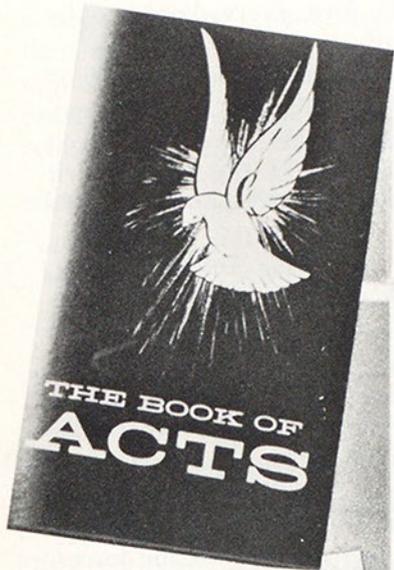


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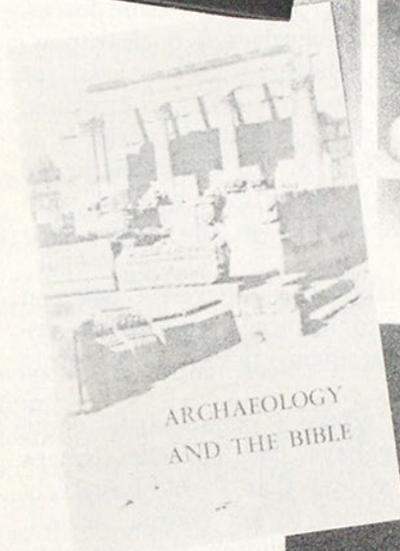
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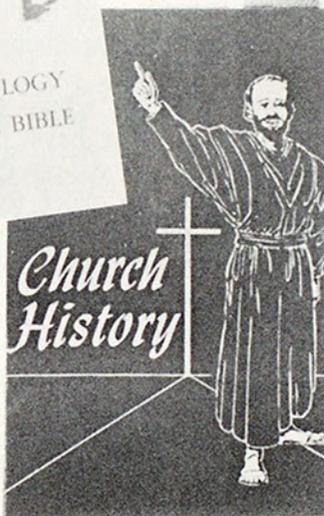
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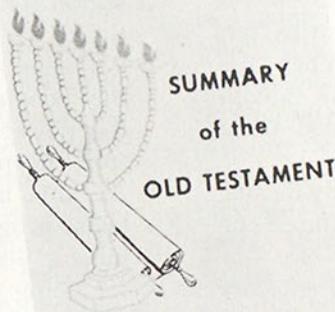
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# The Enthusiasm of Pentecost



By R. Bryant Mitchell

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ONE OF THE CARDINAL FEATURES OF THE PENTECOSTAL experience is the enthusiasm which it generates in individuals or churches.

In fact, apostolic Christians can lay claim to having originated the word "enthusiasm" because it has a religious origin. It is derived from two Greek words, EN, meaning "in" and THEOS, meaning "God." When the Greeks saw people so zealous that they acted as though they were actually possessed by God, they called them "Enthousiamos."

In its original religious sense, enthusiasm actually means, "God in us." Webster defines it, "to be inspired or possessed by God."

The mockers in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost said sarcastically, "These men are full of new wine." It was something *new*, all right, but it was not wine; it was God. They were filled with Holy Ghost enthusiasm.

When I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit I experienced for the first time in my life real religious

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enthusiasm. When I was saved, a new peace came into my soul, but this was now a new Presence within. This enthusiasm opened up a fountain of praise in my heart and gave me new fervor to win the lost.

When an element is newly liberated in a chemical reaction it is called "nascent" or "new-born." When hydrogen peroxide is put upon a sore to disinfect it, nascent oxygen is liberated which promptly attacks the infection. It is fresh and strong in its action.

So also is the experience of Pentecost. It is full of the vigor of a new adventure in the very presence of God. We need in these days the nascent experience of midst of affliction is a by-product of this enthusiasm, which characterized the apostles in Jerusalem after Pentecost. Theirs was no pumped-up enthusiasm. It was a pent-up enthusiasm which broke forth everywhere in spite of beatings and jails.

Praise and rejoicing under all circumstances are characteristic of those who are filled with God's enthusiasm. An old French saint said, "Joy is like a lever by which its help would crush us." This joy of the Holy Spirit is the lever we all need to possess. Praise in the very midst of affliction is a by-product of this enthusiasm. How else could Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail, their backs marked with livid welts from the whipping of the day before, sing praises to God at midnight? This praise went back for its origin to their experience with the Holy Ghost at the inception of their ministry.

Praise is like a divine vitamin. There are verbal vitamins as well as herbal vitamins. The most potent of these verbal vitamins is PRAISE.

Enthusiasm is an internal motivating thing. Pentecostal enthusiasm does not draw its energy from outside forces. Like the atomic reactor which energizes a nuclear powered ship, it does not need to have air, oil or coal for its power. It has at its source of power the primal energy of splitting atoms. In the spiritual world it is described by Paul in Ephesians 3, "to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man... filled with all the fulness of God... according to the power that worketh in us."

The one force which makes the difference between ordinary Christian service and inspired, enthusiastic devotion for the Lord is the energizing power of the Holy Spirit.

I have pastored churches where I could hardly force the people to pray. I also have had churches where the power of God was so strong that I could scarcely stop the prayer meeting in order to get church started. All this business of motivating a church through contests, programs and promotional tricks has its ordinary human place; but how wonderful when the enthusiasm for doing all of the work of the Lord comes from being possessed by God.

Historically each new movement has its high days of zeal and eager enthusiasm. But the devitalizing forces of aging years and creeping inertia so quickly rob us of the revival which ought to burn from one generation to another. Donald Gee, veteran British teacher of Pentecost, said, "We can die as a revival but live as a movement. The danger is that the movement will live and that the revival will die."

Jesus intended that the refreshing of the Spirit should be a perpetual thing like the flowing of an inner foun-

tain. In the victorious Christian life this should last throughout an entire lifetime. This enthusiasm can flow just as easily out of life's wildernesses if we do not allow the springs to become choked up with the cares of this world or the pleasures of this life.

When a tourist drives out west from the Central States on Highway 66, he meets his first mountains at Tijeras Canyon, a deep slash through the Sandia Mountains, east of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Up on the dry slope of South Sandia peak I have a favorite spring. Each August its trickling waters diminished until one year I struggled up a hot, three-thousand-foot climb only to find it dry. Recently, remembering my thirst of a previous year, I carried water up the crest trail, only to find that the Forest Service had cleaned out the spring, put in a new pipe to a hollow log. Now there is more water than ever before coming out of a perfectly dry mountain side. The spring had been locked up there in the heart of the cool mountain. Neglect had plugged up its refreshing flow.

We cannot afford to neglect the spring of divine enthusiasm in our lives. If we used to "tarry" to receive the Holy Spirit, why not tarry now to be refilled with the Holy Spirit? Why not seek the gifts of the Spirit? Why not seek to be more used of God through the operation of the Spirit? Why be content with mediocre enthusiasm when we know where the source of God's power abides?

Pentecost is not a denomination, but an experience. The grand old vine of Pentecost is still strong and virile. Some new Episcopalian shoots and other denominational shoots are budding on this root. The Pentecostal branches have no more of a monopoly on this grand old vine than do the other groups.

This glorious experience is not confined to any one group. God has promised to pour out His Spirit upon ALL FLESH. Now is the time for all Pentecostal people to let their lights burn brighter than ever. Now is the time to be filled with the divine enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.



# Church on Fire

By Andrew Daniel, Jr., Gainesville, Georgia

THE CHURCH WAS ON FIRE. FLAMES SHOT THROUGH the roof and licked hungrily at the heavens. And scores of people ran from their homes or raced in their cars toward the fire.

*O God, I thought, most of these people never came to this church before, despite Sunday school campaigns, visitation programs and personal invitations, but now, less than an hour after the church catches on fire, they are jostling each other for a front place. No one wants to miss seeing a church on fire.*

Who is to blame for the callous condition of a crowd who would rather watch a church burn to the ground than sit in its pews and worship God? Are they to blame? Not altogether. The fire of the Holy Ghost, falling on the believers in the church, would also have attracted them. Let the church of the living God catch on fire today as at Pentecost, and we will have little time or need for gimmicks. Our greatest material need would be for facilities to accommodate the people.

Let a church fast and pray until the fire from heaven falls, and we will no longer need our stereotyped excuse that "the people just don't want sound teaching any more; they prefer the novel approach." The truth is that the world is hungry for reckless reality, time-tested truths, and a little more peace of mind than the psychiatrist can give it.

It is time to call a solemn fast in Zion. Those prophets are profitless in Zion today who teach the people to laugh and not to weep; to make merry and not to mourn; to feast and not to fast; that there may be triumph without travail.

No one tells a woman in travail that it is a time for

laughter and merriment. Travail is necessary for the giving of life. And the church that neglects travailing prayer, self-sacrifice and tears for the lost, will not have spiritual children. A spiritual church can only grow through soul travail. The Bible teaches nothing else.

Many pulpiteers today teach a false philosophy of ease and pleasure, for they themselves frolic in frivolity. But there is a difference between fun and joy. The world has fun but only the fruitful Christian has joy. Fun is soon finished, but joy remains.

Our pews will only be filled if we follow one of two courses, each of which is extreme, and each of which has its price. We may attract people by ceasing to deal with sin, except in generalities; compromising with corruption; and making friends with the world, thus proving that there is no difference between us and them. Then they will feel as comfortable in our services as they do in their clubs. The price we pay for such a course is to have their blood on our hands.

The alternate course is to get out of self into God; stop majoring in minors, triumphing in trivialities and peddling peculiarities. We must come to the realization that one soul born again is worth a thousand worldly church members. We must exchange our bowling balls for humble weeping before God, our fishing hole for a mountain of prayer, our fellowship feasting for some solemn fasting. This is not an easy price to pay, but it will bring again to us the fire of Pentecost that will attract others to our church and to our God. Only the fire of Pentecost can defrost the cold ones, heat up the lukewarm, generate power in the prophets, and be a light to the world. ◀◀◀

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## The Big Question

Ernest S. Williams' column is a very popular feature. Every mail brings a new batch of letters from *Evangel* readers who are puzzled by doctrinal questions or baffled by personal problems, and Brother Williams gives a wise and sympathetic answer to each one. Only a very few of these questions ever appear in print. The vast majority are answered personally.

It might be interesting to analyze these hundreds of letters and see what kind of question is asked the most often. Perhaps it would be a clue to the world's troubles. On the other hand, we wonder if very many people are perceptive enough or honest enough to put in writing the questions that trouble them the most. We humans are prone to concentrate on secondary matters and give little time to the primary issues of life.

Probably the most *profound* question ever asked was posed by Christ a long time ago: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). The answer to that question is self-evident.

The most *pertinent* question ever raised was uttered by a terror-stricken jailer in Philippi: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The apostles answered that question by saying, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

The most *personal* question that could ever be voiced was spoken by Pilate: "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" (Matthew 27:22). Pilate made the mistake of letting the mob answer the question for him. Many today are letting their money, their friends, or their circumstances answer the question, instead of answering it for themselves. Have you answered it yet?

But perhaps you don't quite understand what it means to accept the Lord Jesus Christ and believe on Him. Here are three simple steps to take:

*First*, you must feel your need of Him. He is the great Physician and you must admit you are sick if you desire His services. Search your heart. Admit that you have committed sins. Confess to God the fact that you need a Saviour. Then pray to Him for pardon and cleansing. If you are sincerely sorry for your sins—sorry enough to quit them—He will pardon and cleanse you from them.

*Second*, you must firmly believe that God will deliver you right now from the guilt and tyranny of sin. You may say, "I've gone too far; I'm a terrible sinner." But Christ is a powerful Saviour—no case is too difficult for Him. He said, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out," and that means everyone, including you.

The *third* step is to take a public stand for Christ. Trust Him to keep you free from sin each day. Depend upon His Spirit to guide you and help you be a true Christian in every phase of life. The Lord will never let you down. He will answer your prayers—He will reward your faith. Just test His promises and see.

You say, "That sounds good; some day I hope to be a real Christian." Don't gamble on another chance. Face the *big question* today and be sure you are saved.

(The editors of this magazine will be happy to help you if you wish to write to us. Or you may address your questions to Ernest S. Williams, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Kindly enclose a stamped envelope for a reply.)

## DEAF BY CHOICE

Eight years ago God blessed a certain home with a darling baby. But the world somehow seemed to be an unfriendly place to this baby and it cried incessantly. Time after time the mother checked to be sure it was comfortable. Many times she cuddled the little one, but as soon as she laid him back in the crib he would resume crying.

Weeks passed without relief and the mother became almost frantic. She determined to shut her ears and thoughts to the continual crying. And it worked. She did not seem to hear her baby's cries. Then one day she realized that she had become deaf to *all* sound!

Psychiatrists are trying yet to help her regain her hearing but they say she just "shut everything off and can't get it turned back on."

Let us keep sensitive to the voice of God through His Word, His Spirit, and circumstances, lest we find ourselves spiritually deaf when we need desperately to hear.

—JAMES E. ADAMS, in *Church of God Evangel*



## NO SUBSTITUTES

We are all familiar with the shopkeeper who does not stock the article we want, but who offers a substitute—"which is just as good and costs less." We may purchase the substitute, but it is seldom as good as the real thing. We must pay extra to get the best.

Some people think they have found a substitute for Christianity. It may be a club, a philosophy, or some cultural pursuit. Such things may be helpful, but they can never take the place of *real* religion.

Christ made crystal clear what He expects from His followers. He offered no cheap inducements, no easy terms. He simply said, "Come follow me."

The Christian experience always begins in a man's personal life. He himself must be involved. Substitutes are barred. What must you do? Open your Bible. Read what Christ said. Obey His words and follow Him. Just that.

—LESLIE HENDRY, in *War Cry*



## THE WORTH OF A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but it gives much. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give it. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it may last forever. None is so wealthy that he can get along without it, and none so poor but he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the trademark of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, hope to the discouraged, and help to the sorrowing.

A smile is nature's best antidote for trouble. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for a smile is of no value until it is given away. When you meet a person who has no smile, give him one of yours. No one needs a smile so much as he who has none to give.

—Selected

## THE BLIND KNOW FRIENDLY HANDS

The hands of those I meet are dumbly eloquent to me. The touch of some hands is an impertinence. I have met people so empty of joy that when I clasped their frosty fingertips it seemed as if I were shaking hands with a northeast storm. Others there are whose hands have sunbeams in them, so that their grasp warms my heart.

It may be only the clinging touch of a child's hand, but there is as much potential sunshine in it for me as there is in a loving glance for others.

