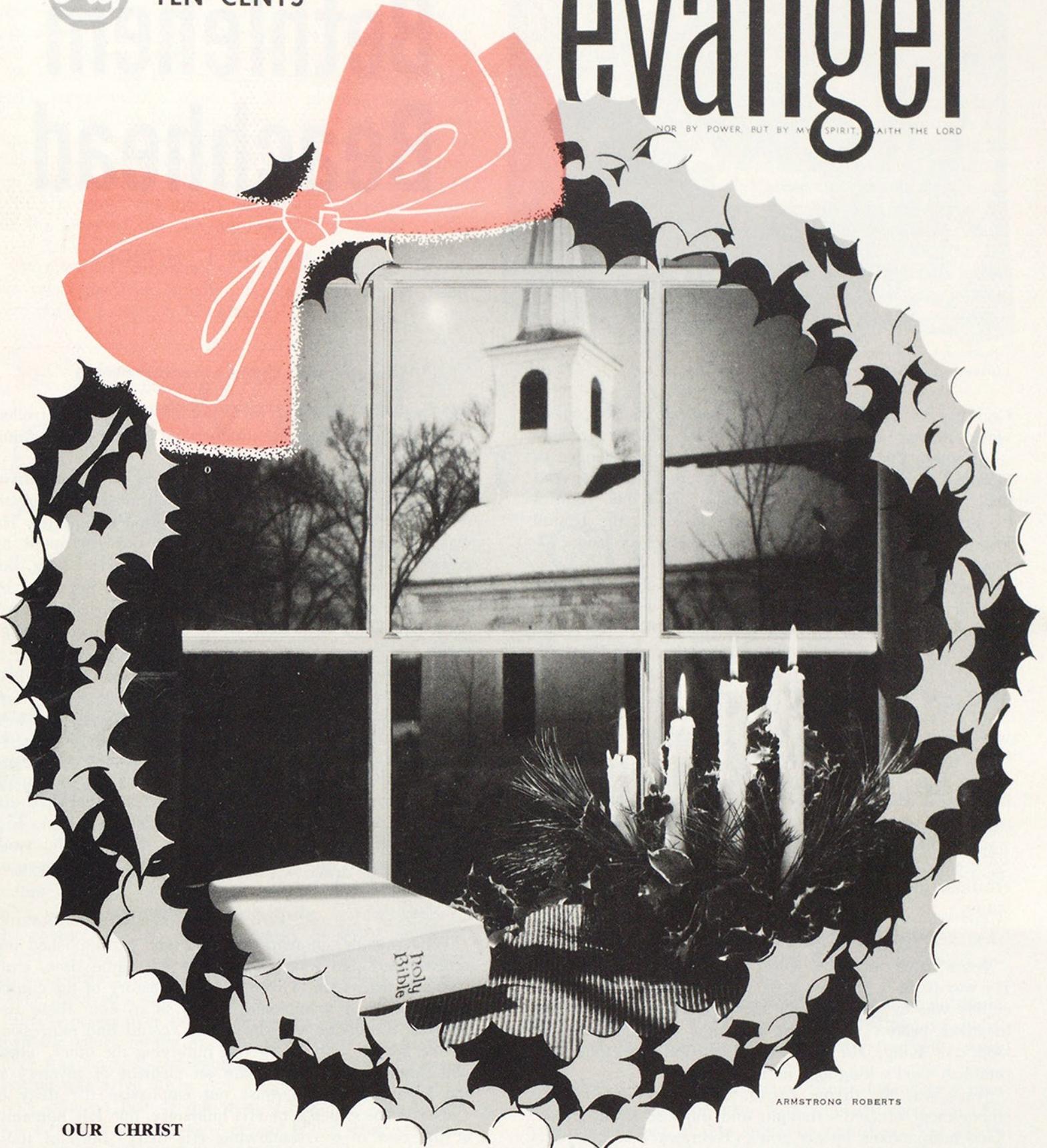




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NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

OUR CHRIST

I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe
Could in the Godhead be;
I only know the Manger Child
Has brought God's life to me.

I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world from sin could free;
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.

I know not how that Joseph's tomb
Could solve death's mystery,
I only know a living Christ,
Our immortality!

— HARRIET WEBB FARRINGTON



LAMBERT PHOTO OF DRAWING BY RENI, 1575-1642

Bethlehem Beachhead

BY MELVIN L. HODGES

GOD BEGAN AN "INVASION OF LIBERATION" FOR THIS world on that first Christmas day, nearly 2,000 years ago.

