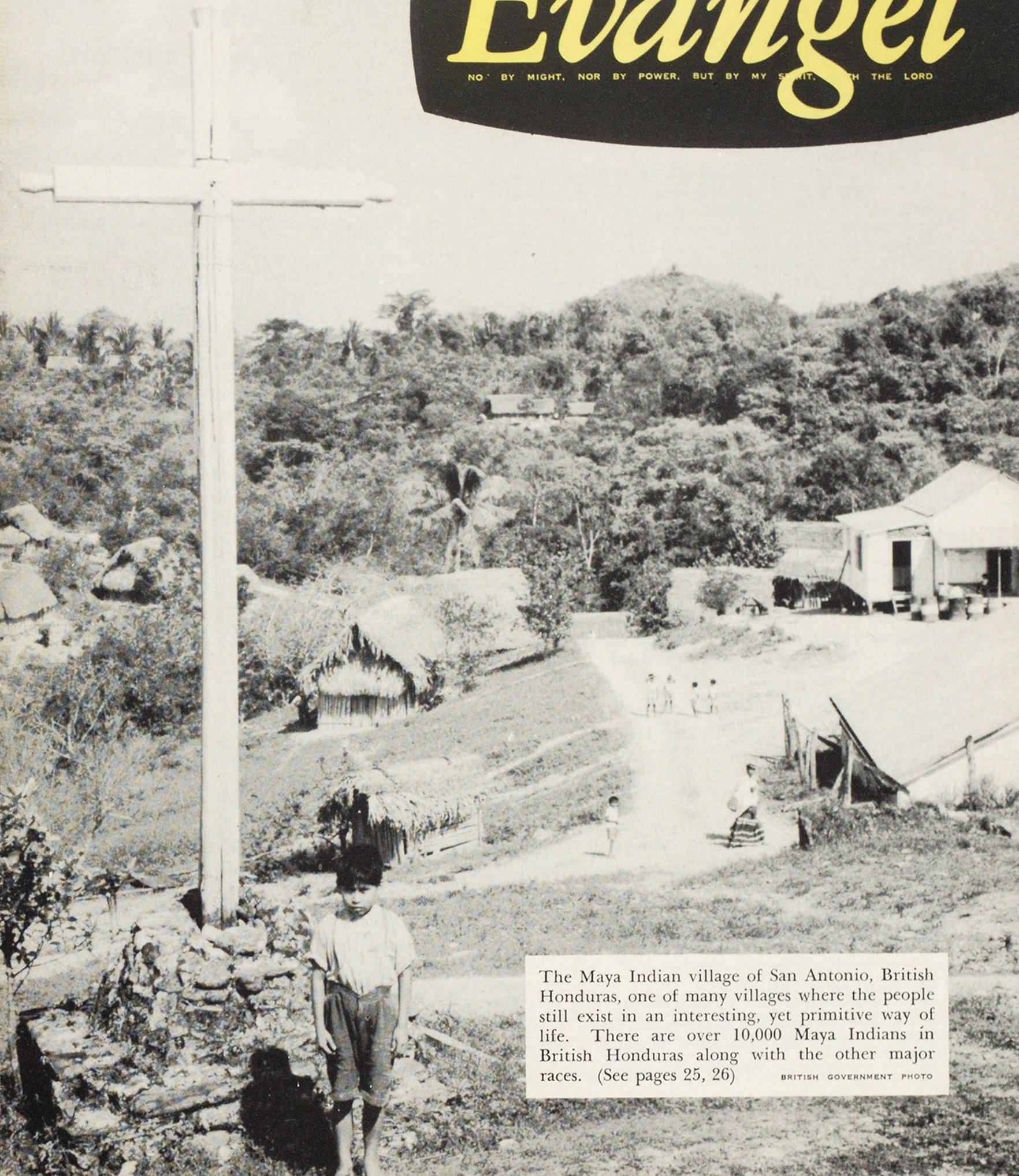


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NO BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, WITH THE LORD



The Maya Indian village of San Antonio, British Honduras, one of many villages where the people still exist in an interesting, yet primitive way of life. There are over 10,000 Maya Indians in British Honduras along with the other major races. (See pages 25, 26)

BRITISH GOVERNMENT PHOTO

HOW AMIABLE ARE THY TABERNACLES, O LORD!

Here David's heart, like the hart that panteth after the water brooks, longed to be in the sweet presence of the living God. How wonderful when God first told His people that if they would build a Tabernacle according to His pattern, He would come down and meet with them. And so it is today, when our worship is according to His pattern we cry with David, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord!"

Here in God's presence we hear again the words of Jesus, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

Here we grow from strength to strength, and from here we go out into the highways and hedges and compel men (draw them through God's love) to come in, that God's house may be filled. —Selected

BE PRACTICAL

Christianity is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. It is not an idea in the air, but feet on the ground, going God's way. It is not an exotic flower to be kept under glass, but a hardy plant to bear all kinds of fruit in all kinds of weather. Fidelity to duty is its root.

Nothing we can say to the Lord—no calling Him by great or dear names—can take the place of doing His will. We may cry out about the beauty of eating bread with Him in His kingdom, but it is wasted breath and a rootless hope unless we plow and plant in His kingdom here and now. There is no substitute for plain, everyday goodness or for practical Christian living.

—Log of the Good Ship Grace

INVEST YOUR TIME WISELY

The world's greatest opportunity is time.

Time is short. Time is valuable. It is the most valuable article in all life, and yet you would hardly believe it when you see how people squander it and invest it.

Time is the world's greatest factor and also the world's greatest waste. There is nothing with which we are more profligate than time, yet it is the stuff of which life is made.

Once it is lost, time cannot be recovered. You can lose your health and by proper means recover it. You can lose your wealth and by work and economy get it

Day by Day in Your Bible

Read It Through in '62



April 29—Begin 1 Chronicles 9

May 5—Finish 1 Chronicles 29

back. But whoever heard of anyone's recovering one hour of lost time?

We should be careful how we invest our time, because we are going to have to give an account of what we did with it (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 14:10-12). This being true, we should take to heart the Word that says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16).

Wesley laid down two rules for the use of time that have never required revision: "Never be unemployed," and "Never be triflingly employed."

—F. Lincicome, in *Herald of His Coming*

THE BEAUTY OF SACRIFICE

A touching story of dedication to the work of Christ comes from Taiching, Formosa (Free China). A Chinese minister and his wife have offered the cornea of their eyes in order to raise money to complete their church.

Pastor Chou King-Tao and his wife, both graduates of a theological college in Taichung, have been preaching the gospel at a remote village for six years. Construction of a church building, the first ever to appear in this village, was begun but stopped when funds ran out.

The pastor announced he would sacrifice one of his eyes to get money to finish the job. His wife said that if her husband's cornea could not raise the required amount, she would offer hers too. Moved by this selfless example, the church members responded with many sacrifices. One man gave his gold ring. A widow contributed her entire life's savings.—*Far East News Service*

GIVE GOD TIME!

Give God time, and even when the knife flashes in the air the ram will be seen caught in the thicket. Give God time, and even when Pharaoh's host is on Israel's heels a path through the waters will be suddenly opened. Give God time, and when the bed of the brook is dry, Elijah will hear the guiding voice.

—F. W. Boreham

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

precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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"The Peace Corps seems to be achieving success overseas," said the director, R. Sargent Shriver, at the end of its first year. There were 698 volunteers at work in twelve foreign nations helping them fight against poverty, disease, and ignorance as the Peace Corps marked its first anniversary.

The world cannot but admire the unselfish attitude of these talented young Americans who are making real sacrifices to participate in the government's overseas program. It is much easier to remain in the U.S. and contribute tax dollars to the foreign aid program than to face the disciplines, difficulties, and deprivations involved in personal participation—just as it is much easier to send missionaries abroad than to be sent—and yet there seems to be no lack of volunteers. Peace Corps applicants now average about 1,000 a month. In addition to the 698 already selected, trained, and sent overseas hundreds of others have been selected and are now in training. It is anticipated that 5,000 volunteers will be overseas or in training by August 1962.

Evidently there is no lack of young people in America who will respond to a worthwhile cause, no matter how rugged it may be, if someone will show them the need and challenge them to serve. What the churches need is spiritual leadership that will throw down Christ's challenge and present a program capable of enlisting every young person in His service. Precious manpower is being lost to God's kingdom simply because it is not being challenged and harnessed to useful purposes.

While the Peace Corps is being praised by most governments and by the public in general, it is not escaping criticism entirely. Its involvement with certain religious groups has drawn some censure. There are churches which will endeavor to reap benefits from tax-supported efforts like this wherever possible and Peace Corps officials, who are pledged to remain free from all religious association, find it hard to remain so.

The Communists, of course, see nothing but "sour grapes" in the entire program. "President Kennedy's Peace Corps trick is not new," said an article published in a Red China periodical, *Hung Ch'i* (Red Flag). "According to reports in the Western bourgeois press, American religious organizations have 34,000 missionaries in 146 countries and areas of the world. Of these 27,000 belong to Protestant churches and the remaining 7,000 to Catholic organizations." The Communists see no difference between missionaries and Peace Corpsmen—nor between Protestants and Catholics. All are "imperialist agents" in their eyes. But in the eyes of God there is an eternity of difference.

While humanitarianism has its place, it never can supplant the preaching of the gospel. In the Lord's eyes there is no comparison between those who preach a religion of dead works and those who preach the living Christ. Our Assemblies of God missionaries are doing a work that neither Peace Corps nor "priest corps" nor any other corps can ever do. They are "preaching peace by Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:36). They are serving as ambassadors of the court of heaven, urging people of every tribe and nation to be "reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The measure of their success will be the measure by which the world will enjoy real peace, for men cannot be reconciled fully to each other until they are reconciled to God.

—R.C.C.

The birth of Isaac caused much joy, but his heart was broken by his own sons

LAUGHTER AND TEARS

BY DONALD GEE

THE STORY OF ISAAC AND HIS FAMILY, his love and his laughter, his sorrow and his tears, possesses a depth of meaning that well repays careful analysis. For Isaac's family life began full of beauty and promise and ended with everything that concerned the family circle in hideous ruin.

The immediate causes of the family disaster are so common that they provide a lesson full of meaning for all families. This, moreover, was a religious home and the failure was that of a religious family.

Isaac was born amidst laughter. The advanced age of his parents made it all so wonderful, and they called the baby *Isaac*, which just means "laughter."

The event on Moriah when Isaac allowed himself to be laid upon the altar by Abraham, a willing sacrifice, undoubtedly left an indelible impression upon Isaac's own spiritual life. Clouded though his life became, he never lost "the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen."

The story of how his bride was found for him is a first-rate illustration of the place of prayer in finding the right life partner. If the faithful servant prayed so practically about such a matter, then how much more should those pray who are the principal parties in any marriage! The married life of Isaac begins without a shadow of doubt that he and Rebekah were divinely intended for one another.

With simple, direct beauty the Bible tells us that he "loved her." The supreme essential for a happy home and family was conspicuously present. A couple never set up housekeeping under better auspices. They seemed to have all that heart could desire. Re-

bekah had outstanding beauty, and Isaac inherited a large estate and became "very great." Twin boys were born in direct answer to prayer and it looked as if their cup of joy must be complete.

Yet it is at this point that we see unhappiness begin to steal into the home. Before the birth of the babies the mother had a divine revelation that she would have two sons, and that "the elder [should] serve the younger." All that follows must be interpreted with a remembrance of the knowledge which Rebekah had been given of the ultimate will and purpose of God.

As the boys grew they began to develop striking differences of temperament. This need not have marred the happiness of the home, but rather might have enriched it. The mischief began because the parents fell victim to the easy temptation to favoritism. "Isaac loved Esau . . . but Rebekah loved Jacob."

We see how laughter steadily died away in what had been such a happy home. In its place there came gloom, suspicion, envy, estrangement, deception, wrath, bitter tears of frustration, and hatred to the point of murder. The motives that led to this blighting favoritism hold important lessons in the story.

In the case of Isaac, the motive appears almost disgusting in its grossness. All that has gone before has predisposed us to credit Isaac with a certain spirituality of mind and outlook. He *was* noticeably free from such sins as anger and covetousness, but sanctification can be "patchy" and a signal purity of life in some directions does not guarantee all-around holiness.

Esau developed into a boisterously



healthy young man, utterly devoted to an open-air life, his dogs, and weapons of the chase—an expert hunter. All that was fine if kept in its proper place. The trouble with Esau was his profanity—his lack of appreciation for finer spiritual things, and letting the pursuit of the chase make him coarse in soul.

Isaac might have helped his eldest son much, for Isaac was a man who delighted to meditate in the field and was always ready with his altars. But instead of wisely introducing other more refining interests, Isaac seems to have encouraged the young man in his ways. And the bad thing was that his motive was entirely selfish. Esau's success in hunting enabled Isaac to gratify continually *his love for savory meat*. The motive for his favoritism is placed on the lowest level.

The searching issue that arises for all parents is the peril that comes from a personally declining spirituality. The family life was being attacked by an insidious decrease in spiritual life and vigor. Sheer carnality nearly swamped Isaac. Fleshly lusts warred against his soul and well nigh laid him low. Gratification of the flesh in various forms can often be the besetting sin of middle-life. Isaac became more interested in the things of the body than of the soul.

The head of the household needs to remember that upon him devolves the responsibility of maintaining the spiritual tone of the home. The books, newspapers, and music allowed or encouraged, the type of company welcomed or otherwise; the table talk, style of dress and habits, the family altar—all these depend to a great degree upon the almost unconscious “lead” set by the parents. What parents *are* in themselves has more influence over the members of the family than any amount of unctuous sermonizing or outward conformity to the proprieties “before company.” As a matter of fact, all of our homes are reflections of the people who live in them.

It was natural that Rebekah should feel an added interest for Jacob, and inevitable that this should become exaggerated, and she became suspicious when she saw Isaac showing increasing partiality for Esau. Rebekah’s weakness lay in the fact that while she had knowledge of the divine purpose that Jacob was to carry on the great covenant purposes of God in the family, she did not possess sufficient trust in God to let Him bring it to pass, especially when natural tendencies seemed to be taking a wrong direction.

It was easier for Rebekah to love Jacob, quite apart from the revelation of the future. While Esau was out hunting, Jacob was quietly staying at home, “dwelling in tents,” and he was such a “good” boy! was always there for meals, always in at night, skilled in domestic virtues rather than the more masculine attainments of his brother. Rebekah could not have been blind to the cunning and selfishness of Jacob’s heart. The transaction about the birthright had clearly shown this.

The mother might have done much to save the fast-deteriorating family situation had she tried. It may have meant a struggle for a woman to show interest in Esau’s dogs, weapons, and hunting—but it would have been worth it. As it was, she was probably always throwing Jacob up in the face of Esau as a model boy with clean hands and face, regular hours, and helpfulness about the home. Nothing is more calculated to sour relationships between brothers and sisters than open parental favoritism. No doubt about it—Rebekah’s preference for Jacob was unconcealed until at last

Jacob is spoken of as “her son” while Esau is called Isaac’s son (Genesis 27:5, 6). Rebekah’s knowledge of the divine purpose for Jacob need never have taken her to that length. It is plain that both Isaac and Rebekah became selfish where their love for their children was concerned, and it was the direct cause of domestic tragedy.

