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Lt. Leonard Ahrnsbrak, U. S. Navy chaplain, exchanges a brief farewell and a parting spiritual thought for a Marine pilot just before take-off.

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# No More Manna



*The miracle of the manna ceased but the God of miracles still was with them. There were natural methods of obtaining food now but the supernatural still was available when needed.*

**by Donald Gee**

IT WAS A DRAMATIC MORNING FOR THE CHILDREN OF Israel when, after forty years, they awakened to find no manna on the ground. It is written in Joshua 5:12 that "the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more."

Forty years is a big slice out of any lifetime, and the younger generation had never known anything else than gathering the manna fresh every morning. Doubtless they went out with receptacles ready for the usual gathering. We become as accustomed to the supernatural as to anything else. But now there was no more manna. A new chapter was dawning. There are some good lessons to be learned by all who are wedded to the supernatural.

## NO UNNECESSARY MIRACLES

Their circumstances had changed. No longer were they in the wilderness. They were in Canaan, and the old corn of the land was available. The time had come to return to the normal. In future they were to plough, sow, reap, and fulfill the ordinary processes of agriculture. Jehovah-Jireh could supply manna miraculously when agriculture was impossible, but the same Eternal God rules in nature to supply food through the fruitful seasons and human labor.

Christians who believe that God performs miracles today need to learn that He does not perform unnecessary miracles. To ask for them is to border on presumption and even impudence. Enthusiasts for miracles must remember this. Signs to confirm the preaching of the Word are one thing, but the principles of the Christian life are quite another. It is our heavenly Father's will for His children to lead normal lives even when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit and are seeing signs and wonders in their ministry of the gospel. Belief in the supernatural does not make us unnatural.

The New Testament has ample evidence of this. The need of constant alms for the poor was met by systematic and directed giving on the part of the local churches, not by miracles like the "loaves and fishes." That could easily provoke laziness and parsimony.

Peter had to stand outside the door of Mary's house in Jerusalem until an excited damsel returned to open it. An angel from heaven had opened the iron gate of the prison; for that a miracle had been necessary. But Peter had to continue knocking patiently at this other door because it was normal for human hands to unfasten the bolts.

When Paul's party was shipwrecked on Malta, and the people had kindled a fire because of the cold, the miracle-working apostle gathered sticks along with all the rest to keep it burning. The viper that fastened on his hand necessitated a miracle of deliverance, but the maintaining of the fire was a natural matter.

This blending of the natural with the supernatural is a fundamental part of truly Pentecostal economy. God's Spirit-filled people do not live by miracles but by proper attention to the ordinary course of nature. Belief in divine healing did not abrogate Paul's direction to Timothy for a suitable diet to correct his frequent infirmities (1 Timothy 5:23). There was no need for a miracle when ordinary wisdom could suffice. Precious lives have been lost, or health impaired, by a mistaken idea that somehow God is robbed of glory when we use "means."

As a matter of fact, a foolish refusal to conform to natural principles of life and health produces a twisted character that in no way glorifies God. Too much wishing for miracles can lead to laziness and superstition. If Israel had continued to receive the manna miraculously from heaven it would have demoralized them. They had to learn to win food from the earth by the sweat of their brows.

## YET MIRACLES CONTINUED

The cessation of the daily manna did not mean that Israel would have no further experience of the miraculous. Some of the mightiest wonders followed. Jericho's walls fell flat, and the sun and moon stood still at Joshua's command. The manna ceased, but the God who gave the manna had not left them. Quite likely they had become so used to the miracle of the manna that it had ceased to impress them. That is the way with all of us. If we have miracles too often and for too long they become commonplace. Once they become really unnecessary, the wisdom of God will withdraw them and force us to return to the normal. The early Christians lived quite ordinary lives even in the midst of manifestations of the Holy Spirit in their assemblies. All was not miraculous.

There is a constant temptation to make more of the gift than of the Giver. It was directly after the manna ceased that Joshua had that memorable personal meeting with the Captain of the Host of the Lord that compelled him to worship. God drew His servant nearer into the place of holiness. After that, there was no regret in the heart of Joshua at the loss of the manna. He was

ready for a new advance in humility and faith.

The clarion call to Joshua was to have COURAGE. He needed, as we all do, more than physical courage. He needed the moral and spiritual courage to go forward and to lead others forward into a new dimension of conquest. The people had to become adjusted to a new way of life. They had to reconcile themselves to the loss of manna and still trust the living God to supply every need. The old miracle was to give place to new revelations of God's power and presence.

There would always be some who persisted in nostalgia for the "good old days" when the manna came each morning fresh from heaven. They would even prefer the wilderness to the danger of advance into Canaan but even if they refused to advance there would be no manna for them. That era was finished.

Although there was no more manna, there was corn and wine and oil and a land flowing with milk and honey. When God closes one chapter in His dealings with His people it is only to open a new and better one. Miracles do not cease but they may change their character. Faith gets nourishment from the past but is never tied to it. The manna ceases, but "Thou remainest."

# Believing God

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO AMERICA THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO, I crossed the Atlantic with the captain of a steamer who was one of the most devoted men I ever knew; and when we were off the banks of Newfoundland he said to me:

"Mr. Inglis, the last time I crossed here five weeks ago, one of the most extraordinary things happened that has completely revolutionized the whole of my Christian life. Up to that time I was one of your ordinary Christians. We had a man of God on board, George Mueller, of Bristol. I had been on that bridge for twenty-two hours, and never left it. I was startled by someone tapping me on the shoulder. It was George Mueller.

"'Captain,' said he, 'I have come to tell you that I must be in Quebec on Saturday afternoon.' This was Wednesday.

"'It is impossible,' I said.

"'Very well, if your ship can't take me, God will find some other means of locomotion to take me. I have never broken an engagement for fifty-seven years.'

"'I would willingly help you, but how can I? I am helpless.'

"'Let us go down to the chart room and pray,' he said.

"I looked at the man of God and I thought to myself, 'What lunatic asylum could the man have come from? I never heard of such a thing.' 'Mr. Mueller,' I said, 'do you know how dense this fog is?'

"'No,' he replied, 'my eye is not on the density of the fog, but on the living God, who controls every circumstance of my life.'

"He went down on his knees, and he prayed one of the most simple prayers. I thought to myself, 'That would suit a children's class, where the children were not more than eight or nine years of age.' The burden of his prayer was something like this, 'O Lord, if it is consistent with Thy will, please remove this fog in five minutes. You know the engagement You made for me in Quebec for Saturday. I believe it is Your will.'

"When he had finished, I was going to pray, but he put his hand on my shoulder and told me not to pray.

"'First,' he said, 'you do not believe God will do it; and second, I believe He has done it. And there is no need whatever for you to pray about it.'

"I looked at him, and George Mueller said this: 'Captain, I have known my Lord for fifty-seven years, and there has never been a single day that I have failed to gain an audience with the King. Get up, Captain, and open the door, and you will find the fog is gone.' I got up and the fog was gone.

"On Saturday afternoon George Mueller was in Quebec."

This is according to spiritual law. Ask from a true heart, in real faith, and God will answer. —Confidence



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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

# America's Foundation

We fervently hope the Supreme Court's decision in the matter of reading the Bible and reciting the Lord's Prayer in public schools will not destroy the foundation of our nation. We fear it will weaken that foundation. For, as Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth President of the United States, once said, "The foundation of society and of our government rests so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country."

In our opinion, religion has received an unfair blow from the Court. There is danger that non-Christians will point to the ruling as a sign that religious faith is not important in this "enlightened" age. There is the possibility that the students in tax-supported schools and colleges will be adversely affected. It will be a pity if those teachers who are atheists or agnostics continue to undermine their students' faith in the Bible, while those teachers who are Christians feel they have been gagged and forbidden to say or do anything that would influence their pupils in religious matters.

Boys and girls need to be exposed to the Bible and they need to be taught to pray. Without this their education is incomplete. That great American statesman, Benjamin Franklin, said it was just as important to have a Bible in every home—and to have it studied and appreciated—as to have a good school in every district.

Human nature being what it is, the forces of righteousness need every encouragement they can get from national, state, and local authorities. Every man who has been elected to the Presidency of these United States has recognized this fact and has not hesitated to express his faith in God and the Bible. Even today, when morals are so loose and tolerance is over-emphasized, it is not likely that an avowed atheist could be placed in the White House.

Thomas Jefferson is quoted as stating: "I always said, I always will say, that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."

Andrew Jackson said, "The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests."

U. S. Grant declared: "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

Theodore Roosevelt pleaded "for a closer and wider and deeper study of the Bible."

Woodrow Wilson said, "When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty."

John F. Kennedy, like the Presidents before him, has referred to God repeatedly in his public speeches and has invoked His blessing.

All who love America will exert their influence to lead the people of this land back to God and the Bible. A majority are not serving Him. They are so busy chasing pleasures they have no time for church. Crime is increasing. Liquor, gambling, divorce and other evils are smashing homes and ruining lives. If America is to be saved it must be through the preaching of the Word of God. It is still true that "when America ceases to be good, she ceases to be great." For the Bible says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

—R.C.C.



## WHY SHE WAS NOT AFRAID

During an earthquake a few years ago, most of the inhabitants of a small village were much alarmed. They were surprised at the calmness and apparent joy of one old lady. "Mother, are you not afraid?" one of them asked. "No," she said, "I rejoice to know that I have a God who can shake the world."

—Choice Gleanings Calendar

## A FIRM FOUNDATION

Deep in the Cambodian jungles at Angkor Wat are the ruins of the great Khmer kingdom. About 1,500 years ago these Khmers conquered their neighbors and built elaborate temples to their pagan gods. But although they created many ornate buildings which attracted much attention, they failed at a basic point. They did not know how to lay a firm foundation.

Do you possess a like characteristic? Are you able to make a good showing to others, yet lacking in that which is basic to all life—a firm foundation? The entire structure of your life must rest upon Jesus Christ if it is to endure.

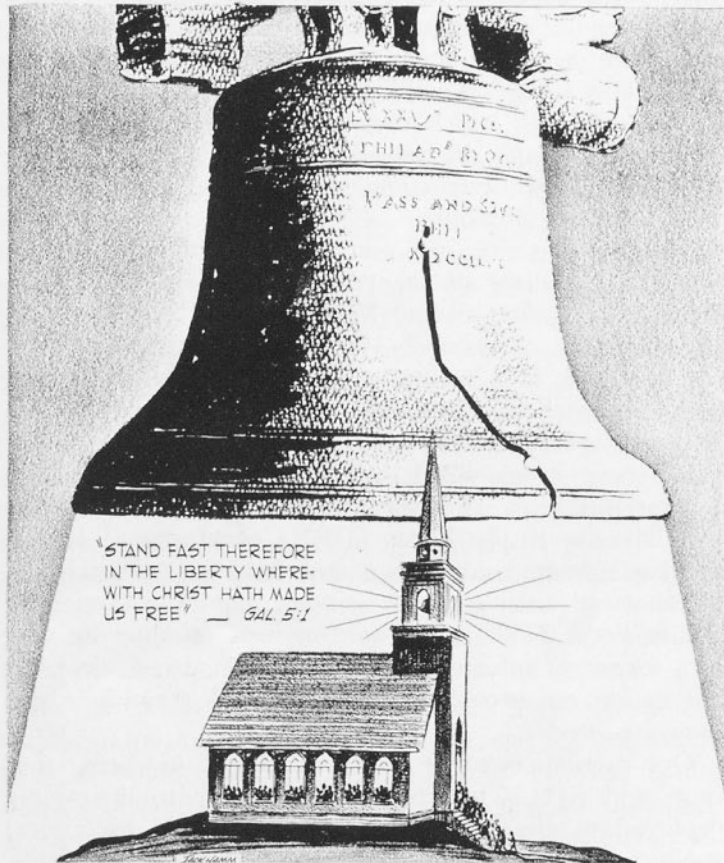
—WILLIAM J. KRUTZA

## HOW ABOUT HEAVEN

A wealthy farmer was walking over his fertile fields with a visiting clergyman. They reached some high ground and the farmer proudly remarked, "All you can see from this spot is mine."

