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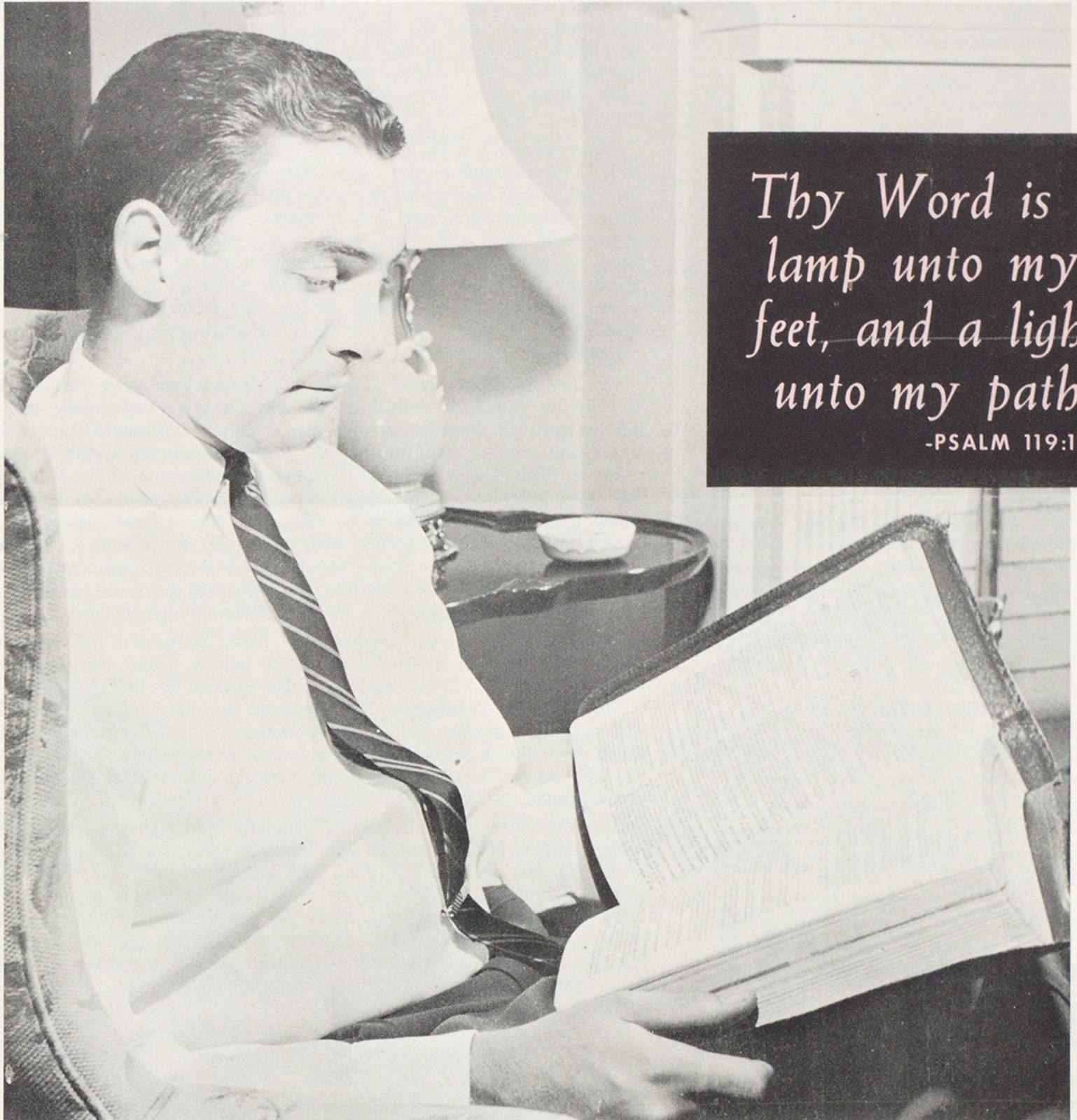
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



*Thy Word is a
lamp unto my
feet, and a light
unto my path.*

-PSALM 119:105

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The Psalmist said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." In a world of lengthening shadows and dark forebodings we need the pure light of the Scriptures to illuminate our minds and light up our daily path. That is why the churches of the Assemblies of God are joining with those of other evangelical denominations in a year-long Bible-reading campaign to "Read It Through in '62."

The emphasis will be upon private reading. Group reading is good, both at church and at the family altar, but this never can take the place of private devotions. We urge each reader to set aside ten or fifteen minutes each day for systematic Bible reading. Choose an appropriate time, preferably early in the morning, and develop the habit of daily Bible reading if you have not already developed it. Some may wish to carry a pocket Bible and read it on the way to work, or during the noon hour. Others may prefer to read it at bedtime. Make it the rule of your life never to let a day go by without reading your daily portion.

By reading about three chapters a day you can read the entire Bible in a year. No doubt you have read some portions many times but perhaps you never have read the Bible clear through. Like any other book, it is necessary to read the Bible consecutively to get its full meaning. The Gospel Publishing House has printed a Bible Reading Record in the form of an attractive card which you may keep in your Bible. It lists the chapters to be read each day and there is a little square to be checked after you have done the day's reading. If for some reason you deviate from the prescribed portion, you may check whatever portion you read that day, but deviation is not recommended. The aim of the campaign is to read the Bible through like a book.

Today is Universal Bible Sunday. In many churches it is "sign-up Sunday," when each member is asked to sign a pledge, saying, "As God helps me . . . I will read the Bible through in 1962."

The year-long campaign will be initiated on Sunday, December 31, with a united reading of Genesis 1 during the worship service. At the end of 1962 a certificate will be issued by the pastor to each person who has read clear through from Genesis to Revelation in the twelve-month period.

All who have read the Word regularly and systematically will testify that it brings rich blessing to one's life. As Martin Luther once said, the Bible is "a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch," and we need to shake all the branches in order to get all the fruit. For many years he read the Bible through twice in every twelve months. He also likened it to the sun, saying, "Scripture without any comment is the sun whence all teachers receive their light." Let the glorious Word light up your pathway every day in 1962!
 —R.C.C.

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Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors. Psalm 119:24

HAVE YOU READ THE BIBLE through at least once? Did you read your Bible yesterday?

Do you have your own personal copy of the Scriptures? Have you a specified time for private Bible reading? Does the Bible have priority among your items of literature?

You should have an affirmative answer to each of these questions.

Some years ago a young lady bought a popular-selling book. It was written by a brilliant young author. Critics were almost unanimous in giving favorable reviews of this volume. However, this particular young lady found great difficulty in becoming interested in the book. After "plowing" through the first two chapters she laid the book aside and remarked to her mother, "This is the dulllest thing I've ever read. It bores me. I can't understand the reason for its popularity."

A few weeks later a young man of writing talent was introduced to this young lady. To her utter surprise, it was the author of the book she had tried to read. Romance developed and eventually came a proposal of marriage which the young lady accepted. She picked up the erstwhile discarded book again. She read it through two times and had started it another time, when her mother teasingly asked, "Bet-

ty, how is it that you're reading that book every spare moment? I heard you once say it was a boring thing."

The beaming daughter replied, "Oh, Mother, it's different now that *I'm in love with the author.*" This prompts me to suggest:

THE DELIGHT OF BIBLE READING

If we love the Lord we will find great pleasure in reading His Book. The Psalmist said of the blessed man, "His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2). This reflected David's personal feelings for he wrote, "Thy law is *my* delight" (Psalm 119:77).

Bible reading can become a positive joy in any Christian's life. There are multiplied thousands who have cultivated a great fondness for this Book. It satisfies the deepest longings of people in all walks of life.

Daniel Webster, famous American statesman, said: "I have read the Bible through many times, and now make it a practice to read it through once every year. . . . I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and of rules for conduct."

Woodrow Wilson, twenty-eighth President of the United States, said: "When you have read the Bible you will know it is the Word of God, be-

cause you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty."

Another testimony of contemporary interest comes from Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl, former Governor of Minnesota, who says: "The Bible has been my constant source of strength and inspiration."

Bible reading can become a delight to you, too.

THE DISCIPLINE OF BIBLE READING

There is no discrepancy involved in stating that, while Bible reading is a delight, it requires earnest discipline to maintain a consistent habit of reading the Scriptures. We must *make* ourselves do it.

You see, most of us are creatures of varying moods. Sometimes we feel like reading the Bible—sometimes we *don't*. Therefore it becomes necessary to schedule the really important activities of our daily lives. Even pleasant habits like Bible reading must be cultivated and nurtured.

We must become systematic in Bible reading. There should be a specific time of the day budgeted for this purpose. I have heard good arguments for both the early morning and late evening periods; but whatever time is best for you, stay by it.

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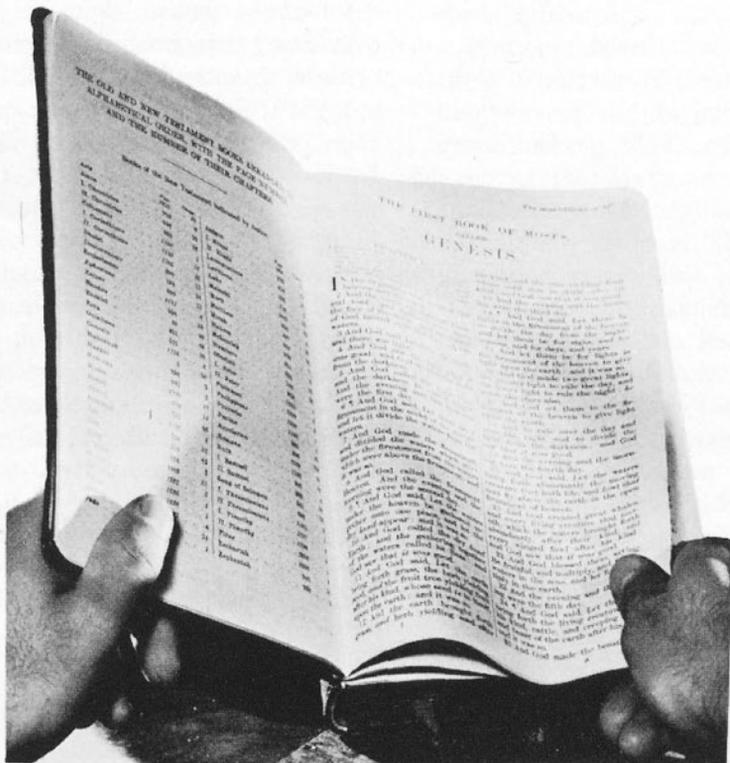


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The Bible Can Become Your Best Literary Friend

By LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

GREEK (Ancient).

Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

BRAID SCOTS.

For God sae loved the warld as to gie his Son, the Only-Begotten Ane, that Ilka ane wha lip-pens till him sudna dee, but hae Life for aye.



GERMAN. Also hat Gott die Welt geliebet, daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf daß Alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.



FIJI.

Ni sa lomani ira vaka ko na Kalou'na kai vuravura, me solia kina na Luvena e dua bauga sa vakasikavi, me kakua ni rusa ko ira yadua sa vakabauti koya, me ra rawata ga na bula tawa mudu.

John 3:16 in a few of earth's many

Seeing Christ

THE BIBLE WAS NOT WRITTEN BY ONE man, but by about forty. These forty men represent every class of society and every grade of culture. The widest diversity is found among them.

They are poets and princes, fishermen and herdsmen, doctors and musicians, poor men and rich men, learned and unlearned. They wrote at various times, in various lands, under various circumstances, over a span of sixteen hundred years. As a result, there is wide diversity among the writings of the Bible.

And yet there are no contradictions between the various books in it. All of them are in perfect agreement.

What is the solution of this remarkable unity in diversity? The answer is (1) that God wrote the Bible, employing the forty writers as His scribes, and (2) He wrote of one supreme subject; that is, the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All the Scriptures are bound together in Him. Without Him it never would have been written. Taking Him away leaves only the bare covers.

Christ is the subject of the orations of Moses, as He is of the drama in the Book of Job, and of the poetry in the Book of Psalms, and of the romance in the Book of Ruth, and so on, throughout the whole Bible. The one radiant object held before the eye from Genesis to Revelation, whether in history, prophecy, poetry, logic, or biography—in type, symbol, ceremony, or prediction—is Christ Jesus the Lord.

To Adam it was revealed that some One, called the Seed of the woman,

was to come. To Noah it was revealed that this One would come through Shem. To Abram, that He would come through Isaac. To Jacob, that He would come through Judah. Moses was told that the coming One would be both prophet and priest. David was told that the coming One would be the King. Daniel was informed of the time when that One would come, Isaiah of the character of His coming, Micah of the place of His coming, Jeremiah of the manner of His coming, and all the writers were correct. They spoke of "the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow."

In Genesis that One appears as the Seed of the woman, and we may trace that Seed through various attempts to bring it to an end, as recorded throughout the Bible, until at last we behold Him born in the manger at Bethlehem. In Exodus He appears as the Lamb whose blood was the protection from judgment on the night of the Passover, and we may trace the footprints of that Lamb through the Bible, until they lead us down into the deep darkness of Calvary and then up and up beyond the highest flight of angels to the throne of the eternal God.

In Leviticus He appears as both the offering and the priest who ministers by that offering in the tabernacle of God, and we may trace the offering and the priest through the Bible, until

TODAY IS UNIVERS

ITALIAN.

Perlocochè Iddio ha tanto amato il mondo, oh'egli ha dato il suo unigenito Figliuolo, acciocchè chiunque crede in lui non perisca, ma abbia vita eterna.



RUSSIAN.

Ибо такъ возлюбилъ Богъ миръ, что отдалъ Сына своего единороднаго, дабы всякій, вѣрующій въ Него, не погибъ, но имѣлъ жизнь вѣчную.



HEBREW.

כי כה אהב אלהים את העולם כי נתן את בן הדידו למען כל מי שמאמין בו לא יאבד כי אסחיי עולם יהיו לו:



ARABIC.

لأنه هكذا أحب الله العالم حتى بذل ابنه الوحيد لكي لا يهلك كل من يؤمن به بل تكون له الحياة الأبدية.



ILOCANO. (Philippines.) Ta casta unay ti pinagayat ti Dios itoy lubong, á intedna ti Anacna á Bugbugtong, tapno ámip á mamati quencuana, saan á mapúcao, ngem addá blagna nga aguanáyon.

JAPANESE.

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ろれ神ハろの生たまへる獨子を賜ふ
る世の人の愛し給へり此ハ凡て彼を
よの者を亡ることを無して永生を受
信するが爲あり
しめんが爲あり



hundreds of languages in the Bible

(Courtesy American Bible Society)

we come at last to heaven and find Him there as our Great High Priest, offering His own blood before the altar of which all the altars of earth were but shadows.

In Numbers He appears as the water and the manna given for the sustenance of the people in the wilderness, and we may trace the water and the manna through the Bible until we come to the Living Water and the Living Bread sent down from heaven for the sustenance and satisfaction of all who will drink and eat.

In Deuteronomy He appears as the promised Prophet like unto Moses, and we may trace that Prophet through the Bible, until we come to the Mount of Transfiguration and hear the voice of the eternal God in the words, "Hear ye him," thus declaring that this Prophet now supersedes all who went before Him.

In Joshua He appears as the Captain of the host of the Lord, in Judges as the Deliverer of His people, in Ruth as the Kinsman-Redeemer, from Samuel to Chronicles as the King, in Ezra as the Leader from captivity, in Nehemiah as the Builder of the wall to preserve the separation of His people, in Esther as the unseen but very real Protector, in Job as the patient One, in Psalms as the blessed One, in Proverbs as the Instructor, in Ecclesiastes as the One needed for all things under

the sun, and in the Song of Solomon as the One from above the sun who satisfies the longings of the human heart.

In the Prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi, He appears in a fourfold character: as the coming King, the Servant of Jehovah, the Son of man, and the Son of God.

When we open the Gospel by Matthew we are in a regal atmosphere and we behold the promised King. In the Gospel by Mark the atmosphere changes and the Servant of Jehovah fills the center of the picture. In the Gospel by Luke another change is found and the Son of man moves through the pages. In John's Gospel still another change is noticed and the picture is that of the Son of God, revealing the Father.

