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# A Dramatic Deliverance

Four eager faces peered down through the hole in the roof to see what Jesus would do for their poor sick friend.

By EVANGELIST LOUISE NANKIVELL

TO HEAL THE SICK IS JUST AS EASY FOR THE LORD as to forgive the sinner, and to forgive is just as easy as to heal.

This truth is strikingly conveyed to us in Mark's Gospel, chapter 2, where is recorded the account of Christ healing the palsied sufferer.

It happened in Capernaum, one of the cities "wherein most of His mighty works were done."

Mark graphically paints the picturesque setting: The

crowd flocking to a humble home, overflowing the doorway, pressing around the outside as far as they could hear the voice of the young, wonder-working Prophet. Four men upon the housetop, bearing one sick of the palsy, wrecking property and propriety to get their patient to Jesus. Within the house, among the motley group—cold, critical, unemotional—sedate Pharisees and doctors of the law from all over Judea and Galilee come on an errand of investigation. In the midst of all—the Master!

But what was Jesus doing in this house that day? Mark provides the answer: "He preached the word unto them." I am deeply impressed with that statement. Many will recall Paul's exhortation to Timothy, "Preach the word." But how many of us have ever noticed that it was recorded of Christ, He "preached the word." He preached the Word of life, the Word of healing, of power, of blessing, of grace and truth. Jesus told the people God's message.

And what is more desperately needed in this tragic hour of godlessness, spiritual apathy, rampant materialism, than a widespread, even universal revival of Holy Ghost, trumpet-blast preaching of the Word of the Lord! Currently evident is the fulfillment of Amos' prophecy: "Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

It is deplorable that many churches of various denominations have departed from the preaching of the Truth. Absence from many pulpits of an authoritative "Thus saith the Lord" has brought a resultant ignorance of spiritual verities, a spirit of complacency, and spiritual destitution. Men do not know they are lost. Terminology such as the "new birth" and "being saved" is foreign to the average understanding. Multitudes do not even know they need a Saviour. A loose philosophy of human thinking appeases the conscience with the hope of heaven, through an outweighing of bad deeds by good ones! Meanwhile men are perishing for want of the Bread of Life.

God's program is *the Word for the world*. The office of the ministry is to preach the pure, unadulterated Word itself. In vain do we preach if we preach not the Word! The holy Scriptures alone can make us wise unto salvation. The Word alone has power through the Spirit to convict, convince, and convert the soul. Men are "born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever." God's Word is to the soul what food is to the body; it alone can sustain, strengthen, satisfy.

Furthermore, the Word of the Lord plays a principal role in the healing of the body. "He sent His Word, and healed them," says the Psalmist. And He still sends His Word and heals people. His Word will heal you! In the same wonderful way that the Word of salvation, upon application through faith, brings cleansing from sin, His Word of healing, received into the heart by faith, becomes health to the very elements of the physical body. Christ sent His Word to the palsied man with the double result—forgiveness of sins and deliverance from bodily infirmity.

It is interesting to observe, in Mark's narrative, faith developing into action and ultimately taking shape in the healing of the paralytic. "And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay."

Here emerges a scene filled with dramatic action!

In the first place, faith sparked determination. Even the obstruction of a large crowd, surrounding the house where Jesus was preaching, couldn't keep the bearers with their burden from the Healer. They would not turn back. This man must be brought to Jesus. Deliverance must be had at any cost.

Faith has a way of refusing defeat, surmounting obstacles, pressing through. When one avenue is blockaded, faith tries another. Ingenuity and daring was shown by the four men. Spying a rear stairway, they carefully bore the sick man to the top of the house. With gusto they ripped up the roof. Debris fell down upon the

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**There is no need to plead that the love of God shall fill our hearts as though He were unwilling to fill us. He is willing as light is willing to flood a room that is opened to its brightness; willing as water is willing to flow into an emptied channel. Love is pressing upon us from all sides like air. When we cease to resist, instantly love takes possession.**

—Amy Carmichael

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heads of the notables inside. Rubble was flying and tempers were flaring. Notwithstanding, the faith-partners, who employed a most unusual method of accomplishing their object, succeeded. The helpless man was lowered by cords to Jesus' feet.

Fellow Christians, how many roofs have we ripped off to get needy humanity to the Great Physician of soul and body? The salvation of souls and the healing of the sick often begin with the solicitous concern of believing people for others.

The four unnamed men, who brought the palsy victim to Jesus, really meant business. No ambulance was available, so they carried their man. They even made themselves a spectacle before the multitude to get a sick man healed, a sinner saved from perdition.

Especially great is the need of bringing lost souls into contact with the Saviour. And it will take wholehearted, all-out effort to get the job done. Soul winning demands all the vision, purpose, compassion and love of our hearts. But the work is rewarding. "Let him know," says James so forthrightly, "that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins." Could we but glimpse the state of the lost, we would hasten to get souls to Jesus, though it necessitated "ripping off roofs" to accomplish the task.

Four eager faces peered down through the hole in a

broken roof upon their poor paralyzed friend, reposing at Jesus' feet. O wondrous place of salvation, healing, blessing, victory!

And "when Jesus saw their faith..."

At the time of this writing, on the bulletin board of a denominational church near my home are displayed in large letters the words, "Is your faith showing?" A thought-provoking question! Well, "their" faith was. But whose faith was "their" faith? The four men carrying their human cargo? Undoubtedly yes!

What about the sick man? Did he have faith? I think so. It is hard to think this bedfast cripple would risk being dropped by his benefactors, would risk having the cords snap and his life wind up in disaster, did he not believe something would happen when he met Jesus.

At any rate, two things we do know about the impotent man. He was sick of the palsy, and he was a sinner.

But does the Lord heal sinners? At times He does. I have seen it happen. However, the healing of the unsaved is the exception, not the rule. Healing is the *children's* bread. God does not promise to heal sinners, but He is often better than His promises.

Jesus looked behind the rebellious, palsied limbs of this miserable, woe-begone wretch of humanity and saw another kind of paralysis. While the body was in the bondage of palsy, the soul was in the bondage of sin. Christ sensed a crippled spirit reaching out to Him for help. The afflicted man's direst need became the first concern of Jesus—not a palsied body, but a palsied soul.

"Thy sins be forgiven thee" was the authoritative pronouncement of the Master.

Expressions of startled surprise swept over the faces of the scribes and Pharisees, when the first words coming from the lips of Jesus had no reference to the body, but to a need quite remote.

"The very idea! Who does He think He is?" came the remarks of the higher critics. "He can't forgive sins. He's a blasphemer." But the Master's eyes pierced through the hard, impassive masks of the scribes and He read their innermost thoughts.

"Why are you thinking like that?" He demanded. "Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (He saith to the sick of the palsy)..."

And so we have Jesus proving His saving power by healing a disabled man.

In those days many believed Christ could heal the sick, yet did not believe He could forgive sin. Today it is just the reverse. It is commonly believed that Christ is able to forgive sin but many doubt His healing power. Beloved, why should He not be able to do both, when yesterday He could do either, and He is the same yesterday and today and forever!

"Thy sins be forgiven thee!" Five golden words! Five of the greatest words that ever fell upon mortal ears!

The forgiveness of sins is the blotting out of transgressions. God says, "I, even I, am He that BLOTTEH

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## The Cure for Worry

Probably no command of Scripture is broken more often than Philippians 4:6 which says, "Be careful for nothing." In modern versions it reads, "In *nothing* be anxious," or "*Have no anxieties.*" How many of us are guilty of this sin of worry!

The penalty for committing this sin is inescapable. From brooding over anxieties the mind is exhausted, the spirit is depressed, the body grows unutterably weary—and *the cares remain exactly as they were.* "Which of you," asked Jesus, "by being anxious can add one cubit unto his stature?" Worry never yet healed a cancer, saved a business, or prevented an accident.

When we grow anxious we are trespassing on forbidden ground. The Saviour said, "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow." Our heavenly Father has control of the future, and to be anxious is to doubt His faithfulness to us. As the old motto goes, "When we trust we do not worry, and when we worry we do not trust."

The cure for worry lies not in ignoring our burdens but in casting them upon the Lord. Life brings real burdens to all of us. Daily work can become a burden. Home duties may be a burden. Gospel service brings its burdens. Advancing years and decreasing strength bring other burdens. The question is, Shall we struggle to bear the burden alone, or shall we take it to God in believing prayer? The Bible says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," and to disobey this clear command is to sin.

Virginia Whitman in her new book *Kindle a Blaze for Christ* says: "Always remember these points: God *knows* about your difficulties. God *cares* about your difficulties. *God can do something about your difficulties.* Let the Holy Spirit be your broker to show you how to handle your difficulties so as to derive a profit. Trouble moves a person toward God or away from Him. You decide which. The greatness of most men is traceable to their difficulties. The chains which seem to fetter you may be linking you to God to keep you from falling. Whatever happens, look for God's hand in the situation; clasp it and hold on."

"A gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without adversity." Someone has said that "Job's problem was solved when he became more conscious of God than of his problem."

The apostle's prescription for worry has both negative and positive ingredients. "Do not be anxious in anything," he says, then adds, "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Here is the secret of victory over worry. Take positive action. Pray and give thanks. Don't lock your troubles up in your heart. Bring them out in the open and tell God all about them. Unburden every care. Stop dwelling on your problems and start thanking Him for grace to cope with them.

As one old writer put it, "Be careful for nothing; be prayerful in everything; be thankful for anything." This is the happy way to live. You can be *carefree* without being *careless*. The Bible goes on to say that if you will do these things "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

"Look," said Martin Luther, pointing to a bird, "how that little fellow preaches faith to us all. He takes hold of his twig, tucks his head under his wing, and goes to sleep, leaving God to think for him." Let's learn a lesson from the bird and trust our heavenly Father, instead of wasting away with worry. —R.C.C.

## WE GET WHAT WE ASK FOR!

A woman with an incorrigible little boy came to me in desperation and said, "What shall I do with him?"

I asked, "Have you ever tried prayer?"

She said that she had prayed for him, she thought. I asked if she had made his conversion and his character a matter of definite, expectant prayer.