The clergyman pointed to the sky. "I can see heaven," he said. "Is that also yours?"

## Two Bells with Much in Common



## THE WORST CALAMITY

The very worst calamity, I should say, which could befall any human being would be this—to have his own way from his cradle to his grave; to have everything he liked for the asking, or even for the buying; never to be forced to say, "I should like that, but I cannot afford it."

Never to deny himself, never to exert himself, never to work, and never to want—that man's soul would be in as great danger as if he were committing some great crime.

—CHARLES KINGSLEY

## JOHNNIE APPLESEED

Frontiersmen in the early 1800's expectantly looked to visits from shabbily dressed John Chapman, better known as Johnnie Appleseed. They identified him by a bag of seeds he carried. These seeds came from the cider presses in Pennsylvania. Wherever he went in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, he cleared off land to plant appleseeds. He was convinced that everyone should enjoy eating the delicious fruit for food and health.

One often wonders why we who have the seed of the gospel rarely go out to plant it. If Johnnie willingly sacrificed to plant apple seed, should we be less willing to sacrifice in order to make eternal life something everyone can enjoy?

—WILLIAM J. KRUTZA

## MORE THAN "SERENDIPITY"

On Route 202 between Rochester and Concord, N. H., there is a New England colonial homestead called "Serendipity House." I often wondered why it was given such an odd name so I did a little research. I found that an eighteenth-century English author, Horace Walpole, coined the word in an allusion to a tale, "The Three Princes of Serendip," in which the princes during their travels were constantly discovering things for which they were not seeking. The word *serendipity* has come to mean the unexpected discovery of valuable or delightful things by chance. The owners of "Serendipity House" must have felt that way about their acquisition.

With the Christian, however, the delightful discovery of unanticipated blessings is never attributed to serendipity. The continuing discoveries of the Christian life cannot be attributed to chance happenings but to the will of Him who determines that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." It is as impossible to believe that the intricate patterns of life occur without direction as it is to believe that the exquisite detail of nature, like Topsy, "just grewed!"

—CARL O. LINDBERG, in *N. New England District News*

# Combat Ready!



Chaplain John Lindvall in "ready" uniform

By CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) JOHN A. LINDVALL

THE PHONE RANG AND IMMEDIATELY I JUMPED FROM MY bed. The voice at the other end said, "This is an assembly test!" In a few minutes after driving through the darkness I gathered with others at the predesignated area. We were ready to go anywhere.

This for many thousands of Americans—our Armed Forces personnel in various parts of the world—is a common experience. *We are ready!* We must be ready and stay ready to go anywhere at anytime.

A surprisingly few moments passed in the assembly test until several hundred paratroopers were loaded aboard giant airplanes. In a short time they made their mass jump in another state several hundred miles away.

The Boy Scout motto for many years has been, "Be Prepared." In the military this has been traditional since the days of the "Minutemen" of Lexington and Concord. Test alerts come at anytime to military units around



President John F. Kennedy takes a close look at an IRF (Immediate Ready Force) Unit during the U. S. Army's combat readiness demonstration held at Fort Bragg, N. C. These units are on continuous alert and can depart on a mission within one hour after receiving orders to "go."

the world with the realization that next time it may be the real thing. Today we call this *combat readiness*.

Being combat ready is basic to our military mission. Surprise, ambush, and attack without warning is typical of enemy action today. I recently returned from Vietnam, the only place in the world where free people are actually fighting communists. The casualty rate is high there—close to 1,000 a week. Many of these casualties are our servicemen. This is a bloody war and we are faced by an enemy whose power we must not underestimate.

The Viet Cong rely on surprise attacks and hit-and-run tactics. Without warning they will hit an outpost, guard house, or village. They always try to pick targets which are relatively unprepared to withstand sudden attack. One attack came right in front of the hotel where I was living. Seven were killed and thirty wounded. I was in my hotel room at the time.

The Viet Cong are willing to risk and give their lives for the cause in which they believe. Unless there is a constant alert and an immediate response they will inflict death and destruction and capture vitally scarce arms and ammunition.

The battle is not just one of arms and ammunition, however. Speaking of the recent Cuban crisis, General Barksdale Hamlett, Army Vice Chief of Staff, recently said, "Events of October 1962 demonstrated that combat readiness is a mental condition, as well as a material one, and that there are no shortfalls in the Army's *emotional preparedness* for its mission."

We have in the 82nd Airborne Division to which I am assigned our All American Guard of Honor. This is a Division Ready Force (DRF) consisting of an entire battlegroup ready to go anywhere in the world on the shortest possible notice. We also have the Immediate Ready Force (IRF) composed of men standing by who in a matter of minutes would be in the fastest airplanes our nation can provide bound for any destination where they are needed.

Our mission is to be prepared to go anywhere, anytime, and fight. This means being ready to be rapidly deployed to any location in the world and on arrival conduct tactical operations against an armed enemy force.



As troopers in this combat ready division we are ready!

There is another worldwide conflict raging today which is not limited to soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. This conflict is described in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

In our spiritual warfare we must "be prepared." We must "be instant in season, out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2). Being combat ready as Christians involves a spiritual alertness because we face a determined, dedicated, and deadly foe. Many have succumbed to the various ambushes and attacks of this enemy.

The moral and spiritual climate in which most of us live today is not conducive to building strong defenses. Therefore, we individually must take measures to insure our readiness to wage combat against the forces of evil at any time. It is not the obvious attack which is the more lethal, but the one which takes us unawares at the time and place we least expect it.

Paul urged the early Christian believers at Ephesus to be combat ready for God. He said, "Finally, my brethren,

be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10, 11).

After describing the armor of the Christian soldier—his breastplate, shield, helmet, weapon, etc.—he summarized by saying, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

Combat readiness for soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is just as important today as it was in Paul's day. Each day we face new and unsuspected attacks. We must be ready to withstand them. Each day we come in contact with others around us—the besieged saint or the unrepentant sinner—who must have help in overcoming or in breaking the shackles of sin. We must be ready to help them.

We are weak within ourselves, but we do not stand alone (Philippians 4:13). Through Christ who strengtheneth us we can ever be ready to stand firm and do battle for the Captain of our salvation. ◀◀

# Prayer Club in Company 411

By CHAPLAIN (LT.) RONALD G. DeBOCK

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THE EVANGELISTIC SERVICE WAS OVER. THE YOUNG MEN in South Chapel who responded to the invitation had left the prayer room and were returning to their barracks. But I nearly overlooked one last man as he was crouched inconspicuously on a seat in the third aisle, his head buried in his hands.

"Would you like to come into my office and talk a minute?" I asked.

"Chaplain," he replied strenuously, "I wonder if you could tell me how I can become a Christian?" Under deep conviction, in just a few minutes he was rejoicing over his new-found faith. A temporary rainbow-like stain on the swivel chair in the chaplain's office was left by his tears of repentance, testifying that God had passed by that Sunday night to change the heart of a man from Company 411.

I was in my office the following day when another recruit from Company 411 came in for counseling. I was all prepared to listen to another typical complaint. (A large majority of the problems men bring to the chaplain are more secular than religious in nature.) But it was refreshing to learn that this man had not been fighting with a petty officer; neither had he failed a test, nor was he set back in his training for inability to swim. He, too, wanted to know how to be saved.

By the end of the week, three men from Company 411 had been in my office to learn the way of salvation! One of them explained, "Our RCPO (Recruit Chief Petty Officer) is a real swell guy and a good Christian. He started a prayer club in our company. The guys pick

out one man they want to see saved and just keep praying until he sees the chaplain."

I learned later that the men prayed together soon after reveille and immediately before taps. The prayer club really worked! Souls were being saved in Company 411.

On Friday I sent for the RCPO of Company 411 to commend him for confessing Christ before his men and for his example of Christian leadership. I soon shook hands with Christ's Ambassador Chuck Titherington, tall, brown, and smiling broadly. I asked him to give his testimony at South Chapel, which he later did to an audience of hundreds of recruits.

Graduation day seemed to come too soon for Company 411 at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif. I would not have missed it. They looked smart out there in navy blue, ready to join the fleet.

I recall the pride I felt as Company 411 approached the reviewing stands. We heard the command, "Eyes right!" It was not difficult to spot Chuck's 6-foot, 5-inch frame as he marched ahead of his company of about 70 men. As the Christ's Ambassador passed in review, my prayer in soliloquy was: "O God, give us more men like him in the Navy!"

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Private devotions, Bible study, and church attendance are prime requisites for a godly life, whether in or out of the Armed Forces. Men who neglect these will backslide wherever they work. On the other hand, those who take time for the house of the Lord and for private meditation are finding they can grow in grace in the

military as readily as they could as civilians.

The Navy is concerned about the spiritual welfare of its personnel. Navy Regulations clearly provide that: "Divine services shall be conducted if possible. All assistance and encouragement shall be given to chaplains in the conduct of these services."

Ships afloat nearly always provide a worship service on Sundays at sea. While it may not closely resemble the service in the local assembly back home, everything physically possible is arranged to create an atmosphere in which to worship God. The rest is up to the chaplain and the God he preaches.

Of course, long separation from loved ones causes hours of loneliness for many servicemen. This is especially true of those away from home for the first time. But even solitude can become advantageous to the enterprising man of God. A four-hour watch, for example, under a spread of God's stars, affords a matchless backdrop for meditation, Scripture memorization, or for spiritual communion. As a world traveler he soon realizes "the kingdom of God is within."

What then can a Christian serviceman do to be an ambassador for Christ? Basic to any noble efforts to serve God in the military is to possess a clean life. What I mean here is a godly cleanliness in its broadest sense: spiritually, physically, and mentally. His life can become a shining light in an environment which frequently enhances its brilliance.

He should meet his chaplain. A serviceman today has a far greater chance of serving with an evangelical chaplain than his father did while serving in World War II. At a station chapel he may become the chaplain's assistant where he may teach a class, play the organ, or direct the chapel choir. Aboard a ship he may be appointed officially by commanding officers (usually on the recommendation of the ship's staff chaplain).

Men who prefer to attend an Assemblies of God church when in port or stationed ashore may do so, taking their buddies with them. Active Christ's Ambassadors departments in our churches are alert to the needs of servicemen stationed nearby and plan their activities with them in mind.

The Prayer Club in Company 411 will bring the same results aboard a ship or in the barracks. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). It is the direct approach to soul winning. Think how you, as a backslidden man, would feel if you learned prayer was being offered daily for you!

These are but a few of the things a young man may do if he wishes to serve God while serving his country. There is no need to backslide! A man *can* live for God in the Armed Forces. It may take more effort, because former influences are miles away. Nevertheless many young people are maintaining their Christian faith and testimony on active duty. They are growing strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Even without the godly influences of home and church they are making personal, rational decisions to live for their Lord. And some, like Chuck Titherington, are turning their service experience into new avenues of ministry.

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(The foregoing was published in the November 1962 issue of the C. A. Herald which states that Chuck Titherington, USS Yorktown, CVS 10, plans to enter an Assemblies of God Bible college to prepare for the ministry when he completes his present enlistment in the service.)

