lives and new ones are coming to the Chinese Assembly.

### *Honduras*

#### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS OPENED

A ministers institute and special services have resulted in Sunday school advancement in San Marcos De Colon, Honduras. Plans were laid in the services for the opening of Sunday schools in the city and surrounding area, reports Missionary Daniel Maser. "We assisted in the opening of six 'Sunday' schools—on Saturdays, early Sunday morning, and after the park meeting on Sunday afternoon. The result has been 260 in attendance on the first Sunday, 206 the second Sunday, and 220 the third Sunday. Previous Sunday school attendance averaged between 70 and 80. New people are coming to the church in practically every service."



## 'WITH MISSIONS AT HEART'

*Highlights of WMC Activities at the Portland General Council*

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

*National WMC Representative*

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL slogan, "The Heart of the Church with Missions at Heart," furnished the theme for WMC activities at General Council this year.

Approximately 200 local and district WMC and Missionette leaders attended the informal afternoon workshop conference on the opening day of General Council. Mrs. Vernon Skaggs, Northwest District WMC president, brought an inspiring devotional message, and Mrs. Mildred Smuland, National WMC Secretary, spoke to the group on WMC aims and achievements.

The latter half of the conference time was devoted to Missionettes, with Mercedes Bowen, Northern California-Nevada Missionette director, as speaker. Her interesting display of Missionette

handwork and other ideas, presented with the aid of Mrs. Pearl Stump, proved especially helpful.

One of the high lights of every General Council for all WMC's is the WMC breakfast. This year a record crowd of 578 enthusiastic WMC's and Missionettes filled the beautiful Mayfair Room of the Benson Hotel on Saturday morning, August 26.

The Oregon District Women's Missionary Council provided two lovely floral pieces for the speaker's table. These carried out the WMC and Missionette color scheme. Instrumental and vocal music was furnished by Mrs. Paul Pipkin and her two teen-age daughters.

Oregon Missionettes, under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Walton, district

WMC president, dramatized the Stairway to the Stars achievement program in a most beautiful manner. The presentation opened with the Missionettes singing, "Each Step I Take," and closed with "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" The use of black light at the climax was most effective.

G. F. Lewis, executive director of the WMC Department, presented a surprise birthday offering of \$124.57 to Mrs. Smuland from all the WMC's present.

Mrs. Lillian Holm of Pomona, California, was the guest speaker. Her message, spoken under a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit, centered around the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:20, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the right-



G. F. Lewis, executive director of the WMC Department, greets Lillian Holm and Mildred Smuland, national WMC secretary.



Mrs. Paul Pipkin and daughters provide vocal and instrumental music at the WMC breakfast in Portland.

## Summary of WMC Report to 1961 General Council



Evangelist Lillian Holm of Pomona, Calif., guest speaker at the WMC breakfast.

Over 400 new WMC groups were added in the past two years, making a total of 5,712 groups. . . .

WMC membership now exceeds 68,000. . . .

Total WMC giving for 1959 and 1960 (for approved ministries) was \$2,364,454. . . .

In addition to the above giving, the WMC's once again fully supported their national office. Offerings for this purpose, including WMC Day, tithes from district WMC offices, and Missionette offerings, came to \$78,512 for the two-year period. . . .

Over \$5,000 was given in the past two years for the Etta Calhoun Fund. (A new folder about the fund is available on request from the national WMC office.) . . .

Over 2,000 Missionette Clubs with a total membership of more than 22,000 form an active and growing auxil-

ary, sponsored by the Women's Missionary Council. . . .

Five months after the Missionette achievement program, Stairway to the Stars, was launched, 9,000 handbooks for the girls and 1,300 sponsors' manuals had been ordered. (Over 11,000 Missionette handbooks have now been sent out, indicating that more than half our Missionettes are now participating in the achievement program.) . . .

The Women's Missionary Council does not exist to achieve a separate goal, but only to unite the women of our church to make a significant contribution to the total task of evangelism and ministry to which the Church is committed. We are grateful to God for His blessing, to the members and officers of the WMC organization for their faithfulness, and to every church and pastor for their cooperation in the WMC ministry.

eousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Mrs. Holm defined righteousness as "conformity in both disposition and conduct to the divine standard." She pointed out the emptiness of mere words and feverish activity when offered as a substitute for a heartfelt concern for the work of God.

She challenged WMC's not to exalt their own productions, but to exalt Jesus Christ. "When the missionary kneels on the rug you made, he would be heartened to know that as you made it you prayed that God would pour into him and his family the strength and grace they need for that day."

Speaking of the Missionettes who will follow in the footsteps of today's WMC's, Mrs. Holm said, "If we want

our Missionettes to carry on with a disposition to conform to the divine standard, then we must now instill this desire within their hearts."

The Spirit of God confirmed these truths to the hearts of those present through a message in tongues and interpretation. New consecrations were made by many to keep the zeal, fervency, and above all, the vision of min-

istry as unto Christ, fresh in our hearts. "For where there is no vision, the people perish."

It is the fervent desire of the National WMC secretary and staff, as of all our district WMC leaders, so to lead the way in Christ-centered service that our WMC program will always be acceptable to God, and a blessing to those we serve in His name.



Some of the Oregon Missionettes who participated in the Stairway to the Stars presentation at the breakfast.



The WMC booth: Goldia Anderson, Mildred Smuland, Mrs. Cleo Tapp, Elva Johnson, Charlotte Schumitsch, and a Missionette.

## God Blesses Sacramento Missionettes



Some of the Missionettes of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif., with their leaders. Mrs. Ethel Snooks, sponsor, is standing at right in the first row.



Displaying a quilt they made are the Missionettes from the Assembly in Munford, Tenn. Sponsor, Mrs. Josie Pickard is standing at the right. The girls remember one of the girls from the Hillcrest Children's Home on special days as well as a missionary to Africa.



Here are the Junior Missionettes from North Platte, Neb., with their sponsors, Mrs. Don Ballard and Mrs. Bartman. The girls remember several missionary children on special occasions with gifts. They visit rest homes and hospitals, and at Christmastime give gifts to the aged.

APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO BETHEL Temple, Sacramento, Calif., organized its Missionette Club. In the first year, fifty-six girls attended the meetings with forty-two of them becoming members. Approximately half of the members are now participating in the achievement program, STAIRWAY TO THE STARS. In addition to this program, a study is being made on salvation, divine healing, etc. It has been of great benefit to the girls.

Sponsor Ethel Snooks writes, "These girls are certainly the cream of the crop. We have had such wonderful times of worship and prayer together." Mrs. Snooks formerly sponsored an active Missionette Club at Revival Tabernacle in Detroit, Mich.

Last spring a choir was started for the Missionettes. The girls have a babysitting service for members of the church. However, they are not available to work on church nights.

At Christmas time the girls gave punch and cookies to aged men in a rest home and were privileged to testify to them. Money has been given by the girls to a home missions and foreign missions project. Approximately 160 attended the first Mother-Daughter banquet last May.

Working with Mrs. Snooks are four consecrated Christian women. Their interest and enthusiasm keep the girls interested in the club. As the Lord continues to bless this Missionette Club these girls are learning to become better Christians and more useful members of their own local church.

—Charlotte Schumitsch



Shown with this active group of Missionettes from Central Assembly, Biloxi, Miss., is their sponsor, Mrs. Virda Davis, front row, left, and the pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Carroll on the right. One of the girls' projects has been to help prepare a friendship quilt for missionaries to Bolivia.