In the four different pictures presented by the four Gospels, while the one character stands out in each, there may be discerned glimpses of each of the others in the background.

In the Book of Acts He appears in heaven as the Master of His servants upon earth and as the subject of their testimony. In Romans He is the Righteousness of those who put their trust in Him. In Corinthians He is the Governor of His people. In Galatians He is the gracious Deliverer from all legalism. In Ephesians He is the Life of the Church. In Philippians He is the Pattern for His saints. In Colossians He is the Head of the body, the Church. In Thessalonians He is the Blessed Hope of all His people.

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AL BIBLE SUNDAY



Former missionaries Harry and Helen Waggoner continue their program of reading through the Bible each year. They are pictured here following the plan that includes three chapters each weekday and five chapters on Sundays. Each will read six verses in turn. The unique tablecloth has the names of various dinner guests inscribed on it. (Photo by Braun Studio, Caldwell, Idaho)

Word during the thirty-three years we served as missionaries," he says, "and we still feel our need for it today."

Mrs. Helen Waggoner described the scene on the day the Bible reading project was first begun:

"The family had breakfast together at six o'clock each morning. That morning two missionary friends shared breakfast with us. All seven children were at the table, including the youngest in his highchair. At the conclusion of the meal our houseboy cleared away the dishes. Then he went to the sideboard and reverently picked up the family Bible and placed it on the table in front of Brother Waggoner. Next, he moved the kerosene lamp closer to provide better light for reading.

The children seemed to feel that reading through the Bible would be a real adventure and all eyes were fixed on Brother Waggoner as he began to read in his deliberate, unhurried way: 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...'

Reading the Bible through did prove to be an adventure to the Waggoner family. Occasionally one of the children would be seen reading ahead on an especially interesting portion when curiosity was too strong to wait for tomorrow's reading.

Everyone old enough to read took his turn in reading aloud at family devotions. Often delightful conversations developed as the children commented on things they saw being done in India that were just like those described in the pages of God's Book.

"Oftentimes the Lord would move in our hearts during those morning sessions," comments Willard Waggoner, the oldest son. "As a matter of fact, I surrendered my life to the Lord during prayer at family altar one morning when I was nine years of age, after God spoke to my heart during the reading of the Word."

"Of course, there were times that seemed a little comical, too," Willard remembers with a smile. "I can still see my sister in a highchair making signs to one of my brothers that he would get a spanking if he didn't bow

Adventure in Bible Reading

BY EDWARD S. CALDWELL

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THE THIRTIETH CONSECUTIVE READING through of the Bible will begin in the home of Harry and Helen Waggoner on January 1, 1962. Every year since 1932 this couple has read from Genesis to Revelation as a part of their family altar.

It all began in India. Selected Scripture passages had been a regular part of family worship in the Waggoners' missionary home, but the idea of reading the Bible through captivated the interest of the whole family.

The surroundings of the home in Caldwell, Idaho, are quite different from those of the Waggoners' home

in 1932. At that time they were in their eighteenth year of missionary service. Their seven children were living with them and family altar marked the beginning of a very busy day—a day that would be filled with such activities as ministering to the needs of forty or more lepers, teaching some seventy boys and girls who lived on the six-acre compound, and multiple ministries in the surrounding area.

Now they live in semi-retirement which includes a half-day job at a local factory for Brother Waggoner. "We needed our family altar with the strength that came to us from God's

his head and close his eyes during prayer!"

Willard lives in Caldwell where he is employed in a photographic studio. He and his wife are graduates of Central Bible Institute and served some years as missionaries in India, but had to return to this country after he had an attack of malignant malaria. Don, the next oldest son, is pastor of the Assembly of God in New Town, North Dakota. Almeta is serving with her husband on the staff of missionary radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador. Doris is the wife of a Baptist pastor in a community near Buffalo, New York. Homer lives in Richland, Washington, where he is the manager of the Western Union office and is an active Assemblies of God layman.

The other two daughters, Beatrice and Mildred, live in Warren, Ohio, where they participate in the Assembly of God church founded by their grandfather, John H. Waggoner, in 1914.

"Both my wife and I came from homes where there was daily Bible reading," remarked Harry Waggoner. "I remember that my father always counseled young couples whom he united in marriage to start reading the Bible together. He used to tell them a story about a little boy who objected to listening to his father read the Bible on the grounds that he just couldn't understand it. The wise father gave the boy a basket and asked him to take it to the pump and bring it back full of water. The little fellow tried several times, but the water always leaked out before he reached the house. The lad took the basket back to his father and told him it just wouldn't hold the water. His father replied, 'I know, son, but look how much cleaner the basket is. That same thing happens in your heart when you hear the Word of God, even though you may not be able to understand it all.'"

"Just the other day I had an occasion to use that story again myself," said Brother Waggoner. "I told it to a man at the plant where I work—a new convert—who was asking me for advice on how to read the Bible. I advised him to read it through, even though he might not understand all of it."

Witnessing is a natural activity to the Waggoners. While they were missionaries they felt that people were reading their lives to see if Christianity was real. People are still reading their lives and are still being con-

vinced of the reality of the Christian testimony.

Harry Waggoner serves as a deacon in the First Assembly of God in Caldwell. He and his wife are a source of inspiration to the pastor and congregation. The young people look up to these people as truly exemplifying what a Christian should be.

The Waggoners counsel others to try this program of Bible reading which they have enjoyed for so many years. "If you start at Genesis and read clear through you get a view of the whole Bible that you would never get otherwise," they say.

When asked if it isn't monotonous to continue reading the Bible through every year they are quick to reply, "The wonderful thing about the Word of God is that it's always fresh!"

"And another thing about it is that more and more the Word is opening up as we see prophecy fulfilled before our eyes in these last days."

1962 will be an anniversary year for the Waggoners in more than one way. It will mark fifty wonderful years of marriage, as well as thirty years of reading the Bible through as an annual project. There can be no doubt that their Bible reading habits have served to make their fifty years of marriage even more wonderful.

The man who expects to get to heaven should take the trouble to study the route that will get him there.

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

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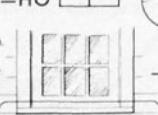
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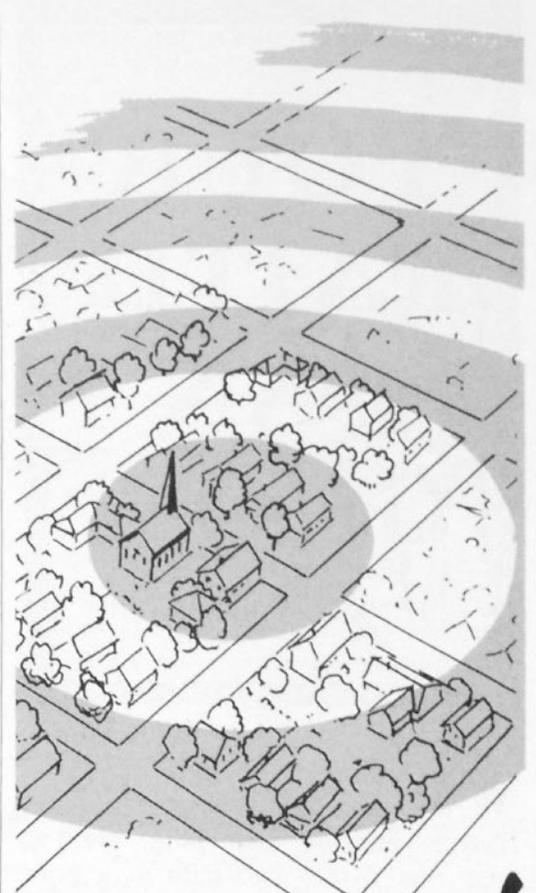


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1 Timothy 6:10



Zero in!

This year's *Action MANDatory* challenges the men in each Assembly to "zero in" on a target area in its own community—and then saturate that area with an intense personal witnessing campaign. Here is a brief summary of the line of attack:

- A New Year's Eve watchnight challenge
- Complete census of target area
- Division of area and assignment of teams
- Pin-pointed prayer meetings for areas
- Intensive visitation and witnessing campaign
- Victory banquet
- Development of a sustained evangelism program

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YOUR FAITH CAN GROW

BY VIOLET SCHOONMAKER

WHEN OUR LORD'S DISCIPLES ASKED Him to increase their faith, He told them that if they had faith as a grain of mustard seed they might say to the sycamine tree near which they stood, "Be thou plucked up by the root and be thou transplanted in the sea, and it should obey you" (Luke 17:6).

Why did our Lord liken faith to a mustard seed? One thing about a mustard seed is that it has life... something only God can create. Men are making marvelous things in our days, but the one thing they cannot make and never will be able to make is life. It takes a miracle to make a mustard seed and God alone can do a miracle.

No man can create spiritual faith in his own heart or in the heart of another. He can do things that will help him to believe, but God alone can plant a seed of faith within the human heart. Faith is the gift of God.

Because it has life, a mustard seed can grow. It is "the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs" (Matthew 13:32).

Let us look at that great hero of faith, Abraham. It was faith in God that enabled him to forsake his own country and kindred and start out "not knowing whither he went" (Hebrews 11:8). Some time, somehow, back in that land of Mesopotamia, God had spoken to Abram and Abram had heard Him. Faith had sprung up in his heart and he had obeyed. This was great faith, but Abraham's faith was not always great. Indeed it appeared very weak when he lied to Abimelech, king

of Gerar, and told him that Sarah was his sister. Again, Abraham's faith was weak when he listened to Sarah and had a son, Ishmael, by the maid-servant, Hagar. Don't blame Abraham too much! Would we have believed that God could or would do for us what He promised Abraham? I fear that we would not! But what a mistake Abraham made at that time, for even until now he that was born after the flesh has persecuted him that was born after the Spirit (Galatians 4:29). The descendants of Ishmael are still the greatest enemies of the cross of Christ.

Abraham laughed when God said Sarah would bear him a son. He actually fell upon the ground and laughed (Genesis 17:17). Sarah, too, laughed (Genesis 18:12). Sarah afterwards denied laughing, but she could not fool the angel of God. God's angels can see right through closed tent doors or any kind of doors behind which men hide. Abraham and Sarah's laughs were laughs of unbelief.

But wait, see how their faith grew! Both of their names are written in that wonderful list of faith heroes in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Sarah's faith grew until she actually received strength to conceive the son God had promised (Hebrews 11:11). It was not Abraham's faith that gave her this strength but her own. We read in Genesis 21:6 that Sarah laughed again after her son was born. This time it was not a laugh of unbelief, but a laugh of joyful praise. Sarah cried out, "God hath made me to laugh so that all that hear will laugh with me." There were many people laughing over Isaac's birth. God loves to hear such laughter.

What had happened to Sarah that enabled her to believe? We read in Hebrews 11:11 that it was because she

"judged Him faithful who had promised." Somehow Sarah had learned that God is faithful to His promises. Faith is just that, nothing more and nothing less. Faith is just taking God at His Word and believing that God cannot lie. In Hebrews 10:23 we are told to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering *for this same reason*, knowing that "He is faithful that promised."

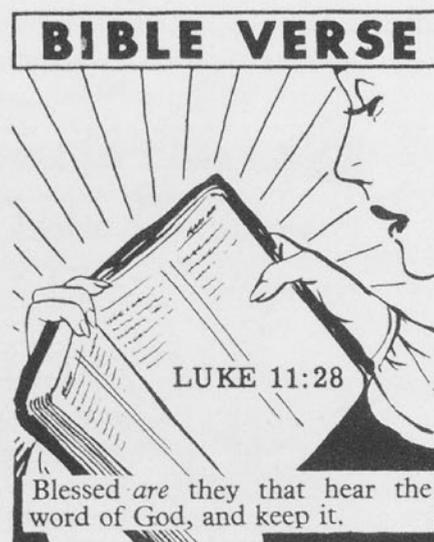
And how Abraham's faith also grew! Indeed it grew until it became the greatest exhibition of man's faith found in the Scriptures. God told Abraham to take that son for whom he had waited so long, and of whom God had said, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called," and offer him up as a sacrifice. Abraham did this, "accounting that God was able to raise him up even from the dead" (Hebrews 11:17-19). What faith! If we would know more of Abraham's faith, let us read Romans 4:16-21. Abraham's faith grew until he became "strong in faith giving glory to God" and "staggered not at the promise of God."

What had made Abraham and Sarah's faith grow?

1. We have already stated that it was by "accounting Him faithful who had promised." Some of these promises had been repeated to them over and over again. It is by God's Word that faith comes to man (Romans 10:17). We must feed upon the Word of God; first upon the "sincere milk" of His Word (1 Peter 2:2) and, when we have grown stronger, on its "strong meat" (1 Corinthians 3:2; Hebrews 5:12-14).

2. Their faith had grown strong through being tested. That is why the testing of our faith is precious to God (1 Peter 1:7). God knows we need the testing, for testing does for our spirit what physical exercise does for our body. Without the trial of our faith our spirit becomes soft and flabby as does our body without exercise. It was after years of "patient endurance" that Abraham received the promise (Hebrews 6:15). And it is always through "faith and patience" the promises of God are inherited (Hebrews 6:12).

3. Faith grows by "looking unto Jesus." It is He who is both "the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). Does not this encourage us? Jesus never began anything that He was not able to finish. If He has begun a work of faith in our hearts (and He



alone can do this) He will perfect it if we let Him.

4. Faith is one of the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22, 23 and it will grow like any other fruit if it is sown in good soil and has rain and sunshine. Remember it is not our fruit but the fruit of the Spirit. The more we have of God's Holy Spirit, the more will this fruit develop, grow, and ripen in our lives.

5. We are to follow the faith of the men of faith in the Scriptures and also in the history of the church. There are also men today whose faith we may well follow as they speak unto us the Word of God and are examples of faith to us. (See Hebrews 13:7.)

However, let us remember that not all the heroes of faith mentioned in Hebrews 11 received the promises God had given them. We read in verse 13 of those who "died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen

them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

God promised Abraham the whole land of Canaan but we read in Acts 7:5 that "God gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his feet on." As far as we know, the only land Abraham ever owned in Canaan was the piece of land he bought of the sons of Heth for a burying place for Sarah. Abraham's posterity, however, will possess it as God promised.

Abraham by faith "sojourned in the land of promise as in a strange country, dwelling in the tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise" (Hebrews 11:9). All the years that Abraham sojourned in Canaan he never owned a house or lived in one that had a foundation. The only floor Abraham ever had was the ground under his tent.

His faith, however, did not waver "for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10).

In the last verses of this wonderful chapter of Hebrews we read of many who, though suffering unspeakable things and obtaining "a good report through faith, received not the promise." Had God failed them? No. God had provided something better for them—and for us—and some day up there we shall all understand. Even though we may not see our prayers answered down here, or God's promises to us fulfilled, we can "die in faith" as did these martyrs and our names, too, will be written in the book God is keeping up there of the heroes of faith.

Let us pray for one another, that our faith may grow exceedingly and the love of every one of us toward each other may abound (2 Thessalonians 1:3). ◀◀

The Baptism Is a 'Gift'

BY HERBERT L. JOHNSON
Pastor, Assembly of God, Campbell, Calif.

THE BIBLE LAY ACROSS HIS CHEST AS we walked into the bedroom. He lay there both restless with inactivity and miserable with discomfort in his back.

A supermarket a couple of miles away was his business interest and he was anxious to get back in the swing of his normal, demanding job as co-partner in this good-sized, typical California food market. But he had joined his employees in unloading the case goods, and his back "went out" on him. Now, a week later, he was discouraged at the uncertainty of the future.

A regular attendant at church, he had earnestly sought to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but so far he had to be content with other spiritual blessings.

Our visit was a pastoral call on this sick parishioner. We talked briefly of Christ and faith and dropped to our knees in prayer. Almost immediately he was praising the Lord with hands upraised and he began to worship God in a flow of language he had never learned. As a gift, God had baptized him with the Holy Spirit.

Peter said, "Ye shall receive the *gift* of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Additionally, he received the gift of healing and he went to work the next day.