# MISSIONS and the MILITARY

**Many a serviceman has been turned  
into a missionary by  
serving Christ while in uniform.**

A SURVEY HAS REVEALED THAT NINE OUT OF TEN ASSEMBLIES of God men—members and adherents—enter the Armed Forces spiritually unprepared. These men are either backsliders or they have never been saved. They are often ignorant about their church beliefs or they are indifferent about them. They began their service with a strike against them.

Many also have a second strike against them because of their mental attitude. Very likely they have gotten their poor attitude from the people back home—often including our veterans. Unfortunately a majority of our veterans pass on to our young people one or all of these attitudes:

1. You can't live for God in the military.
2. Military service is a complete waste of time.
3. You'll come out of the military a complete misfit.

These and other attitudes continue to persist. And many veterans have proved such prophets of doom to be correct. Fortunately there are others who prove they can be wrong.

Many men get the devastating third strike after they have entered the military. It consists of being forgotten by the home church. Some of the saddest complaints the Servicemen's Division receives are from men who write to say that since they have been in the service no one from the church has written to them. This can have a disastrous effect on a lonely, homesick serviceman.

More times than not, the farewell of a recruit or draftee is like a funeral. When this happens there is little wonder that a man parts with God in the military. But when a man is sent into the military with a resounding send-off which expresses confidence in him, he can be expected to be a tremendous testimony for his church and for God.

The military has been called the *world's greatest mission field*. Some call it the *world's most neglected mis-*





By WARREN McPHERSON

*sion field.* Both statements are quite true. Therefore, if we are going to conserve our young men for God and for our church we must quickly accept the challenge of this unique mission field.

This mission field is the whole world. There is hardly a major nation where we do not have servicemen. In fact, there are at least 25 nations and geographic locations where we have no Assemblies of God missionary work, but we have American servicemen stationed there with whom we are in constant contact. Many of these nations will not allow entry to missionaries, but our servicemen can do the missionary work for us if we will challenge them to do so.

Fortunately, many of our servicemen are doing missionary work both at home and abroad. For security reasons we will not give specific examples, but wherever possible a number of our men have been most helpful abroad in getting gospel works started. The Servicemen's Division has often been able to supply these workers with foreign-language literature for them to use.

This should be the rule rather than the exception among our men. If it is not we have a duty to see that this is corrected as quickly as possible.

There is a broad mission field right among the servicemen themselves. Thousands of servicemen claim no church while others are connected with some church in name only. Scores of these men are open to anyone who reaches them. And many are being reached constantly by other nonevangelical Christian religions or false cults and even by heathen religions and the various godless isms.

Military training is a modern-day fact of life. Each of our teen-agers faces the draft. Many will volunteer to get the military obligation over with. Since this is true, we must heed the old axiom, "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." How can we do this?

1. We must build proper attitudes about military service among our boys. We must eliminate from their minds the attitude that military service is a "sidetrack into sin." Rather we must instill the idea that military service can be a period of "apprenticeship for missionary service."

Our boys must realize that soldiering is not all destruction. There are many military jobs which are very constructive. A number of jobs involve helping other servicemen and in these jobs the dedicated Christian can have a tremendous influence.

2. We must instill vital knowledge about God, the Bible, Christian living, and our church in our boys. Knowledge like this will give them confidence and it will help mold character which can stand crucial tests. The man who is able to give a positive reason for the hope that is within him will always be the winner.

3. We must urge our boys to seek and find salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a personal consecration. While a head knowledge is important, one's religion must have these soul-transforming experiences to be lasting.

4. We must create a challenge to be a missionary for God in every walk of life. We have churches today in several islands and countries because our servicemen started them. Several mission fields are advanced far beyond normal development because of the unusual help they have received from our servicemen stationed there.

Realizing this tremendous challenge the Servicemen's Division has launched a program designed to help conserve our young men for God. In the immediate future the Servicemen's Division will begin producing training materials to help pastors prepare our boys, spiritually and mentally, for eventual military service. At the same time, the Servicemen's Division is intensifying its efforts among our men already in uniform.

The success of this vital, long-range program depends upon our churches. For this, the Servicemen's Division also has a challenge. Each church is urged to recognize the Servicemen's Division for what it is—world missions in its true sense—and to write the Servicemen's Division into its missionary program for a designated monthly contribution.

When a church does this, no matter what the designation is, the Servicemen's Division issues a support certificate showing how much the church is giving a month. The certificate, bearing the caption, "Our Mission to the Military," then becomes a perpetual reminder that military service can be a time of missionary service for God.

Displaying this certificate is one of the ways your church could help prepare your boys to face eventual military training. Every time they saw this it would be a silent teaching aid telling them they can serve God in the military.

The Servicemen's Division hopes to change the shameful situation wherein nine out of ten of our men enter the Armed Forces unprepared. But it will take hard work. It will also take the generous support of every church and every individual who has a burden for the spiritual welfare of our servicemen.

Do not let our servicemen strike out. Your support and backing is needed in this program right now. ◀◀

# Twenty-five Assemblies Chaplains Now Serving

This week—on July 8—another Assemblies of God minister will report to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., for duty as a chaplain with the U.S. Air Force. He is Chaplain (Captain) Richard D. Wood who is entering the military from pastoring Northland Assembly of God at Novato, Calif.

Chaplain Wood's appointment raises our active-duty chaplaincy strength to 25 as follows: Air Force 8; Army 11; Navy 6. The Navy provides chaplains for the Marines.

Military chaplains serve wherever American servicemen may be. Because of this, they—and their families—move rather frequently. They experience an unusually wide variety of ministry and, contrary to much public opinion, they enjoy exceptional liberty in ministering to military personnel. During 1962 they reported 2,006 definite decisions for Christ among the servicemen they serve.

Our chaplains are building an excellent ministerial reputation for our church in the military. These men and their current locations are listed on the opposite page.

## FIRST STATESIDE SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULED

The first Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat to be held in the United States will be conducted at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, Calif., August 9-11, 1963. The retreat, open to all servicemen and dependents, will include fellowship and recreation but the dominant emphasis will be on spiritual refreshing. Total cost for the retreat is \$15 per person.

Retreat coordinators are Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James H. Woods and Northern Cali-

fornia-Nevada District C. A. President Steve Asmuth. Servicemen's Representative Warren McPherson will be one of the featured speakers. Military regulations provide special leave time to servicemen to attend functions like this.

Details and reservation information are available from the Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. The retreat is expected to draw servicemen from throughout the western United States.





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Bn. XVIII (Abn. C)  
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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Space

### Astronauts Need Religious Faith, Military Chaplains Are Told

Only men with religious faith should be allowed to participate in the country's space program, the chief of U.S. Air Force chaplains said at Pasadena recently. If agnostics are allowed to man our satellites "we might just as well join the other side," said Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Robert P. Taylor in an address before the Military Chaplains Association.

"Almost 100 per cent of the failures in human reliability tests for the missile programs are those who are not practicing a religious faith," he stated. Without faith, he said, a man's habits and actions get in the way of reliability.

### Salvationist Would Conquer Poverty Rather Than Space

General Wilfred Kitching, international leader of the Salvation Army, said recently in Atlanta, Ga., that he would like to see the billions of dollars now going toward outer space projects redirected to alleviate poverty on this planet.

General Kitching was asked if the worldwide spiritual Army has any plans for expansion "to the moon." He replied: "The Salvation Army is far too concerned with what is being done on this earth to worry about the moon." He added that he has to speak with "an unscientific mind," but he believes "you can sometimes be misdirected with your objectives, and to me," he said, "it's not a question of feeding mouths but providing work for the poverty-stricken. You can fill empty stomachs but there are still empty hearts in the world."

## Bibles

### Catholics Show Growing Interest in the Bible

An evangelical leader, addressing the annual missionary conference of Park Street Congregational church in Boston, noted improved Protestant-Catholic relations, and said what was

"even more significant" was the recommendation by Catholic clergy that more parishioners read the Bible.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, observed that Latin American Catholic bishops have encouraged Catholics to read the Bible with the result that "hundreds of thousands of our neighbors south of the Rio Grande" are reading the Scriptures.

"Only in Cuba where the Castro regime has confiscated some 150,000 Bibles to grind up and convert into cardboard for Communist posters are the people being deprived of God's Word," he said.

Dr. Taylor, who also is secretary for public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, observed that "even in Spain the picture seems to be improving." He said Protestant churches there "are being opened and Protestant couples are finding it easier to get married. Spain may yet acquire a new religious image before the world."

The NAE leader said that many practices identified with Protestant missions were being tried in some Latin American areas by Catholics. He said these included use of tents in evangelism, more lay missionaries, Sunday schools and a greater use of the vernacular in services.

"In the meantime," he added, "the growth of the Protestant churches in Latin America continues at a most satisfactory rate."

### Bible Societies Hope to Triple Scripture Distribution

A campaign to raise world-wide Scripture distribution in the next three years to 150 million copies annually—a tripling of the present rate—was launched last month by the Council of the United Bible Societies, meeting in Tokyo. The Council represents 23 Bible societies which distribute about 50 million Bibles, Testaments, and Scripture portions annually.

"The world's population increases

by 60 million every twelve months," said a Bible society spokesman. "Are these tens of millions to be deprived of the possibility of reading at least some part of God's Word?"

As its share in the stepped-up world program the American Bible Society, largest of the 23, launched an Advance Program to double its output. Its aim is to increase its own distribution to 60 million copies annually by 1966, when the Society will observe its 150th anniversary.

### Bible Still World's "Most Translated Book"

The latest *Index of Translations* issued by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) at Paris shows that the Bible is still the most translated book in the world.

The *Index* stated that for 1961, the latest year of translation statistics, the Bible led with 246 translations. Second place was held by the late Nikolai Lenin of Russia, with 185 translations of his works.

Other totals for leading authors in 1961 were: Tolstoy 115, Shakespeare 98, Mark Twain 72, Chekhov 66, Balzac 61, Dickens 58, and Hans Christian Andersen 53. A total of 32,931 translations were made in 77 countries during 1961. This exceeded the 31,230 translations made in 1960.

By way of comparison, the Bible was translated 171 times in 1959, 258 times in 1960, and 246 times in 1961. Recently the American Bible Society reported that some portion of the Bible is now published in 1,212 languages and dialects.

## Crimes

### 1963 Setting New Crime Rate

The nation's rapidly rising crime rate shows no sign of abating and the year 1963 is well on its way toward being the worst in history, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. says.

According to the initial compilation



of Uniform Crime Statistics for the first three months of 1963, there has been a 7 per cent increase in crime over the comparable period of 1962 which, in turn, was the worst year in the nation's history.

The sharpest increase came in the number of grand larcenies reported to police. These crimes, involving thefts over \$50, increased by 12 per cent. Auto thefts increased 9 per cent and burglaries 6 per cent while armed robberies went up 1 per cent.

There has been a slight reduction in crimes against the person. Murders dropped 1 per cent, forcible rapes 2 per cent, and aggravated assaults 3 per cent. Furthermore, street robberies have declined 2 per cent. However, house burglaries after nightfall rose by 9 per cent; commercial building robberies increased by 8 per cent; shoplifting showed a 10 per cent increase. Pickpocket cases went up 15 per cent. Purse snatchings rose by 2 per cent. Thefts through break-ins of parked automobiles increased 11 per cent.

Mr. Hoover said the crime rate in rural areas, as a whole, is much lower than in large metropolitan centers, but the gap is narrowing year by year. Whereas crime is up 3 per cent in cities having over a million people, it is up 8 per cent in rural areas, and has increased 10 per cent this year in small towns of less than 10,000 population.

## Liquor

### Temperance Leader Says Distillers Should Rehabilitate Alcoholics

The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) has called for the repeal of state laws in Illinois and California which hold the families of alcoholics financially liable for their treatment in state institutions. Mrs. Fred J. Tooze said taxpayers should not bear this expense either. She said the beverage alcohol industry should be assessed a special tax to provide this treatment.