This club was organized last February with Margareta Poulos as sponsor. The girls are from Sumter, S. C. They are working on the Stairway to the Stars Achievement Program, and have completed several projects.



## Pentecost in Italy

**I**TALY OCCUPIES THE BOOT-SHAPED PENINSULA THAT projects from Central Europe into the Mediterranean Sea. The Republic of Italy also includes Sicily, the triangular island which lies just off the "toe of the boot," and the island of Sardinia, situated west of the peninsula. Seas surround all but the northern border where Italy is separated from the rest of Europe by the Alps. The Apennines, a rugged mountain spur, forms the country's backbone.

There are a number of volcanoes in Italy. Mount Vesuvius, famous because of its historical eruption in A.D. 79 when it destroyed Pompeii, has had 50 eruptions. Mount Etna, highest active volcano in Europe, has a record of 120 eruptions.

Arizona-sized Italy has a population of nearly 52,000,000. Rome, its capital, was founded, according to tradition, in 753 B.C. This famous city currently has more than 2,000,000 inhabitants. In its Colosseum, greatest surviving monument of ancient Rome and still an imposing landmark, thousands of the early Christians were martyred. Beside the Appian Way is a network of subterranean passages known as the catacombs. During the intense Roman persecutions they were used by the Christians as places of refuge and worship, and also as burial vaults.

Milan, with a population of 1,500,000, situated in the broad Po River valley, is Italy's leading financial and industrial center. Naples, a city of nearly 1,500,000, with the tall cone of Vesuvius as a backdrop, is the country's third largest center.

Due to varied altitudes there is a wide range of climate.

Northern Italy has cold winters and there is snow. The surrounding seas give central and southern Italy a semi-tropical climate. "Sunny Italy" describes the country well.

Although 40 per cent of the land is mountainous, agriculture is the most important branch of Italy's economy. Manufacturing is limited because the country lacks most of the natural resources that are vital to industry. Italy is the world's largest producer of mercury, and second only to Spain as a producer of olive oil.

Tourism is Italy's most profitable industry. Scenic beauty, historical landmarks, and world-famous art galleries, attract millions of tourists annually.

Although Italy is politically very young, it has a long and colorful history. At the time Jesus was born the Roman Empire was enjoying the zenith of its power. After the fall of the Empire in the fifth century, what is now known as Italy became a divided land of small kingdoms which were in constant conflict among themselves. In 1870, through the efforts and leadership of the patriot Garibaldi, Italy became a united country under King Victor Emmanuel II. In 1946 the people voted in favor of a republic, bringing to an end a period of dictatorship under Mussolini and Fascism.

Italians are a handsome, warm-hearted, and vivacious people. Their artistic talents and skills are inherited from generations of great artists and craftsmen. Although education is free and compulsory up to the fifth grade, there is a high percentage of illiteracy. Italy boasts 26 state universities but relatively few young people can afford to take advantage of higher education.

Limited industries and a large population have brought about a grave problem of unemployment. For most Italians, life is a ceaseless struggle against poverty. A low standard of living is fertile soil for communist propaganda. Italy has the largest Communist party outside the Iron Curtain.

The Roman Catholic Church claims 98 per cent of the Italian people on the basis of their baptism as infants. It is estimated, however, that only one-third of these people

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One of the fine harbors of Italy



Thirty-five Italian workers are enrolled in the Rome Bible school.

are practicing Catholics. The Protestant constituency numbers about 300,000. The oldest Protestant group, the Waldensian, dates from A.D. 1200. There are also a number of other Protestant denominations, including the Pentecostals, which are the largest evangelical group in the country.

Pentecostal work in modern times commenced in 1908, led by Giacomo Lombardi, an Italian immigrant who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Chicago. He became burdened for his own people and returned to the land of his birth. Scores of churches were established as other Italians joined him in witnessing for Christ. Hundreds sought and received the Pentecostal experience. The work enjoyed a steady growth until 1932, when Fascist pressure closed all churches. The Pentecostal work had to go "underground" to survive. Meetings were held in caves, open fields, or in private homes behind closed doors. Many pastors were imprisoned but, undaunted by hardships, they continued proclaiming the message of God's saving grace. Christian heroism did not die with first-century believers.

With the Liberation Armies of the Allies, in 1944, came freedom. Within two years churches were rebuilt, revivals swept the land, and the Pentecostals were winning more converts than all other evangelical groups combined. In 1947, 95 per cent of the Pentecostal churches organized as the Assemblies of God of Italy.

The Italian Assemblies were still harassed by limitations and, in some instances, intense persecution, until May 25, 1954, when the Supreme Court of Italy ruled in favor of the Assemblies of God. The official registration

of the decree, however, was delayed until 1960. Our representative, Alfred Perna, hailed this event as "the dawn of a new day of freedom and opportunity for the Assemblies of God of Italy."

One of the most effective methods of reaching the Italian people for Christ has been a widespread use of gospel literature. Under the leadership of our representative, literature evangelism became the spearhead of advance. "Gospel literature in every home in Italy" was the goal set by the Italian brethren. Speed-the-Light funds bought printing equipment. The Boys and Girls, Missionary Crusade and other sources provided funds for publishing costs. Millions of gospel tracts, one million Gospels of John, Sunday school quarterlies, and vast quantities of other literature and books have been printed and distributed. Only eternity will reveal the far reaching results of this literature evangelism.

As workers are trained and inspired through teachers training courses they go out to start Sunday schools which in turn lead to the establishment of other Assemblies. The Sunday school enrollment has reached a total of 30,000.

The rapid growth of the work created a pressing demand for trained workers. Few ministers pastor only one church; some must care for six and seven. For several years Bible training classes were conducted in the church in Rome. Facilities were extremely limited and only a dozen students could be accommodated at one time. The need for an adequate building became urgent but construction costs were beyond the financial ability of the Italian Assemblies. Churches in the U.S.A. and Canada responded to the need and a splendid six-story building, with accommodations for 100 students was dedicated on May 14, 1961. Robert Bracco, former pastor of the church in Rome, is director of the school. From this training center leaders will go out to meet the needs of existing churches and new ones yet to be opened.

Another pressing need in Italy is for church buildings to consolidate the results of evangelism. It is virtually impossible to rent halls due to pressure from the Roman Catholic clergy. Congregations are forced either to build or purchase buildings. The hearty response of churches in the U.S.A. and Canada has helped build scores of churches. A revolving fund has been established

to help more congregations build.

The Pentecostal revival in Roman Catholic Italy is one of the miracles of our time. Thriving churches, growing Sunday schools, and fervent evangelism characterize the work. Italian-Americans returning to their native towns are winning converts, and new churches are mushrooming everywhere. The number of congregations has tripled within the past ten years. Today there are nearly 600 churches with 100,000 communicants. Francis Toppi is pastor of the large church in Rome.

The rapid growth of the work is in a large measure due to the fine cooperation which exists between several organizations—the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God U.S.A., the Christian Churches of North America, and the Italian Pentecostal Churches of Canada. These groups work in collaboration with the Assemblies of God of Italy in meeting the financial needs for workers and buildings.

Our American Assemblies of God ministers presently serving in Italy share joyfully in the task of winning Italy for Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Perna supervise the production and distribution of literature. Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Marin conduct evangelistic meetings in various parts of Italy. Josephine Furnari is engaged in child evangelism.