—HELEN KELLER

## COMMIT YOUR BODY TO GOD

There is a great difference between asking and taking, between expecting and accepting. You must take Christ as your Healer—not as an experiment, but as a present reality. Do not merely believe that He will do it, but claim and believe that He does touch you now. And go forth counting it done—acknowledging and praising Him for it.

It is a good thing to prepare for this solemn act of committal and appropriating faith. It ought to be a very deliberate and final step, and in the nature of things it cannot be repeated. Like the marriage ceremony it is the signaling and sealing of a great transaction, and depends for its value upon the reality which it seals.

Before we take this step we ought to weigh every question thoroughly and then regard it as forever settled, and to step out solemnly, definitely, irrevocably on new ground, on God's promise, with the deep conviction that it is forever. This gives strength and rest to the heart, and closes the door against a thousand doubts and temptations.

—A. B. SIMPSON

# 'FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE'



T. E. Gannon, West Central District Superintendent, reports on a successful Invasion Crusade launched by Men's Fellowship in Des Moines, Iowa

UPON FINISHING MY MINISTRY AT THE ARIZONA CAMP meeting in August I was anxious to get back to Des Moines where teams of men were scattering throughout the city doing personal work to win souls to Christ.

An incident in the district office a short time before this had impressed me very deeply with the need of taking the gospel to the people in their homes.

My phone rang and a gentleman asked if he and his wife could have an appointment to visit me. He said they had a serious problem in their home and needed help. They had gone to their own pastor, he explained, but their pastor had suggested they look up a Pentecostal minister, preferably an Assemblies of God minister.

At the appointed time the couple came to my office. They both were members of one of the largest Protestant denominations, but since he traveled most of the time and she had four small children to supervise they did not attend church regularly.

One day the Jehovah's Witnesses had called at her home. They returned again and again. Before the husband realized what was happening his wife was deeply involved in their doctrines, to such an extent that when he protested she was ready to leave him rather than give up the Watchtower teaching.

Fortunately they were both willing to come to a minister and lay their case before him for possible arbitration.

I could hardly believe that in such a short time one could so easily and so freely deny the efficacy of the precious blood of Christ, renounce His resurrection, and reject His virgin birth. I asked this lady: "Just what happened? How was it that you could leave all the teachings of your childhood, the teachings of your church, and take up with this doctrine which is so far removed from all you have been taught?"

She gave me a frank reply: "They were the only people that were interested enough in my soul to bring the gospel to my home."

Her words put me, as a minister of the gospel, to shame. I took them as an indictment against every full-gospel church in the city. This charge could hardly be made against the early church. We read in Acts 2:46, "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread *from house to house*, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." Also in

Acts 5:42: "And daily in the temple, and *in every house*, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Again in Acts 20:20, we have the words of the apostle, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you and taught you publicly, and *from house to house*."

I was overwhelmed by the effectiveness of this cult's methods. I wished we could launch out with courage and zeal on a house-to-house ministry to the countless thousands, like this young mother, who are out of touch with the Truth.

That is why, when I reached Des Moines that Monday night last August, I hurried to the church to attend and participate in the soul-winning crusade that was being directed by our national and district Men's Fellowship leaders, Burton Pierce and Stanton Johnson.

About fifteen teams of men had been out "fishing for souls" that night and when I entered the church a few minutes after nine o'clock they were relating their experiences. Their testimonies were thrilling. I could hardly contain my joy when I saw that these men had actually broken through the fear barrier and had won souls to Christ.

They had gone out two by two into assigned areas



## Pentecost

SINCE FINLAND WILL BE THE SITE OF THE SEVENTH Pentecostal World Conference, many readers might like to know when and how the Pentecostal revival began among the stout-hearted people in that land of the midnight sun.

We are indebted to Eino I. Manninen for this information. As pastor of the Helsinki Salem Church, which is the largest Pentecostal church in Finland, he is host pastor to the World Conference. Brother Manninen says the Pentecostal revival traces its beginning to 1911 when a Norwegian revivalist, Albert Lunde, came to Helsinki.

Albert Lunde was not Pentecostal. On the contrary, he was sponsored by the Finish Missionary Society, the missionary arm of the State Church which opposed this Pentecostal revival. But he preached to packed churches and his preaching created a deep spiritual thirst all over the country thus preparing the way for Pentecost.

In the fall of that same year another Norwegian minister, T. B. Barratt, came to Finland bringing the Pentecostal message. Pastor Barratt was formerly a Methodist clergyman. During a visit to the United States he attended some Pentecostal meetings at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, and there in 1906 he experienced a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Upon reaching Finland this Norwegian pastor found the hearts of the Finnish people ready to receive new spiritual blessings from God.

of the city and had knocked on doors, talked to the people in their homes, and invited them to accept the Saviour. Thirteen precious souls had been saved that day. This was marvelous. Equally marvelous to me was the fact that these Christian men, who had been hounded constantly by guilt for not witnessing, and yet bound by fear because they did not know how, had actually gone out to witness and now they were bubbling over with joy for victories won.

This Invasion Crusade comprising two days and nights of training sessions and the launching of a house-to-house crusade for souls produced results. The benefits that I have noted from this effort are:

(1) The many who were won to Christ, who otherwise might not have been reached with the gospel of redeeming grace.

(2) The breaking of the fear barrier as Christian men learned to their joy that they actually can win souls.

(3) The increased hunger for God in men who, after participating in the effort, acknowledged their inabilities and expressed a deep desire for the Spirit's anointing to make them effective in soul winning.

(4) The contagious effect of the Invasion Crusade on other Christians. Many who did not come to the first

session were so impressed by the testimony of those who did that they came of their own accord and volunteered to take part in the Crusade.

(5) The great joy that came to these soul winners. As the workers returned to the church and reported the results of their door-to-door ministry it was plain to see they had uncapped a new well of spiritual joy. There was such enthusiasm as they told how they had been welcomed into homes, how they had talked with the people, prayed with them, and actually led numbers of individuals to accept Christ as their Saviour. There was a spontaneous expression of praise and worship to God. The men were so thankful for the privilege of being soul winners.

At our district office we are still receiving reports from other cities and towns where ministers and workers are setting up similar programs in their own areas and seeing sinners come to God.

Who knows how many people, like the young mother I mentioned above, will be grateful that at least one church did not just send out invitations to come, but took the gospel to them in their own homes. Possibly a general effort of door-to-door evangelism is the key to the great revival that our churches so desperately need.

## in FINLAND

Brother Barratt began to preach in the city of Turku. Then he went to the capital. God confirmed the word that was spoken by sending signs and wonders. Many were healed in their bodies and many were filled with the Holy Spirit.

No special publicity was needed. The news of revival quickly spread. Hungry hearts flocked to the meetings where the Spirit of the Lord was moving.

Today there are 200 Pentecostal churches in Finland with about 40,000 members. They have a strong missionary vision. About 150 missionaries working all over the world get their support from these 200 Finnish assemblies.

There is no official body uniting the Finnish Pentecostals in one denomination. Each local church is independent, but the congregations cooperate one with another and the people unite in nation-wide meetings twice a year.

In winter they have a large conference for all preachers and church elders. In summer they have a great convention which is attended by thousands of people.

The publishing activity is incorporated in a common publishing house with printshop. Members of its board of directors are elected in an annual meeting.

There is a jointly operated Bible school which offers three or four months of Bible courses taught by the

movement's most experienced exponents of the Scriptures, each taking his turn.

The Finnish people are strongly independent by nature, due perhaps to the many wars and sufferings they have endured under foreign powers. This has steeled them and given them perseverance, the famous Finnish "sisu" which is a quality that carries over into their spiritual lives when they are saved, making them staunch Christians.

Pentecostal churches in Finland do not dabble in political activities. The reason, Brother Manninen points out, is "because we have to win souls from all parties and ideologies. Each member is free to maintain his own political views without being pressed by anyone on account of them."

Brother Manninen says: "Ninety-five per cent of our nation are members in the Lutheran State Church, a fact that is felt everywhere, even in the daily life. A strained condition between the State Church and the Pentecostal Movement exists all the time, because we have given up the infant baptism, and because most of our members have severed from the State Church and are now registered in the civil register. In spite of this strain, honest believers on both sides recognize the genuine work of God in each other's camp, even though due to the differences in doctrine we are not able to work together."

Minor songs are characteristic of the Finnish people. They sing them often, and with deep feeling. Frequently these minor songs are expressions of great joy, for when the Finnish people are happy they often shed tears of joy. During the World Conference at Helsinki thousands of Pentecostal believers from various parts of the earth will be blessed by these beautiful Finnish songs.

(Dates of the Seventh Pentecostal World Conference, to be held in Helsinki, will be June 23-28, 1964. For information, write to: Tapani Karna, Urheilukatu 22 A 20, Helsinki, Finland.)



Old Paths Assembly in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma was built by George Jakeway, inset.

## Former Prisoner Builds Church

Indicating that our prison ministry is more worthwhile than some may realize.

BY RUTH LYON

"FIVE-TIME LOSER DEVOTES LIFE TO SERVICE OF CHURCH" said a bold headline of the *Tulsa World*, December 13, 1959. Having heard about the remarkable change in the life of George Jakeway eighteen years ago and his present work in building a new church in Broken Arrow, Okla., reporters of the *Tulsa World* and *Tribune* wrote stories about the work—once before the church was completed, and again in December, 1962, after its completion. Over \$700 was donated to the church by people who read of this work. Brother Jakeway received over one hundred letters.

George Jakeway's conversion was the result of a visit to a county jail by an old man from Sand Springs who was a lay preacher. The prisoners called him "the lonesome stranger." After talking to George, who was in prison for the fifth time, the preacher persuaded him to kneel and start praying. Before they arose, George was saved. The next day, when the prisoners' "connection" came by with the *paper* (benzedrine), George had lost his desire for it. And he has never had the desire to touch it since.

In prison at McAlester for the next four years, George took part in religious activities. Although prison officials, noting his changed attitude, tried several times to get him paroled, a suitable work program could not be located. From 1936 to 1949, George spent twelve years in prisons and jails. Once he was shot in the leg by a Tulsa policeman while trying to escape after he was caught burglariz-

ing a business place. George was well known in Tulsa.

Upon his release from prison June 16, 1949 (the fifth time), George married Janice, who was waiting for him, the same day. The Jakeways now have four children: Terri, 8; Janice, 6; Bobbi, 5; and George William, Jr., 2. Their daughter Terri has been their church pianist since she was five years old. She is saved, filled with the Spirit, and a very serious worker for the Lord.

Brother Jakeway became pastor of a church near Seminole for a year and had a church near his present one for 3½ years. Ordained in 1958 as an Assemblies of God minister, he immediately set to work to build his own church.

Mr. and Mrs. Goff Luster of Broken Arrow dedicated one acre of land on which to build a church and asked Brother Jakeway to pray about pastoring the church. The Oklahoma District gave \$750 toward the new church which was begun in the parsonage January 31, 1959, with twelve in attendance. The first month's attendance averaged fifteen. It now averages nearly forty-five. They bought a shell house to use as a parsonage and church. The pulpit and benches were installed in the twenty-five-foot living room and the rest of the house was used for a parsonage.

Now the congregation has a forty-seven by fifty foot cement block building in which to worship. The interior decorating of the building is being finished and the church is to be dedicated in December, 1963. The structure has a nursery, four Sunday school rooms, an office and a large auditorium.

The new Assembly is located in the country between Broken Arrow and Bixby, Okla. In the last few months, Brother Jakeway has learned that a thousand homes and a school are to be built very near his church. In fact, the project is already started. No other church is near.

Brother Jakeway did about ninety per cent of the building of this church, laying all the block himself. One man donated the complete roof, made a pattern for the trusses, and showed Brother Jakeway how to build them. The pastor hired another man for one bit of technical construction which had to be perfect. The electric work was donated by Clarence McCall, an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God, who is also a licensed electrician. A cement contractor, Bob Daniels, of Alsuma donated his labor to run the floor. A dry wall contractor donated his labor to hang and finish all inside walls and ceiling.

The Alsuma Assembly, the Carbondale Assembly, and the Airview Assembly each took an offering for the new church's building fund. The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa donated \$450 for the cement floor after this work was recommended by the mayor of Broken Arrow.

Donations were also received from the Murray Variety Store, the Broken Arrow Ledger, Dr. C. C. Brissey, and others.

Brother Jakeway is particularly anxious to help the "wayward people he knows best, ex-convicts and others who hang precariously on the fence between crime and salvation," according to the newspaper report. Once a loser, George Jakeway is now a winner for the Lord.



**Today Is National Prison Sunday • Conduct a Jail Service!**

# A Prisoner's Testimony

I'M AN INMATE IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRISON and would like to give my testimony of salvation. It is my earnest prayer that God might use this testimony to help another know Christ as his Saviour.

Four years ago this summer I committed a series of crimes which led to my imprisonment for twelve to fifteen years. One night of drinking led me to do the lowest of crimes. Liquor was *not* entirely to blame; it only opened the door of passion and allowed sin to bear fruit. During several hours of drinking I broke and entered into a house, and committed the crimes of kidnapping and criminal assault.

What my wife could possibly have seen in me, or why she remained with me, I cannot understand. But I thank God she stayed with me though I laid upon her and others the terrible burden of shame and grief.

I had absolutely no belief in God upon entering this prison nor was I seeking Him. I had never more than glanced at a Bible before being arrested, and wasn't really interested in what it said when I was given one.

A minister visited often with me and tried to lead me to Christ—but my heart wouldn't believe. But this woman of God *did* plant the gospel seed. I took several Assemblies of God Bible courses and my mind collected facts—but my heart was void of faith. Slowly I turned

from a skeptic to one simply unsure. I know my life became a nightmare of uncertainty.

It was March 27, 1960, and the Gideons, who conduct our Sunday service quarterly, brought the message. Franklin VanVliet of Penacook, N. H., a blind man who is president of the New England Federation of the Blind and treasurer of the National Federation of the Blind, was one of the speakers. He spoke on the love of God expressed in Jesus Christ. As he talked, Jesus became my only hope. Tears began to roll down my cheeks but I was not ashamed of them. I realized I *was* a sinner and that Jesus died for *me!* I came back to my cell and prayed; I prayed to God confessing my sins and my need of Jesus Christ. God answered my prayer. On that Sunday morning Jesus became *my* Lord and *my* Saviour, and I was born again!