Although the world and all that is therein belonged to God by right of creation, a usurper, by a strategy of deceit, had deflected man's loyalty from his rightful Sovereign. Now the time had come to regain the ground lost to Satan through the fall of man. It was God's D-Day.

The Enemy must be met and conquered on his own territory. Through man the kingdom had been lost, and through man it must be regained. Where the first Adam failed, the "last Adam" must overcome. God must establish a "beachhead" in the human race over which Satan would have no control and which would be the "base of operations" for the liberation of the entire world from the dominion of the usurper, and the beachhead was the Babe of Bethlehem.

The actual invasion began with the birth of Jesus, the first man who could say, "The prince of this world cometh: and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). Here was "territory" completely under the control of the true Sovereign and rightful Lord. Here was the head of a new creation, one capable of being the captain of our salvation.

THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION

Jesus came into the world on a three-fold mission: He was to be a prophet, a priest, and a king. As prophet, He was to deliver God's message. As priest, He was to make perfect atonement and thus reconcile man to God. As King, He was to defeat God's enemies and establish God's kingdom in the earth.

Jesus was the divine *Logos*, the Word of God—the embodiment of God's thought and purpose toward man. "God hath spoken by his Son" (Hebrews 1:1, 2). Jesus revealed God. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Never had a man lived as this Man lived: a completely integrated personality with no weaknesses; the manifestation of righteousness, judgment

and humility; perfect in self-control (God-controlled would express it more accurately) and perfect in executing righteousness.

Here was a man who could take a whip and drive money-changers from His Father's house, or submit without protest to shameful revilings and indignities. He was a man of power, but He was not corrupted by power. The multitudes would have made Him king, but He continued His lonely path to Calvary unmoved by the appeal of popularity. What a man! Perfect in love, perfect in holiness, perfect in mercy and perfect in judgment.

He came to bridge the gulf between God and man and redeem man from his fallen state. The weapons of the usurper were sin and death. Through them Satan kept mankind in bondage. In the wilderness Christ met and conquered the temptation directed against His own soul. On the cross He broke the power of sin over mankind. Through death He destroyed Him that had the power of death, that is, the devil (Hebrews 2:14, 15). In His resurrection He conquered death itself, swallowing it up in life. Thus He freed those who believe on Him from the destroyer.

THE PERSON OF THE INCARNATION

What manner of man was this who accomplished our redemption? He was, at one and the same time, truly God and truly man. Throughout the history of the church there has been much controversy as to *how* these two natures, the divine and the human, could find expression in one person without the one nullifying the other. There will doubtless always remain an element of mystery in the Incarnation. We must not emphasize the deity of Christ at the expense of His humanity, nor His humanity at the cost of overshadowing His deity. Both of these elements were present and active in Jesus.

In the process of the *kenosis* (self emptying) as described in Philippians 2:7, did the Son of God lay aside *all* attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and

omnipresence? Some would say this was necessary or Christ would not have been truly human. As an alternative, I would suggest that in all those situations where Jesus acted as man's representative, He limited Himself to those means that are available by grace to us all. He met temptation as a man, for Deity could not be tempted with evil. As a man He required those means of divine help which are available to us all: prayer, the Word of God, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

However, while He was man's representative, He was God's representative also. In His unique position as God-man, and our Redeemer, there may have been situations which required that they be met as the Son of God ("I will send my *son*, perhaps they will reverence him"—Luke 10:13). There were situations which showed forth His glory, not merely the glory of a perfect man, but the glory of the only-begotten of the Father (John 1:14, 2:11; 11:25).

Consider the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. In this crisis the true situation is made evident. If Jesus were not in a position to exercise His power as the Son

of God *apart from His dependence on His Father*, then it appears that the temptation to prove that He was the Son of God by turning stones into bread would have had no real significance. Satan challenged Jesus as *God's Son* to demonstrate His power independently of God's ordained program. How could Christ have been tempted to use power to which He did not have access? For the temptation to have significance, Jesus must have the power to decide whether to exercise this prerogative or not.

In meeting this temptation, Jesus did not deny either His Sonship or its corresponding power, but He made use of only those means of victory which are available to *men*. He laid hold of the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Thus He met temptation as a man. His temptation was a real one. He won the battle by making the right choices and using those means available to man.