But the home might still have been saved had true love been allowed to triumph. The early happiness of Isaac and Rebekah in their married love struggled to reassert itself. Abimelech, looking out of a window one day, caught Isaac and Rebekah sporting with each other—literally “playing with” each other. The story is inserted just because their behaviour was so affectionate that it was permissible only between husband and wife. It reveals what rich reserves of mutual love Isaac and Rebekah still possessed. The home could still have been saved.

Marriages need keeping in good repair by regular attention. The stern business of rearing a family can easily knock all the “sporting together” out of a father and mother. But husbands and wives are wise to engage in some wholesome play together. Such mutual relaxation will yield true spiritual profit.

Sorrow, too, tended to draw these two together again—as mutual sorrows will. Esau’s profane marriage with two Hittite girls were “a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.” It seems they both grieved—but grieved alone. Sorrow could have

united them again, but they failed.

And so we come to the last unutterably sad scene. Isaac is an old man and nearly blind. His misguided favoritism for Esau has driven him to the point of attempting to frustrate the divine purpose and fix the blessing on his eldest son. Even in blessing, however, he is slave to fleshly passion and requires that Esau bring him one more meal to stimulate the blessing! It makes sad reading.

Rebekah is eavesdropping and hears the proposal. Throwing morality to the winds, she deliberately incites Jacob to his supreme act of deception upon his blind old father. The shocking method by which she goes about to realize the old promise made before her son’s birth almost obliterates the saving fact that her desire is according to the plan of God.

Jacob, at first the willing and unprotesting tool of his mother, descends to reckless lies. Finally, in answer to Isaac’s surprise that his son had found the prey so quickly, Jacob answers with sheer blasphemy, “Because the Lord thy God brought it to me.” It is a passage to make one shudder.

All the accumulated little hatreds of years of family strife and jealousy come to a head, and Esau is now set on nothing less than murder. He waits only for the expected death of the old father.

Rebekah had no alternative, so it seemed to her, so she sends her beloved Jacob out of sight to his uncle
(Continued on page twenty-three)

Happy the Home

Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus’ name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early list His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the Sacred Word
And live but for the skies.

Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.

—Henry Ware





From the Mountains of Peru

By DOMINGO TORRES

Translated from Spanish by Mrs. M. L. Hodges

I OWE MUCH GRATITUDE TO MY SAVIOUR WHO CAME TO seek and to save me by means of His messengers. He saw me sad and alone in the mountains of Peru, weeping in a dense night of error and ignorance.

Happy should be those children who have grown up in Sunday school with the wise guidance of consecrated Christian teachers! I never had the pleasure of enjoying these privileges in childhood because I grew up in a nominal Roman Catholic home. My father respected the gospel message, however, and occasionally he read the Bible and told us Bible stories and would say, "God is in heaven and the images are not His representatives. We should worship God anywhere."

One happy day I was coming from the field to town. I saw two strangers. When I greeted them they replied, "Good afternoon, Sonny." Their words and their kind attitude touched my heart and I felt warmed and happy. When I reached home I asked who the men were and was told they were evangelists who had come to preach. That evening I heard them preach about Christ walking on the waters, and about how Peter tried to go to Him but began to sink. When Peter called out, "Save me, Lord, or I perish," Christ kept him from sinking. Praise God for that message: it was planted in my heart.

When I returned to the pasture to herd the sheep, I remembered the songs and prayers of those servants of God, and said to my little friend who helped me with the sheep, "I like the gospel and some day I am going to be a preacher." My friend said mean and crude things about the gospel, but my faith was firm. I told him again, "Remember, one of these days I am going to preach the gospel."

Years went by. I became friends with perverse young men who influenced me into a life of degradation. I regret following them; but thank God, He liberated me before I was completely swallowed up in darkness.

One beautiful morning in January, 1941, I once again heard the voice of the gospel in my home town of Santo Domingo (Chancay), Peru. Alejandro Vasquez and Vicente Alor were preaching in the area. I was so hungry for the Word that I ran and stood beside the preachers and sang and prayed with them. When they went on their way, I was left alone to fight against darkness and sin—there wasn't a soul in my town to help me. Several months of crisis followed. The Spirit of God continued to convict me of sin. I hunted a book which would tell me of Christ. I had a New Testament but did not have a desire to read it. I was like a blind man in full sunlight.

Why did Christ die? I searched for the answer to this question. I prayed, "Oh, Lord, give me light and intelligence; save me, Lord."

Domingo Torres, a Quechua Indian from Peru, is a presbyter and Bible teacher. He wrote this testimony as part of his assignment at the recent Bible School Seminar in Bolivia.

Then God sent His servant to my own house to testify to me of salvation. As the man spoke it seemed that an invisible power was speaking through him. He explained that Christ died for our sins, and he told me what sin is. He quoted, "The blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin," and he asked me to pray to God for pardon. There Christ saved me. I was fifteen years of age and the best part of my life has been consecrated to the Lord and His work.

After I was saved I sought a place apart to pray and read my Bible, for I was still the only one in my town who was saved. I did not know how to sing as one should, but it was a surprise to me when I learned a hymn while dreaming. It was, "The Great Physician." I recognized it to be the same hymn I heard sung later by others.

I shall never forget when Jesus visited me while I slept. When I awoke, I felt that someone was in my bedroom. My heart was filled with great joy. I was in ecstasy! I was so happy I did not want to open my eyes, for fear that my joy would depart. I knew that Jesus was visiting me in the wee hours of the morning. I fell on my knees and called on His name and gave thanks. "God loves me and has come to visit me because He is real and He wants me to stay at His feet. I will follow Him always because now I know Him personally," I thought. I believe the Lord gave me this experience so I would not doubt His existence.

Following this wonderful experience I became seriously ill. There was no hope for my recovery. In desperation I prayed, "Lord, don't cut me off at such an early age; heal me and I will promise Thee three things: I will be baptized in water, I will go to Bible school to study Thy Word, and I will serve Thee, preaching Thy Word."

God healed me and I have fulfilled my promise to Him to the very letter. I feel that I am living on borrowed time and I praise His name, for He is my Saviour and my Healer!

I was in Bible school three years, and it seemed such a short time! I was graduated in 1950 and have since seen many accept the Lord. God has blessed me as a pastor and permitted me to fill several posts in the Assemblies of God of Peru. I have served as presbyter, worked as a pioneer preacher in starting new works, and served as pastor of the Cuzco Assembly for two years. I have never wished for these responsibilities but the brethren have asked me to serve. Today I am ministering in Haucho, Peru, and am a member of the evangelism committee. I thank the Lord for this opportunity to serve Him.

I am but a humble servant and do not merit being called a minister of Christ. I am aware of my insufficiency each day and realize that I can do nothing without His Holy Spirit. I ask you to pray for me and for my country of Peru. ■■



New Assemblies of God Christian school in Fiji opens.

Christian Day School Opens in Fiji

By MAYNARD L. KETCHAM
Field Secretary for the Far East

EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT THAT A SECULAR EDUCATIONAL program rarely establishes a vital Christian church. In Fiji, this has been reversed! After thirty-five years of development, the Assemblies of God of Fiji is well established and vibrant. Church members have long felt the need of having their own school where their children can receive a secular education in a Christian environment.

Missionary Lawrence Larson inspired the Fijian people to roll up their sleeves and go to work to realize

Publishing House Dedicated in Nyasaland, East Africa

By WILMA JONES

THE EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA GOSPEL PUBLISHING House was dedicated in Limbe, Nyasaland, December 3 and 4. Present were the executive committee, missionaries, government officials, and representatives of seven missionary organizations as well as workers and Christians from other Nyasaland cities.

The dedicatory message was brought by Missionary Harry Downey, superintendent of the Nyasaland field. Following Brother Downey's sermon, the congregation and officials marched into the new building and dedicated it to God. The blessing of the Lord filled the building.

On December 4, the official opening and tape-cutting ceremony was held and the Speed-the-Light machines which equip the new printing plant were demonstrated. Among these machines are a power guillotine, automatic folder, litho press, plate burning machine, and varityper.

The East and Central Africa Publishing House is the most modern plant in this section of Africa. It was pioneered in 1958 by Missionary Paul Wright who still

this dream. Within a few months they secured property and erected buildings, the total value of which is about thirty-five thousand dollars.

The government gave them a beautiful thirteen and one-half acre tract of land on a ninety-nine year lease. The Christians bought at auction a condemned government barracks, tore it down and rebuilt it. Enthusiasm swept the entire community and all labor was volunteered. It was my privilege to dedicate this fine new plant on my visit to Fiji on January 26, 1962.

The school is staffed with fine Spirit-filled Assemblies of God teachers. Four hundred students crowded the building to capacity on the first day of school!

Student fees are paid without question, and the school sets aside ten per cent of its income for the development of Assemblies of God churches throughout Fiji. The Christians plan to enlarge the elementary school and erect a high school. They also have plans for a Bible school and a vocational training school. All these will be paid for by local funds. This is the church in action!

High placed government officials testified with enthusiasm to the impact of the ministry of the Assemblies of God on the Island of Fiji. One official, recently arrived from New Zealand, said he never had heard of the Assemblies of God before. "If this is the Assemblies of God in action," he stated, "I want to find out more about its doctrines, beliefs, and practices!"

God has blessed the consecrated efforts of Assemblies of God missionaries and workers during the 35 years since Pentecost was first brought to the Fiji Islands by Brother and Sister Adrian Heeteby. Brother Heeteby recently went to his reward. Missionaries Lawrence and Elaine Larson are now in Fiji, assuming the supervision of the work. They will be joined soon by Brother and Sister Ralph Elmore. " "

serves as editor of publications. On January 1, 1961, the Delmar Kingsriters took charge of the Production and Distribution Departments. Tracts, booklets, songbooks, and Sunday school literature are printed at the Limbe publishing house.

In 1961 production of literature exceeded one-half million pieces and it is expected that production during the first year of operation of the new plant will exceed two million pieces. " "



Speed-the-Light press is center of attention at dedication services at new publishing house in Nyasaland.

The SEMINAR

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

Editor, Foreign Missions Publications

WE AWAKEN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING in Cochabamba, Bolivia, happy that we have arrived safely in South America and can be part of missionary expansion in this predominantly Roman Catholic country. Leaving the city limits, we stop at one of the numerous check-points on the road. It is necessary to show permits frequently in Bolivia—a safeguard in time of political turmoil.

Our trip from Cochabamba takes eleven and one-half hours and leads us over eight ranges of foothills which descend from the towering Andes to the tropical jungle lowlands of Santa Cruz. Above us we see the majestic snow-covered peaks which seem to be pushing cotton-candy clouds back into the sky. Fertile valleys thousands of feet below us form a patchwork quilt over the mineral-laden landscape. Our road, hung precariously on the sides of the rugged mountains, winds its serpentine course for three hundred miles toward our destination.

We stop to view the Quechua burial grounds. Rock, just below the grassy crest, is so hard that the Indians bury

their dead above the ground in miniature mausoleums. Midway on our trip we find the road rough but solid. Why is it not paved? Engineers have tried numerous times to pave it but, since the sun seldom shines here and there is always rain or a heavy overcast, it has been impossible to find a paving material that will permanently set. Just beyond this stretch we stop for lunch at a native restaurant. A tasty meal of chicken and rice is served. Refreshed, we continue our descent into the lowlands. But not before we have to find a narrow path around a rock slide blocking the road near the foot of the mountain.

Arriving at the Santa Cruz Bible School campus just at sundown, we are greeted by the missionaries who are on hand for the seminar. The welcome is warm. We are home—at home with God's servants in a select corner of His harvest field.

Seminar days are busy days. There are the breakfast hours in which missionaries and nationals sit side by side enjoying tropical fruits and native-made breads. Chapel each morning starts the day with a new sense of God's presence and blessing. During the class sessions there are varied activities: lectures, discussions, questions and answers, panel, reports, visual demonstrations, and the all-important examinations. Since Central Bible Institute, Southwestern Bible Institute, and Bethany Bible College have helped sponsor the seminar, the missionaries and nationals work hard to earn the college credit offered by the co-operating American schools.

D. Monroe Grams, as director, conducts the seminar, turning the class sessions over to Louise Walker, coordinator of Bible Schools for Latin America and the West Indies. Verne



D. Monroe Grams interprets as Silverio Condori gives his testimony in Spanish.

Warner, principal of the Bible Institute of the Rio la Plate, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and R. T. Brock, Foreign Missions editor, assist in the instruction periods. At various times, others—missionaries and nationals—take their place at the lecture stand.

With four hours of classes behind, it takes no special urging to call the thirty-three students from the classrooms to the dining room. Various cuts of freshly butchered beef—fattened at the Bible school for this occasion—form the main course of the noon meals, accented with tropical vegetables and tree-ripened fruits. The menus are unique and the seasoning exotic, for this is Bolivia, not North America. But the expected chili powder is missing. The food is good and we note mentally that the calorie count is getting out of hand.

Occasionally there is time to catch a quick siesta, but more often the after-dinner break is absorbed in studying and committee meetings. By two o'clock we are back in the classroom and hard at work until four.

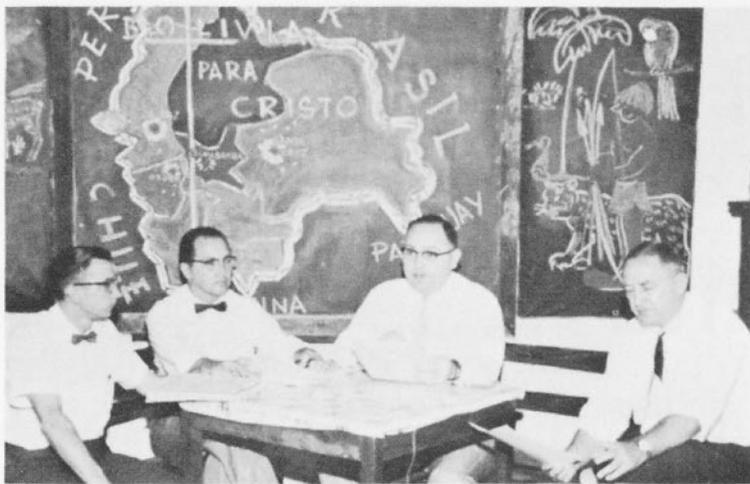
Suppers are lighter meals, featuring again the fruit of the land and an occasional "American sweet" to delight the missionaries and puzzle the eight nationals. Since all work and no play makes teachers dullards, a lively game of volleyball puts flabby muscles to work and by 7:15 we are ready for the evening sessions and more studies.

Reports from the various fields are given in the evening hours, illustrated

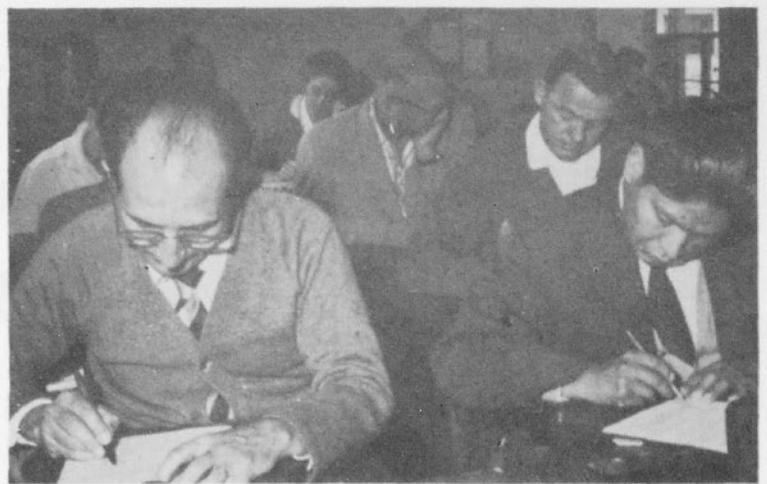


Thirty-three missionaries and national workers gathered in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, for the three-week seminar on Bible school methods and administration.