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She was old—perhaps eighty. Raised in a different church, she had been sprinkled; and even though she cast her lot with the Pentecostals because of their adherence to the Bible, she felt content and saw no need of immersion. After ten years or so this quiet little elderly lady decided to follow the Lord in water baptism.

The next Sunday night someone praying next to her at the altar service came to me and asked, "When did our sister receive the fulness of the Spirit?" Quietly God had

given her a precious immersion in the Holy Spirit, and she was speaking in other tongues.

Again, Peter said, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

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He was tired. As a member of a small church he had been faithful to the revival services each night and had been tarrying for his personal Pentecost. The hour was late. The group stood to go home; their hearts were still worshipping the mighty Baptizer.

From heaven, in a moment of time, this man was mightily filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance.

The Lord Jesus said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

Age, physical condition, time of day, emotional levels are not necessarily factors in this Pentecostal blessing. This is because the Father is the giver of the Holy Spirit. These other factors are outward things, and God looks on the heart.

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You, perhaps, would like to be filled with the Holy Spirit. But you have tarried so many years you are about to give up. Your strength perhaps is gone by the altar service time. Or perhaps you are expecting a baby and are reluctant to put forth extra energy. Or you may be in a bed of affliction. Right now, open your heart to the Giver, to God Himself, and be continually expecting to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost as a *gift*. God will not fail you!



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Publications

TWO-VOLUME REPLICA OF FAMED GUTENBERG BIBLE PUBLISHED

A limited edition of replicas of the famous Gutenberg Bible, first book to be printed from movable type (A.D. 1450-55), has been published at New York City for churches, museums, libraries, and private collectors. A large sale of the edition is not expected as each two-volume set costs \$750. Produced entirely by American craftsmen and bound in hand-grained goat skin, each illuminated set weighs 40 pounds.

SKIN DIVERS FIND RELIGIOUS TRACTS—ONE IN 21 LANGUAGES

Several seaweed-encrusted plastic packets found by skin divers off Elliott Key near Miami, Florida, prove that religious tracts, like messages in bottles, may turn up anywhere.

The five packets, discovered by divers from an Alcoholics Anonymous camp on the Key, contained religious tracts—one printed in 21 languages including Russian, Chinese, and Zulu.

One of the tracts was printed in Nairobi, Kenya, where the divers believe the packets originated. They recalled that a large African canoe was washed ashore at the camp during Hurricane Donna last year and they are convinced that the packets came from the canoe.

The tract in 21 languages was printed in Liverpool, England, and quotes John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

One of the packets is now in the trophy case at Camp Recovery. Members of the Alcoholics Anonymous camp feel the message is appropriate since they realize their need for spiritual healing.

Television

RELIGIOUS TV STATION MAKES DEBUT

In a significant move to reclaim what FCC Chairman Newton Minow called "a vast wasteland," WYAH-TV, the

nation's first non-commercial religious television station, went on the air October 1 at Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va. The sponsors, a non-profit religious group called Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc., expect the experiment to be reproduced nation-wide.

The founder and president is M. G. (Pat) Robertson, son of Virginia Senator A. Willis Robertson. "This is the Lord's doing and He deserves all the credit," says Robertson.

Program director Neil Eskelin points out that a prime portion of the station's programming will be designed for grade school children and teen-ager's. "Youth is the key to the future," says Eskelin, who holds a Master's degree in radio and television from the Ohio State University. "We feel we owe them programs which set forth the eternal truths of God's Word as well as those virtues which will mold productive citizens."

White House

PRESIDENT KENNEDY OBSERVES NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

President Kennedy marked a day of prayer for world peace by going to St. Matthew's Cathedral at Washington to offer a personal prayer.

The President had proclaimed Wednesday, October 4, as a National Day of Prayer, as provided by an Act of Congress. He had urged all to pray "for our nation and for all peoples everywhere in the world; and most especially—for willing hands and a spirit of dedication," that this nation "may move forward in the unconquerable spirit of a free people... to neutralize the evil designs of evil men, and to work for goals of human betterment."

Due to the fact that the proclamation was not released until three days before the National Day of Prayer, many churches were not alerted to participate.

On Wednesday Mr. Kennedy, giving no advance notice of his plan, slipped unnoticed from the White House, accompanied only by the usual detail of

Secret Service men. He entered the cathedral, knelt in a rear pew, and prayed silently. Other worshipers were not aware of his presence.

In leaving the cathedral, which is six blocks from the White House, he paused to shake hands with an elderly woman who recognized him. He returned to the White House less than twenty minutes after leaving.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES KC LEADERS

Leaders of the Knights of Columbus paid a formal call on President John F. Kennedy at the White House last month. They presented him with a framed copy of the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag, and with a lapel pin signifying his membership in the Fourth Degree of the Catholic laymen's order.

The President immediately put on the pin, and said he would display the copy of the pledge in his office.

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Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free—John 8:32

The current "I am a Protestant" card issued by the Protestant Council of the City of New York features a list of "Reformation principles" on the reverse side. According to the Council, more than 80,000 of the wallet-size cards were mailed out in the New York metropolitan area for individual use as a testimony of faith and as an aid in emergency.

Judiciary

POST OFFICE REPORTS ON DRIVE AGAINST OBSCENITY IN MAILS

Postmaster General J. Edward Day says that a stepped-up enforcement campaign is resulting in a "significant increase in arrests and convictions for violation of the postal obscenity laws." During the quarter which ended September 30, 98 persons were arrested for violation of these laws, an increase of 21 per cent over the same period in 1960. There were 69 convictions obtained in federal courts during this same period, he reports.

"CHRISTIAN BROTHERS" LOSE APPEAL

A plea of the Christian Brothers to recover \$489,800 in federal taxes assessed against their winery in California was rejected recently by Federal Judge Sherrill Halbert at Sacramento.

This Roman Catholic brotherhood makes huge quantities of wine and brandy which it sells for profit as a means of supporting numerous schools for boys. Its lawyers argued that the winery was a church operation and therefore its earnings were tax exempt. The judge ruled, however, that it was not operated by the church but by De La Salle Institute, an educational organization, and that it must pay taxes. "The winery is a winery, not a church," he declared.

The court case involved taxes that covered certain years prior to 1957. In that year the winery operations were reorganized to avoid further tax difficulties. It is now a tax-paying corporation called the Monte La Salle Vineyards, owned by the Christian Brothers.

Missions

U. S. TOLD TO USE MISSIONARIES' METHODS IN GIVING FOREIGN AID

Andrew W. Corier, U. N. under-secretary for General Assembly affairs, has declared that the U. S. should pattern its foreign aid operations after the work of Christian missionaries. The U. S. diplomat said that giving in pride by the U. S. often causes the recipient to be humiliated.

"Much simple and national wisdom that men can build upon is to be found in every nation, no matter how young," he said. "The Christian missionaries in the past have found this so and have been able to build on it."

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Does 1 Corinthians 7:15 allow a Christian to remarry if the unsaved spouse leaves home?

This verse teaches that, if the unsaved companion departs, the Christian is not required to turn away from the Lord to please the unsaved spouse. Let the Christian stay true to the Lord at any cost.

How will God deal with those who have never heard the gospel?

When I come to questions I do not understand I fall back on the scripture, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25). From Romans 2:12-16 we might assume that the heathen may be judged according to conscience. If this is so, the atonement of Christ would have to be imputed to their credit since no one is good enough to be saved by his own merit. We can safely leave the matter with the Lord.

Do not the denunciations of Jesus against the cities in which He ministered prove there are degrees of punishment for the wicked? Matthew 11:21-25.

Different scriptures indicate there are degrees of punishment. Jesus said, "That servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes" (Luke 12:47, 48). God will reward every man according as his work shall be. Just how this will be effected we must leave with God. The deeper remorse of conscience suffered by the greater offender could be part of his punishment.

Was it financial support Paul had in mind when he wrote, "Honour widows that are widows indeed" (1 Timothy 5:3), or was it some honor to be conferred on such?

It was financial support. If an aged widow had children or *nephews* (literally, *grandchildren*), they were to see that these aged widows were cared for. The church was to provide only for widows who were destitute having no relatives to care for them. See 1 Timothy 5:8. Light or frivolous widows were to be rejected, and young widows were advised to seek husbands. The church was to provide for the older widows whose lives demonstrated prayerfulness, consistent character, and services graciously rendered to others. See verse 10.

Some of us girls wear slacks because they are much more convenient and modest when we are working or playing. I know the Bible says we are not to wear men's clothes, but in China the women wear slacks all the time while the men wear robes, and in the South Pacific men wear skirts. Therefore, isn't it all right for us to wear slacks?

Slacks have now become so common that I hardly think they can be called men's clothing. When Moses gave the law that men should not wear women's apparel, or women the apparel of men, I am inclined to think he meant men should not try to make themselves appear as women, or women to appear as though they were men.

Slacks do cover the body; therefore they cannot be said to be immodest, if they are slacks indeed and not tight-fitting. They give freedom of movement that skirts do not give. I think girls look much better in skirts, however, than in slacks. I do strongly oppose women parading in shorts. Shorts do not cover up; they expose. The Bible teaches that women should adorn themselves in modest apparel. See 1 Timothy 2:9.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

Highlights of the European Conference

OUR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD REPRESENTATIVES in Europe met for their third convention September 28-30, 1961, on the Bible school campus in Erzhausen, Germany. Under the guidance of Field Secretary V. G. Greisen they evaluated progress being made in the European Assemblies and formulated plans for advance in the coming year.

Present at the conference were our workers in Belgium (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dortch), France (Mr. Kenneth Ware), Germany (Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williscroft, Miss Olga Olsson, and Miss Emma Decker), Italy (Alfred Perna and Mrs. H. J. Marin), Spain (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McIntyre, Miss Ruth Weitkamp, and Miss Trella Hall), and Switzerland (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruff). Visiting ministers included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cummings (Newcastle, Wyoming), Mr. David Matweyiw (Parsons, Kansas),

Evangelist Hal Herman, Missionary Charles Greenaway (Senegal), and Mr. Gustav Kinderman (Secretary for European Relief and Rehabilitation).

In reporting on his Sunday school work, Brother Williscroft indicated there is "an urgent need for Sunday school work in Europe to reach the children, youth, and other departments that are not being reached." The conference resolved to place emphasis on an enlarged Sunday school program and the missionary representatives were urged to search for European personnel to be trained for children's work throughout the continent.

Using the report of two successful international youth camps in Belgium as an example, Brother Dortch outlined the need for camps on the local, regional, and national levels. "In France," he reported, "one reason they have been able to increase the number of stabilized churches is that they have a successful youth camp program. They have more than 400 in their camp."

"Words fly, but writings remain." This Latin proverb formed the basis of the report by Brother Perna of the literature ministry in Italy. "In Italy, between 30 and 40 churches are counted as a direct result of the literature that has been sent out."

The enlarging of our literature ministries in each language area of Europe was proposed and plans were made to transfer the French-language press from Belgium to France.

Brother Dortch reported that "one outstanding thing about each of the Bible schools in Europe is the international scope they have." To illustrate, he said that graduates of the school

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in Erzhausen, Germany, are now ministering not only in Germany but also in Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

In outlining the servicemen's ministry in Europe, Brother Williscroft reported there are now 20 fellowship groups of servicemen in Germany. Rallies and conventions are held for them on holidays. Brother and Sister Williscroft maintain a hospitality home for the servicemen of the Erzhausen area.

Brother Ruff reported on pioneer works in Switzerland. A tent has been secured and a boat purchased for use as a baptistry. Fifty-three new converts have been baptized in this boat-baptistry. Several new works are being opened in Switzerland through tent evangelism. One young national worker has established six new churches.

Brother McIntyre reviewed the ministry of national workers in Europe and pointed out that the Bible says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel," not, "Go into all the world and Westernize it." He concluded with a new emphasis on establishing indigenous churches in each nation.

Brother Perna was elected chairman of the European committee of Assemblies of God representatives and Brother Dortch was elected secretary-treasurer. The next annual conference is to meet in Spain in September 1962 ◀◀



Boat baptistry used in tent evangelism in Switzerland



Assemblies of God ministers who attended the European Conference

British Guiana Awakens

By DAVID GUENTHER
Missionary to British Guiana

THE GREATEST MIRACLE CRUSADE ever held in this country" is what the British Guiana newspaper *Sunday Graphic* called the ten-day revival campaign conducted in the British Guiana Cricket grounds in Georgetown.

For over a year, ministers and churches in British Guiana had been praying that God would send revival. About the time these prayer meetings began, God laid a burden for British Guiana on the heart of Morris Cerullo of San Diego, Calif. These people of British Guiana rejoiced when they learned of Brother Cerullo's plans to conduct a campaign in Georgetown, for they knew God was answering their prayers.

There was some doubt as to the wisdom of the time chosen for the campaign. Political elections were nearing. The churches might have hesitated to co-operate in a revival campaign at such a time, for numerous political meetings might detract from the crusade. Besides, it was the rainy season.

But faith was strong and God answered prayer. Political factors in no way hindered and the crowds increased from 2,000 the first night to an estimated 25,000 the closing night. Not one drop of rain fell during the services, although it rained in the afternoons and mornings and began raining again about two hours after the services were over.

One of hundreds healed in answer

to prayer was a former deaf mute who jumped for joy as he listened to the ticking of a watch. Members of the congregation raised their hands to verify the fact that they had known the man for many years and that he had been both deaf and blind.

God touched a young lady who had one leg shorter than the other. Instantly both legs became the same length.

An eleven-year-old boy, born blind in both eyes, could see after prayer. Goiters and tumors disappeared; the blind and deaf were healed; heart ailments were cured. God's power was indeed present to heal.

Morris Cerullo's preaching inspired faith in God's Word, and as a result thousands of hands were raised for salvation during the ten-day campaign. Classes conducted for new converts were well attended.

As a result of the campaign, a revival center, under the direction of Missionary Paul Palser, is being opened in Georgetown's Aster Theater.

Even though Brother Cerullo and his campaign manager, John Mears of Washington, D. C., have left British Guiana, the twelve Assemblies of God churches which sponsored the crusades are determined that the spirit of revival which has been awakened shall remain. ◀◀

MISSIONARY News Notes



GOING: The Earl Taylor family has returned to Japan for another term of service.

COMING: Rosa Reineker, home from Ceylon, is now living at 717 Chandler Street, Philadelphia 11, Penn.

On furlough from North India is the Samuel Beckdahl family. They are making their home at Mission Village, 3230 N. Grant Avenue, Springfield, Mo.

On furlough at 205 N. 4th, Baytown,

Texas, are the Franklin McCorkles, from Ghana.

BIRTH: The Dean Bergstroms (Peru) announce the birth of a daughter, Deann Joy, on October 2.



The Earl Taylor family

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

An offering this week can be included in the special Christmas offering for our missionary family. Send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo.
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MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

September, 1961

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,287.43	N. Texas	12,396.09
Appalachian	776.50	Northwest	29,253.10
Arizona	2,476.37	Ohio	11,480.70
Arkansas	6,177.80	Oklahoma	17,200.29
Eastern	21,987.53	Oregon	15,725.83
Georgia	3,051.49	Potomac	10,418.57
German Br.	1,853.29	Rocky Mtn.	10,229.11
Greek Br.	136.08	S. Carolina	696.61
Hungarian Br.	10.00	S. Dakota	2,065.73
Illinois	10,277.38	S. Florida	8,030.36
Indiana	8,011.54	S. California	47,565.61
Italian Br.	261.59	S. N. England	3,063.85
Kansas	7,889.20	S. Texas	9,405.87
Kentucky	1,138.10	S. Idaho	1,894.30
Latin Am. Br.	456.65	S. Missouri	9,941.24
Louisiana	2,855.25	Span. E. Dist.	86.75
Michigan	14,562.48	Tennessee	3,489.72
Minnesota	11,456.86	Ukrainian Br.	173.04
Mississippi	2,047.82	W. Central	7,033.65
Montana	4,266.77	W. Florida	3,864.53
Nebraska	5,207.92	W. Texas	3,712.25
N. Jersey	7,347.50	Wis. N. Mich.	8,369.07
N. Mexico	4,025.53	Wyoming	1,579.87
N. York	11,047.67	Alaska	221.22
N. Carolina	2,119.15	Canada	982.18
N. Dakota	4,115.59	Hawaii	303.99
N. N. England	1,215.93	Foreign	138.73
N. Calif.-Nev.	29,542.52	Miscellaneous	72.96

Total Amount Reported\$386,997.16

District Funds	\$10,093.70
National Home Missions	2,418.63
Office Expense	4,100.59
Given Direct to Missionaries	7,184.09
	23,797.01

Received for Council Missionaries\$363,200.15
Received for Non-Council Missionaries4,390.08
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State25,436.84

Total Receipts\$393,027.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$143,105.19
Missionary Equipment	38,044.10
Missionary Work	63,050.69
National Workers Abroad	7,604.60
Deputational Returns	583.54
Buildings in Foreign Lands	54,756.52
Missionary Transportation	44,315.25

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Transfer to "Hold Accounts"41,567.18

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A Monument to Red Rock



By MRS. ROBERT E. GOGGIN
WMC President of the Oklahoma District

IN 1839 THE EASTERN PART OF what is now the state of Oklahoma finally became the terminal point for the Cherokee "Trail of Tears," which began in the part of the country now included in the states of Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. This Cherokee Removal, ordered by the government, involved a "death march" of one thousand miles into new Indian territory.