She replied that she had not been definite in the matter. She began that day, and at once there was a marked change in the child. He grew up into Christian manhood.

—R. A. TORREY

## THE MEANING OF THE DOTS

We once saw a man draw some black dots. We looked and could make nothing of them but an irregular collection of black spots.

Then he drew a few lines, put in a few rests, then a clef at the beginning, and we saw these black dots were musical notes. On sounding them we were singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

There are many black spots in our lives, and we cannot understand why they are there. But if we let God come into our lives He will make a glorious harmony out of them.

—Selected



## His Plan for Me

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ,  
And He shows me His plan for me,  
The plan of my life as it might have been  
Had He had His way, and I see

How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,  
And I would not yield my will—  
Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes,  
Grief, though He loves me still?

He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,  
Stripped of all but His grace,  
While memory runs like a hunted thing  
Down the paths I cannot retrace.

Then my desolate heart will well-nigh break  
With the tears that I cannot shed;  
I shall cover my face with my empty hands,  
I shall bow my uncrowned head. . . .

Lord of the years that are left to me,  
I give them to Thy hand;  
Take me and break me, mould me to  
The pattern Thou hast planned!

—Martha Snell Nicholson



## TRIALS ARE CHALLENGES

There are two ways of looking at our trials.

From the one standpoint our chief object is to get through them without being defeated and crushed. We look upon trials as enemies and feel we have won a victory when we have left them behind.

But there is a better standpoint. We can look at trials as opportunities of gaining more than a victory. We can regard them as challenges to compel us to be our best and to rise to a place of victorious power that we never could have known had the trials not come.

—A. B. SIMPSON

## A WHOLE OR A HALF BOY!

A bright-faced little lad of a former generation, who had applied for the position of office boy, stood anxiously waiting while the proprietor pondered. He said to the boy: "I wonder whether you expect me to engage a whole or a half boy. Your body is all right. It is your mind I am talking about—your thoughts, wits, memory. I suppose you have a host of schemes and employments of your own that will be a great deal more important than anything here. You are interested in ball games, and . . ."

The boy spoke up: "Yes, sir, I like to play ball, and I play for all I'm worth. But when I'm here, I'll be all here. I ain't big enough to divide."

He got the job. None of us is big enough to divide. We cannot serve God and mammon.

—The Sunday School Circle

## THE REALM OF UNFADING BEAUTY

It cannot be that the earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that our life is a mere bubble cast up by eternity to float a moment on its waves and then sink into nothingness.

Else why is it that the glorious aspirations which leap like angels from the temple of our hearts are forever wandering unsatisfied?

Why is it that all the stars that hold their festival around the midnight throne are set above the grasp of our limited faculties, forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory?

And, finally, why is it that bright forms of human beauty presented to our view are taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of our affections to flow back in Alpine torrents upon our hearts? There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that slumber in the ocean, and where the beautiful beings which now pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever.

—GEORGE D. PRENTICE



# TAKE MY BEST

By G. F. LEWIS

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THIS YEAR MORE THAN 100,000 WOMEN AND GIRLS WILL participate in National WMC Day services in our churches on February 24. Theme of the day is TAKE MY BEST. A program prayerfully planned around the theme was mailed to local WMC presidents early in January.

Through the years, National WMC Day has come to be a time of renewed vision and spiritual blessing in many of our churches. This year should be no exception, for the simple theme—TAKE MY BEST—calls us all again to Calvary. Standing at the Cross we are reminded again that there is no cheap, easy way for men to be saved from their sins. When God wanted to save the world He sent His Son. In sending Jesus He said in effect, "Take my best." Heaven had no better, no more costly gift than Jesus though He was born in a rustic manger and died on a rough cross. And as we who have accepted God's Son as our Saviour look for ways to share the Good News, we cannot say less to God than, "Take my best."

This is not a prayer we can pray and forget. It is a continual prayer, an offering, an attitude, a way of life.

Since our gifts and opportunities differ "according to the grace that is given to us," the prayer, "Take my best," means different things to different people. To one it may mean going as a missionary; to another serving as a pastor or teacher or other spiritual leader. For our 75,000 WMC members and more than 27,000 Missionettes it involves helping and undergirding our missionary program at home and abroad through prayer, offerings, and sacrificial service.

God is not so much concerned with the amount of

our offerings or the volume of our service, as with the spirit in which they are given. The Lord Jesus made this clear when He "sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury" (Mark 12:41). The gift that gained His approval was perhaps the smallest of them all, but He who knows the heart and the individual ability saw the sacrifice involved in the widow's offering. He commented that she had put in "more than all who have put their offerings into the treasury, for they have all put in what they could spare out of their surplus, but she out of her penury has put in all that she possessed, her whole living" (Mark 12:43, 44, Montgomery).

In her own way this woman had said to God, "Take my best," and then proceeded to give it. What if she had been intimidated by the display of larger gifts! What if, seeing the young Man watching the offerings, she had pretended to be giving more! There is a danger today when so many things are done on a mass scale, and when large offerings are solicited and praised, that some may neglect to give the small gift which represents their best.

One of the functions of the Women's Missionary Council is to gather and conserve the small gifts, given by the faithful women of our church who want just as much as the missionary to further the cause of Christ. Giving unitedly of their time, talents, and money, the Women's Missionary Council makes a significant contribution to our missionary, benevolence, local, and district ministries.

This kind of work on the part of women has been

going on for a long time. When Moses began to carry out the Lord's instructions concerning the tabernacle to be built in the wilderness, he called for offerings. "Take from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen and goats' hair..."

When the people had brought in their best, *from gold to goats' hair*, there was still a job for women, an opportunity to do their best. "And all the women that were wisehearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair."

One of the wonders of God's grace is the fact that He permits Himself to need what we can bring to Him. The God who can say with authority, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," allows us the joys of giving our best that His work may go forward.

When King David came to sacrifice at Araunah's threshing floor, the man felt so honored that he offered all the needed equipment and even the oxen for the sacrifice. But David scorned to make a mockery of this act of worship and said, "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24).

As the women of our church have caught the vision of giving not only their surplus but their *best*, even in sacrifice, God has blessed their work and their gifts in proportion. One missionary estimated that the help he received from the Women's Missionary Council during his last furlough saved him three months of itinerary work. That meant a saving not only of three months' time, but also of the strength and expense involved. As WMC's said, "Take my best," they contributed to the missionary's ministry in many ways.

It is sometimes difficult for us to see how the small contribution we make fits into the entire program of the church. The need is so great and our gifts so often small by comparison. But we should be encouraged by the knowledge that God is in charge of the whole task of evangelism. He knows how to fit each gift into its proper place. As each of us places his best at God's disposal, His purpose will be accomplished.

These are tense and desperate days in many parts of the world. Some mission fields are closed. Others are closing even now. It is a time for our *best* united effort.

Our missionaries and leaders cannot possibly do the job alone. They must be upheld in prayer and support by every member of the church. As someone has said, "The work that centuries might have done must crowd the hours of setting sun." Each of us in his own way must give his best in the time that is left before Jesus comes.

Once again we commend our pastors and churches for their faithful and loyal support of the National WMC Department. The headquarters staff is expanding its services to our nearly 6,000 WMC groups, 2,700 Missionette clubs, and to our entire church program in an all-out effort to give our *best* while there is opportunity. Your once-a-year National WMC Day offering makes this possible. ◀◀



## Home at Last!

A TRUE STORY BY GAYLORD BRILEY

AS THE COOL MORNING MISTS BEGAN BREAKING UP UNDER the heat of a Louisiana sun, a farmer stood, bucket in hand, under the tin roof of his front porch, listening. There! He heard it again.

From somewhere in the piney woods across the red sand road, when the breeze picked up he could hear fragments of words and names—names some of which he recognized and some he didn't. Putting down his bucket for a moment he stuck his head back in the door and said, "Sounds like Ma Briley is home at last."

Ma Briley, a tiny woman in her seventies, had been gone a week at a camp meeting up near the Arkansas line. Now she was home, doing what she did every morning, praying out loud for every needy soul she knew in these backwoods.

The whole community knew how each morning she sought the company of God next to a fallen log or an old stump, there to pour out her concern for the sick, the sinning and the saints. While this section of Louisiana had more than its share of deadly coral snakes and rattlers, somehow these creatures never disturbed this defenseless old woman in her open-air prayer closet.

She prayed for little things—"Help little Billy down the road to make his marks in school"—and for the big things—"O God, don't let this young mother die." And she could pray with a marvelous patience. Her youngest son had died before he could bring home his wife and their baby. She prayed for her unseen grandson for seventeen years before laying eyes on him. Her prayers were answered, for he accepted Christ as his Saviour a year before he saw his grandmother for the first time.

Her special concern was the "prayer orphans"—people who had no one else to pray for them. She adopted in prayer the girl who had gone wrong, the boy who joined the army because he thought no one cared for him, the newlyweds whose parents were not Christians.

When she died, so many of her spiritual wards appeared that the local patrolman said he had never handled so large a crowd in all his years on the police force.

The morning after the funeral, the farmer stood again on his porch. This time he heard nothing but the wind. He stepped down to get a good look at the unclouded sky and said to himself, "Reckon Ma Briley is home at last."



# Twenty-two Days a Missionary

Second-generation missionary Sidney Goodwin (son of Homer Goodwin) died in Bawku, Ghana, on January 1, 1963, from burns suffered a week earlier (on Christmas Eve). Second-generation missionary John Weidman reports the events leading to the tragedy.

SIDNEY AND HIS FATHER AND BOTH their families were at Tihili, a town about twenty-five miles from Bawku, on Christmas Eve to start a series of revival meetings in the bush. Sidney's electric light plant was in the back of his new Chevrolet pickup which has a steel-canopied camper over it. They had the lights going in the newly erected brush arbor and were about to start the first service.