God did not stop with saving me from hell. He did not save me by His power to let me fight on my own. He became my constant Helper. It has been over three years since Jesus became my personal Saviour. And how great is His power to deliver from sin and temptation! I used foul language when I entered this institution, but, praise God, I don't now! I smoked and had tried by myself to give it up, but couldn't. Through His power I stopped. To be sure, I still have traits and habits which are wrong. I've taken these to God in prayer and know, with His help, all can be overcome.

God has given me a ministry of working with men behind these bars; and I am grateful He has seen fit to use a sinner saved by grace.



## By Way of Remembrance

IT IS VERY EVIDENT THAT ARVID OHRNELL, FORMER national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God, will be long remembered, not only in America, but also in Sweden where he was instrumental in the creation of a prison division for the Swedish Pentecostal churches.

During the summer of 1950, it was my privilege to contact Chaplain Ohrnell about establishing a national prison division in the American Assemblies. He began praying about it. Shortly after this, Brother Ohrnell had to undergo surgery and spent several months in Scandinavia recuperating.

During this time he attended a prayer meeting where God confirmed the call to establish a national prison ministry. He wrote me that very night and said, "I am coming back to America immediately to begin the prison ministry."

Before this prayer meeting, Brother Ohrnell had spent many days considering how to establish this work, but had not told others about his plans. God, by His Spirit, moved upon a saint in attendance at the service and

caused her to prophesy concerning the work Brother Ohrnell should do, even revealing in detail every one of the plans he had made.

In addition to his personal contacts with prisoners, Chaplain Ohrnell provided eight Bible study courses for them during his ministry. These are free of charge to prisoners who request them. These books, designed primarily for prisoners, were rated as superior to any other such courses by men well qualified to judge. Thousands of the courses are being sent annually to prisons in the United States and even to many foreign fields such as India, Africa, South America and Europe.

Often Chaplain Ohrnell personally contributed financially to the needs of inmates. One time he even sold his automobile in order to provide a decent Christian funeral for a man who was executed, in spite of the undertaker's statement, "The man is dead; he won't know the difference." God miraculously provided another car for Brother Ohrnell—the best one he ever had had.

Brother Ohrnell, a very unassuming and humble person, was content to do his work as unto the Lord. We can honor his memory by continuing to support the great prison work that was so close to his heart. Today is National Prison Sunday. This is a good time to contribute to the PRISON BIBLE COURSES fund in his memory. Send your offering direct to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

—Paul R. Markstrom, National Prison Chaplain



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Youth

### Teen Sunday Announced

November 24 has been designated as "Every Teen in Church Sunday." On this day (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) a special effort will be made across the land to encourage every teen-ager to attend church. The effort is being sponsored by Youth for Christ International.

While many teen-agers attend church regularly, there are thousands who do not. As Carl J. Bihl, YFCI President, states: "A young person who stays away from church cannot possibly realize his full potential as an individual and as a useful citizen. It takes that extra spiritual dimension that comes only as the young person comes face to face with his Saviour, Jesus Christ."

### National Youth Conference

#### Announced for Springfield, Mo.

So successful was the first National Bible Quiz program of the Christ's Ambassadors that it will be made an annual event. The second National Bible Quiz will be based on First and Second Corinthians.

Teams of four to six members of young people will be formed in local churches, to study the two Epistles to the Corinthians. They will compete with other teams in sectional, district, and regional contests. The final competition will be at Springfield, Mo., in August.

The National Bible Quiz Tournament will be one feature of a youth convention which will be held in the Assemblies of God headquarters city August 17-21, 1964. The convention will be sponsored jointly by the Christ's Ambassadors Department and the Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House.

A twin feature of the youth convention will be a Talent Search to encourage singers and musicians to develop their talents for the service of Christ. Musical competition will be

divided in vocal and instrumental sections, with both solo and ensemble categories.

## Bible

### Bible Still Best Seller

The Bible is still the best seller of all time, according to a survey of 150 publishers. More than two million copies of the New English Bible (published two years ago jointly by Oxford and Cambridge presses) have been sold in the U.S. Sales of the Revised Standard Version, now eleven years old, also are continuing to increase. However, the King James Version is outselling all other translations by a margin of four to one.

### Printed Gospel Goes Modern

The American Bible Society has launched a new series of Scripture portions the size of a digest magazine and dramatically illustrated with candid photos of modern life in a big city. They sell for fifteen cents each.

The first volume in the series (entitled "One Way for Modern Man") presents the Gospel of John in modern English from J. B. Phillips' translation. Similar editions of other books of the Bible will follow as a part of the society's program to present "God's Word for a New Age."

## Schools

### "Reverent Silence" Allowed

"A moment of reverent silence" or silent prayer may be used by public schools in New York State, Education Commissioner James E. Allen, Jr., announced in Albany.

Such a period, he said, could be used to replace religious recitations—the Lord's Prayer and Bible reading—which were banned by the Supreme Court.

But school officials, he said, must not influence the content of the period. In other words, they cannot instruct the pupils to pray. They are permitted only to set aside the period and maintain discipline.

They cannot even use the fourth stanza of "America" as a devotional exercise, he said, because it is addressed to "Our fathers' God" and therefore is a prayer. It seems the Supreme Court of our country may be taking its name too seriously. Do they wish young Americans to grow up thinking there is no Supreme Being outside of Washington, D.C.?

### School Superintendent Urges

#### Ban on Nativity Scenes

The board of education at North Kingston, R. I., took no action when the district superintendent of schools urged that manger scenes be banned this Christmas. He based his recommendation on the Supreme Court's ruling against prescribing religious exercises at school.

But the board chairman told the superintendent, "You're going too far," and the subject was dropped.

### Government's Right to Support Chaplains Now in Question

The constitutional right of the federal government to pay chaplains to teach religion to servicemen and their dependents has now been challenged by a chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union at Camden, N. J. The group charges that the U. S. Army has no more right to teach religion than public schools have. It cites the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision banning prescribed prayers and Bible readings in public schools.

## Evangelism

### Billy Graham's Largest Audience

A record 134,254 persons jammed Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, on September 8 for the final rally in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade. It was the largest audience he has had in any crusade.

The 25-day crusade drew a total attendance of 930,340 persons. Some 750 churches of all denominations have launched a vast follow-up program of visitation evangelism to enlist the 40,000 reported to have made "decisions

for Christ." Local pastors predicted 30,000 more persons will make "decisions" during the follow-up.

### Thousands Attend Gospel Crusade In Salt Lake City

Utah's state capitol grounds were the scene of an eight-day evangelistic crusade this fall. It was Salt Lake City's first union meeting, sponsored by Protestant churches of a number of denominations. Myron Augsburg of Harrisonburg, Va., was the evangelist.

Governor Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon attended the opening service, giving his own personal testimony of faith in Christ. Utah's Governor George D. Clyde and Secretary of State Lamont Toronto extended greetings.

Several thousand persons attended the closing service of the crusade.

## Miscellany

### Washington Public Affairs Seminar Set for January 21-24

A seminar on Christian Responsibility in Public Affairs, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, is scheduled to be held at Washington, D. C., January 21-24, 1964. The list of speakers includes Congressmen, specialists in the executive branch, government orientation and training officers, as well as several Christian leaders at the nation's capital.

Further information may be obtained by writing NAE, 1405 "G" Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C. Registration is open only to pastors and laymen of evangelical churches.

### Christian Lawyers Meet

Jacob Stam of Paterson, N. J., was elected president of the Greenleaf Legal Society at its annual meeting in Chicago this fall, succeeding Gerrit P. Groen of Chicago.

The Greenleaf Legal Society is named in honor of Simon Greenleaf, a noted jurist and author, former chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and one of the founders of Harvard University. Greenleaf, an outspoken Christian layman, was president of the Massachusetts Bible Society for many years.

The Greenleaf Legal Society, founded in 1961, is a national organization of Christian lawyers of the Protestant faith. It has local chapters in large cities, and on university campuses for law students.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

# YOUR QUESTIONS

*Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). Why do not more churches observe this practice?*

In washing the dust from the feet of the disciples Jesus took the place of a humble servant, performing a necessary task no one else seemed inclined to do. Thus He taught the disciples by practical example that they should "by love serve one another."

The ordinances of the Church (water baptism and the Lord's Supper) are set forth in the Gospels and repeated in the Epistles. Foot washing does not seem to be included as an ordinance. However, where people believe in foot washing as an ordinance we do not object to the practice if it is done "decently and in order." This involves separation of the men and women, and it would seem that the service should be attended by believers only.

*What are the two "sticks" spoken of in Ezekiel 37:16? Are they the Bible and the Book of Mormon?*

This reference deals with the national life of Israel, and the two sticks represent the two divisions—Judah in the south, and Israel in the north—that existed under the kings.

Ezekiel 37:21, 22 said that both had been scattered among the nations, but indicated that God would bring them together again as one nation. It looks very much as if this revival of national life has already begun. However, the spiritual revival promised in Zechariah 12:10 to 13:1; 14:1-9 is yet future.

*Is it wrong for a believer to go to law with an unbeliever? Paul said the law was made for the lawless (1 Timothy 1:9).*

Specifically, the verse mentioned refers to the moral law of God, as shown by the preceding verses. However, civil law has the approval of God (Romans 13:1-5). According to 1 Corinthians 6:1-7, Christians should not go to law against other Christians before unbelievers. But there could be situations which might require a resort to law. We do have instances when the apostle Paul availed himself of certain legal rights (Acts 16:37; 22:25, 26). I think a Christian does well and acts wisely if he follows the teaching of Jesus as found in Matthew 5:38, 41.

*How can I explain to a Jewish friend how Christ, who had been Spirit, could become man?*

Have him read Micah 5:2, which declares that the Jewish Messiah to be born at Bethlehem was to be one "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Various Old Testament prophecies taught that Messiah was to be a union of Deity with humanity, an incarnation. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son [humanity], and his name shall be called Immanuel [Deity]" (Isaiah 7:14).

Again in Isaiah 9:6, His humanity is indicated in the words, "Unto us a child is born"; and His deity in the words, "a son is given." Philippians 2:5-11 gives a beautiful picture of the Incarnation.

We cannot fully understand the Incarnation, for even Paul said of it, "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16).

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

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# Showing LOVE to the Lonely

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TO BE LONELY, REALLY LONELY, IS ONE OF THE MOST heartbreaking experiences that can come to a man or woman.

Loneliness has its own special terror, its own peculiar grief. One cannot merely snap his fingers and say, "I'll not be lonely." Try as he may to camouflage his feelings, there is pain beneath the studied surface.

How long has it been since you opened your heart and home to some lonely person? How many lonely individuals have you invited to share an evening or a meal with you?

If we are our brother's keeper (and the Bible teaches that we are) we must do something about this great unhappiness that overwhelms so many. We dare not shirk this responsibility. Whether by organized effort or by meeting the problem as we find it, we *must* help those that are lonely!

God must have recognized the pitiable weight of suffering that is wrapped up in a lonely existence, for He said, "It is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18), and prepared a companion for Adam.

A soldier writing home said, "It is not the falling bombs and the general terror of war that bothers me. It is the lonely hours that tear my heart, knowing my loved ones are so far away." He added, "It is your letters that make the loneliness bearable at all."

Just a letter could be the difference between despair and hope for some soul groping in the darkness of utter loneliness.

I am a public relations officer in a "senior citizens" home. I have had many elderly people tell me, "I was so lonely before coming here. It is an awful feeling with which to live continually."

Even in a "home," these people need to have others who take an interest in them. They want someone to talk to them and ask about their family life in the past. Someone must pray with them, read God's Word to them, and encourage them. Wherever they are they will always need "the fellowship of kindred hearts."

We read in Mark 6:7 that Jesus sent forth His disciples "two by two." I am sure Jesus recognized the fact that these men would be better witnesses if they had companions to give help day by day. The world is "no friend to Grace" and the Christian must needs feel

lonely among the ungodly. How much we need each other!

A missionary once said, "To have a friend to whom one can talk about the day's problems, and to have them shout the victory with you when God has mightily worked, makes life so much easier in a land far from home."

With this in mind, foreign mission boards prefer to send out missionaries who have companions. Married couples are the ideal but the great work of God has also been done by two women, or two men, laboring together in His Name. Loneliness has often been kept at bay by this wise provision.

The Christian seeks to point others to the Saviour. Only Christ can really satisfy the lonely heart. After the lonely one has found the Saviour, he is ready to learn the joys of fellowship with the saints of God.

It is a sad fact that some feel unwelcome in full-gospel churches. I know of one couple who attended a church for many weeks and no one spoke to them or invited them back. This may be an exception but it happened. Let it not occur in our church.

One minister I know has spent one day each week, for the last fifteen years, visiting every guest in a home for the aged. He has won many souls to Christ just by his constant friendly interest in these people.

Sometimes the relief for a lonely heart is no farther away than a telephone. One can brighten the day for a neighbor by crossing the street for no other reason than to say, "I just wanted to know how you are feeling." Such little practices are a part of Christian living.

Jesus during His earthly life felt the need of companionship. Once, for a lonely vigil of prayer, He asked that some of His disciples "watch" with Him. The great work of redemption was accomplished by Him alone, but where He might enjoy fellowship He sought it. If our great Example felt this need, how much more do ordinary persons.

Lonely Christians can help themselves by helping others who are lonely. I know a number of people who make a practice of throwing themselves into the lives of others. They have the joy, the *double* joy, of giving and receiving. One lady for years has refused invitations to spend Christmas day with friends. She prefers to spend it feeding lonely and unhappy people whom she knows.

Let us show this lonely world there is a Saviour who wants to brighten their desolate hours. Let the life of Christ so shine through us that people who feel discouraged and despondent will turn to us for help. It is possible to rub shoulders every day with lonely men and women without realizing their need of help. Asking about their lives, their hopes, and their fears lets these persons know that we desire to help them.

A man was asked, "What is the greatest sin of Christian people?" He answered, "Selfishness. People are only concerned about themselves. One could live next door to some Christians all his life and remain lonely and unwanted!"

Not all people are hardened against God and the gospel. Many are just *plain lonely*, waiting for someone to speak to them. Our greatest joy is in the fact that Christ has called us "friends." Let us show that friendship to others by extending to this lonely world the right hand of warm Christian understanding and fellowship! ◀◀◀

LOOK WHEREVER YOU WILL, THE WORLD WE LIVE IN is packed with undeniable evidences of God's power and handiwork. The song of nature with its multitude of voices constitutes a vast thundering chorus attesting the wisdom and mightiness of our Great Creator.

Edwin W. Orr says: "The crowning evidence of God's wisdom is the marvel of all creation, man's body. What a perfectly wonderful piece of master planning and execution. Beautifully adaptable to its environment, symmetrical in design; efficient and intelligent. Who planned this marvelous system? The only answer you can possibly give is that a wonder-working God did. God the all-wise, all-powerful, all-loving God of the Bible."

