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# An Ungovernable Temper

*Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth  
in the bosom of fools (Ecclesiastes 7:9).*

A Radio Address by C. M. WARD, Revivaltime Evangelist

WHATEVER YOU CALL IT—"BLOWING YOUR TOP"—"FLYING off the handle"—"hot-headedness"—it all adds up to madness, a form of insanity. You need help.

There is a story that Jonathan Edwards, third president of Princeton and a great thinker, had a daughter with an ungovernable temper. But, as is often the case, this infirmity was not known to the outside world. A worthy young man fell in love with this daughter and sought her hand in marriage.

"You can't have her," was the abrupt answer of Mr. Edwards.

"But I love her," the young man replied.

"You can't have her," was the answer.

"But she loves me," pursued the young man.

Again the father replied, "You can't have her." Then the young man asked, "Why?" and Mr. Edwards answered, "Because she is not worthy of you."

"But," he asked, "she is a Christian, is she not?"

"Yes, she is a Christian, but the grace of God can live with some people with whom no one else could ever live."

Are you such a person? Something ought to be done about your temper.

A young fellow said to his Bible class teacher some time ago, "I have such a bad temper, but I excuse myself because I get it from my father. He had a bad temper and I am just like him."

This teacher asked, "Are you a Christian?"

The young fellow said, "Yes, I am."

The teacher queried, "Were you born of God?"

The young man said, "Yes, I was."

"Then," asked his teacher, "is God your Father?"

Once again the young man replied, "Yes, He is."

"Then," said the teacher, "what sort of temper did you get when you were born again?" Can you answer that same question, neighbor?

Psalm 37:8 has a good word for us all—"Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil." A real Christian will have control of himself or herself at all times. Here are some of the checkpoints:

## I

Do you have a tendency to "blow your top" at exasperation point? Do you store it up within yourself and then finally erupt like a volcano?

Look at Jesus, who "when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

Paul shares his experience with us: "...even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; and labor, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it..."

Paul practiced the truth of Proverbs 15:1 which says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." It is said that when an elephant is enraged nothing calms him so well as a little lamb. It is a well-known fact that Andrew Jackson in the battle of New Orleans stopped the cannon balls of the British artillery with bales of cotton.

The pathos of Moses when he struck the rock instead of speaking to it almost talks louder through history than his reputation for meekness. Something of the violent temper he had shown as a young prince when he slew the Egyptian arose from the depths of his nature when in angry retort he said to his countrymen, "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" It was an exhibition unworthy of a great leader and of the great Jehovah whom he represented.

Do you plead extenuating circumstances? Moses was passing through some of the most trying scenes of his eventful life. He had just lost his sister Miriam. The voice of her song was hushed in the silence of death. The heat and dust and weariness of the desert had become oppressive. It wasn't easy to listen to 600,000 murmurers and their bitter invectives and to hear himself charged with all their misfortunes. But the pleas, "It was more than I could take... I just couldn't help myself..." aren't good enough. The New Testament standard is: "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not."

A little boy who had been punished for an exhibition of ugliness was sent to bed with instructions to pray that he might be a better boy in the future and that his temper might be reformed.

His mother listened outside the door of his room to make sure her commands were carried out, and this is the prayer she heard: "O Lord, please take away my bad temper and while you are about it you might as well take mother's."

## II

Do you yield to "the slow burn"? You feel left out of things. You resent what you interpret as "being taken advantage of." You are by nature sensitive.

It is said of the prodigal's elder brother that "...he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf..."

Resentment is a dangerous form of anger. When Lee's army escaped across the Potomac into Virginia after the defeat at Gettysburg, Lincoln was greatly distressed, and in his disappointment and anger he wrote a sharp letter to the commander of the Union Army, General Meade.

But after the letter had been written he decided not to send it. That letter contained many true sentiments, and to us at this distance it does seem that Meade never should have permitted Lee to get safely over the river into Virginia. But lest, in the intensity of his feelings, and in his mortification, he should wound or do an injustice to a faithful general, Lincoln did not send the letter. Some of the best letters ever written are those which were never sent!

Jonah is an example of how the character of a good and great man can be marred by anger and his usefulness impaired. His story suggests the folly, the danger, and the injury of anger. Unfortunately, when a man feels anger and gives unrestrained expression to it, as

Therefore,  
my beloved brethren,  
let every man  
be swift to hear,  
slow to speak,  
slow to wrath: for  
the wrath of man  
worketh not the  
righteousness of  
God. — JAMES 1:19, 20.

Jonah did, his fellowman is not as patient and long-suffering as God was, and does not always return the soft answer which God returned to the angry and petulant Jonah.

Anger is one of the most common sins, yet one of the most dangerous and injurious to the peace and well-being of man. More than any other sin, it blasts the flower of friendship, turns men out of Eden, destroys peace and concord in the home, incites to crime and violence, and turns love and affection into hatred.

A cool head is governed by a warm heart, and a hot head by a cold spirit.

## III

Do you always have to put up an argument? Paul said to the believers at Philippi, "...do all things without murmurings and disputings."

The apostle puts his finger upon the two tempers which so frequently mar and ruin our Christian service. Marching is always easier when accompanied by music. Nothing makes the load as heavy as a gripe.

Some people appear to be incapable of doing anything without quarrelling over it. They turn everything into a controversy. In every proposal they must be "on the other side." They love to wrangle. They waste so much energy over incidentals that they have little or no strength left for the essentials.

I think there is a strange affinity between these two complaints—murmuring and disputing. The discontented person in life is usually the quarrelsome person. And the discontented person is the person who fails to count his or her blessings.

Charles Spurgeon said: "Nothing is improved by anger, unless it be the arch of a cat's back. A man with his back up is spoiling his figure! People look none the more handsome for being red in the face. It takes a great deal out of a man to get into a towering rage; it is almost as unhealthy as having a fit, and time has been when men have actually choked themselves with passion and died on the spot. Whatever wrong I suffer, it cannot do me half so much hurt as being angry about it; for passion shortens life and poisons peace."

We must get that "but" out of our nature! The spirit of a Christian is the spirit of a lamb, not a billygoat. Let's do something for once without arguing about it. Proverbs 14:17 says, "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly..." I remember years ago seeing this sentence displayed on a prominent outdoor bulletin board, "A chip on the shoulder indicates wood higher up."

Solomon learned the hard way. He said, in Proverbs 21:19, "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."

Do people point you out as "thin-skinned" and "touchy"? Do you bristle like a porcupine? Then you need another trip to God's altar, my professing Christian friend! Goethe, the German poet, said, "In any controversy, the instant we feel angry we have already ceased striving for truth and begun striving for ourselves."

"But," you ask, "does this mean that I am not to show any conviction or force or emphasis? Does a Christian have to be a patsy?" I answer that a child should be taught to restrain his anger; but he cannot

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## Waiting on the Lord

In the fine arts building of a southern college there is a room that is known to the music students as "the listening room." Here one can listen to the recorded music of the masters.

One of the greatest passions of the Saviour's heart is that we shall closet ourselves with Him and linger quietly in His presence. He longs to reveal Himself to us in a more intimate measure, but many who call themselves Christians are so absorbed in worldly pursuits, pleasures, and politics that they do not hear His voice.

Saul of Tarsus heard that Voice as he journeyed to Damascus. The Lord had to strike him blind and knock him to the earth in order to catch his attention. Let us hope He will not have to take such violent measures with us! When the Saviour spoke, Saul's first response was, "Who art thou, Lord?" His second question was, "What wilt thou have me to do?" These two questions are fundamental to all Christian experience. We must know Him before we can teach others, and many of the lessons can only be learned in the quiet place of heart-to-heart communion with Christ, where we tell Him all the secrets of our inmost lives and let Him speak to us through the pages of His precious Word.

Have you learned to be still before the Lord? Have you learned to shut out the tumult of the world and be quiet enough to hear from heaven? This is your privilege as a Christian. It is possible to enjoy a personal fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ every day and every hour that is as real as the companionship of any human friend. Christ longs to dwell within us. He wants to manifest Himself to us, to teach us, to guide us, to work through us—but He can only do this to the extent that we give Him our worshipful attention and consciously yield our lives to His control.

Many years ago Freda Handbury was meditating on the words of the Psalmist, "My soul, wait thou only upon God," and the Lord gave her the following lines:

"Wait only upon God." My soul, be still  
And let thy God unfold His perfect will.  
Thou fain would'st follow Him throughout the year—  
Thou fain with listening heart His voice would'st hear.  
Thou fain would'st be a passive instrument  
Possessed by God, and ever Spirit-sent  
Upon His service sweet—then be thou still,  
For only thus can He in thee fulfill  
His heart's desire. Oh, hinder not His hand  
From fashioning the vessel He hath planned.

First on thee must that hand of power be turned,  
Till in His love's strong fire thy dross is burned,  
And thou come forth a vessel for thy Lord,  
So frail and empty, yet since He hath poured  
Into thine emptiness His life, His love,  
Henceforth through thee the power of God shall move,  
And He will work for thee. Stand still and see  
The victories thy God will gain for thee;  
So silent, yet so irresistible,  
Thy God shall do the thing impossible.

Oh, question not henceforth what thou canst do;  
Thou canst do naught. But He will carry through  
The work where human energy had failed,  
Where all thy best endeavors had availed  
Thee nothing. Then, my soul, wait and be still;  
Thy God shall work for thee His perfect will.  
If thou wilt take no less, His best shall be  
Thy portion now and through eternity.

## PANIC HAS PITFALLS

Never act in a panic nor allow man to dictate to thee: calm thyself and be still: force thyself into the quiet of thy closet until the pulse beats normally and the scare has ceased to disturb.

When thou art most eager to act is the time when thou shalt make the most pitiable mistakes. Do not say in thine heart what thou wilt or wilt not do, but wait upon God until He makes known His way.

So long as that way is hidden it is clear that there is no need of action, and that He accounts Himself responsible for all the results of keeping thee where thou art.

—F. B. MEYER

## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The presence of God has no relation to this place or that. Wherever duty or devotion calls, we shall find God at hand. If we are right with Him, we may be just as conscious and just as sure of His presence in the cottage kitchen as in the great assembly of saints.

His presence is to be realized as truly at the bottom of a coalpit as in a sunny forest glade.

We may look for Him with the same confidence in the factory, working with thousands of others who know nothing of His love.

The place is nothing to Him; the person He comes to meet and live with is everything.

—BRAMWELL BOOTH, *General of The Salvation Army*

## THIS WORLD'S VANITIES

Baron von Wely renounced his title and wealth and went as a missionary to Dutch Guiana. There he rendered sacrificial and loving service to God.

In speaking of his forsaking all to fully follow Christ, he said: "The title 'well-born' means nothing to me since I have been born again in Christ. The title 'lord' means nothing to me since I desire only to be the servant of the Lord Jesus. What is it to me to be called 'Your Grace' when I have need of God's grace?"

"Away with all these empty vanities! I will stay at the feet of Jesus, learn of Him, and have no hindrance in serving Him aright."

—*Gospel Herald*

## THE WHITE LINE MEANS SAFETY

"The fog was terrible; we had to creep along at five miles an hour, but arrived home safe and sound—thanks to the white line."

This sentence, taken from a personal letter, contains a great sermon. We often find the road of daily living obscured with a heavy fog. But, for the Christian, there is a white line down the middle. It is the example and teachings of Jesus. It does not afford us minute rules of conduct for every situation, but it encourages attitudes and outlines principles that will help to keep us on the road.

The white line is not always easy to follow. But if we will focus our eyes not upon the fog but upon Jesus



Himself, we will be able to see enough of our duty to move forward. We may have to "creep along at five miles an hour," or even five miles a day, but we will not have to stop. The white line will lead us safely to our eternal home.

—OLIVER G. WILSON, in *Wesleyan Methodist*

## DEFENDING THE FAITH!

Our religious liberty has been bought at a great price, but if the martyrs could speak they would not want us to admire them or talk of their bravery. Rather they would have us take our part in defending the faith once delivered to the saints. No martyr has ever lived in vain.

Before William Tyndale was strangled to death and his body burned at the stake he said, "Lord, open the eyes of the King of England." Within a year his prayer was answered and a copy of the Bible was placed in every parish church in the land.