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D. Monroe Grams, Verne Warner, R. T. Brock, and Louis Stokes discuss methods of Bible school administration.



Missionaries and national workers take examinations which are an important part of the seminar program.

by slides and films. How we rejoice as we see the progress being made in the CADSA (*Confraternidad de las Asambleas de Dios de Sur America*) countries: Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Truly the full gospel is reaching into the heart of South America through the ministry of our missionaries and consecrated national workers.

Before we know it, ten o'clock comes and it is *lights out*. These are busy days. These are full days. These are days of blessing and inspiration as plans are made to further the kingdom of God in southern South America. Studies in teaching methods, administration, and student supervision lay a foundation for creative planning on the various school campuses. There will be some changes made when the seminar is over—changes that will increase the efficiency of our training programs in South America.

Almost before we realize it, the seminar comes to a close and we gather for one last night of fellowship. Fernando Moroco serves as master of ceremonies. Between the singing of choruses and special music by Missionary Bryan Mock and Sara Scola (Argentina), we reflect on our impressions of the seminar.

Our hearts rejoice as we hear Domingo Torres (Peru) say: "The best days of my life were those spent in the Peru Bible Institute under the influence of godly teachers. I saw Christ in their lives and felt His love manifested through them, and I have kept this teaching as a treasure. Their teaching on the baptism in the Holy Spirit helped me to seek God until I was filled. Realizing my further need of teaching and help, I came to Santa

Cruz, Bolivia, to the seminar to learn better how to help my brethren in Peru. I am grateful for the opportunity of attending this seminar and the opportunity of giving my testimony."

Silverio Condori, an Aymara teacher at the Altiplano Bible Institute in Bolivia, testifies: "I was saved at the age of twenty-two and attended the first session of the Bible school in General Pando under the ministry of Missionaries D. M. Grams and Earl Wilkie. While there, I felt the call of God to preach. I began my ministry in Chopnapampa and have pastored in several towns since. In 1961 I had the opportunity of teaching short-term Bible courses in local churches as well as teaching at the school in General Pando. I am thankful for the privilege of attending this seminar and want to keep myself ready to fit into any place where there is a need."

Following fellowship over apple pie (from dried apples canned by the

WMC's of the Northwest District) and coffee (or tea for the nonconformists), we step from the chapel out into the beautiful Bolivian night. There is a full moon and the Southern Cross is in view. We are conscious that our God is not only the Great Creator of the universe, but the Personal Guide who has taken us through devious paths to bring us to this wonderful time of spiritual refreshing and educational advancement. We have fellowshipped in the Lord with Aymara and Quechua Indians from Bolivia and Peru, with a recently converted Catholic priest from Spain, an Argentine artist, a Portuguese leader and an Italian businessman who resigned his job to become a Pentecostal pastor. These are choice servants of God, dedicated to the training of a Spirit-filled national ministry. Such fellowship is a privilege of our worldwide Pentecostal fellowship.

(Next week: "Into the Bolivian Hinterland.")

MISSIONARY News Notes



GOING: Returning to Togo-Dahomey for another term are **Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz**.

COMING: **Clarence Maloney** is on furlough from India. His address is Box 403, 140 N. 15th St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

MISS PANSY BLOSSOM has arrived in the States from Argentina. She is living at 851 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena 6, Calif. Also on furlough from Argentina is **Miss Ruth Couchman**, who is at home at 2 School Way, Watsonville, Calif.

BIRTH: **Mr. and Mrs. James C. Revell**,

India, are the parents of a boy, Joseph Carl, born March 7.

CORRECTION: The **James Andrews** are preparing for service in Formosa (rather than in the Philippine Islands as was reported in the December 31 issue of the **Evangel**).



Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Metz and family

A Word from an Executive Presbyter
on the Subject of Church Membership



The Importance of Church Membership

A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE ORIGINAL language of the New Testament will indicate that many of the references to "the church" relate to the organized body of believers on earth. In some cases the reference is to the church in Corinth, Ephesus, or Jerusalem.

While nothing is said about a formal register of names, every indication is that there was such a list, for we read in Acts 6:5 that the "whole multitude" chose Stephen. Other references are also made to "casting lots"—implying concerted action.

There are many churches today suffering from splits which might have been avoided through a clearly-defined system of membership. There are congregations that might have received building loans for new churches if they could have proved a set membership.

Undoubtedly there are individuals wandering from church to church today, hopeless and helpless, who might have been saved this Christian "hobo" life had membership been offered to them, and had a place of service been provided in a Holy Ghost-emphasizing church.

Membership is not a means within itself. Statistics will never inherit the kingdom of God. You and I will not be able to face God with a handful of figures, but certainly we have a responsibility to the church and to the people who make it up.

Membership plays an important part in our fellowship. Among other things, the number of military chaplains allowed the Assemblies of God is based on our membership. The strength of our movement, from the outside viewpoint, is judged by membership. But more important, our ability to minister effectively to some may depend on their feeling a part of some congregation.

A feeling of belonging is basic to all humanity. You find it in the smallest youngster; it is present in the oldest adult; and it is just as common among Christians as among non-Christians. Church membership can add to the tie that binds us together in Christian love.

If your church does not already have an active membership roll, now is the time to begin. Do not delay. While time passes, souls may slip out of your midst and may eventually be lost for want of the love and acceptance that could be provided in your church. —T. F. ZIMMERMAN

ETCHED IN GRANITE

By WESLEY R. HURST
Secretary for Foreign Missions Promotions

"INTO ALL THE WORLD..." (MARK 16:15). These words chiseled in granite in the cornerstone of the recently completed International Headquarters building of the Assemblies of God are being fulfilled.

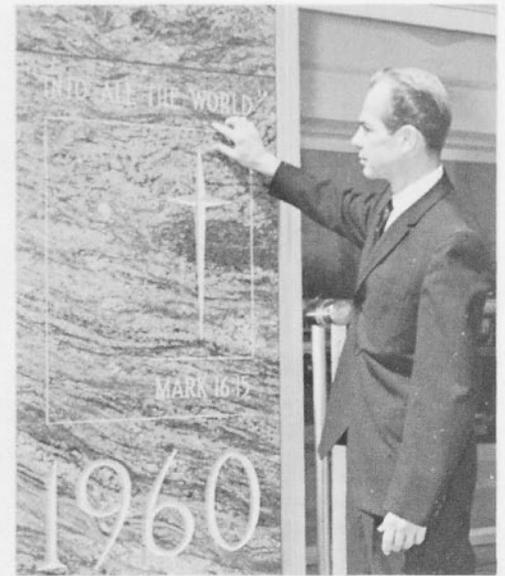
During 1961 Assemblies of God churches contributed \$6,662,221.95 to help make the prophecy of Acts 1:8 come to pass—"...and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The 1960 total given to world missions was \$6,620,857.76 reflecting a gain of \$41,364.19 in world missions giving last year.

Foreign missions giving in 1961 amounted to \$4,544,271.28 reflecting a loss of \$364,760.57 from 1960. But Women's Missionary Council giving is reported separately this year. This change explains in part the loss shown in foreign missions giving. Taking this into account, the actual loss in foreign missions receipts is approximately \$35,000. We must reverse this trend and move forward in financial gains if we are to extend our message to all nations.

Southern California again led the nation in world missions giving: \$792,425.90 in 1961. The top ten districts were as follows:

DISTRICT	1961
Southern California	\$792,425.90
Northern California-Nevada	489,268.67
Northwest	428,932.77
Eastern	286,391.38
Oregon	274,207.49
Oklahoma	256,232.10
Illinois	231,907.68
New York	230,579.91
Minnesota	224,052.43
Michigan	223,386.48

Of 8,273 Assemblies of God churches, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, where Mrs. Marie Brown is pastor, led the nation by giving \$63,561.59 to world missions in 1961. The top ten churches (including one Bible school) were as follows:



Wesley Hurst points to the inscription on the corner stone of the International Headquarters of the Assemblies of God.

CHURCH	AMOUNT
Glad Tid. Tab., N. Y., N. Y.	\$63,561.59
Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.	47,353.76
First A/G, N. Hollywood, Calif.	36,360.65
First A/G, San Diego, Calif.	33,647.80
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.	32,861.58
Full Gosp. Tab., Bakersfield, Calif.	29,572.91
Calv. F. G. A/G, Inglewood, Calif.	28,738.19
First A/G, San Bernardino, Calif.	28,229.94
First A/G, Memphis, Tenn.	27,372.76
N. C. B. C., Minneapolis, Minn.	25,409.13

The Assemblies of God, through its Foreign Missions Department, is now working in 72 countries and operates 74 foreign Bible schools. There are now 812 missionaries and 12,723 national ministers reaching the remotest corners of the world. This is because Pentecostal believers continue to support approved missionaries and ministers through the missionary programs of their local Assemblies of God churches.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST, THE UNCHANGING SAVIOUR

Sunday School Lesson for May 6, 1962

HEBREWS 7:1-3, 14-16, 23-28

The inspired writer to the Hebrew Christians, being pressured as they were to go back to their old worship, continues to demonstrate Christ's superiority in every way to the Old Testament scheme of worship and its priesthood.

AN UNENDING HIGH PRIEST

In the last verse of chapter six Jesus is said to have been made "an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." This statement is explained and enlarged upon in chapter seven.

This Melchisedek is said to have been "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." That is to say, there is no Biblical record of his origin, ancestry, or death. His name meant "king of righteousness," and he served as king of Salem, which means "peace," and which is undoubtedly identified as Jerusalem which did exist as a city in Abraham's day. See Genesis 14.

Furthermore, Abraham paid tithes and homage to this mysterious and royal personage, thus signifying his own inferiority to him—and also the inferiority of the Levitical and Aaronic descendants which sprang from Abraham.

Thus Jesus, who lives at the Father's right hand, in the power of an endless life, and who is foreshadowed by Melchisedek, is shown to be superior to an earthly high priesthood which is neither inherently "righteous" nor eternal and undying. Christ's priesthood is unchangeable, uninterrupted, and cannot be transmitted to anyone else. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

AN ALL-SUFFICIENT HIGH PRIEST

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Because of His character and the nature of His priesthood Jesus is able to save to the uttermost. What an expression that is! It means salvation for the vilest of men! It means deliverance from all sin, past, present, and future (2 Corinthians 1:10). It means victory in every circumstance of life and the provision for every need! How can these things be! "Because he ever liveth to make intercession for us." Many who realize the meaning of Christ's earthly ministry fail to recognize the power of His heavenly ministry which He carries on now. Christ is spoken of as Mediator, High Priest, and Advocate. As Mediator He provides salvation for the sinner through His own death. As High Priest He prays that those who are saved shall be kept from sin (Romans 5:9-10), so that there is no need at all for a believer to sin (1 John 2:1). But should the believer sin, Jesus becomes the Advocate (or lawyer) pleading the sinning Chris-

tian's cause on the ground of His own blood (1 John 2:2). What a wonderful Saviour! He prays for us now that we may be kept in perfect victory. Let us not disappoint Him! Said Robert Murray McCheyne, "I ought to study Christ as an Intercessor. He prayed most for Peter who was to be most tempted. I am on His breastplate. If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I should not fear a million enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference; He is praying for me."

A PERFECT HIGH PRIEST (verses 26-28)

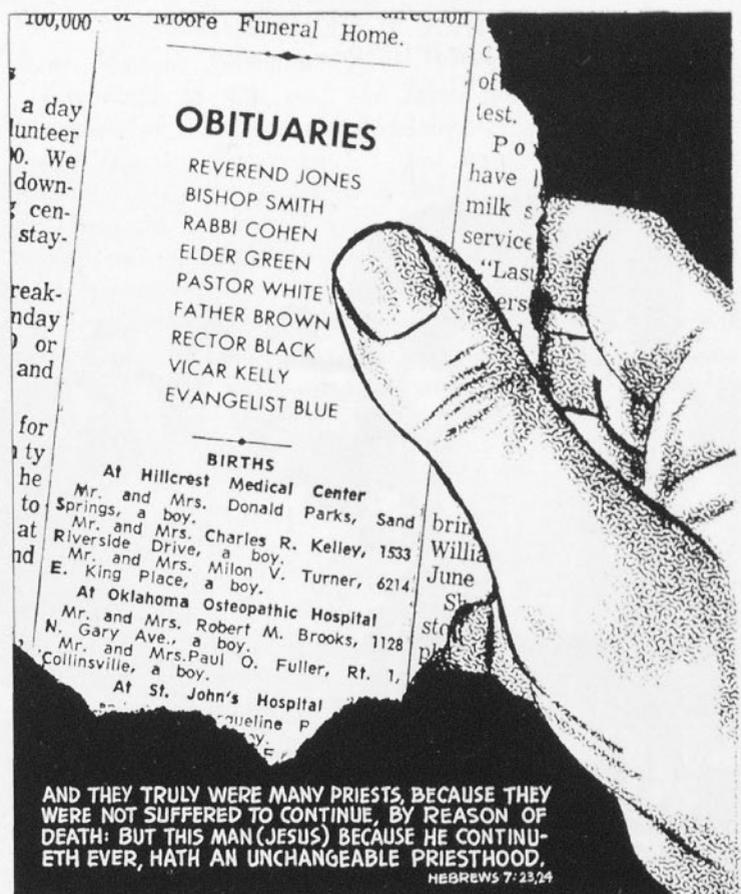
These verses continue to show the superiority of Jesus to earthly priests. Jesus is a suitable High Priest for all men, perfect in every respect. He is perfect in character, being holy, harmless (guileless, simple, and free from evil suspicion), undefiled (free from moral pollution in thought, word, or deed), separated from sinners (completely free from defilement through contact with sinful human beings), and made higher than the heavens (having entered into the very presence of God, a position of perfect victory over all evil powers).

He made a perfect sacrifice and needed not, as did the earthly priests who were sinful, to make repeated sacrifices which had no lasting value. For He offered up Himself, once and for all, a complete and perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

His priesthood is perfect because it is not subject to human weakness, and is permanently authorized by the divine oath of God.

"What shall we say then to these things?" The first verse of our lesson forms a perfect conclusion—"Seeing then that we have (such) a great high priest... Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."—*J. Bashford Bishop*

BUT OUR LORD STILL LIVES





THOUSANDS OF WMC GROUPS PRESENTED THE NATIONAL WMC Day program, BY LOVE COMPELLED, in their churches on February 25 this year. Letters telling of the services, and offerings, for the support of the National WMC Department, testify to the spiritual blessing and new vision received in many churches as a result of the program. This is in answer to the prayers of the national office staff and others who pray that the work of WMC may always have a strong spiritual emphasis.

Not all the offerings came from WMC groups. A church with no organized WMC group, and with an average Sunday school attendance of twenty, sent an offering of six dollars and twenty-five cents. This kind of loyalty to our national WMC program is both humbling and heartening.

A number of letters told of special blessing and new consecrations on WMC Day. Mrs. O. G. Oxley, a WMC president near Many, La., wrote: "I would like to tell



Virginia Fox and Mrs. Philip Egert sing a duet at WMC Day program, Calvary Assembly, Hampton, Va.