Attractive new Indian church at Red Rock, Okla. Marguerite Shaw and Phyllis Hammerbacker were missionaries for six years. The E. L. Kenedys are the new pastors.

Approximately 13,149 Indians were driven to stockade enclosures and later escorted to the new land. Before the journey was half over, over fifteen hundred Indians had already died from exposure, disease, and maltreatment. At the place now called Tallequah the courageous "Cherokees set about remaining civilized under primitive conditions. They wrote and adopted a constitution; they established schools, courts, churches, and industry. The printing press was assembled, for it had been carried on the trail."*

Today there are more than sixty tribes (with a total population of 120,000) represented in Oklahoma. Oklahoma ranks with those states having the highest Indian population.

There are no Indian reservations in Oklahoma like those found in some

states to the west and north. All tribal lands were allotted in severalty by provisions of the Dawes Act of 1887 and other later Congressional acts. Surplus acres were subsequently ceded to the U.S. in agreements with the tribes of western and north central Oklahoma and opened in tracts to white settlers, the last great Indian land opening being the Kiowa-Comanche and Wichita-Caddo reservations in 1901. Osage County is sometimes erroneously referred to as the "Osage Reservation."

Charles Banks Wilson, writing in *Indians of Eastern Oklahoma*, says:

"Within the northeastern corner of Oklahoma, where it is bound by the states of Kansas and Missouri, eleven tribes have been gathered. These tribes once owned many hundreds of thousands of acres in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oregon, but with the westward movement of the white settlers they were all located by 1874 in the part of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, east of the Neosho River. Here since about 1867 eight of these tribes have been under governmental jurisdiction of the Quapaw Indian Agency.

"Within this small area of approximately 220,000 acres have been settled remnants of two great enemy peoples of Champlain's time, the Algonquin and the Iroquois. Here also is the southernmost of the Sioux, as the Mandan is the northernmost. A tribe of the Lupumian linguistic family is among those getting along with complete compatibility, plowing their fields together and sharing each other's native ceremonials.

"In the past the Agency work was



Indian men of the Red Rock Indian Assembly sang at the recent WMC Convention in Oklahoma City. Phyllis Hammerbacker stands at right.

vital in leasing of land for agricultural and mineral purposes and assisting in matters of health, welfare, and taxes. It should be noted that Indians are subject to federal taxes. The well-to-do of the Quapaw Agency have paid millions of dollars in taxes, which, since 1935, exceed by several times over the amount spent by the Federal Government in the past thirty-five years for administrative purposes of the Quapaw Agency. To this area come many thousands of white Americans."

In addition to the Otoe tribe, to which they minister mainly, Assemblies of God missionaries have reached approximately nine other tribes: The Cheyenne-Arapaho, Iowa, Kiowa, Osage, Ponca, Pawnee, Kickapoo, and Missouri. There are many Indians in this state who have not yet been reached with the gospel, let alone the full gospel. But we are happy for the good work that has been done in Red Rock. At our recent WMC Convention in Oklahoma City a group of the Otoe Reservation Indians sang for us.

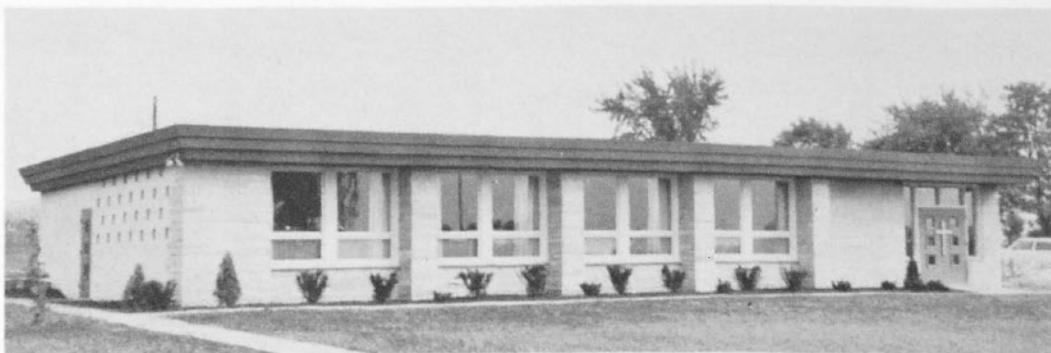
The Indian Assembly at Red Rock is surely a miracle wrought by the Lord. Six years ago Mrs. Marguerite Shaw and Mrs. Phyllis Hammerbacker came to minister in Red Rock. Years ago there had been a church there but it had disbanded. The Sunday school and the church have grown tremendously in the few years of the church's existence. The attractive new church building was dedicated June 28, 1960. The missionaries, Marguerite Shaw and Phyllis Hammerbacker, resigned recently and will be working with Lula Morton on the Navajo Reservation near Tuba City, Ariz. The E. L. Kenedys are the new pastors at Red Rock.

The following letter which I received from Sisters Shaw and Hammerbacker, now at Tuba City, describes the Red Rock work well:

"Greetings from the land of the sun
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DID YOU FORGET?

THERE IS STILL TIME . . . to remember home missionaries if you mail your Christmas offering *today*. This Christmas, the home missions family numbers nearly 325. The Home Missions Department plans to send a little extra Christmas check to each missionary next week. Your contribution, clearly designated "Home Missions Christmas Fund," will help make their Christmas a merry one. Send your offering direct to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.



The new Assembly of God in Union Grove, Wis. was dedicated September 10, 1961.

Fire Fails to Halt Church Dedication

Bold headlines declared, "\$4,000 Fire at Grove Assembly of God Church Fails to Interrupt Sunday's Dedication Program." The September 11, 1961, Racine Journal-Times, Racine, Wis., further stated:

"The alertness of a passing motorist who turned in an alarm and the prompt response of the Union Grove-Yorkville Volunteer Fire Department are credited by the Rev. Hugo C. Zerbe, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, with literally 'saving the day' for the dedication ceremony Sunday at the church located . . . south of Union Grove."

R. L. Brandt, national home missions secretary, who was guest speaker for the 3 p.m. dedication service that day, gave a first-hand account of the incident as follows:

"At 6 a.m. the fire whistle blew. Shortly afterward, a man came to the parsonage and reported the church had burned or was on fire. It turned out that only the furnace room, which was a separate room attached to the church, had been destroyed, but the rest of the building was practically undamaged."

About 600 persons attended the three

services and 350 were present for the dedication service at 3 p.m. Guest speakers besides Brother Brandt were D. H. Heuser, superintendent of Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, and Wilbur Mandigo, sectional presbyter.

Later on, as the congregation enlarges, the present 36-by-76-foot building, of masonry construction with Lannon stone front, will be used exclusively for Sunday school. It is valued at approximately \$35,000 although volunteer labor by members and friends cut the cost of construction substantially below this figure. The building has a seating capacity of 150. An adjoining sanctuary which will seat 300 and a new parsonage are planned for the future.

The Union Grove church was pioneered in February 1957 by Brother Zerbe. Services were conducted in the American Legion Hall until the congregation moved into its new building in February 1961. The church membership includes some 30 families. Sunday school attendance averages 70 but has reached as high as 90 at times.

The official board of the church served as building committee during the construction period. Members are H. C. Zerbe, president; Eldore Rosenow, secretary and treasurer; A. D. Bowman and Russell Brown. ◀◀



Ministers participating in the dedication ceremonies were, left to right, R. L. Brandt, national home missions secretary; D. H. Heuser, district superintendent; H. C. Zerbe, pastor; Wilbur Mandigo, sectional presbyter; and A. A. Eytzen, pastor in Racine, Wis.

What Think Ye of Christ?

General Council Sermon by Robert G. Voight

PASTOR, CENTRAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

MANY REMEDIES HAVE BEEN ADVOCATED for the problems of the world and the problems of the Church, and I suppose every minister has a panacea to suggest. I, too, have a remedy that I think we need above all things, and that is a new vision of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our text in Matthew 22:41, 42 presents to us the question, "What think ye of Christ?"

It has often been said that Christ will be to us just what we let Him be—that He will mean to us just what we take Him for. Therefore my *opinion* of Jesus Christ becomes the basis of my spirituality. Thank God, He is willing to give us a new vision of Himself even as He did to the great men of the past who sought to know Him in the fullness of His power and glory.

We have many and various opinions of Jesus Christ. Some of you know Him best as Saviour while some know Him best as the One who has healed you. Some know Him best as the One who baptized with the Holy Spirit or performed a miracle of divine providence. But we all need a *complete* revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ!

There is a significant verse in John 2 which tells us that when Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover many "believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men." The false opinions that men had of Him caused Jesus not to commit Himself unto them. This is the reason for many shallow, superficial experiences in our day. Christ does not commit Himself to those individuals whose love is not perfect toward Him—to those whose opinions of Him are faulty.

I have often thought if I could have



Robert G. Voight

lived when Jesus was on earth I certainly would have believed Him. It seems that anyone would have believed Him! But the opinions of that day were just as varied as the opinions of today.

Many like Nicodemus saw Him only as a teacher, so He committed Himself to them only as a teacher. But Jesus tried to lead Nicodemus from this incomplete opinion to a more complete revelation. For Jesus is more than a teacher come from God; Jesus Christ is *the Truth*. He did not come just to show us a way to God; Jesus Christ is *the Way*. He did not just come to give us salvation and healing; He *is* our salvation—He *is* our healing!

The opinion of many was based upon the law of God. When Jesus healed the blind man the Pharisees declared He could not be of God for He healed on the Sabbath day. The Law in their opinion was greater than a miracle; their opinion of Jesus was based upon their commandments and traditions and precepts. Are you struggling to keep principles and precepts or have you

found the fullness of Christ released within your heart and life?

When Jesus came to His own country He could not heal many there for they said, "Is not this the carpenter's son?" They saw Him only after the flesh and He could not bless them. Some said, "He is a good man," while others said, "No, He deceives the people." Some said, "He casts out devils by the prince of devils." There were as many opinions as there were critics.

I believe God is not primarily interested in the opinion of the world. He is more interested in what the Church thinks of Him. Jesus let the disciples tell Him what the men of the world thought of Him, and then He looked at Peter and said, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." It was upon that concept that Jesus declared He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not be able to prevail against it.

The early Church turned the world to Jesus Christ because they saw Him as the Son of the living God, and if the Church today can capture the true vision of Jesus Christ we can again turn the world "upside down." The same vision will create in our hearts a new fervency of spirit, a new evangelical vision, and a new zeal to accomplish the will and purpose of God.

The disciples said, "Lord, what about the political setup? What about the restoration of Israel?" Jesus' answer was for them to go to Jerusalem and be filled with the Spirit! This is God's provision for us today.

What do you think of Jesus Christ? If you had been passing by the temple in Jerusalem one day, you might have heard a loud clattering and clamor. Through the temple doors you might

have seen tables being overturned and money changers with their robes around them, along with cattle and doves, being driven out of the temple. If you had looked for the reason you would have seen a Man with a rope scourge driving men from the house of God. What then would have been your opinion of Jesus Christ?

Like many who give Christianity only a glance, you might have said, "If that's Christianity, I don't want any!" But if you had waited a few minutes after Jesus had cleansed the temple, you would have seen the lame, the halt, and the blind come shuffling up those aisles and you would have seen Jesus heal them. You would have seen little children gathered up into His arms and blessed. Your opinion of Jesus would have changed when you waited.

Too many times God cannot reveal Himself to us because we do not wait upon Him. You cannot learn of Jesus Christ in one trip to an altar. You cannot know all about Him in one prayer meeting. I find that after twenty years in the ministry, Christ is revealing Himself more fully to me than ever before.

If you had been walking down a dusty road one day, you might have seen a man come running all out of breath to throw himself at Jesus' feet crying, "Master, he whom thou lovest is sick. Lazarus is about to die. Mary and Martha are all disturbed and they want you to come." You might have seen Jesus walk right on past that man, ignoring him completely. What would you have thought of Jesus? You might have said, "Why, Lazarus is the man that entertained Jesus in his home! He is the man that took care of Jesus—the one they said Jesus loved; and yet, now that he's sick, the Lord doesn't care! He *doesn't even care.*"

But if you had waited one day and then the next, you would have heard Him say, "I'm going over to Lazarus' home." The disciples would have been heard to protest, "Lord, they stoned you when you were there." But that did not stop the Master, and you would have followed Him to the tomb to hear Him say, "Lazarus, come forth!" You would have seen Him then as the *Resurrection* and the *Life*.

How many times have you called upon the Lord and He has not heard you? You have looked toward heaven and said, "Father, he whom thou lovest is sick and has great need." And it has seemed the Lord paid no attention. Oh, if only you will wait upon Him! If

you will follow on to know Him, He will reveal Himself to you as the resurrection and the life.

What if you had been in the little boat crossing the sea, and the boat was about to sink. With waves tossing and wind blowing, you would have seen Jesus Christ asleep and unconcerned while the disciples despaired of their very lives. What would you have thought of Jesus then?

You might well have thought, "What manner of man is this that doesn't care? He doesn't care whether we live or die. He just doesn't care what happens to us!" But if you had only waited, you would have seen Him rise and speak to the stormy sea, and the waves would have calmed and your opinion of Jesus would have been different. Then you would have cried out with the disciples, "What manner of man is this!"

As the disciples followed Him day after day their vision of Christ was enlarged. Jesus was trying to teach them to have peace in the storm. Anyone can have peace when the storm is over, but Jesus wanted them to know that by trusting in Him they could

sleep while the storm was on. Peter learned that lesson. The night before Herod would have taken his head from his shoulders, we find Peter sound asleep in the jail. His vision of Jesus Christ, gained on the stormy sea, gave him peace and assurance the night before his execution. Now he could sleep—in the storm!

We can follow the experiences of the Lord as He tried to give His disciples a greater concept of who He was and what He was. How completely their opinion of Him was changed when they saw Him crucified and buried. Here their Saviour was, dead and buried—the One who was to bring them divine deliverance and change the world for them! They lost all their hope. He was dead.

There are thousands today that are serving a dead Christ. They have followed Him only to the tomb and turned away sorrowfully, saying, "Yes, I believe Jesus is the Son of God. I believe He died." But they don't know that He rose again!

If they had only gone with Mary on the morning of the first day of the

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week as it began to dawn, they would have seen the empty tomb, and One standing there. Mary said, "They have taken away my Lord and I don't know where they have put Him." And I have found that people over the years in times of stress and trial don't know where Jesus is. They have lost Him; they have lost their faith. I have talked to Pentecostal people who have come into real tragedy and they have gone to pieces and said, "I don't know where Jesus is. I don't know how to pray. I don't know what to do now." Oh, if only they will follow on to know Him! When Mary said this to the man standing there, Jesus spoke one word, "Mary!" And she said, "Master." Let us follow on to know Him.

How can we know Him? Jesus said, "He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Real love brings a manifestation of Jesus Christ to the hearts of man, and it is only as you love Him that He reveals Himself to you.