—ROBERT FAIRNIE, in *Redemption Tidings*



## My Call

I do not work with marble or with clay,  
No peach-blown vase of mine will ever stand  
As symbol of the potter's magic hand:  
No Aphrodite will see the light of day  
Because I freed her from her marble thrall;  
And yet, perchance, mine is the finer art.

I work with mobile things, the mind and heart  
Of ever-changing childhood. Mine the call  
To plant the seeds, to pluck the tares, to know  
That in each garden's nurturing, the whole  
Of life is the unfolding of a soul;  
God grant me grace to give it room to grow.

—Winifred Hathaway

HAVE YOU EVER HELD THE HAND OF A CHILD—THE soft, pudgy, tender hand of a child—as he took his first steps and began to walk? Then you let go and he walked alone! But, you stood close by ready to assist, ready to offer a steady, helping hand.

Have you ever held the hand of a child as you walked along together in the dark, and sensed assurance filling his heart?

Have you ever heard a child say, "Let me walk alone"—and then wondered if he would make it?

I have. It's a joy to hold a child's hand—the hand that trusts! To lead him in the dark! And then to watch him walk alone! There's really nothing quite like it!

There's a world of communication between two hands holding each other firmly. The one reaches in trust, in confidence and in faith; the other reaches to *give* support, assurance and guidance. The one says, "I need help"; the other says, "I'll help you."

*God chose to use the hand of man.* He chose to communicate His touch to the world through human hands.

This was true in David's case. God said: "I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: *with whom my hand shall be established...*"

As God reached toward Israel to guide and help her,



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## 'The Hand That Trusts'

by D. V. Hurst

*He used David as His hand.* In David He expressed His will for the nation and His power in behalf of the nation. God said: "... my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him... *I will set his hand also...*"

There was an identification—God's hand with David's and David's with God's. And so it is with all who labor with God! It's an amazing fact! It's a blessed thought! To think that God chose to communicate redemption's plan through mortal flesh! I've always been moved by these simple lines:

*"Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today,  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no tongue but our tongue  
To tell men how He died,  
He has no help but our help  
To bring men to His side."*

It is interesting to observe that although this is considered by many to be the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, yet the Holy Spirit is not spoken of as being God's hand today. *The Holy Spirit is sent to make the work of our hands effective.* He is sent to strengthen, to help, to guide and direct *our* action. He is sent to give us a firm grip as we hold the hands that trust!

*There is grave responsibility in being used as God's hand.* The utter credulity of the child, who reaches for a hand to hold, places a heavy burden on the shoulders of the one who accepts this trust. The fact that the

child believes so completely and accepts so unquestioningly makes the responsibility very great.

How often a pupil has said, "It's so, the *teacher* said so!" To dare to be the hand that holds requires strength—accurate knowledge and personal experience. It requires firm decision and faith.

Anyone who presumes to hold the hand of a child as his parent, teacher, or evangelist must always ask himself: "Am I living up to the trust and confidence placed in me? Or am I betraying it by failing to provide all that is needed?"

The hand that holds must be a hand of love, a hand of care, and a hand of sacrifice. Because he loves, he *will* care; and if he cares, he *will* sacrifice. He will *give* himself, without thought of his own needs. He will be absorbed in holding the hands of children and helping them in their quest.

All across the land I have met teachers and evangelists who are *doing just that!*

*There is reward in holding the hand of a child—reward now!* There is no greater thrill than feeling his touch and watching the sparkle in his eye when he has just learned. There is no greater thrill than listening to him read the Bible with appreciation and love and in watching him turn from evil toward God. There is no joy like the soul winner's joy!

*There is untold opportunity in holding the hand of a child.* It is the hand of the future. Today it is soft and unmarred. Tomorrow it may be rough and scarred.

It may hold a Bible or a gun; may play an organ

in a church or beat the rhythm of sin and lust in some dive; may write a book which will point many to God or peddle dope and narcotics in a dark alley.

So, as soon as possible, the worker with children, *the holder of hands, must seek that moment of all moments—that moment when he places the child's hand in the hand of Christ.* And he must teach the child how to trust God, how to say for himself, "Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, let me stand..."

But opportunity is short-lived! It moves swiftly. A child soon withdraws his hand from the adult and "goes it alone." However, the adult's hand will never be fully withdrawn. The power of influence is great. The truth he has learned, the experiences he has had, and the decisions he has made will in turn become his guiding hand. So, although he is on his own, in a sense he will still be holding the hands of those who taught him. The memory of the parent's faith, the "touch" of the teacher's hand will linger. For the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

And just when the grown child needs it most, the

guiding hand that once held his can be there; and again it will be the helping hand that he needs.

When David was forced to flee from Saul, and it seemed that his world had collapsed and hope was gone, Jonathan came to him in the woods. The record says he "*strengthened* his hand in God." The root word means "to fasten upon." The picture is one of David holding on in faith in the face of overwhelming circumstances. Jonathan, seeing David's need, came to him just at the right time. He reached in and placed his big, war-toughened hand over David's, covering it, and then slowly he clamped down—he strengthened David's grip of faith. Suddenly David felt *he could* hold on until deliverance came. He felt *strengthened*.

How many times during trials have pupils recalled the faith of their parents, teachers, pastors, evangelists, and have felt strength! How many times has their "hand in God" been strengthened by the memory of what they learned and experienced in days gone by.

It may seem as though the hand that trusts eventually leaves the hand that holds, but really it never does. The power of influence and the depth of memory see to that!

# YBS COAST TO COAST

By GWEN ELLIS

ACROSS THE COUNTRY THE WAGONMASTER'S CRY, "WAGONS, Ho!" sets in motion one of the greatest soul-winning forces of the church. VBS 1963 is on the trail to the salvation of souls, increased Sunday school attendance, improved teacher-pupil relationships, and a lasting knowledge of Bible truths. From 1962 reports received in the child evangelism division, we know we can expect great success in this year's school.

VBS is vital to the church, to the Sunday school, and particularly to the individual child. Its importance to the child is summed up in this letter written by an eleven-year-old boy to Pastor Walter Buck of Billings, Montana. In his own words the boy says:

Dear Buck,

*I'm not sure how to start this letter, but I will begin at the first. I want to thank you for taking me fishing*

*and I hope we can go again soon. Well, what I really want to talk about is last year at VBS when you asked us to go up to the front and you would pray for us. I was too scared to do it. This year the same thing happened but when you came up and prayed for me I felt good. I felt so good I felt like crying but I thought people would laugh at me. But when I looked up I seen lots of people crying. Now I am glad I am going to heaven. I better quit now because I am crying inside.*

*Thanks for everything.*

*Your pal,  
Tommy*

Tommy is only one of hundreds of unreached children who were able to hear the gospel in an Assemblies of God vacation Bible school. In Westwego, Louisiana, workers were able to reach a large number of non-Protestant and non-Pentecostal children. A survey of one junior department (typical of the entire school) revealed sixteen Assemblies of God children, ten of other Protestant denominations, and thirty-six Catholics. The latter children had been forbidden to come to church but they did attend the VBS. A worker says, "It touched our hearts to see how interested they were in each part of the service."

A number of churches experienced the joy and excitement of conducting their own VBS for the first time. The Gospel Tabernacle in Freeport, Pennsylvania, had in previous years cooperated in a union Bible school and did not expect such fine results from their first school. Charlotte Modey, VBS secretary, reports: "Since this was the first VBS in our own church, we did not expect over 200. But we praise God for 390 enrolled. Of this number fifteen were saved."

Another Assembly of God (in Skellytown, Texas) held its first VBS in several years. Thirty-seven children knelt and prayed their way through to salvation.

An effective VBS must meet the needs of the com-

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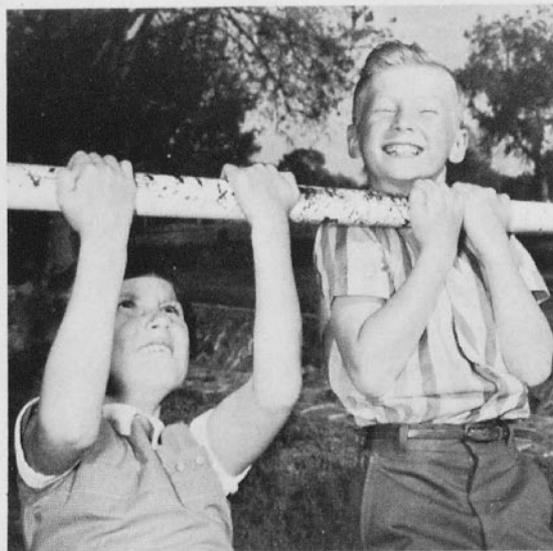


Children—laughing, lovable, carefree...



Curious to know what is beyond...

June is Child



OUR

Who one minute say with male superiority, "See, you can't do this!"  
...And the next, "Come on, I'll help you."

And aren't afraid to jump off high places...



Children who take in stride the wonders of the universe,



Sometimes chattering endless nonsense.

Sometimes silent—thinking long thoughts.



Girls who love to skip rope...

Or search for a four-leaf clover;



## Evangelism month

# TRUST



Boys who can throw far,



Yet gasp in awe at the discovery of a flower.



Children—our children, our heritage, **OUR TRUST!**

The children shown here and on the cover page are Pamela Eastlake, daughter of William G. Eastlake, associate editor of church school literature for the Assemblies of God, and Dale Pearsall whose father, Norman Pearsall, is art consultant for *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Photos by Paul Mignard. Legends by Gwen Jones.

# Released-Time HARVEST

By LOREN BEANS

IS A RELEASED-TIME PROGRAM REALLY WORTH THE TIME and effort it requires?

The Assemblies of God churches in Minnesota think so. More than 50 per cent of them conduct released-time classes. Representative of these churches is the assembly in Willmar. Pastor R. E. Orchard comments, "Out of these classes over the past few years have come a number of decisions for Christ, followed by water baptism, and a closer uniting with the local assembly."

Released-time classes are set up by churches individually or in cooperation. In most cases pupils must have a written request from parents to be excused from the public school and go to the church for religious education. A few churches conduct classes in a home or the parsonage. A canvass of the Minnesota churches indicated that the schools, in almost every case, do not impose any requirements on the teaching staff. Instructors are not paid but serve on a voluntary basis.

Released time complements the secular weekday program with religious teaching. Pastor John Everett of the Assembly of God in Worthington believes it provides tremendous opportunity to indoctrinate youth in Pentecostal beliefs and doctrines, and this generation of school-age youth needs more religious education than a short Sunday school session.

In addition to these benefits for the regular Sunday school attendants, Pastor Niilo Seppala of New York Mills says, "The program gives a wonderful opportunity

to teach spiritual and Biblical knowledge to many students outside the church."

Released-time classes increase Sunday school interest and attendance. New pupils become interested in Sunday school, strengthening the church's religious education program throughout the community.

Robert D. Scharnberg, pastor of the assembly in Floodwood, reports 25 per cent of the pupils enrolled in the weekday released-time classes have not previously attended Sunday school. Many times these unchurched children and their families are brought into the Sunday school and related to the church. Brother Scharnberg feels released-time classes have been a definite means of outreach for the Floodwood Assembly.

Mrs. R. K. Beachem, wife of the Assemblies of God pastor in Williams, gives the following report of a typical day in the local released-time program:

"Oh, boy! It's almost 1:50. There goes the bell now." Benny put his books in his desk hurriedly, put the lid down, and dashed—well, anyway, went as fast as he thought Miss Johnson would allow—to the cloakroom. Other fifth graders were getting their wraps on too.

It was a typical Wednesday in February, and the boys and girls were headed for church and their released-time class. Dick and Benny raced past a group of girls discussing released time.

"It sure wouldn't seem like Wednesday if we couldn't go to church, would it?" Jane asked the other girls.



Released-time classes at the Assembly of God in Floodwood, Minn., with Pastor Robert D. Scharnberg instructing.



Weyland Hanson and Pastor Scharnberg check the attendance record. Perfect attendance was recorded for grades 7 to 12 at right. About 25 per cent of the pupils enrolled in the released-time classes in Floodwood have not previously attended Sunday school.

"No, it wouldn't. I just love to go," said Linda. "You know, at home we never read the Bible, and I thought when I asked Mother if I could go that she wouldn't want me to. In fact, I didn't really think I'd like it. But I wanted to go because you kids did. Now it surprises me how interesting those Bible stories are."