Ernest S. Williams ably summarizes these truths in the following words: "In making Himself of no reputation,
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My Most Unforgettable Christmas

By Robert L. Brandt

"UNLESS YOU BOYS BEGIN TO BEHAVE BETTER YOU'LL GET nothing but sticks in your stockings for Christmas," Mother threatened. There were three of us at that time. And we were quite normal boys, I guess. At least it wasn't difficult for us to keep things quite lively around our house. To be sure, Mother's threats didn't produce much improvement.

Then Christmas Eve came. Our stockings were hung in the old farmhouse kitchen and expectancy was high.

When it was about dark Mother took us all to the attic to test some cheese which had been curing there. Stalling for time so Dad could get everything set downstairs, she deliberately prolonged the testing process. The cheesecloth had to be carefully loosened. Each of us had to try a slice of the cheese, and then the wrapping had to be painstakingly replaced. If I remember correctly, it even involved a sewing process.

Finally it was over and the three of us went thundering down the stairs to the kitchen. Then came the shocker. There was surprise and complete bewilderment. In every stocking was a big stick.

We couldn't believe our eyes. Christmas was always such a happy, exciting time at our house. But now was the exception. Judgment had caught up with us.

My younger brother and I began to cry, but not the youngest. He wasn't quite sure this was the end. And it wasn't.

In a moment Dad flung open the door to the living

room where, through our tears, we could see the most beautiful Christmas tree with burning candles; and beneath its boughs were gifts for all. Mercy had triumphed over judgment.

So it is in the dealings of our heavenly Father with His creatures. Every one of us was worthy of judgment for our sins. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

But God has two arms—one is mercy and the other grace. With His arm of mercy He holds back the judgment we deserve, while with the arm of grace He brings salvation.

It has been explained that mercy is that act whereby God prevents us from receiving what we have earned; while grace is that act whereby God permits us to receive what we have not earned.

We boys had earned judgment. There can be no doubt about it. But our father's mercy prevailed against judgment and his grace provided a beautiful tree and lovely gifts.

Judgment is pursuing all men. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). All have sinned and all sin must be punished. Yet God's arm of mercy withholds the judgment, and His arm of grace holds open the door while we catch sight of another tree, not adorned with candles of wax, but bearing the Light of the World. And at the foot of the tree are rich gifts for all who will pass that way. ◀◀

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

God's Gift of Peace

The number of people who hope for war is very small. There may be a few persons who, for purposes of selfish gain, desire an international conflict but most men and women ardently wish for peace that they might continue their money-making, their pleasure-seeking, their comfortable way of life.

People wish for peace that their cities might be spared from bombing, their lives from destruction, their sons from hardship. They seize hopefully upon the angels' message—"On earth peace, good will to men"—for they fear another war would wipe out half the population.

But the most astute statesmen cannot ward off war forever. God said, "The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly" (Isaiah 33:7), and His Word also declares there shall be wars and rumors of wars right up to the time of Christ's second coming. We must not deceive ourselves with empty hopes for a lasting peace in this godless age, however passionately we may desire peace, however zealously we may work for it.

The shepherds on the hills near Bethlehem trembled, but it was not from war jitters. It was not the power of Rome that paralyzed them with fear, but the power on High. The glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. They thought, "God must be angry with us. He has come to punish us for our sins. It is judgment day." And well they might think so, for it was night and yet the hills were floodlit with a glory as bright as the noonday sun. Not only that, but they saw an angel, and for all they knew he had come to kill them!

What relief the shepherds must have felt when the angel said, "Fear not." He announced the birth of One who had come not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. Soon a multitude of angels appeared and began to shout God's praises, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." It must have gladdened those shepherds' hearts to know that God's thoughts toward them were thoughts of peace and good will, not judgment. The message of the herald angels was that God and sinners were to be reconciled.

How was this reconciliation to be accomplished? It was to be through a Babe that was born that night. The Scripture says, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

A day is coming when peace will be universal—when Christ shall reign for a thousand years and there shall not be a single war. What a golden age that will be. But at present the peace that Jesus brings is a personal matter. He imparts it not in universal measure but on an individual basis. We read in Colossians 1:20 that Christ "made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." He has reconciled us "in the body of his flesh through death," in order that He might present us "holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight" IF we "continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (vv. 22, 23).