I am eighty-one years old today. Meditating on this fact brought me to do some figuring. I think, like Mr.

distributed from the top of my head to the end of my toes. That involves the marvelous circulatory system of which the heart is the center. God provides us with about five quarts of blood composed of millions of corpuscles. These are the carriers of every nutriment necessary for the body, and how busy they are. Every 24 hours the blood circulates through our bodies 3,000 times, carrying nourishment and also removing wastes.

The heart is a marvel of endurance. It beats about 38,000,000 times a year. Each heartbeat forces out about one-half pint of blood, equal in weight to one-half pound. Therefore, each year the heart handles about 9,500 tons of blood. This is the strength of man's life. A man is no stronger than his heart.

My heart then has beat about 3,078,000,000 times, and

# A Marvelous Creation

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Orr, that a man's physical body is a marvel of design and a dynamo of energy capable of performing prodigious tasks.

A dynamo is an apparatus that depends on an outside source for its operation. So the human body is a living mechanism receiving its energy from the source of all power—the Living God. "There is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13: 1). From birth to the grave, man's body is wholly dependent upon a provident Creator for all its needs. "In him we live, and move, and have our being."

Since birth, God has given me 972 months, which equals 29,585 days, counting twenty leap years. If I allow eight hours per day for sleep, it means I have spent 27 years in bed.

The most essential thing for all physical life is oxygen. Who ever thinks of God's wondrous provision in providing a proper balance of oxygen despite its prodigious consumption by human and animal life, and the millions of internal combustion engines all of which exhaust poisonous monoxide gas? Life is totally dependent upon oxygen. I have inhaled a lot of it in eighty-one years and thank God for all of it.

Next in importance perhaps is liquids. Water, like oxygen, is a part of the natural life fluid. Water also is partly composed of oxygen. Allowing two quarts of liquids per day, a conservative estimate, means I have consumed some 14,790 gallons, equal to 493 thirty-gallon barrels.

Of course, I have had to eat food for nourishment. A conservative calculation would estimate my food intake at about 70 tons; equal to 280 five-hundred-pound steers. All this food was wonderfully adapted for the nourishment of my marvelous body, made after the image of the Creator Himself. Only God who designed it knows all about the digestive and assimilative functions of this marvelous body.

The food I eat and the liquids I drink have to be

handled about 769,000 tons of blood. All this is the gift of life from our Great God.

Just another item from amongst the thousands—one, few folks think about—the winking of the eyelids. I shall not endeavor to describe the miracle of this precision camera. I only wish to call attention to how wonderfully our eyes are protected.

Our eyes being in front of our head would naturally expose them to great danger. But our Great Designer took care of that by indenting them and surrounding them with strong bones. Then there are the eyebrows and eyelashes to keep out marauding insects, perspiration, dust, and other foreign matter.

This windshield-cleaning apparatus is an absolute essential for the maintenance of the eye. If the eye were open all the time, exposed to light and heat, the eyeball would soon dry up and become sightless. So God, the Great Designer has placed ducts containing an antiseptic cleanser to wash "the windows of our soul." There is also a special duct from each eye to remove the dust and tears and flow them to the nasal passage from whence they can be expelled.

Our eyelids wink about once every six seconds. This requires no thought on our part. Our loving heavenly Father does that for us. How I thank our blessed Lord for all His manifold goodness to me all these years.

The greatest of all God's gifts and mercies, however, is His great salvation! This physical body is destined to come to an end. Longfellow wrote:

"Life is real, life is earnest,  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art to dust returnest  
Was not spoken of the soul!"

The soul, the real ego, that looks out of those two marvelous windows to view the glories of God's great salvation has also a spiritual sight. For this we thank God and look, like Abraham of old, "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."



## Delivered by a Miracle

Sunday School Lesson for November 17, 1963

ACTS 12:5-17

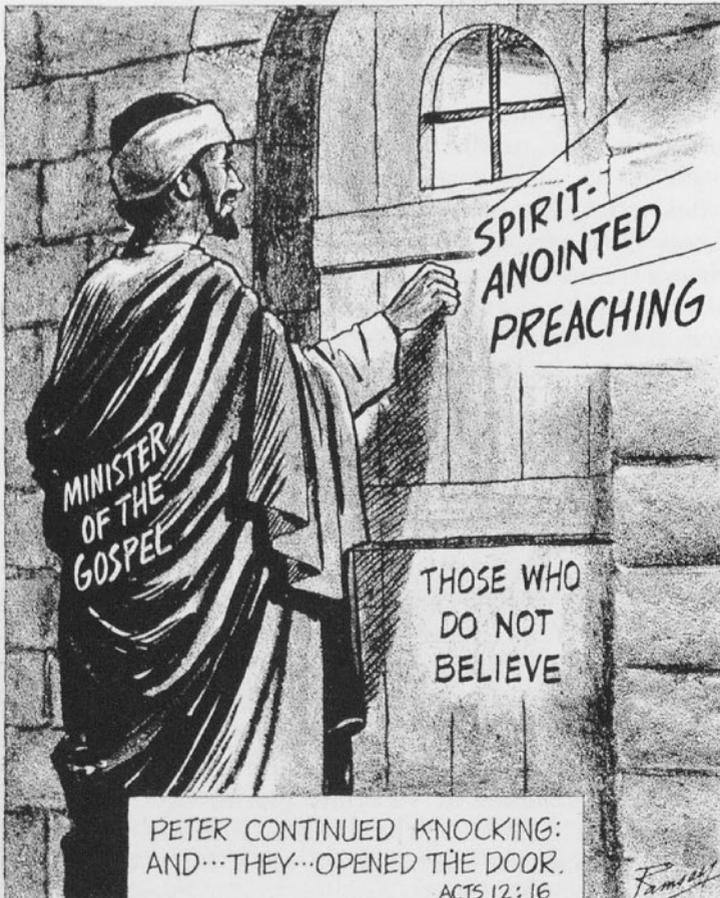
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

How emphatically our lesson story illustrates the power of united prayer. King Herod had executed James the brother of John and, observing that his action had pleased the Jews, proceeded to arrest and imprison Peter intending to execute him too. As an orthodox Jew, Herod would hardly dare inflict capital punishment during the sacred Passover week which had just begun. Hence, Peter's execution was delayed a few days. Consider:

*His perilous Plight* (Acts 12:3-5). Things looked bad for Peter chained and guarded by sixteen soldiers; and things looked bad for the church as well! It had suffered the loss of the apostle James. Peter, their leader, was about to be put to death. What further blow might fall?

*His Peaceful Repose* (v. 6). For days Peter remained in prison. The church had been praying. Nothing happened. On the very eve of his execution, within a few hours of the time Herod intended to kill him, Peter lay fast asleep. How could a man sleep under such circumstances? The answer is simple. Peter slept on the

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promise of Jesus—a very comfortable pillow. Jesus had told Peter some years earlier the manner in which he would die and that he would live to a ripe old age (John 21:15-19). Probably Peter remembered those promises and knew that neither Herod, nor all Rome, could take his life when Jesus said he should live! It is our privilege to rest on God's Word in every time of stress and danger!

*His Supernatural Deliverance* (vv. 6-10). God might have rescued Peter at once; instead, He waited "until the last moment." Why? Was it in order to give the church opportunity to exercise faith? Was it because powers of darkness hindered a swifter deliverance? Was it in order to make the miracle the greater and thus magnify God's grace and power? We do not know. Suffice it to say that God never moves simply at our beck and call. He is never too late and never too early. His timing is perfect!

An angel assisted God in effecting Peter's deliverance. He gave orders to Peter to rise and dress. Peter obeyed instantly—which is always wise! Then the angel led the way through prison gates that opened of themselves. When Peter was safely out of prison and on the street the angel left him. Why did not the angel lead Peter all the way to the home where the church prayed? Because God does not do for us what we can do for ourselves. It required an angel to get Peter out of prison. It required only common sense to get him through the town with which he was familiar.

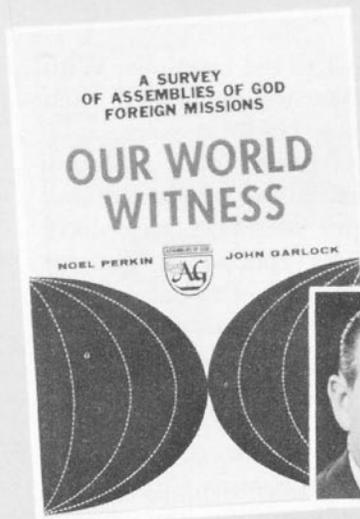
*His Faithful Rememberers* (vv. 5, 11, 12). "But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Here is the explanation of the miracle. What a difference prayer makes!

1. The church prayed *earnestly*. The marginal reading of verse 5 is "instant and earnest prayer was made." Cold, heartless, formal, legalistic praying is mockery when a miracle is necessary. Prayer, in order to change things, must be wholehearted, Spirit-inspired, and offered with a fixed determination to have the thing prayed for.

2. They prayed *objectively*. Some godly people think too much in terms of the subjective value of prayer. It is certainly true that praise, worship, and adoration are important for their effect on us; they are essential to truest spiritual growth. But there is more to prayer than this. These saints were praying for *Peter*. This was no time to be thinking of themselves! Intercession (which is objective prayer—prayer for others) is one of the greatest of spiritual privileges!

3. They prayed *unitedly*. The power of united prayer is demonstrated from Genesis to Revelation. The worldwide Pentecostal outpouring which took place at the turn of the century was the result of united prayer offered by groups the world over.

4. They prayed *perseveringly*. "Prayer was made without ceasing." The church began to pray when Peter was first imprisoned and they were still praying after he had been delivered. Some criticize them for their incredulity when Peter's arrival was announced. Instead, we should commend them for praying until the answer came. God grant us such churches everywhere!



# "Our World Witness"

Charles W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary,  
Reviews the 1964 Training Book of the Year.

WE, CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS, HAVE AN UNFINISHED task. Christ left us "a command that this gospel should be...brought to bear upon the needs of the earth... To perform that task is the purpose and soul of missions."

The workers training course for 1964 will endeavor to help Christian workers do their part in this missions responsibility.

The training book, *Our World Witness*, is coauthored by Noel Perkin and John Garlock. There are very few persons, if any, who more fully incarnate the spirit of missions in the Assemblies of God than these. Noel Perkin is director-emeritus of the Foreign Missions Department. John Garlock, presently serving as editor of foreign missions publications, has spent a good share of his life in Africa, first as a missionary's son and later as a missionary in his own right. Both authors are qualified to write authoritatively and with a spirit of compassion for the lost masses of the world.

A few years ago it was my privilege to visit Africa in the interest of Sunday school work. Upon my return home, several denominational churches invited me to speak to special groups. I found two of these churches had been studying the continent of Africa—the various countries, customs, commerce, and religions. Of particular interest in their study was the effect of Christianity in the midst of superstition and spiritual darkness. The work of their own denomination was brought into focus by presenting vital statistics related to their churches, training schools, and other institutional activities. The meeting room was decorated with maps, pictures, and displays of African curios, all of which set the atmosphere for the interesting study that had been carried on over a period of several weeks.

Needless to say, I left these churches deeply impressed with such a missionary educational program. I compared this type of training to that found in some of our churches. My conclusions are aptly expressed by authors Perkin and Garlock:

"What is the typical situation in which a local church member is confronted with a challenge of foreign missions? Usually it is the occasion of a special missionary meeting. A visiting speaker has arrived to show films, curios, maps, or some other aids while he speaks about his particular field and its work. Often it is on a night other than a regular service night for the local church. Often the missionary is a speaker that the congregation has not heard before. Often the service has been arranged in an effort to be kind to the missionary.

"The effect of all these factors is that, to the typical member of a local church, missions may always be only an 'extra' in his church life. It is apart from the main stream, the normal thing, the regular activity. Foreign missions is just an interesting but nonessential accessory to the Christian faith."

With such a realization of our missions evaluation came a deep desire to improve our missionary educational program on the local level. I prayed over the matter and talked about it to a number of friends. I never dreamed that three years later the Sunday School Department would develop a training book on the subject. Such an approach to this problem did not even occur to me. I believe the idea of developing this book was brought to the attention of the workers training book study committee in the will of God.

Another quotation from the book highlights the desired end in selecting such a text for 1964:

"Most Christian values that young Christians learn are learned at home or in Sunday school. They learn them by studying Scripture and by being stimulated to think as deeply as possible on the personal implications of what they study. From their teacher, they learn Christian attitudes, Christian responses to life's various situations.

"Right here missionary values should find their place in the process of orienting growing Christians. Not that there are or need to be a great many lessons specifically on the subject of missions any more than there need to be a great many lessons on 'love.' Rather the teacher's whole attitude toward an un-Christian world should develop in his pupils a great and permanent awareness of the Christian's place in such a world.

"The beginning point for improving the process of missions education through the Sunday school is increasing the Sunday school teacher's sense of the permeating importance of Christian world outreach."

The book will help us to see missions from the Biblical, historical, and practical aspects. Sunday school workers who study the text will have a new concept of our Assemblies of God missionary program.

It is anticipated that some seventy thousand people will receive certificates for the study of this book, to say nothing of the many other thousands who will read the book or attend the training courses. The potential of this influence cannot be measured. We can conceive God's plan more fully when we see not only *what* God is doing, but *why* He is doing it.

# Kansas City Crusade Is 'Blessing to Many'

## Capacity Crowd Attends Broadcast Origination

"I WISH THE CRUSADE COULD GO ON for another week," commented many of the persons attending the Kansas City *Revivaltime* Crusade, September 17 to 22.

According to Gail Howard, chairman of the Assemblies of God ministerial alliance of Greater Kansas City: "There was an excellent crowd the very first night, and it continued to grow until the last night when the auditorium was filled, as was the balcony, with folding chairs in the aisles.

"D. V. Hurst directed the services each evening. The anointed singing of Lee Robbins was a blessing to all.

Night after night Brother Ward ministered with a rich anointing of the Holy Spirit.

"Some folk commented, 'I could listen all night to such preaching.' The first night four persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Only eternity will reveal the good that was accomplished in this crusade."

Crusade services were held at the Central Assembly of God in Kansas City, Mo., where Paul Brewer is pastor. Pastor Brewer said:

"With great anticipation we awaited the arrival of the *Revivaltime* team for the evangelistic crusade. It was a great

honor to be host to the meetings. With expectant hearts we assembled each night to receive God's message.

"Central Assembly has faithfully supported the ministry of *Revivaltime* since its origin. Members here have been enthusiastic concerning our international broadcast. Presently, three stations release *Revivaltime* in the Kansas City area, and we are giving financial support to two of these releases."