Sally agreed and added, "I've been going to Sunday school and hearing those stories all my life, but I've been thinking about poor Paul and Silas all week. Mrs. Lane left off where they were still in stocks; and even though I know how they got out, I can hardly wait to hear her tell it."

By this time they were at the church, and the conversation ended. Mrs. Lane called the roll and had them stand to sing choruses. (Action choruses help to get rid of the wiggles right at the start.) After they had prayed and were seated again, it was time to learn a new Bible verse. They were learning verses along with a make-believe Polly and Pete who had a verse for just about every occasion. It was so much fun to go home and look it up again after school. Mrs. Lane usually asked them the following week who remembered the verse or reference and how many had looked it up.

Now that they had said the verse and reference together, it was time for the story about Paul and Silas being freed from their bonds in prison. God had sent an earthquake, and even the jailer was saved.

Once Benny felt the boyish urge to poke somebody in the ribs, but everybody was listening so carefully that he lost the urge. He sank back in his chair, forgetting his restlessness.

When the story was over, Mrs. Lane told the boys and girls they should put their trust in Jesus as Paul and Silas did, and even if things didn't always go the way they wanted them to, they should remember to sing—just as Paul and Silas did before the earthquake came.

In fact, she told them they could make it a project during the week. She said whenever their mother or dad told them to do something they didn't especially want to do, instead of saying, "Do I have to?" they should start singing, humming, or whistling and see if it didn't make everyone much happier. She said she would give them a chance the following Wednesday to tell how it

worked out and if their mothers and dads noticed how much happier they were.

There were about ten minutes left so the boys took sides against the girls in a Bible quiz. This Wednesday the questions were all about men in the Bible. It was a close contest, but the boys came out ahead by two questions.

As they were leaving to go back to school, one girl stopped at Mrs. Lane's desk and said, "I wish we could stay here all afternoon." Mrs. Lane thought what a privilege and blessing it was to teach these youngsters the Word of God and see them enjoy it so.

While Mrs. Lane arranged her materials for the next class, she noticed that next Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day. That led her mind back to the preceding year when a boy had rushed in, dropped a big envelope on her desk, and quickly took his seat. When she opened the envelope after class, she found a home-made valentine which said, "To Mrs. Lane from Kevin." In a little heart in the center were the words, "I Love You." Oh yes, there was a reward in a work such as this; and greatest of all, there would be the reward of seeing young lives dedicated to the cause of Christ.

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For many children, the released-time class is their only source of Christian education. These boys and girls in Minnesota have learned a surprising amount about the Bible, the Church, and Christian conduct. The superintendent of schools in Verndale remarked, "I don't know what they do for those kids in their classes at the Assemblies of God church, but we never have any trouble with the children that go there."

Children reached by this program acquire a serious study attitude toward religion. They grow in character and in friendliness to others. And most important are the contacts which lead to the salvation of the children and, in some cases, entire families.

Should *your* church consider conducting a released-time program? It may be the only way you will be able to reach some children and their families. Look into the possibilities. Then pray for God's guidance in filling this place of responsibility and service to Him in your community. ◀◀◀

# How to Reach the Unchurched Children

Home Bible Clubs, one of the activities promoted by the Child Evangelism Division, are discussed in this exchange of letters.

By **BILLY E. REEVES**

*National Child Evangelism Supervisor*



Billy Reeves, National Child Evangelism Supervisor, has a practical background of wide experience in all forms of child evangelism. Here he is holding one of his puppet characters, "Eric the Church Mouse." Watching "Eric" are Victoria Greaves, holding "Mr. Frog," and Johnny Evans, holding "Granny." (Photo by Irv Greaves)

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHILD EVANGELISM DIVISION OF the National Sunday School Department is to encourage all types of gospel activity among the boys and girls in order that they might be led to a knowledge of Christ at an early age and be trained to serve Him.

Among the various activities none offers greater opportunities for evangelizing the children than Home Bible Clubs. We are delighted to send helps to those who wish to engage in this good work.

Recently it was our privilege to exchange letters with Mrs. James Harber of Great Falls, Montana. Mrs. Harber wrote:

"This morning as the neighborhood children began to gather in our yard to play with our own two youngsters, something inside me intensified. For several years, in every community we've lived in, I've felt the need to reach the children for Christ, but have done little about it, except to invite a few to Sunday school, and some have gone with us. But today I've stopped my work to concentrate on what God is asking me to do—a children's hour, regularly each week.

"Will you please send me any pamphlets and information that will be of help in getting me off to a good start with this endeavor? I want it to be as effective as possible—so many in our new subdivision do not attend church.

"My background for this effort consists of ten years Sunday school teaching and VBS work, but I've never before attempted any project outside the church like this, and I want to go about it in the right way."

We thank God for people like Mrs. Harber who sense the opportunity to win children in their neighborhood for Christ. Our answer to Mrs. Harber's letter may be of interest to others, so we shall quote it for the benefit of all who may share her burden.

"Dear Mrs. Harber: Your letter requesting information on the neighborhood children's activity well expresses the need for such a ministry. Many housewives have at times felt the same prompting to reach the unreached in their neighborhoods but fail to go the next step to secure information and helps. I'm glad you took this step.

"The activity you mentioned is commonly referred to in Assemblies of God churches as a Home Bible Club. It may be called Children's Story Hour, Neighborhood Bible Club, or some other name, but the objectives and program are the same.

"The basic purpose of the Home Bible Club is to reach unchurched children with the gospel and bring them to a personal knowledge of salvation. These regular weekly sessions also provide extra Christian instruction for the children enrolled in Sunday school who attend.

"The enclosed mimeographed helps, 'How to Begin and Conduct Home Bible Clubs,' will answer many of your questions regarding workers, needed equipment and materials, program for the club hour, etc. If after reading the materials you have further questions, please write to us again.

"Incidentally, songbooks, story materials, and other

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visual aids are recommended in the materials, but I want to mention especially the book, 'The Romance of Winning Children,' by Frank Coleman (Gospel Publishing House, \$2.00). I have often said it is worth doing without food for a day, if necessary, to secure this book. The children's worker will refer to it often for guidance regarding storytelling, singing, prayertime, leading a child to Christ, or maybe a discipline problem.

"Thanks for giving us this opportunity to share with you these ideas. The Child Evangelism Division is anxious to assist those who work with children. We feel that the children of Assemblies of God families and churches are *Our* greatest *Trust*. We must faithfully lead them to the fullness of the happy Christian life."

In addition to Home Bible Clubs, there are helps available on such subjects as Children's Revivals, VBS, Children's Church, The Christian Home, Released Time, and Memory Courses. You will find the address of the Child Evangelism Division is given on the coupon. We invite you to write to us. Let us help you find a fruitful ministry for Christ among the boys and girls in your community. ◀◀◀

## VBS Coast to Coast

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munity in which it is conducted. To do this it may be necessary to adjust the time schedule. Although a morning meeting time of 9 to 12 is best, it is also possible to conduct an afternoon VBS or a whole-family evening school. Some churches have found that to meet the needs of the community it is necessary to have one VBS as soon as school is dismissed in the spring and another just before school opens in the fall.

The Assembly of God at Tryon, Oklahoma, had a problem because so many of the students lived in the country. It was difficult for parents to bring the children to town for three-hour session during a two-week VBS. The problem was solved by having a morning session from 9 till noon. At noon the children ate a picnic lunch they had brought from home. An afternoon session lasted from 12:45 until 1:45. During this time a second lesson was presented. The VBS lasted only five days, but the students completed ten days' Bible lessons.

Conducting a VBS is hard work. Every testimony of victory also states that much work, prayer, and preparation went into making the effort a success. Perhaps one of the most difficult tasks is obtaining qualified workers, but this is not insurmountable. Housewives are frequently used because of their availability. However, teenagers free from school can be used as helpers in the classrooms and in playground supervision. College students home for the summer and not settled in jobs may welcome the opportunity to serve.

Not to be overlooked is the possibility of using the men of the church. Although men usually work days, some may be on a swing shift and could serve as teachers. The Grants Pass, Oregon, Assembly of God upon investigating their possibilities for workers found they had several men who were working a swing shift. These men were enlisted and the principal of the school said

### Free Missionary Stories for Your VBS

Are you looking for some good missionary projects for your VBS? Here are some suggestions and helps to direct the attention of your boys and girls toward the needs of others.

Both the Home Missions and Foreign Missions Departments of the Assemblies of God have designated specific projects for this year's VBS missionary giving in order that your boys and girls may have the opportunity to help other children receive the kind of training you are giving them.

A free missionary story (with helps) has been prepared by each department.

The Home Missions VBS offering will go for "Alaska VBS." The department is offering a flash card story entitled "The Young Alaskan" with visual aid.

The Foreign Missions VBS offering will go for "Latin American VBS." With the story from the Foreign Missions Department will be directions for presenting it with puppets. Directions for making the puppets are included.

Pastors or VBS principals who wish to participate in these missionary projects for VBS may have them free of charge. Kindly mail your request direct to either the Home Missions Department or the Foreign Missions Department (or both) at 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. Ask for "VBS Missionary Story." Be sure to give the full name and address of your church.

Churches which do not request the stories but wish to participate may take missionary offerings at VBS and send them to the respective Missions Departments clearly designated for "Alaska VBS" or "Latin American VBS."

they helped greatly to make their VBS a success.

Consider holding an adult class in conjunction with the children's VBS. This idea lends itself well to evening schools. Parents must bring their children to the church for an evening VBS, and it would be easy to encourage them to stay for their own session. Just as VBS increases teaching time for children, it can increase teaching time for adults.

It is also possible to conduct a morning class for mothers. Most of the women of the church will be involved in teaching classes, so this class will consist largely of unchurched women. The class session can be enlivened by filmstrips and other visual aids. Special projects such as first-aid courses, sewing for missionaries, cooking demonstrations, etc., will add an interesting note to the session.

The pastor of the Munford, Tennessee, Assembly taught an adult class as part of the VBS. During the school thirty children and *adults* gave their hearts to the Lord. This church was able to harvest the souls of adults as well as children through VBS.

One of the major benefits of VBS is permanent attendance increases. A Sunday school which has profited in this respect is that of the Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, Assembly of God. Eleven pupils are now in that Sunday school as a direct result of VBS. The principal says, "More contacts were made and more people have come to church through VBS than through many revival campaigns."

There are other permanent results that thrill the hearts  
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of Sunday school personnel. Four boys in the Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Wewahitchka, Florida, had caused so many problems in Sunday school that the teacher was ready to give up the class. The problem was solved during VBS when the four boys gave their hearts to Christ and their lives were changed. An orphan boy in Fort Worth, Texas, had caused a great deal of trouble locally until he met Christ at a VBS held in Grace Temple Assembly. He is no longer a problem. These are the lasting results of vacation Bible school.

When the VBS materials are stored away, the paper swept up, and everything is back in order, workers may be tempted to wonder if all those children who knelt at the altar truly found Christ. It may be that some will not come back to Sunday school or to another VBS. Sometimes we do not see visible results; only eternity will reveal them. It is well to remember that the Word of God will not return void, and no one who

comes face to face with Jesus Christ ever forgets the experience.

And sometimes we are privileged to see a young life dramatically changed as did Cathryn Hill of Sunny Lane Assembly, Oklahoma City. She reports the story of a young lady named Sharon. Sharon found Christ at a VBS altar service. Immediately she became deeply concerned for her unsaved parents and prayed earnestly for their conversion. After a time they were saved in a revival meeting; but they were not strong in the Lord and returned to sinful ways. Sharon did not lose heart, but continued to serve Christ, despite opposition. Since that time she has been baptized in water and filled with the Holy Spirit. She is living a consistent life before her family and classmates.

Is VBS worth the hours of study, prayer, cutting and pasting of handwork projects, picking up paper, brushing away cookie crumbs and mud from shoes? Without hesitation we answer, YES. ◀◀

## An Ungovernable Temper

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restrain it if he has not got it. Anger is like fire—a good servant but a terrible master. Without capacity for anger Luther could not have fought the battle of the Reformation nor our fathers the war of the Revolution. But there is a boundary where indignation becomes temper.

I would like to have seen Elijah confront Ahab after the lynching of Naboth and to have heard him say, "... in the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood..."