GOOD REPORTS OF WMC DAY

By ELVA M. JOHNSON
National WMC Representative

you about our wonderful national WMC Day program in our church. Ours is a country church, and on that day we had approximately ninety in Sunday school. Our pastor gave us the morning worship service time for the program. The Lord blessed in every part as various women spoke and sang. There was shouting as the WMC's sang, "Women in the Harvest." Our service closed with an invitation for everyone to come around the altar in a complete new consecration to the work of our Lord.

"The program was appreciated by everyone, including



The WMC's of Calvary Assembly of God in Hampton, Va., are active for the Lord all year round. B. W. Fox is pastor.



Mrs. John Denton, W.M.C. President, presents a portion of the program.

our pastor, because of the leading of the Holy Spirit as it was presented. We only hope that each church experienced some of the joy that was ours as we presented this WMC Day program."

For several years the Spanish Eastern District churches in the United States have gone together for the annual WMC Day service. Mrs. Elba Caraballo, general secretary of the Spanish Eastern WMC's, wrote concerning this combined service: "Our annual WMC Day service was a great blessing for the Spanish Eastern ladies. We celebrated it in one of our largest churches in Bridgeport, Conn. This was an all-day service and, in spite of cold, snowy weather, by noon the brethren were standing because of the multitude.

"The day went so fast that at five o'clock we were still enjoying the blessing of our Lord. . . . Never forget us in your prayers. We need them so very much."

At Central Assembly, Wichita, Kans., where Victor Trimmer is pastor, there are several WMC groups under one general president, Juanita Rains. Following a cooperative presentation by each of the WMC groups, Mrs. Rains reported, Pastor Trimmer preached a wonderful message inspiring all to seek to possess the kind of love it takes to do acceptable work for God.

Many WMC groups were inspired to do more for God. Mrs. Beulah Sullivan put it this way: "We, the WMC's of Williamstown (W. Va.) Calvary Assembly of God, expect to go all out for God this year. May we all reap many souls."

The WMC's of Calvary Assembly in Hampton, Va., are very active in work for the Lord. Mrs. Philip Egert, one of the members, wrote the following account of their WMC Day service and the work of the group:

"Our WMC Day service this year proved to be the best yet, even exceeding the inspirational quality of like services in other years. It was unanimously accepted by everyone present, and we were challenged to give more of ourselves in the light of 1 Corinthians, chapter 13.

"Our WMC group cooperated in wonderful unity when presenting the program, causing every phase of it to be a blessing. Several regular members were absent due to illness, but they sent their offerings anyway, giving a total of fifty dollars for the support of our national WMC office.

"The faithful ministry of our WMC's under the outstanding leadership of our president, Mrs. John Denton, has had far-reaching results in many areas. It is this type of sincerity and consistency, whether in devotion to the work of the local church and its program, preparing clinic supplies for a leprosy mission, encouraging the brokenhearted, or carrying out the never-ending tasks of a homemaker in the spirit of Christ, that exemplifies the words, 'The greatest of these is charity.'"

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All the national WMC Department staff joins in expressing appreciation to you, our WMC's and churches, for your continued faithfulness in supporting the department and its expanding services.

Each year new services are added, and each year your offerings have met the needs. This encourages us to continue to carry out our ministry in the spirit of our WMC Day theme this year, BY LOVE COMPELLED.



Mrs. Rex Jackson (left) with Mildred Smuland and Stella Ezeigbo at the Nigerian WMC convention.

Greetings From Nigerian WMC'S

MILDRED SMULAND, NATIONAL WMC SECRETARY, ENJOYED ministering to several African WMC groups on her tour last year. One of the highlights was the great WMC convention in Nigeria, where hundreds of women gathered to greet her. Mrs. Smuland received gifts of beautiful native cloth from these women. The letter below came from Stella Ezeigbo, wife of the Nigerian District Superintendent, in response to her note of thanks to them:

Dear Madam Smuland:

Greetings to you and the loved ones over there in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I thank the Almighty God who led you home peacefully, and my sincere desire is that God should increase your faith and wisdom, bless your ministry that through you many women might caught vision . . . especially we who are just beginning.

The women here bought another sewing machine for the girls school and also making plans to do something else. The Lord is blessing our little effort here, in that during our last divisional WMC meeting before Sister Rex Jackson left for America, many interesting reports came in. We could do nothing than lift our hands in praising God who has begun the work in a marvelous way. Many of the groups have decided to be responsible for the maintenance of any of the pastors in newly established churches, and some of the students in the Bible school. Pray God to help them fulfill their promises.

I thank you very well for praying for us. You know what it is for many to look upon one—it requires lots of prayer. He, my husband, travels many a time, and even now that I am writing he has been away for a week, so continue to pray for us.

Honor Star Crowned in Turlock



Pam Hailey and her two attendants, Bonnie Olson and Bonnie Sampson.

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

PAM HAILEY, FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Missionette from Bethel Temple, Turlock, Calif., has the distinction of being the first Missionette Honor Star to be crowned in her district. More than twenty girls from her local club are participating in the achievement program, but Pam was the first one to complete all requirements.

At the crowning event, conducted last October 23, music to "Pomp and Circumstance" was played as the attendants came up the aisle. Bonnie Olson carried a pillow holding the crown and Bonnie Sampson held a scroll on which Pam had inscribed her signature, indicating that she was the first Honor Star to be crowned in the Northern California and Nevada District.

A pair of trumpeters sounded the call as Miss Hailey entered. After the

crowning ceremony, she sang a solo and was presented with a bouquet of red and white carnations by Mrs. Enoch Christoffersen in behalf of her Sunday school department. Representatives of the three WMC groups of the church congratulated Pam and gave her gifts.

This special event was under the direction of Mrs. Robert Carrington, pastor's wife. She extended an invitation to the many attending to enjoy refreshments after Dorris F. Lemos of Brazil, South America, speaker for the affair, completed her talk.

Pam Hailey is typical of the more

than fifteen thousand girls who are now climbing the steps of the STAIRWAY TO THE STARS Achievement Program. This means that these thousands of girls are becoming better acquainted with our own Assemblies of God beliefs. As they memorize Scriptures they become more effective witnesses for the Lord. Their times of worship and fellowship help to mold the girls' characters, and make them well-rounded Christians.

Testimonies received in the national office indicate that during the past six years many girls have been saved, filled with the Spirit, and called to His service through attending a Missionette Club. Active clubs now number more than 2,300 with a total membership exceeding 25,000 girls from nine to seventeen years of age. "

A BAD HABIT

One of the requirements for becoming an Honor Star is to write at least 300 words on, "Why a Christian Should Not Smoke." We are happy to print Pam's article on this subject.

By PAM HAILEY

THE LORD HATH SAID THAT OUR bodies are the temples of God. Cigarettes are not good for you, so if a person smokes he is harming God's work and property. Also he would not be a good testimony before other people. Cigarettes are harmful to the body because they consist of tobacco and nicotine. Many people have lung cancer because they smoke. This is often fatal. Some people have to have a



Pam Hailey wearing her tiara after being crowned an Honor Star.

cigarette every few minutes, and as soon as they finish one they light up another.

What if you saw your pastor take out a cigarette and smoke it? Or, if everyone was sitting in church smoking? What would you think? Well, I know what I would think—what kind of church is this—everyone is smoking in God's sacred house!

I believe that smoking is a waste of money. If a person would take the money he spends on cigarettes and save it over a period of time, he would find out that he would have a nice sum of money to send to a missionary. If a person smokes two packs a day for 375 days, he is spending approximately \$182.50 that goes up in smoke. The money that is spent for cigarettes could be a blessing to a missionary, and the giver would also receive a blessing.

God created man's body after His own. The Spirit of the Lord dwelleth in those who are saved. It would be hard for the Spirit of the Lord to dwell in a person who consumes smoke. Smoke would drive a man from a building, a rabbit from a hole, and I believe it would drive the Spirit from a human being's soul. I believe a Christian risks his testimony if he smokes cigarettes, cigars, or anything that condemns his body and his testimony. "



BGMC PAGE

FRANCES FOSTER—DIRECTOR



BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

Evangel. You will be able to see who the churches are that will receive trophies. If your church didn't get one this year, you can try harder next time.

Last year BGMC gave \$23,000 to foreign missions fields. The total giving for 1962 was over \$3,880 more than for the twelve months of the year before. Perhaps it would be interesting to review some of the special projects of BGMC during the past eleven years. Below is a chart to show you what you missionaries-at-home have done:

- 1952—nearly \$4,000 given—for general translation and printing
- 1953—over \$5,000 given—for Europe
- 1954—over \$7,000 given—for the areas where most needed
- 1955—over \$10,000 given—for translation of the book *What We Believe* by R. M. Riggs
- 1956—over \$12,000 given—for the Far East
- 1957—over \$17,000 given—for Africa
- 1958—over \$20,000 given—for the Middle East and Europe
- 1959—over \$20,000 given—for Southern Asia
- 1960—over \$23,000 given—for South America
- 1961—over \$23,000 given—for children's literature in all fields

On February 4, BGMC Members Raised Over \$25,000

WATCH NEXT ISSUE FOR THE TROPHY AWARD WINNERS!

Hi, BOYS AND GIRLS!

We are very proud of you and all of your friends who helped us exceed the February goal of \$24,000.

Because of this good offering, you have made it possible for Sunday school literature to be translated and printed in many languages. Many places which have had no Sunday school material now will be able to have quarterlies, picture cards, and story papers for their boys and girls. This will be a great help to the missionary in organizing Sunday schools.

It was in 1952 that BGMC first started to have a special project on BGMC Day. The first goal was \$3,000, so you see we have gone a long way since then. BGMC Day giving has been above your regular offerings which you send in each month. (By the way, if you are using BGMC bank books, be sure to make your deposit every month for "Word for the World.")

A few years ago in one of our churches, the BGMC lady was preparing a make-believe trip around the world. To make it clear, she placed a beautiful map in the front of the children's department. She took a little ship and said, "Boys and girls, we are going to start on our trip around the world. In every country we visit we will leave literature. Really, that is what we are doing. We are sending literature to all countries in the world."

But do you know what happened? One of the younger children didn't understand, and he went home and told his mother and dad that he didn't want to go on the trip; he was afraid

to get on a big ship. So when the BGMC lady found out about it, she explained to the children that they weren't *really getting* on the ship.

They were staying at home and sending literature on the ship.

With your BGMC money and prayers, you can be missionaries *at home* to boys and girls in other lands. By your giving, gospel literature in many languages is being prepared for children in foreign countries.

Do you know that since 1949 the boys and girls have given over \$925,000 to be used for translating and printing gospel literature?

Be sure to watch for the next world missions issue of *The Pentecostal*

THANK YOU, BOYS AND GIRLS!

All of us in the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade office, as well as people in lands all over the world, want to thank you very much, boys and girls, for your wonderful BGMC Day offering. Use the code below to learn how to spell Thank You in three other languages. When you finish, show the page to Mother and Dad to let them know we appreciated their help on BGMC Day too.

Here is the key to help you crack the code.

1-A	2-F	3-K	4-P	5-U
6-B	7-G	8-L	9-Q	10-V
11-C	12-H	13-M	14-R	15-W
16-D	17-I	18-N	19-S	20-X
21-E	22-J	23-O	24-T	25-Y 26-Z

French

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Spanish

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Indians OF THE Southwest



J. K. Gressett

During a recent address to a church group, Dr. Henry S. Randolph, president of Cook Christian Training School in Phoenix, Ariz., declared, "In the Southwest today there are more than 150,000 Indians in more than thirty-seven different tribes." This address was published in the *National Fellowship of Indian Workers* magazine.

He further stated, "It is believed by many that the cultural characteristics of the Southwestern tribes make this a crucial area for special study of Indian life.

The following article deals chiefly with the Indians of Arizona and New Mexico. Many think of the Indian only as a colorful figure, capable of great showmanship. Thousands of tourists visit the Southwest for the express purpose of seeing the Indian dances. The authors present a bird's-eye view of the various Indian tribes and our Assemblies of God Indian work in the Southwest.

The faithful endeavors of our missionaries to the Indians are showing results. We are seeing the triumph of the Christian faith where the full gospel has been proclaimed among them. There are yet many areas untouched by the gospel.

INDIANS OF ARIZONA

By J. K. GRESSETT

Superintendent of the Arizona District

ARIZONA WOULD NOT BE ARIZONA without Indians. The many tribes, with their varying customs and colorful history, constitute one of the high points of interest in the state.

The National Home Missions Department promotes missionary work among the Indians, and the Arizona District has the administration of the work in our state. This plan has resulted in steady progress for several years.

At present in Arizona we have twenty-four established Indian churches with regular pastors, and eight outstations where workers hold services each week. We hope these eight will be "going" churches soon. There are fifty-six appointed missionaries to oversee these various works on the various reservations.

The great Navajo reservation, which covers a portion of four states, is the largest reservation by far. It touches Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. It is well advertised by the Navajo Freight Lines as their drivers "barrel" those huge trucks (identified by the Navajo head painted on the side of each truck) across the nation.

It has been difficult to obtain land grants for new churches on the Navajo reservation, but by the help of the

Lord and some maneuvering we have six churches serving this tribe with three or four outstations where weekly services are held.

The Navajos are different from other tribes in many ways. Seldom will you find a village where they live close together. Usually there will be one to three hogans (Indian homes) for each family. These all face the east and are located a few miles apart. This is the situation all over the vast Painted Desert. Each family has a small herd of sheep (and sometimes goats, too). One of the family will tend the flock. The Navajos shear the sheep, spin and dye the yarn, and weave the famous Navajo rugs which are so beautiful and durable.

Like the Hopis, the Navajos usually

have a small plot of ground in the valley where they grow melons, fruit, and the colorful Indian corn. This corn is a dry-weather type that grows about two feet high, and the ears grow just above the ground—several to the stalk.

The Hopi reservation is located in the middle of the Navajo reservation. Thus the Hopis are completely surrounded by the Navajos. Seemingly the border separating the reservations was never very clearly outlined, for there is usually a conflict going on about the border line between the two.

We have one good church on the Hopi reservation. These people live mostly in close groups upon the high mesas. They are noted for their interesting and beautiful pottery and baskets.

There are two Apache reservations that join, Fort Apache and San Carlos. These Apaches are a strong people. Their reservations are mostly in the mountains. They have several saw mills operating on the reservation. Most families have a few improved cattle which all graze together on the reservation, but each family has a different brand. The missionaries like to go with the Indian cowboys in the fall when they round up the calves for branding and selling. They sing

PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHOTO



A Navajo shepherd in Arizona tends his sheep.

and fellowship with them around the campfires.

There is a considerable amount of wild game on the Apache reservations. Each family is allowed five deer per year.

We have seven good churches on these reservations. Some Sunday schools number nearly two hundred in attendance. It is said the Apaches were the last tribe to be controlled by the government, and also that they are just one generation from barbarism. But they certainly make devout and loyal Christians when they are saved. Many of them now love the Lord.

One Apache church had thirty-four men at the Men's Fellowship breakfast. They drove one hundred and seventy miles in several pickups, and were there by 7 A.M. This church had a larger representation than any other Assembly in the district. Some of these Apache Indian churches are on the way to becoming self-supporting and all are growing.