I have sometimes wondered how people can be saved and then be so unconcerned about their Saviour. How can they receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and be unconcerned about their Baptizer? Their love for Jesus Christ is not great enough for Him to be able to commit Himself to them. You may believe on Him but He will not give Himself to you unless you love Him with all your heart. A vision of Christ will give you a greater love, and a greater love will cause a new manifestation of the Lord to you!

One of the disciples asked, "Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?" It is through the baptism of the Holy Spirit that Christ manifests Himself to you. This is why we need the Spirit. When He is come He will not speak of Himself, but He will testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has come to make *actual* what Christ died to make possible.

What do you think of Jesus? Isn't He more than just a teacher? Isn't He more than just a set of commandments and laws and precepts and principles? Isn't Christianity more than a religion? Isn't Jesus more than just a carpenter's son—more than just a historical figure? When the Church can testify from a heartfelt conviction, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," we will turn the world upside down for Him. ◀◀

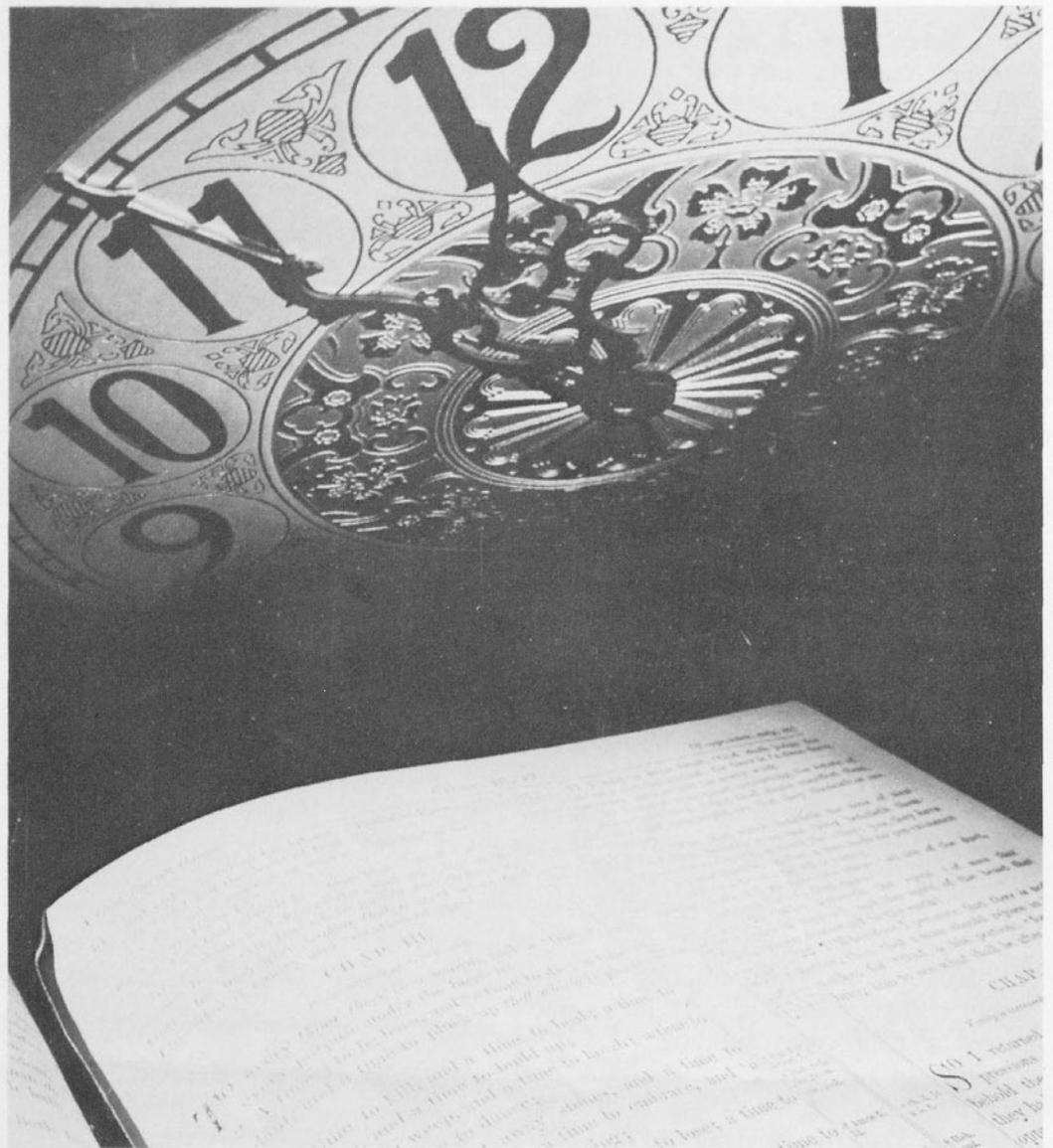


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TIME

by Edna Mae Sanders

TIME—WHAT IS TIME? THIS IS A word we all know and use in many different ways. The dictionary gives many shades of meanings and when we add them all up it is easy to conclude that time is a tremendously important commodity.

Time is so important in the way this universe is run that astronomers predict with uncanny exactness different events that occur among God's planets and stars. The sun rises and sets at a

certain time each day and gives us on our planet a consciousness of what time it is.

The farmer speaks of time and the dictionary definition of the sense in which he uses it is "a proper season—a favorable opportunity." The farmer says, "It's time to plant," and realizes that the seed must be put into the ground at a proper time for the best results. When harvest comes he must reap at just the right time for

if he delays he loses his crops.

We hear the doctor speak about time with great respect for to him it holds great significance. The dictionary defines what to him is probably the most important thing by saying that time means "in good or due season—sufficiently early."

"Catch it in time," is the admonition we hear in connection with disease, and lives have been saved because they have received treatment *in time*. When the doctor goes into surgery, time is the important thing. In some cases he has only so long in which to operate, and when this time is up he must be finished. To keep the patient under surgery any longer would cause loss of life.

The fireman is extremely conscious of time. We hear him use such expressions as "racing against time" and "fighting time." To him the definition of time is "the allotted, appointed, fixed or customary moment or hour for something to happen, begin, or end." When fighting fire, the longer it takes him to put it out the greater the loss will be.

So must our trains, buses, airplanes, and ships observe "this appointed moment or hour." For them, reckoning with time and keeping their schedules is an all-important factor.

One definition of time is "a definite moment, hour, day, or year as indicated or fixed by the clock or calendar." Man has found this commodity called time so important that he has devised a timepiece that can measure and show the progress of time. Practically every adult in America and in most of the world has a watch. Every home has a clock. Why? Time is important to us.

Someone says, "I have no time for this or that," not meaning, of course, that he has less than twenty-four hours daily, but rather that the clock restricts his activities. When it is through ordering him around the twenty-four hours are gone and there is no time left for the other things. The clock says, "It is time to eat," or "It is time to sleep," or, it is time to do something else. The solemn thought comes that whether we are always conscious of it or not, we are getting older day by day, and some day the allotted span will have ticked itself away and life's schedule will say, "Now it is time to die."

From that time on your own timepiece will not matter, for eternity will be before you. "It is appointed unto

men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

As I sit writing there is a clock at my side that is ticking away the time. Every time it ticks there is one second less of time for me—one more second of time that has passed by which I cannot call back. For every five seconds that pass, I have breathed twice, and with those breaths my life is passing. Under no condition can I possibly call it back. It goes without saying that a thing as important as this deserves immediate and serious thought. We are constantly reminded that we have a limited extent of time upon this earth. We have an allotted span of life. None of us knows when his time will run out. Time is ours only for the moment and we have no guarantee of any tomorrow. In God's Word we read, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

What I do with my time is up to me. I can pass the time by reading, listening to the radio, sleeping, eating, or doing whatever I choose with it, and after it is spent I cannot recall it to do something different. According to God's schedule, there are certain things that in the future you will be called to do that today you may say you have no time for. The Bible says, "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:11, 12).

But to confess God at that time will not bring salvation to the one thus praying. God puts the biggest stress on the importance of our time that can be given it when He says in His Word, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Now is the time to accept the Lord as your Saviour. Tomorrow may be too late—your time may run out before then. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

Jesus asks a very serious question that it would be well for you to ask yourself now. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul" (Matthew 16:26)? If you have not accepted Jesus as your Saviour, do it now while time is yours. ◀◀

WHEN IT'S CHRISTMAS

and you're young . . .

The world bursts into a glittering fairyland, filled with laughter and happiness. Your own heart feels as though it has absorbed it all. When you're young and in a children's institution, your heart remembers those other Christmases when you were *too* young to know that you were unfortunate and neglected and that your parents were not considered "suitable." Your heart also remembers later Christmases filled with sadness because of the contrast between your own situation and the happiness which should accompany such a wonderful day. **One hundred children who live at Hillcrest Children's Home reflect on such memories.**

When you're old . . .

At Christmas you look back and your heart warms with your thoughts. You relive holidays in the excitement of your grandchildren. But when you have no relatives—when you have lived your entire life perhaps on a mission field, or in struggling pioneer works—your happiness must come from the happiness of others. **Many residents of Bethany Retirement Home have found this true.**

Make your own Christmas the happiest ever—by sharing with the young and the old who are under the care of the Assemblies of God.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

Sunday School Lesson for December 17, 1961

ACTS 27:1, 14-25; 28:16, 30, 31

THE TEMPESTUOUS JOURNEY

In writing to the Romans Paul had asked the question, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress... or peril?" Then, answering his own question he had replied, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Now, on his way to visit these same people, the great apostle demonstrated the truth of these words showing that they were not just so many beautiful, theoretical words.

The Warning (Acts 27:10). Aware of the risk and danger involved in traveling the open sea at this time of year, Paul advised against attempting to make Phenice before settling down to winter (v. 12).

The Storm (vv. 11-20). Paul's advice was disregarded. After all, what did *he* know about navigation! The seamen soon learned that Paul *did* know, for he was a man who received knowledge from God. Soon a tranquil sea became a raging tempest which drove the ship helplessly causing the captain and all hands to abandon hope!

The Encouragement (vv. 21-26). Paul was supposed to be a prisoner on the ship. In reality he became the captain! "You should have heeded my warning," he said. It is always a good thing to listen to the man who knows God and moves in His divine will.

"Be of good cheer"—how absurd these words must have sounded to the frantic seamen at first. But Paul gave them solid ground for fearlessness. "There shall be no loss of any man's life... for there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, 'Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar.'" A number of worthwhile lessons are here:

- (1) Storms will come into the lives of all who are in the will of God.
- (2) If we are in the will of God, then we, too, are masters of our circumstances and not victims of them—because we are in Him and He in us!
- (3) It is a blessed thing to remind one's self of one's position in God. It is blessed to know that we belong to God and it is equally blessed and important to be able to say, "Whom I serve." Paul was not running his own errands but was in divine employ.
- (4) A man in tune with heaven may often be the means of the salvation of others around him.

The Testimony. "Wherefore, sirs... I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Not only did Paul have real faith in the hour of peril, but his faith was also contagious. It is quite evident from their obedience that his faith spread to the seamen.

The Landing (vv. 27-44). Just as Paul had predicted,

the ship was wrecked, but all the passengers made the shore in safety.

THE STOP AT MELITA (28:1-10)

Here, as everywhere, Paul was made a blessing to needy souls. We, too, may kindle fires which bring blessing to others, fires that are spiritual as well as literal. Here, too, the miracle Christ promised in Mark 16:18 was fulfilled in Paul's experience. This miracle was a testimony to the islanders who changed their opinion of Paul and it caused them to have such faith in him that during the three months' stay many "which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed," including Publius, the chief man of the island.

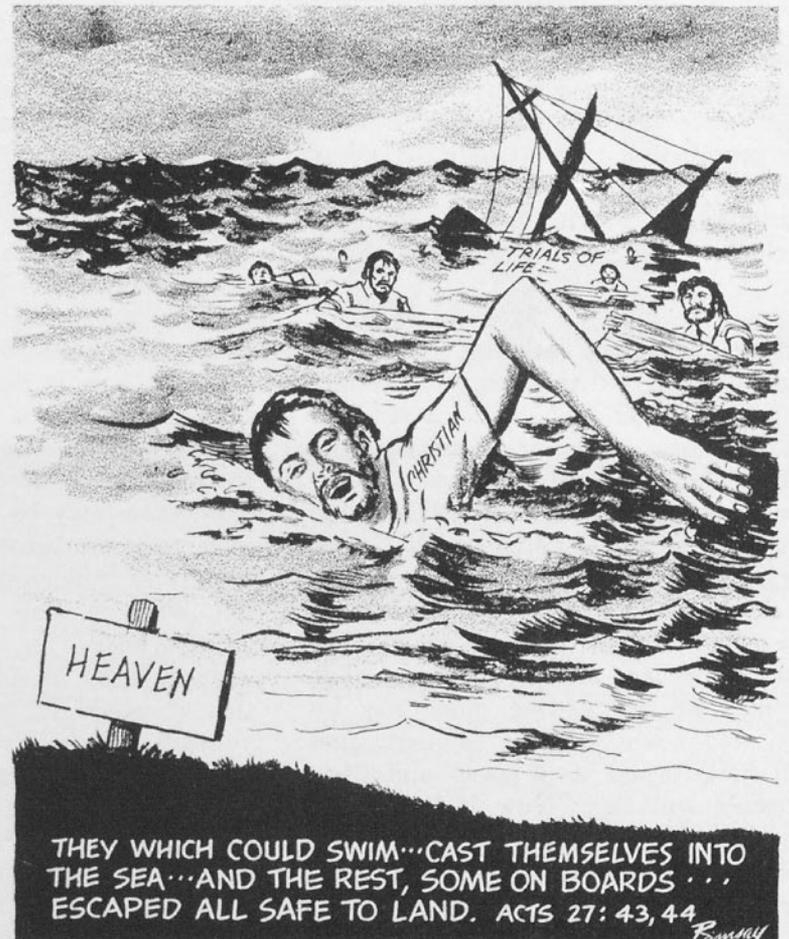
THE ARRIVAL AT ROME (Acts 28:14-31)

Rome at last! And the travels of the great apostle had come to an end. For two years Paul lived in a hired lodging, a small room, chained to a Roman soldier. But the Word of God was not bound! Nor did the great apostle complain and resent his circumstances. On the contrary he turned adversity into blessing. For during these two years Paul undoubtedly accomplished as much for God as he had during his entire previous life as a Christian.

From this prison room he supervised the activities of Timothy, Titus, Trophimus, and a host of other efficient workers whom he had trained during the years. In this room he wrote at least four of his great letters which are now part of our New Testament and which have brought blessing to untold millions through the centuries. How encouraging is all this to those who may be tempted to think that age, infirmity, or untoward circumstances can prevent them from being used of God in some form of ministry in behalf of others.

—J. Bashford Bishop

NEARING THE SHORE





The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

READ: 1 Peter 1:18-25

LEARN: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Peter 1:23).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) how we are not redeemed, v. 18; (2) how we are redeemed, v. 19; (3) how Christ helps us have faith in God, v. 21; (4) purity through truth and love, v. 22; (5) the importance of the Word of God in our redemption, v. 23; (6) the life and eternity of God's Word, v. 23; (7) the difference between the fleeting things of this life and the eternally enduring Word of God, vv. 24, 25; (8) the gospel we know is based on this eternal Word, v. 25.

QUESTION TIME: What two things are mentioned in this passage as being involved in our redemption? (vv. 19, 23) How is the Word of God different from the fleeting things of earth? (v. 25)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Pearl Philipp (Indian), Arizona; Matty Personeus (superannuated), North India.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

READ: 1 Peter 2:1-8

LEARN: "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, especially that dealing with the Word of God. Then point out: (1) God's Word should have a purifying effect in our lives, helping us get rid of things not pleasing to God, v. 1; (2) God's Word to us is what milk is to a newborn baby—a source of growth, v. 2; (3) we are living stones which make up the house of God and offer spiritual sacrifices to the Lord, v. 5; (4) Christ is the chief cornerstone of this building, vv. 4, 6, 7; (5) our attitude toward Christ determines our eternal destiny, vv. 6-8.