Peace with God—what greater blessing could we ask? And this is His Christmas gift to all of us, through His Son.

—R. C. C.

THE INDWELLING OF THE KING

Waiting for a royal coming—what expectation, what preparation, what tension! A glimpse for many, a full view for some, a word for a favored few, and the pageant is over like a dream. The sovereign may come but does not stay.

Our King comes not thus: He comes not to pass, but to "dwell in the midst of thee" (Zechariah 2:10); not only in His Church collectively, but in each believer individually. We pray, "Abide with us," and He answers in the sublime plural of the Godhead, "We will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). Even this grand abiding with us does not extend to the full marvels of His condescension and His nearness, for the next time He speaks of it He changes the "with" to "in" and thenceforth speaks of "I in you" (John 15:4, 5).

It is almost too wonderful to dare to speak of—Christ Himself, my King, coming to me, dwelling in my very heart! Really staying there all day, all night, wherever I am, whatever I am doing; here in my poor unworthy heart at this very moment! And this only because the grace that flowed from His own love has broken the bars of doubt, and because He has given the faith that wanted Him and welcomed Him.

The more we have known of the plague of our own heart, the more inconceivably wonderful this indwelling of Christ will appear—much more wonderful than that He chose a manger as His royal setting place, for that had never been defiled by sin, and had never harbored

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CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS

An old Christmas custom of placing sheaves of wheat, saved from the summer harvest, in trees to feed the birds during the Christmas season, is still carried on in Scandinavian countries and in many American communities having residents of Scandinavian descent.



His enemy. It is no use trying to comprehend this incomprehensible grace of our King—we have only to believe His promise, saying, "Amen; the Lord God of my lord the king say so too" (1 Kings 1:36).

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL in *My King*

A NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN'S GIFT

While conducting revival meetings in a number of our assemblies in the Lagos (Nigeria) region recently we received a number of gifts of appreciation from the Christians. Some brought us fruit; others brought eggs, etc. One African believer brought us a book. We were grateful for these expressions of love from the people.

On the cover of the book that was given to us there was a poem, in handwriting, which the donor had composed. It was a blessing to me and possibly it would be a blessing to other *Evangel* readers:

*Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle Child of gentle mother,
In a stable born—our Brother—
Give us grace to persevere.
Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes Thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest,
Help us all Thy truth to hear.*

ROBERT R. WEBB, *Assemblies of God Missionary*

INCARNATE SON OF GOD

Whenever in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ any incident indicates more emphatically than usual the lowliness of His humiliation, there by the side of it you get something that indicates the majesty of His glory. He is born a weak Infant, but angels herald His birth. He lies in a manger, but a star hangs over the royal city to lead sages from afar to offer Him their gold, frankincense and myrrh. He sits wearied on the well stone and craves for water from a peasant woman; but He gives her the water of life. He lies down and sleeps from pure exhaustion in the stern of a fishing boat, but He awakes to command the storm to be still. He weeps beside a grave in deep sympathy with His friends, but He flings His voice into its inmost recesses and the sheeted dead comes forth. Truly "Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6).

*Such was our Lord in dual natures one,
The woman's seed in very truth,
and God's eternal Son.
O Child! O Son! O Word made flesh,
May Thy high praise increase;
Thou wonderful, Thou Mighty God,
Eternal Prince of Peace.*

—Tract by Good News Publishers

Once Upon a Christmas

by Betty Swinford



THE WRINKLED CREE INDIAN SEEMED well pleased with his trap lines this morning. Dim of sight, toothless, part of his hearing gone, Charlie carried two minks and a silver fox over his shoulder. At his feet, caught securely in a trap, was a dead beaver. Yes, he was indeed pleased with his catch!

And there was more than this to be happy about; for today a plane would land at Fort Severn, this lonely little outpost seven miles from Hudson Bay, and missionaries would take up the work here. Oh, how his people had longed for some Protestant missionaries who would come and bring them the Word of God! And, because Charlie earnestly loved this precious Word, he began to speak portions of it aloud as he walked toward the village. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"

Yet, even as Charlie's voice sounded through the icy air, there lay within his heart a brooding sadness. He could not understand it, but the poignancy had been there ever since Charlie could remember.

Coming into the village, the old Cree paused. Then, with astonishing agility, his footsteps quickened. A plane was

circling above—a plane on skis! The missionaries were coming!