The Papago reservation contains several hundred square miles along the Mexican border. The Papagos are more jolly, slow, and easy-going which may be caused by the extreme heat in the south. They gather the fruit from numerous varieties of cactus and dry it in spring and summer for food. They live in clean villages of varying sizes in mud huts they build themselves. Soil placed on the roofs of the huts protects them from the heat. Papagos graze some cattle and horses. Some of the people work in the copper mine and mill at Ajo. Still others work on farms that join the reservation.

There are only three churches on this reservation, and there is room for several more since the villages are so far apart. The Papago people do a beautiful job of weaving many varieties of baskets.

The Maricopas and the Pimas are on smaller reservations in the valley around Phoenix. Many of them work in homes or factories in the cities of the valley. They have small plots of land and either work it or lease it out to farmers.

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The first Navajo (hogan) church at Tuba City, Ariz. The congregation now worships in a portable tabernacle.



The 1961 student body of the All Tribes Bible School in Phoenix, Ariz. Nine tribes are represented in the school.



First graduates of the Bible school are Lilly Irving (Apache), Juanita Miguel (Pima), and Mary Wallan (Chippewa).

We have four churches for these people. The oldest church in the valley is the All Tribes Church in Phoenix. There were seven tribes represented when it was dedicated, and ten tribes were represented at a water baptismal service.

The large government hospital and the school in Phoenix are what bring so many tribes together here. Many of them come to church and get saved. The All Tribes Bible School has been operated by and in this church for the past four years.

If present plans work out, the National Home Missions Department and the district will assume the responsibility of the school's operation and train these young Indians. There is a

real need for making such training available to the Indian people. We ask our friends to pray with us for this work.

We have a church at Parker for the Mojaves and one at Guadalupe for the Yaquis. There are several smaller reservations where we do not have churches. The Lord has blessed us with some fine workers from other districts. We are glad for their help, for the work is large and growing rapidly. These workers have been a great blessing to our other dedicated missionaries to Indians as well as a blessing to the churches where they either pastor or assist the missionary-pastors.

(To be continued)



Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Taracido, Cuban refugees, with their children (left to right), Jorge, Jose, Olga, and Frank, are happy to be in the States and located in Springfield, Mo.



Ruth Lyon interviews Mr. Taracido with Ben Mercado (left), interpreting. Maxine Richardson (right), former missionary to Cuba, now in the Spanish Literature Dept.

A Cuban refugee family builds a new life among Christian friends in America.

The Stranger Within Our Gates

By RUTH LYON

"THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT EXHIBITED by the American people has made up for the bitterness of exile in a strange land," Francisco M. Taracido, Cuban refugee, told us in an interview which Ben Mercado interpreted. (Mr. Mercado, Spanish teacher at Central Bible Institute and Drury College in Springfield, Mo., translates and adapts for the Spanish Literature Department of the Assemblies of God the English Adult Teacher's quarterly and Adult Student's quarterly.)

Mr. Taracido and his family recently moved to Springfield, Mo., from Miami, Fla. He is presently employed in the Spanish Literature Department, assisting with the translating and proofreading.

In a town near Havana, Cuba, Mr. Taracido was a lawyer in the judicial branch of the government. "District attorney" would most nearly describe in English his position. He received his law degree in 1942 from Havana University. His hobby is photography and he made documentary films for different companies in Cuba.

Three of the Taracido children

(Frank, Jorge, and Jose, ages twelve, ten, and eight respectively) preceded their parents to the United States. They came to New York to Mr. Taracido's sister's home. They wore tags to identify them, since they knew no English.

Mr. Taracido decided to send the children to the United States because the Cuban government was trying to indoctrinate them with communistic ideas. His mother and some other relatives are still in Cuba. His wife Olga and four-year-old daughter Olga Teresa soon followed the boys to America. The family lived in New York until Mr. Taracido joined them; then they moved to Miami, Fla.

Mr. Taracido had difficulty obtaining a release from his position in the government but his passport was finally issued after being withheld for five months. He came to the States by air last December.

"I felt very happy when the pilot told us we were now out of the jurisdictional boundaries of Cuba," Mr. Taracido confided. "How wonderful it was to know we could now talk and think freely."

Upon arrival in Miami, the Tara-

cidios received substantial help with a gift of one hundred dollars and some food from the government center. The government center attempts to lead the refugees into the churches of their faith. Every week these churches supply them with food and clothing, and the Taracidos are grateful for the assistance they received from their church group.

Desirous of establishing a permanent residence so he could work, Mr. Taracido wrote the Presbyterian Church Board in New York City. They promised he would soon be resettled. The family came to Springfield, Mo., under the sponsorship of United Church Women. They are an evangelical Christian family of the Presbyterian faith and their relocation is an interdenominational effort.

The *Springfield Leader and Press* carried a news story on the Taracidos on their arrival in Springfield in February, from which we quote:

"The Taracidos carried all their possessions in their hand luggage. When the family arrived... after an all-day plane trip from Miami, Fla., Taracido paused at the airport and asked in Spanish if he could offer a prayer of thanksgiving. There he thanked God for a safe journey to freedom, a new home, and new friends."

Kind friends of the Springfield women's group served the tired family refreshments in the comfortable apartment which had been prepared for them. Several business firms are helping supply necessities for the family. A dairy gave milk to the refugees for a month. A bakery is giving bread

and pastries. Other organizations also have helped the refugee family.

The Taracidos are quick to express their pleasure in being privileged to live among people who are so kind. Although he is engaged in work that is new to him, Mr. Taracido says, "I feel I am among friends and this helps greatly." The language barrier is the greatest obstacle, but for a person who started learning English only two months ago he does surprisingly well.

The Taracido children have gained weight and are happily and quickly adjusting to life in the States. They enjoy school and like to play with neighborhood children.

Mr. Taracido plans to return to Cuba when circumstances become normal again, for, he says, "Cuba will need Christian people."

The National Home Missions Department, through the contributions of churches and friends who care about the "strangers within our gates," has

been able to help the Assemblies of God Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami to continue operation. Kathleen Belknap, former missionary to Cuba, is the only American on the Center's staff at present, although Gabriel Caride, pastor of the Cuban Chapel, does interviewing part time. His wife Micaela helps in the clothes room.

More workers and more financial support are greatly needed for this worthy work. Bedding, towels, and clothing, including shoes (men's shoes should be in medium and small sizes), should be shipped by freight (truck or railroad) postpaid. Send packages to Miss Kathleen Balknap, Evangelical Refugee Center, 1661 West Flagler Street, Miami, Fla. Mark on packages: "Deliver before 1 P.M."

Cash offerings may be sent direct to the National Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Missionary credit will be given for *all offerings* for the Center received by the Department. "

PERSPECTIVE

SITES FOR SOULS

BY R. L. BRANDT
NATIONAL SECRETARY OF HOME MISSIONS

SUITABLE SITES ARE AS IMPORTANT TO pioneer churches as they are to modern shopping centers. To build a pioneer church in an out-of-the-way, not-easily-accessible place is to fight almost impossible odds.

Serious thought should be given to this matter. Why did Jesus say, "The children of the world are in their generation wiser than the children of light?" Why does modern business place a premium on location while the pioneer church settles for whatever is available cheap?

There are reasons: mistaken concepts, shortsightedness, limited funds. But dare we, with so much at stake, allow these reasons to hamstring us? Would it not be wiser to face the problem head-on and find a solution than to concede defeat without lifting a hand?

In most places where new churches are needed, suitable sites can be found. The tragedy is that we don't seek them out and buy when prices are lowest—when the cows are still in the pasture, as someone advised.

But to buy takes money, and of this we are always short. One million dollars annually would not be too much. This would pay for two hundred sites at an average cost of \$5,000.

Are there any hopes that a "Site for Souls" fund will ever be developed to meet the need? Is it possible that millions could become available, or is it idle dreaming to even think of it?

Consider this. If every Assemblies of God constituent were to give only one dollar per year, in two years' time this would total one million dollars. Surely we have the potential. All we need is the vision and determination to act.

At the moment no plan has been devised and no fund established—at least on the national level. The purpose of this article is to focus attention on the need and to solicit the reader's prayerful concern. Will you unite your prayers with ours in this interest? "



Ralph Montanus, president of the Gospel Association of the Blind, leads a congregation in singing.

The Blind Minister to the Blind

MANY PERSONS, WHO HAVE BEEN plunged into a world of darkness, do not allow the handicap of blindness to hinder them from ministering to others.

Ralph Montanus, founder and president of the Gospel Association of the Blind, entered the world of the Blind in 1944. He was a Bible school graduate and young evangelist at the time. The threat of blindness had hung over

Montanus since childhood. When complete blindness struck, he was radioing the gospel on a small station. A pall of gloom settled over his mind as darkness shrouded his eyes.

Soon after, Montanus studied Braille with many others at a local agency. During a recess he felt a tug on his sleeve. A third person explained the tugs had come from a blind, deaf, (Continued on page twenty-one)

ITINERARIES

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

C. M. Ward

May 1: HILL CITY, KANS.—Christ's Ambassadors' banquet and *Revivaltime* rally.

May 2: LEXINGTON, NEBR.—Camp grounds, District *Revivaltime* rally.

May 4: ADRIAN, MO.—Clinton section, *Revivaltime* rally.

May 8-11: HAMPTON, VA.

May 15-17: NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Soul-Saving Station, Christ Crusaders of America, Inc.

May 18-19: LOUISTAN, ME.—Northern New England District Christ's Ambassadors convention.

May 29-31: SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Bible Institute, Apostolic Emphasis for students and ministers.

D. V. Hurst

May 15: SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Peace Chapel, fellowship meeting.

May 20-27: CAMP HILL, PA.—*Revivaltime* tour.

Stanley Michael

May 6-20: ELIZABETH, N. J.—Tour of New Jersey District.

May 25-June 22: Accompanying *Revivaltime* choir on summer tour.

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Persons who are planning to visit the Springfield area during May are invited to attend a *Revivaltime* broadcast service. *Revivaltime* will be originating from the Assemblies of God headquarters' auditorium each Sunday night in May. The pre-broadcast rally opens at 9:15 P.M., and the service goes on the air at 9:30.

Recorded Revivaltime Services Are Great Blessing Overseas

BECAUSE OUR MISSIONARIES APPRECIATE so greatly the ministry of *Revivaltime*, they often secure tapes of the broadcast to replay. These tapes are used both at special services and for ministry to the national workers in foreign lands.

Vernon Pettenger, missionary in South Africa, reports:

"I wish you could have seen the crowd of 1,300 at our Christmas convention at Sharpeville listening to the three *Revivaltime* tapes. The tapes were also played over and over again between the services as crowds gathered around the recorder.

"Many of these people at the convention were converts saved in recent meetings in various parts of South



Superintendent J. K. Gressett presented C. M. Ward a plaque which commemorates his being speaker at four of the seven mid-winter camp meetings.

Return Meetings With C. M. Ward Bring Great Spiritual Blessing

ARIZONA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT J. K. Gressett reports that the mid-winter camp meeting, with C. M. Ward as evangelist, enjoyed "ten days of spiritual blessing, and the altars were filled with seekers, many of whom were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Arizona mid-winter camp meeting January 30 to February 9 was conducted in Phoenix in connection with the twenty-third annual district council. This was the fourth time in seven years that C. M. Ward was speaker. He ministered daily in the morning and evening services.

A large number of visitors from several states and Canada attended and were blessed at the camp. Several musical ensembles added to the pro-

gram of the services. The council voted to ask Brother Ward to return in two years, should the Lord tarry.

Each year C. M. Ward speaks at rallies, youth conventions, camps, revivals, fellowship meetings, and many other special services in the United States and abroad. An unusual event for which he spoke last January 12 was the twenty-fifth annual banquet of the Pentecostal Young People's Fellowship of Chicago. This marked the sixth time Brother Ward was speaker for this annual event. The Pentecostal Young People's Fellowship of Chicago was started in 1922, although it did not become established until the 1930's. It now has an active, well-organized program.

The forceful, Biblical preaching and dynamic speaking which brings Evangelist C. M. Ward many return-preaching engagements is the same heard each week by a radio audience estimated at some twelve million listeners. C. M. Ward's ministry on *Revivaltime* has stirred the hearts of thousands who have knelt beside their radio to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. Many others have been encouraged in their faith and have received healing from the Lord.

The faithful support of the friends of *Revivaltime* is necessary to maintain this effective world-wide full-gospel broadcast service. Your letters and offerings should be sent to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.



C. M. Ward spoke at 25th annual banquet of the Pentecostal Young People's Fellowship of Chicago. M. Ronald Natale with wife (right), is president of Pentecostal Young People's Fellowship.

Africa. They have returned to their homes to tell many others what they heard on the tapes.

"We also received the bundle of printed sermons. Our African preachers almost eat them up. The only trouble is that we do not have enough copies. The preachers who did not get any are coming now to me and saying, 'What about me?'"

The ministry of each *Revivaltime* broadcast service is multiplied many times through the tapes which are re-played in many places around the world.

BLIND MINISTER TO THE BLIND

(Continued from page nineteen)

and dumb man who wanted to "talk." The triple-handicapped man spelled out words with his finger in Ralph's hand. "I might as well be dead," he stated. "No one cares to bother with me." Ralph knew of Someone who did care. Letter by letter he spelled out in the man's hand the story of the Friend who had transformed his own life.

This experience caused Ralph Montanus and his wife Bea to enter the ministry to the Blind which has become so dear to them. They founded the Gospel Association of the Blind which is instrumental in providing Braille gospel literature for blind persons around the world. They also minister to thousands of blind persons each week in person and through means of radio.

William Jackson, blind missionary from England to the Blind in Burma, lost his sight at the age of two. At the age of eleven he went to the Royal Normal College for the Blind in Eng-



The Fred Sweeneys, blind Christians, and William Gockley (left), prepare gospel tapes for the Blind.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Compiled by Don Mallough
from the files of the *Pentecostal Evangel*

35 Years Ago

The southern California Bible Institute has just bought a school and seventeen-acre campus in PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, according to **Arthur Frodsham**, a member of the board. . . . Pastor **Louis F. Turnbull** of Bethel Temple, LOS ANGELES, reports a refreshing revival with **Samuel Swanson**. . . . **Jesse Z. Kamerer** has been appointed manager of the Gospel Publishing House, succeeding **J. R. Evans**. . . . Elder **D. W. Call** has just been called to his eternal reward. . . . Evangelist **H. J. Ketner** conducted very successful meetings in a pioneer field at BIG SPRING, NEBRASKA. . . . **A. A. Wilson**, chairman of the Southern Missouri District Council, announces its thirteenth annual meeting will be held in WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI. . . . A new church with a large seating capacity has been constructed in SALEM, OREGON, according to **Frank Gray**, district chairman. **H. Hanson** is the pastor. . . . The Full Gospel Church in OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, has installed a broadcasting plant. It will be called KGFG and will operate on the wave length of 384 meters.

25 Years Ago

W. R. Cooper is the new pastor in LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA. . . . **Lester Sumrall** has just returned from a trip around the world. . . . **Albert A. Howell** has established a new church in POPLAR, MONTANA. . . . **James E. Hamill** has resigned as pastor in HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, to serve as an evangelist. . . . **Harvey McAlister** has recently held meetings in SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, where **E. C. Sumrall** is pastor. . . . **S. H. Robertson** has resigned as pastor in TUCSON, ARIZONA. . . . Evangelist **L. H. Sheets** of STERLING, COLORADO, has concluded meetings in JEWELL, KANSAS, where **Elvin E. Kleppinger** is pastor.

land. This brilliant student participated in many school activities, including the debating society's program and literary programs. His mother, father, and eight brothers and sisters were very proud of him. "He can be a lawyer as I am," stated his father. God however had different plans for his life.