Romans were among the peoples present in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. The Apostle Paul preached in Rome and other Italian cities. In his Epistles he saluted more than two score Christians in Rome by name. This Christian heritage, however, does not rule out Italy's dire need for the gospel message. As our Italian brethren consider the extent of the unfinished task, they are stirred by a new sense of urgency. Their evangelistic outreach is limited only by the lack of workers and buildings. —Christine Carmichael



Global Conquest, Speed-the-Light, and Light for the Lost provide literature for the evangelistic advance in Italy.



# The Family Altar



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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

READ: PSALM 122

LEARN: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

FOR THE PARENT: From this psalm emphasize: (1) the importance of being in God's house, v. 1; (2) our attitude toward worshiping in God's house, v. 1; (3) the importance of the city of Jerusalem to Israel in their worship, vv. 2-5; (4) all Christians should pray for the peace of Jerusalem, v. 6; (5) the promise to those who do pray for the peace of Jerusalem, v. 6; (6) the reasons why we should pray for the peace of the City of Jerusalem, vv. 7-9. The importance of God's house is central in all this discussion.

QUESTION TIME: What should be our attitude toward worshiping in God's house? (v. 1) What promise goes to those who pray for the peace of Jerusalem? (v. 6)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Leslie E. Bedell, Korea; Mrs. Walter J. Kornelsen, Nigeria; Mrs. Robert McClay, India; Donald R. Ramsey (Indian), Arizona.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

READ: Psalm 123

LEARN: "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2).

FOR THE PARENT: From this psalm point out: (1) the writer's humility, v. 1; (2) the omnipotence of God, v. 1; (3) illustrations of our relationship to the Lord, v. 2; (4) why we wait upon God, v. 2; (5) why we need His mercy to be shown unto us, vv. 3, 4. Stress the Christian's comfort in knowing that God is with him—and that he is on God's side—in spite of the contempt and jeers of his associates. It is more important to have God's approval on our lives than man's.

QUESTION TIME: Why do we need to wait upon God? (v. 2) Why do we need His mercy? (vv. 3, 4)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Eugene Bascue, West Africa; Orville J. Hopkins, El Salvador; Mrs. Woodrow Jensen, Alaska.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

READ: Psalm 124

LEARN: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, stressing primarily the Christian's strength in knowing that God is merciful to him in spite of the taunts of his associates. This psalm emphasizes what would be our condition if it were not for God's being with us. Point out the illustrations the Psalmist uses, showing what it would be like if God were not with us. Then stress how God is with us, helping us and delivering us when it seems there is no other possible escape. Especially stress God's love and concern for us.

QUESTION TIME: What would our lives be like if it were not for God's help? (vv. 1-5) What is the source of our help?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Charity C. Harris, Togo; Mrs. Alfred J. Perna, Italy; Mrs. Louie W. Stokes, Argentina.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

READ: Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

LEARN: "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Paul Proclaims Christ" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out: (1) Paul's usual procedure, vv. 1, 2; (2) Paul's message, v. 3; (3) the results—divided opinions, vv. 4-8. Later on, writing to this same city where now a Christian church was established, Paul outlined again what happens to a person when he accepts Christ as his Saviour: (1) he turns to the true God; (2) he turns away from all false gods; (3) he earnestly awaits the soon return of Jesus Christ, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10.

QUESTION TIME: What happens to a person when he accepts Christ as his Saviour? (See above.) What was Paul's message to the Thessalonians? (Acts 17:3)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. James M. Robison, Nigeria; Mrs. Eugene Meador (Deaf), Oklahoma.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

READ: Luke 15:11-24; Isaiah 55:7; 66:2; Acts 17:30 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

FOR THE PARENT: This lesson is geared to help Juniors understand what repentance is. Illustrate repentance through the story of the Prodigal Son—showing how repentance is a complete about-face, turning away from and forsaking sin, and turning unto and following the Lord. The ability to repent is given us by God (Isaiah 66:2) and is also something that is commanded by Him (Acts 17:30).

QUESTION TIME: What is repentance? (See above.) How does the story of the Prodigal Son illustrate repentance? Who gives us the ability to repent? (Isaiah 66:2)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Delmar Kingsriter, Nyasaland; Mrs. Roy Nylin, Cuba; Mrs. Ira Shakely (superannuated), Sierra Leone; Mrs. Charles Personeus, Alaska, I. Cecelia Piper, Alaska; Cole Tyner (Deaf), California.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

READ: 2 Kings 2:11-22 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of Elijah's translation to heaven and of Elisha's request of Elijah (2 Kings 2:6-11). Then point out: (1) Elisha fulfilled the qualifications necessary to his request, v. 12; (2) he accepted his new commission by faith in God, vv. 13, 14; (3) God's power in his life was obvious to others, v. 15; (4) his confidence that Elijah was in heaven, vv. 16-18; (5) the second miracle the Lord performed through him, vv. 19-22.

QUESTION TIME: What was the first thing Elisha did after Elijah went to heaven? (v. 12) Then what did he do? (v. 13) How did he exercise faith in God? (v. 14)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Wesley D. Hansen, Alaska; Mrs. Garland Benintendi, Formosa; J. Edward Blount, Philippines; Mrs. Paul M. Epler, Hawaii; Mrs. Louis Grossnickle, Dominican Republic; Mrs. John H. Kennedy, Sierra Leone; Joseph W. Nilsen (superannuated), Congo; B. Marie Phillips, India; Joseph W. Tucker, Congo.



# World-wide Concern for Unsaved Loved Ones Prompts Revivaltime's November 19 Prayer Meeting Theme: "And Thy House"

tians who are concerned about their unsaved loved ones. A mother asks prayer for her backslidden son and daughter-in-law; a father worries about his teen-ager's spiritual coldness; a child wants prayer for an uncle and aunt. Hundreds of similar requests have pointed up the need for prayer for those in "thy house."

This special Thanksgiving prayer meeting will give Christians throughout the nation and the world an opportunity to enlist the help of other Christians in prayer for their loved ones. If there is an unsaved person in your family, send your prayer re-

quest on the coupon below. Let's join together in prayer—and claim the promise of Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, *and thy house.*"

When you send your personal request, why not pledge to participate in this world-wide prayer meeting. Tell your pastor, WMC president, or MF director of your desire to join in this service. You may obtain more information about conducting a local prayer meeting by checking the coupon.

We're expecting God to answer thousands of requests in this year's service. Fill in the coupon on opposite page with

**A**ND THY HOUSE," EMPHASIZING prayer for unsaved members of the family, is the theme for *Revivaltime's* annual Thanksgiving prayer meeting this year.

Again this year, the Women's Missionary Council and Men's Fellowship Departments are joining with the Radio Department to sponsor this special prayer meeting.

The *Revivaltime* broadcast for Sunday, November 19, will originate from Bethel Auditorium in Rochester, New York, at 10:30 P.M. Immediately following the origination, *Revivaltime's* thirteenth special world-wide prayer meeting will begin.

More than 500 groups—at least 18,000 individuals—are expected to join in praying for the thousands of requests which will be sent to *Revivaltime* for this service. Meeting in their local churches, these groups will unite in prayer with the *Revivaltime* team and broadcast audience in Rochester.