QUESTION TIME: What effects does the Word of God have on our lives? (vv. 1, 2) How are Christians like stones? (v. 5)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Don Phillips, Nigeria; Ruby A. Johnson, Ghana; George Hemminger, Sierra Leone; Mrs. Robert A. Humes, Japan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

READ: 1 Peter 2:9-17

LEARN: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter 2:13).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) what God has called us to be, v. 9; (2) how we reached this position, vv. 9, 10; (3) why we should avoid fleshly lusts, v. 11; (4) the importance of a consistent Christian testimony in our community, v. 12; (5) we must show Christ in our lives through obedience to laws and rules, vv. 13, 14, because this is God's will, v. 15, accomplishing His purpose, v. 15; (6) we must recognize the responsibilities of spiritual freedom, v. 16; (7) we need to have respect for all men, v. 17.

QUESTION TIME: Why should the Christian submit to laws and rules? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Charles E. Frederick (Indian), South Dakota; Ada Reitz (superannuated), South Africa.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

READ: Acts 27:1, 14-25; 28:16, 30, 31

LEARN: "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:25).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Paul's Journey to Rome" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Paul, arrested unjustly in Jerusalem, had appealed his case to Caesar—his right as a Roman citizen. This lesson deals with his voyage to Rome. Have the group discuss the details of the storm and shipwreck, stressing especially God's power manifested in behalf of His servant and Paul's unshakable confidence in God's power (27:25). When Paul arrived in Rome he was given considerable liberty in spreading the gospel (28:16, 30, 31).

QUESTION TIME: How did Paul make his testimony felt aboard ship during the storm? (vv. 21-25)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Gordon A. Marker, Mexico; Mrs. C. E. Rediger, American Samoa.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

READ: John 15:12; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13; Exodus 20:13-17; Colossians 3:14; Matthew 22:39; 1 Peter 1:22 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

FOR THE PARENT: Last week's Junior lesson dealt with showing Christian growth through our love for the Lord. This week's lesson shows Christian growth through our love for others. Taking John 13:35 as the key verse for understanding this lesson, have members of the group read the other verses of Scripture. Relate them to this verse and our Christian testimony. Discuss the importance of demonstrating love one for another.

QUESTION TIME: Why do you think it is important that we love one another? How can Christians show their love?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Talmage Butler, West Africa; Pearl M. Estep, Bolivia; Mrs. Verlin Stewart, Colombia; Mrs. Hazen D. Wolverton, South Africa.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

LEARN: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee" (Isaiah 41:10).

FOR THE PARENT: The story of Joash is a story of intrigue and adventure almost without parallel. Describe: (1) Athaliah's wickedness; (2) her destroying her own grandchildren; (3) Joash saved; (4) the plan to make Joash the rightful king; (5) putting the plan into effect; (6) the execution of wicked Athaliah; (7) the revival that came at the beginning of Joash's reign—the covenant between Jehoida, the priest; the king; the people; and God. Stress God's watchful care over those who love and serve Him.

QUESTION TIME: How did Athaliah become ruler over Judah? What happened, however, to foil her plan? How was her wicked rule overthrown?

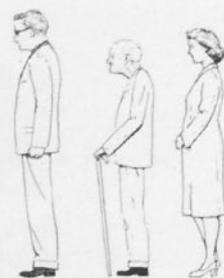
MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Eugene Meador (Deaf), Oklahoma.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Verena Rich, India; June Pearson (Indian), New Mexico.



Testimonies of **HEALING**

Received From "Evangel" Readers



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

Healed of Cancer

There is nothing too hard for God. I knew this; but when I was told (in February 1961) that a growth on my chest was a skin cancer, I forgot.

About three years before this I had witnessed to a loved one about the truth of divine healing. I was met with the hostile response, "Why then doesn't the Lord heal—for there are more cancers than ever before?"

I had almost forgotten this conversation. I had made an appointment to have this growth removed. Then the Holy Spirit reminded me that I had witnessed to my loved one that Jesus could heal, and I was also reminded that the power of God was sufficient for my need.

I decided to trust God and cancelled my appointment with the doctor. Instead, I was prayed for at a revival meeting.

Three days later the growth fell off into my hand. I praise God for His goodness to me. I give this testimony for the glory of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, hoping that others might have faith to believe God for their need.—Mrs. George Burns, Omak, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor Melbourne B. Delgatty, Assembly of God, Omak, Wash.)

Healed of Heart Trouble

I was healed of two kinds of heart trouble (spiritual and physical) at the same time. In each case it was a miracle.

Last March (1961) I attended a gospel meeting at the Oak Grove Assembly of God, Port St. Joe, Fla., where Charles H. Harthern is pastor. I was brought under deep conviction of sin but did not yield to Christ in that service. From the service I went to

stay with my wife's mother and father.

At one o'clock in the morning I was seized with pain. I called my wife's parents and Pastor Harthern to come and pray for me as I had suffered a heart attack. God saved and healed me right there. My wife also surrendered her life to Jesus. What a time of rejoicing we had in that bedroom! I am sure that angels rejoiced with us.

Soon after this I was baptized in water and also received a mighty baptism in the Holy Ghost.

God has been very good to me from earliest childhood. The Lord gave me a needed healing touch when I was only eight months old. Before I was saved, God spared my life many times when I was in danger while intoxicated.

It is my intention, by God's grace, to devote the rest of my life to His glorious service.—James E. Young.

(Endorsed by Pastor Charles H. Harthern, Oak Grove Assembly of God, Port St. Joe, Fla.)

Healing of a Cripple

I was once a cripple but have enjoyed wonderful health for the past thirty-two years. I want to share the story of this miracle with you.

I would have left eight small children to face this wicked world without a Christian mother's love had I not been healed.

After trying various medical remedies my doctor concluded there was no help for me—he advised against any doctor operating on me. It appeared there was no human help for me. My

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.

knees almost touched the floor. My arms were tight against my chest and I could not use them. In fact, my entire body was fast becoming stiff. The outlook was bleak.

During the last few days before my healing I could not walk at all.

I came from a home where my mother always prayed for her children. And they received healing. This gave me faith in the Lord for healing. Thank God for faithful mothers.

In my distress I decided to trust our great God and His Word. I took James 5:14 as my hope and, praise God, it worked.

When pastors anointed me with oil and prayed for me, I was instantly healed. Jesus never fails! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I thank God the days of miracles are still here. Jesus will heal you, too, if you will trust Him.—Mary A. Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn.

No Longer Needs Glasses

Our wonderful Lord has healed my eyes and Christian literature was a strong factor in my healing. More specifically, *The Pentecostal Evangel* was the magazine that spotlighted the truth of Divine Healing for me. It is now the number one periodical in our home.

I shall always remember the first time I saw the *Evangel*. An Assemblies of God minister sent it to us as a gift. At that time we were not acquainted with the Assemblies. In a 1951 issue I read an article on healing—this person's eyes were healed in answer to prayer.

For ten years I had worn glasses. When I read this article I said to myself, "If the Lord can do that for this person—He can do it for me." That was all.

I drove to work several days following this and noticed I couldn't see with my glasses on. Not understanding healing I remarked to my husband, "I must have my glasses changed; I can't see wearing them."

So I went to the best eye doctor near us. After an examination he said, "What are you doing wearing glasses? You have the best pair of eyes I've ever examined." Immediately I knew that God had healed me.

Ten years have elapsed since then. I use my eyes more than any organ

of my body because I am a school-teacher—from 8:10 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. my eyes are centered on books. I am also a minister and study a lot. My eyes are perfect!

I am glad the *Evangel* found a way into our home.—Evelyn C. Gunter, Martin, Tennessee.

(Mrs. Gunter is the wife of G. H. Gunter, Pastor of the Star of Bethlehem Assembly of God, Troy, Tennessee.)

CHRIST IN THE BIBLE

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In the three so-called Pastoral Epistles we again see Him revealed. In First Timothy there is government by Him. In Second Timothy there is doctrine from Him. In Titus there is revealed the life that should be lived for Him.

In Philemon is illustrated the doctrine of imputation, and we hear this One saying of every one who believes on Him: "If he oweth thee ought, or if he hath wronged thee, put that on my account, I will repay it." And on the cross we see Him paying the account in full in such a manner that the believer now sings: "Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe."

In the three so-called Jewish Epistles, He appears as the fulfillment of the three great ideals held precious by the Jews throughout the olden economy; that is, their ritual, their law, and their nation. In Hebrews this One appears as the center of their new

ritual, better than all that went before. In James He is the center of their new law, the law of life and love and liberty. In Peter He appears as the center of their nation, a nation of priests, holy and peculiar unto God.

In Jude the whole body of faith is gathered up in this One's person, and we are exhorted to contend earnestly for this faith on the ground of being preserved in Him, while living for Him, and waiting to be crowned by Him.

Finally, in The Revelation His full glory breaks forth, all sin and sinners are forever put away, and the glorious new heaven and new earth are seen to have Him for their center, and are upheld by none other than this peerless and incomparable Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, the subject of the whole of the Bible.

All the Bible is bound together in Him, and we read it to little purpose until we can discern His form moving across every page. Because of our natural limitations we cannot discern Him, nor follow His pathway, without the gracious illumination of the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit is given to all who obey the Lord, and when He comes He takes of the things of Christ and reveals them to the humble heart. And in that revelation we come to know the otherwise unknowable God and the otherwise enigmatical man. In the mystery of the Person of Christ we find Deity and Humanity united in the one Person, and in that one Person our questions find their final answers.

—B. B. SUTCLIFFE
in *The Gospel Call*

BEST LITERARY FRIEND

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When once you establish this habit, you will be keenly conscious of lack should you omit it. Ignace Paderewski, the world-famed pianist, once said: "If I miss one day of practice I know it; if I miss two days my friends know it. Should I miss three days the whole world knows it." A grandiose statement, perhaps, but Christians will also betray deficiencies should they "skip" the essential habit of Bible reading.

THE DYNAMISM OF BIBLE READING

Not only is Bible reading a delight and a discipline; it also yields rewards of dynamic proportions.

It produces spiritual well-being. A person who is steeped in the truths of

God's Word will be a healthy Christian. He will develop an immunity to many pitfalls that would stumble others who are unversed in the Scriptures. Like Jesus, when wilderness temptations assail, he will be fortified with truth. His "thus saith the Lord" will expose and chase the enemy.

A person who has strong scriptural resources will be equipped for tasks of positive good. He will possess the necessary "know-how" for soul winning.

Of books there is no end. Millions of them have been written, and it would have been well if many of them had never been born. But the Bible lives on supremely. It continues to bless people who read it. Don't start reading your Bible tomorrow—start today! It will be your best literary Friend.

A Monument to Red Rock

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and the sand! Great joy was ours to open the doors of the 20- by 30-foot building for services in Red Rock, Okla. Our first Sunday school was attended by six persons. Many months passed with only ten to sixteen in Sunday school. At the close of approximately one year of services the church was completely destroyed by fire.

"Nearly four years were spent in a building program. After nearly six years of ministry in Red Rock, the call of God brought us to Arizona to work with the Navajo-Hopi Indians. Our God made it possible for us to leave at Red Rock a new church building with new furnishings for the Otoe Indians to enjoy. This building valued at \$15,000 is free of debt. The business people at Red Rock call this new Assembly of God 'The Monument to Red Rock.' During the last two years we spent in Red Rock, Sunday school attendance averaged fifty.

"The peyote religion and the Indian medicine men were two important obstacles to our ministry at Red Rock. One of the Otoe men, a member of the Assembly, repeated to us the death-bed statement of his father: 'I spent forty years the peyote way and I still do not know God. I wish I had gone with your mother to the Assembly of God. She knew God when she died.'

"Our power against these enemies was the Word of God. With the Psalmist David we would say: 'Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.'

"The potential for future American Indian ministry in the Red Rock area, as well as in many areas in Oklahoma, is good. There is certainty of future Pentecostal blessings among our American Indians."

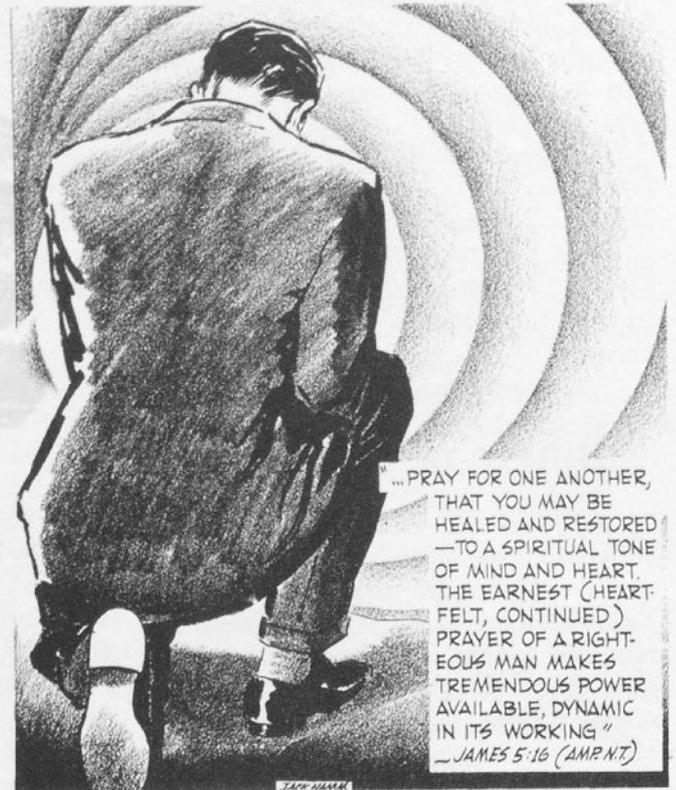
* The booklet, "Trail of Tears," by John McPherson, Cherokee evangelist, is available upon request from the Home Missions Department, Springfield, Mo. One copy free; \$1.50 for 100 copies.

Offerings for American Indian Missions may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department.

PRAYING TOGETHER

PRAYER PARTNERS ARE NEEDED FOR REVIVALTIME

By LOIS HOKANSON



FROM 300 TO 750 LETTERS ARRIVE AT the *Revivaltime* office each morning. Some contain literature requests, testimonies, contributions, requests for information, or special questions. However, a large number of these letters include earnest—and often urgent—requests for prayer.

"My son is unsaved and needs deliverance from cigarettes," writes a mother in Santa Ana.

"I want to be saved," a young lady in Las Vegas confides.

"My husband is suffering mentally. He feels the Lord has forsaken him," writes a wife in Illinois.

"My husband is unsaved," says a wife in Chicago.

"My wife, a former Roman Catholic, needs salvation," reports a husband in Carpentersville. A young lady in Seattle writes, "My mother is a Buddhist."

"I need the baptism in the Holy Spirit," write men in Colorado Springs and Newport News.

C. M. Ward prays for each request sent to *Revivaltime*. However, five years ago he felt the need for a band of prayer warriors to unite regularly with him in prayer for these needs, and the *Revivaltime* prayer partners' fellowship was begun. Throughout 1961 more than 3,270 persons each month received a list of special prayer requests from *Revivaltime*.

As a result of the united intercession of these prayer partners, God has

answered many requests. Along with the requests each day, *Revivaltime* also receives heart-warming testimonies of answered prayer.

B. W., Mount Hope, West Virginia, writes, "I am thirteen years old. I went to the hospital today for a checkup. Since you prayed for me, the doctor can't find a trace of Bright's disease."

"The Lord has answered prayer and baptized me with the Holy Ghost," R. E., Vandalia, Illinois, testifies. "I received the Baptism by my bedside while praying and reading my Bible. I wish to thank you and those who prayed with me for this request."

A woman in Des Plaines, Illinois, reports, "It was through your prayers that I came back to the Lord and my husband was saved on his death bed. I miss him, but I know he is with the Lord."

You too can have a part in prayer so that similar testimonies will result. Each month *Revivaltime* sends a list of special prayer requests to members of its prayer fellowship. We are now making up our list of friends to receive these special requests during 1962 and *we would like to add your name to our list at this time*. We need many more prayer partners to assist in this ministry.

If you are a pastor, Sunday school teacher, or leader of some other church group, perhaps your group would like to join *Revivaltime's* prayer fellowship.

We will mail prayer requests to you for the group, or mail directly to individual members. On the coupon below, fill in the number of prayer requests needed, or give names and addresses of individual members who should receive the requests.