I would like to have been present when John the Baptist stood before Herod and Herodias and denounced them for their vice. What would you give to have been able to see Paul in the Sanhedrin, when the high priest commanded a bystander to smite Paul and he turned on the high priest like a flame, exclaiming, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: and sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?"

I would like to have heard St. Ambrose forbid the bloodstained Emperor Theodosius to enter his church at Milan. And what a moment in history when John Knox, almost too ill to stand, received the news of the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day in Paris, but he stood at the pulpit in St. Giles in Edinburgh to express the righteous indignation and horror of the Christian world. He commanded the French ambassador to tell his master, "that murderer, the king of France, that God's vengeance shall not depart from him nor from his house..."

Yes, there is virtue as righteous indignation. But even with this "temper for God" care must be exercised! The New Testament says, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil."

Temper is such an incendiary commodity and filled with such an explosive potential that it must never get out of hand. A little goes a long way!

A display of temper is like an earthquake. It may

only last a few seconds but the subsequent damage may take years to eradicate. You must have spiritual victory here or you will not have victory at all. Peter found such victory in Christ, and you can find it too!

Let God take the badness out of your temper and kindle in you a steady flame of fervor for righteousness.

## A Shining Miracle Called Now

The future forever walks toward us. As we meet it, it blends itself into the present. And we are given another golden moment called *now* to shape as a blacksmith shapes a piece of glowing hot metal, as a sculptor molds his clay. Then, shaped by our mind and words and deeds, we let the present moment leave our hands forever, as it drops, unchangeable, into the past.

How we meet the present determines whether our memory of it will be pleasant or regretful as it slips into the past.

We can ignore the present moment by sleeping it away, by daydreaming it idly away, or by seizing it eagerly and welding it into a golden deed which will shine down through the centuries.

We can lift up our faces, shake off doubt and evil and apply new wisdom gained from old sorrows. As long as breath continues, this new and present moment, this eternal gift of choosing again and yet again is God's generous gift to us.

So lift up your heart and look toward this very new gift sliding magically toward you. Your past can become a priceless necklace of deeds if only you will learn to appreciate and to use gratefully the present miracle called now.

—KERMIT SHELBY in *The War Cry*

It is not work that kills men; it is worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly put more on a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction. Fear secretes acids; but love and trust are sweet juices.



The Harold Scherer family of Hopkins, Minn., gathered around the table each evening last year to read through the entire Bible aloud. The Scherer family, like many members of the Assemblies of God and other groups in the National Association of Evangelicals, kept their pledge to "read it through in '62." The day after this picture was taken for a newspaper feature story, Mr. Scherer died. From left are David, Mr. Scherer, Thomas, Diana, Mrs. Scherer, and Sara. (Photo by Minneapolis Sunday Tribune)

# The Bible and One Man's Family



By MEL LARSON  
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DURING 1962 THE HAROLD SCHERER family of Hopkins, Minn., embarked on a difficult assignment. They pledged to read the entire Bible through together...! The plan was a simple one. Immediately after dinner and dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Scherer, David, 27, Sara, 21, Diana, 18, and Thomas, 16, gathered around the dinner table for Bible reading.

The result? They accomplished the difficult task, reading four or more chapters a night. Each member in the family read five or six verses at a time in round-robin fashion.

On Thursday, February 14, 1963, reporter Dick Cunningham of *The Minneapolis Tribune* was working on a story of members of Evangelical Free Churches in the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas who had read the Bible through in '62. The EFCA was one of many groups cooperating in the National Association of Evangelicals' READ IT THROUGH IN '62 campaign.

A *Tribune* photographer stopped at the Scherer home and snapped a photo of the family at the dinner table, reading the Bible.

The next day, Friday, Mr. Scherer died of a heart attack as he walked out of a Minneapolis bank!

The *Tribune* editors, hearing of the death, called the Scherer family to extend sympathy and to say that out of respect for Mr. Scherer they would not run the picture the following Sunday. The Scherer family, however, talked it over and told the *Tribune* that the picture could be run and thus

used as a testimony to the closeness which the Bible reading had brought to this family in 1962.

So it was that on Sunday, February 17, *The Minneapolis Sunday Tribune* ran a four-column picture of the Scherers at devotions, under the caption: "This Family Picture Has a Special Meaning."

The headline over the accompanying article by Cunningham said: "Family That Read Entire Bible in '62 Sustained in '63 Sorrow."

The next day, Scherer was buried following services at the St. Louis Park Evangelical Free Church, where he was a member.

Scherer, 64, an accountant, had told Cunningham, "Reading the Bible

through out loud gave our family a new perspective. The Epistle to the Ephesians, for instance, was brand new to me."

Added Mrs. Scherer, "The Bible reading seemed to bring us all closer together. I'm so glad now we did it."

At the end of March I picked up the phone to call Mrs. Scherer and ask her permission for this article, and to obtain approval for use of the *Sunday Tribune* photo. Once again she gave permission, with the added hope that it would be of help to someone through her experience. She also said that the Book of Romans took on new meaning for her as they had read it through. They missed the routine a

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## SCRAMBLED PLAGUES

Young Reader's Feature —

— by Dick Champion

In the puzzle are six of the plagues which God sent upon the land of Egypt to get Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. Can you discover which plagues are listed?

Here's how to do it. Start at the square in the upper left-hand corner of the puzzle. Move one letter at a time, going either up or down, or left or right. Never move diagonally. Gray squares indicate the end of a word. To help you get started, the first plague listed is "flies."

(Names of the plagues are taken from a list in Psalm 105:31, 32, 34. Check your answer by referring to those verses.)

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# Wyoming's Newest Assembly Established in Its Capital City

By E. DWIGHT BEARD

*Superintendent of the Wyoming District*



Calvary Temple, third Assemblies of God church, in Wyoming's capital city.

IN THE FALL OF 1960 GOD BEGAN to deal with H. W. Thiemann concerning the opening of a third Assemblies of God church in Cheyenne. At that time Brother Thiemann was pastor of the fine Assembly in Powell, and was also serving as secretary-treasurer of the Wyoming District Council.

At the District C. A. Convention that November Brother Thiemann talked at length with me about the burden he felt, and I encouraged him to continue praying about the matter. After fervently seeking God about the matter throughout the winter months and after receiving a favorable response from the District Presbytery in March, Brother Thiemann made further plans and followed through. He made arrangements to meet R. K. Johnson, sectional presbyter, in Cheyenne on April 4, 1961, for an exploratory meeting. Very miraculously God led these two ministers to a member of an Episcopal Church in Cheyenne, who told them of a hall their congregation had used when establishing their church in the city.

So within a two-hour period everything had fallen into place. The rent on the hall had been paid and other matters had been arranged. Five days later Brother Thiemann resigned the pastorate in Powell.

On May 28 Calvary Temple, the new Assembly of God, was born! Seventeen people—fourteen adults and three children—attended the first service. The attendance fluctuated a great deal the first few months, dip-

ping as low as three one Sunday!

On August 6 the first Sunday school session was held with twenty-five in attendance, and by October 1 the attendance had climbed to sixty-three.

On January 31, 1962, Calvary Temple was duly organized and set in order. I was requested to preside over the meeting. Twenty charter members signed the roster. They were proud to have a full-fledged Assemblies of God church with a nine-man board in less than nine months from the opening date.

After becoming a sovereign church affiliated with the Assemblies, Calvary Temple received from the National Home Missions Department a grant of \$1,000 toward the purchase of property on which to build. The congregation promptly reached a decision to purchase approximately three-fourth of an acre in a choice location on East Pershing Boulevard. A bid was made on an Air Force Chapel at

Francis E. Warren Air Force Base. The bid was accepted, a basement was dug, and on October 12, 1962, the big 37 by 81-foot chapel building, weighing 140 tons, was moved ten miles and put in place. Five weeks later Calvary Temple had a grand opening with Nebraska District Superintendent L. W. Dickinson ministering for the occasion. Sunday school attendance reached 106 on that day.

The annual Wyoming District Council was held in Calvary Temple March 5-7, 1963. On March 6 it was my privilege to conduct the dedicatory service with Council speaker C. A. Sailors bringing the dedicatory message. Calvary Temple was dedicated to the cause of Pentecost in Wyoming's capital city.

Pastor Thiemann states that from the beginning of his burden for Cheyenne, the core of that burden was and still is to establish a place where the moving of God's Holy Spirit would be welcomed and entertained, where men would walk softly and be sensitive to the moving of God's power. He desired a church where sin-blighted men, women, and young people could be transformed by coming face to face with a Saviour; where believers would be filled with the Holy Spirit; and where sick and wasted bodies would be healed and restored. All these things and many more have been witnessed in the two years of Calvary Temple's existence. To Him who said, "Greater things than these shall ye do..." be all the praise and all the glory. ◀◀



H. W. Thiemann, pastor of the new Calvary Temple.

*A prison chaplain describes the practical value of Bible study courses for prisoners as an*

# Aid to Soul Winning



BY A. E. BOLIN, PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN, NEW MEXICO STATE PENITENTIARY

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IT HAS been the privilege of the New Mexico State Penitentiary to use the Assemblies of God Bible correspondence courses for prisoners. We have found them to be doctrinally sound, truly Biblical, with little, if any, denominational coloring. In a public institution such as a penitentiary, where men of every conceivable faith are congregated, it is wise to have courses which are not biased, but which truly uphold God's Word.

Although we have many excellent courses obtained through other organizations, there are more Assemblies courses distributed than the others. This is due to the generosity of the National Home Missions Department in sending fifty to one hundred at a time. As a result, these are always available when men get an impulse to study God's Word and so we are able to issue these courses before the desire cools.

It is not unusual for a man to begin with Bible Basics and soon complete the whole series. So often the heart is mellowed and he sees the heinousness of his crime. It is not uncommon to see him seeking God's grace which leads him to his knees

in full acceptance of Christ's atonement and forgiveness.

It is customary to quarantine and orientate newcomers for a period of thirty days. During this time they do not have the privilege of attending movies or even the chapel services or watching TV. They are surely "quarantined." So it is during this time that many of the Assemblies courses are distributed and later completed.

On the same state-owned grounds, but completely outside the double twelve-foot fence, lie the women's quarters, where some twenty-five women are incarcerated. About one-third of them attend Protestant services, and at least six are now working on Bible courses. A midweek service also is provided, where quite often the harder Bible questions are discussed.

One of our deeper Bible students, who finished all eight of the Assemblies courses and received the large comprehensive diploma, is the mother of six children. She is a young woman who was brought up in a fine Christian home, but succumbed to Satan's beckoning and fell into sin. Although her sentence was for up to five years, the parole board released

her after only six months due to her excellent record.

During her incarceration, because of her keen ability to grasp scriptural truths and her godly life, she became a teacher of the other girls and helped many memorize scores of Bible verses. Since her release her letters tell how her six children are now growing in God.

Some eighty miles south of the main Santa Fe institution is the "Honor Farm" at Los Lunas. Here some hundred men grow vegetables, raise cattle and hogs, tend chickens, do canning and a thousand other jobs necessary in producing food for the 1,300 inmates in both places.

Although the chaplain is able only to minister there once a month, the Christian Business Men's Committee of Albuquerque for years has been caring for the Sunday services, largely through the untiring efforts of "Pop" Longely. These "farm" inmates are also taking advantage of the Bible courses. Seldom does a week pass without some "farm hand" sending in a completed course or seeking the certificate due him.

As a person enters our beautiful chapel which seats over 150, he sees an attractive board displaying thirty-five Bible study courses. The large board is conveniently hinged, which allows it to be folded and carried to any part of our 1,300-man institution.

As mentioned above, not all the courses are from the Assemblies, but the majority of the 300 to 400 completed every year are those provided by the Home Missions Department.

Men have come to know Christ as Saviour and have left the institution walking with Him. Some have become lay preachers, others Sunday school teachers. The hundreds of letters received from former inmates testify of untold blessing.

The prison recidivists (returnees) average twenty-five to fifty per cent (and even higher) nationwide. However, according to New Mexico Protestant chapel statistics, of the faithful who attend at least forty-five Sundays per year, only two per cent return. Eight per cent return who only attend every other Sunday (or twenty-six times a year). So, a dollar invested in a prison Bible correspondence course is a dollar saved in the taxpayer's pocket. But more than that, it is a soul touched by the mighty power of Christ. ◀



Thousands of these eight Bible study courses are provided free upon request to prisoners each year. Many are returned to the Home Missions Prison Division for grading. For approximately \$10 these eight courses can be sent to a prisoner; or \$1.50 will pay for one book and postage.