For some time, C. M. Ward and the other members of the *Revivaltime* staff have felt the tremendous need for special prayer for these unsaved members within our households. Each day's mail contains countless pleas from Chris-



Pentecostal Ministerial Fellowship of Rochester planning for the Rochester Thanksgiving prayer meeting: (seated) Philip Wannemacher, secretary; David Carlson, chairman; (standing) Ray Ferguson, Benjamin A. Baur, Alvin Nover, and Albert D'Annunzio.

your requests and mail to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, at once. Your request will be sent to a group of prayer warriors. Remember *Revivaltime's* great financial needs also when you write. We cannot continue to spread the full-gospel message around the world by means of radio without the wholehearted support of our friends.

## REVIVALTIME GIVING

### TOP DISTRICTS

January 1 to August 31, 1961

### TOTAL GIVING

1. New York .....\$12,815.02
2. Eastern ..... 10,909.65

### AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. New York .....\$ 82.14
2. Nebraska ..... 62.90

### INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. Ohio .....\$ 3,055.46
2. New York..... 2,694.94

### INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Ohio .....\$ 16.73
2. New York ..... 15.99

### GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Southern Missouri ..... 17
2. Northern California-Nevada ..... 16

### GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. New York ..... 9%
2. Tennessee ..... 8%

## ITINERARY

*Revivaltime* representatives may be heard in person in the following places:

#### C. M. Ward

November 7-9: DAYTON, OHIO—Bethel Temple, missionary convention.

November 10-11: SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA—Gospel Tabernacle.

November 15-19: ROCHESTER, NEW YORK—Thanksgiving Prayer Meeting and *Revivaltime* origination.

November 21-23 (afternoon): MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA—Bloomington Assembly of God.

November 23 (night)-24: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA—Minnesota Christ's Ambassadors convention.

November 26 (a.m.): ASH GROVE, MISSOURI—Assembly of God.

November 28-December 1: HOUSTON, TEXAS—Parkplace Assembly.

#### D. V. Hurst

November 5-12: *Revivaltime* rallies in SOUTH DAKOTA, with Lee Robbins as soloist.

November 15-19: ROCHESTER, NEW YORK—Crusade, origination, and prayer meeting.

#### Stanley Michael

November 6-10: NORTH TEXAS—ministers institutes.

November 19-26: *Revivaltime* rallies in ARIZONA.

November 27-December 7: NEW MEXICO—sectional missionary conventions.

## ON THE AIR



WITH D.V. HURST  
SECRETARY  
OF RADIO

Look over my shoulder while I read some *Revivaltime* testimonies.

*From Wisconsin:*

"We came into Pentecost largely because of *Revivaltime*. We love the preaching of the Word and the choir. Our son now attends Central Bible Institute." Mrs. C. P.

*From Pennsylvania:*

"Each Sunday morning for the past six months I have listened to *Revivaltime* on WRCV, Philadelphia. The messages have meant so much to me. Last Sunday I gave my heart to the Lord." Mrs. W. B.

*From Newfoundland, Canada:*

"The songs of the *Revivaltime* choir are faith-inspiring. We just have to join in and sing along with the choir as they sing old-time favorites." E. B.

*From Nebraska:*

"I really enjoy your singing on the broadcast. It makes me want to sing along and most of the time I do." J. S.

*From Malaya:*

"Praise the Lord. Having heard the *Revivaltime* choir singing over the radio, I am thrilled to say that the music has really brought abundant joy and satisfaction to my heart and soul. Truly the message in song itself is enough to keep one's spirit and soul in tune

with God, who gives a song in our hearts." S. C.

*From Louisiana:*

"My son-in-law for whom you prayed in your first prayer meeting has finally surrendered to God. He quit cursing, drinking, and smoking in the last six months and is living a Christian life." M. J.

This is significant! With our next great world-wide prayer service coming up November 19, it is thrilling to notice that this answer to prayer came from a request sent in for the *first* prayer meeting. God does answer if we wait in faith!

*From New York:*

"*Revivaltime* has been a real help and blessing to me recently. For some time I was prevented from attending church (I can go again now) and the program was as close as I could get to a service. Thank God so much for such wonderful help." Mrs. J. C.

And again the home missions phase of the *Revivaltime* outreach comes into focus. It ministers all across the country every week to a vast congregation of friends who are unable to attend a regular church service. Surely this is a most worthy missionary cause.

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And so as *Revivaltime* is beamed across the nation and around the world, from around the world testimonies continue to come. It's gratifying and challenging. Every week we're made aware there are more hungry hearts. *Revivaltime*, our full-gospel world-wide radio voice, must continue to reach them. Will you share this month in its urgent financial need?

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See you again?

### MY PRAYER REQUEST

Name of person for whom prayer is requested .....

State in which he lives .....

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I want to encourage a prayer group in my church to participate. Please send me more information.

Enclosed is a special offering for *Revivaltime*: \$.....

My name .....

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City ..... State .....

REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

# Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



## PAUL PROCLAIMS CHRIST

*Sunday School Lesson for November 5, 1961*

ACTS 17:1-9; 1 THESSALONIANS 1:8-10

Our lesson describes events which transpired in two of the major stops in Paul's first missionary journey.

PAUL IN THESSALONICA (Acts 17:1-9)

1. *Paul's Strategy.* Observe that Paul did not stop in Amphipolis or Apollonia, but merely "passed through." In so doing, of course, he was following the definite leading of the Holy Spirit. Thessalonica was a large and prosperous seaport, one of the most important in the Roman province of Macedonia. It was a center of commerce and the hub of many roads which led to various parts of the province. As such, Thessalonica would be the ideal city in which to establish a church.

In doing the work of evangelism, whether at home or abroad, we can expect our success to be in proportion to the extent to which we are led by the Spirit and to which we follow Paul's Spirit-inspired principles and methods.

2. *Paul's Preaching.* "As his custom was" Paul first presented Christ to the Jews of the Thessalonian synagogue. His method was as follows: (1) He appealed to the Jews on the basis of their Old Testament Scriptures. (2) From these he showed that the promised Messiah must suffer, die, and rise from the dead. (3) He then showed that Jesus whom he preached was the fulfillment of these Old Testament Scriptures and that He was, indeed, the Messiah promised. It is very important in soul-winning effort that our approach to the unsaved and our use of the Scriptures be adapted to their particular viewpoint and need!

3. *Paul's Opposition.* Wherever the Spirit of God works, the enemy of man's soul is also busy. The currents of faith and unbelief run side by side. In this case opposition to Paul's ministry was occasioned by the jealousy of Jews who were losing their following and who were humiliated to see a Spirit-filled man of God win more in a few weeks than they had won during many years. Jealousy is always a terrible thing, but never so hellish as when it is indulged by those who profess to love God.

Jason, who evidently housed the missionaries during their stay in Thessalonica, was seized by the rabble who had been employed by the Jews, taken before the rulers of the city, and falsely charged with treason. Fortunately Paul and Barnabas were not around at the time, and the authorities who were not too impressed by the Jewish charges simply required that Jason see to it that the preaching did not continue.

Observe that the charge placed against the missionaries was in part a great compliment. "These that have turned the world upside down. . . ." Spirit-filled men and women do indeed exert a great influence on the world. However, they really turn the world right side up, rather than upside down! How we need Christians in our times whose spiritual lives are so vital and vigorous that their influence is recognized by the world!