"Since the drink traffic profits from creating alcoholics, the least that can be required of it is that it be directly taxed to care for the human wreckage it creates," she declared. The cost should not be borne by "relatives who may be already impoverished by the alcoholic's physical incapacity or waste of money," she added.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

# YOUR QUESTIONS

*Please explain the words of Jesus, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30).*

May I quote from another? "They are one in nature, in character, in purpose, in power and authority." How marvelous is Deity, beyond the comprehension of man. Our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, is the only One who enters into all the counsels and purposes of God. His "goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2), or, as the margin says, "from the days of eternity."

*Will God put some disease such as cancer upon His children who love and serve Him, if they should slip into any disobedience?*

God is not a tyrant demanding service by means of threatening. He is our heavenly Father and loves His children, so we can beware of any teaching that puts fear on honest children of God.

It is a rich blessing if a person, through natural good health or by faith, can preserve a well body. But our bodies are yet mortal, subject to sickness and death, and to be stricken with disease does not mean necessarily that a person has committed sin.

*According to 2 Timothy 3:8, "Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses," but I cannot find these names in the Old Testament. Who were these men?*

It is generally believed that Jannes and Jambres were the Egyptian magicians who withstood Moses and through the exercise of magic produced miracles that were similar (to a limited degree) to the miracles of Moses (Exodus 7:10-12, 22; 8:7, 18, 19). Although the Old Testament does not mention them by name, certain Jewish writers do refer to them.

*There is a teaching that we can command God to do things for us. It is based on the words of Isaiah 45:11, "Concerning the work of my hands command ye me." Do you believe it is right to "command" God to do things?*

It would be presumptuous for the natural man, not moved by the Spirit of God, to attempt to dictate to God. But moved by the Spirit, a man might insist that God answer prayer. This is illustrated by the story of Jacob's wrestling with the Angel of the Lord (Genesis 32:24-26). In his intense earnestness he said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." We must be careful to discern the difference between human presumption and a fervency that is begotten by the Spirit.

*A minister is teaching there is no need of protracted praying for the Holy Spirit. He says that speaking in tongues is an act of faith, which we can turn on and off at will, so he tells seekers to begin to "utter something." Do you approve of this?*

In a sense, all gifts of God are received by faith, but often there is a real need of waiting before God in order to prepare the heart and life of the seeker for a visitation of the Holy Spirit. Biblical speaking in tongues is the result of the infilling with the Spirit, not the means whereby a person is filled! Yielding to the moving of the Spirit and beginning "to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance" is very different from trying to say something by human effort.

It is lovely to worship God in an unknown tongue which the Spirit provides and quickens. It would be an abuse of a very precious gift to use it without the consciousness of the Holy Spirit begetting it.

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

# Revivaltime Brings Spiritual Encouragement to Servicemen

By FLO DAVIS



MILITARY LIFE, SEPARATING FAMILIES by thousands of miles, can be very lonely and discouraging. That is why many thousands of soldiers and their dependents stationed around the world cherish the "little things" that remind them of the familiar, home-like surroundings.

Alone, at night, in cold barracks or a military apartment, these personnel search for some ray of encouragement to lift them from their everyday problems and heartaches. Many of these military personnel have found a solace in the *Revivaltime* Sunday night broadcast known to more than 12,000,000 listeners around the globe

by the familiar strains of its theme song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

From the islands of the Pacific or the Caribbean, the Rhineland of West Germany, or any one of a multitude of American bases, these servicemen have written to testify of the blessing—the personal inspiration and assistance—they have received from *Revivaltime*.

The military audience of *Revivaltime*, minus its uniforms and distance problems, represents a cross-section of the broadcast's English-speaking audience. Some have come into contact with the Assemblies of God before

entering the service and have found the program the "missing link" needed to bring them into a more consecrated Christian life. Others have made their first associations with the denomination through the *Revivaltime* broadcast and have realized through its weekly ministry that "Jesus Saves."

A former student at Central Bible Institute, now in Uncle Sam's Air Force in Michigan, writes:

"I enjoy listening to *Revivaltime* very much. It probably has a little more personal effect on me for I attended CBI in Springfield, Mo., and have seen the program originate.

"Now that I am in the Air Force, I sometimes find it easy to become discouraged and defeated, but *Revivaltime* encourages me along the way. I wish God's blessings on the broadcast and C. M. Ward's ministry."

From California, an Army chaplain's assistant requests: "Please send me five copies of the 'Miniature Bible' so that I may use them in a newly formed chapel on this post. The first regular chapel service was today. I feel that the Lord has led me to your program."

A military couple, stationed in the Caribbean, remarks:

"We look forward each week to hearing the broadcast and enjoy it very much. It is our only full-gospel service in English for the next two years. We take in every word of song and sermon.

"Last week we enjoyed the choir number especially as the group did a



G. I.'s listen to *Revivaltime* at Fairbanks, Alaska



little different arrangement. The words of the song became so much more clear and meaningful. God bless you all. We pray often for *Revivaltime's* ministry.

A Navy man whose home port is Norfolk, Va., writes:

"I listen to *Revivaltime* over radio station WCMS in Norfolk, and, while I am not a member of the Assemblies of God church, I do praise the Lord for your testimony and stand on the Word of God.

"Whenever my ship is in port, my wife and I always tune in and are extremely blessed by both the music and the messages of Brother Ward. When we get to heaven and have seen Jesus, I should like to sit down with Brother Ward and chat for a week or so!

"Please know that your program means much to us and we pray that God will continue to bless your efforts for the dear Lord Jesus with many souls saved."

Many servicemen of Christian conviction have found that the sermons and printed materials produced by *Revivaltime* are excellent for witnessing on the base. Typical of their responses to radio offers is this letter from Travis Air Force Base, California: "I am a sergeant in the Air Force and I have wonderful openings to tell others of the marvelous Saviour I serve. I hear the *Revivaltime* program on Sunday evening after church and enjoy listening to the wonderful messages you bring."

These letters are typical of the thousands of servicemen around the world who weekly tune in *Revivaltime* on their standard radios and short-wave sets. They are our nation's fighting strength, being trained to physically and mentally overcome any foreign enemy. But while the nation works strenuously to develop its physical fighting power, the military also needs to increase in spiritual stature. It is for this reason that the Department of Defense operates so many chapels, staffed with chaplains, on the military bases in every corner of the globe.

However, many men are too proud and hard to enter the base chapel or visit the chaplain. It is these men, especially, that *Revivaltime* seeks to win with its saving messages broadcast directly into their barracks. Today, as the Assemblies of God celebrates National Servicemen's Day, remember the vital ministry of *Revival-*

*time* to military personnel around the world. Send your gifts to Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, 65801.

## The Bible Says—

"By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast" Ephesians 2:8-9.

*It Is a Gift*—you cannot earn it. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

*If You Believe It*—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

*If You Receive It*—"For as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

*But if You Reject It*—"He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

*There Is No Other Way*—"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

## NEW STATIONS

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

HAMMOND, INDIANA (WYCA-FM)  
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

DAVENPORT, IOWA (KWNT)  
1580 kc.—500 watts  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA (WWJC)  
1270 kc.—5000 watts  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

ROSEAU, MINNESOTA (KRWB)  
1410 kc.—1000 watts  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

## TIME CHANGES

MASSENA, NEW YORK (WMSA)  
1340 kc.  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

## Nine Committees Selected for 30th General Council

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Nine Assemblies of God ministers have been named chairmen of committees for the denomination's 30th biennial business convention, to be held August 21-27 in Memphis, Tenn.

The finance committee will be headed by Lowell Ashbrook, Louisiana District Superintendent. Working with him will be Andrew Nelli, R. J. Carlson, Stanley Clarke, James Dodd, E. E. Krogstad, and Charles Nielsen.

Chairman of the ministerial relations committee will be G. W. Hardcastle, Arkansas District Superintendent. Other members will be Stanley Clarke, John Clement, Walter Dixon, Frederick Eide, J. K. Gressett, Darwin H. Heuser, C. W. Loenser, and J. O. Savell.

Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada district, will be chairman of the parliamentary committee. Co-workers will be Eugene Bell and Klaude Kendrick.

Heading the program committee will be Wayne Adams, Vancouver, Wash. Included on the committee will be Emil Balliet, Mark Carter, Clarence Cope, James Hamill, Jess Jackson, and Theodore E. Ness.

Chairman of the resolutions committee will be West Central District Superintendent Theodore E. Gannon. Committee members will be Everett Cooley, C. E. Homer, Carl O. Lindberg, Ralph Phillips, Grover Risner, William H. Robertson, Harold D. Schmitt, and N. Cleo Tapp.

Arthur Berg, Minneapolis, will serve as chairman of the roster committee. Gerald Balus, Elwood C. Bredbenner, Harold

Bullock, W. Earl Cummings, Edwin E. Eliason, Milton L. Fauss, James Griggs, Owen Hodges, Wallace P. Odum, Orie L. Robinson, Stewart H. Robinson, Herman H. Rohde, Forest H. Toliver, and Lester C. Young will serve with him.

Serving as head of the tellers, largest of the nine committees, will be David Flower, Springfield, Mass., Fred Leader and Loren Wooten will assist as captains. Other tellers will be Arthur G. Clay, David C. Colbert, Howard Cummings, Loren Cunningham, Melford J. DeVries, David F. Flanagan, Herman Fry, Robert J. Gatlin, Eugene Gustafson, Charles Hinson, Chester Jenkins, Harold Kamppi, Lewis La Mance, Darrel D. Madsen, Ernest A. Manley, David Matweyi, Houston Miles, Ernest J. Moen, Gerald D. Morriello, Billy R. Newby, John Paproski, Croft M. Pentz, Claude R. Qualls, Peter Rios, Kenzy Savage, J. L. Schaffer, James C. Seymour, Robert H. Spence, Louie W. Stokes, John W. Thompson, Paul Tinlin, Richard O. Tufte, George E. Walters, and Thomas Whidden, Jr.

In charge of the spiritual life committee will be Richard Bergstrom, Taunton, Mass. Co-workers will include T. R. Brubaker, John Lindvall, Earl W. O'Dell, Kenneth Olson, Joel Palmer, Peter Pilot, E. S. Williams, A. A. Wilson, and Thomas F. Zimmerman.

The committee on arrangements is headed by Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Other members of this committee are J. Philip Hogan, executive director of foreign missions; and Bartlett Peterson, general secretary.

# Take Your Child to Church



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By F. HELEN JARVIS

heart. Thank God for the attendants who provide this thoughtful service so that many weary mothers may be relieved of their responsibility for an hour and enter into the worship.

But a nursery is not always the answer. If insecurity causes a child to misbehave in church, leaving him in the nursery may only aggravate his problem. Or if the child demands a great deal of attention in the nursery and has to be entertained, he may continue to make such demands until the mother despairs of satisfying him. Each child must be handled according to his individual needs.

## WHERE TO SIT

Some churches reserve the back rows for parents who have small children. This permits the mothers (or fathers) to take the children out when necessary, without disturbing the service, but it also creates a new problem. Children have a way of copying one another—when one acts up the others follow. When one begins to cry the rest follow the example, and what begins as a solo frequently ends in a chorus.

One mother may pacify her little ones with crackers or cookies. This creates a problem for mothers who do not have such goodies for their children.

Another mother may have picture books or trinkets in her purse to amuse her kiddies, and if there are other children nearby they are bound to clamor for them.