The lights flickered and Sidney went to see about them. Evidently he climbed inside the truck, so that the light plant was between him and the exit. He started to pour gasoline into the tank of the motor. The gasoline spilled on the hot motor and ignited. The can exploded in Sidney's face. Trapped inside the truck, his exit blocked by the burning power plant, he began pounding on the sides of the truck. Flames leaped around him; there was no way to escape. Homer Goodwin, Sidney's father and chairman of our work in Ghana, heard the pounding and came running. He later told me he thought a child had been caught inside—he never dreamed it was his own son.

"Come out of there," Homer Goodwin called.

"Dad, I can't. The fire," Sidney answered.

The power plant was about a three-hundred-pound unit but Homer Goodwin grabbed the burning motor with his bare hands and flung it out of the truck. Sidney leaped to the ground and rolled in the dirt. His father fell across him to smother the flames.

When Sidney's mother came out of the grass-covered arbor she saw her son leaning heavily against her hus-

band. "Get the car and let's head for Bawku; Sid's been badly burned," Homer Goodwin told her.

They sped through the African night twenty-five miles to the Bawku hospital where Sidney was admitted. Sidney's face, legs, arms, head, ears, and neck were severely burned. Dr. Hoff of the Basel Mission told the family: "It is very serious. He may not live unless we can get blood."

Sidney had a rare type blood—AB negative. Statistics show that only four people in one hundred have this. Calls were sent to Accra, Tamale, and Wale Wale. Blood was flown from Accra in the private plane of Ghana's President, Mr. Nkrumah. An American military officer in West Africa flew to the hospital to give blood and one African Christian with AB negative blood gladly donated blood to his missionary.

Blood plasma was also dispatched from the United States but it did not arrive in time. With sixty percent of his body burned, Sidney would have been horribly disfigured if he had lived. Both hands would have had to be amputated. Nurses from our Ghana clinics were on duty around the clock.

Sidney was conscious and could talk during the week in the hospital. Because he was wearing glasses, his eyes were not burned at all, and he recognized everyone. After three days, complications set in. By Sunday Sidney knew he was going to die. Turning to his father, he said: "Dad, thanks. You've been a good Dad. I'm not going to live, but I'm not afraid to die."

Sidney would lapse into delirium. In those moments, although his mind was tortured and he was in untold

agony, he would say: "We must get the Gospel out to the bush areas. Tihili, Tanga, and so many other places still need the Gospel."

Once he said, "Christian writing! That's where we have failed. We haven't presented the Gospel as we should through the printed page."

On Monday, December 31, Sidney told his wife Sandra and their three-year-old Gwenda good-bye. The next day, at 1:35 P.M., Sidney breathed his last. On New Year's Day he was ushered into the presence of the God he had served since childhood.

Just two weeks before the accident I had written telling Sidney that we would visit them in Ghana. We have been friends for years and I was happy when I heard the Goodwins were coming to Africa. "We'll see you January 2, the Lord willing," I wrote Sidney. "We are going to Ghana to get some supplies." It was January 2 when I arrived, but it was to see Sidney's grave, not his home in Wale Wale.

I walked out to the mound of dirt that represented a life laid down in Africa. "Why, Lord, why?" I wondered. Twenty-two days a missionary! Tears welled up in my eyes when I looked into the face of Sidney's wife and father. They were exhausted from staying up night and day with their loved one.

"Why?" I asked myself again. I didn't sleep much that night, and early the next morning I knelt by the grave and prayed, "Lord, help me to work harder to make up for the work Sidney didn't have an opportunity to do."

Men think of "works" and what they can *do*. But the Lord reminded



Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goodwin and daughter

# Building Churches in India

By ELTON HILL  
*Missionary to India*

me of 2 Timothy 1:9, "...who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace..." God's purpose is beyond our comprehension, but He has a reason for everything He does.

When asked what her future plans are, Sandra Goodwin replied: "Gwendia and I will move in with Sidney's parents in Kumasi. I can have a ministry of writing as well as preaching. I must stay here and carry on the work to which Sidney was devoted."

## Traveling on My Knees

Last night I took a journey  
To a land across the seas;  
I didn't go by boat or plane,  
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there  
In deepest depths of sin,  
And Jesus told me I should go,  
That there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go  
And work with such as these."  
He answered quickly, "Yes you can  
By traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray; I'll meet the need,  
You call and I will hear;  
Be anxious over all lost souls,  
Of those both far and near."

And so I tried it, knelt in prayer,  
Gave up some hours of ease;  
I felt the Lord right by my side  
While traveling on my knees.

As I prayed on and saw souls saved  
And twisted bodies healed,  
And saw God's workers' strength renewed  
While laboring on the field.

I said, "Yes, Lord, I have a job,  
'Tis Thee I'd ever please;  
I'll gladly go and heed Thy call  
By traveling on my knees."

—Sandra Goodwin

(This was written by Mrs. Sidney Goodwin shortly before she sailed to Ghana for her initial missionary term.)

NEW YORK CITY HAS A POPULATION of about thirty people per acre. London has forty per acre. Calcutta, India's largest city, has 140 people per acre. One million of Calcutta's seven million people live on the streets.

India's total population—450 million—is equal to that of Africa and all of Latin America combined. Among these people, bringing filth to the cities and villages and eating valuable vegetation, roam 200 million uncared for, sick, or starving sacred cows.

Both East and West are pouring aid into India. The food given is more than offset by population increase and the exploitation of grafters before it gets to the hands of those who need it. A good portion of the rest of the aid goes to build a military machine to make India strong politically.

India is needy; probably no other country in the world suffers so much. But she can never be lifted from her present conditions until her religion changes. How can people lift themselves when they believe destiny rules their lives? The caste system, although fought against by some, is still a great hindrance to India. The servant, the coolie, the beggar accepts his lot as something that is supposed to be. The very wealthy of India—and there are many—take their wealth for granted. They say the gods planned it that way. Only a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ can make all men equal.

Christian missions in India are working against tremendous odds. India is said to have religious liberty but this is not true in the strictest sense of the word. Religious activity is restricted in many ways. The government does not approve of evangelism in any form. Some officials in high government are trying to bar all missionaries from the country. Others would restrict them to social welfare work and institutions such as orphanages, clinics, and schools.

Effort is being put forth by our

missionaries to get the national church established while there is time. Ninety-eight percent of the people do not know about Christ. There are large cities with almost unlimited opportunity for the Gospel. Christian literature is in demand. Some of our people are opening Gospel book rooms in market places. Others are going from door to door distributing literature.

At present there is a forward move among our workers in North India. A new church has been completed in Durgapur under the direction of Alta Wyckoff. Durgapur is a new steel center growing at the rate of 100,000 a year. Willis Long is building a new church on the main street of Asansol, another industrial center. A national Bengal pastor in Calcutta is building a new church. Mark Buntain is building an outstation church and a \$23,000 school building in the heart of Calcutta. We have just purchased property in Ranchi which is planned to be North India's largest industrial city. Sydney Bryant and Emery Snyder plan to move to Ranchi soon to start construction. In the past few years a new church has been built in Lucknow under the direction of Andrew McDearmid, and another in Jabalpur, under the leadership of John Lewis. The Jabalpur church also has a large school.

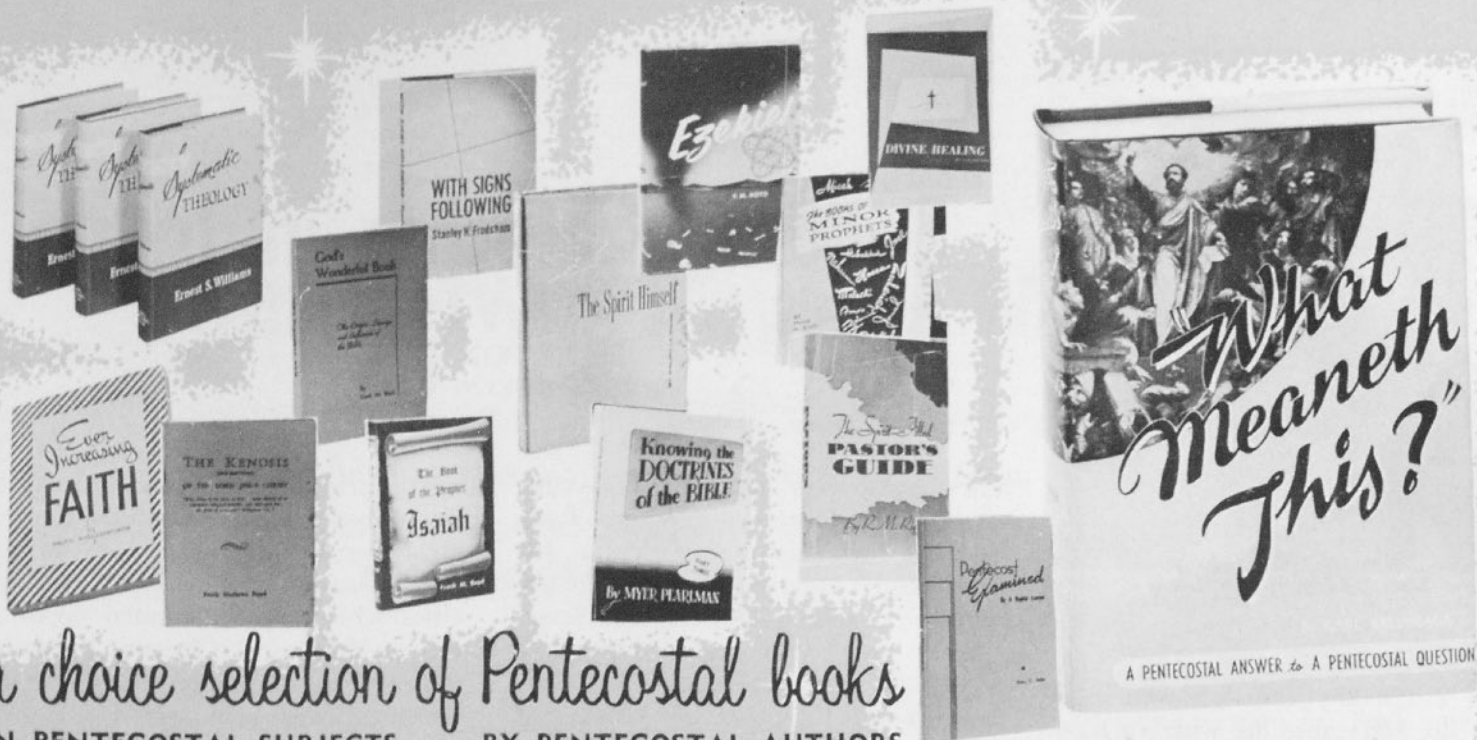
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# Edges of the Wedge

By J. W. MELLICK

THE THINNER THE EDGES OF Satan's wedges, the less discernible are these wedges and the easier their entrances into our lives. It is the wedge with the thinnest edge that will do the most damage, because it is often at work separating us from God and His blessings long before we are aware of its presence. What are some of these edges?