William enjoyed reading his Braille Bible and it had a great effect upon his life. One day he announced calmly, "I am not going to be a lawyer. I am going to be a preacher."

After ministering for some time in England, William heard of the great need of the Blind in Burma. W. C. B. Purser, missionary to Burma, married William's sister. "This will interest you, William," Mr. Purser said. "In Burma there are 25,000 blind people. Nothing much is done for them. I have started a school for a few blind boys at Kemendine—"but he broke off suddenly and his voice trembled. "I just haven't the time for all that I must do," he sighed.

William felt that he must go to Burma. He was appointed superin-

tendent of the Kemendine School with its eighty pupils, although many sighted persons questioned how a blind man could attempt such a task. At the end of ten years, however, Kemendine was a large school with many buildings—and pupils who taught, preached, and worked.

The Fred Sweeneys, faithful blind members of the Janesville, Wis., Assembly of God, spend many hours each week in preparing gospel tapes for other blind persons around the world. These tapes are provided entirely through contributions of friends to the National Home Missions Department.

Perhaps you cannot minister personally to the twenty million blind people in the world, but you can pray that they will soon hear the gospel. Contributions sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo., to be used in this ministry should be clearly designated for BLIND MINISTRY.

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New church at Jericho in the mountains of Haiti. Jean-Jacques Pascal, Pastor.



Haitian converts in front of church at Jericho. Pastor J. J. Pascal in front.



Chapel at Petit-Goave, Haiti, under construction by Jean-Jacques Pascal.

Speed-the-Light on Four Wheels and Four Hoofs

By JOHN F. HALL

NO OTHER VEHICLE IN ALL THE world's history had ever climbed that mountainside, but the R-R-R-KEK-B-R-R-R of the Speed-the-Light Scout Jeep reassured us it was grinding along in four-wheel drive—compound low-gear—over the big rocks, roots and stumps, through gravel and loose dirt.

The brand new "road" had been made by fifty eager-beaver Haitian Christians led by an aggressive, Spirit-filled Haitian preacher, Jean-Jacques Pascal, who had had the joy of seeing a revival among these mountain folks.

Veteran of many years of this spine-shaking driving was our Assembly of God missionary, Homer Specter. For added weight, to give traction to the big tread on the tires, the enclosed back of the jeep was filled with elated Haitian children. Some had never been in a car before!

In the closed cab our ears rang with their shrill voices as they sang Christian songs at the top of their lungs, first in French and then in Creole, their native language. Our hearts sang, too, seeing these children influenced with a knowledge of Christ, unknown for centuries to their enslaved grandparents who had been brought in the holds of great sailing vessels from West Africa.

At times in the front seat I had to use both my hands and both feet—all spread to a four-point support—as the jeep swayed and bounced over the rocks. The children, packed like sardines, didn't have to worry

In this article John F. Hall, Assemblies of God missionary to West Africa, describes a visit he made to Haiti while on furlough.

about support. They never missed a verse.

Following within close range was the happy Haitian preacher on his shaggy Speed-the-Light horse. The panting, sweat-soaked mount was visibly glad when he came to our final stop.

We decided to walk the last stretch rather than risk rolling into the gully below. The 45 degree angle of the mountain road, the loose dirt, stones and gravel helped clinch that decision. We remembered, too, that some years before Homer and Bob Turnbull had rolled over in a big jeep!

A long line of happy Christians of all ages trudged upward, single file over the serpentine trail, the last half mile to where stood a brand-new, Haitian-style church. It's new corrugated-iron roof, the bright green-tinted stones painted in red, and the strings of gay cutout pennants converging from nearby trees and flapping in the mountain breeze reminded us of an American secondhand car lot.

The interior had been freshly white-washed and decorated with tiny palm branches tipped with gold foil and interspersed with a foxtail mountain flower. In a conspicuous place on the back wall were two larger palm branches in V-shape, between which were the cutout letters in gold foil, "Well Come Brothers," while in two other places hung homemade wooden spears with banners. French Scripture verses had been labeled by hand in varicolored ink.

Christians crowded the benches which Brother Jean-Jacques Pascal

had made from hand-sawn lumber. As he stood now behind the pulpit (an old school seat set up on end with a box across the V-end to serve as a bookrest), that vivacious preacher had to be careful not to fall into the new baptistry which occupied half of the platform. He explained that they had hoped for a baptismal service but it was so far to carry water up the mountainside and water was scarce from lack of rainfall. In addition, he said he was feverish from malaria and would prefer not being in cold water. They were hoping that their "Big Chief," Brother Hodges, would be there a month later for the baptismal service.

They requested me to speak and sing in an African language. We had the audience repeat in unison John 3:16 in French, and then I gave it in the Hausa, Gourma, and Mossi languages. Handclapping showed their delight. They listened intently as I sang several Mossi-music gospel songs for them in the minor key which doubtless stirred ancient, deep-rooted, hidden chords inherited from their West African ancestry.

I preached in French on "Proofs that Jesus is the Son of God," and the effervescent preacher turned it into his forceful vivid Creole—those who understood both languages heard the message twice. It was at the close of the lively benediction, punctuated with many "amen's," that he remembered the offering! Two men went through the sardine-packed audience with songbooks on which the offering was laid. Some picked out change for a larger denomination coin which they laid there.

We were requested to stand by the

platform for handshakes, and many grimy hands clasped ours as eager faces expressed thanks to Brother Specter and me. Then we ate our lunches together in the mud-and-wattle, thatched-roof hut nearby. The preacher added delicious tree-ripened bananas to the American-style sandwiches which Sister Specter had thoughtfully prepared for us.

It was time for the return trip down the hazardous mountainside, and the beaming preacher and several men converts packed in with us. This time the children walked, and a young fellow rode the Speed-the-Light horse down.

At one river crossing we found the immense baobab tree—the scene of Voodoo rites for generations—fallen like a mighty Dagon into the stream bed. Farther on we saw two Haitian men burning candles in the niches of a Voodoo shrine built of cement, as a memorial to a Voodoo priest whom they had feared and venerated.

Our weariness made the return trip seem worse. At one stretch we all leaned as far as we could to the upside of the jeep to shift the center of gravity, and a sigh of relief and laughter, generated by fear, came from all of us as we leveled off. At last we were down to the main mountain road for the return trip to Port-au-Prince, sixty miles away.

Here the jeep continued to bump, sway, bounce, and slough through stony stream beds. We dodged people, cows, dogs, chickens, razor-back hogs, pack-animals, and yokes of oxen pulling immense sugar-cane carts; we stopped at sentry police posts to report and finally rolled up to the Specters' house.

Thank God for making possible such a vigorous and historic day! What but Speed-the-Light could have provided us with such thrills and opportunities? ❧

Laughter and Tears

(Continued from page five)

Laban. There is nothing further said of Rebekah in the story—it looks as if she did not live to see her favorite son again. She drank a bitter cup for her folly and wickedness.

We leave Isaac "trembling very exceedingly," perhaps at the realization that God had triumphed—even in the



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midst of human weakness and wickedness. Isaac had tried to outwit the Almighty; he *thought* he had been blessing Esau but all the while it had been Jacob. And in that hour he was compelled to worship and give glory to the God of his father, Abraham. The schemes of the years were in ruins all around him, but he came back to the early faith that accepted the divine will without further questioning.

The very brevity of the allusion in Hebrews 11:20, infers that the life and character of Isaac contributed little more than a passive link in the chain of the divine purpose that united grander personalities in the life of faith. But Isaac *did* fulfill that place in the plan of God and the one feature that ensured this was his faith.

Faith is a sturdy plant when sown in such a family soil as Isaac sprang from. Moreover, Isaac himself continually watered it by his constant altars of worship and thankfulness and his habit of quiet meditation. In the end and in the midst of the final crash of his home and family life into irremediable ruin, Isaac's faith leaped out and grasped GOD. In that dark hour when his nearest and dearest failed him and when he must have seen the utter failure of his own heart, Isaac's faith saved him from despair

and touched the sublime. It is a part of the distinctive glory of true faith that it brightens such hours and snatches something of eternal value from the wreck of all human hopes and affections.

Isaac thanked God for "things to come," when the grace of God would wrest a victory out of all human frailty. And he lived to see better things coming. He saw the grace of forgiveness come into the hot heart of Esau. We hope he and Rebekah were spared long enough to each other for all to be forgiven and the old love somewhat restored. At long last, too, a deeply changed Jacob, regenerated through his tremendous spiritual experience at Peniel, came back to his old father still waiting at Hebron.

After a little while Isaac was then "gathered unto his people," and was affectionately buried by Esau and Jacob, themselves now fully reconciled.

At eventide there had come light, and if the laughter never came back we can at least be sure that the tears were dried. In the words of one of his descendants uttered centuries later, it may be that Isaac himself murmured at the end, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." ❧



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

BGMC BLESSES THE WORLD

AT THE CLOSE OF EVERY FISCAL YEAR we have an opportunity to evaluate a special missionary program and to be grateful again for it. I am speaking of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. Since its inception in 1949 BGMC has furnished the staggering sum of \$899,914.84 for literature to the mission fields.

Every conceivable form of evangelism has been aided by this literature program. Large allotments go regularly to existing printing operations overseas. Correspondence courses, regular Sunday school literature of all kinds, follow-up literature for radio broadcasts, and subsidies to book-rooms—as well as multiplied other worthwhile ventures—are supported by the boys and girls of our American Assemblies.

For the past several years sizeable single appropriations have been made to the American Bible Society. This very worthwhile organization which constantly works at Bible production and distribution—and stands first in its field—is certainly worthy of all the assistance BGMC gives it.

The Foreign Missions Department has sought to maintain a balanced emphasis. While we believe that literature is one of the mighty forces for world evangelism today, we do not believe that it alone can accomplish the task. We do feel that we have not adequately evangelized until a church is born. Neither literature nor radio, without the personal ministry of a missionary, can adequately start a church. For this reason the ministry of God-appointed people, as far as we are concerned, stands high in the priority of missionary advance. Teaching them to “observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” can hardly be done unless there is a resident witness—either a believer or a group of believers. But the witness is made more effective through the ministry of BGMC.



Pastor Kenneth R. Schmidt (left) receives a check from Verle A. Sutton, treasurer of First Assembly in Grand Junction, Colo., while Ralph G. Botkin, church secretary, smiles in approval. The money will be used to underwrite an evangelistic campaign in a home missions church. (Photo by Jack Young)

8,273 Evangelistic Centers Needed

By KENNETH R. SCHMIDT

Pastor, First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colorado

I AM PERSUADED THAT GOD WANTS EVERY ONE OF OUR 8,273 ASSEMBLIES of God churches in the U.S. to be an evangelistic center. I am persuaded also that if any group of believers will let God burden them with a compassion for souls they will see men and women kneeling and accepting Christ as their Saviour every Sunday night.

Can you not picture that lonely Figure picking His way along the rocky path that led around the Sea of Tiberias nearly two thousand years ago. And can you not hear Him as He meets two fishermen casting their nets into the sea and speaks to them, saying, “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). These words were engraved in the very foundation of Christ’s Church. His disciples are called to be fishers of men, and if we follow Christ He will make us into soul winners.

If we are not winning souls today it is because we are not following His steps.

If it is true that less than two per cent of the population—one out of fifty—attends church on Sunday night, think what a responsibility rests upon Spirit-filled churches to rekindle the fires of evangelism in America. I remember how God dealt with me a number of years ago about this matter. I had accepted the pulpit of a church that had a very small attendance on Sunday nights. I tried every kind of program to build that Sunday night service. I even railed at the congregation to bring out guests. Then one day the Lord set my own heart on fire with evangelism. He made real to me the fact that “He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” He showed me that if I would preach to the lost with compassion on Sunday nights there would be souls saved. My Sunday night crowds grew! Often I was moved to tears as I preached. I found then, as I find now, that when we have compassion for the lost we can win them to Christ. Only last Sunday night the altar was filled with loved ones being prayed through to salvation.

Many churches today stand in need of a “transfusion of evangelism.” They need a re-emphasis on soul winning or they will deteriorate and become dying embers of yesterday’s fire.

May God give all of us an “evangelistic heart,” and may He grant that every Assemblies of God church—be it old or young, large or small—shall be an evangelistic center where angels sing for joy over repenting sinners.

BRITISH HONDURAS

BRITISH HONDURAS IS A NARROW strip of land in Central America bound on the north by the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and on the west and south by Guatemala. Its coastline is somewhat sheltered from the rough seas of the Caribbean by an almost continuous line of coral reefs which lie offshore from ten to forty miles. British Honduras has an area of 8,867 square miles and a population of only 88,000—the smallest country in the New World.

Ninety per cent of the land is covered with jungle forests entwined with giant creepers that can only be penetrated with the aid of *machetes*. Until recent years the country's numerous rivers provided the only means of travel and communication with the interior.

The fear of hurricanes is ever-present. Several towns were destroyed in 1955 by Hurricane Janet. On October 31, 1961, three-fourths of the capital city, Belize, was devastated by Hurricane Hattie. This city of 31,000 inhabitants, located at the mouth of the Belize River, was built on low-lying reclaimed land, only one foot above sea level. Houses were constructed of timber and raised on piles

about seven feet above the ground.

The Russell Schirmans, who were resident in Belize when Hurricane Hattie hit the city, reported, "For over twelve hours we found shelter in one of the classrooms of a strong cement school building while wind, rain, and fifteen to twenty-foot waves raged over the city. It was in truth a night of horror and we were thankful for God's protection. Many Christians lost their homes but thanked God for sparing their lives.

"The government has planned to relocate the city in the country's interior but many Belizeans love this coastal location and refuse to leave. Repairing and rebuilding goes on apace and the town is fast resembling pre-hurricane Belize."

Products of the forests are the country's main exports and include: mahogany, cedar, pine, and chicle from the sapodilla trees. Bananas and citrus fruits are also cultivated for export. Although many sections of the country are suitable for farming, agriculture is still in its infancy. Fishing is an important industry along the reefs.

Little is known of the pre-colonial history of British Honduras. Its colonial history began when a party of



shipwrecked British sailors landed on the present site of Belize in 1638. These men were joined by other British settlers from Jamaica and the colonies they founded became permanent. Spanish marauders from neighboring territories harassed these British colonists until the decisive battle of St. George's Bay on September 10, 1798. The Colony has an appointed British Governor.

Racial classification of the colony's 88,000 inhabitants is difficult. The bloods of Spanish, French, Dutch, and English adventurers of early colonial days have mingled with that of Carib and Maya Indians, and Negroes from Jamaica. English is the official language. Other languages in use are Spanish, Carib, and Maya. Spanish predominates in the northern section of the colony.

Roman Catholic influence is strong. This church operates good schools and claims more than one-half of the population as its adherents.

Protestant missionary activities were
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BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTO



British Honduras is a Negro republic on the coast of Central America.



Delegates to the recent Assemblies of God conference in Belize, British Honduras.



The Lucky Strike Assembly—one of the few churches not damaged by the recent hurricane.

started by the Anglican Church for the spiritual welfare of British settlers soon after the colony was founded. Early in the nineteenth century English Methodists and Plymouth Brethren began their work among the Indians and Negroes. It was nearly a century later that a number of American societies sent missionaries to British Honduras.