The problem can be solved by sitting apart from other small children and those who may have a disturbing influence. A certain mother of two little girls would never think of sitting to the front and center of the sanctuary, but that is where the grandparents always sat, and when the little girls sat with their grandparents they found themselves in a strange environment. The younger one was a little "tyrant." She had a reputation for disturbing

*Your child needs church as much as you do.  
Teach him to attend when he is young, and  
when he is old he will not depart from it.*

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT IT IS, ON entering many Assemblies of God churches on a Sunday morning, to see row after row of families seated toward the front. How it must warm the heart of the pastor!

But in some churches the children do not sit with the parents, and there seems to be a general rebellion against doing this. However, both parents and children need the blessings of regular church attendance.

I recall one church, in particular, where the action of one father brought remarkable results. He decided his family ought to sit together. At first his children were embarrassed by it. But he insisted and it was not long until other families were sitting together. The result was that the children entered into the worship the way their parents did; they went to the altar with them; they prayed through to salvation, and to the Baptism; and they loved the house of God.

## WHEN TO BEGIN

"When my child is old enough to know how to sit still, I'll take him

to church," said one young mother. Was she right? Or would she find, as others have found, that the older a child becomes the harder it is to introduce him to the discipline of sitting through a worship service!

It may be years before the child will be able to sit still. And these are years of golden opportunity when the child can learn many lessons by coming to the house of God.

No mother finds it easy to wrap up a three-weeks-old baby, fill a bag with baby items, and venture forth on a Sunday morning. It takes real courage and often it is a step of real faith. She knows her child is likely to become fussy; it may begin to cry in the midst of the sermon; and she may feel the other worshipers resent the disturbance. The truth is that other worshipers are more charitable and understanding than she thinks. They will not be nearly as conscious of childish disturbances as she is!

## THE QUESTION OF A NURSERY

A clean, well-equipped nursery at the church is a delight to any mother's



whether in church or nursery. But Grandma was able to handle her. She would gently lay the child on her knees and trundle her slowly; soon the little bundle of energy would relax and fall asleep. The older sister, who could find a dozen excuses to move about when sitting in the back row, was content to write on a piece of paper or to cuddle up against Grandpa, whom she adored. Somehow the relaxed calm of the grandparents gave the youngsters a sense of quiet security.

#### HOW TO PREPARE

To rush into church after the service has begun, carrying a babe, and to climb over three or four people in the back row, then to sit down in the middle of a group of harried mothers and their restless youngsters, is to invite disaster.

Mothers need to get an early start and to make some preparations for church. Of course, this is easier to say than to do—the unexpected is bound to happen where young children are concerned. Plans are made to be upset, it seems! But forethought will pay off.

Be sure they get their drink of water before church begins. Be in time to pick out a good seat near the aisle. Dispose of all disturbing items. Get comfortably settled and keep the little ones from moving about. Once they start moving they will not want to stop!

Normally a tiny baby prefers to be quiet and to sleep. Therefore it is well to avoid much holding and shifting. The little portable reclining seats now available for infants are a boon to church-going mothers. Children habitually passed from one person to another tend to become restless, so it is wise to courteously decline the help of well-meaning friends who offer to hold the child.

During the service it is well to "watch" as well as pray. Parents have to keep one step ahead of the children and anticipate their actions. Instead of always saying "don't," have some ideas in mind so you can make *positive* suggestions to the child. Have a favorite toy handy—or a favorite little pillow or blanket. If the child is older, provide some paper and crayolas, or a picture book.

Ask the Lord for wisdom—ask Him to deal with the children. One evangelist took a rather daring step. When



#### Example

Children can worship God alone,  
Lift heart and voice before His throne  
In cadences of sweetest praise,  
For love of Jesus all their days.

But *little children* learn to pray  
When father, mother, lead the way,  
And show the love of God below  
In deeds that little children know.

Parents who daily pray and praise  
Are blessed of heav'n, the Bible says.

—Selected

a mother was about to take a crying youngster out of the meeting he stopped his sermon, requested the mother to be seated, and prayed for the child to be quiet. His prayer was answered. It is worth trying some time!

Above all, ask the Lord for a quiet spirit. If the parents act worried and uneasy, as though they expect trouble, the children are not likely to disappoint them!

#### FIRMNESS IS IMPORTANT

It is important that children learn to reverence the house of God. They cannot be permitted to move about in the service or to talk to each other with loud voices. This requires discipline which "goes against the grain" of some boys and girls. Nevertheless parents must be persistent (and consistent) in disciplining the youngsters.

I watched one little mother wrestling with her unruly child in church. He was a large baby, very strong and very restless. She seemed "worn to a frazzle" by the end of each service. One Sunday morning she decided the situation must be changed. Quietly she set him on her lap and placed her arms firmly around him. When he began to wiggle, she tightened her grasp. The service continued. Junior squirmed, but the little mother quietly strengthened her hold. It became a silent test of endurance. By the end of the service the mother was almost ex-

hausted, but she had won. From that time on, Junior had a new respect for authority, and sat in church with something like reasonable decorum!

On the other hand, parents should not expect too much of their children. One mother was very much embarrassed when her little boy blurted out, "Shut up, man!" as the pastor began to preach. She needed not to feel so badly. The boy did not mean to be disrespectful. He merely said the first thing that came into his mind.

#### IT PAYS OFF

Take your child to church. You may argue that he will not understand the service. You may say he will be bored. So are some older people! But both mother and child need the blessings of regular church attendance.

Mothers need to attend church for their own benefit. Whose patience is more tried, and whose strength is more tested throughout the week, than that of a mother?

If a child can be kept in the adult worship service he will profit by it eventually. It is a psychological fact that early experiences tend to establish patterns of later life. Attitudes are formed at very young ages and the early impressions placed upon a child by church attendance will bring a spiritual reward to make the effort abundantly worthwhile.

Children may not absorb everything at church but they do absorb something. They hear more than their parents realize. As church going becomes a habit, they learn to sing, to give, to pray, to worship. The gospel songs make an impression, even at an early age. The sight of people closing their eyes and praying; their quiet attention to the service; the sound of the preacher's voice—all these factors teach the child attitudes of worship. Through listening to the testimonies and sermons he acquires a respect for God's Word and develops faith in Him.

Worshipping together promotes family unity. We are reminded of the time when Judah was in danger and King Jehoshaphat called the entire nation to a prayer meeting. We read that "all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives and their children" (2 Chronicles 20:12). The result of this family unity was a remarkable answer to prayer.

Surely the Lord is pleased when we take our little ones to church.



## Demonstrating God's Power

Sunday School Lesson for July 14, 1963  
2 KINGS 3:12-18, 21-24; PHILIPPIANS 3:10

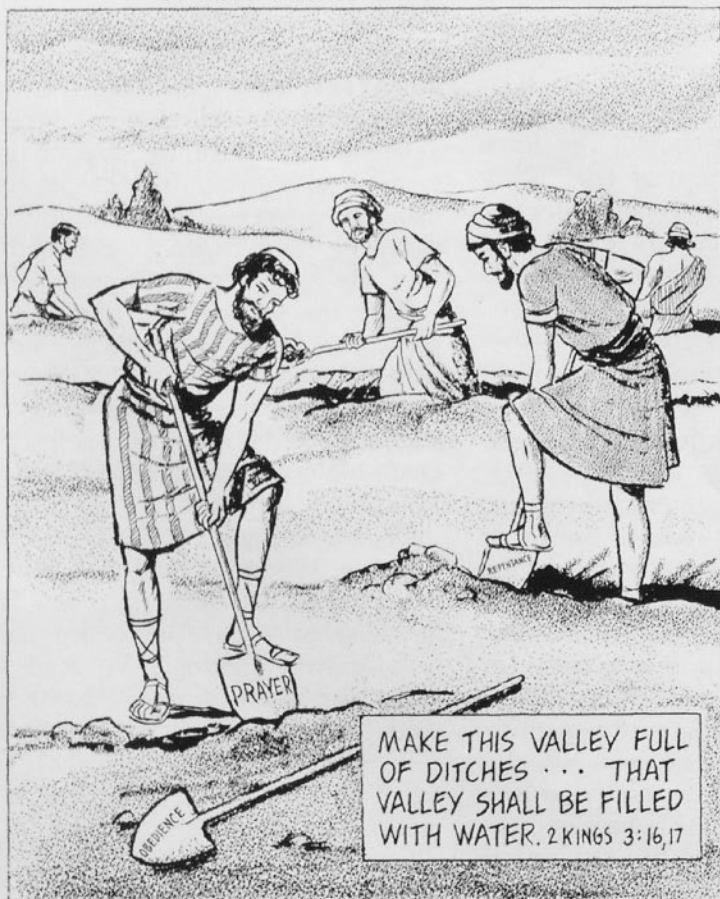
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

A real problem faced Jehoram, son of Ahab and Jezebel, soon after he became king of Israel. Moab which had been subservient to Israel was now in rebellion. Securing the help of godly king Jehoshaphat, Jehoram led their combined armies around the southern tip of the Dead Sea, enlisting the aid of the Edomitish army in the process. After a seven-day march the allied armies were confronted with a serious problem—no water for either the army or the many animals employed for food and warfare.

*The Lord Blamed.* "Alas! that the Lord hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab"—so speaks unbelieving Jehoram in the time of crisis! How often the unconverted blame God unfairly for matters which are their own creation!

*A Prophet Sought.* "Is there not here a prophet of the Lord?" The situation which causes one man to blame God causes another man to look to God with faith. Jehoshaphat's question is a searching one as well! How our world today needs the ministry of those who live

### GETTING READY FOR A MIRACLE



in communion with the Lord and who know His Word!

*A Minister Prepared.* "Here is Elisha . . . which poured water on the hands of Elijah." Here was a man for the hour. Years of association with Elijah, faithfulness in the time of obscurity, the humility to serve in the lowly place—these things had prepared Elisha for the blessed ministry which was now beginning.

"And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him." Evidently Elisha's godliness was already known to others. How good it is when the genuineness of one's relationship to God is noted by others!

*A King Rebuked.* "And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father." Elisha used the opportunity to rebuke Jehoram for his wickedness. He said in effect: "What justification do *you* have for appealing to Jehovah for help, you who persist in disobedience to him?" Though Jehoram had put away his father's image to Baal, yet he continued to participate in the idolatrous calf worship started by Jeroboam. God will not accept half-way obedience. Obedience in one area of life does not justify disobedience in another. The apparently commendable scrupulousness on the part of some is merely an attempt to compensate for private wrongdoing in other matters.

Nevertheless, Elisha was willing to consult the Lord for the sake of Jehoshaphat, thus illustrating the fact that God often blesses the unconverted because of those who love the Lord.

*A Directive Obeyed.* "Bring me a minstrel." Here we gain an insight into the spiritual value of the right kind of music. The indignant prophet requested that a musician, probably a harpist, be summoned to soothe his spirit and to lead him into communion with God. Music has great power either to uplift or to debase. The Bible makes it clear that music may be used as a means of worship and as a means of providing inspiration for the exercising of the prophetic gifts of the Holy Spirit.

"And it came to pass when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him." The "hand of the Lord" here signifies the power of God. It is when we sing and praise that the hand of our Lord will come upon us as well.

*A Promise Given.* "Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet the valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink." God's promises are not self-executing. They require human cooperation. God promises to supply, but He looks for the obedience of faith on our part. Elisha's command seemed foolish, yet obedience to it proved to be very wise indeed!

God promises us spiritual rain for a dry and barren land. However, we must do some digging. "Turn ye even to me with all your heart. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep"—here is the digging! "And it shall come to pass afterward [after our seeking and digging], that I will pour out my Spirit."

*A Victory Won.* The miracle of the Lord was two-fold. The water supplied the needs of the allied armies and also occasioned their victory. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Our victory is, first and last, of the Lord and in the Lord!