## HARMLESSNESS

Satan will label something "absolutely harmless" and with this thin edge involve us in something that becomes definitely harmful and disastrous. We are reminded of the well-meaning Scotsman who sent his friend in Australia "just a few" thistle seeds—the national flower of Scotland—that he might plant them in his garden. As a result, large sections of this "down-under" continent are all but choked with this troublesome weed... just a few harmless seeds!

Or, it is like the man who owned valuable land and refused to lease it until the would-be lessee promised to grow only one crop and then turn it back to the owner. To this the owner agreed, but after signing the agreement it was found that the man planted acorns and the crop was to be oak trees! Satan uses the thinnest edges to begin some of his widest wedges.

## COMMONNESS

One of Satan's subtleties is the prevalent philosophy and belief that if something is a "common practice" it has lost its wrongness by its very commonness. How impractical is this idea when people get into rattlesnake territory in the West. They then exercise all the more caution... and that if no one would do the right, it would still be right; and if everyone did wrong, it would still be wrong. Commonness would not change facts.

## DESIRABILITY

From Eden onward, Satan has baited his trap with that which is desired. It is hard to see danger in that



Philip A. Crouch, veteran Assemblies of God missionary who has served as instructor in missions for the past six years at Central Bible Institute, has been named president of the ministerial training school.

Brother Crouch will assume his new duties July 1, 1963, as successor to J. Robert Ashcroft who is leaving the CBI presidential post to devote his full time to the presidency of Evangel College.

A native of Iowa, Brother Crouch moved to Missouri as a teen-ager and attended public schools in St. Joseph, Mo. In 1934 he enrolled at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. and graduated in the class of 1937.

Shortly after graduation he was appointed by the Foreign Missions Department to serve in Egypt, following in the footsteps of his father Andrew who had served in that field as a missionary in 1910-11 and 1936-37. Philip was ordained to the ministry in Egypt, and served at intervals as

which we strongly desire. A thing may be good in its place but when Satan employs it as bait, the most innocent beginnings may have the most tragic endings.

## GRADUALNESS

Satan is in no hurry. His gradual working is the thin edge for many a downfall! His "slowness" is not his weakness but rather his strength toward our destruction! A very much alive frog can be boiled with no effort on its part to escape, if the water is heated gradually enough.

Let us pray that we may discern the thinnest of Satan's wedges! ◀

# Philip Crouch Named President of Central Bible Institute

chairman of the Egyptian field fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

Returning to the U.S. in 1944, Brother Crouch entered seminary at Hartford, Conn. and earned his master of arts degree in Islamic philosophy. In addition to his studies at the Hartford Seminary he attended the American University in Cairo, Egypt. He is fluent in Arabic, the language he used during his missionary work in Egypt.

Brother Crouch served as assistant to the late Lillian Trasher at her famed orphanage in Assiout, Egypt, from 1948 until 1955. From 1942 to 1944 he served as prisoner of war secretary for the YMCA in Egypt.

His wife is the former Hazel Conway of North Little Rock, Ark. who went to Egypt as a missionary soon after her graduation from Central Bible Institute. They were married in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1938. Brother and Sister Crouch have two sons, Wedge, age 15, and Mark, age eight.

## Our Liabilities Canceled

We slowly learn, alas how slowly, that the Cross touches our mortal frame, that our very bodies have been redeemed; that our liability to sickness because of sin has been canceled by His death; that we may lay even our sicknesses and infirmities upon Him who bare them, and take His resurrection life for every physical need of this mortal frame. For "he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17). —A. B. SIMPSON



By dialing in Revivaltime, people in many lands join the

# Worldwide Congregation

By FLO DAVIS

PERSONS LIVING IN THE DUSTY AREAS of India, on the distant islands of the Philippines or West Indies, and others who live in the exotic regions of the Orient all belong to one of the largest congregations in the world. Though they come from different backgrounds and are of different nationalities, yet they all have the same heavenly Father. They are all members of *Revivaltime's* international congregation.

Every week—for some more often—they listen to the music, testimony, and message of the radio broadcast. Many listeners write to *Revivaltime*. They ask for prayer, for guidance, for literature, and some send offerings for the support of the broadcast ministry. Some report the results of *Revivaltime* in their nation, witnessing to the power of the Christian message.

Many never write for they cannot. They live behind the bamboo and iron curtains. Yes, they listen, but they dare not write. However, word is received occasionally from some persons in these areas. The *Revivaltime* team is reminded that their work is not in vain; the message is reaching the lost.

From Manila word comes: "We hope you are aware of the fact that there are thousands of listeners out here in Asia who do not write us nor do they write you concerning their habits of listening to the gospel program from F. E. B. C. We do trust this response will be an encouragement to you."

From those who are able to write come encouraging testimonies of the blessing *Revivaltime* has been to them. A member of the listening congregation in Burma writes: "Just a little while ago I finished listening to the *Revivaltime* broadcast in uppermost Burma. Being able to tune into this program is a great privilege for which I am deeply thankful. There is so much spiritual meat and uplift for the soul."

The primary mission of the *Revivaltime* broadcast is to present the power of the gospel of Christ to change a person's life. Hundreds of letters come into the office monthly requesting further instructions on how to be saved, and asking for guidance to return to the Lord. A backslider in the Bahamas writes: "I am asking for prayer that the Lord will restore me.

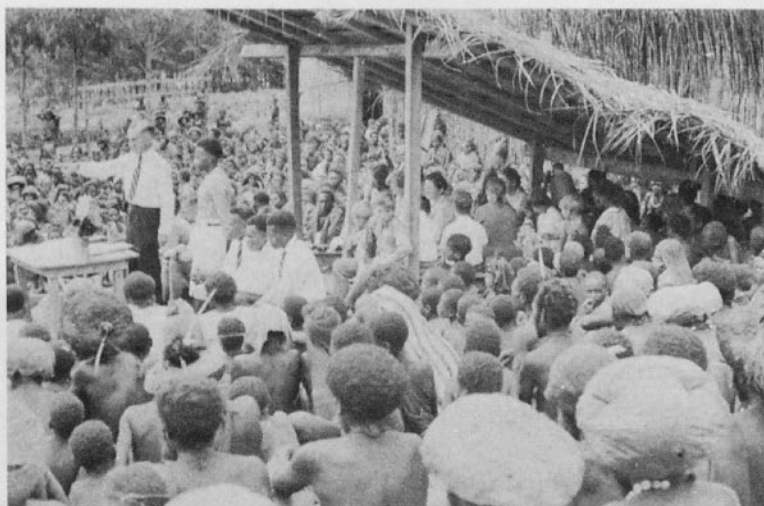
I was once a Christian and fell by weakness. But I do feel that God in His goodness is going to take me back."

Others write for more information about the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. They express a desire to be better equipped to witness for the Lord. A student in British Guiana writes: "We believers at school are praying God will baptize us afresh with His Holy Spirit. We would be very glad to be the ones to tell people, who have never heard of the saving power of Christ and His love, that we would testify what Jesus Christ has done for us." A young lady's family is unsaved and she said: "I place my faith on God that He will save them."

Another listener, hungering to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but not finding the opportunity in his local church, says: "I have read so much about the baptism in the Holy Spirit and heard so much that right now my heart thirsts and yearns for the Baptism. However, I am much disturbed and confused because my church doesn't believe in speaking with tongues."

To assist this British Guiana gentleman and many others around the world who write to the *Revivaltime* office, scriptural guidance is given by letters. In addition, literature prepared by *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward concerning the topics troubling listeners is sent to aid them in discovering God's answers to their problems.

The worldwide prayer ministry of *Revivaltime* continually takes many requests from foreign members of the radio congregation to God in prayer. Encouraging replies such as this one



Mr. H. Reah, a Pentecostal missionary, preaches to the people in New Guinea. Brother Reah writes that he receives inspiration and strength for his work from the weekly *Revivaltime* services.



This national radio announcer at station ELBC, Monrovia, Liberia, is typical of station personnel who help to place *Revivaltime's* salvation message on 53 foreign outlets around the world.

from the Bahamas are received: "I can see results already. My baby has begun to walk and is improving steadily. I have faith God is able to do all things. I know He is able to close the hole in my baby's heart without an operation."

Many of *Revivaltime's* listeners live in nations where the Pentecostal message is little known. In some cases, Christianity is despised and Christians are persecuted and even killed.

A young student in Singapore writes: "You will be interested to hear that I am a Protestant converted from Sikhism (a Hindu sect). It all happened when I was in a mission school where I was saved. Although the temptations come to me many times, I do pray that Christ will continue to satisfy my soul. I was once sent out of the house, but still the living Christ answers my longing prayers, even till today."

From the Philippines comes news of a growing radio audience. A sister writes: "I am informing you that your labor is not in vain. You have lots of listeners now in the Philippines and we are very grateful about it. Your broadcast is helping us. I pray for the broadcast ministry that the Lord may grant you strength and His richest blessings."

Just as *Revivaltime's* nationwide radio congregation represents a cross-section of various professional and nonprofessional fields, its international listening congregation is equally diversified. From Madras, India, a registered medical practitioner writes: "Greetings in the blessed name of our

Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We hear regularly your messages from Manila."

From New Guinea, a Pentecostal missionary writes: "I appreciate your radio ministry. It comes to us through the Christian radio station at Manila. We minister to thousands of natives who are 'stone age' in behavior. Your radio sermons are greatly appreciated as also all the literature you send us. God bless your work."