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS (1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

After Paul left Thessalonica his concern for the welfare of the persecuted church there caused him to send Timothy back to them to establish and comfort them. When Timothy returned from this trip, he rejoined Paul, who by this time had come to Corinth. Timothy's report was the occasion for the writing of this, the first of Paul's letters to the churches. The verses from this epistle may be summarized as follows:

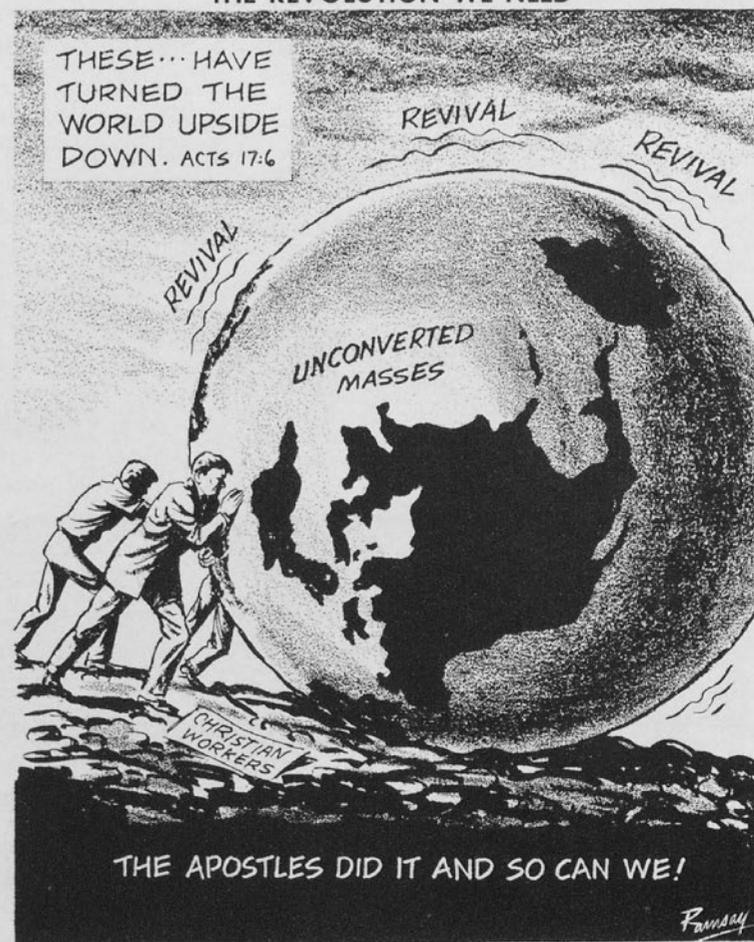
1. Paul commends this church for its diligence in spreading the gospel and sharing it with others, notwithstanding the persecutions they had been and were enduring.

2. Not only so, their faith had grown and developed as a result of their trials and persecutions to such a degree that their faith had become known far and wide and had doubtless inspired other believers elsewhere.

3. Paul commends them for the spiritual transformation which had taken place in their lives and for the character of their conduct as Christians which he summarized as follows: (1) "Ye turned to God from idols." This emphasizes both the negative and positive aspects of real conversion. (2) "To serve the living God." The Christian life is a life of service. The Thessalonians had caught the vision and had become diligent in witnessing and working. (3) "To wait for his Son from heaven." The Thessalonians were looking forward to the second coming of Christ; their affections were set on eternal things. Though they were "waiting" for Christ's coming, they were not waiting in idleness, but busy at their occupation. Can any man be truly looking for Christ's kingdom to come who is not putting forth positive effort to extend the kingdom now on earth?

*J. Bashford Bishop*

### THE REVOLUTION WE NEED





Pastor Emeritus and Mrs. T. J. Gotcher

### THOMAS J. GOTCHER RETIRES

After pastoring the First Assembly of God in North Little Rock, Ark., for the past twenty-eight years with the exception of three years in Pine Bluff (1946-49), T. J. Gotcher has retired because of ill health. He is now pastor emeritus and David A. Hastie is his successor.

As pastor, Brother Gotcher led the North Little Rock congregation in building its modern plant which includes educational facilities for more than 750 persons and an air-conditioned sanctuary with seating for 850. The church property is valued at \$200,000.

His radio broadcast on radio station KLRA was heard each Sunday morning for over twenty-four years. Until his recent illness he missed only eight broadcasts.

Brother Gotcher has served in various executive capacities, such as: assistant superintendent of Arkansas District Council, executive committee member of Hillcrest Children's Home, president of North Little Rock Ministerial Alliance, board member of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas and Union Rescue Mission. He was a member of the district executive board for thirty-three years.

He and Sister Gotcher will continue to live in North Little Rock.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOURTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION**—Nov. 1-5 at First Assembly of God, Lodi, Calif. Speakers: John Hall, Paul Pipkin, Harry Bartel, Wayne Turnbull, O. C. Butterfield.—by Gene Forrest, Pastor.

**WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**—Nov. 6 and 7 at First Assembly of God, Green Bay, Wis. Speakers:

Bert Webb and James Hyllberg.—by Erwin F. Erdmann, District Sunday School Director.

**YEAR OF JUBILEE HOMECOMING**—First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts., Dallas, Tex. will begin celebrating its