## Cripple Healed After Thirty-Eight Years

I WAS CRIPPLED BY AN ACCIDENT THAT happened in Italy when I was thirteen years old. I had climbed a mountain-side to pick grapes and was on my way down when I lost my footing and fell on some rocks thirty feet below.

My left side was cut very badly; the left leg was crushed from the hip to the knee; and the kneecap was pulled out of place. For several days I lay in a coma. My uncle, Dr. Paul Francher, wanted to take my leg off from the hip. My mother said: "No, Paul, do not take her leg off. If she is going to die, I want her to have both her legs!"

Mother started to pray in her simple way. We were Catholics and knew nothing about the Bible (in fact, we did not even possess a copy) but I know those prayers of my mother helped to save my leg. I was in the hospital for eight months. When I left I was in a very heavy iron brace from my shoulder to my hip, and had crutches. The leg was a skeleton of dead bone and dried yellow skin. Every doctor that saw it said it should be removed, but I would not agree.

When I came to America, the doctors' advice was the same. One day I went to a doctor's office and he told me that, since I was leaning too much to my right side, I should be in a wheelchair or be bedfast! That made me weep. I wished I were dead.

I was taken to a hospital where I met a lady who talked with me about how Jesus saves and heals people. I informed her I was a Catholic and knew nothing about the Bible. Then she said, "How would you like to go home with me?"

I answered, "Oh, I may be too much of a burden on you."

Her reply was: "No, you won't be. I want to help you if I can."

When I left the hospital I went home with her. She was very kind and would read the Bible to me. One day while she was away I picked up

the Bible, and it opened at Isaiah 53. I read the words, "And with his stripes we are healed," I repeated: "Yes, God, by thy stripes we are healed," and read the words over and over. At once I said: "Dear Lord, can't I be helped?" and a good feeling came over me.

I told my friend what I had done. She smiled: "Good for you... but you will have to dedicate your life to God. Would you take Christ for your Saviour even if it meant giving up your Catholic faith?" I answered: "I would do anything to get well and not have to suffer this way."

The next day we went to see her minister. He asked me if I would take Jesus for my Saviour. When I told him yes, we began to pray, and soon I had given myself to Jesus. I began to read the Bible and ask God to help me. For the first time in my life I knew God and found love and happiness. I could hardly believe it!

On the night of June 8, 1951, I prayed and asked God to help me. Before I went to sleep I read again: "With his stripes we are healed." That night in a dream I heard the words: "Have faith and on June 22, at 3 P.M., you shall be made whole."

For three days and nights I kept

those words to myself, thinking it was just a dream. Then I mentioned it to my landlady who advised me to talk it over with a minister. She called Brother Peters. When I told him of my experience he said, "God has told you He will make you whole; that means He will heal you."

I prayed faithfully, and when June 22 came Brother Peters was there. We had asked seventeen other persons to come and they were all present. While Brother Peters was praying I looked at the clock. Just at three o'clock I asked someone to remove the high shoe (which I now wore instead of the iron brace). As soon as the shoe was removed my foot went down on the floor and I felt the power of God going through me. I was healed at once. All who were present seemed as happy as I was and praised God.

I am still praising my Lord and Saviour for that wonderful healing. —Lazora R. De Loneno, Springfield, Illinois.

*(Endorsed by Pastor G. E. Mandel, First Assembly of God, Springfield, Illinois, who says: "Sister Lazora is now attending our church and I can vouch that this testimony is true.")*

## Warts Disappear Following Prayer of Faith

SMELLING BURNING FLESH AND watching the doctor repeatedly sink the electric needle into the huge wart on my knuckle sickened me. Promptly a decision was made not to ever try again this method of relief from the many warts that were taking possession of my hands.

What was one to do? Numerous were the suggestions. Medications were costly and gave poor results. For five years not only had I suffered from "throbbing hands" but I had been utterly embarrassed over their appearance. After many months of trying various ways to heal them, the following incident took place in the early spring of 1962.

Every Sunday morning finds our family of nine heading forty miles south to the little Free Methodist Church my husband pastors in central Wisconsin. This particular day was beautiful. The car radio burst forth clearly and sweetly His praises in redemption songs. We were enjoying the broadcast of a Pentecostal

church. How we thrilled in his divine presence. At the close of the broadcast service they prayed for the sick. I bowed my head and breathed a prayer like this: "Here are my hands, Lord. You can clean them up."

I thought no more of that prayer until about two weeks later when I became aware of the fact the warts were gone. Then I recalled the radio broadcast. The prayer of faith had been prayed; in all simplicity I had placed my ailing hands before God to be healed; He had kept His Word and wrought a miracle!

I shall ever give Him all the praise for that healing experience. Many times since that day He has touched and made whole. I firmly believe that "By his stripes we are healed." —Mrs. David H. Derber, Oshkosh, Wis.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Lonnie L. Osborn, First Assembly of God, Oshkosh, Wis., who writes: "I have just recently examined Mrs. Derber's hands and found no trace of any warts.")*



By PAUL WILLISCROFT

# VICTORY IN RETREAT

WHERE PART OF "MEIN KAMPF" reportedly was written and where Hermann Goering's elite *Luftwaffe* pilots came to relax—on this same spot the sound of praises to God echoed and reechoed during the annual Assemblies of God retreat in March.

When the Nazis were at the zenith of their power, Hitler's home and the homes of other Nazi leaders were nearby. Farther up the mountain is the "Eagle's Nest" where *Der Fuehrer* had another retreat. The houses of Hitler and his associates have been removed but the hotel, destroyed at the close of the war, has been reconstructed. Constantly during the year religious retreats, sponsored by the United States Army, are conducted in this wonderland of mountain beauty near Berchtesgaden, Germany.

From Germany, France, England, Italy, and Spain about 300 servicemen and their families gathered for the Assemblies of God retreat. At the opening rally they heard a challenging message by Dick Fulmer, former national C. A. secretary in the U.S. who is now devoting his time to ministry among servicemen in Europe. Following this rally the front of the auditorium filled with men and women seeking God in old-time camp-meeting fashion. This was true every evening.

The next large servicemen's gathering in Europe will be the Labor Day weekend convention at the Berean Bible School in Erzhausen, Germany, August 30 to September 2. If you know servicemen who are stationed in Europe, the British Isles, or North Africa, tell them about this gathering. For further information write to Paul Williscroft, Box 6, 6106 Erzhausen bei Darmstadt, Germany; or contact the Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Missionary and worship services, discussion groups, and a seminar for licensed ministers in the armed forces and leaders of fellowships were conducted.

Most of the missionaries stationed in Europe were present and assisted in the program. Also participating were J. P. Hogan, Executive Director of Foreign Missions; V. G. Greisen, Field Secretary for Southern Asia, the Near East, and Europe. The retreat was a time of great refreshing for all. New consecrations to Christ were made. Many people were converted and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Among the servicemen who were saved was Master Sergeant Wayne Evans. Joyfully he told me what God had done for him. Share with me his testimony:

"For twenty years I have been in military service and have been living in sin. But that is all different now—since the Assemblies of God retreat.

"I was brought up in a Christian home, and from the age of sixteen attended a Pentecostal church. Often the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, bringing me under such strong conviction that I could hardly sit still in my seat, but I continually rejected Christ.

"When I joined the army in 1940 I began to drink, feeling this was a sign of manhood. How wrong I was! After two and a half years in Africa and Italy I returned home in 1945 without a scratch physically, but I was drinking heavily by that time. I saw two terms of service in Korea, returning home in the fall of 1953 safe and sound, but continuing to spurn the grace of the Lord.

"Four years ago, still drinking and rejecting the Lord, I was on a special

mission to Iran. One evening I felt a sharp pain in my chest. Thinking it was a heart attack, I was frightened, and had good reason to be. If I had died I would have gone straight to hell. I prayed, 'O Lord, please don't let me die here in this far-off land. Save me, my Lord, and I will change my way of living and serve you faithfully.'

"When a doctor's examination showed that it was not a heart attack, I was very much relieved. For four months I held out without drinking, but then was again overcome by the habit. In the States once more, I attended Central Assembly of God in San Antonio, Texas, but could not shake the drinking habit. The devil had a hold on me and wouldn't let go.

"A new assignment last summer brought me to Darmstadt, Germany. Here I met some wonderful Christian friends and attended the retreat in Berchtesgaden. It was on the last night of the retreat, as I knelt at the altar with tears streaming down my face, that I asked Jesus to free me from this evil habit. I prayed with a sincere and broken heart. The Lord heard my cry and answered, filling me so full that it felt as if I had swallowed a football and it had lodged in my chest. I cried and spoke in a language I did not understand. Now each time I kneel in prayer Jesus becomes more real. The desire for drink and every other evil thing is gone. My heart is filled to overflowing with love and joy.

"I am thankful for the prayers of my mother and friends, for I believe their prayers have kept me from harm during these years of sin and have brought me to the place where I have completely given myself to the Lord."

**Attend the 30th General Council—Memphis, Tennessee—August 21-27**





Master Sergeant Wayne Evans smiled happily after his conversion.



The ministers' seminar was led by Brother Kolenda.



Gospel literature and records were sold at the retreat bookstand.



Mealtimes gave opportunity for delightful Christian fellowship.



Informal Bible discussions were another feature of the retreat.



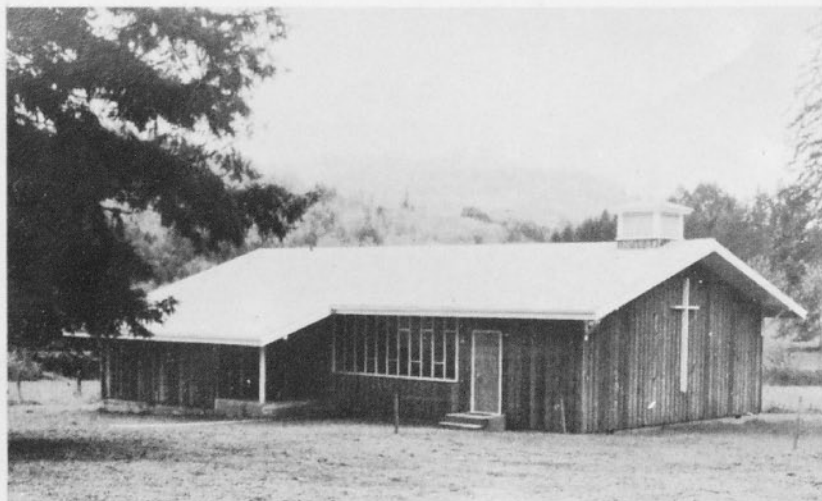
But best of all were the wonderful altar services!

**Pray for the Holy Spirit's Anointing on All of the Council Sessions**



# Chapel of the Valley

By ROSE ANN KESSI



The Sunday school of the new Chapel of the Valley in Harlan, Oreg., has enrolled eighty-eight per cent of the elementary school's students.

*"There's a chapel in the valley  
by the wildwood,  
No lovelier place in the vale—"*

The song rang out over an expectant crowd and into the sunny December afternoon. Then the bell began to ring. Surprised by its strange accompaniment to the song, the people listened as the tones echoed from the hills and carried far up and down Big Elk Valley.

*"O come, come, come, come—"*  
the bell carried the message to the community:

*Come to the Chapel of the Valley,  
O come join our worship today;  
As we dedicate our new building  
To the glory and praise of our God!*

Song and church bell died away together, and the dedication service of Chapel of the Valley in Harlan, Oreg., was in progress.

I sat in one of the comfortable, gracefully designed pews and remembered the steel folding chairs with sharp corners we used to have at services in the Community Hall. Pastor and Mrs. Jesse Alldridge had come to us in May, 1960, and we had worshiped at the Hall for eight months while the Harlan community's first church was being erected.