It is a large congregation made up of members from the exotic lands of the Orient and others from the wind-swept islands of the West Indies, yet all are united before our heavenly Father when *Revivaltime* is on the air.

Millions remain to be reached by the gospel message in each area. Presently, *Revivaltime* has 53 radio releases abroad, in addition to the *Voice of Truth* broadcasts in Ukrainian and Russian which go behind the iron curtain. But these are not enough. Many more must hear that Christ can save them, too.

Most of the foreign outlets cannot be supported from the country itself—many times because of restrictions. Listeners from India write: "We are not allowed to send money out of India." Therefore, the responsibility rests upon us to support the foreign releases. We must reach the hungering souls, engulfed in pagan darkness, and give to them the Bread of Life.

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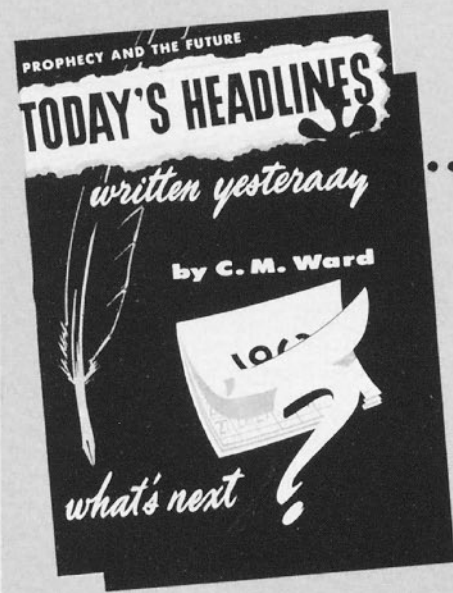
## The Evanston Story

"Revivaltime" is going to "pioneer" with Illinois' latest breakthrough project at Evanston, a community of 79,000 north of Chicago.

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"Ever since our days at Central Bible Institute when we were in the 'Revivaltime' Choir and worked so closely with the program, I made a promise to the Lord that if I ever pioneered a church 'Revivaltime' would 'pioneer' with me. 'Revivaltime' surely is a part of our ministry here. Evanston is a community with a population of 79,000 and with surrounding communities totalling 220,000 but has no full-gospel voice.

"I feel very favored of the Lord for He has given me two very capable associate ministers—Anthony Dyba who works with me and C. M. Ward who holds our 'evening service.'" (For more on the Evanston story, see page fourteen.)



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# BREAKTHROUGH IN ILLINOIS

## Exciting News Concerning the District's Number One Church Extension Project

By RUTH LYON



Wallace Pearson

ILLINOIS IS DOING IT AGAIN! WHEN the *Breakthrough*—8000 program of the Assemblies of God was introduced at the General Council in Portland, Oreg., in August, 1961, the thrilling story of the new church in Wheaton, Ill., was presented as an example of what had been done and could be done through concerted effort and sacrifice.

Now, the district's exciting Number One *Breakthrough* project is Evanston, a city of about 79,000.

Eighty-five people attended the initial service of the First Assembly of God in Evanston on Sunday afternoon, November 4, 1962. They met in the Lincolnwood School. Seven churches cooperated. A number of district and sectional officials of the Assemblies of God attended the service.

Since that time the church has had regular worship services at 11 A.M. Sundays in the Lincolnwood School. The congregation, numbering well over sixty members, has already been able to contribute several hundred dollars to missions.

From all indications, the new church in Evanston has a great potential as well as a great challenge. The population of the area is approximately half a million. Of the sixty-seven churches in Evanston, only a handful have evening evangelistic services. Only one is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals. Christian Science is strong and the Baha'i Faith Temple is just outside Evanston.

Evanston, located on the shoreline of Lake Michigan, is the first stop north of Chicago. It represents the

largest area of population in Illinois without an Assemblies of God voice. Northwestern University in Evanston, the largest college in the United States, accounts for about 7,000 people. The Methodists have a theological seminary in Evanston. Both Garrett and Seabury Seminaries are located there.

The location of a suitable site for the new church presents a problem,

partly due to the high price of property. Other cities in the Evanston area are:

Skokie, 59,500 population; Morton Grove 20,500; Wilmette 28,000; Winnetka 13,000; and Glencoe 10,000. North Chicago is also within the church's area of potential ministry.

Vocational volunteers would help the Evanston Assembly to get on its feet. Many positions are available for those who can qualify. There is a great need for substitute teachers (fifteen hours of educational subjects required).

Pastor Wallace Pearson enters this pioneer field with a fine background of experience. He was formerly minister of music and youth at the Stone Church (Assemblies of God) on Chicago's south side and currently is youth counselor at Calvary Tabernacle Church, also in Chicago. While a student at Central Bible Institute he served various churches in the area around Springfield, Mo. The Pearsons have two small children.

Anthony Dyba, Brother Pearson's capable assistant, is a commissioned chaplain in the Army reserve.

(More about Evanston on page 13.)

## Out of the Depths

*The testimony of a prisoner in the State Penitentiary of Baha California, Mexico*

GOD HAS DONE FOR ME WHAT NO one else could do, and what I could not do for myself. He has delivered me from drug addiction. And if God could set a person such as I free from the chains that bound me, He can do it for anyone who will trust Him.

I am thirty years of age, and after fifteen years of crime and narcotics I am here in this prison serving time. This is not the first time; I have been in and out of many prisons, but by the grace of God this will be the last.

In 1944, at the age of fourteen I received my first jail sentence at El Paso. I was sent to the State Reformatory for three years for car theft and burglary.

Six months after my release in 1947, I was sentenced for two to five years for robbery and car theft to the In-

diana State Reformatory in Crown Point, Ind. I was released this time in 1949.

Not long after this I was confined again, this time in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, where I was charged with "assault with intent to kill," robbery, and narcotics possession. I realized the seriousness of the charges. I was taken to the County Hospital where the man I had knifed was lying more dead than alive, and he pointed his finger at me as his assailant.

I knew that if that man died I would be facing the electric chair. So that night in my cell I prayed to God with all of my heart to save the man's life. God must have heard my prayer, for when I went to trial I not only saw the man fully recovered, but also heard him say that I was not the man who wounded him. So that charge was dropped, and so was the robbery charge. I was charged only with possession of marijuana and giv-

en a one-year sentence. I was released in September, 1950.

Just before Christmas of that same year, I was in the San Antonio County Jail, charged with possession and passing of counterfeit money. In March 1951 I was sentenced to eighteen months in Federal prison at La Tuna, Tex. I got out of that one in July, 1952.

I moved to Los Angeles, Calif., right after my release, and it was in this city that I got my first "fix" of heroin. Before I realized what was happening I became a slave to that drug. I had to start selling it to support my habit.

It was under these circumstances that I met and married my wife. After finding out that I was a dope addict she wanted to leave me, but somehow I talked her into taking a little fix; so, because of me she also became an addict. Soon we were spending an average of \$100 a day for our heroin, and for eighteen months we lived like that, until I was arrested and convicted of possession of drugs and sent to San Quentin with a two-to twenty-year sentence. During my incarceration, our two-year-old girl died. My wife divorced me and teamed up with another Los Angeles big pusher. So when I was released in 1957, I was deeply hurt and bitter.

I had come out on parole, so I had to take a job and go straight, which I did for a while. It was in those days that I met and married my second wife. But not long afterward I started to "fix" occasionally and was soon hooked again. Then my wife gave birth to a wonderful boy. It was on that occasion that I tried to "kick" the habit; but, remembering the agonizing hours that I had gone through during my first withdrawal from the drug, I "chickened" out.

In February 1960 the police had a warrant for my arrest, and I knew what that meant. So I told my wife I was going to Tijuana and that she was to join me a month later, which she did.

Things did not change. I kept on using my drugs in a worse manner. My wife threatened to leave me if I did not quit. On September 30, 1960, she walked out on me, taking my son.

I kept on fixing, cheating, and stealing until I came to this prison where I reached the degrading point. I was thoroughly depraved by this time. It was in this prison that I had to beg

money from visitors so I could buy doses of heroin, for it was the only way I could escape hurt and bitter memories.

I thank the Lord that one day when I was wandering around the prison yard, sick and weary, lonely and lost, without hope and without God, I was called to do some work for a man of God. I will never forget it, for on that day the Word of God turned on a light of hope within my life. I was asked to interpret the minister's message in Spanish.

This brother's message that day left a very deep impression on me. The seed of the gospel of Christ had been planted; and soon after, I was saved.

The Lord has regenerated me and washed me of all my sins. He has forgotten all of my transgressions. He did it all for me when He died on the cross.

Christ has set me free from all the bad habits I had—the marijuana, the heroin, and the pill (goof ball). All were left behind—for now I know the truth, and the truth has set me free.

If I stay on in this prison, my stay is only to reconstruct "His temple" so that I will be able to give the Lord my best, for I have promised to serve Him all the way as long as I live.

—Name withheld by Editors

## Little Red Feather's Healing

A True Incident by  
DOROTHY TERRY  
*Bitá Hochee, Arizona*

EARLY ONE MORNING YELLOW FEATHER, a Navajo Indian, came to my door crying, "My little Red Feather is dying; please come quick!"

Yellow Feather was not saved; but I urged him to give his heart to Jesus so we could all pray for little Red Feather. Yellow Feather's wife Dorothy and all the children were already saved. With tears, this Indian man came to Jesus and experienced the joy of salvation. We then went to the family's hogan and prayed earnestly for the baby. We felt we had assurance from the Lord the child would live.

Then Yellow Feather, his wife and I drove to the hospital. A member of the hospital staff had called the Training Post and told the manager to tell Yellow Feather to bring new clothes. That means *death* out here. He brought the new clothes.

When we entered the hospital they rushed us to little Red Feather. He was in an oxygen tent and he could hardly breathe. He looked so tiny and helpless. We knew our only hope was Jesus. The nurse came to me and said he could not live, that he had died twice and there was no hope. Then the doctor told me the same thing.

Red Feather had a rare disease of the blood and it was just a matter of time. I asked the doctor whether they had ever had a miraculous healing there. He looked at me rather strangely and said, "No." I told him Jesus was going to heal little Red Feather.