Join *Revivaltime's* prayer fellowship. Fill in the coupon and mail it today. We will appreciate your prayers and assistance—and we know you too will be blessed by praying for others.

PRAYER PLEDGE

- I want to join those who will be praying regularly during 1962 for special requests sent to *Revivaltime*, and I personally want to receive *Revivaltime's* prayer request list each month.
- Send me copies of the prayer requests each month for *our group*.
- Send list of prayer requests to the following members of our group:
(Attach list of names and addresses.)

My name

Address

City State

Name of group

Your offerings for the support of this world-wide radio ministry may be sent to
REVIVALTIME
Post Office Box 70, Springfield, Mo.

THERE ARE MANY EXCELLENT Christians who conscientiously refrain from definite membership in any local assembly; and there are also some assemblies that never form a definite membership roll.

The reasons given most usually are worthy of careful consideration. Generally they are as follows:

(a) To have one's name written in the Lamb's Book of Life is the great necessity and is sufficient in itself.

(b) Membership in some local assembly makes one become denominational and cuts the believer off from broader fellowship with the Church Universal.

With regard to the first objection, it is to be admitted at once that to have one's name "written in heaven" is all that matters from the point of view of personally receiving eternal salvation; and it is a snare of the devil that deceives unregenerate souls into imagining that membership in any earthly congregation provides an assurance for acceptance in heaven.

But this does not do away with the strong arguments in favor of church membership. Every local church roll on earth should only be a copy of part of the roll in heaven and with clear teaching and proper care regarding candidates this ideal is not impossible of attainment. Even occasional mistakes do not invalidate the strong plea for definite membership.

What are some of the arguments in its favor? We have said that to have one's name "written in heaven" is all that matters for personal salvation. But, after all, this is a selfish view. There are other considerations. To definitely unite myself with some local assembly means that I am going to bring practical encouragement to my fellow-believers by showing that I am one with their testimony.

Then there are the many activities and necessary responsibilities of every aggressive local assembly which invite and demand financial support. Haphazard giving by irresponsible parties is both unscriptural in principle and unsatisfactory in practice. The faithful, regular support of those who recognize a proper personal responsibility is the backbone of power where this side of God's work is concerned. Such responsibility becomes recognized in membership. It is plainly unfair to enjoy the advantages of established local assemblies without sharing these responsibilities also.



Is Church Membership Desirable?

BY DONALD GEE

In a properly organized assembly there will be opportunities for engaging in various forms of Christian service which must, in the very nature of the case, be more or less confined to recognized members. Irresponsible parties cannot be entrusted with responsible positions.

Membership in a recognized "sheepfold" brings to one the inestimable personal benefits of the spiritual care of one of Christ's under-shepherds. Every believer is better for the care of a faithful pastor. The writer will never forget the look of joy on the face of one of his flock when she received her first pastoral visit after being severed for many years from all definite church membership. "My heart thrilled with comfort," she said, "when they told me that MY pastor was coming to see me." The emphasis was on the "MY."

From the pastor's point of view, it is almost impossible for him to rightly fill his office unless he knows by a membership roll those who reckon themselves to be his sheep and those who do not. It is true that with a pastor's heart within him, given by Christ, he will feel a godly care over all souls within his reach and be equally ready to minister wherever need is calling. But in centers where there are many local congregations, it is plain that every pastor will do his work best when

he knows accurately the souls comprising his own charge.

Finally, church discipline becomes almost impossible where there is no membership roll. This is plainly brought out in the case officially dealt with at Corinth (1 Corinthians 5). To "put away from among themselves" (verse 13) implies that they had a recognized membership. We are afraid that a shrinking from proper discipline is sometimes one reason that keeps unruly believers floating about from one assembly to another, boasting in a false "liberty."

With regard to the second objection (that membership in a local assembly makes one denominational) this is purely and entirely a matter for the spirit of the individual. There is absolutely no necessity for this to follow. Membership in a local church can be combined with perfectly unhampered fellowship with all other members of the Church Universal; while a so-called "independence" can breed a narrow spirit that can hardly have fellowship with anybody.

Membership in a local assembly need never make a believer denominational in spirit; but at the same time it is very right and proper in these days of departure from the faith to unite oneself with, and thereby strengthen the testimony of, those with whom the Lord has brought us into hearty agreement in faith and practice, as distinguished from those congregations with which we *cannot* conscientiously agree.

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

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

REDDING, CALIFORNIA (KWMS)

1400 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

STOCKTON, CALIF. (KWG)

1230 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA (KTUR)

1390 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (WRFB)

1410 kc.—5,000 watts
Sundays, 4:00 p.m.

NAMPA, IDAHO (KWLW)

See local newspaper for information.

ABERDEEN, WASHINGTON (KXRO)

1320 kc.—1,000 watts
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

BANNING, CALIFORNIA (KPAS)

1490 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 7:15 a.m.



Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

► **FREEPORT, ILL.**—During August, First Assembly was privileged to enjoy the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Lowell Lundstrom and Larry. Sinners were saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. It was said that these meetings attracted the largest crowds in the history of the church. The ministry in music and the Word heard on the daily morning broadcasts was widely accepted.
—*Paul Clark, Pastor*

► **RIPLEY, TENN.**—The ministry of Evangelist Donald N. Cooke of Bristol, Tenn., was a great blessing to the Whitefield Assembly of God here. Some were saved and others filled with the Holy Spirit during this revival which lasted for 12 nights. Many testified to physical healing. Sunday school attendance reached 125.
—*Joe Dee Kelley, Pastor*

► **PORTLAND, OREG.**—A week of meetings with the Fred Squire Party of Sussex, England, was recently concluded at Evangel Temple here. Because of the illness of Brother Squire, it was necessary for him to return to England while the Party continued in his absence. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very prominent in these services. The musical abilities of the group were outstanding. Individuals were filled with the Holy Spirit each night.
—*Joseph Dunets, Pastor*

► **ATKINS, ARK.**—Evangelist Herschel Moore of Bellville, Ark., recently conducted a revival at the Assembly of God here. Sinners were saved and the sick were healed. Nine were baptized in water and a large number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We truly thank God for this Pentecostal revival. The church attendance has enlarged so greatly that we are now in the process of building a new sanctuary.
—*Raymond Hawkins, Pastor*

► **STIGLER, OKLA.**—A three-week union revival sponsored by churches in Stigler, Keota, McCurtain, and Tamaha exceeded all expectations. The meetings were reminiscent of the old-time brushharbor revivals. The anointed singing and preaching was a great blessing to all. There was a good attendance and twelve were converted.
—*J. P. McCamey, Chm.*

► **EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.**—Washington Park Assembly of God recently experienced a mighty move of God during a revival conducted by Evangelist Woodrow Oxner of Springfield, Mo. During the two weeks of special services, there were 29 who came forward for salvation and 10 who were filled with the Holy Spirit. Sick bodies were healed, and the church as a whole was blessed.
—*Louis Mattea, Pastor*

► **NILES, OHIO**—A two-week "Back to School" crusade was conducted by the Perello brothers of Angola, N. Y. at the Assembly of God here. With the Christ's Ambassadors in charge of the services, the campaign theme was "Services for All the Young in Heart"—which blended the consecration of young and old alike. Twenty-six were saved or reclaimed, and at least five were filled with the Holy Spirit in old-time Pentecostal fashion.
—*Paul C. Taylor, Pastor*

► **ALAMOSA, COLO.**—A very successful three-week meeting with Evangelist Wesley E. Pollet of Springfield, Mo., has just concluded at First Assembly here. Several individuals were saved, and some were re-filled with the Holy Spirit. Among others there were two outstanding healings. Several received the witness that an eight-year-old girl, facing possible surgery, would be healed. After prayer was made in her

behalf, tests were run and she was found to be perfectly well. A young lady who had been in and out of hospitals, suffering from an affliction that medical help has been unable to correct, has made remarkable progress since being prayed for. Her doctor was amazed at the improvement she had made.
—*Lloyd A. Long, Pastor*

► **FARMERSVILLE, TEX.**—Many glorious healings were witnessed as a result of a revival held by Evangelists Leon and Ann Bayless at the Assembly of God here. Skin cancer, ulcerated stomach, and internal bleeding are only a portion of the diseases which were healed. Sixteen were saved or reclaimed and several others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
—*Gene Young, Pastor*

► **FARGO, N. DAK.**—First Assembly was privileged recently to enjoy the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Lowell Lundstrom and Larry Lundstrom of Sisseton, S. Dak. The consecrated musical talent was a great blessing in preparing hearts for the anointed ministry each night. Many came forward to accept salvation, and a number of backsliders returned to God. Musicians from as far away as Winnipeg, Canada, drove to the services because of connections the evangelist had as a former dance band leader. The congregation looks forward to a return engagement with the Lundstroms.
—*Raymond R. Wiley, Pastor*

► **MUSKEGON, MICH.**—An attendance of 145 was recorded on the closing Sunday of a recent revival conducted by Evangelist John Higginbotham at East Broadway Assembly of God here. God blessed in a wonderful way as people were saved and others filled with the precious Holy Spirit.
—*E. E. Froats, Pastor*

► **BEAUMONT, TEX.**—Victory Assembly of God recently experienced one of the greatest revivals in its history. People were both saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit as Evangelist Melvin McKnight ministered each evening. Prayer was offered during one of the services for a man who had been deaf for several years. He and a woman, who also suffered from deafness, were healed.
—*B. H. Clendennen, Pastor*

► **SANTA PAULA, CALIF.**—A very profitable one-week revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Pruitt of Fort Worth, Tex. A great number came to the altar for salvation and a closer walk with God. Sunday school attendance reached a record high of 278. Several Assembly churches cooperated in this effort.
—*Jack D. Countryman, Pastor*



Part of crowd attending the meeting at East Broadway Assembly in Muskegon, Mich. conducted by Evangelist John Higginbotham. (E. E. Froats is pastor.)

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Fairfield	Glad Tidings	Dec. 13-17	Robert Fierro	Eugene W. Ness
	Lamont	North Lamont	Dec. 10—	David O. Bunch	E. Faye Summit
	Los Angeles	Western Ave.	Dec. 17—	Watson Argue	Warren L. Hill
	Point Loma	A/G	Dec. 12-24	Don & Patti Hall	R. Leonard Turner
	Shafter	A/G	Dec. 6-17	Fisher-Cheek Team	A. B. Farmer
Fla.	Tallahassee	Hayden Road	Dec. 4-17	Douglas Bartlett	B. A. Brown
Ga.	Newington	First	Dec. 4—	Shelvey Holland	Paul Wetzel
Md.	Maugansville	Union Church	Dec. 17-29	John Wesley Briscoe	T. L. Christophel
Mich.	Bad Axe	A/G	Dec. 5-17	Arnold & Anita Segesman	G. W. Westlake, Jr.
	Pontiac	First	Dec. 6-11	Ernie Eskelin	Arnold Hashman
Mo.	Maryville	A/G	Dec. 12—	Ken & Jackie Haddaway	Rex Anspaugh
Nebr.	Taylor	A/G	Dec. 5	Oliver & Fern Johnson	James Loutzenhiser
N. Dak.	Sawyer	Calvary Chap.	Dec. 6-17	Frank Martin	Paul Keil
Okla.	Pauls Valley	First	Dec. 18	Keith & Jim Belknap	Billy McCarty
	Tulsa	Red Fork	Dec. 11-17	Keith & Jim Belknap	H. A. Brummett
Oreg.	Vinita	First	Dec. 3—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Otto Goins
Pa.	Dayton	A/G	Dec. 12—	Lloyd Portin	Carl Allquist
Pa.	Three Springs	A/G	Dec. 12-17	J. B. Woolums	Raymond Herbert
Tex.	Canyon	First	Dec. 15-17	Warren Litzman	A. J. Pettit
Wash.	Burton	Berean FG Ch.	Dec. 12-24	Linfield Crowder	E. A. Wirkala
W. Va.	Grandview	A/G Church	Dec. 12-17	The Tanner Team	F. R. Schneider
Burma	Bunker Hill	A/G	Dec. 3-15	John Wesley Briscoe	Mary Oestreicher
S. A.	Rangoon	*A/G	Dec. 7-20	Bob Hoskins	Ray Trask, Chm.
S. A.	Santa Cruz, Bol.	**A/G	Dec. 4—	Jimmie & Mrs. Mayo	Samuel Balius, Chm

*Open-Air Revival

**City-Wide Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 25 days before the date which appears upon it.

► **FERNDALE, MICH.**—A four-week revival held in August at the Assembly of God here with the Musical VanderPloegs of Toledo, Ohio, drew record crowds. Sinners were saved in nearly every service. There were approximately 75 conversions during the entire meeting. The congregation was especially blessed when an Episcopalian lady received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and her broken leg was instantly healed.

—E. Glen Snook, Pastor

► **LONG LANE, MO.**—Old-time religion was emphasized during a recent tent revival sponsored by the Cloverdale Assembly of God. John Yarbor was the evangelist. Three accepted salvation, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. A number received physical healing. Though the meetings have closed, the revival fires continue to burn in this rural community of the Ozarks.

—Russell R. Wischart, Pastor

► **BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO**—Evangelists Bob and Pat Ludwig have just concluded a week of meetings at the Assembly of God here. Better than average crowds were witnessed nightly as the church was inspired by the anointed preaching and singing.

—Joseph E. Robins, Pastor

► **SANDUSKY, OHIO**—Over 100 first-time visitors attended the revival services conducted at First Assembly of God with Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Snavelly. Twenty came forward for salvation, three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. On the last Sunday afternoon of the revival, 13 were baptized in water.

—Abraham L. Garlock, Pastor

► **PLYMOUTH, CALIF.**—A four-week revival campaign at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Marvin Schmidt proved to be a time of great spiritual refreshing. The Christ's Ambassadors were especially blessed through this ministry. Sinners were saved, backsliders were reclaimed, and seekers were filled with the Holy Spirit. A number were healed in answer to prayer.

—Daniel Wood, Pastor

► **HOLT, FLA.**—God mightily moved upon the Assembly of God Church here during a recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Michael H. Lord. Approximately 24 persons were saved and 10 others were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Several testified to deliverance from sickness and habits. This revival was one of the mightiest moves of the Holy Spirit over our Assembly in several years.

—F. H. Wesley, Pastor

► **HARVEY'S LAKE, PA.**—Nine new members have been added to the Emmanuel Mission here as a result of a recent revival conducted by Evangelist Leon Morrow. During this campaign, 18 persons were saved and nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. On the final afternoon of the revival 13 followed the Lord in water baptism.

—George W. Clement, Pastor

► **MONTICELLO, IND.**—The entire church was stirred by the dynamic ministry of Evangelist Carrie Hunsberger of Ft. Wayne, Ind., founder of the work here. During the two-week revival many were won to Christ, backsliders restored, and the sick were touched by His healing power. The hearts of the people were thrilled by the slides of

Sister Hunsberger's recent evangelistic tour of Africa and Spain. Doors were opened here in Monticello that before seemed inaccessible. One large church of a prominent denomination asked Sister Hunsberger to speak of her missionary tour, and the public school system invited her to show her slides and speak to the students on the political situation in Africa.

—Marshall A. Stull, Pastor

► **CHATTAROY, W. VA.**—The Assembly here was greatly stirred through the ministry of Evangelists Jean Hale and Barbara Turner. Six were saved and three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—D. B. Watson, Pastor

► **SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.**—The congregation at North Loma Linda Assembly recently enjoyed a two-week meeting with Evangelists Don and Patti Hall. Several were saved. The Sunday school attendance record was broken.

—James P. Williams, Pastor

► **ST. JAMES, MO.**—The Assembly here has just closed a two-week revival with Evangelists Glenna and Eloyid Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. Four were saved and eight received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The people were asked to come one hour before each service for prayer. As a result six of the eight who were filled received the baptism before the evening service began.

—T. Bluford Conway, Pastor

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—Evangel Assembly recently enjoyed an inspiring Holy Ghost revival under the ministry of Evangelist John Higginbotham. A number came forward for salvation, several experienced physical healing, and at least 10 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Others who had been filled with the Spirit some years back received gratifying refillings.