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## U.S.A.

### Catholic School Will Drop Primary Grades

A Roman Catholic elementary school in Fairfax County, Va., has announced it will eliminate four grades—kindergarten through third grade—by 1965. Shortage of teachers and funds has forced the school to make this decision. St. Leo's Catholic School will send the lower-grade children to public schools and double the number of pupils in its upper grades.

A number of other parochial schools in Virginia and Maryland have announced plans to adopt similar policies. "We feel it's more necessary to have upper grades than lower, if we can't have them all," explained one priest. "The religious, moral, and spiritual guidance available at a parochial school has more effect on children between the ages of 10 and 13 than on the younger ones."

### Ecumenical Center to Be Opened in Boston

Ground is about to be broken for a building near Boston to be used as an "ecumenical center," operated by the Roman Catholic Church. It will contain a theological library, a small chapel, an auditorium, conference rooms, and living quarters for several Paulist priests.

The purpose of the new center, according to Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, is to carry on theological studies and discussions among Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish clergymen, in order to attain better understanding and closer inter-creedal relationships.

### Churches Warned not to Dabble in Politics

Speaking at a theological seminary recently, Dr. Walter H. Judd, former congressman who spent many years in China as a medical missionary, said: "The proper role of the church is not to try to change government by lobbying in Washington, or by issuing statements on what the government should or should not do; rather

its real work is to change men and women in order that they, individually and as groups, may change society and government."

The church's business is not to run the state, he said, but to "challenge and inspire Christian men and women to take Christian principles into every walk of life—including politics—and put them into practice."

## Asia

### Balloons Floated in Japan to "Carry Soul to Heaven"

After Shigeo Yoshida, Japan's advertising king, died of cancer recently his friends sent aloft 5,000 balloons so that his "soul would ascend into heaven." According to the newspaper, the occasion was a party to "reminisce" about the late 60-year-old president of the Dentsu advertising firm.

### Nehru Guarantees Religious Freedom in India

Christian leaders have applauded a statement from Prime Minister Nehru that India would remain a nation in which the followers of all religions would enjoy equal opportunities to practice their faiths.

Addressing a public meeting recently, Mr. Nehru said: "India will never become a nation purely of Hindus. Those who talk of making her a Hindu nation are only imitating the leaders of Pakistan who seek to make that country an Islamic state. India has been and will be a country where everyone, irrespective of his religion, will be able to live peacefully and follow his religion."

### Evangelistic Group's Convention Draws 55,000 in India

A crowd of 55,000 gathered in Maramon, a small town in Kerala, India, to participate in the 75th annual convention of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. The Mar Thoma Syrian Church, which traces its origin to a visit the apostle Thomas paid to India over 1900 years ago, established the evangelistic association in India 75 years ago.

Dr. Paul S. Rees of Pasadena, Calif., was the principal speaker. He said the convention was "marked by some very significant hours when the sense of God's presence was most unusually felt." A number of Indian church leaders representing various denominations also spoke.

## Africa

### New Somali Law Forbids Christian Propagandizing

An amendment to the Somali Republic's constitution has been ratified by the National Assembly of the African nation, making it illegal "to spread or propagandize any religions other than the true religion of Islam." Only Islam may be taught in state schools. Christian and other faiths may carry on their activities "in their own communities" but may not attempt to win converts in Somalia.

### Uganda's Anthem Revised to Include the Name of God

Uganda has changed its national anthem to include the name of God. The first line of the anthem now reads: "O Uganda, may God uphold thee." Formerly it went: "O Uganda, thy people praise thee."

Uganda, a British protectorate since 1894, became independent last October. When the name of God was omitted from the anthem there were widespread protests from religious people who make up over half of Uganda's population.

## Israel

### Tribute Paid to Israel's Late President

Christian and Moslem leaders in Israel were among the first to send condolences on the death of President Itzhak Ben-Zvi in April. He was Israel's second president, having succeeded Chaim Weizmann.

President Ben-Zvi, a deeply religious Orthodox Jew, was a lifelong Zionist. Born in the Ukraine, he settled in Palestine over fifty years ago. During his eleven years in office the President showed a special interest in

Israel's religious and ethnic minorities. Among his last words were, "Take care of the Samaritans." He was 78 years of age.

### **Samaritan Synagogue Dedicated**

Not long before he died, President Ben-Zvi of Israel participated in the dedication of a Samaritan synagogue, the first to be opened in Israel. It is located at Holon, near Tel Aviv, where most of Israel's 140 Samaritans live. The building faces the northeast, pointing toward the Samaritans' Holy Mount Gerizim sanctuary in Jordan, where the remaining 160 Samaritans in the world dwell.

### **Village to Be Built on Famed Biblical Site**

Jewish settlers soon will till the soil on the slopes of Mount Gilboa, where Saul and Jonathan were slain in the war against the Philistines (2 Samuel 1:21). The Gilboa heights form part of the southern border of the Jezreel Valley, close to the boundary between Israel and Jordan. The Jewish National Fund is clearing 250 acres and will lay a road and a water pipe to the mountaintop.

### **Christian Settlement in West Galilee Wins Approval**

Construction of a Christian settlement at Ness Anim in West Galilee is expected to start soon, now that the Interior Committee of Israel's Parliament has rejected the demands from Orthodox Jewish groups to halt the project.

After two lengthy meetings at Jerusalem, the committee approved the project, noting that the settlement's founders have pledged the Christian village will not undertake any missionary activities and that it will bar converts from Judaism.

The West Galilee County Council, which had objected to the settlement, also voted to withdraw its opposition and extend all necessary municipal services to the project. The council chairman said the representatives were now convinced that the intentions of the founders of the settlement, Dutch and Swiss Protestant physicians, were to help Israel's agricultural and industrial development, and to improve Jewish-Christian relations.

The new settlement will be patterned after the Jewish "kibbutz"—or cooperative agricultural village. Settlement of the issue marked the end of a spirited controversy between conservative and liberal groups among the Jews of Israel.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

# YOUR QUESTIONS

*Please explain concerning Christ preaching to the spirits in prison (1 Peter 3:18-20; 4:6).*

The generally accepted view is that Christ preached through Noah, by the Holy Spirit, warning men and promising salvation if they would accept. Those who believe in a chance of salvation after death make much use of these verses to support their doctrine. All we have is what Peter says on this subject, and I consider it too little to support a doctrine.

*Will the Christian's home be in heaven or here on the earth in the time of the new heavens and new earth?*

The promises to the Church are heavenly. We are "partakers of the heavenly calling"; we are exhorted to set our affections on things above; and we look forward "to an inheritance . . . reserved in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4). Primarily, the earthly promises are to Israel. However, it appears that there will be close association between the holy city and the new earth (Revelation 21:23-27). How this will be worked out we must leave to God to show us in His time.

*Do you think there is a literal tabernacle in heaven? Moses was told to "make all things according to the pattern" shown to him in the Mount (Exodus 25:9). The Bible speaks of a golden censer (Revelation 8:3), the ark of the covenant (Revelation 11:19), and the tabernacle of the testimony (Revelation 15:5)—all being in heaven.*

Just what we will find in heaven remains to be seen, but I believe it all will be spiritual rather than material. The earthly tabernacle and its furnishings are described as "a shadow of the heavenly." There is a service in heaven and Christ is High Priest. There is no need of material sacrifices there since His atoning blood shed at Calvary fulfilled all these types. We know there is a spiritual Holy Place where we offer spiritual sacrifices to God, even now (1 Peter 2:5).

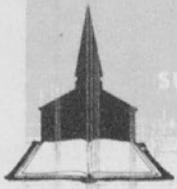
*Jesus said: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." Does this mean we have to develop into full discipleship after we are saved?*

All who are born of God immediately become disciples—learners and followers—of Jesus. It is possible for a person to discontinue this discipleship, and Jesus wanted His followers to prove they were indeed His disciples by continuing to obey His Word. There were disciples of Jesus who showed considerable devotion until a severe test came; then they "walked no more with him" (John 6:66). Let us not be among that number.

*Are "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24) and "the fulness of the Gentiles" (Romans 11:25) the same?*

"The times of the Gentiles" is political; the "fulness of the Gentiles" is religious. The first began with the captivity of the Jews under Nebuchadnezzar and will continue until Jesus comes to reign. In the light of the present independence of Israel, it is noteworthy that part of Jerusalem (especially the Temple area) is yet "trodden down" under Arab control. The second refers to the period of time when the gospel is offered to all the world. It will end at the coming of Jesus to gather believers unto Himself. "Blindness in part" rests upon Israel, but when the Church is raptured this blindness will be removed. Then when Christ comes to reign Israel will accept Him as their Saviour and Lord. (See Romans 11:26; Zechariah 12:9 to 13:1.)

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*



# An Evil Deed

Sunday School Lesson for June 16, 1963

1 KINGS 21:12-20; EPHESIANS 4:17-19

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

AHAB'S DESIRE EXPRESSED (1 Kings 21:1,2). Ahab had everything his heart desired—except a tiny garden! And the lack of this little plot of earth robbed him of the enjoyment of all he did possess. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase" (Ecclesiastes 5:10). "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us therewith be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8). Since things cannot bring true satisfaction, and only God can, therefore the man who loves God and enjoys God's love is the truly rich man!

AHAB'S DESIRE FRUSTRATED (1 Kings 21:3). Noble Naboth! His refusal to sell was not stubbornness but a matter of conscience. Unlike Esau, Naboth was not willing to sacrifice his inheritance, his principles, and his integrity toward God for mere material gain! (See Leviticus 25:23-28; Numbers 36:7; Ezekiel 46:18.)

AHAB'S DESIRE INTENSIFIED (1 Kings 21:4, 5). Ahab never dreamed Naboth would refuse him. He expected

everybody to yield to his wishes; for he was king and did not think his subjects had any rights at all. Like many, he felt that *might was right*.

Ahab pouted and sulked like a child—what conduct for a king! (Frustrated desire is bitter to the natural heart.) Because he could not have the vineyard, he wanted it all the more—a very human tendency! Not only so, he made himself sick over the matter. And modern medical science confirms the fact that many sicknesses are not organic but functional and due to wrong desires!

The fact that Ahab sulked proved him to be at the mercy of his own inordinate appetites. And the fact that he was willing to listen to Jezebel's scheme to have Naboth murdered and sacrificed on the altar of his unholy passions shows the downward course of sin!

AHAB'S DESIRE FULFILLED (1 Kings 21:7-16). Ahab and Jezebel present quite a contrast. Ahab was weak and wicked; Jezebel was strong and wicked. But Ahab's weakness of character did not excuse him from yielding to his wife's fiendish plot. Consider some of the lessons suggested by these verses:

1. *The curse of covetousness.* Covetousness may be defined as inordinate desire; that is, desire either for something which God expressly forbids, or too great a desire for that which may be legitimate in itself and within bounds. Ahab was wrong in desiring Naboth's vineyard, for the latter could not have sold it without sinning.

It is not an evil thing to desire money in order to provide for life's necessities. But when a man so loves money that it becomes an end in itself, or the object of his life, then he is guilty of covetousness and greed.

Though covetousness is commonly connected with money, the word has a much broader application. A man may covet popularity, praise, power, as well as the things money can buy.

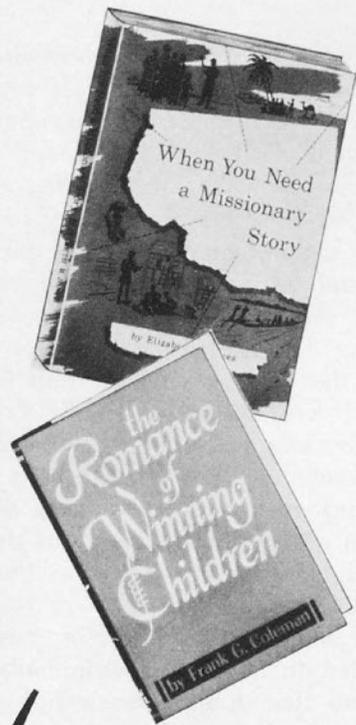
The curse of covetousness is that it tends to blind one to all sense of honor, right principle, and propriety. As thick fog buries all objects in its midst, so evil desire draws a veil over one's standards of right and wrong, making righteous judgment and action impossible. Safety and happiness lie in keeping all desires in the channels cut by the Word of God! "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness."