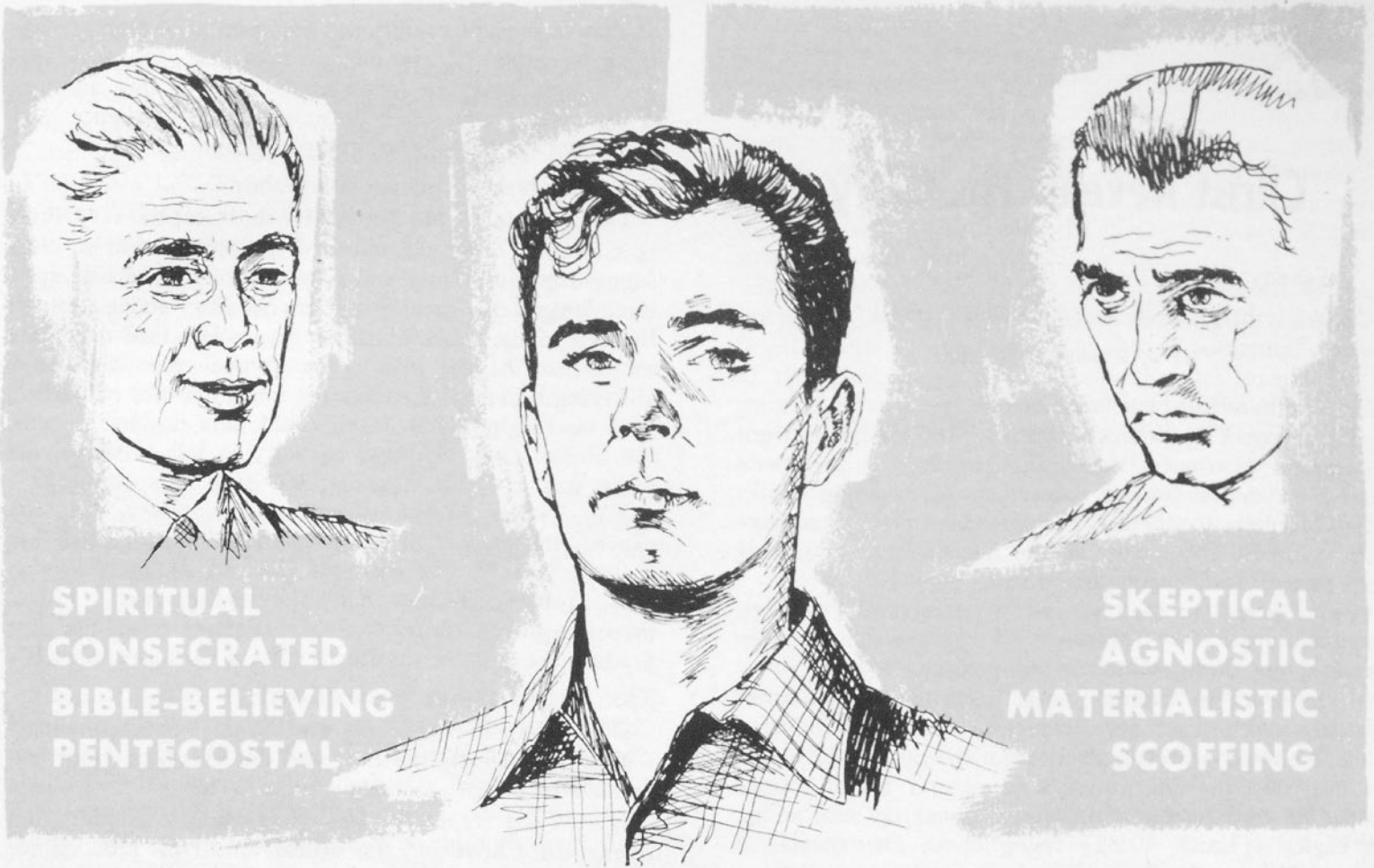
The baby's daddy, his mother and I laid our hands on this dear little helpless body and prayed. The power of God healed the baby and his fever came down right away. The nurse came to take his temperature and it was normal. In a few days Dorothy and I went to the hospital to bring Red Feather home. His miraculous healing was the main subject of conversation in the hospital.

As we were waiting for him, the nurse came with his chart and laid it down in front of me. She turned the page to show us that his fever did not go up again. This was the hand of God, for it had not occurred to us to check this. God wanted us to know He had done the job. So we brought little Red Feather home well in the clothes he was to have been buried in!

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NOTE: The American Indian Fund is nearly \$1,000 in the "red" at present. This fund helps keep home missionaries on the field, since a number of them do not receive adequate support from their congregations or other sources. Also, money for ever-present emergencies arising on the Indian field must come from this source. Your assistance in helping us wipe out this deficit immediately will be greatly appreciated. Offerings should be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.





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### SHOULD PARENTS KEEP QUIET?

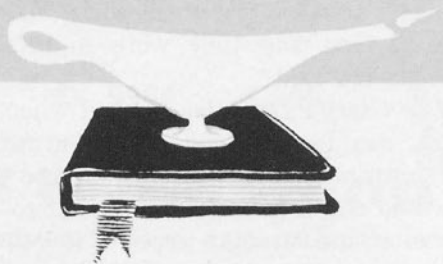
Sometimes parents who have spent years in molding

a life abdicate their responsibilities just short of success. "This is *his* decision," they say of his choice of a school. "We must not interfere." True, it *is* his choice. But the parents' advice, wisely and prayerfully given, may at this point be one of their most important contributions. What a reward when he says in later years, "It was there in school I really learned to know God."

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# Christ Reveals His Glory

Sunday School Lesson for February 24, 1963

LUKE 9:28-36; 2 PETER 1:16-19

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

## THE PREPARATION FOR THE GLORY

*The Time.* The writers of the first three Gospels were all careful to connect the Transfiguration with Christ's first clear announcement concerning His coming death. (See Matthew 16:21-23.) The prediction of His crucifixion would fill them with gloom, but the transfiguration experience would strengthen them.

*The Place.* "He went up into a mountain." ("A high mountain apart," says Matthew.) For prayer Christ often resorted to the mountains for privacy. Notice:

1. In order to maintain vital fellowship with Christ, we all need privacy for prayer.

2. We must retire regularly from the hustle and bustle of everyday life—not merely to ascend literal mountains, but to ascend spiritually to "mount up with wings as eagles" (Isaiah 40:31) rising above low standards, low ambitions, the lowlands of sin and materialism.

*The Witnesses.* Why did Jesus take only three of the twelve with Him? It may be they were more spiritually advanced than the others and the only disciples who

at that time were conditioned for such a revelation. One thing is certain, Christ had no favorites! There are degrees of intimacy in following Christ but this intimacy is dependent upon one's personal desire, obedience, and faith—not on Christ's arbitrary selection.

## THE MANIFESTATION OF THE GLORY

*The Nature of the Glory.* In the Gospels very little is said concerning the outward majesty of Christ, thus suggesting His beauty and power were inward and spiritual. But on this occasion the divine glory shone through the veil of the flesh. Matthew says, "His face did shine as the sun." Luke says, "His raiment was white and glistening." Centuries earlier the face of Moses had shone with God's glory, but a veil could hide it. Not so with the Son of God. So pure, so holy, so full of the divine glory was He that it penetrated even His clothes!

*The Prayer Which Produced the Glory.* "As he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered." It is true that "prayer changes things." It is also true that "prayer changes us." Fellowship with Christ through prayer transforms our characters so that we produce the glory of the Lord! (See 2 Corinthians 3:18.)

## THE VISITORS FROM THE GLORY

*Who They Were.* Moses and Elijah appeared, representing respectively the Law and the Prophets. Both had pointed to Christ's coming (Luke 24:27, 44).

*Why They Appeared.* (1) They came to comfort and strengthen Christ for the ordeal ahead of Him. Since each had triumphed over death—Moses by immediate resurrection (Deuteronomy 34:5, 6 and Jude 9) and Elijah by translation—they were qualified to do this. (2) Since the topic of conversation was "his decease which should be accomplished at Jerusalem," they assured Christ the mystery of Calvary was understood by those already in glory. (3) To the disciples, the whole event was proof their Lord was really the Messiah of whom the Law and the Prophets had spoken. It also showed them Calvary was part of God's purpose.

*How They Appeared.* What the disciples saw was real—Moses and Elijah had not lost their identity. This suggests two lessons: (1) God's people are conscious and happy after death. (2) We shall recognize our loved ones in heaven!

## THE VOICE FROM THE GLORY

*Peter's Comment* (v. 33). Peter appreciated the intimacy of the relationship they were enjoying with Christ. He said, "It is good for us to be here." It is indeed good to commune with Christ and love the consciousness of His presence, but Peter forgot his responsibility to his fellowman down in the valley.

*The Father's Word.* The voice of His Father assured Christ that His Father's approval which had been upon His life and ministry was also upon His journey to the Cross. But God spoke for the benefit of the disciples as well! It reminded them their Master was indeed the Son of God and they were to accept as authoritative all that He said.

*The Glory's Departure.* "And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone." The outward glory was gone, but Jesus was still there. Now these disciples were to go down to the demon-possessed and to minister in the inspiration and strength received on the Mount.

"AWAKE, THOU THAT SLEEPEST"



## Deliverance (Continued from page three)

out thy transgressions...and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25). The forgiveness of sins is the removing of them. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). The forgiveness of sins is the covering of them. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is COVERED" (Psalm 32:1).

Man's first and greatest need is the forgiveness of his sins. The benefits of health and healing, though precious, are temporal, while the blessing of forgiveness is of inestimable, incomparable value both now and forever. This blessing is indispensable. It can mean the difference between life and death, between heaven and the eternal abyss.

Presently the same Christ who spoke the word of forgiveness issued the command: "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."

Imagine telling a man to arise and walk when he can't. In himself, this helpless creature had no ability to overcome his disease. But God doesn't challenge man's ability. God challenges his faith. In faith he makes a try. Immediately the paralysis steals out of his long unused limbs. Life and energy surge through every fiber

of his being. He leaps! He runs! Through the crowd, and down the highway he goes! He came to Jesus riding on his bed but he left with his bed riding on him.