Pastor Alldridge headed the project and steered it through to completion. He worked full time with the carpenter, C. H. Finley, on the initial construction. Then, with the help of volunteers, they finished the building during the next year. The Cascadia Lumber Company of Toledo donated lumber. We had moved into the unfinished chapel in January, 1961. Now,

a year later, we were realizing the answer to years of prayer and effort. Our dreams had come true at last.

I was brought out of my reverie when the old church bell began to toll again while a trio sang the beautiful old song, "The Church in the Wildwood."

I could not keep out the memories that flooded my mind. I thought of the rough wooden benches in the crowded parsonage living room, where the struggling Harlan Assembly of God, begun under Brother and Sister Bill Hughes in 1958, had met for two years. I remembered the little grade-school desks where, for years before that, we had attended Community Sunday School which had been begun and carried on by laymen of Harlan.

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superintendent, was addressing a dedication crowd that extended into the side rooms and out into the vestibule. I wished we had built the church larger. It has a seating capacity of 75; but Architect Joseph Colombo of Southern California provided for future expansion when he drew these plans.

With the attentive care of a shepherd, Brother Alldridge had gathered and pastored the flock of believers scattered, like the ranchers' sheep, throughout the valleys and hills of the community. He is a man of prayer, devoted to Christ, to his work, his people.

I compared the day's attendance of about 85 with the average of 14 or 15 during the Alldridges' first few months in Harlan.

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Now, more than a year later, every Sunday the flock of believers still gathers to receive renewed light and strength with which to pray and work.

Brother and Sister Bill Hughes have since returned to Harlan as pastors upon the resignation of the Alldridges, who are now pastoring in Pilot Rock, Oreg. Harlan's total population is less than 200. Our Sunday school has enrolled eighty-eight per cent of the elementary school's students.

Every Sunday the bell calls and the people come. Often new people attend, and they remark in surprised pride that it is nice to have such a lovely church in the valley. Often they come back again, and keep coming. And we breathe a silent prayer of thanks and of hope. ◀◀



# Sectional Breakthrough Project Thrives



The new Assembly of God in Blue Springs, Mo. was sponsored by the thirty-four churches of the Kansas City section.

EARLY IN 1962, THE 34 CHURCHES of the Kansas City Section of the Southern Missouri District decided to adopt a new work at Blue Springs, Mo., as the section's own *Breakthrough* project.

John Waldron, pastor of Central



Ministers who participated at the dedication of the Blue Springs Assembly were (left to right): Paul Brewer, presbyter of the Kansas City section; Robert Palmer, secretary-treasurer of the section; Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department; William Cambers, assistant presbyter; Ed Phillips, pastor; N. Cleo Tapp, superintendent of Southern Missouri District.

Assembly in Independence, Mo., had begun regular services at Blue Springs, a small town east of Independence, in a Stop-and-Shop Center, in January. The Section assumed the responsibility of appointing a pastor, supporting him for a time, and erecting a building. The Section's churches pledged regular support to meet all expenses.

In March, 1962, Edgar Phillips, a licensed minister in the Southern Missouri District, became the pastor. He continued holding services in rented facilities at the Stop-and-Shop Center, but not much progress was evident as long as the services were held here.

The ministers of the Section began planning a building program and in October, 1962, construction began. The site they obtained (costing \$4,000) is ideal. The church was the first building to be erected in a new subdivision which soon will be filled with attractive homes.

As soon as the basement was furnished, services were conducted in it and attendance began to increase. During the winter months attendance reached the 40's. By April 1, 1963, the superstructure was finished and the services were moved upstairs. During this month the attendance was in the 60's.

God has blessed the new church with true Pentecostal blessings, souls being saved and believers filled with the Spirit. On the first Sunday after the superstructure was finished, one was saved and one was filled with the Spirit in the Sunday night meeting. Pastor Phillips has contributed much work on the building and shown splendid leadership.

Dedication services for the attractive 52- by 32-foot building were conducted May 9 with Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of the National Home Missions Department, and N. Cleo Tapp, superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, as speakers. Seating capacity of the auditorium is 150, but folding chairs will accommodate 50 more. The building contains the pastor's living quarters and an apartment for evangelists.

Offerings in the church are now taking care of the pastor and his family (wife and three children). The congregation recently assumed responsibility to pay heat and light bills. The church will assume monthly payments

on the building debt as soon as possible. In the meantime, the 34 churches of the Section are paying a combined total of \$220 per month on the loan. The building cost \$21,400 (including air-conditioning, furniture and fixtures). The church will become a fully self-supporting and sovereign church as quickly as possible. ◀◀

## Staff of Alaska Children's Homes Goes A-Begging

REALLY, THEY ARE NOT BEGGING, BUT the April checks for each of them was \$10 below the minimum each should receive. The Home Missions Department has set \$75 per month as a minimum for regular staff members and \$100 per month for superintendents. But even the minimum can be distributed only if funds are available.

These hard-working dedicated workers deserve our support. Over sixty children look to them for daily care and spiritual guidance. You can share in the noble work they are doing by designating an offering for this need.

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# A Gospel of POWER

By ALLAN A. SWIFT  
*Riverside, Pennsylvania*

WHEN PAUL DECLARED, "I AM NOT ashamed of the gospel of Christ" (Romans 1:16), he did not mean merely that he himself was not ashamed to confess Christ, but rather that he was not ashamed to RECOMMEND Christ's gospel. His reason was that "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Paul was a man who had a real experience with God. He had been changed from a bigoted opponent of the gospel into a staunch believer. From his knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures, the Holy Spirit drew things which referred to Christ and revealed them unto him. This enabled Paul to become a very clear expositor of the New Testament plan of salvation.

Adam's disobedience in the Garden of Eden had been disastrous. Man lost his sinlessness and forfeited the aid of the divine presence. Until this is restored there is no hope for him. But Paul had learned of God's new plan of righteousness without man's good works. God had shown him that Christ's work of atonement had completely met the need. By it God had fully reconciled fallen man unto Himself, and this gospel of Christ offers the way of escape!

Now the great need was that man should learn of this accomplishment and acknowledge it as the only way of acceptance with God. Then he must comply in faith with God's requirement and "be reconciled to God" (2

Corinthians 5:20). He must learn that through Christ man may be saved FROM sin; that Christ made a full settlement FOR sin; and that through the aid of the Holy Spirit the believer in Christ can be made to comply WITH God's will.

## I

We are saved FROM sin at Calvary. Paul teaches that no man is righteous, and that all have sinned (Romans 3:10, 23). This startling fact leads to only one conclusion—"the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20). There is no escape from this pronouncement. God's love moved Him to pity fallen man, but He could not override His justice. He must keep His Word!

But there is an answer: "We thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead" (2 Corinthians 5:14). "God... hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:18). Paul states plainly in Romans 3:26 that God is both "just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

## II

Not only are we saved from sin through Christ, but He has made a full settlement FOR our transgressions. Every sinner is guilty of breaking God's law. He cannot go unpunished, but the good news is that God has accepted the settlement made by His beloved Son. We read, "Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him"

(John 19:1). This was not incidental, but divinely directed! It fulfilled Isaiah 53:5 where we read, "But he was wounded for our transgressions... and with his stripes we are healed."

We, the guilty, were liable and should be punished with all kinds of sickness and disease (Deuteronomy 28). But Christ, the innocent One, bared His back to the smiter! Healing now awaits the one who claims his deliverance through faith. The Lord Jesus, who said to the sick of His day, "According to your faith be it unto you," makes the same pronouncement to us today.

## III

After one receives Christ and thereby becomes a child of God, a third provision is offered—the Holy Spirit will aid him to comply WITH God's will. We read: "I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes; and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ezekiel 36:27). Jesus said: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever" (John 14:16). And in verse 18 He added, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

Christ, as Emmanuel—*God with us* (Matthew 1:23)—now becomes *God in us* by His indwelling Spirit. What we cannot do of ourselves, and have never been able to do in our past efforts to be righteous, now becomes a wonderful possibility. We are "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16). By communing daily with God in prayer, and obtaining nourishment from reading God's Word, we shall walk in the Spirit and "shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

If any reader of these lines has failed to comply with God's offer, we urge you to drop on your knees this moment and humbly ask forgiveness. Claim your acceptance through Christ, and believe it. Then rise to your feet and thank God that you are accepted in His beloved Son.

There need be no more fruitless struggle against any sin dwelling in your life. Christ put away that sin by the sacrifice of Himself. You can enjoy a complete deliverance and be a real asset to the Kingdom of God by living in a manner that pleases Him, which is the normal desire of every Christian believer. ◀◀



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# Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

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**SULLIVAN, MO.**—These high school students participated in noon prayer meetings during the seven-week meeting with Glenna Byard at First Assembly. A high school teacher who is a member of First Assembly led the prayer meetings. There was also a 6:30 prayer service at the church. There were 34 saved, 16 reclaimed, and 36 baptized with the Holy Spirit. A. W. Pettet is pastor.



**WORCESTER, MASS.**—Evangelists Al and Tommy Reid recently concluded one of the best-attended revivals in the history of First Assembly. Standing in front of the table of oriental curios are: Tommy Reid; Pastor Allen Mitchell; Brother Chu, a Korean student; Mrs. Albert Reid, in Korean dress; and Albert Reid. Films were shown depicting the work of the Assemblies of God missionaries. An offering of \$690 was raised for the churches in Korea.

**OCALA, FLA.**—"Christ, More Than Communism," was the theme of Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord in a "God Save America" crusade at First Assembly. Their ministry stirred the people to a new awareness of the Christian's responsibility to his Christ, his church, and his nation.

—E. J. Corbin, Pastor

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**CANONSBURG, PA.**—The Assembly of God recently enjoyed two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist Roy Wasdin from Apollo, Pa. Several were saved, some filled with the Spirit, and a number of definite healings were reported.

—George E. Van Riper, Pastor

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**PERRYTON, TEX.**—In a Pentecost Crusade at First Assembly of God ending June 2 with Evangelist Alfred Allen, old-time Pentecostal blessings were enjoyed by everyone who attended. Five were saved, three reclaimed, two baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two refilled during the meetings.

—W. O. Harrell, Pastor

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**LEWISTON, ME.**—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a successful revival with Evangelist Lloyd Westover from Laconia, N. H. His personal work around the altar was especially appreciated, as well as his public ministry. Five accepted Christ as Saviour, and five were filled with the Holy Ghost. A revival spirit continues with two more persons filled with the Spirit in the regular services.

During 1962 more than 30 people were added to the church, including about 20 former Roman Catholics. A contributing event was the C. A. convention held in Lewiston with C. M. Ward as speaker. Of particular interest was the personal letter from the convention hotel manager commending the deportment of the Christ's Ambassadors while at the hotel.

—Grant G. Graan, Pastor

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**AKRON, OHIO**—One of the most successful revivals in the history of the Assembly of God at Brown and Vine Streets was recently concluded with The Musical "Vanns" of Toledo, Ohio. More than 90 first-time decisions for Christ were made during the three-week meeting. The Sunday school attendance record was broken with 571 present. More than 100 first-time visitors attended the church, and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—R. D. Dobbins, Pastor

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**CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.**—A very successful revival has just been concluded at Palm Chapel Assembly of God with Evangelists Jimmy and Carol Snow. More than 30 made decisions for Christ. Three were filled with the Spirit, and several made new consecrations. Among those saved was the official photographer for the astronauts. Crowds of more than 200 attended some of the services in this Assembly which is only three and a half years old. A spirit of revival continues at the church.

—Thomas S. Shields, Pastor



**MEMPHIS, TENN.**—Photo shows the crowd that attended the final Sunday morning service of the Gene Martin Crusade at First Assembly of God. Pastor James E. Hamill reports that 100 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and dozens accepted Christ as Saviour during the five-week meeting. Church members were stirred and revitalized in their Christian experiences. Individuals again found real joy in praying, witnessing, and helping others to find the Lord.