50th year with homecoming revival, Nov. 5-12. Paul Holdridge of Bartlesville, Okla., guest speaker. Special events will follow each month throughout the coming year. Friends are requested to write for details and souvenir history.—by E. Elsworth Krogstad, Pastor.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Leeds	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	John Eller	C. L. Rigby
Alaska	McGrath	McGrath Chapel	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Lloyd Perera	Claude Malcom
Ark.	Monette	A/G	Nov. 5-19	Bonnie M. Ruble	S. S. Dean
	Plainview	A/G	Nov. 5—	Freddie Richardson	Zula Bell Young
Calif.	Hawthorne	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	Watson Argue	James A. Ireland
	Hayward	South Hayward	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Lee Krupnick	Victor Johnson
	Norwalk	First	Nov. 5-12	J. G. Hall	D. E. Hundsdoerfer
	San Diego	Clairemont	Nov. 5—	David O. Bunch	Don B. Coleman
	Woodland	Full Gospel Ch.	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Marvin Schmidt	Ruben A. Wilson, Jr.
Colo.	Fowler	A/G	Nov. 5—	Jim Chandonnet	R. O. Brown
	Pueblo	First	Nov. 5-19	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Clyde King
Del.	Lewes	* A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Victor Etienne	Howard Garman
Fla.	Ft. Lauderdale	Evangel Church	Nov. 1-19	Paul Alessi	John A. Starbuck
Ga.	Savannah	East Side	Nov. 5-15	Perrello Brothers	Harris Fennell
	Smyrna	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Ronnie Thomason	T. C. Harty, Jr.
Idaho	Meridian	A/G	Nov. 4-19	Linfield Crowder	C. A. Slaughter
Ill.	Downers Grove	Suburban	Nov. 1-12	Charles Newbold	Royce Shelton
	East Moline	First	Nov. 1—	M. Inez Smith	N. L. Buntentbach
Ind.	Elkhart	Calvary	Nov. 5-12	Garfield J. Unruh	James W. Jones
Iowa	Denison	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Norman & Mrs. Hays	H. E. Turner
	Dubuque	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Robert A. Paul	Clifford A. Nichols
Kans.	Derby	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Jimmie Parrack	Don West
	Kansas City	First	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Charles T. Crabtree	U. S. Grant
	St. Francis	A/G	Nov. 5-19	Jeremiah Hanley	George Barber
La.	Bastrop	A/G	Nov. 1—	Quentin Edwards	J. E. Allen
Md.	Baltimore	Essex	Nov. 1-12	Wallace Bragg	Stephen Bogdan
	Midlothian	Trinity	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Cyril T. Chegwin	James L. Tate
Mass.	Everett	Glad Tidings Tab.	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Christian Hild	Harold Bither
Mich.	Ferndale	** A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Bob Olson	E. Glenn Snook
	Gaylord	A/G	Oct. 31—	C. S. Tubby	L. E. Gross
	White Cloud	A/G Chapel	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Robert J. Price	Conrad L. Cooper
Mo.	Kansas City	Evangel Temple	Nov. 1-5	Patti Thomas	Robert Wilson
	St. Louis	First	Nov. 5—	Keith L. Belknap	John Newman
Nebr.	Grand Island	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Ken & Jackie Haddaway	E. E. Rohde
	Wallace	A/G	Oct. 29—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Duane Palser
Nev.	Reno	A/G	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	Wayne Crawford
N. J.	Vineland	Chestnut	Nov. 1-12	The Bender Team	W. H. Scott
N. Mex.	Artesia	First	Nov. 5—	J. W. Farmer	J. H. McClendon
N. Y.	Carthage	Calvary	Oct. 29—	Oren Paris	Gerald Glidden
	Jamestown	Calvary	Nov. 1—	Harold W. May, Jr.	E. J. Klaus
N. Dak.	Jamestown	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	P. J. Graban	G. L. Riffe
Ohio	Bellevue	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Allen Trimble	Lindon Ford
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Evangel	Nov. 5-12	Bobby Green	F. L. Poag
	Oklahoma City	South West	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Charles Ogden	H. H. Palmer
Pa.	Clearfield	Glad Tidings	Nov. 2-12	Olshevski Musical Tm.	J. Clayton Sheridan
	Freeport	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 1-12	H. B. Kelchner	C. F. De Armit
	Indiana	First	Nov. 1-12	J. Earl Douglass	W. B. Keifer
	Miffinburg	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	William Farrand	Richard Grimes
	Roaring Spring	Faith	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Nate Killian	David Weyandt
Tex.	Borger	Keeler Heights	Oct. 29—	Leon & Ann Bayless	O. E. Eldridge
	Lavon	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	Bob & Pat Ludwig	M. C. Allen
	Rosenburg	First	Nov. 5-12	Willie M. Stevens	W. B. Shows
	Temple	Bethel	Nov. 5-12	M. R. & Mrs. Boatright	Leland Evans
Va.	Broadnax	A/G	Nov. 5-18	John Briscoe	B. A. Grimes
	Hampton	Calvary FG	Nov. 5—	Peiffer- Harden Team	B. W. Fox
	Warrenton	A/G	Oct. 17—	L. K. Dodge	T. J. Kerfoot
Wash.	Chehalis	** Bethel	Oct. 21-Nov. 12	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Albert Knudson
	Lynden	A/G	Oct. 31—	Wesley W. Fleming	A. W. Nelson
	Seattle	West Seattle	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	Velmer Gardner	Norman Gardner
Canada	Duncan, B. C.	*** Glad Tidings Tab.	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Don Gossett	F. O. Routley, Chm
	Hamilton, Ont.	Central Tab.	Nov. 1-5	John French	J. H. Blair
	Woodstock, Ont.	Calvary Church	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	L. W. Pinkston
Ceylon	Colombo	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Bob Hoskins	Cecil Good, Chm.
P. I.	Pangasinan	A/G	Nov. 1—	E. C. Lagmay	Martin Racca
S. A.	Buenos Aires, Arg.	A/G	Oct. 23-Nov. 12	Jimmie & Mrs. Mayo	Louie Stokes, Chm.

\* Youth Revival

\*\* Children's Revival

\*\*\* Area-Wide Union Rev.

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**"Dynamics of Pentecost"**

## CONVENTION

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# The Big Breakthrough

(Continued from page three)

period of time, but we've found now that the language is literally true. The nerve centers of the major cities of a nation could be pinpointed and destroyed in sixty minutes—one hour—because by missile it is only thirteen minutes from here to Russia!

I believe another thing we can expect is another wave of anti-Semitism. Hitler made the sixth attempt, but there will be another and it is going to be a time of awful horror. Friends, one thing that Khrushchev said is right. He said, "Millions now living will die in a nuclear war." The Bible tells us of a fourth of the people of earth dying in a short time during the Tribulation period, and then a third of those that are left die—*one thousand millions* will die in a few short years in this awful holocaust of war! Some of the best brains of our nation predict this explosion within the next five years; some of the more optimistic say it could be ten years. In a recent speech President Kennedy said, "When history is written I believe it will record that the climax of the great struggle between the free world and red Communism was reached in the late fifties and early

sixties of this century." He believes the climax of the struggle is within five years!

With this scientific awakening in the world, God has given a parallel awakening in the religious world. Even before the turn of this century, Mrs. Woodworth-Etter came along. This frail little woman stood in the pulpit and lifted up hands so thin you could almost see through them, and people everywhere fell prostrate under the power of God—saints and sinners alike. When they told about their experiences they spoke of having been to the gates of heaven, and having walked down the streets of gold in spirit; others had been taken to the very pits of hell and heard the cries of the damned. And they told it with such conviction that literally thousands of people were saved.

Some lady evangelists held a tent meeting near Alton, Illinois. They fasted and prayed for some time and shortly after starting a meeting one morning the old town drunk wandered in and got saved. God's glory broke into his soul, and by afternoon the tent was filled with people and explosive things were happening.

The printing press was running next door, and the "Hallelujah's" and "Glory's" coming through the open windows from the tent got the linotype operators all mixed up and they said, "This thing must stop! They'll have to shut that thing down or we'll have to shut down!"

They called the police and the evangelists were arrested. The judge asked the preacher, "Young lady, what in the world are you doing to disrupt this whole town?" They began to tell him how they had fasted and prayed, what God had done in other places, and how the town drunk had been saved (whom they all knew).

Suddenly they heard the arresting officer sniffing into his handkerchief and the judge said, "What's the matter with you, Sir?" And he said, "I want to get saved!" The old judge said, "Young lady, you go back and hold your meetings, and if we have to shut the whole town down we'll do it."

In the little town in Nebraska where I was saved they had a revival and a few people got saved, but not enough to start a church. They had five evangelists on the platform. One man preached and finally gave the altar call, but nobody came so he sat down. Another man wanted to say a few words, so he got up and preached like a house

on fire. Still nobody got saved. It got too hot for me, for I was not saved, so I got out, but they told me afterward that when the fourth man gave an altar call twenty-two folk, some of the most prominent in the community, knelt at the altar.

I had taken refuge in a restaurant, the manager of which had gone to the revival meeting leaving a girl in charge. About eleven o'clock the manager came in, grabbed the girl, put her arms around her and began to tell her with tears running down her face what God had done for her and how wonderful it was. I thought, "This is worse than a revival meeting," and I left there.

My father was one of the first to get saved in that meeting. He was fifty years old and a rancher, and he decided he would go preach the gospel. An old Methodist deacon who had been filled with the Holy Ghost decided he would go along and be another 'Praying Hyde.' The first meeting they booked I thought would be the last, but when they got back the house would hardly hold them as they told how this one had been saved and that one filled with the Spirit and another one healed. The culmination was that my father went to another place to hold services and eighty people were saved the first meeting. A church was built almost overnight. Hallelujah! Friends, I like to hear about things like that. I believe God wants to do it again.