What a dramatic comeback! Transformed in a flash from a sin-sick, hopeless, helpless cripple to a perfectly sound able-bodied man, and radiantly happy disciple of Christ! The crowd, which had gathered for cures or curiosity, was thrilled with the display of power demonstrated by the great Miracle-Worker.

The power of the Lord was present indeed to heal the people that day. And the same great I AM HEALER is ever with us. That same mighty supernatural power of the Lord is present to heal the sick today. With some, healing may be instantaneous; with others, healing may take the form of "recovery." ("They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover".) In either case there is complete healing for the sick, whether the symptoms depart instantly or whether the sick amend from that very hour.

The palsied man was healed altogether, in soul as well as body. God provides the double cure of forgiveness and healing, for the double curse of sin and sickness. There is forgiveness for EVERY sin, healing from EVERY disease (Psalm 103:3). The Bible tells us "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1:7), and "with His stripes we ARE healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

Step out at His word! Act your faith! Salvation and healing are YOURS. ◀◀◀



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Mrs. W. Caldwell

When Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa was conducting revival meetings in Long Point Assembly I attended. On May 23 I requested prayer for healing. Brother Caldwell laid his hands on my throat, and immediately the growth disappeared.

I thank God for His kindness. He has healed my body many times.—Mrs. W. O. Caldwell, 10022 Hanka Drive, Houston 24, Texas

(Endorsed by Pastor J. C. Miner, Long Point Assembly, Houston, Tex.)

# A New Kind of Loyalty Campaign

THE LOYALTY CAMPAIGN IS ENLARGING its scope for 1963. Since the Pentecost Crusade covers the same span of time the Evangelism and Sunday School Departments are joining forces in a coordinated approach. The Sundays from Easter to Pentecost, April 21 through June 2, are designated for the dual emphasis on faithfulness to the Sunday morning and Sunday evening services.

These *Seven Golden Sundays* offer seven golden opportunities for being found faithful in the house of the Lord. Loyalty during these weeks will serve further as a stimulus to consecutive attendance throughout the summer months.

A campaign package has been designed by Lloyd Colbaugh, somewhat similar to the GROW campaign used for Enlargement. A simple sun motif will unify the campaign and act as a regis-



Officials of the Sunday School and Evangelism Departments review material for the 1963 "Found Faithful" Loyalty Campaign. From left to right are C. W. Denton, national Sunday school secretary, Charles W. H. Scott, executive Sunday school director, Howard Bush, executive evangelism director, and Burton Pierce, national evangelism secretary.

ter of personal loyalty through the use of individual rays of the sun.

The Loyalty Planneret, which gives details for conducting the campaign, is currently being mailed to all churches of the Assemblies of God. Additional copies and other publicity and enlistment items, using the campaign theme, will be available through the order blank in the Planneret.

The loyalty theme, "Found Faithful," is appropriate for this year of stewardship emphasis. The Scripture used as the basis of the campaign is, "It is *required* in stewards that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4: 2). Churches throughout the nation will bring this to the attention of their congregations through the spring campaign. ◀◀

## Breaking a Bad Habit

BY ELLA MAY HEADY

THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN IS NOT to be underestimated, but the victory is the Lord's. I had begun the habit of cigarette smoking when only eleven years of age. Since I received a sense of satisfaction from this, I had no desire to quit, even when I became a Christian.

Although it was not my usual reading material, one day I was reading the Bible, and the Spirit of God began to open my eyes. I discovered that Jesus was ready and willing to save me. Even I could be a Christian—to smoke, or not to smoke, was not the *immediate* question. I came to Jesus

believing His Word. The Lord began to make changes in my way of living, and I was very happy to realize He had accepted me.

That is, I was happy until the matter of cigarettes came up! While content to lose certain things, I considered the right to smoke was my personal domain. Naturally Satan made sure that I met other Christians with the same view. We tried to convince ourselves that it was legitimate to smoke as long as we could conceal it from others and not be a stumbling block!

But God is faithful to guide us and

it was not long until I realized it was wrong for a Christian to be controlled by the tobacco habit. Although Satan's stronghold had begun to weaken, he persuaded me that smoking was not really an "out and out" sin, but rather a *questionable* indulgence. This battle went on for sometime. Finally one night I had a very vivid and terrifying dream. In it, my cigarette became a vicious, living monster almost impossible to escape. When I awoke I realized that in my sleep God had shown me how the sin of smoking looked to Him.

Now I was ready to call it sin and to admit it carried power to destroy the unsuspecting. I made up my mind to quit at once; but Satan did not give up so easily, and a few hours later I found myself craving tobacco. I could not even think clearly; my

nerves were on edge, and I felt like crying. Twenty years of inhaling tobacco had accustomed my body to the habit.

Despising my own weakness, I took a cigarette and smoked as if my life depended upon it. *Addicted* is a word applied to users of narcotics, but I was addicted to nicotine as surely as any marijuana smoker is to his drug.

What a struggle! No longer did I tell myself, "It's only a little cigarette!" I knew I was possessed of a desire beyond my control. I also had a cough which became much worse and I would awaken in the middle of the night coughing, strangling, and craving a cigarette. Now I was smoking almost three packs a day and I weighed only ninety-eight pounds.

I really wanted to quit. I feared the Lord's patience would be spent and I would finally be eternally lost—all for a cigarette! (Those who have been enslaved by something of this nature will understand.) I found it is possible to hate what you are doing and still continue doing it! Somehow I had not associated *deliverance* with Christianity, but still thought the power of Christians lay in their own determination and willpower! I nearly despaired.

At this time God in His great mercy gave me a very consecrated Christian couple for friends. To them I confided my helplessness. They prayed for me and for three days I did not smoke. But the enemy did not give up easily and before I could recognize his trick I was holding a cigarette in my hand and thinking, "What harm to light up and take one little puff, and quickly put it out again?"

Now I despaired more than ever. I felt I had no right to expect deliverance from God after failing so miserably! Although my friends learned of my lapse, they were gracious and did not make condemning remarks. Somehow I knew they were continuing to pray for me.

All this time I had continued to attend church and had retained confidence that God *would* yet have an answer for me. Satan was unable to take from me the promise, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Then came November 13, 1958. The Sunday morning message was about King Saul's disobedience and failure

to slay all the Amalekites. This so plainly spoke to me of the sin which I had desired to spare in the beginning. Then as the preacher named cigarettes, conviction settled on my heart. I knew God was laying bare my personal sin. My pride made me say, "How can I possibly go to the altar and ask for prayer? These people think I am perfectly all right!"

Yet I knew God was offering me a chance to admit to Him my guilt and inability to free myself, and I stepped out. (I shudder to think what might have happened if I had not done so. How strong the chain would be by now!)

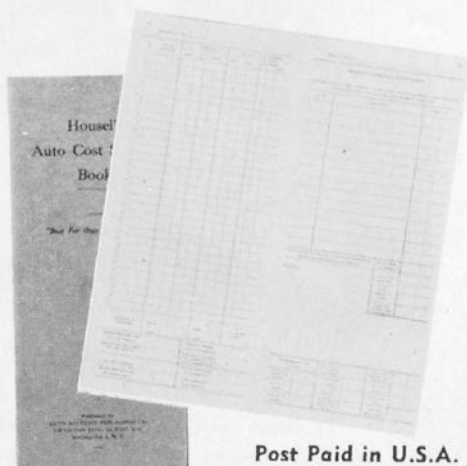
Once again my Christian friends prayed with me. Hypocrisy does not come off easily, but, as God stripped away the last bit of deceit, Satan's stronghold came crashing down at the command of Jesus. "If the Son therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

(Endorsed by Pastor Parvin C. Lee, Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle, Dearborn, Mich., who writes: "We are very pleased to vouch for Sister

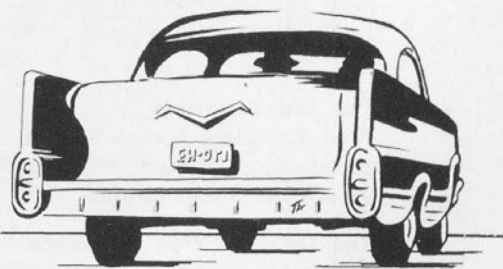
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## Small Girl Healed of Bronchial Asthma

WHEN MY LITTLE DAUGHTER CYNTHIA was three weeks old she had her first attack of *bronchial asthma*. Since we were of a different faith we had never learned to trust God for healing, but trusted the arm of flesh and started our visits to the doctor.

Cynthia had no prolonged relief. We found that she was allergic to milk. When she was old enough to have other foods, there were many she could not eat. She ran high fevers, and because of the congestion in her bronchial tubes would vomit repeatedly—often as many as twelve times in twenty-four hours she would lose all nourishment she had taken.

We took her to a specialist who ran tests to find the foods to which she was allergic. She was on a very limited diet. Pollen shots lessened the occurrences but not the severity of the attacks. She continued to take these shots and during the pollen season, when she was most affected, would receive as many as three shots a week.

Because of the high medical expenses incurred, we had to "let our car go back" and had no way to go to the church where we had been members for twelve years. I was determined to go to church somewhere, so I attended Bethel Assembly of God near our home. Here I heard the full gospel—how Jesus came to heal as well as to save. I was unlearned as to how faith works, but I had enough faith to ask prayer for Cynthia, and someone who prayed had faith to believe. God healed her instantly!

I did not claim the victory and kept taking her for pollen shots. However, she took the mumps and God used this as a means to an end. The doctor would not give her shots while she had the mumps, and she did not have one symptom during this time!

As soon as the swelling went down, I took her back for a pollen shot. *The shot made her deathly ill.* When I said that I would not give her something that would make her sick, God put the assurance in my heart to accept Cynthia's healing. She is now four years old and has not had one symptom.

Truly Jesus Christ—the same yesterday, today, and forever—heals today as when He walked the earth,

and He will heal tomorrow too.—Mrs. Lona Williams, P. O. Box 43, Liberty, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor O. E. Gower, Bethel Assembly of God, Liberty, Tex.)