2. *The Sin of Slander.* Naboth, a godly man, was murdered by a slanderous tongue. Since that time more people have been killed this way than by all the wars in history! Not only so, but think of the hearts, homes, and churches which have been damaged, hurt, even ruined by tongues which Christians have surrendered to the Devil to become his tools! The love of Christ in our hearts will constrain us to be slow to believe evil of others, to be eager to believe the best about others, and to refuse to expose the failures of others.

AHAB'S SIN DENOUNCED (1 Kings 21:16-20). Ahab thought Jezebel's plan had succeeded, but his sin found him out! The moment he saw Elijah his conscience smote him, as his greeting to Elijah indicated. Sin deceives one as to who are his true friends. Jezebel, to whom Ahab was grateful, was really his worst enemy; while Elijah, who had come to rebuke him, was really his best friend.

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# Trinidad Listeners Testify of Help Received from Revivaltime

By FLO DAVIS

JUST OFF THE COAST OF VENEZUELA lies the tropical island of Trinidad. Although the island is only 1,864 square miles in area, it has an estimated population of 525,000. From the capital city, Port of Spain, *Revivaltime* has a weekly broadcast over Trinidad's 20,000-watt Radio Guardian, beaming the gospel to millions living "south of the border."

*Revivaltime* first began broadcasting in Trinidad in 1958 with the assistance of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada missionaries in the area, since there are no U.S. Assemblies of God missions there. In 1961 the broadcast team personally gave a boost to the program's effectiveness with a nine-day crusade in San Fernando, Trinidad. During these meetings more than 500 persons accepted Christ.

United with Tobago, Trinidad is now a nation of its own, and the impact of the *Revivaltime* message is being felt weekly as the broadcast service travels over the air waves. By far the largest amount of foreign letters received monthly in the *Revivaltime* office come from this small island of 525,000 inhabitants.

The weekly service over Radio Guardian has become an invited guest in the homes of many Trinidad inhabitants. One listener writes: "The services are a source of real inspiration, encouragement, and help in meeting the Satanic powers in the world today. Truly there is power in the Word of God and the preaching of His Word continues to bring men and women to their senses, finding a real purpose for their lives."

Another listener comments: "It is a joy listening to your program each Sunday here in the West Indies. As I listen each week I receive a new

blessing, and as far as I know many have been saved and healed through your ministry on the radio. I am continuing to pray that the message will go forward with convicting power bringing men and women to God."

Like their American counterparts, the Trinidad listeners share with the *Revivaltime* staff their needs for prayer for financial, spiritual, and physical problems. Then, the *Revivaltime* team receives such encouraging reports as this one from a school boy. "I wrote requesting prayer for success in my examinations. The results have been published recently and, praise the Lord, I was indeed successful. I want to thank you for your prayers."

A grateful mother writes: "I thank God for answering my prayers. I also thank you and all at *Revivaltime* who prayed for me and my daughter Margaret. From the time I wrote regarding your prayers, Margaret has not had the pains. The bleeding has stopped and she has gained weight and grown taller. She is quite jolly and able to attend church and Sunday school. God has been good to us. He has replaced my fear with faith."

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The universality of the *Revivaltime* broadcast is expressed in these words from a regular listener in Trinidad: "Oh, what a thrill runs through me every Sunday when I hear that theme song, 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.' Then come the other inspiring songs and testimonies and your challenging sermons."

Rising financial costs threaten to curtail the broadcasting on this five-year-old *Revivaltime* outlet in Trinidad. The broadcast and the *Revivaltime* Assembly of God churches on the island working together have done much to evangelize the area, but there are still many more thousands to be reached.

Your support and prayer is urgently needed to assist the Trinidad listeners so that *Revivaltime's* full-gospel message may continue "to go forward with convicting power bringing men and women to God." Send your contributions today to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. Request a FREE copy of the book, "How Far Can a Mother's Prayers Reach?" by C. M. Ward.

## The Bible

(Continued from page fifteen)

bit on a family vacation east, but later increased the pace to complete it.

The Bible they had read so faithfully in 1962, said their pastor, stood each member in good stead during the hours of bereavement.

Is the Scherer family through reading the Scriptures out loud now that the father is gone?

Not in the least. In 1963 they started a new plan. Now, each evening after dinner and dishes, they gather around the table. They read, in round-robin fashion, one chapter of the New Testament. Then one of the five asks a set of questions he or she has prepared before.

"We find this questioning interesting and helpful," Mrs. Scherer told me. "It surely makes you concentrate as you read and as you listen."

Somehow I couldn't help but wish that every family in America would adopt this Bible reading plan which the Scherers have used in 1962 and 1963.

There would be help in life, and comfort and courage in time of death.

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# ON THE AIR



**WITH D.V. HURST  
SECRETARY  
OF RADIO**

YOU HAVE READ A LOT ABOUT "RATINGS" lately. These bases for statistical data indicating the sizes of radio and TV audiences have come in for heavy questioning and probing by congressional committees.

ABC discarded the old basis over a year ago. Its new young president, Robert R. Pauley, has energetically sought a more realistic approach to the problem of audience size and profile.

New and more carefully considered techniques of determining audiences have turned up many interesting direct and related facts:

Statistical evidence shows that network radio has more to offer than it has been selling. Its total audience is now reported as three times bigger than formerly.

Not enough attention has been given to "in-car" listening, portables, and public-place listening. (Transistor sales increased 50 per cent in 1962.)

The number of radio sets has increased from 50 to 185 million in the last fifteen years, more than enough to give one to each man, woman, and child in the U.S. These sets are not idle! The number of radio stations has increased from 1,000 to 3,600 in the same period.

Probes indicate that the daily po-

tential listener market is 135 million people—55 per cent at home, 31 per cent in cars, and 13 per cent "other."

These facts are projected from a base of 28,000 telephone interviews per month, and this in 287 counties in 48 states. A total of 388 interviewers and alternates are used in securing information.

It all adds up to an encouraging picture for radio! Some call it a "revival" in radio.

E. C. O'Brien, a hard-working *Revivaltime* promoter in southern Alberta, Canada, has added a sixty-five-minute "gospel D. J." program to his listings. It's a late Sunday night program. He says of the *Revivaltime* choir albums: "Your music is top quality in spiritual singing and production. It is often requested and I



E. C. O'Brien, of Alberta, Canada, uses *Revivaltime* music on his programs.

use these recordings a great deal. My program would lack much if it were not for the *Revivaltime* music which is so popular."

He adds: "I'm looking forward to my 200th program in early August. This is a lot of time to spend with an audience, but I love my work and I love playing those *Revivaltime* records..."

Daresay Brother O'Brien knows these gospel songs by heart!

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# LITERATURE:

## *The Missionary's Silent Assistant*

By STERLING STEWART

*Missionary to El Salvador*



A Sunday school teacher in El Salvador uses a quarterly provided by the Spanish Literature Department.

ASK A CONGREGATION OF LATIN American Christians how many of them learned about God through the printed page. Then you will realize that gospel literature is our number one offensive weapon for the twenty-six Spanish-speaking Latin republics.

Because I have promoted Sunday school work in El Salvador for fourteen years, I know the necessity of having printed materials to guide Christian character and living standards in a field where Christian teaching has had no place in the home life of the people. Years of teaching and guidance are necessary to build the foundation of Christian character in Latin America. It is utterly impossible for the 130 Assemblies of God missionaries working among 180 millions of inhabitants to do an adequate job without help.

Sunday school literature is the greatest aid we have in our evangelistic efforts. No material help has in-

fluenced the spiritual stability of our Christian people more than the Sunday school lessons.

In El Salvador, as elsewhere, the spread of the gospel depends to a great extent on the quality of the national pastors. Many of these men are saved out of raw heathenism and have no knowledge of the high standards of holiness God demands of every believer.

When God lays His hand on these new Christians for full-time ministry they attend Bible school for training. After their first year—a short eighteen-week period—they are thrust into the harvest to win souls and pastor new converts. They have not had opportunity to mature spiritually for this task! But each week they study their Bibles and Sunday school quarterlies so they can teach the Sunday school lesson. This study has a definite spiritual influence on the workers and causes them to grow in grace and

knowledge and faith in God. Besides their Bibles and Sunday school quarterlies, national pastors have few helps.

Because most of our 1,700 Sunday school teachers are young people with less experience and training than the pastors, they need Sunday school literature even more than the pastors do.

As these workers teach the lesson to 34,000 members of our El Salvador Sunday schools, they are the strongest force we have for building Christian character in our people.

Also, these teachers are instruments in the hands of God to reach those in the community who do not come into the local church. In the capital city of El Salvador we have twenty-five Assemblies of God churches. These churches have more than two hundred outstations where teachers reach a total of 8,900 children and adults each Sunday. Can you imagine the influence this army of workers is having on a pagan community? God's Word shall not return void! A harvest will be gathered which began in the Spanish Literature Department on the printed pages of Sunday school teachers' quarterlies.

There is danger that we will lose this most valuable asset if sufficient funds to continue these publications are not received soon. This could be the worst calamity that ever happened to God's work in Latin America. It *must not* happen! Surely God will hear our cry and will move people to make consistent monthly pledges for this need!

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Luisa: "I like Sunday school!"

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Pepita: "And right now funds are low!"

Jose: "Won't you help us?"



FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT conducted a seminar at least every two years for missionaries on furlough. Missionary policy and objectives were discussed, and both missionaries and Foreign Missions Department leaders benefited by mutual counsel and discussion.

Later these sessions were absorbed into a "school of orientation" for candidate missionaries. Special periods for the benefit of both missionaries and candidates were included in this school.

For the past five years, the sessions have been known as the School of Missions and are arranged to benefit candidate missionaries, missionaries on furlough, and district missionary secretaries. Missions instructors in Bible schools and colleges are also helped to obtain a well-rounded, up-to-date picture of the Assemblies of God missions program and policies.

During the first few years of the School of Missions, experienced missionaries and outstanding authorities of evangelical missions joined Assemblies of God executive presbyters and foreign missions field secretaries as instructors. Some of those from outside our organization who have taught are Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Washington representative of the National Association of Evangelicals and Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; Dr. Henry Brandt, well-known lecturer on missionary administration; F. W. Langham of the American Bible Society; Dr. E. A. Nida, Executive Secretary

# 1963 School of Missions

BY NOEL PERKIN, DEAN

and outstanding linguistics teacher of the American Bible Society.

The 1963 school will convene in Springfield, Missouri, June 17-28. Several missionaries with many years of experience will be on the staff. In addition, Dr. F. C. Laubach, veteran missionary with a unique ministry, will be lecturing. Under the slogan "Each One Teach One," Dr. Laubach combines evangelism with the world's most remarkable program for teaching adults to read. Missionaries of every theological complexion enthusiastically praise his literacy-evangelism techniques as keys which open doors closed to other kinds of evangelism. Dr. Laubach will lecture June 25 and 26.

Dr. Donald McGavran, former missionary and well-known lecturer in colleges and seminaries, will also be ministering. Dr. McGavran is author of the book *How Churches Grow*. This will be the main topic of the seven lectures he gives June 26 and 27.

Approved candidates and missionaries on furlough are required to attend the school. Candidates gain a

fuller understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of missionary service as they study and enjoy fellowship with experienced missionaries. Some missionaries who attend will have just arrived in the States for much-needed furloughs; others will return to their fields directly from the school. To all, the sessions will make a meaningful contribution to the missionary task in the days ahead. Two college credits are available for those taking the entire course.

Day sessions will be at the General Council's new administration building. Night sessions will be held in the Central Bible Institute chapel. A banquet on the closing night will climax the school. On this occasion forty dedicated candidates will be set apart for missionary service. Within a few months these new missionaries will be at their posts of duty in Africa, Latin America, the Far East, and Europe.

For further information about the school, including a schedule of classes, write Mrs. George Carmichael, Registrar, School of Missions, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.



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# Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



LA PORTE, IND.—A real move of the Spirit of God was manifested at the Pentecostal Assembly here during a three-week revival concluded February 24 with Evangelist J. B. Woolums of Carlisle, Pa. The congregation was inspired by the anointed and straight-forward ministry of God's Word. Several persons were saved, several filled with the Holy Spirit, and each night the altars were filled with persons seeking a deeper experience in God.