## BURT McCAFFERTY WITH CHRIST



WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—William Burton McCafferty, 73, departed this life on June 4, 1963 to be forever with Christ. He died two days after entering the hospital in a very weakened condition. Brother McCafferty was a Pentecostal minister for over half a century.

It was in August 1912 that he was ordained with the laying on of the hands of Arch P. Collins and other brethren. When the call was issued for a General Council to be held in Hot Springs, Ark. in April 1914 he was one of the Texas ministers who gathered at Hot Springs and he became a charter member of the new Assemblies of God fellowship.

Most of Brother McCafferty's life was spent in an evangelistic and Bible teaching ministry. He was a faculty member at Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie for many years.

In earlier years he pastored a

number of churches including the Assembly in Greenwood, Ark. and churches in Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, Tex. He served as presbyter in three states: New Mexico, Arkansas, and Texas. In 1916 he was assistant superintendent of the West Central District of the Assemblies of God.

He was connected with Southwestern for thirty-two years. As Dean Emeritus he was honored on May 17 which was declared "William Burton McCafferty Day."

Before moving to Waxahachie he taught in Bible schools at Des Moines, Ia., Dallas, Tex., Enid, Okla., and Fort Worth, Tex.

He was widely known as a poet and writer, as well as a preacher. Many of his writings have appeared in *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other periodicals during the past fifty years.

Funeral services were conducted at University Assembly of God in Waxahachie (Joe W. Adams, Pas-

tor) with Carl Stewart, Klaude Kendrick, and Pastor Adams officiating.

Brother McCafferty is survived by his wife, the former Catharine Flagler, and by three sisters.

### CHURCH DEDICATION

MICHIGAN CITY, IND.—A new Assemblies of God church was dedicated Sunday afternoon, May 19, as Pastor and Mrs. Stewart H. Robinson celebrated ten years' service here. A. A. Wilson, an executive presbyter of the Assemblies of God, was the dedicatory speaker. More than 600 were present. This was the third time Brother Wilson officiated in this capacity in a new church served by Pastor Robinson.

The new structure which seats 1250 is on a five-acre plot named "Faith City." The church property contains one and a half acres of

picnic and recreation area, and a 250-car parking lot.

In ten years the Sunday school grew from 49 to an average of 522 for April 1963. "We thank God for His blessing," says Pastor Robinson. "He hath done great things for us, whereof we are very glad."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION of Bethany Assembly of God, Miller and Garber Sts., Chambersburg, Pa., July 22-23. C. M. Ward, speaker. Russell Williams, Eastern District superintendent, will assist in the dedication.—by Willis I. Murray, Pastor.

CAMP MEETING—July 9-18 at Poteau, Okla. Sponsored by ministers of section two of the Oklahoma District. C. L. (Red) Dixon, evangelist. Morning and evening services.—by Walter Swaim, presbyter.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Alaska	Anchorage	Mt. View Chapel	July 1-14	Tommy & Esther Lance	Hugh Rounds
Ark.	Fort Smith	*Cavanaugh	July 7-28	Cecil R. Welch	Harmon N. Furr
	No. Little Rock	First	July 10-22	Ernie Eskelin	David Hastie
Calif.	Pocahontas	First	July 14-21	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Earl Teeter
	Alpaugh	**A/G	July 9-14	Virgil & Edythe Warens	James L. Dodd
	Bloomington	First	July 14—	Doug Payne	Cecil Barham
	So. San Francisco	First	July 14-28	M. R. Boatright Party	Carl E. Curtright
	Stockton	East Side	June 30-July 14	E. C. Briggs Party	A. R. Trotter
Colo.	Tuolumne	A/G	July 9-21	Gary L. Archer	Jim Buttram
	LaJunta	A/G	July 3-14	Charles E. Crank	Edwin P. Lack
Fla.	Bartow	A/G	July 7-21	Fred Numrick	D. N. Asbury
	Brandon	A/G	July 7—	Don Parker	W. C. Wynn
Ga.	Valdosta	East Magnolia	July 9-21	Joel Palmer	Jimmy E. White
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Iowa	Afton	A/G	July 7-21	Kurt Matschulat & Wife	George Edgerly
Ky.	Falmouth	A/G	July 9-21	J. E. Friend	Emma Mattox
Me.	Sanford	Full Gospel	July 8-14	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	G. P. Hendrickson
Mass.	Franklin	Union Church	July 9-21	Arthur Bristol	Ray Shepherd
Mo.	Independence	**First	July 7-12	Gladys Voight	G. P. Hertweck
N. Mex.	Raton	First	July 14-21	E. Dale Franks	A. R. Aman
N. Y.	Brooklyn	Calvary Tab.	July 10-21	Charles T. Crabtree	Ben Crandall
	Lyons	*A/G	July 9-19	Reid Evang. Party	R. L. Kleinsteuber
N. Dak.	Cavalier	Gospel Tab.	July 9-14	Bob & Pat Ludwig	H. F. LaBruyere
Oreg.	Prospect	A/G	July 7-21	Jon Stanford	Lawrence Ray
Pa.	Brave	***A/G	July 9-21	John Higginbotham	A. F. Bradfield
	Easton	**A/G	July 8-14	Mrs. Robert S. Beisel	Conrad Schaefer
Tenn.	Covington	First	July 7—	Gene Burgess	Howard Jones
Tex.	Greenville	First	July 10-21	Mike Wright Family	James Bridges
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	Houston	Southside	July 14-21	Roland Hastie	E. G. Aldridge
	McGregor	A/G	July 10	Bob Huie	W. M. Harry
	Plainview	First	July 9—	Norman Jones Party	J. Don George
	Wharton	A/G	July 7-14	Samuel Calk	John Blackburn
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Va.	Herald	A/G	July 8-21	Frank J. DePolo	George W. Hicks
	Surry	First	July 14-18	Jim & Tammy Bakker	H. B. Jones
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\*\*\*Area-wide Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance.

CROSS CITY, FLA.—The "God Save America Crusade" conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Michael H. Lord proved a great blessing to our church. A city-wide rally was held on Sunday afternoon in the Dixie County Court House in cooperation with the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Church of God. Evangelist Lord's message, "What a Communist America Would Be Like," challenged the audience to a deeper experience in God and a more effective witness for Christ.

The photo below shows Evangelist Lord and Judge Harmon with the cooperating pastors in front of the Dixie County Court House. Left to right: Pastor Stokes, Church of God; Judge Harmon; W. B. Johnson, Assembly of God; Robert Hudson, Pentecostal Holiness; and Michael Lord.



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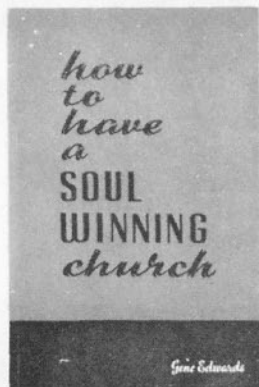


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FIVE YEARS AGO THE WALKER FAMILY bought a small farm near ours in Medford, Oregon. Our father, Elmer Smith, started his customary "quiet" witnessing to the claims of Christ and for several years sowed the seed of the Word upon the Walkers.

One night after discussing the things of God with Bon Nell Walker, a highly educated woman and a practicing physical therapist, Dad could not sleep. During the night hours he wrote a letter that was destined to shine light on a heart that was as dark as the night when it was written. This is a copy of that letter:

"DEAR BON NELL:

"We certainly did not get very far in our discussion on religion, and I am sure we never will have an opportunity to spend much time together on this subject—I have long since given up hope. You are so busy with all your duties and cares of life.

"I hope I have won your friendship and sufficient confidence that you will not think I am just another religious fanatic gone off his rocker. Please bear with me and allow me to use the pen to break through the barrier of time limits, interruptions, and confusion that seems to exist between us, and tell you of the burden that is burning in my soul.

"It has been such a long time that I have wanted to tell you about my Saviour and what was on my heart, that at times I felt I would burst inside. Please do not think I have a *holier-than-thou* attitude; nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, you are probably holier than I—and much wiser. But you see, our philosophies and head knowledge and our own personal righteousness apart from the Giver of Life is not sufficient to give us eternal life. My greatest desire is to win others to Jesus Christ, and my main purpose in life is to try to show others how real He is to me and to persuade them that only by faith in His atoning blood that was shed on the cross can we have entrance to the kingdom of God.

"I wish there were words adequate to convey to you how real He has become to me since I asked Him to be my Saviour.... I know this may sound mystical to the learned and those who think salvation and eternal life must be a very complicated thing. But the Bible says that the things of God are foolishness to those that perish, and if we are going to be saved and live with Christ forever we must become as little children; and with childlike faith simply believe what He has said and trust completely in Him even as little Connie would trust in you. Then, I can tell you from personal experience, He will reveal Himself to you and you will know that the things I am telling you are true.

"The new birth is something supernatural, a thing that cannot be described or explained, and only the recipient can actually know what it is. Christ compared it to the wind when Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came to ask Him how he could have eternal life. He said we could hear the wind and know it was present, and see the results, but we cannot see the wind and only those that have been affected can know it was there.... In 2 Corinthians it says: 'For the things which are seen are

temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.'

"Almost with fear, I wonder what your reaction will be, but I am compelled to write to you. That is why I have gotten out of bed and am writing this in the middle of night.

"Please believe me, Bon Nell, this comes from the depths of a sincere heart, and I plead with you to search His Word with an open mind and seek His face, for He will come to any hungry heart.

"My ability to draw word pictures is nothing to write home about; my sentence structure is terrible; my choice of words is very weak and inadequate—and I apologize. But I could never apologize for my zeal to point you to the Lamb of God.—

ELMER"

Months passed. On the surface little seemed to be transpiring. Then one day the Walkers requested the pastor of the Ashland Assembly of God to come to their house for consultation. Many joined in prayer for these neighbors. Mother and Dad continued their testimonies. THEN IT HAPPENED! Last August Bon Nell saw her need for Christ and made a public confession of her faith in Jesus Christ.

Bon Nell and others began to bombard heaven for her unsaved husband. The Lord answered by saving Keith Walker in December.

The chain reaction continued, and little Connie Walker, who is only four, realized her need of the Saviour. She said she felt something in her heart when she and the pastor prayed.

The story did not end here. In January 1963 Keith Walker's brother-in-law, his wife, and their three children came to know Christ. The following month the new converts were baptized in water and the adults became members of the Ashland Assembly.

Many times it seems as though our prayers and sowing of the Word are in vain. Our witness seems to be unheeded and without any results. It took five years for God to answer and bring about the "Walker Miracle." But our God is faithful.

And when He gives the increase—what an increase it is!

(Endorsed by Pastor R. L. Cornwall, Assembly of God, Ashland, Oregon, who says: "The Elmer Smiths—parents of the author—have been active members of this church for many years. Brother Smith is head deacon of our church board.")

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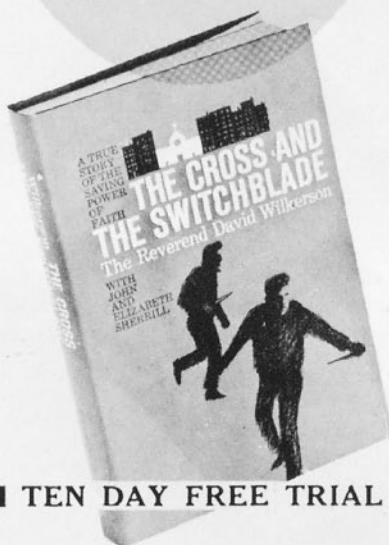


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