## Mexican Orphanage Reorganized

In a joint meeting between the Latin American Orphanage board of directors and the executive presbytery in Springfield, Missouri, January 9, 1963, a mutually acceptable working agreement and plan of amalgamation was agreed upon. This agreement will bring the Latin American Orphanage into an integral relationship with the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department. The Latin American Orphanage will no longer operate as an independent missionary organization.

It was noted that, after many years of service, Floyd L. Hawkins will be occupied in other ministry and will not be associated with the Latin American Orphanage program.

Under the new plan, five members

of the former Latin American Orphanage board, together with two executive presbyters of the General Council and one representative of the Foreign Missions Department, shall constitute the new board of directors for the Latin American Orphanage.

Since the inception of the Latin American Orphanage, General Narciso Medina Estrada has been associated with the work. General Medina will continue to serve as the Mexican member of the board of directors.

All funds received for the work of the orphanage should be sent directly to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.

The Latin American Orphanage is located in Acapulco, Mexico.

### PRAYER AND PROMISE

Prayer is the mightiest thing put into human hands. If we know how to pray nothing is impossible to us. Prayer should be a matter of plan and purpose, as well as of impulse.

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R. M. Riggs

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blies of God churches in South Oakland County cooperating. Orie L. Robinson, instructor.—by A. F. DiMusto, chairman.

**WITH CHRIST**

PETER J. KRNJETA, 77, of Detroit, Mich., went to be with Jesus last December 27. Yugoslavian by birth, Brother Krnjeta for many years was Superintendent of the Yugoslavian Branch which later dissolved. In 1942 he affiliated with the Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God. He pastored in Detroit, Mich. and also did extensive evangelistic work. He was superannuated in 1960.

**EVANGELISTIC EVENTS**

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Yuma	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Lowell Lundstrom Party	O. W. Killingsworth
Ark.	Leachville	Happy Corner	Feb. 24-Mar. 10	Glenna Byard	J. H. Penny
	Lepanto	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 3	Eddie Eaton	Don Jones
	Little Rock	Cloverdale	Feb. 25-Mar. 10	Eddie Wilson	Alvin Hicks
	Malvern	N. Malvern	Feb. 24—	Robert & Mrs. Price	LeRoy King
Calif.	Arcata	McKinleyville	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Sam Klein	George Alcorn
	El Monte	Calvary	Feb. 20—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	William McKay
	Fresno	Northeast	Feb. 19—	Tommy & Darlene Beard	Tommy Fuller
	Garden Grove	First	Feb. 17—	David Bunch	R. G. Markey
	Monrovia	Monrovia-Duarte	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	Bender Team	Vinton Huffey
	N. Hollywood	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 3	Bob & Lillian Watters	D. L. Sanders
	Pittsburg	First	Feb. 10—	R. K. & Mrs. Colsen	H. C. Dodson
S. San Gabriel	Garvey	First	Feb. 19—	Glen & Mrs. Shinn	Lawrence E. Terry
	Greeley	First	Feb. 12-24	W. F. Morton	Harold Maley
Fla.	Panama City	First	Feb. 19-24	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Glen Miller
Ga.	West Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Feb. 24-Mar. 1	Bob Olson	Roy Hartherm
	Macon	Houston Avenue	Feb. 20-Mar. 3	Perrello Brothers	E. A. Crawford
Idaho	Firth	Firth Tab.	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Wesley Pollet	U. C. Morris
	Jerome	A/G	Feb. 14—	Park Reed	Elmer L. Ridgeway
Iowa	Ottumwa	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Ralph A. Creider	Ernest Illum
	Ottumwa	First Pent.	Feb. 19-24	A. J. Chandonnet	S. E. Johnson
	Waterloo	First	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Norman & Evelyn Hays	R. L. Thompson
Kans.	Coffeyville	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 3	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	L. J. Choate
	Louisburg	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Johnny & Mrs. Garrison	Rodney Stanbro
Pittsburg	First	First	Feb. 17-24	C. M. Smitley	Oscar Bolen
	Baltimore	Eastern	Feb. 12—	T. J. Kerfoot	George Raduano
Minn.	Paynesville	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Dave Tonn	Wilbur Remus
Mo.	Bakersfield	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Gene Worley
	Chaffee	A/G	Feb. 17-24	Samuel Calk	W. H. Marshall
	Houston	A/G	Feb. 24-Mar. 10	Loyd Middleton	Joe Combs
Ohio	Lima	First	Feb. 12-24	Musical Lebsacks	T. E. Hartshorn
	Parma	Bethel Temple	Feb. 24—	Joseph DeGrado	Louis R. Davidson
Okla.	Bartlesville	Tuxedo	Feb. 13-18	Bob Hoskins	Claude Asher
	Oklahoma City	Britton	Feb. 12-24	Billy D. Guthrie	W. C. Drain
	Okmulgee	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 10	W. D. Rice	H. A. Brummett
	Shawnee	Glad Tidings	Feb. 24-Mar. 10	B. R. Minton	B. E. Potter
	Tulsa	Bruner	Feb. 10—	Sam Waganer	P. H. Wootton
Oreg.	Lyons	Santiam Chapel	Feb. 19—	L. H. Sheets	Douglas Mentze
	Roseburg	A/G	Feb. 24—	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	C. O. Ross
Tex.	Cleveland	Hi-Way Tab.	Feb. 20-Mar. 3	Fisher-Check Team	Travis Freeman
	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	Sara E. Sharp	H. C. Noah
	Farmersville	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 10	Bobby Joe Smith	W. Gene Young
	Freeport	Valaseo	Feb. 20-Mar. 4	Paul D. VanWinkle	O. H. Dockray
Va.	Houston	First	Feb. 20-Mar. 3	Mike Wright Family	Bythel Hagee
	Big Stone Gap	A/G	Feb. 17—	Alfred Allen	E. T. Edmonds
Wash.	Norfolk	Glad Tidings Ch.	Feb. 3-24	Musical Vanderploegs	Dave Berquist
	Prosser	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Gaidies-Wagner Team	John E. Hunter
Spanaway	A/G	Feb. 10-17	Gaidies-Wagner Team	Ernest L. Friend	
	Moorefield	A/G	Feb. 19—	Frank G. Sharp	Nellie Kight
W. Va.	Abbotsford, B. C.	Pent. Tab.	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	E. A. Francis
	Preeceville, Sask.	Pent. Tab.	Feb. 12-17	Mel W. Holmes	James Culham
Africa	Accra, Ghana	A/G	Feb. 21—	Keith & Mrs. Belknap	Robert Cobb
	Cape Palmas, Lib.	A/G Mission	Feb. 25—	Ernie & Neil Eskelin	Vernon Hagar
	New Hope T., Lib.	A/G	Feb. 23—	Keith & Mrs. Belknap	—————
Pt. Harcourt, Nig.	A/G	Feb. 19—	Keith & Mrs. Belknap	Glenn Reeves	
	Malaya	Singapore	*A/G	Feb. 17-22	Tommy Barnett
Samoa	Pago Pago	A/G	Feb. 24—	Tommy Barnett	Claude Rediger
S. A.	Bogota, Col.	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 3	Watson Argue	Verlin E. Stewart

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# Satisfaction Guaranteed

MOST OF US WILL ADMIT WE WANT JOY AND CONTENTMENT. But people who seek them as ends in life become self-centered. Pleasure after pleasure and thrill upon thrill produce a jaded appetite, and boredom sets in.

Others have the right slant. They set and strive for a goal realizing that achievement and attainment result in joy and contentment. But many of them find disappointment. Is there a sure way to joy and contentment in this life?

A young man and his fiancée were driving along in his car. They hit a slight dip in the road which at sixty miles an hour would have been thrilling—but at a hundred it was lethal. The car left the road, mounted an embankment, and flew forty feet through the air. The vehicle struck a tree eight inches in diameter, broke it off ten feet above the ground, and uprooted it. The wrecker could not tow the car away: it had to be lifted on to a flat bed truck. There were no viewings at the funeral homes!

Another young fellow, heir to a considerable fortune, used his money to enjoy life. In his own words, he "tried everything." Finally, he wrote on the flyleaf of a book, "Died of old age at 21"—and committed suicide. Thrills and pleasure leave much to be desired.

After God created man, He said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Then the Lord made Eve and brought her to Adam. On that day God decreed that every man would find happiness with a good woman for a lifelong companion.

Hart P. Danks and his devoted wife spent many happy days together. Then he composed "Silver Threads Among the Gold," a ballad which brought him fame and fortune. Wealth destroyed their beautiful dreams of growing old together and brought instead discord and separation. After Mr. Danks died, an old copy of his famous song was found on which he had written, "It's hard to grow old alone." Hart P. Danks found disappointment in home and fame.

People have found fulfillment in education. Man has always been a seeker after knowledge. It is reported that one of the oldest known bits of writing in the world, the Presse Papyrus in the Municipal Museum in Istanbul, states that "everyone wants to write a book."

But recently Chicago police caught a research analyst redhanded trying to break into a safe. This man was graduated from the University of Chicago, earned a psychology degree from the University of Kansas, studied law for a year at the University of Missouri, and was working for a doctorate in psychology at Northwestern University. For him, education was not the answer.

Some find happiness in music and song. Felix Powell composed the tune to the ditty, "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile" which his brother George wrote. He helped to make a singing army of American troops in World War I. But twenty-seven years later Felix sat down to the piano and played and sang the ditty for the last time. He found no comfort in the song—so he went to another room and killed himself.

Surely in combatting disease and gaining the assurance that you have helped to save thousands—surely *there* would be joy and contentment. But after Major Bryon L. Bennett had played a large part in developing the Salk anti-polio vaccine, he became despondent and shot himself to death.

What was missing? Why should these people work and struggle, only to have disappointment and tragedy overtake them? They made no room for Christ in their lives. The sure way to joy and contentment is found in the Scriptures: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The Bible says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6). David found fulfillment in the Lord. In the song He sang to God he was able to say: "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11). —James E. Adams