—W. R. Waincott, Pastor

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—March 10 marked the close of a very profitable two-week revival conducted at First Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Snavelly of Springfield, Mo. Although the area was in the grip of a flu epidemic, attendance was the best ever. A number knelt at the altar for salvation, and the entire church was strengthened by the meeting. The musical ministry of the evangelists and the presentation of the truths of God's Word were enjoyed by all.

—K. L. Claycomb, Pastor

ROCK FALLS, ILL.—The ministry of the Tanner Team was well received during a campaign concluded April 14 at the Assembly of God here. Attendance of local people was very good. Sinners were saved, backsliders

reclaimed, and four young people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit—one of which was a high school junior of the Free Methodist faith: He has now embraced Pentecost and is on fire for God. It is believed that the church will reap benefit from this meeting for a long time to come.

—H. W. Lutz, Pastor

TAVARES, FLA.—On March 24 a capacity crowd at First Assembly witnessed a mighty breakthrough under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Grant Daniel of Montgomery, Ala. His singing and preaching were rich in the Word during each of the six services he conducted. Sunday school attendance reached its highest peak since February 1961. Young people lined the altars on the closing night and a number were either saved or reclaimed after hearing the marvelous testimony of God's dealings in the life of the evangelist.

—Warren C. Anthony, Pastor

TULSA, OKLA.—April 28 marked the close of a two-week revival at the Suburban Hills Assembly with Evangelist and Mrs. Wallace Joice of Jenks, Okla. The entire congregation was blessed by this ministry and there were six conversions.

—Dale D. Starling, Pastor



ZION, ILL.—Near capacity crowd is shown attending the services at Christian Assembly during a meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell. Thomas Brubaker, Sr., is pastor.

BAYWOOD PARK, CALIF.—A one-week revival campaign conducted by Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom and "The Message for America" Team brought great blessing to the Assembly here. Several sought God for salvation, eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, some refilled, others testified to healing, and a new Sunday school attendance record was set. At the conclusion of the meetings nine persons followed the Lord in water baptism. A genuine revival spirit continues in the regular services.

—Ronald A. Snider, Pastor

YUBA CITY, CALIF.—First Assembly reports a very profitable two-week revival just concluded with Evangelist Sam Klein of Sacramento, Calif. It was a great success because of the outstanding preaching. The tremendous revelation of the Word nightly captivated the hearts of the people. Sinners were at the altar for salvation and the Holy Spirit was present to baptize believers.

—Thomas B. Don Carlos, Pastor

MORRISON, OKLA.—April 14 marked the close of a two-week revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist N. B. Rayburn of Oklahoma. An excellent variety of messages, well suited to the congregation, was presented during the meetings. Attendance was the best in several years. Sinners as well as members from other churches were present in nearly every service. Two accepted salvation. Part of the suc-

cess of the meetings was due to the regular prayer meetings that were conducted each morning.

Several months ago a new central heating system was installed for the auditorium and annex. New songbooks were purchased by the Christ's Ambassadors and presented to the congregation for use during the revival. God be praised for His blessings in the church.

—Victor Ostrom, Pastor

DONIPHAN, MO.—The Assembly of God here just concluded a gracious revival with Evangelist S. O. Liles of Sasakwa, Okla. Two persons were reclaimed, two filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number received refillings. The Sunday school attendance record was broken with 153 present.

—Luster Young, Pastor

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Visible results were noted in the very first service of Evangelist David Lewis' revival campaign at First Assembly of God here. The entire church benefited from these meetings in which audio-visual aids were used, and a goodly number of persons were saved.

—Jacob Heinrich, Pastor

FT. WORTH, TEX.—A history-making move of God that has changed nominal Christians into Pentecostal believers was experienced at the Boulevard Assembly of God here during services conducted by Evangelist John McDuff from February 3 to March 24.



TAYLORS, S. C.—Photo shows crowd attending the closing Sunday night service of the one-week meeting at Faith Temple with Evangelist and Mrs. Jim Bakker. Around 75 found Christ as Saviour and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit and others were healed. Eighteen persons were baptized in water and 22 new members were added as a result of the meeting. James H. Thompson is pastor.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

Many persons were saved, four reclaimed, and a number either baptized in the Holy Spirit or refilled. Fourteen persons joined the church. The continuous two-year revival in the Assembly here can be attributed to the morning prayer meetings commenced in 1961 after the Portland General Council. Many denominational people continue to receive the Holy Spirit in the regular services.

—C. L. Stewart, Pastor

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**EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO**—A very profitable ten-day revival conducted by Evangelist James Tucker of North Dakota has just been concluded at the First Assembly of God here. Two persons were saved, two reclaimed, several refilled, and two joined the church. Fifty-eight new persons attended the services. One of the men that was reclaimed had been away from the Lord for 20 years. A few nights later his wife accepted the Lord. The impact of this revival is still felt in the regular services.

—James Miller, Pastor

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**BASTROP, LA.**—A week's meeting has just been concluded at the Mt. Perry Assembly of God here with Evangelist G. A. Jackson of Milan, Tenn. The Holy Spirit moved upon the services each night and conviction was evident.

—Vasti Smith, Pastor

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**COVINGTON, IND.**—First Assembly of God reports a very successful two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Roberts of Roswell, N. Mex. A previous Sunday school attendance record of 101 was broken with 116 present.

—Edgar F. Allen, Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL**—July 18-20 at Ukrainian Branch Camp Grounds (Catskill Mts.), Lanesville, N. Y. Business sessions at 9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Evening services at 7:30 with Evangelist P. Dmytrasz of Chicago, Ill. For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch, 9 East 7th St., N. Y. 3, N. Y.

**40TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING**—June 14-16 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 2745 Second St., Ceres, Calif. Friends and former members invited.—by Dan Robinson, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

**MILTON CARPENTER**, 73, of Browning, Mont., recently passed away. He had been af-

STATE & CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz. Tolleson	A/G	June 9-16	Ronald Jackson Toby	B. H. Russell
Ark. Camden	*Cullendale	June 11-16	Bob & Jeri Winford	J. D. Middlebrook
Malvern	First	June 12-23	Roland Hastie	J. C. Dickinson
Pine Bluff	*Forest Park	June 9-14	Mrs. A. G. Calaway	Harold Thompson
Calif. Cupertino	A/G	June 9—	J. G. Hall	Russell Baker
Garden Grove	First	June 16-30	George Hayes	Ralph G. Markey
Lamont	First A/G Tab.	June 16-30	Eddie Eaton	E. L. Shaffer
Lomita	Calvary	June 2—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Leo B. Duncan
Palo Alto	*Gospel Lighthouse	June 16-21	Charles Senechal	Mary Martindale
Pasadena	Trinity	June 9-23	William Caldwell	H. M. Smith
Richmond	Central	June 16-23	Marvin Schmidt	Russell Griffin
Richmond	Full Gos. Tem.	June 16-30	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	J. Boyd Wolverton
Riverside	First Rubidoux	June 9—	James H. Black	Chester Boteler
Torrence	Walteria	June 9-16	Garfield J. Unruh	Ollen W. Fish
Calo. Boulder	First	June 11-23	Lee & Mrs. Krupnick	Glenn R. Kelly
Greeley	*First	June 10-16	Jerry & Joy Spain	H. I. Maley
Fla. Eaton Park	A/G	June 9-23	Don Parker	Jack Hensley
Ga. Atlanta	Bouldercrest	June 10-16	Bob Jones	Eugene Gustafson
Columbus	Central	June 16-30	B. R. Minton	Ulus Luker
Newton	Baker County	June 16-28	Russell Peavy	Charles C. Ritter
Idaho Lewiston	First	June 16-20	Bob & Lillian Watters	Frank N. McAllister
Ill. Dixon	A/G	June 9—	James T. Burkett	John Ellis
Granite City	Bellemore	June 11-16	T. J. Jones	Henry Greenwald
Metropolis	First	June 16-30	Ward & Mrs. Popejoy	Donald A. Lunsford
Staunton	First	June 16-30	R. D. & Mrs. Bornert	N. G. Mathenia
Woodstock	A/G	June 11-23	Norman & Evelyn Hays	David Peterson
Ind. Clay City	*A/G	June 10-14	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Lewis J. Clifton
Fort Wayne	First	June 9-14	W. F. Morton	Fred Leader
Goshen	First	June 12-13	Mrs. Robert Beisel	William Burkett
Indianapolis	Abundant Life Ch.	June 11-23	E. G. Rasmussen	T. L. Vibbert
South Bend	Calvary Temple	June 13-16	William L. Thornton	Roy Wead
Iowa Cedar Rapids	*First	June 3-9	Paul Hild & Family	Fred Gottwald
Truesdale	A/G	June 11-16	Paul Hild & Family	Norman Shawchuck
Kans. Chanute	First	June 12—	J. W. Henegar	R. E. Owen
La. Bastrop	Mt. Perry	June 16-30	Roy J. Akin	Vasti Smith
Md. Cresaptown	Full Gospel	June 9-30	Jack & Clara Peters	Ruth Cowgill
Mich. Detroit	Christian Trin.	June 5—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	J. J. Rettinger
Monroe	A/G	June 11-23	Ray C. Eskelin	Eldred Jukuri
Minn. Pontiac	First	June 11-23	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	Arnold Hashman
Mo. Faribault	A/G	June 11-16	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Paul D. Sundell
Bucklin	First	June 2-16	Floyd L. Dennis	Earl Myers
Cape Girardeau	Bethel	June 10—	Loyd Middleton	Joe Shoults
Edina	A/G	June 11-23	John & Faith Stallings	E. E. Hembree
Knob Noster	A/G	June 16-30	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Lowell Moore
St. Louis	*Bethel Temple	June 16-21	Gladys Voight	Delbert R. Bucher
Mont. Sidney	A/G	June 9—	Fred R. Diehl	Thure A. Johnson
N. Y. Wolf Point	So. School Aud.	June 2-16	Clifton O. Erickson	W. L. Roset, Host
N. Y. Earlville	A/G	June 10—	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	Arden Morton
Poughkeepsie	Faith	June 11-23	Ralph A. Creider	Ira E. Elliott
N. C. Dunn	Glad Tidings	June 3-17	Musical Vanderploegs	William J. Belbin
Statesville	Winston Avenue	June 11-23	Frank Martin	Robert Gibson
Ohio Columbus	Calvary Temple	June 16-30	Dave Tonn	L. E. Loretz
Okla. Locust Grove	A/G	June 16-30	N. B. & Mrs. Rayburn	Roy L. Walkup
Wagoner	A/G	June 3—	Charles Capps	E. L. Coleman
Pa. Beaver Falls	**Fireman's Grnds.	June 16-30	Paul Olson Party	F. T. Nelson, Chm.
Central City	Pent. Tab.	June 4-16	V. H. Dullabaum	E. A. Neidermeier
Mifflinburg	A/G	June 11-16	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Richard Grimes
Philadelphia	***Calvary	June 2-16	David Lewis	James A. Griep
Strasburg	A/G	June 11-23	A. G. & Mrs. Basell	Harold L. Zuech
Tenn. Nashville	Belmont	June 9—	Gene Burgess	W. C. Langford
Tex. Borger	*First	June 16—	Edith Little	Calvin Wiley
Vidor	First	June 3—	Clyde Drake	Andy Radke
Va. St. Paul	A/G	June 9-16	John & Dave Eller	Bob McCutchen
Wash. Longview	****Calvary Temple	June 16-21	Christian Hild	William N. Paris
W. Va. Beckley	First	June 2—	Jimmy & Carol Snow	T. M. Waldron
Canada Calgary, Alb.	Immanuel Pent.	June 4—	Don Gossett	John Lucas, Jr.
Vernon, B. C.	Cloud Cathedral	June 9-30	Gerard-Chapman Team	L. J. Blackmore
Portage, Man.	Pent.	June 9-16	W. L. & Mrs. Serdahl	Percy Thompson
Lytleton, N. B.	Pent.	June 12-23	Abraham Kudra	H. W. Trenholm
Guelph, Ont.	Pent.	June 11-23	Arnold & Anita Segesman	V. H. Hillis

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filiated with the Ohio District until about a year ago when he transferred to the Montana District. Brother Carpenter pastored Sunburst Assembly in Montana

for three years (some time ago). Brother Luke received a license to preach in 1961 from the Southern Missouri District. He was pastor of the Frazier's Creek Pentecostal Church near Silva.