Something new is taking place in the religious world today. I don't know when it started but I have an idea it probably began when our general superintendent called for prayer in his office and the busy, over-worked executives gave God priority and began interceding before God for revival.

Following that came the regional prayer meetings and then something special began to happen in our camps. Our youth meetings were something I had not seen for a long time. I saw people running to the altar in the afternoon service and praying through the supper hour so when I wanted to start the night service at 7:30 I couldn't for the altars were filled with young people praying. Nobody knows how many were saved and reclaimed and filled and called to the work of God in that prayer meeting.

In a camp in Wisconsin they invited me to minister and when I asked those high-school and college students how many would put God first in everything—ahead of work, ahead of mar-



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riage—125 fine young people stood to their feet and with hands lifted to heaven and tears running down their faces they said, "We'll put God first above everything else!"

They called me to preach a prayer convention in Peoria. I thought, "Well, they're going to have a three-day meeting, and I'll have to pull out every trick in the catalog to keep people praying," but when I got there I found the Shekinah glory of God hovering over that place. For two days the people dwelt in the heavenlies. All we had to do was to relax because God was there and the spirit of prayer prevailed.

In our Ministers Institute our general superintendent spoke like a prophet and I felt the Spirit of God anoint in a way that I have experienced only a few times in my life. For over two hours the people were held in the very heavenlies of God, with gifts of the Spirit and miracles of healing happening spontaneously. God has been doing something special for our denomination!

Over in Wheaton, Illinois, a vice-president of a bank went to a business men's meeting and received the Baptism. He went back to his Episcopal church and said, "Pastor, I'm going to leave you."

The pastor said, "Why?"

"Because God has filled me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke in another tongue."

The pastor broke down and said, "Don't leave me. I believe you have the very thing I need." They prayed together and God filled the pastor, and today over one hundred people are filled with the Holy Ghost in that Episcopal Church.

I was talking with a business man, a Methodist, about the work of God and my burden for new churches in new fields. I had lunch with him one day and he said to me, "You know I belong to another church but my wife and I like what you fellows are doing in the Assemblies of God. We have considerable to give this year and feel led of God to give this to you." It was about \$4,000 and I just sat there dumbfounded not knowing what to say.

Later he called me again and said, "I have a little surprise for you. We were going to scatter this here and there, but as we prayed God spoke to us and said the whole thing was to go to you," and he handed me \$8,000. Brother, that's a pretty good offering to come from a Methodist business man

to build Assemblies of God churches! If the Methodists are so interested in our home missions, how much more ought we to be interested! God began to speak to me through that gift and I believe He wants to do for His people what He has never done before. He's calling us to go on with Him.

We read of Elijah as he turned to Elisha one day and said, "Elisha, you know the hotel reservations are a little tough in the next town. Probably it's just as well you stay here." Elisha said, "No, as the Lord lives and as my soul lives, I'll not leave you." I think he got hold of Elijah's coat tails. Elijah started on and said, "Elisha, it's tougher yet on beyond. You can stay here if you like." But he hung right on.

Finally Elijah got the idea that Elisha must want something and asked, "What do you desire?" A lot of us would have said, "Lord, just give me one little miracle that I can write up for the *Evangel* and tell my children and grandchildren—just one, Lord!"

Up to this time Elisha had just poured water on the hands of Elijah—he was just a servant. Now he straightened up and said, "I want twice as much as you have had!"

I think Elijah said, "Junior, you have asked a pretty hard thing, but if you are with me when I go up you will get it." Hallelujah! Friends, God is not displeased with our asking of Him.

Elisha followed closely and when Elijah was separated from him by the chariots and horsemen there came floating down that mantle. Elisha picked it up, rolled it together, and as he went to meet that impossible situation he said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" He struck the waters and they rolled back. As he strode through, the men on the bank said, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on the young man Elisha."

Friends, the people of this movement are taking the mantle of our forefathers—the mantle of the anointing—and rolling it together. They are smiting the waters of impossibility. The Holy Spirit is enduing the people of God as never before in history.

Khrushchev says the moral stamina of the United States is so weak that he'll take the nation without firing a shot. He says our children and grandchildren will grow up under the hammer and the sickle. He could be right. Unless revival comes to America, unless something comes to toughen our moral stamina, it could happen. Ameri-

ca needs God today, and unless we are careful we will lose this last great bastion of truth—this free America.

We are living in historic days. I felt it in the meeting in Alton where Brother Zimmerman preached. I felt it at the prayer conference in Peoria and at the camp meetings. I have reports from different parts of the nation that God is doing the same kind of thing elsewhere. In this meeting tonight God is laying His hand on the shoulders of different ones. His eye is running to and fro throughout the whole world looking for someone. He's looking for *you*. History is being made now as we dedicate ourselves anew to the work of the Lord! ◀◀