U. S. Grant, pastor of the First Assembly of God, Kansas City, Kans., served as coordinator for the crusade and the broadcast origination service. He states:

"It was a great day in the history of our church to have *Revivaltime* originate from its platform on Sunday, September 22.

"This is the oldest Assemblies of God church in the Kansas City area, having been started with a series of revivals in 1915, and organized as a church in 1917. Its growth has been steady during the years.

"First Assembly has kept *Revivaltime* in its missions budget since the broadcast began. About two years ago the pastor and church placed *Revivaltime* on station KCLO, one of two Christian stations in this area. The church pays for this release in full.

"To have a 450-station release originate from here, with perhaps twelve million souls hearing this particular broadcast with its message of life made our cup of joy full.

"The crusade and origination were a blessing to many, and will long be remembered."



God's Spirit moved upon the congregation at First Assembly, Kansas City, Kans., where the broadcast originated.



Singers from the Kansas City choir for the broadcast.

# ON THE AIR



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

THERE'S REALLY NOTHING QUITE like it!

The annual World Prayermeeting sponsored by the Radio, W.M.C. and M.F. departments has proved to be a *year round harvester!* Each week letters come to the Radio Department telling of answers received—some from requests made two, three and four years back.

And churches are blessed in sponsoring prayer groups to participate in the prayer program. Over 800 such groups shared last year. After the prayer service last year, Max Johnson, pastor at Oskaloosa, Iowa, wrote:

"On November 18 we cooperated with you in the great *Revivaltime* prayer meeting. Over 100 people prayed from 8:30 until 10 o'clock for the prayer requests on the 100 sheets you sent us.

"Not only was our church blessed with a spirit of helping others, but we had a wonderful visitation of the Holy Spirit in the C. A. service in the basement chapel. The C. A. service began at 6:15 p.m. with a song service, and that is as far as the program went, for God began to pour out His Spirit on the group. The young peo-

ple fell to their knees and prayed and praised God until almost eleven o'clock. When the service ended, two had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and every one testified to a real anointing of God on their lives. We have been rewarded over and over again for setting this service aside for the *Revivaltime* Prayermeeting. While the adults were praying for the *Revivaltime* requests, God was moving on the hearts of our young people.

"This is the second year we have cooperated in this Prayermeeting and feel eternity alone will reveal the benefits."

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*Revivaltime* will have been on the A.B.C. network ten years this coming December 15. It hardly seems ten years could have sped by so quickly since R. M. Riggs addressed the radio congregation and announced the "Christmas Gift" of *Revivaltime*.

This anniversary will be commemorated in ten anniversary rallies located in strategic locations across the country during the first two weeks of December. Dec. 2—Chicago, Ill.; 3—Akron, Ohio; 4—Boston, Mass.; 5—Columbus, Ga.; 6—Little Rock, Ark.; 9—Minneapolis, Minn.; 10—Seattle, Wash.; 11—San Francisco, Calif.; 12—Los Angeles, Calif. 13—Houston, Tex. The *Revivaltime* team will be featured in these rallies.

There will be a testimonial dinner in the headquarters cafeteria December 14. The anniversary broadcast will occur December 15.

We are asking *each of our churches* to give a special Tenth Anniversary

## CHOIR TO TOUR SOUTHEAST

THE REVIVALTIME CHOIR WILL LEAVE Springfield on November 26 to begin a six-day tour. This first tour of the school year will include stops in Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

Composed of forty Central Bible Institute students, the international broadcast choir is directed by Cyril McLellan, music instructor at CBI in Springfield, Mo. Each week the group sings on the *Revivaltime* broadcast service. Six long-playing record albums have been made by the *Revivaltime* choir.

If you are within driving distance of one of the tour services, plan to attend.

offering of thanksgiving of at least \$10—or multiples of ten. Some can give \$50 and some \$100. We are also asking all friends of *Revivaltime* who can to give a similar personal offering. We believe an anniversary thanksgiving offering of this kind will be the best way to demonstrate our gratefulness to God for these past years of global radio ministry.

Attend one of these rallies if you possibly can. Pray with us that they will provide thrust for the years ahead in *Revivaltime's* ministry, should Jesus tarry. Give a Tenth Anniversary offering of at least \$10 as God lays the need of this ministry on your heart.

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Let me hear from you?—D.V.H.



area formed the *Revivaltime* broadcast service.



The crusade services were held nightly at the Central Assembly of God, Kansas City, Mo.

# Serving our Servicemen

Warren F. McPherson, Servicemen's Representative

CONTACT is regularly maintained with thousands of servicemen around the world through Assemblies of God military chaplains or pastors. A partial listing of installations being served is as follows:

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Red River Arsenal, Texarkana  
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Waco V. A. Hospital  
Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring  
Utah—Hill Air Force Base, Ogden  
Salt Lake City V. A. Hospital  
Virginia—Fort Belvoir  
Fort Eustis  
Fort Lee  
Quantico Marine Base  
Langley Air Force Base  
Norfolk Naval Base  
Portsmouth Naval Hospital  
Richmond V. A. Hospital  
Roanoke V. A. Hospital  
Yorktown Naval Mine Depot  
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McChord Air Force Base  
Puget Sound Naval Station, Bremerton  
Spokane V. A. Hospital  
Whidbey Island Naval Station  
Wisconsin—Truax Field  
Alabama—Brookley Field  
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Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville  
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# A Friend of the Poor

A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

By EVELYN GUNTER

MOTHER NEVER KNEW SHE HAD A ministry. Theological terms were unknown to her! Rearing a family of five girls without modern appliances must have been a chore. But it was not so great that my mother did not find time for the poor.

We were far from being rich ourselves, yet Mother always managed to find a family poorer than we were. Depression days in the "thirties" found our clothes mended again and again, for new clothes were a rarity; yet out of the repair bag she always found something for the Yandells whose existence was meager beyond description.

She would fold them neatly and say, "Evelyn, take these to school tomorrow for Gracie who is in your class." There were no welfare agencies then—no used clothing from donors as we have today. The next day Gracie would appear in my dress, and I felt warm inside to see her properly clothed.

One summer our neighbor's daughter had typhoid fever and was very low. Death seemed imminent. Mother went over and ministered to the family of ten. When the doctor prescribed a diet of cold buttermilk for Frances, Mother milked our one cow that supplied our family with milk and gave

all the milk to Frances. Somehow the cow managed to produce milk for her, even if her lactation period was nearly over. For six weeks I carried the cold jug of buttermilk across the hill—for Frances! Slowly, Frances improved and got well.

No matter how bare our own food shelves became, Mother always was thankful. There was no complaining. She always pointed us to families worse off financially than we were. I think her thankfulness was the key to our surviving as well as we did during the heart of the Depression. For there were always clothes for school and church, and food on our table. Somehow our budget dollars found tempting food for all seven of our hungry mouths.

One day Mother saw our neighbor out picking the early shoots of a tender plant we called a weed. She said, "God didn't intend for His children to eat weeds. He made something better for us!"

Mother's ministry to the poor has never ended. Even though she is now in her mid-seventies, she still mends and patches, and gives to someone less fortunate.

When Dad went to be with the Lord, the farm home had to be abandoned. Mother had to move to town, but the farm home has continued to serve the poor. A couple whose husband is in poor health and unable to work has a home—Mother gives it rent-free to

them. When someone told her she should make them move if they could not pay the rent, she said, "I figure they are poor, and it's never right to mistreat the poor." She never mentioned that her small social security check was her income. Though poor herself in this world's goods she is "rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate" (1 Timothy 6:18). Or, as the Amplified New Testament renders it, "Liberal and generous-hearted, ready to share [with others]." At least no one could say that Mother "sold the poor for a pair of shoes" (an accusation made in the long ago by the prophet Amos).

Inspired by her example, I am constrained to pray, "Lord, 'send me to the poor.'" And God helps me to find ways in which to answer my own prayer. It has been so instilled in me by her training that I am resolved never to be guilty of "selling the poor for a 'bean ticket.'"

Mother never wrote a book. She never was president of a social club! But someday when I see her dear hands folded in a deserved rest, I shall tenderly hold them and say, "Her hands were never idle—the poor have been truly blessed by the work of her hands!"

And I am sure that Mother's ministry to the poor will have an eternal reward. For Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."



## Are the Promises of the Bible Really True?

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor." Proverbs 22:9.

Test this promise for yourself by responding to the Thanksgiving Sunday Aged Ministers' Assistance appeal for funds.

AMA is the Assemblies of God fund for supporting aged and infirm ministers, missionaries, and their widows. They are our poor, as is proven by requests for financial help. They do not beg—in many instances we learn of their dire needs through other people. These aged pioneers are not able to earn; they have had nothing to save; and they are not eligible for assistance from any source—save the church for which they sacrificed everything. They are our responsibility and we gladly accept the burden of their support.

On Thanksgiving Sunday make AMA an individual responsibility. Say "Thank You" both to God and to our aged ministers and missionaries, by contributing to

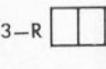
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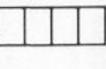
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Psalm 67:3

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# Evangelizing on the Wing

By PAUL CUMMINGS  
*Missionary to Colombia*

A LITTLE YELLOW PLANE SHUTTLES BUSILY OVER THE eastern part of Colombia. "East of the moon and west of nowhere," the country is called, because it starts at the feet of the towering Andes and spreads like a majestic green carpet until it reaches the distant brooding rain forests of the Amazon and Orinoco. There it seemingly is swallowed by its own unexplored silence.

Several years ago the inhabitants of this strange land opened wide their arms to the message of Christ. Suddenly, however, they found that the price of becoming evangelicals was very dear. For ten years persecution in the form of religious civil war brutally tested their newfound faith. Although a few recanted and lived, a far greater number boldly testified for Christ, faced machetes and guns, and soaked the cool jungle or sward with their



Missionary pilot explains the Bible to new Christians.



Speed-the-Light pilot uses hi-frequency radio also furnished by Speed-the-Light.

warm life-blood. Many were forced to abandon prosperous farms and ranches to seek refuge in the wooded highlands and in larger cities. Many evangelicals actually believed that the great tribulation was upon them.

But in recent years the government has changed rapidly, and evangelicals are realizing a new religious liberty. The constant trickle of displaced farmers returning to their native soil has suddenly become a flood of homesteaders and industrialists taking advantage of the lush, free land. Evangelicals, like sparks from a furnace, have been scattered generously over the face of the verdant area, each with a determination to have a gospel church and school in his village. They challenged the Assemblies of God: "Come, give us evangelical teachers and preachers. We will do the rest."

To such a challenge, a positive answer was imperative, but the missionaries faced the giant problem of transportation in a land that still depended on horses and canoes. The annual dry season created ankle-deep dust on scanty jeep-trails, while the rainy season swelled bridgeless rivers into raging torrents which stopped even the hardy mules. Sometimes determined missionaries, unable to reach their destination before dark, had been forced to sleep in their soggy clothes. Hordes of insects made life unbearable.

But if the physical discomforts were annoying, the spiritual frustration was heart-rending. Although the response was gratifying, the ponderous mode of travel was robbing the overburdened missionaries of valuable hours which should be devoted to other strategic centers of evangelism. The challenge loomed like a giant and the problem was baffling. Were these precious people to be lost to heathenism or to the godless cancer of communism? The question was put to God and from God came the answer.

Like an echo from the past the missionaries remembered the remark of one who had visited the area years ago: "If this country is ever evangelized, it will be by men with wings." Now the way was clear. A licensed pilot, serving on the missionary staff, was more than willing to devote his time to this great challenge. Speed-the-Light approved the application for a plane, Christ's

Ambassadors enthusiastically worked to raise the money, and soon the little yellow and maroon Piper was making regular appearances on the many airstrips of the wide, green land.

Today the Assemblies of God is the only mission in the eastern part of Colombia to be blessed with air transportation. More than twenty outstations are being served with regular visits. The Speed-the-Light plane is the lifeline of spiritual supplies. "Buzzing" the palm-roofed villages before a landing has the same effect as the tolling of a church bell. Often before the plane can come to a stop the people come running to buy Bibles, hymnbooks, and other literature. The many isolated military outposts welcome Gideon Bibles which have been brought them on the Speed-the-Light plane.

Friendly airline pilots have a "big brother" attitude toward the plane and its pilot, offering their help and often reporting the plane's whereabouts to other evangelical groups. Some pilots have bought Bibles and attended church.

Where there are no landing strips, the villagers are very anxious to clear them. In cases of emergency the plane is available to anyone, regardless of faith or creed.

Once a government pilot remarked to his wounded patient, as he was bundling him in his own plane to fly him to the hospital, "You owe your life to the evangelicals who built this airfield."

Gradually the Speed-the-Light plane is building a reputation for itself. Once a ponderous block machine was maneuvered into the back seat and flown for one hundred miles across the jungle from one church building project to another. Another time a national pastor was in danger of losing a generous offering. The would-be donor would arrive too late on foot to sell a Brahma bull to a buyer. In five minutes the plane hopped the donor over two rivers and set him down within 500 yards of the buyer's door. The deal was made and five minutes later the church coffer was enriched by 600 pesos.

Glistening galvanized roofs of newly built Assemblies of God churches, which the Speed-the-Light pilot sometimes uses as check points, are sure signs of progress in the big green land.

But somehow, thanks to Speed-the-Light, the land doesn't seem so big any more!



Villagers sing a hymn of welcome on arrival of the plane.

# God's PRN

BY HELEN KOPP, MISSIONARY TO GHANA

TO EVERY NURSE THERE COMES THE MOMENT OF BEING assigned to prn duty. This Latin expression, *pro re nata*, signifies "as circumstances may require." In nursing service it refers to one who is not assigned to do a particular type of nursing, but who will circulate about the hospital wherever and whenever she is needed to do whatever is demanded of her.

Being a prn calls for versatility and skill in all nursing aspects. It may mean that the nurse will have to make a quick transition from feeding a baby to assisting in emergency surgery. But this is a stimulating challenge to every good nurse. A good motto when on prn duty is, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

The term *pro re nata* swells into new dimensions for a missionary nurse because she is God's prn. In addition to possessing versatility in nursing techniques, she must be able to preach, teach, counsel, and perform a great many other duties—the "all things" mentioned in 1 Corinthians 9:22. These include ambulance driving (with do-it-yourself ability in case of a flat tire), judging palavers (that is, listening to both sides of a case and then rendering unbiased judgment), taking an active interest in civic affairs, learning a strange language, answering the many questions that illiterate people continually ask, patiently living a Christ-centered life (for without this, teaching is vain!), writing letters by the tens and fifties, and other things too numerous to list.