Two workers from Jamaica took the Pentecostal message to British Honduras in 1946. They held street meetings and cottage prayer meetings in Belize and within a short time established a sizeable congregation. They also evangelized in other sections of the country. It was in 1951 that Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Clifford, former Assemblies of God missionaries to India and Ceylon, were appointed to supervise the new congregations.

Plans for making the work indigenous were formulated in 1956 when Ralph D. Williams, then Field Superintendent of Central America, visited the field. A church conference was organized at that time, an action which placed the responsibility of the work in greater measure upon the Assemblies in British Honduras.

Soon after their arrival in the colony, the Walter Cliffords recognized the importance of training workers for the task of evangelism. Seven students formed the first class in the new Bible institute. Approximately ten students are enrolled each year. Throughout their period of training, students receive practical experience in Christian ministry under the guidance of our missionaries. They hold weekly services in the old peoples' home and the tuberculosis sanitarium, have charge of a branch Sunday

school, and conduct revival services in Belize.

The congregation in Belize has outgrown its rented quarters and construction of a new building has begun. This will house the church and its Sunday school, besides the Bible institute and an elementary school with eighty students enrolled.

Areas beyond the capital city are also being reached with the gospel. One worker is pastoring a congregation in Stann Creek, thirty miles by water and one hundred miles by road from Belize. The Stann Creek church building was destroyed by Hurricane Hattie. As the minister stepped out of the church door in answer to a child's call, the building collapsed behind him. Services are being conducted out-of-doors until funds for rebuilding become available. A church was recently established in Hopkins, nine miles down the coast from Stann Creek.

There has been encouraging response to the gospel in the Lucky Strike area. Two new Sunday schools have been opened. The Lucky Strike church was not damaged by the hurricane. Citrus Valley has a growing congregation with a promising young worker in charge. A Spanish-speaking pastor is in charge of the work in Corozal at the northern border of the colony. Their small building escaped hurricane damage and the services are well attended.

Mrs. Russell Schirman has introduced the Women's Missionary Council program and the women take great interest in this opportunity to serve.

Education is an area of great need in British Honduras. Because the government does not provide public

schools for the British Hondurans, secular school work becomes the responsibility of the various missionary societies. Each group must provide for its own constituency or lose its members to other churches. The children of some Pentecostal believers have been forced to attend other churches or forfeit their opportunity for an education. Presently the Assemblies of God is conducting only two schools, one in Belize and the other in the Stann Creek area. Due to lack of funds the facilities are inadequate. If these were improved a government grant in aid could be obtained and the cost of maintenance greatly reduced.

What has already been accomplished in British Honduras has not been the achievement of one person, but represents the consecrated labor of many Assemblies of God missionaries. Among those who have rendered service, besides the Walter Cliffords, are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Spence, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Harer, Violet Wilcox, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schirman. The Schirmans, former missionaries to French West Africa, are presently our only representatives in the colony. Theirs is the task of helping re-establish the work of the Assemblies of God of British Honduras after the hurricane disaster.

Opportunities for evangelism are found not only in the coastal towns but in countless small villages which line the banks of the colony's rivers. New areas will be evangelized only as more trained national workers become available. If the work is to be lasting it must have its roots deep in the native soil. —Christine Carmichael

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Cuba

Short Term Bible Studies Conducted

Missionary Floyd Woodworth and national Pastor Pedro Vasquez conducted a study course at the Assembly in Holguin, Cuba. Pastor Vasquez taught the Book of Revelation and Brother Woodworth conducted a study of the first fourteen chapters of the Gospel of John, courses on Introduction to Doctrine, Introduction to Homiletics, and a study on the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Total enrollment in the course was thirty-four. Sixteen students from out of town were given free board and lodging by the members of the church for the two-week course.

Malaya

Ipoh Assembly Continues to Grow

About sixty people have been baptized in the Holy Spirit at the

Ipoh, Malaya, Assembly since it was opened about two years ago, according to Missionary Lula Baird.

In a recent revival conducted by Elisha Chow and James Lamb of Hong Kong, eight were filled with the Holy Spirit and two were saved.

Brazil

Decisions Recorded in Revivals

Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Mayo of Atlanta, Ga., visited the Brazilian cities of Rio de Janeiro, Lavros, Varginha, and Sao Paulo. In Rio de Janeiro they ministered at the Sao Cristovao church and spoke at a youth rally in a downtown theater. Twelve responded for salvation. The evangelists ministered to an audience of 1,200 at the Madureira church where fifteen made decisions for Christ, among them two Indians from near Brasilia, new capital of Brazil.



Indians from Brasilia (center) attended the recent Mayo meetings. Missionary Lawrence Olson and family at left.

Colombia

Veteran Missionary Speaks at Annual Council

At the annual council of the Assemblies of God of Colombia, the following officers were elected for 1962: Verlin E. Stewart, superintendent; Paul G. Cunningham, vice-superintendent; Octavio Moreno, secretary; Norman Campbell, treasurer; and Juan Tapia, counselor.

The Council convened January 8-11 at Cali, Colombia, with veteran missionary Ralph D. Williams as council speaker. Brother Williams is currently ministering in Venezuela after many years of service in Central America.

India

Evangelism Via Correspondence

A one-column, two-inch ad in a Tamil newspaper in Bangalore, India, brought 1,265 replies in one week! The second week 202 more answers were received, reports Missionary Kenneth Weigel. The ad announced the Highlights Bible Study Course prepared by the Home Study Division of the Southern Asia Bible Institute.

Evangelism correspondence courses prepared by the Home Study Division, now available in five languages of India, are being studied by 3,060 students in all parts of the republic.

Ghana

Convention Inspires Evangelism

Two days of prayer and fasting opened a New Year's convention in the Bimoba area, Northern Ghana. Speaker for the convention was Pastor Joseph of the

Accra Assembly in Southern Ghana. People sought the Lord for salvation at every service and several were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The WMC's dedicated themselves to do more work, and after the convention they, along with a number of C.A.'s, walked to neighboring villages for evangelism. Twenty new converts have been baptized in water as a result of their work.



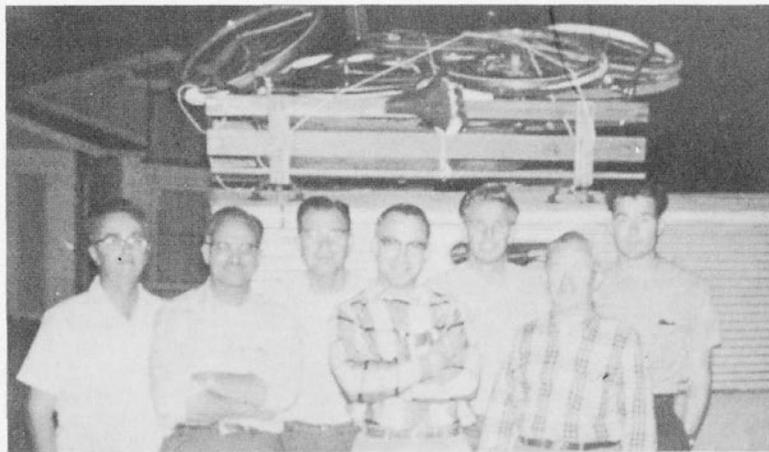
Buddhist monks attended the Bob Hoskins meeting in Rangoon, Burma.

Burma

Monastery Opens to Gospel Message

Evangelist Bob Hoskins reports a successful revival has been conducted at University Dome in Rangoon, Burma. On the last night of the meetings, 127 people responded to the invitation for salvation. Buddhist monks, business and professional people, and hundreds of students were among those attending the services.

The monk who heads Rangoon's largest monastery invited Brother Hoskins to have services at the monastery. Brother Hoskins reports a great hunger for the true gospel among these men.



Arizona ministers visited four Central American fields. Left to right: Chris Staudt, D. E. Gribbling, John Owen, William Stowell, Wayne Jones, Clarence Norman and Leroy Cloud.

Central America

Arizona Ministers Visit Central American Fields

Seven ministers from the Arizona District toured the Latin American countries of Honduras, British Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. They took with them seven Speed-the-Light bicycles contributed by the C.A.'s of Glendale Assembly of God, Glendale, Ariz., which they left on the mission field.

Learning of a need for additional beds at the Bible school in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras, the ministers made forty beds for the school, thereby doubling the dormitory space.

As they drove through the various countries south of the border, the men distributed gospel literature.

Revival was witnessed in several places as the men ministered the Word of God.

Home Front Highlights

Glimpses of Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department

DEAF MINISTRY

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Eugenia Louise, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz., joined the Eugene Meador family February 15. The Meadors are ministers to the Deaf in Oklahoma City.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Two new doors of ministry have opened for Shirley Kenslow, minister to the Deaf at Central Assembly in Tulsa. She presents "Moments of Meditation" in the sign language for five minutes each Sunday morning and evening on TV Station KTUL—Channel 8. She has also been granted permission to present religious services for the children and young people in the Oklahoma State School for the Deaf in Sulphur Springs. More than twenty-five children and young people accepted Christ as Saviour in the January service.

Ferndale, Michigan

The deaf group at Ferndale, Mich., Assembly of God joined with the hearing congregation on March 4 for a water baptismal service. Six deaf persons from Pontiac, Detroit, and Ferndale were baptized. The Lord is blessing the ministry of Bill and Joyce Bingham in this area.

Sedalia, Missouri

Rebecca Lynn was born on February 19 to Tom and Barbara Goulder, ministers to the Deaf in Sedalia. She weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz.

Riverside, California

Beatrice Berry, minister to the Deaf, and the deaf group at La Cadena Assembly of God are thankful that it is now possible for them to purchase their own property. They are getting an excellent place worth \$30,000 for only \$22,000, with only \$1,000 down required. The deaf people have pledged more than enough for the monthly payments.

FBI STATISTICS

Washington, D.C.

The latest Uniform Crime Report by the FBI indicates preliminary crime figures for the calendar year 1961, as reported by American cities with over 25,000 population, revealed a 2 per cent crime increase over 1960...

"Arrests of young persons under 18 for all types of criminal acts continued to climb, recording

a 3 per cent nationwide increase over 1960...

"Although the crime trends and the arrest trends are less sharp than a year ago, it should be kept in mind that these increases, even though appearing to be moderate, were registered on top of the crime peak in 1960."

LITERATURE

Evangelists Wanted

Mrs. Tom Davis, 1111 Peggy Avenue, Campbell, Calif., would like to receive backdated copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* for distribution to prisoners in city and county jails and on skidrow in San Jose and San Francisco.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Hogansburg, New York

Andrew and Lillian Maracle (and their five sons) have welcomed another baby boy, David Robert, into their happy family. He was born February 15 and weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz.

Shonto, Arizona

Lula Morton, who is starting a new Navajo Indian work at Shonto, Ariz., reports that 30 people came forward for salvation in the three services during which Oklahoma District Superintendent Robert Goggin brought the messages. The Goggins also visited the other Indian churches near Shonto in January. The district WMC president and the Wakefields, missionaries from Africa, accompanied them.

Besides Shonto, other churches reporting conversions, baptisms, and other victories were: Sells, Whiteriver, Bird Springs, Tuba City, and Cameron, in Arizona; Daggett, Calif.; Granite Falls, Minn.; Dulce, N. Mex.; La Push and Suquamish, Wash.; Oneida, Wis.; and McDermitt and Owyhee, Nev.

Ajo, Arizona

A. Jeannette Decker, missionary pastor at Ajo, entered the hospital for surgery March 14.

ALASKA MINISTRY

Fort Yukon

Arvin W. Glandon had successful Bible training classes in January, teaching the courses, "Seeing the Story of the Bible" and "Cults." He felt a course on

"Cults" would help his congregation because of the many false religions in that area. A total of 28 attended and five qualified for certificates in both courses.

North Pole

Ralph Miller, a missionary here, reported a low temperature this winter of between 65 and 70 degrees below zero. One thermometer registered 78 below. Tires shattered from impact or when the owners attempted to put in more air. Oil froze—even stove oil, kerosene, and diesel.

During this time Brother Miller had two flat tires at almost the same time. This necessitated his walking home, almost four miles, in 62-below weather. However, he had dressed for just such an emergency, so suffered no ill effects. For nearly three weeks the temperature was constantly below 40 degrees below zero.

Petersburg

The C. L. Stroms used the book, *Into the Highways and Hedges*, for their recent Workers Training Course in which ten people were enrolled and seven received certificates. Their WMC group presented an interesting program on February 25. Also, Evangelist Dale Helle of Seattle conducted a two-week revival in January during which attendance was good and five knelt for salvation.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

In the February 25 issue of the *Evangel*, in the article, "Straight to the Heart," Mrs. Carl Holleman was pictured presenting Lula Morton, missionary to the Navajos, with a new typewriter. This gift was given on behalf of the Central Assembly WMC's of Tulsa, rather than the group mentioned.

Valdez

L. Duane Carriker, missionary-pastor here, is happy over the increase in Sunday school attendance from an average of 36 in November to 48 in January. This increase came in spite of an epidemic of scarlet fever in the village.

JEWISH MINISTRY

Miami, Florida

James W. Pulver recently began a work among the Jews in the Miami area. Attendance at the mission continues to increase. The Pulvers have witnessed to many Jews who come to Miami for winter vacations. Several have accepted New Testaments and have requested prayer. Jewish people sometimes call at the Pulvers' home and the missionaries then have opportunity to present tracts, a New Testament, and an invitation to attend Bible study.

More Workers Approved for Service

TWO MORE FINE COUPLES HAVE RESPONDED to the call of the Home Missions field.

Howard and Barbara Collver have recently been appointed to the Teen-Age Evangelism ministry in New York. Prior to their appointment they had been assisting David Wilkerson for about one year.

Brother Collver was graduated from Central Bible Institute in May, 1961, with a major in Bible. While serving his country he was a chaplain's assistant and also assisted missionaries in Japan. He is a licensed minister in the Southern Missouri District.

Sister Collver was graduated from college with a major in nursing. She attended CBI for one year. She has worked as a registered nurse for the past four

years. The Collvers have two children, Bobbi Jean and Sherri Lee.

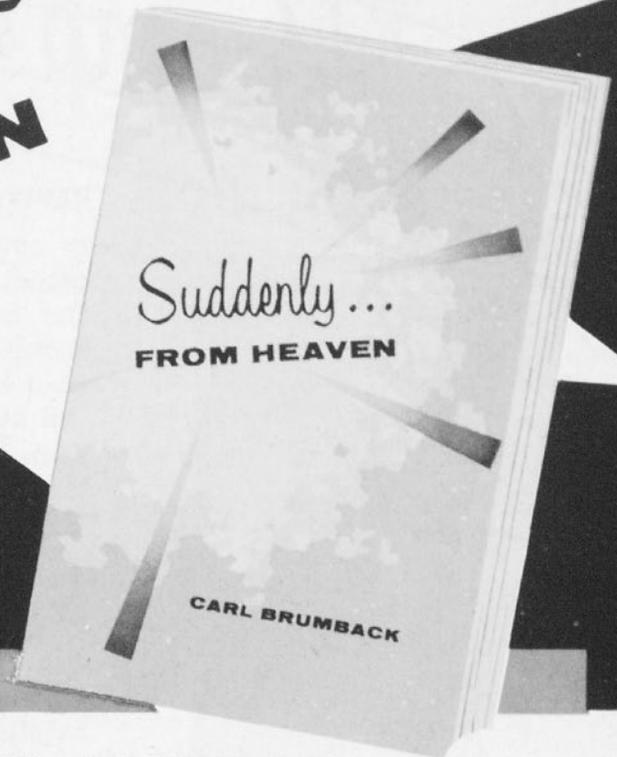
Gilbert and Mildred Meroney of Plentywood, Mont., have been appointed to minister in Alaska. Brother Meroney was graduated from Lakewood Park Bible School in Devil's Lake, N. Dak. (The school is now called Hub City Bible Institute.) He has been a post office department clerk, construction worker, trucker, oxygen plant operator, and is a licensed airplane pilot. He is an ordained minister in the Montana District.