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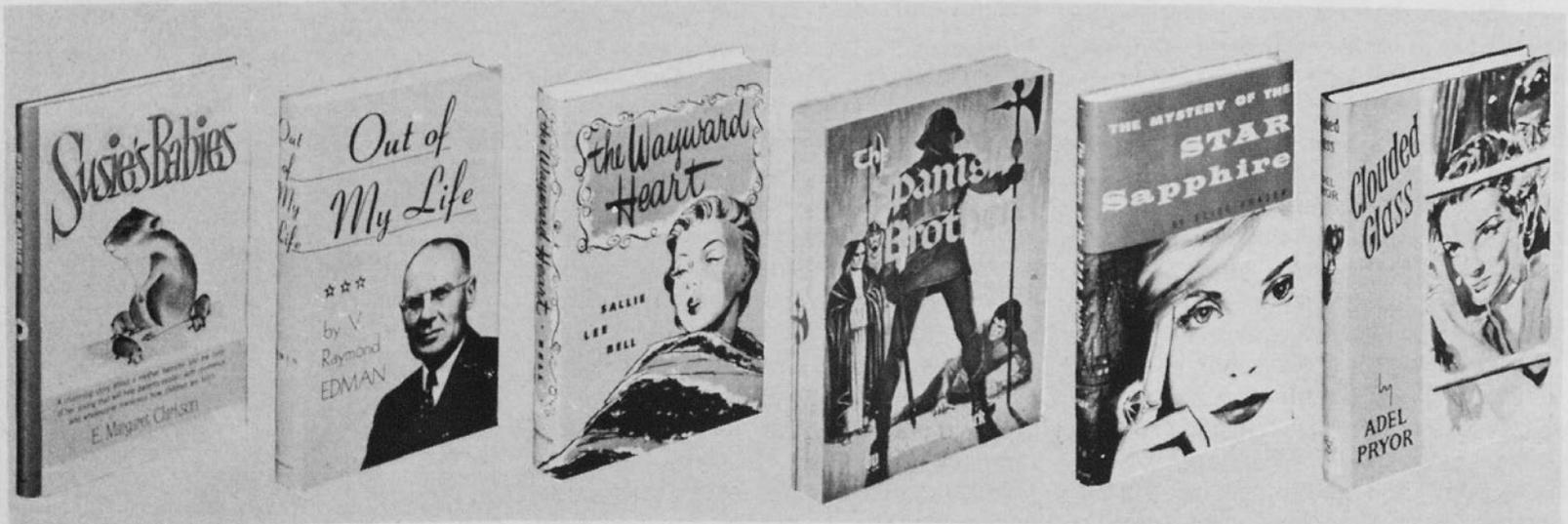
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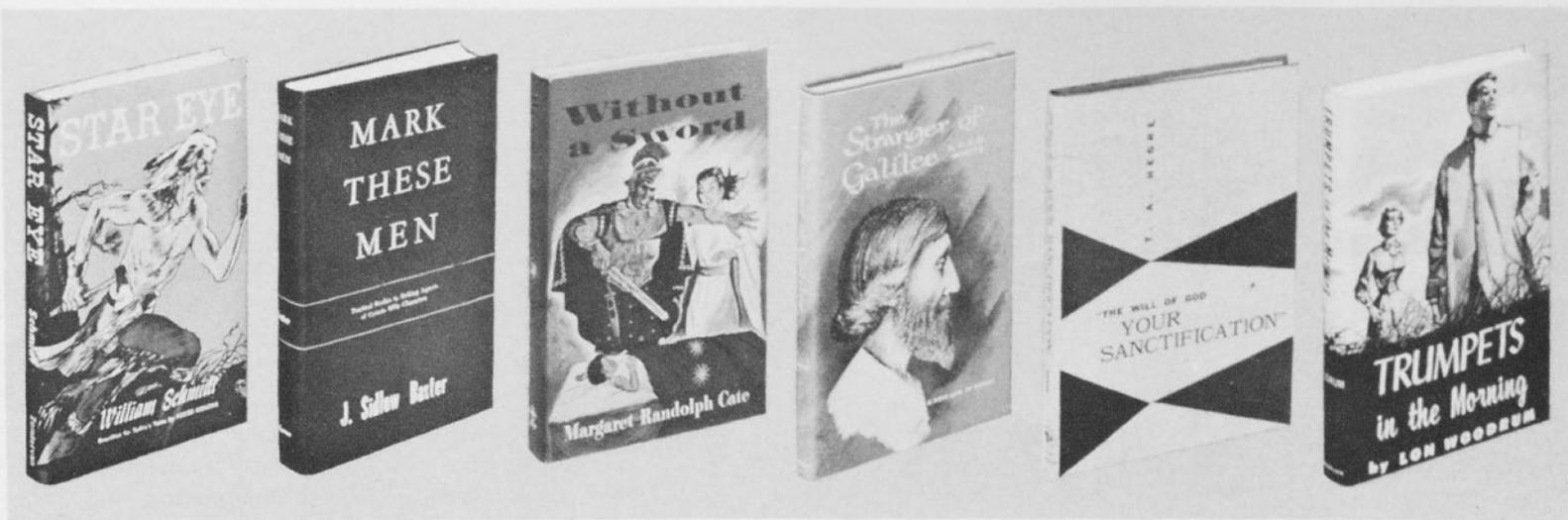
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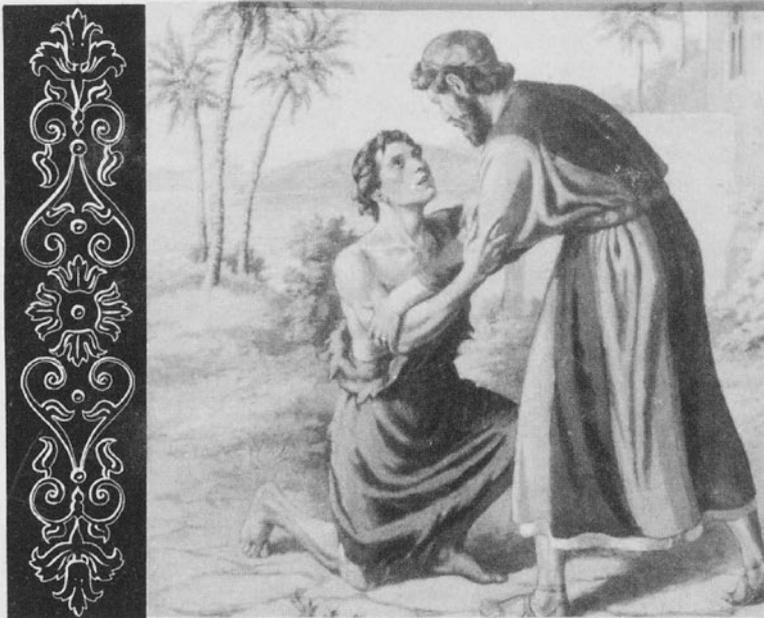
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# A Hired Servant

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**T**HE PRODIGAL ARRIVED HOME WITH A PROPOSITION. HE had started with one. "Father," he had said when he left home, "give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. . . ."

Now the goods were gone, but his self-sufficiency was still there. "Make me as one of thy hired servants. . . ." (Luke 15:19).

Human nature does not surrender easily. There is always this misplaced confidence. "I'll make it this time. I'll work hard. I'll *show you*." Man's desire doesn't change, be it pigpen or parlor. "I'll work out my own salvation. I'll pay my own way."

There is so much of this going on today in the name of religion. There are "deals" of all kinds. Millions are engaged in this religious traffic. Women are willing to cook and bake all day long for the church who are not willing to say, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy. . . ." Men are willing to open their checkbooks and give generously to the building fund who are not willing to walk down the aisle and publicly declare their need of Jesus Christ. You can number the would-be "hired servants" by the millions today. But where are the sons?

There is no kiss of forgiveness, no robe of acceptance, no ring of family membership, no shoes of respectability nor feast of gladness for a hired servant. Reformation is not salvation—the latter is on one basis only and that is unconditional surrender. Salvation is *God's idea*, so the terms are *His*.

"But," you say, "shouldn't a Christian be active? Isn't there a real need for service?" Yes, but only after you have opened your life unconditionally to Christ. Salvation isn't earned! It is received as a gift. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

The best deeds that any of us can ever do for God are poverty-stricken in His sight—so entirely inadequate that unless He sanctifies them with His compassion and love for us they are worthless.

What service could ever pay for the sorrow brought to the Father's heart while you journeyed into a far country and there wasted your substance with riotous living? What service could ever compensate for the divine agony as He waited while you "began to be in want"—and "joined yourself to a citizen of that country," who "sent you into his fields to feed swine?"

What service can ever redeem your rags and filth and misery? Isaiah knew the answer and said, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. . . ." There is no independence aside from Christ. God is committed to Calvary—He will meet you there, and no fraternization is possible otherwise.

*"Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling!"*

Neighbor, what kind of proposition have you offered? How much religious work are you offering for respectability? When did you offer yourself for hire? What is it you are offering? Is it an hour in the religious education department on Sunday morning? Is it the rummage sale? Is it the choir practice? Is it the early-morning novena? Is it the door-to-door canvass? New Testament believers never thought of themselves as "hired servants." They thought of themselves as love-slaves.

Let us stop offering this "do-it-yourself" kind of religion. God does not want hirelings. He wants, as Paul says, "in the ages to come" to show "the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

There are no cut prices to salvation, sinner! You must come all the way. But if you come to the Father through Christ you will receive help—you can count on it. God will save you because He wants to save you. He'll do the running toward you if you'll do the coming toward Him.

Sinner, God offers you total forgiveness. He offers you total acceptance. He asks you for total surrender. There is no halfway between the pigpen and His pardon. It still is,

*"Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come. . . ."*

Mister, you can't dedicate corruption. You can't say to God, "Here God, take my lust, my jealousy, my pride, my record of sin, and use it to build Thy kingdom!" No sir, it isn't worth anything. *There is nothing God wants to hire*. Only a cleansed heart and life laid at the feet of Jesus can be acceptable. Come now—and *come all the way!*