These duties must be done patiently and without murmuring whenever the demand is made. The missionary nurse must be cheerful if aroused from a deep sleep at midnight to give emergency snake-bite treatment; she must be willing to leave a hearty meal to assist in delivering a baby. At moments like these God's prn is encouraged if she recalls Paul's exhortation to be "instant in season, out of season"—always ready for what may come.

It is well to sing, "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord," but this commitment may take us farther than we expected. God's prn must be prepared to do *whatever* is required, *whenever* necessary, and *wherever* needed!

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# Bondslave or Freeman?



ED QUIGLEY

By WARD M. TANNEBERG  
*Forks, Washington*

"PAUL, A SERVANT [LITERALLY, BONDMAN, BONDSERVANT or bondslave] of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God..." (Romans 1:1).

The introduction to the epistle to the Romans is often overlooked by the reader in his haste to get into the book itself. However, while the following chapters contain a most detailed study of the theological and doctrinal principles of the gospel, these few words which open Paul's discourse establish forever the believer's relation to that gospel.

One of the difficult problems facing the Church today is the fact that so few Christians are willing to become involved in *witnessing*. A striking contrast is seen in the group known as Jehovah's Witnesses. While

we reject much of their theology and consider their scriptural interpretation as utter confusion, their zeal and personal involvement is worth imitating.

Local groups of Witnesses do not refer to themselves as a congregation, but as a "company," emphasizing their desire to be in the "front lines" of spiritual warfare and fulfilling their interpretation of Christ's command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Seventeenth-century Quakers called themselves "First Publishers of Truth," and they sought to be just that. Their ardor and conviction brought them terrible persecution, but they spread their message to the far corners of the world. They were not afraid or unwilling to become personally involved as witnesses for Christ.

During the early years of the twentieth-century outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the characteristic result was that Christians from all walks of life and from every Protestant center of religion realized their *need* of becoming witnesses. Not only that, but they were filled with the power that enabled them to be *successful* witnesses. Everyone understood that his faith in Jesus Christ must be shared with others. If the desire to share it was not there, it was evident to all that that person's experience was not genuine.

One of the greatest fallacies in the Church today is that there are two types of witnesses—the "full-time" Christian worker and the ordinary "lay person." "Full-time" supposedly refers to the preaching ministry or any other church-related work which consumes the entire work day and for which one receives financial remuneration. The layman then has no direct responsibility for the spreading of the gospel. As a member of a church who gives to its support he can have a professional clergyman do his witnessing for him.

This, however, was not the early Church pattern of operation, nor is it a healthy and promising attitude for Christians today. We must lay aside such false conclusions and find our positions in the front lines of battle. What is needed are Christians who realize they are nothing within themselves, but who are willing to become witnesses by the grace and strength of Jesus Christ! Our own abilities never won a soul into the kingdom of God anyway. Nor did the lack of abilities prevent conversions. He who wins a soul to Christ must do so with the help of the Holy Spirit.

This issue has become very complex and generates a good deal of discussion among Christian people. The honest answer to one question, however, will settle it for each of us once and for all. *Are we bondslaves or freemen in Christ?*

Among the Hebrews slavery has an ancient background. Slaves were acquired in a number of ways. Some were captured during wars; others were purchased

from slave owners; some were born into slavery; others became slaves because of debts they could not pay. Hebrew slaves were treated well. No slave markets existed in the land of Israel. At times, life-long friendships were established between master and slave.

One thing was universal through all the land. After six years of service the slave was eligible for formal dismissal from duties and obligations to his master. He became a *freeman*. He could do with his life as he chose.

However, if the slave decided to remain with his master he could do so. While the rights of manumission were his, he could voluntarily lay them aside that he might be of further service to the master he had grown to love. From that time on, he was called a *bondslave*. He served by choice, not by law. These love-bonds led him to unrelenting service for his master throughout the rest of his life.

Paul the apostle, in introducing himself to the Roman church, used this same term with regard to his relation toward Jesus Christ. He held that he was literally a "bondslave," belonging to our Lord. Nor were the bonds that separated him "unto the gospel of God" legalistic or ceremonial. They were the cords of love and the yoke of devotion. He was grateful to God for his position as a bondslave of Jesus Christ.

Yes, Paul could have remained the "freeman" that he was when the Lord removed sin's dark stains from his wicked soul. At that moment he was indeed free. He had done all that was required of him. His confession was complete. His repentance was genuine. His salvation was real. He could have gone to Jerusalem or to Tarsus and there had a comfortable existence as an "ordinary layman."

He could have supported the local church with his gifts, sent funds to the mission field, lived an upright and honest life in the community. He could have been a "good solid Christian" without becoming too involved as a witness.

But, thank God, he did not! He chose rather to become involved—to the point of the giving of his very life. However, between the decision to get involved as a witness for Jesus Christ and the giving of his life, Paul experienced a lifetime of joys in the service of the King.

He helped organize the early Church; he led all others in giving the gospel to the Gentiles; he preached to the rich and the poor; he healed the halt and the blind through God's grace; he became the world's greatest missionary; he wrote the epistles which have stirred countless generations of seeking souls; he preached in prisons; he spoke before kings. And all because Paul was willing to get *involved* as a witness.

He wanted to do more than just help others—although he was outstanding even in this field. Some today have the idea that lay members are only there to help the pastor in performing his work and ministry, but this is far from the truth. The Scriptures teach that there is a definite place for *both* the layman and the supported preacher in God's plan of service. It is an *active* place. We are *all* called of God. We all have a work to do. Each and every person is to be *included* in the ministry. We should all get involved in this ministry of witnessing.

How one should go about the business of being a personal witness for Jesus Christ is a subject in itself. But before we contemplate that, we must reckon ourselves to be either bondslaves or freemen. God is looking to those of us whom He has set "free" and desires that we become bondslaves of Jesus Christ. He longs to have us draw near to the One we love and commit ourselves totally to Him. It is a voluntary act. He would urge it upon us, but He will not force it upon us.

Jesus Himself summed it up while walking upon the earth when He said: "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

*Is the servant greater than his Lord?* ◀◀◀

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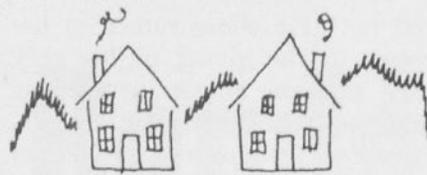
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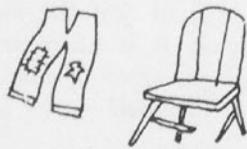
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# LETTERS

## EVANGEL READERS WRITE

### Anniversary Greetings

Congratulations on your fifty years of fine service—wishing you many more.

I have read your paper more than thirty years. Thankful for the privilege of being a regular subscriber.

ORIA P. OLDNER  
Kingsland, Ark.

Congratulations on your fiftieth anniversary. You had a fine golden anniversary issue. I enjoy your publications very much, including *Global Conquest*.

DALE LAVERNE JOHNSON  
Camarillo, Calif.

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the anniversary issue of July 21. The reprints of previous articles, still powerful after fifty years have gone by; the interesting pictures; the challenge of having a mark to equal and excel, if possible, made this *Evangel* a copy to be treasured.

MRS. LYSLE CHISHOLM  
Walla Walla, Wash.

I like the *Evangel*, especially the old-time articles. I have read the *Evangel* since 1916 when I was born again. I was filled with the Holy Ghost in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1918.

E. E. PACKARD  
Applegate, Oreg.

Congratulations on the *Evangel's* golden anniversary. I haven't read it for fifty years—only since 1939, but I thank God for it.

I first heard of the *Evangel* when a cousin in Michigan ordered a subscription for me. I was a Baptist and I was ashamed for the mailman to see "Pentecostal" on it; but I would read the papers. I would look everything up in the Bible to see if it was true, and found everything agreed with God's Word.

Then God spoke to another cousin to come and tell us the good news about the Holy Ghost. What a revival we had in the old schoolhouse. I would like to be in some more meetings today just like those meetings in the schoolhouse. I think if we had more Holy Ghost preaching like that today we wouldn't see so many empty seats in the churches.

I pray God will bless and save through the *Evangel* until Jesus comes.

MRS. NEVA SMITH  
Lumberport, W. Va.

### A Reader for Fifty Years

I am sending my check to renew my subscription. I have read the *Evangel* ever since it was published. It is the most im-

portant paper that comes into my home. When it arrives I have to sit right down and look it clear through.

You see, this is my golden anniversary year in the old-fashioned Pentecostal experience so I am not a stranger to the movement. I do praise the Lord for leading me into this wonderful experience while I was still a young man.

I hope you will pour on all the spiritual fire you can through the *Evangel*. Some of our preachers are not insisting on new converts *praying through*, and getting the joy of salvation before they are told to seek the Baptism. I fear a lot of church members are not even "born again"—they are as full of the world as an egg is full of meat. We must fight this shallow teaching, and urge people to *pray through* until they are genuinely saved and genuinely filled with the Holy Ghost. People still have to *pay the price* to get the Pentecostal blessing. This is a poor time to begin to let down on the old-fashioned preaching.

A. E. DEFORREST  
Wichita, Kansas

### Mourner's Bench Missing?

I am a steady *Pentecostal Evangel* reader. I am sending money to extend my subscription for two more years.

You should print more in the *Evangel* about restoring the mourner's bench in the Pentecostal churches. We need to make room for the Holy Ghost in our services.

A READER IN PENNSYLVANIA

### "Diet and Discipleship"

I appreciated the article in the September 1st *Evangel*, by Lon Woodrum.

I have often seen individuals in the healing lines requesting prayer for healing of infirmities of the lower extremities, spine, high blood pressure, heart trouble, breathlessness, and other kindred conditions, which so frequently are directly attributable to overweight. I do not refer to overweight of twenty-five or thirty pounds, which is too much, but to overweight of forty, fifty, seventy-five pounds.

As a physician I could not help thinking so many times that the prayer perhaps could be more effective if directed at the obesity and the gluttony responsible, than to be directed at the most prominent painful symptom of that moment.

Instruction regarding gluttony as one of the evils of the flesh, its destructive nature, etc., is a need in our movement today, I believe. It undoubtedly is much harder to preach against than hard drink, cigarettes, etc., but the results of gluttony are self-evident among many of us today.

I can't help wondering sometimes if indolence isn't a frequent traveling companion with gluttony. Might be.

DR. C. E. SHARP  
Callao, Mo.

### "Danger Signals"

Many thanks for your excellent editorial, "Danger Signals." Oh, that our people and other kindred evangelical groups would awaken and return to the "old paths."

How unfortunate it will be if some will look upon such a warning as you have given as negative, and will depreciate it because of that fact.

Many were thankful for Stanley Horton's

comment in the *Adult Teacher*. Brother Horton wrote: "Some, it is true, want to put all the emphasis on the positive side today. They say, 'Let us not preach against anything. Let us just give the people a vision of the heights and depths of glory and blessing and service that can be theirs in Christ.' Such churches will grow, but sometimes at the expense of the very depth and height they would like to reach."

A recently published article by the late A. W. Tozer declared:

"These are the days when we are trying to be 100 per cent positive. But the Scripture says of Jesus, 'Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness.' That was said of the very holy Christ Himself, who is higher than the highest heavens and separate from sinners. If He had to hate in order to love, so do you and I. To be 100 per cent positive would be as fatal as to inhale steadily all your life without exhaling. You can't do that... I don't believe any man can love until he's able to hate... I don't think he can love righteousness unless he hates sin; for the Scripture leaves us with the belief that in order to accept some things there are other things you must reject. In order to affirm there are things you have to deny. In order to say yes you have to be able to say no."

This over-emphasis on the positive has been a great curse to our movement, and has contributed to our distressing condition today.

MILTON T. WELLS  
Pastor, Assembly of God  
Wrightsville, Pa.

**"A Prayer for Today"**

I think the poem you published in June, "A Prayer for Today," is so helpful in these days of over-activity. I am asking the Lord to "steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time."

Evidently you do not know the author's name for you signed it "Saint Anonymous." I understand there has been some confusion as to his identity but I believe I have found the one who wrote this. He is Orin L. Crain of Oklahoma City. He wrote it at Easter 1957 and sent a copy to his son who was then studying to be a minister. He did not copyright it. He sent me a copy and said, "I am well paid if it makes you happy. Keep it or share it with your friends."

AN EVANGEL READER

**"My Life Was Changed"**

This past year the *Evangel* has gone "over the top" for fine articles. Wonderful things that one can take hold of, and use, and live by.

My whole life was changed when a friend gave me a bundle of *Pentecostal Evangels*. That was so many years ago.

Now I send bundles of *Evangels* to the reading room in our country courthouse.

I especially like the short articles on "Moments of Inspiration" page. They are gems. I also like the real life articles telling us the power of the precious Blood, the power of praise and thanksgiving, etc. Oh, how they have helped me. May the dear Lord continue to greatly bless the *Evangel*.

MARY KIR  
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# Evangelism BREAKTHROUGH

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KANSAS CITY, MO.—The Sheffield Assembly of God recently concluded an unusual revival with Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. The meeting, which was scheduled for ten days, was extended to five and one half weeks. Souls were saved in almost every service, and several believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. An excellent spirit of witnessing remains with the young people of the church.—C. W. Quattlebaum, pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Last February a former Lutheran minister, Evangelist A. G. Dornfeld of St. Charles, Mo., conducted one of the most outstanding revivals in the history of the Faith Assembly of God here. Thirteen were filled with the Holy Spirit. Evangelist Dornfeld again ministered August 7 to 18. Six were filled with the Spirit, several of the gifts were manifested, and many who had not spoken in tongues for years found freedom to worship in a heavenly language again.

—James E. Bugg, Pastor

PORT HURON, MICH.—A scheduled two-week meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., extended into three weeks at the Assembly of God here. Week-night attendance was excellent, and many came to the

morning services to seek a deeper walk with the Lord. Many were saved, restored, or filled with the Spirit and a number testified to remarkable healings. Special emphasis was placed upon the Word of God. Scores of people read whole books of the Bible during the crusade.

—Gunner R. Kars, Pastor

MULBERRY, FLA.—The "God Save America" Crusade conducted by Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord was a blessing to the First Assembly of God here. God definitely dealt with individuals. The Holy Spirit moved each night and several souls were saved.

—T. A. Williams, Pastor

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—The "Musical Clarks" from Rockford,

Ill., were at the Assembly of God Tabernacle here for a week's revival. Through their anointed music and Paul Clark's preaching three were saved and others reported being drawn closer to the Lord.