**THOMAS W. LUKE**, 69, of Silva, Mo., fell asleep in Jesus April 8. He is survived by his wife Rhea and seven children.



MILLIONS OF KIND, HONEST, SINCERE religious church members, when they come to the end of life's journey, will awaken to the fact that they have missed heaven, because they had never been born again. They substituted church membership, confirmation, baptism and communion for the new birth.

Nicodemus was a religious ruler and teacher in Israel, but Jesus said to him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:3, 7).

Simon, who was baptized by Philip and seemed to be interested in God's working, was told by Peter, "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God... For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8: 21, 23).

There are many preachers, deacons, church officials and members of churches who have never experienced the new birth, who think they can enter heaven because of their profession. But faithful attendance at all the church services, wearing a religious garb, trying to keep the commandments, giving money for the Lord's cause being kind to our loved ones and neighbors, helping the poor and needy, will not give us a passport to heaven.

# Religious... But LOST

By S. J. GRABILL

Jesus said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And I will profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22, 23).

There is only one way by which we may enter heaven, and that is by way of the new birth. Jesus is the door. "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1).

The Scriptures declare that we are born in sin (Psalm 51:5); that by nature we are dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1); that "there is none righteous, no not one... for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10, 23); and that without the new birth we are without God, without Christ, and without hope (Ephesians 2:12). The old nature that we have inherited through the fall of our first parents cannot be changed by reformation or by being religious.

Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh... Ye must be born again." Only God can work this miracle in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. For it is His mission to convict of sin, and to cause us to repent and definitely take Christ as our Saviour. As we do this, we receive not only the assurance of forgiveness and cleansing, but also an impartation of the divine nature, and we can say with Paul, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This is the new birth. It is a crisis experience. We do not *grow* into salvation, but we pass from death unto life. There is a definite time when we are born again. It is just as real as when a man is rescued from a watery grave or from a burning building. We cannot save ourselves, nor can anyone impart eternal life to us except our Lord Jesus Christ. There

is nothing that we can substitute for the new birth.

If we depend on our religious training, on saying our prayers regularly, the reading of the Bible, and being orthodox in our faith (and that is all to be appreciated), yet we cannot be saved unless we definitely take Christ as our Saviour.

Dr. James M. Gray, who became an outstanding preacher of the gospel, said that before he was saved he knew the Lord's prayer and the ten commandments. He was confirmed and joined the church. But it was not until years afterward that he was converted. God used a traveling salesman, and the preaching of the gospel, which he did not hear in his own church, to awaken in him the need of being saved.

Charles Wesley preached the gospel with much diligence and earnestness, yet he did not know what it was to have peace with God until he was about thirty years old. While he was seriously ill, and it seemed that he was about to die, a young Christian named Peter Bohler visited him and asked him whether he hoped to be saved. He asked in the affirmative. Then he was asked to give a reason for his hope. He replied that he used his best endeavors to serve the Lord. Peter Bohler looked very sad and shook his head. That sad, silent look, and the shaking of the head, caused Charles Wesley to think, and his false hope was shattered. He was definitely led into the light, and he saw that through faith in the Lord's finished work we are justified. In his sick room he experienced for the first time in his life the peace of God. It was during this time that he composed that wonderful hymn, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise."

Religion and good works without a definite experience of salvation will not give us an entrance into the kingdom of God. "For by grace are ye

saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

Heaven's door will open only to those who have been regenerated and washed from their sins through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. All others, no matter how religious or sincere, or how many good works they may have done, will not find favor with God, for all our self-righteousness is as filthy rags in His sight.

I repeat: millions of good, honest religious people will be disappointed when they come to the end of their earthly pilgrimage, because they lack the new birth. Have you been born again? If not, do not delay, but come to Jesus now!

## Boy's Eyes Straightened, Eardrum Replaced

MY CUP IS OVERFLOWING. I WANT ALL to hear about the miracle which took place in our home during January and February of 1961.

God has given us two sons (although the doctors had told me I would never be able to have any children). Our eldest, ten-year-old Stephen, began having headaches. We had his back X-rayed. As the headaches persisted we were told to have his eyes tested.

I made an appointment. The day before the appointment Stephen complained of seeing double. He rested that day, and the next morning I noticed his eyes had crossed!

Terror struck my heart and I telephoned our pastor, Brother Snow. He spoke comforting words and promised to keep praying while I took Stephen for his eye test.

The "eye" doctor said there was pressure behind the optic nerve and sent us to a specialist in Terre Haute, Indiana. Again I called our pastor and he assured me that they would keep praying. Then I went to my knees and asked God to guide me.

As I was leaving for Terre Haute, I picked up the Bible and placed it in my purse. Stephen asked about it, and I told him that we must *lean* on the Bible—there was no other way!

Tests were run all afternoon. They showed a definite pressure was building up behind the eyes. One eye tested 20/70 and the other was 20/200.

Upon reporting back to our family doctor we were sent to a nerve specialist in Indianapolis. I was praying and our church was praying!

Stephen was given another rigid test and admitted into the Methodist Hospital. The next day he had a *brain-wave* test. (This is done by drilling a hole in the cranium and inserting an air bubble in the brain.)

We were informed that the boy had an abscess and that the mastoid bone had disintegrated. Two surgeons would operate. By now a number of churches were praying. Our pastor and his wife drove sixty miles to anoint Stephen before his surgery and to assure him that God was always with him. Stephen was never afraid. I was, but God took all doubt and fear from me!

When the operation was over the surgeons reported that they had cut through the skull, removed all the infected bone, and cleaned out the infection around it. They also had removed the ear drum. They said they lifted the brain but were unable to find any abscess. Praise God, *He had removed it!*

Steve began to improve rapidly. All the while he kept his Bible under his pillow and prayed. God had performed a great miracle and many saw it. We were able to testify to all those about us—people in the ward, folk in the elevator, and the nurses.

Each time we testified, it seemed that Steve's eyes became straighter. On the day we left, the doctor stood by the bed and told us that he had not expected Stephen's eyes to straighten!

Neither did they think he would hear again with that ear. But God has caused a new eardrum to grow. His eyes have been tested and they are perfect. Every time we go for a checkup the doctors marvel that Stephen's sight and hearing are perfect.

Thanks to our God, Stephen can run and play as any other boy. As I look at my son and his beautiful eyes look straight at me, my heart leaps and gives thanks to our God.—Mrs. Wilbur Giesecking, 621 South Chicago Avenue, Brazil, Ind.

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# Housewife Tells How She Received the Spirit

By Mrs. Don Moon  
Parker, Arizona

AS A CHRISTIAN FROM A NON-PENTECOSTAL denomination I entertained the usual misconceptions and ignorance concerning the subject of "tongues." My church celebrated Pentecost as a historical event but we supposed Pentecostal "signs" were confined to the days of the apostles. We thought all Christians had the Holy Spirit!

The word "Pentecostal" to me was associated with poor, uneducated, overemotional folk — people who specialized in looking dowdy and thought everything was sinful! Anyone who even said "Amen" out loud during a sermon was "eccentric" in my book!

Nevertheless three years ago I cried out to God that He would reveal to me more of Himself. I was in torment because of apparent Biblical contradictions and because my church so little resembled the apostolic church I read about in the New Testament. The Lord sent a Pentecostal housekeeper to work in my home. She witnessed to me of a mighty Christ, One who still led, still healed, and still baptized in His Holy Spirit any hungry soul who desired to know and serve Him better.

Her testimony fed my hungry heart. *The Pentecostal Evangel*, with its encouraging articles and wonderful testimonies of persons of various denominations receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, was brought regularly to

my home. Since my church had no Sunday evening services, I began attending evening services at the humble Assembly of God (a pioneer work) in this small town.

On the night of my first visit there happened to be a C. A. rally. I was impressed by the attractive young people, their heartfelt singing, and their evident love for God and one another. The audible concerted praying seemed so strange but I kept going back. I received help from the sermons and from those who cared enough to remain after the services to pray with me.

One weekday morning I went into a Sunday school room of the Assembly of God to pour out my heart to God in prayer. There, alone with God, I yielded and received a most glorious Baptism, singing in one tongue after another. Truly the re-deemed "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" do and will praise Him. I never dreamed such ecstasy was for me. I was amazed that praise and yielding could bring such joy to anyone's spirit!

I remained acutely conscious of everything and could only desire that all Christians might learn, as I learned, the blessing there is in praising God and worshiping Him in the power of the Spirit. It was worth the spiritual housecleaning which I had done and the disciplining of self to give things of the Spirit precedence in my life. To all who are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit, let me say it is worth it!

## Five Important Minutes

When I was a child we had a "five-minute rule" in our house. What it meant was that we were all to be ready for school five minutes before we actually had to leave.

We were a large family and that extra five minutes was prayer time for Mother and us children. The place was wherever Mother happened to be when we were all ready to leave. Sometimes it was the kitchen, other times the living room or bedroom, or even out on the porch. But we all knelt while Mother asked a blessing on each of us individually and thanked the Lord for His provision for us. Often all of our names were spoken and some special blessing asked for each.

If a neighborhood child dropped in to walk to school with us (and neigh-

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FAMILY ALTAR THIS WEEK?

USE GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY



bors often did), they were included in our prayer circle, too.

When the prayer was finished, there came a kiss for each, and we were off.

Those were *five important minutes* to each of us.—Adelaide Blanton

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# What Will You Do Without Him?

Frances Ridley Havergal



I could not do without Thee,  
O Saviour of the lost!  
Whose precious blood redeemed me  
At such tremendous cost.  
Thy righteousness, Thy pardon,  
Thy precious blood—must be  
My only hope and comfort,  
My glory and my plea.

I could not do without Him!  
Jesus is more to me  
Than all the richest, fairest gifts  
Of earth could ever be.  
But the more I find Him precious,  
And the more I find Him true,  
The more I long for you to find  
What He can be to you.

You need not do without Him,  
For He is passing by;  
He is waiting to be gracious,  
Only waiting for your cry.  
He is waiting to receive you,  
To make you all His own!  
Why will you do without Him,  
And wander on alone?

Why will you do without Him—  
Is He not kind indeed?  
Did He not die to save you?  
Is He not all you need?  
Do you not want a Saviour—  
Do you not want a Friend—  
One who will love you faithfully,  
And love you to the end?

Why will you do without Him?  
The Word of God is true:  
The world is passing to its doom,  
And you are passing too.  
It may be no tomorrow  
Shall dawn for you or me;  
Why will you run the awful risk  
Of all eternity?

You could not do without Him,  
If once He made you see  
The fetters that enchain you  
Till He has set you free;  
If once you saw the fearful load  
Of sin upon your soul—  
The hidden plaque that ends in death  
Unless He makes you whole!

What will you do without Him  
When death is drawing near,  
Without His love—the only love  
That casts out every fear;  
When the shadow-valley opens,  
Unlighted and unknown,  
And the terrors of its darkness  
Must all be passed alone?

What will you do without Him  
When the great White Throne is set,  
And the Judge who never can mistake,  
And never can forget—  
The Judge whom you have never here  
As Friend and Saviour sought,  
Shall summon you to give account  
Of deed, and word and thought?

You cannot do without Him!  
There is no other name  
By which you ever can be saved—  
No way, no hope, no claim!  
Without Him—everlasting loss  
Of love, and life, and light!  
Without Him—everlasting woe,  
And everlasting night.

But with Him—oh! with Jesus!  
Are any words so blest?  
With Jesus—everlasting joy  
And everlasting rest!  
With Jesus—all the empty heart  
Filled with His perfect love!  
With Jesus—perfect peace below,  
And perfect bliss above!

Why should you do without Him?—  
It is not yet too late;  
He has not closed the day of grace,  
He has not shut the gate.  
He calls you—hush! He calls you!  
He would not have you go  
Another step without Him,  
Because He loves you so.

Why will you do without Him?  
He calls and calls again—  
“Come unto Me! Come unto Me!”  
Oh, shall He call in vain?  
He wants to have you with Him;  
Do you not want Him too?  
You cannot do without Him,  
And He so much wants you!