—Fred Smolchuck, Pastor

► **BURKBURNETT, TEX.**—A very profitable revival has just been concluded at the Assembly of God here by the "Evangelicals" of Plainview, Tex. Nine were saved and 11 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Lonnie H. Finney, Pastor

► **DENVER CITY, TEX.**—The congregation at the Assembly of God here continues to rejoice over the refreshing meetings just concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. W. V. Beauford of Seminole, Okla. The old-time Pentecostal preaching attracted a good crowd each night. Eight were saved and five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—W. C. Wade, Pastor

► **ST. PAUL, MINN.**—A rich and profitable series of meetings was held at Highland Park Assembly of God September 10-24 with Evangelist Eddie Barg. Believers were stirred to seek more of God as a result of the uncompromising messages on the complacency and failings of the church in general. Daily prayer continues, and the power of God is still in evidence.

—E. B. Adamson, Pastor

► **BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—Calvary Tabernacle has just ended eight days of prayer with Evangelist Zelma Argue of Southern California. The Spirit of God overshadowed the meetings from the very first service. Sometimes the power would fall in the tarrying service previous to the regular meeting and seekers would come through to the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This brought wonderful joy and praise in the meeting which followed, making others hungry for the Spirit too. Each night individuals were either saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. On Friday night six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A new sanctuary is being built in a more favorable area of the city.

—Ben Crandall, Pastor



Crowd at Messuhalli (exhibition hall) in Helsinki for the Jubilee celebrating fifty years of Pentecostal revival in Finland.



Eino Manninen (left), pastor Saalem Church. F. A. Sturgeon of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A., and Tapani Karna (right), interpreter.



FINNISH PENTECOSTAL JUBILEE

By INEZ STURGEON

WE HAVE BEEN HEARING THE TRUMPETS of Jubilee! It would seem that all Finland is aquiver with the sound!

In October this small country on the northernmost perimeter of our globe glows like a harlequin opal in the long slanting rays of the sun going-south-for-the-winter. The emerald of the evergreen forests, interlaced with the blue of the numberless lakes, is shot through with the shimmering gold, the vivid crimson, the flaunting flame of the trees in their autumn finery. These have all joined to form a brilliant backdrop for the joyous days of celebrating fifty years of the latter-day Pentecostal revival in Finland.

This country, with an area of only 210,625 square miles (considerably smaller than Texas), and its population of four and a half million, has had but forty-three years of independence, and this independence has been threatened many times. Wars have rocked and blasted it; however, these people have always lifted themselves with rugged determination, personal sacrifice, and hard labor back to a place of solvency and national dignity. The freedom-loving world greatly admires this gallant little nation.

The Pentecostal revival has been all-pervading, covering the land in every direction and touching all strata of Finnish society. As is true in the rest of Scandinavia and practically all of Europe, this revival began when T. B. Barratt, a Methodist pastor of Oslo, Norway, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He received the Baptism in New York City, under the ministry of Robert and Marie Brown, pastors of what later became Glad Tidings Tabernacle. Pastor Barratt returned to Norway and the Lord began to pour out of His Spirit. The revival was on in all its glorious fruitfulness.

In 1911 he visited Finland, where God had already prepared the hearts of the people. There was a deep spiritual hunger. Immediately believers began to be filled with the Holy Spirit and a soul-saving, life-changing move of God began its sweep over the land. In the next year Pastor Gerhard Smidt came from

Norway to carry on the work. Also Vilho Pylkkanen, a Finnish Lutheran missionary to China, returned to his homeland after having received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Orient. He became the first Pentecostal pastor and was a great help in stabilizing and teaching the growing group of believers.

While the State Church and the other established churches did not receive the new testimony, a number of Lutheran and Methodist pastors were filled and were used by the Lord in spreading the Pentecostal message.

During the first years Finland was under Russian rule and there was much opposition. Some were arrested and imprisoned and others were cast out by their families and friends, but the revival continued to grow and spread. However, with the passage of the years the stalwart character of the leaders of the Movement coupled with the exemplary lives of the adherents has brought a national acceptance and a recognition of the true worth of the Pentecostal Churches. At the Jubilee services representatives of the other church groups, including the State Church, brought greetings and best wishes from their constituents.

Pastor Eino Manninen, for the past forty years the inspirational leader of the Movement and pastor of Saalem Church in Helsinki, with its 3,000 members, said in his opening



Erling Strom (right), from Oslo, Norway and Veikko Manninen, interpreter.

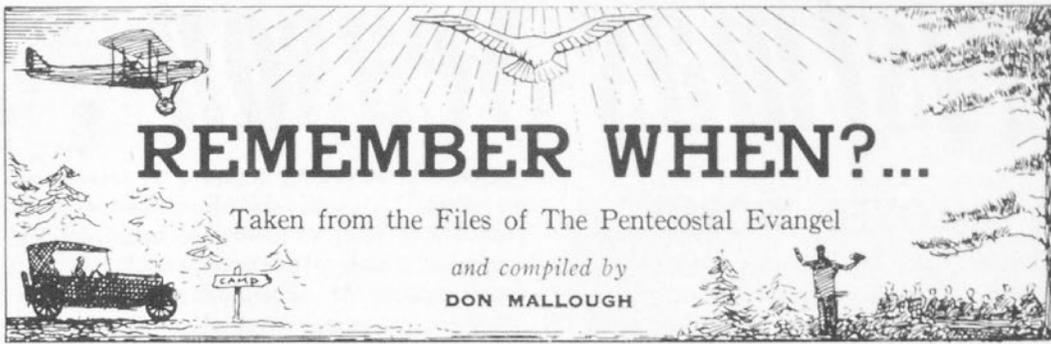
remarks, voicing the thoughts uppermost in all hearts, "We humbly thank God for this wonderful and gracious revival. We sincerely praise the Lord for the outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit which has raised up this body of believers in our land. At this time we wish to pay loving tribute to those who, over the years, have labored and sacrificed to bring us to this day. We wish to dedicate and consecrate ourselves anew to the task that lies ahead. May God keep us strong, granting us a greater influence, and may our zeal never fail."

The expansion of the revival in Finland has been phenomenal, especially when one realizes that the country has been impoverished by the war which has swept over her land and by the staggering debt in reparations which has been demanded of the people. We rejoiced as Pastor Eino Ahonen, one of the leading brethren, reported, "There are between thirty-eight and forty thousand members in the two hundred churches, with three hundred pastors and evangelists serving them. This makes the Pentecostal churches the largest group outside of the State Church. The zeal of our people has witnessed the sacrificial giving that has raised many new church buildings, put one hundred and twenty gospel tents in operation each summer, has brought property and built and equipped a Bible school, as well as sending many evangelists into new areas."

Pastor Tapani Karna, national missionary secretary, gave a stirring review of the world vision of this dedicated group of believers, which has sent one hundred and twenty missionaries to labor in thirteen different countries.

How fitting it was that one of the main speakers at the Jubilee should be Pastor Erling Strom, who is now pastor of the Philadelphia Church in Oslo, Norway, which was founded by Pastor T. B. Barratt.

It was a great joy and encouragement to the thousands gathered in the Messuhalli for the climaxing services, when the cable was read from our General Superintendent, Thomas F. Zimmerman, expressing the congratulations and best wishes of the Assemblies of God of the U.S.A. ◀◀



35 YEARS AGO

Evangelist **Jacob Miller** recently conducted meetings in RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, in which 32 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Following the meeting a church was set in order with 72 members. **Louis E. Weston** is the pastor. . . . **Clarence H. Jenson** has resigned as pastor in RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN, to do evangelistic work. . . . **William A. Coxe** of WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, was the speaker at the opening of a new church in CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS, where **C. C. Garrett** is pastor. . . . Among the newly ordained are **Bert Webb**, **Philip J. Shabaz** and **Herman G. Johnson**.

25 YEARS AGO

H. H. Shelly, Secretary of the New England District Council, reports an excellent District Council meeting at which **William J. Mitchell** was elected district Superintendent. . . . **A. C. Bates** was the speaker at the church dedication in TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO, where **Earl Vanzant** is pastor. . . . **Hugh M. Cadwalder** has been holding meetings in SPOKANE, WASHINGTON for **Roy Smuland**. . . . **T. T. Carmichael** has resigned as pastor in HARVEY, ILLINOIS. . . . **Thomas F. Zimmerman** has accepted the pastorate in SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. . . . Among those newly ordained are **Earl B. Adamson**, **Clarence T. Beem**, and **Byron E. Galyen**.

STANLEY HORTON NAMED TO NEAR EAST SCHOOL FACULTY

An Assemblies of God educator will be one of four faculty members for the new Near East School of Archaeological and Biblical Studies which will convene on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Courses at the opening spring term, March, 1962, will be taught by Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen, Professor of New Testament at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. R. Laird Harris, Professor of Old Testament and Near Eastern Studies at Covenant College, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Stanley Horton, Professor of Bible at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.; and Dr. Joseph P. Free, Professor of Archaeology and Near Eastern Studies at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

Dr. Free is director of the School. Robert Cooley, Professor of Archaeology at Central Bible Institute, is a member of the Board of Directors.

The faculty and student body of the Near East School will sail from New York on March 7, 1962 on the *S. S. Independence*. After a week in Rome studying the historical, archaeological, and Biblical monuments, the group will have a two-week survey tour of the Arab Bible lands. Following ten days of field trips in the Jerusalem area, students and professors will make a week's trip to Mt. Nebo, Petra, and Solomon's Seaport. Classes then will begin at the Jerusalem school on the Mount of Olives.

NEW YORK OFFICE CLOSED

On November 29 the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God closed its New York office. Business formerly handled by that office is now being handled by the national office in Springfield, Mo.

The New York office was first opened in

March 1946 to assist missionaries in obtaining passports, visas, and other necessary services. Many of these services are now being provided by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

Stephen Walegir, who has had charge of the New York office, will join the Springfield staff after the first of the new year.

NEW STUDY COURSE ON EPHESIANS NOW READY

The Church-School Literature Department of the Assemblies of God has released the seventh in a series of undated study manuals for Sunday school and other church groups. The new course, based on the Book of Ephesians, is written by Kenneth D. Barney, Pastor of Heights Assembly of God, Houston, Tex.

The course is available in both student and teacher manuals. Student quarterlies are 25 cents each and the teacher's manual is 50 cents.

Other undated courses available from the Gospel Publishing House include, "Fundamentals of the Faith," "Panorama of the Bible," "Practical Christian Living," "God the Father," "Christ," and "The Holy Spirit." Each course is divided into thirteen lessons.

SPANISH PUBLICATIONS MAKE GAINS

The Spanish adult student quarterly, "Guía," has reached a circulation of 90,000.

Guía, published by the Assemblies of God of Springfield, Missouri, has the largest circulation among all evangelical periodicals in Spanish. Currently published in two colors, it was first begun in one color fifteen years ago with a printing of 5,000. The circulation is showing an average gain of 5,666 a year.

The bi-monthly magazine, "Poder," Spanish version of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, has been

given a new format and is now in color. Beginning in January, 1962, the magazine will be published monthly.

The first issue of a new Spanish periodical, "Explorador," is just off the press. The publication is an adaptation of the intermediate English-language quarterly, "Search." Miss Mariá Porro from Argentina is the author and translator. The publication will be used by students between the ages of thirteen and seventeen in many Latin American countries.

WITH CHRIST

OSCAR STERN, 74, who was doing missionary and relief work in Germany among Jewish-Christian refugees, passed away September 21. He had been ill for several months. Brother Stern was a licensed minister with the Southern California District. He operated an orphanage in Bavaria. He is survived by his wife.

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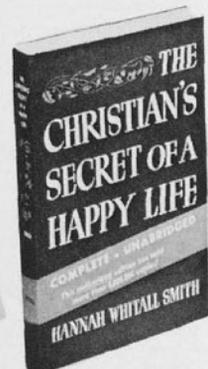
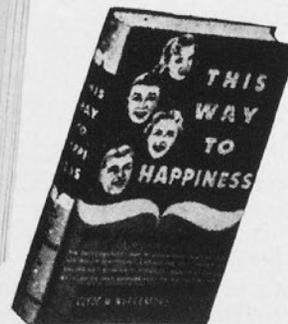
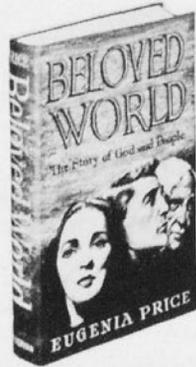
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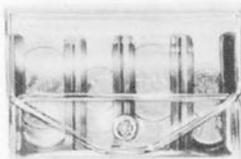
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Christ's Prayer For Unity

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WHILE READING THE SEVENTEENTH CHAPTER OF John's Gospel, which records one of the last prayers of Christ on earth, I asked myself the question: "If I were to pray a final prayer in this life, what would I pray for?"

I am sure I would remember my wife and children, petitioning God on behalf of their spiritual welfare and well-being. Whatever else would grip my mind in those closing hours would be things I deemed most precious and valuable. I am sure, among other things, I would pray a final prayer for myself.

There were some things Christ did *not* ask for in His high priestly prayer. In verse nine He says, "I pray not for the world..." In verse fifteen, He says, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world..."

Neither did He pray for God to stop the traffic of crime, to curb the march of evil powers, to heal the sick and deliver those that were bound. He did not pray that broken hearts would be healed or that demons would be cast out.

As valuable and important as these things are, something of greater importance gripped His soul in this parting hour. From the earliest of His ministry He performed these deeds and they characterized Him wherever He went; but in this particular prayer just a few hours before He would undergo the agony of Gethsemane and the indescribable humiliation and suffering of Calvary He cries out His soul's deepest and most anxious desire.

Let us look at the things He prays for and, particularly, His main petition.

First of all, He prays for Himself. In so doing, He qualifies His approach to the heavenly Father and states the grounds on which He will ask His petition. With His eyes lifted toward heaven He is aware the "hour" has come, that God has given Him power over all flesh, and that He has finished the work He was given to do. He further states that He has manifested the Father's Name and given to His disciples the words God gave Him. Last, but not least, He says He has kept His own and none have been lost but the son of perdition.

The second part of His prayer is for His disciples. He asks the Father to keep them and sanctify them that they may share His presence, behold His glory, and experience the Father's love.

The third consideration is the main reason for His prayer. In fact, the whole theme of this petition is the unity of the

Body of Christ—"THAT THEY MAY BE ONE." It would seem that nothing in that hour was of greater importance and more needful than unity among the saints of God. Christ gives a compelling reason for such a prayer, "*That the world may believe that thou hast sent Me.*" His hope for the unredeemed world is based on the unity of the Church.

Satan knows the Church of Jesus Christ cannot be defeated when it is in one accord. He also knows the world will be reached, the sick will be healed, and souls in darkness will be delivered when true saints are united. Consequently, Satan would rather destroy the unity of the Church than do anything else. His plans and efforts are dedicated to that end.

The many small, insignificant things that arise from time to time to destroy this unity should make us blush with shame. Sometimes all it takes is a sharp word, a hard look, different views on the policy of the church, or a divided vote on an issue that comes up in a business meeting. And if we would be truthful with ourselves we would have to admit that in most of these things there would be no material or spiritual difference whichever way the matter went.

One of the most difficult things to understand is when two fine, godly Christians—holding different views on some minor issue—take such a strong stand on their views that they break fellowship with those of like precious faith and solicit the backing and sympathy of others rather than seek for unity. There is no breaking or bending, no giving in or backing up. They insist on holding to their own views until the church is wrecked, innocent souls lose out with God, and a shadow of doubt enters the minds of the unsaved. How can we expect the world to believe we are Christ's disciples if they see such conditions among us? Christ believed in the unity of the Church and believed it so strongly He made it the theme of His prayer.

The events that followed this prayer should convince us that unity is the most important accomplishment in the field of church relationship. The Church went through a great crisis at Calvary; then it rose to one of its highest spiritual attainments—the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Notice that the very thing Christ prayed for prevailed, "They were all with one accord..." (Acts 2:1).

The world has yet to discover in our day what a church can produce when its members are sanctified by the Word, kept by His power, and unified as are the Father and the Son.