—Verlyn M. Skore, Pastor

ALABASTER, ALA.—The First Assembly of God reports a successful six-week revival, July 28 to September 8. Fifty testified to salvation and 32 were filled with the Spirit. New families were reached and a number of young married couples were saved and added to the church. The anointed ministry of Evangelist L. C. Eldridge and the singing of Mrs. Eldridge moved the entire church to a new spiritual level.

—William D. Thomas, Pastor

LEESBURG, FLA.—The Lisbon Assembly of God here is still rejoicing over the revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Paul Gilbreath of Opelika, Ala. Numbers were prostrate under the power of God. There were 34 saved, seven received the Holy Spirit, nine baptized in water, and ten added to the church during the two-week meeting.

—H. C. Conway, Pastor

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—Highway Tabernacle concluded a two-week revival on September 29 with Evangelist John Wilkerson of Florida. Seven were saved, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, many refilled, and the spiritual life of the church enhanced. From the first meeting the attendance was high. The Sunday school reached a new record of 448. These meetings encouraged the church to

launch its new building program.

—Edward Schlossmacher, Pastor

CLARE, MICH.—A move of the Spirit was experienced in each of the meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Ronald Callahan of Illinois, September 10 to 22, at the Clare Assembly of God. The church, less than a year old, grew spiritually and numerically. Several new families came. Fourteen were saved and six reclaimed.

—John K. Wibley, Pastor

LIBERTY, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. E. D. Roach of Sour Lake, Tex., led a week's revival at the Moss Hill Assembly of God here. The church was encouraged by the Spirit-anointed messages, and six were saved. The Sunday school is growing.

—J. W. Fillingim, Pastor

HUNTINGTON STATION, L.I., N.Y.—Members of the Assembly of God here praise God for moving among them when Richard Mohrman, Metropolitan Promotional Director of the N. Y. District, ministered in a two-week meeting. Souls were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to healing.

—Charles Shaffer, Pastor

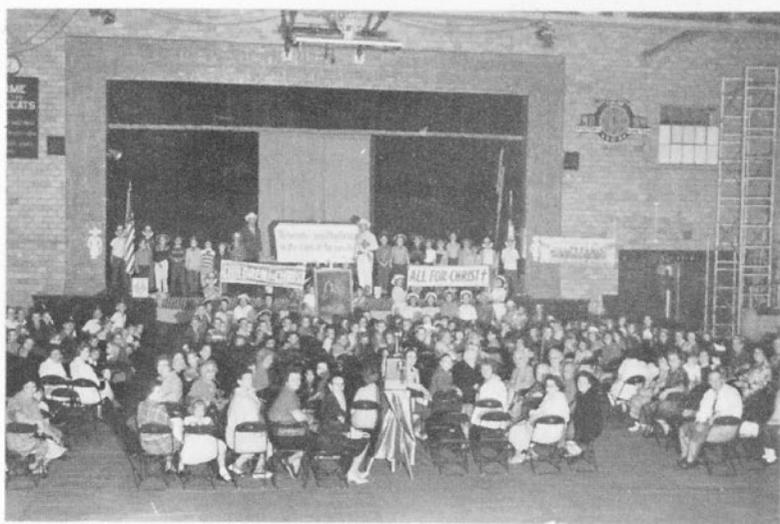
ANDREWS, TEX.—God richly blessed the First Assembly of God in two weeks of revival services. Under the anointed ministry of Evangelist James Black of Whittier, Calif., some were saved and many dedications were made. The Youtharama on Friday nights encouraged a great spiritual move among the teen-agers.

—R. V. Luna, Pastor



McKEESPORT, PA.—Capacity crowds attended a four-day revival campaign at the First Assembly of God with Tommy Barnett of Kansas City. Fifty made decisions for Christ; many young people were stirred to make deeper consecrations.

—Paul J. Wislocky, pastor.



CLINTON, IND.—Evangelist Paul Hild's "Children for Christ" crusade made a forceful impact upon the communities of Lebanon, Lafayette, and Clinton, Indiana. The three revivals drew a total attendance of nearly 3,000 children, many of whom had never attended Sunday school or church before. These children's "roundups" attracted the local Christ Ambassadors who acted as altar workers, leading scores of children to Christ. In Lafayette, 44 different churches were represented.



KEYSER, W. VA.—A soul-stirring revival was held recently with Jim and Tammy Bakker, evangelists from North Carolina. There was an unusual stir among the young people, many of whom knelt for salvation and a number of whom received the infilling of the Spirit. The local radio station gave the revival free publicity. The newly decorated church home, bought from the Presbyterians, drew favorable comment from the press and city officials recently. —R. C. Lymburner



INDIO, CALIF.—In recent months the First Assembly experienced a special move of the Spirit of God. Although no evangelist was secured, revival fires broke out. In a three-month period 30 were saved and 15 received the Holy Spirit and the Sunday school record was broken five times.

—E. T. Collins, pastor



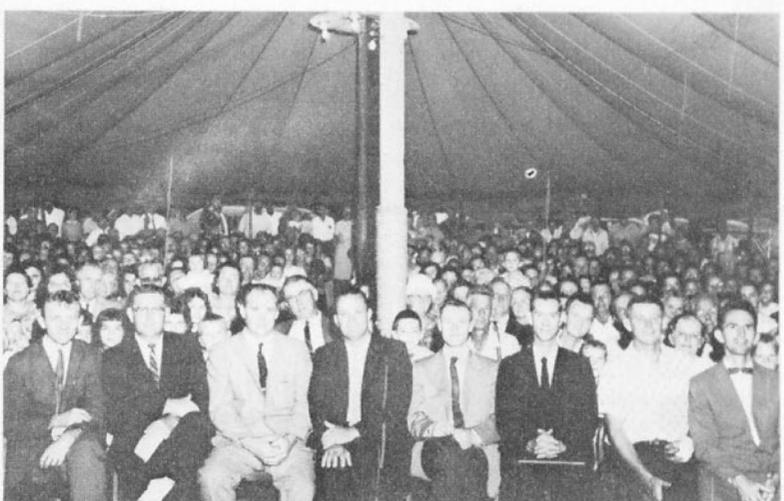
MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly is known as "the exciting church—the talk of Miami." In the regular services, God has been confirming His Word, and marvelous healings and conversions have taken place. The man in the photo found Christ as a result of the healing of his wife's blind eye.—Rex Anspaugh, pastor



MASON CITY, ILL.—Through the efforts of Sunday school superintendent, L. Golden (left) and Evangelist W. Martin (right), all previous attendance records were broken during a revival campaign in September. September 15th, Kenneth Wallace (center) celebrated his 15th anniversary as pastor.



HECTOR, ARK.—The meeting was not planned for it, but the emphasis was upon youth in the two weeks revival with Evangelists Don and Jeanette Jeter. Attendance reached in excess of 100 at many of the services. Seven young people were definitely saved and several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God used the anointed ministry of this young couple to draw outsiders to this small community church. A building program was presented during the meeting to convert this country church into a fine modern edifice. —William D. Hooten, pastor



PETERSBURG, W. VA.—Recently God confirmed the dynamic preaching of Evangelist Harold May, Jr., which resulted in approximately 100 souls accepting Christ as Saviour. The tent crusade drew exceptional crowds for this community, proving the value of union meetings. Several hungry persons received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and some remarkable healings took place during the services before many witnesses. Seated in the front row are the men who sparked the meetings that made such a stir in the community. —R. D. Smith, pastor

RIVERTON, NEBR.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed an exceptional response to the ministry of Evangelist Ruth Copeland. Beginning on a Monday the attendance at the Kids' Crusade was 50, but by Friday it had grown to 105. Many of the children testified to being saved, and at least one adult was converted.

—E. L. Craver, Pastor  
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PHENIX CITY, ALA. — The Spirit of God was in every service of the revival which Evangelist and Mrs. H. F. Freeman of Thomaston, Ga., conducted at the North Phenix Assembly of God. The entire church was drawn closer to the Lord and souls were saved.

—E. L. Ward, Pastor  
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NASHVILLE, TENN. — The First Assembly of God here has just closed a most successful revival. The deeply spiritual ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Charles H. Harthern of Florida produced fruit that remains.

—J. Billy McIntosh, Pastor  
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ROCK BLUFF, FLA.—God answered the earnest prayers of believers for a revival through a

campaign conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Michael Lord. Approximately 10 sought God for salvation. There was good cooperation from neighboring churches and many visitors were in attendance.

—H. L. Edwards, Pastor  
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BRISTOL, FLA.—The Holy Spirit has moved in a wonderful way in the Assembly of God services here. One of the men felt led to begin prayer services. He and the other men (sometimes joined by the ladies) have a prayer meeting almost nightly. Recently Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord ministered for one service and seven came to the altar to be saved or reclaimed.

—Pearl Edwards, Pastor

#### CHRISTIAN WORKERS ENJOY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The third Christian Workers Retreat sponsored by the Sunday school department of the Alabama District was held at Oak Mountain State Park, near Birmingham, Sept. 17-20.

Each morning, on the bank of the lake, specialized studies were held for pastors, superintendents, teachers, and children's workers.

Afternoons were spent on handcraft and outdoor activities.

Spiritual Life services were held in the evenings with Wm. E. Kirschke ministering the Word. One evening the Spirit of God came upon the people in wave after wave of glorious blessing. "This seems like the early days at Azusa Street, that we have read about," they said, for God's presence was so real that they spoke only as they were moved upon by the Spirit.

Everyone was challenged to go back to his local church and do a better work for Christ.

—by George E. Walters  
District S. S. Director

#### SUCCESSFUL CAMP IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Old-fashioned camp meeting days were repeated at the Southern Indiana Camp sponsored by Evansville's Calvary Temple. Crowds filled the tabernacle each night for ten nights to hear Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swaggart of Baton Rouge, La. Hundreds were blessed by the evangelist's music and singing, and his preaching filled the altars with seekers each night. Brother Swaggart has been invited to return for the 9th annual camp next year.

—by Hansel P. Vibbert, Pastor

#### WITH CHRIST

JACOB H. CLOUD, 78, of Bainbridge, Ga., died of heart failure August 15. Ordained since 1926, he served as pastor and evangelist in Georgia and Florida. Brother Cloud also served as presbyter for Alabama and Georgia when they were one District. Survivors include his wife Bertha, one daughter and six grandchildren.

MRS. ELLIE V. TAYLOR, 75, of Trenton, Tex., went on to be with Jesus August 17. She was licensed in 1945 with the North Texas District, and just this year was superannuated.

DAVID C. PLAKE, 66, of Lincoln, Ill., went to be with Christ August 22. He was ordained in 1924 and a member of the Illinois District, serving as pastor and doing some evangelistic work. He also served as presbyter in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Illinois. Pastors he held included Miami and Tulsa, Okla.; Sullivan, St. Louis, and Elvins, Mo.; and Wood River, Sorento, Bethalto and Dow, Ill. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and two children.

ARTHUR H. MONROE, 79, of Cushing, Okla., went to his eternal reward June 14. He was ordained in 1928 with the Oklahoma Dis-



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# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

trict and pastored in Wellston, Eakly, Terral, Wilson and Pawnee, Okla. In 1951 he was superannuated.

**ORIN HARVEY PARKER**, 83, of Kieshla, Ala., went to be with his Heavenly Father July 20. A member of the Alabama District, he was ordained in 1923. Pastors Brother Parker had, include Prichard, Kieshla and McIntosh, Ala. He also did extensive evangelistic work. He is survived by two daughters and one son.

**WILLIAM L. ANDREWS**, 66, of Bellevue, Wash., recently passed away. Ordained in 1932, he was a member of the Northwest District. Besides doing extensive evangelistic work, Brother Andrews pastored churches in Bay Island, and Breckenridge, Mo.; Storm Lake, Iowa; and Forks, Wash. Survivors include his wife Irene (who is also ordained) and three children.

**REBEKAH F. JOHNSON**, 82, of Cleveland, Tex., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus August 12. Ordained in 1935, Sister Johnson was a member of the South Texas District. She did extensive evangelistic work and also pastored churches in Splendora and Cleveland, Tex. Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband John.

**V. W. PRESLAR**, 73, of Trimble, Tenn., went to be with Jesus August 21. He was an ordained minister since 1942 with the Tennessee District. Pastors held by Brother Preslar included Bogota and Trimble, Tenn. Alma, his wife, is one of his survivors.

**HARRY L. BIVANS**, 75, of Tekoa, Wash., died of a heart ailment July 23 at his home. Brother Bivans was ordained in the Montana District in 1945 and later transferred to the Northwest District. He served as an evangelist as well as pastoring in Deer Lodge, Mont.; Arcadia, Tex.; and Yazoo City, Miss. Survivors include his wife Tina and two children.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

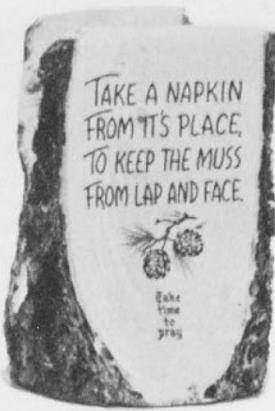
**CHURCH DEDICATION**—Nov. 10, 11, Assembly of God, Clinton, Mass. Guest speaker, Ralph M. Riggs of Santa Cruz, Calif.—by Salvatore Citro, pastor.

**MID-WINTER CAMP**—Calvary Assembly of God, 1919 Miller Ave., Winter Park, Florida, Feb. 16-March 1. Camp Evangelist, Eddy Barg; Bible Teacher, W. Millington, London, England. For further information write Dale C. Zink, pastor.