Sister Meroney was graduated from the same Bible school and is a licensed minister in the Montana District. She has had various business positions and is musically talented. The Meroneys have two children, Terry Allen and David Mark.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Collver Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meroney

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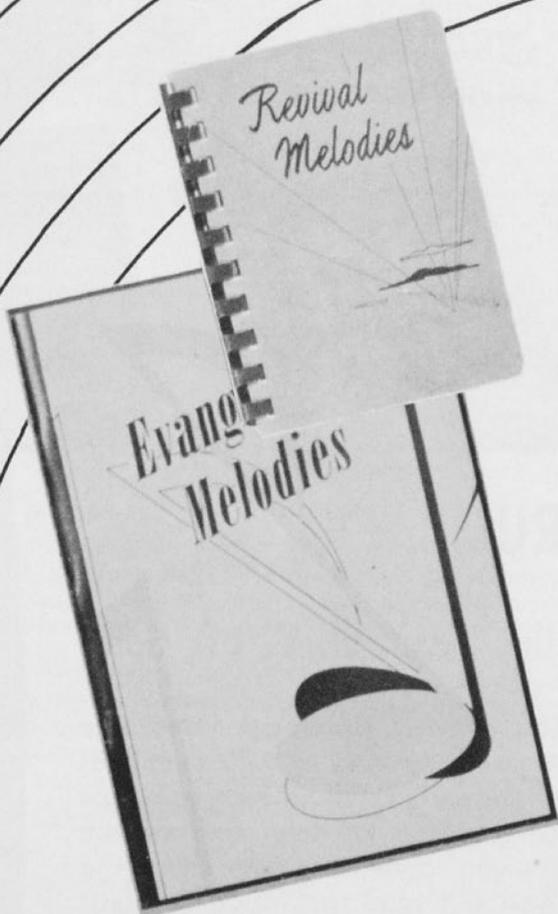
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DEDICATION—May 6 and 7 of the new First Assembly of God and Sunday school annex, Danbury, Conn. Bert Webb, speaker.—by John W. Thompson, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

ALBERT S. ROWLEY, 56, of Jacksonville, Fla., went to be with the Lord February 12. He had been ministering as an evangelist, having become a licensed minister with the South Florida District in October 1961.

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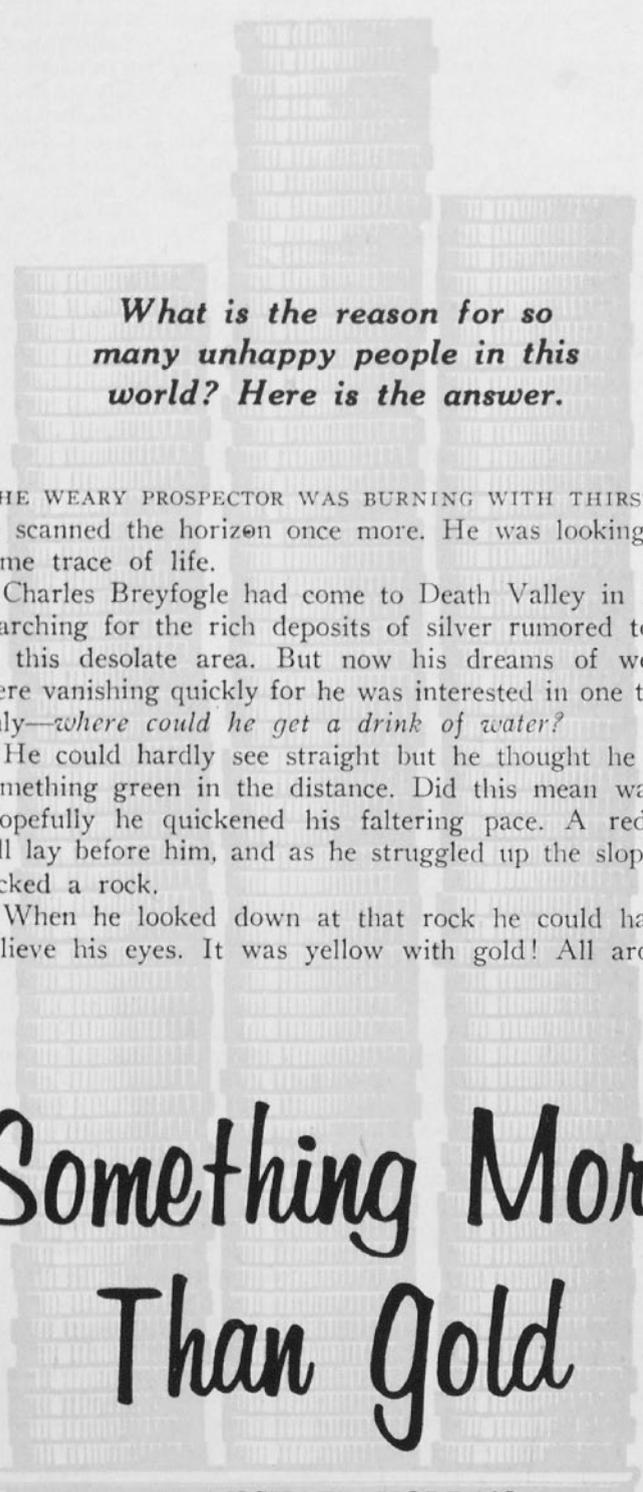
EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	DATE	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ashford	A/G	May 6—	Nettie Parham	W. K. Ethridge
	Butler	First	May 1—	Bobby Jackson	T. A. Williams
Ark.	Monticello	Lacy	Apr. 30-May 13	Jackie & Peggy Nichols	G. A. Jackson
Calif.	Campbell	A/G	May 1-13	Eddie Washington	Herbert Johnson
	Corona	First	May 6-20	Harry Hodge	Howard Graves
	Hayward	Bethel Temple	May 6—	John French	James Swanson
	Marysville	Linda	Apr. 22-May 6	John & Faith Stallings	James L. Davidson
	Oakland	Bethel	Apr. 25-May 6	Lloyd Perera	Earl L. Ayres
	Paso Robles	A/G	Apr. 25-May 6	Bob Watters	Kenneth A. Solberg
	Richmond	Central	Apr. 25-May 6	Stanley P. MacPherson	Russell E. Griffin
	Roseville	First	May 6-13	Marvin Schmidt	Robert Pirtle
	Santa Cruz	Bethel	May 1—	Archie & Mrs. Phelps	Harry S. Balson
	West Los Angeles	Faith Tab.	Apr. 25—	Paul E. Riggs	W. W. Brewer
	Yuba City	First	May 8—	John & Faith Stallings	Thos. B. Don Carlos
Conn.	E. Hartford	First	Apr. 22-May 6	David A. Lewis	Arnold Kolenda
Fla.	Lakeland	* Southside	May 1-6	Musical Wellards	J. H. Knutti
Ga.	Columbus	Edgewood	May 10-11	Paul Olson Party	J. D. Stevens
	Columbus	North Highland	Apr. 25-May 6	William H. Kautz	Edgar Bethany
Idaho	Emmett	A/G	May 1-13	Gospel Evangel-aires	James C. Hicks
	Shelly	A/G	May 2-13	David R. Westerfield	James Plumb
Ill.	Bushnell	A/G	May 1—	Gene & Jeannie Hensley	J. Snyder
	Carmi	A/G	Apr. 25-May 6	Paul Hild	Carl Gammel
	Hoopeston	First	Apr. 24-May 6	C. A. Kelly	Harry B. Livengood
	Springfield	Glad Tidings	Apr. 15-29	L. L. Ferguson	Edwin Weber
Ind.	La Porte	Pentecostal	Apr. 24-May 6	Cox-Brown Team	W. R. Wainwright
Iowa	Macedonia	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Chas. & Marian Tipton	G. A. Williamson
	Sioux City	Central	May 2-13	Musical Lebsacks	James E. Smith
Kans.	Chanute	First	Apr. 29-May 11	Victor Etienne	D. L. Whiteman
	Kansas City	Victoria Tab.	Apr. 29-May 13	George Hayes	H. W. Barnett
	Topeka	First	Apr. 25-May 6	Charles T. Crabtree	Paul E. Lowenberg
	Wakeeney	A/G	May 6—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Elmer Craver
La.	Shreveport	Linwood	Apr. 25-May 13	Don Neel	Frank Andrews
Maine	Springvale	Sanford FG Tab.	Apr. 22-May 6	Frances Powell	George Hendrickson
Md.	Cumberland	Central	Apr. 22-May 20	Sunshine Party	F. J. Fratto
	Frostburg	A/G	Apr. 29-May 13	J. B. Woolums	George A. LeRoy
Mich.	Belding	Grace Memorial	May 1-6	Robert J. Price	Curtis M. Butler
	Harper Woods	Tabernacle	Apr. 29-May 6	Ray C. Eskelin	P. A. DiMusto
	Ludington	A/G	May 1—	John Higginbotham	Albert Dimbat
	Nashville	A/G	May 1—	E. E. Petroski	Archie Brodie
Minn.	Spring Valley	* A/G	Apr. 29-May 4	Bob Olson	Ronald Snider
Mo.	King City	A/G	Apr. 29-May 13	Bonnie M. Ruble	Henry Robertson
	St. Louis	Grace	Apr. 29-May 13	Glenna Byard	Gene Leach
N. J.	Freehold	Georgia	May 1-13	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Walter C. Pierce
	Linden	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Harold May, Jr.	Jack Kylor
N. C.	Windsor	Elizabeth	Apr. 24-May 13	Peiffer-Harden Team	R. J. Hoggard
N. Dak.	Grand Forks	A/G	Apr. 22—	Richard Vinyard	W. L. Serdahl
	Williston	A/G	May 1-6	The Musical Muirs	C. H. Jackson
Ohio	Lima	Calvary Temple	Apr. 29-May 20	Musical Vanderploegs	V. L. Wells
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Faith Tab.	Apr. 22-May 6	Kenneth McGee	S. J. Scott
	Tulsa	Carbondale	Apr. 29-May 13	Leon & Ann Bayless	H. D. Pieratt
Oreg.	Ashland	A/G	Apr. 24—	Ralph I. Cranston	R. L. Cornwall
	Central Point	Country Church	Apr. 17-29	Gospel Evangel-aires	E. E. Ralls
	Madras	** A/G	Apr. 29—	Les Martin	Chas. W. Butterfield
	Portland	Evangel Temple	Apr. 29-May 6	Lorne F. Fox Party	Joseph Dunets
Pa.	Luzerne	A/G	Apr. 29-May 6	Roberta Lashley	Alfred Coletti
	McKeesport	First	May 6-13	Ken & Jackie Haddaway	Paul J. Wislocky
	Punxsutawney	Pent. Tab.	Apr. 30-May 8	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Philip Bongiorno
	Roaring Spring	Faith	May 1-6	Bob & Pat Ludwig	David Weyandt
Tenn.	Denver	Hustburg	Apr. 25-May 6	James T. Burkett	V. V. McCoy
Tex.	Clute	First	Apr. 30-May 13	Leon Bayless	E. J. Mills
	Dallas	Oak Cliff	May 4-6	Waren Litzman	Hal Noah
	Duncanville	First	Apr. 25-May 6	The Mike Wright Family	H. Seborn Cowart
	El Paso	First	May 4-13	Watson Argue	Wm. F. Hageman
	Killeen	First	May 1-13	Ken George Team	R. J. Miller
	Mauriceville	A/G	Apr. 22—	Charles W. Hyde	L. M. Joiner
	Pampa	First	May 6—	M. R. & Jean Boatright	J. S. McMullen
Va.	Collinsville	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	George Miller	J. Russell Mayhue
	Orange	A/G	May 6—	N. B. & Mrs. Rayburn	C. B. Glover
Wash.	Kent	A/G	May 1-13	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	A. A. Dobson
	Sumner	A/G	May 8—	David & Nona Grant	R. F. Ashworth
	Yakima	Summitview	May 1-6	Christian Hild	J. S. Manchester
W. Va.	Marlowe	Full Gosp. Tab.	Apr. 29-May 13	Charlotte Rodgers	Wilbur D. Bell
Wyo.	Worland	First	Apr. 23—	Paul Murray	Charles Jarvis
Canada	Kimberly, B.C.	Pent. Church	May 1-13	John Eller	D. S. Rathjen

* Children's Revival

** Youth 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.



What is the reason for so many unhappy people in this world? Here is the answer.

THE WEARY PROSPECTOR WAS BURNING WITH THIRST AS he scanned the horizon once more. He was looking for some trace of life.

Charles Breyfogle had come to Death Valley in 1864 searching for the rich deposits of silver rumored to lie in this desolate area. But now his dreams of wealth were vanishing quickly for he was interested in one thing only—*where could he get a drink of water?*

He could hardly see straight but he thought he saw something green in the distance. Did this mean water? Hopefully he quickened his faltering pace. A reddish hill lay before him, and as he struggled up the slope he kicked a rock.

When he looked down at that rock he could hardly believe his eyes. It was yellow with gold! All around

he could see rocks with streaks of gold. More gold tracings could be seen in the quartz ledge nearby.

His heart pounded with excitement! This was a dream come true! Here was a fortune—enough gold to make Breyfogle a rich man for the rest of his life!

But what good was it now? He was famished. More than gold, he needed water and food.

He filled his pockets with pieces of the golden ore and forced himself on. Where was this something green that he had seen? When he got to the little bush he was disappointed. There was no water there after all.

For many days he wandered, checking his course by the stars at night. He existed on bits of bunch grass and briny water that he found occasionally. Not until he had trudged some two hundred miles was he found by a rancher.

When he recovered his health, Breyfogle told his story. Those who saw his samples were deeply impressed and went with him in search of this fabulous ledge of gold.

But Breyfogle, who had wealth at his finger tips, had no clear memory of the route he had taken after he left the site. He could not locate the right slope. Again and again he went back taking different partners with him. There were hundreds of reddish hills and slopes and they were so similar. He never did find the right one again.

The frustrated prospector's story spread far and wide. Year after year other men came to Death Valley and searched. Other deposits were found, but nothing that matched Breyfogle's description and samples.

Today, after prospectors have combed Death Valley and nearby deserts for almost a century, his find is still undiscovered.

It is said that the deserts are filled with stories of men who had wealth at their finger tips but who, for one reason or another, could not bring it out or find their way back to it.

Man's search for happiness and peace is like this. These things always seem to lie just out of reach. Did you ever notice how few really happy people there are today? Why is it so? It is because the things of this world only satisfy a part of our being. We are made for God and for eternity. Earthly things just will not fit into the place that God has built into our being for Himself. Man is searching for a reality that is only found in God.

The riches of your heavenly Father's grace can be yours today. They are found in Christ. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). You can be rich in the things that really count—that really satisfy. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Here you are promised life to the full. Isn't this what you are looking for?

Accept Him into your life, and the true riches will be yours to enjoy. You will discover something more than gold. 

Something More Than Gold

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