**DEDICATION** of Assembly of God in Monroeville, Pa., Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Russell Williams, eastern district superintendent, speaker.—by H. E. Hull, pastor.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Alaska	Ketchikan	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 12-24	Gospel Evangel-aire	A. E. Lofdahl
Ariz.	Yuma	First	Nov. 6-17	Winferd Mack	O. W. Killingsworth
Calif.	Cloverdale	A/G	Nov. 10-24	Merel & Betty Thornton	Grover Pollard
	Corcoran	A/G	Nov. 12-24	Kenneth McGee	Cov Nicholson
	Elsinore	A/G	Nov. 4-18	Tommy & Darlene Beard	L. L. Ammons
	Lindsay	A/G	Oct. 29—	Burnis Davis	Roy Lee
	Los Gatos	First	Nov. 17—	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	Kelsey Prinzing
	Modesto	Central	Nov. 12—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Donald J. Bogue
	Modesto	South Modesto	Nov. 10—	Fisher-Cheek Team	C. S. O'Shields
	Morgan Hill	A/G	Nov. 12-24	The Tanner Team	Douglas Fairington
	Sonora	A/G	Nov. 5-17	Marvin Schmidt	Donald W. Throne
	Stockton	E. Eighth Street	Nov. 17—	Sam Klein	C. A. Pilcher
	Taft	Calvary Temple	Oct. 27—	Zelma Argue	Albert Taxdahl
	Woodland	Full Gospel	Nov. 5-17	Ralph Bender	R. A. Wilson, Jr.
	Yreka	Full Gospel	Nov. 5-17	Paul & LaVonne Clark	Stanley E. Morris
	Colo.	Aurora	First	Nov. 13-24	Musical Lebacks
D.C.	Washington	Bethel Pent. Ch.	Nov. 12-17	D. Wendell Cover	J. Renton Hunter
Del.	Dover	Calvary	Nov. 12-24	Frank G. Sharp	David Vespa
Fla.	Orlando	Conway	Nov. 10-Dec. 1	Jack Martz	Charles Newbold
	Tallahassee	Lake Jackson	Nov. 12-24	Jimmy & Carol Snow	Wesley Weekley
Ga.	Adel	First	Nov. 17—	Russell Peavy	Clifford Coursey
	Columbus	East Highland	Nov. 12-24	Don Carroll	R. C. (Keetah) Jones
	Milledgeville	First	Nov. 17—	Nettie Parham	Chas. Ervin Smith
Ill.	Hartford	A/G	Nov. 10-24	Tommy & Mrs. Carpenter	Roy B. Warner
Jacksonville	First	Nov. 12-24	B. R. Minton	W. A. Gardner	
Iowa	Newton	A/G	Nov. 6-24	Musical Vanderploegs	R. Hilton Griswold
Kans.	Hays	A/G	Nov. 12-24	I. D. Rayborn	F. M. Hatch
	Pittsburg	First	Nov. 4-17	Stewart B. Douglass	Oscar H. Bolen
La.	Wichita	Douglas Avenue	Nov. 12-24	Ray C. Eskelin	Robert Mackish
	Baton Rouge	Central	Nov. 3-10	H. M. & Mrs. Lednick	James Courtney
	Lafayette	First	Nov. 10-24	Colman McDuff	Robert S. King, Jr.
Monroe	College Town	Nov. 11-29	James A. Doan	E. J. Graves	
Me.	Caribou	Pentecostal	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Joseph DeGrado	Arthur Bristol
Md.	Cumberland	Central	Nov. 12-24	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Frank J. Fratto
	Cumberland	First	Nov. 12-24	Ralph A. Creider	Arthur Vespa
Mich.	Glen Burnie	A/G	Nov. 17-Dec. 1	J. B. Woolums	G. M. Litsinger
	Pasadena	A/G	Nov. 10-15	J. G. Hall	William Helms
	Niles	First	Nov. 12-24	Joel Palmer	A. O. Marialke
Minn.	South Haven	A/G	Nov. 17-24	J. E. Friend	Ross Simmons
	Paynesville	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 10-24	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Wilbert Remus
Mo.	Worthington	A/G	Nov. 15-17	G. Raymond Carlson	John W. Everett
	Canalou	A/G	Nov. 10—	Loyd Middleton	Roy Bennett
	Flat River	A/G	Nov. 10-17	John & Bonnie Eller	C.R. Hampton
Nebr.	Harrisonville	Berean Chapel	Nov. 10-24	Jackie & Peggy Nichols	Joe J. Williams
	Liberty	First	Nov. 12-24	Jerry & Joy Spain	Herschel Phillips
	Wentzville	A/G	Nov. 12-24	K. E. Matschulat	Ruth Rosser
	York	A/G	Nov. 12-24	Wes & Pat Larson	James K. Richard
N. Mex.	Clayton	First	Nov. 12-24	Dale & Mary Franks	B. Dale Webb
N. Y.	Farmington	Faith Tab.	Oct. 27-Nov. 10	The Asiatic Team	Alvin Eden
	Carthage	Calvary	Nov. 12-24	Phil & Jack Barnard	Bruno A. Glodkowski
	Hudson Falls	Gospel Lighthouse	Nov. 19-Dec. 1	C. B. (Jack) Peters	R. A. Canterbury
Ohio	New Rochelle	First	Nov. 13-24	Kudra Musical Team	M. E. Cudmore
	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem	Nov. 12-24	Ernie Eskelin	Wm. J. Behr
	Huron	A/G	Nov. 13-24	Michael & Peggy Lord	Jerome Rhinehart
	New Phila.	Glad Tidings	Nov. 10-24	Daena Cargnel	Kenneth Shaffer
Okla.	Toledo	First of Oregon	Nov. 12-Dec. 1	L. K. Dodge	Glenn C. Parker
	W. Carrollton	A/G	Nov. 12-24	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Richard Pasquale
	Dewey	First	Nov. 11-24	Mathers-Pharr Team	L. A. Haymaker
Pa.	Muskogee	Second	Oct. 28-Nov. 10	Erwin Moore	Harmon Wilson
	Oklahoma City	Glad Tidings	Nov. 11—	Al Davis	R. L. Steger
	Stigler	A/G	Nov. 11—	Erwin Moore	Gus Martin
Tex.	Columbia	First Pent.	Nov. 5-17	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Wm. B. Keifer
	Steelton	Full Gospel	Nov. 12-24	Curtis Sample	Anthony Mayeski
	Brownfield	First	Nov. 13—	James H. Black	E. E. Mason
Va.	Corpus Christi	Faith	Nov. 10-24	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Douglas J. Friesen
	Deer Park	A/G	Nov. 10-15	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Robert A. Summers
	Houston	Jacinto City	Nov. 12-24	H. M. & Mrs. Lednick	A. F. Hanks
	San Marcos	First	Nov. 11—	Elmer Barnes	Tommy Ruth Ball
Wash.	So. Norfolk	Bethel	Nov. 12-24	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Hugh Mason
	Triangle	First	Nov. 13-24	Daniel Summa	W. C. Blewitt
	Brewster	A/G	Nov. 12-27	Gaidies-Wagner Team	David Westerfield
Wis.	Chelan	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 10	Gaidies-Wagner Team	C. M. Kruse
	Wilson Creek	A/G	Nov. 17-29	Charles Senechal	W. G. Strom
	Rice Lake	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 12-24	Arthur & Anna Berg	Mark R. Carter

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### RUSTIC PINE NAPKIN HOLDER

An attractive and useful table decoration, with motto—"Take a napkin from its place, to keep the muss from lap and face." Text: Take Time to Pray. Size approximately 2½ x 4½ inches. Lends a rustic effect to any dinner table or kitchen. 17 EV 7187 75c

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People everywhere appreciate these symbols of reverence. Ideal for parties, socials, church functions and at home. Scalloped edge, rich, colorful design on soft crepe-finish embossed paper. Text: "Joy to the World." 40 napkins per package. Gift boxed. 17 EV 7433

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- 21 EV 8333 Prayer Changes Things
  - 21 EV 8334 The Lord Is My Shepherd
  - 21 EV 8335 Jesus Loves Me
  - 21 EV 8336 Trust in the Lord
  - 21 EV 8337 The Good Shepherd
  - 21 EV 8338 Jesus Blessing Children
  - 21 EV 8339 Christmas
  - 21 EV 8340 Jesus and the Children
- 35c each



### PRAYING HANDS ART-WOOD PLAQUE

You will thrill at the beauty and reverence of Durer's masterful carving of "Praying Hands," fashioned in this lovely Art-Wood plaque. It will be an attractive addition to any home, school, or office. This popular plaque, molded in deep relief with highlighting, is individually boxed and has a beautiful fruitwood finish. Sawtooth hanger in the back for easy, convenient hanging. Size 9½ x 5 inches. 21 EV 8379 \$3.95



### LUMINOUS CROSS DESK MOTTO

A gift that radiates its own inspiration, the Desk Motto gives forth in the night a soft, pleasing glow. The luminous Cross gives a light blue glow. The nonluminous black plastic base is stamped in gold. The base measures 3¼ x 1 inch; the over-all height of the Desk Motto is two inches.

- 21 EV 8238 Text: Follow Me
- 21 EV 8239 Text: By Faith Alone
- 21 EV 8240 Text: The Lord Is My Shepherd

35c each; \$3.85 for 12

# IDEAL Christmas Gifts and



### IVORY-COLORED PLASTIC FRAME

A handy-sized little frame available with any one of a number of Sallman's famous prints. The frame itself is an ivory-colored plastic item which has a unique modern design along its outside edges. This new frame uses 2½ x 3½-inch prints which are protected by a plastic facing. Over-all frame size is 3⅞ x 4⅞ inches.

- 21 EV 8359 Head of Christ
- 21 EV 8360 Christ at Heart's Door
- 21 EV 8361 The Good Shepherd
- 21 EV 8362 Boy Christ
- 21 EV 8364 Pilot

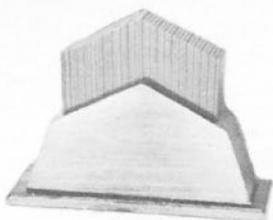
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### INSPIRA-CLOCK

Picture Light and Electric Clock are combined in this unique gift item. The case is of metalized plastic finished in gold. Over-all size is 5½ inches high by 8¼ inches long. It has self-starting guaranteed Mastercrafters movement. Complete with 5½-foot cord and switch for independent operation of the picture light. Features the beautiful Sallman Head of Christ picture. The perfect Christmas gift for families.

17 EV 7228 Head of Christ \$12.50



### PRECIOUS PROMISE CARDS

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- 17 EV 7257 Cards Only 75c Box
- 17 EV 7259 Holder Only \$1.00
- 17 EV 7258 Holder with Cards \$1.50



### "15" PUZZLE WITH SCRIPTURE DUO TEXT.

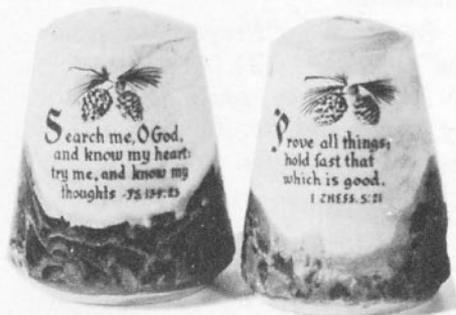
"15" Puzzle is a captivating game. Once you start playing you simply can't stop. Entire families play it—a most wanted gift—an interesting pastime for shut-ins, convalescents. The Scripture Text, "Trust in the Lord," is die stamped on gold and it is interesting to arrange the text in different positions on the puzzle. It's the most talked about, widely played puzzle game. Can be played alone or with others. 20,977,789,888,000 variations—always a new game. A masterpiece of plastic craftsmanship with numbers richly engraved in gold and interchanging blocks that slide smoothly into position. Order several today to entertain your friends. Also excellent as gifts.

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A new series of low-priced attractive mottoes with meaningful hymn verses and luminous plastic figures that shine in the dark. Serve as delightful wall mottoes. The white luminous plastic figure attached to the blue card background can be removed and used as a stand-up plaque. A hymn verse, familiar and loved by children, appears on each card. Size 3⅝ x 6 inches. Each in envelope.

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  - 21 EV 8621 Girl Praying
  - 21 EV 8622 Good Shepherd
  - 21 EV 8623 Head of Christ
  - 21 EV 8624 Praying Hands
  - 21 EV 8625 Rugged Cross
- 25c each



### PINE SALT AND PEPPER SHAKER

These handsome shakers, made from natural California pine, are ideal for table use or as gifts. Natural grain with high-gloss finish; silk-screen Scripture imprints.

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### RUSTIC PINE TIMER

A 3-minute timer resting on a desk or dresser is your constant reminder to "Take Time to Pray." This natural bark novelty is varnished to preserve its rustic but smooth touch. Glass timer sits solidly in hewn-out section of pine bough. Overall size, 4 inches high, 2 inches in diameter.

17 EV 7470 85c



### PLASTIC MUGS AND BOWLS

These flexible polyethylene mugs and cereal bowls are available in four different colors, impregnated tinsel. Each unit has a table grace printed on it with an attractive decoration that will add cheer to the table setting and delight any child. The mugs and bowls may be purchased separately or in sets.

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- Boxed, 30c each
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- 17 EV 7285 Bowl, Pink
- 17 EV 7282 Bowl, Yellow
- 17 EV 7283 Bowl, Turquoise
- Unboxed, 40c each
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- 17 EV 7286 Mug and Bowl Set, Yellow
- Boxed, each set, 75c

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# Are You Prepared?

By Nathanael Olson

"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE who prepare for it!" So says the envelope which holds my insurance policy. Do you agree?

Someone else has said, "Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people!" Do you agree?

Thomas Paine, famous infidel and author of *The Age of Reason*, didn't prepare his soul to meet death and eternity. When death drew near, fear flooded him and he said, "I would give worlds if I had them that *The Age of Reason* had never been published. O Lord, help me! Christ, help me! O God, what have I done to suffer so much? But there is no God! But if there should be, what will become of me hereafter? Stay with me, for God's sake! Send even a child to stay with me for it is hell to be alone. If ever the devil had an agent, I have been that one."

David, the famous psalmist, believed in a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. Therefore, when he sinned, he repented with great heartfelt sorrow. Why? David knew no sin could enter God's heaven, so he prepared his soul by repentance to God and faith in Him. Did it help? Did repentance and faith give him peace of mind?

Listen to his great words of confidence:

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou [God] art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. . . . Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever"* (Psalm 23:4, 6). What was the reason for this confidence? David said, *"The Lord is my shepherd"* (Psalm 23:1). Because God was his shepherd, the psalmist was prepared!

The Bible says, *"Prepare to meet thy God"* (Amos 4:12). Are you prepared? Eighty-three souls pass into eternity *every minute*. One of those minutes will be yours.

God has given us an infallible guide, the Holy Bible. Multiplied millions have followed its teachings and have found peace of mind and preparation for death and eternity. It will help you, too.

1. Acknowledge that you are a sinner. God says, *"All have sinned"* (Romans 3:23). Confess your sins to God. Repent of them. This is a vital step in your spiritual preparation.

2. Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. *"As many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"* (John 1:12).

3. Announce to your relatives and friends that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. The Bible clearly says, *"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"* (Romans 10:9, 10).

In deep repentance and faith, follow these three "A's" and God will give you a glorious fourth one: Assurance. You will not have to guess-so, think-so, or hope-so. You will have a know-so salvation. You will *know* that you are prepared.

Remember, the future belongs to those who prepare for it. Are you prepared for death, eternity, and heaven? If not, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"* (Acts 16:31).

***Nothing Is More Certain Than Judgment***