His catch of furs was forgotten as he stood there in the bitter cold with the other villagers, waiting for the plane to land. The preacher-pilot was known to the Indians, but it was the missionaries they wanted to see! And then—oh but, no! Charlie's heart sank along with everyone else's. Those were *women* getting out of the plane!

Voices sounded in protest as the people began to scatter, leaving the missionaries with only a brief welcome. Charlie turned away with a heavy heart. The village had asked for missionaries, but they hadn't even considered the possibility of ladies! How could two women carry on the work in this cold and lonely place?

The weeks passed slowly. From a safe distance, Charlie could see that somehow the women managed to exist. There was wood in the woodbox outside their door, and they *were living* in the frail, weatherbeaten house, a twelve-by-twenty frame structure that one of the Indians had abandoned for them. But how the Indians managed to crowd inside this room for services, and how the women managed to get anything across to the Crees

when they couldn't speak the language, was more than Charlie could understand.

Here, however, he dared think no further, because he realized too well that he alone could speak English. But he did not wish to act as interpreter. After all, Charlie was Anglican! Then, too, he did not wish to offend the two Roman Catholic priests who had come to Fort Severn as missionaries. They had won no converts, but they were good to help the people, good to help Charlie. One of the priests could speak both English and Cree, and for Charlie to offer his services to the Protestant missionaries would certainly be offering the priests heavy competition! He just could not afford to lose their favor!

Arguing thus within himself, Charlie returned to his traplines. Walking along in the frosty air, he tried to soothe his conscience.

With the Anglicans trying so hard to get the ladies away from the village, it wouldn't do any good to act as interpreter anyhow. Both missionaries will have to leave in a matter of weeks. His faded eyes examined a trap, but it had not been sprung. He straightened and walked on, think-

ing, *By the time I return to the Fort they will be facing the Tribal Council. No—they can't possibly last!*

But the old brooding melancholy returned to Charlie's heart. He quoted Scripture aloud to himself, but it brought no balm to his heart. He reached a weatherbeaten sieve of a hut where he would spend the night, but he could not sleep.

It was with both relief and heaviness that he walked into Fort Severn late the following afternoon. Relief that he was back with his people, and heaviness when he saw the white ladies returning from a home to make a call when they could speak no English.

"Charlie, you are back!" a voice called. "And just in time to hear the news!"

The wrinkled old Cree stopped, nonplused. "What do you mean, Jeremiah?"

Jeremiah scratched behind one ear, looking away to the one-room house he had vacated in order for the missionaries to have a place to live. He pointed a long, bronzed finger. "Our missionary ladies have been called to appear before the Tribal Council. The Anglicans have protested their being here. After all," he finished sadly, "they can't minister to us without an interpreter."

Charlie's heart grew heavier than before. It was but three days until Christmas and Charlie had planned to go to the Anglican church for refreshments and a present. He couldn't offer his services *now!* But it would be a sad time for the missionaries.

Depositing his furs in his hut, Charlie followed Jeremiah at a distance. A little while ago the chief had gone into the building where they held their council meetings. The members of the council had entered also. Charlie stepped around the corner guiltily when the ladies approached and went inside.

Charlie swallowed. After all, they *did* love the Lord. They only wanted to minister the Word and help the Indians. Could that be so bad?

Stepping close to a window, Charlie pressed an ear close to listen. Whose voice? Oh, yes, that was Sinclair, a member of the Council, speaking rapidly in Cree.

"I know nothing of the missionaries," he said quietly, "but I do know this. When my wife died, the missionaries took my little girl. They

fed and clothed her and kept her in their home until I could care for her again. They saw to it that we had something to eat and they asked nothing in return. I cannot recommend that they leave the village, for they have only brought me good."

Charlie moved away. Sinclair swung a good deal of influence, so no doubt the ladies would stay. *But for what?*

During the next three days Charlie waged a battle with self. The whole village sensed the preparations being made by the missionaries. The aroma of baking cookies hung heavily upon the night air as Ruth and Grace prepared refreshments for the entire village. On Christmas day they would make tea and—. *But they spoke no Cree!* They had a message and were unable to give it!

For the Indians, Christmas day dawned clear and cold. New snow was falling and the river was frozen with a thick, hard layer of ice. A dog sled had just passed Charlie's hut, and tonight another sled would bring in turkey and all the trimmings for the two Roman Catholic priests, the two missionaries, and two Hudson Bay employees. This was a once-a-year occasion as barriers were broken to allow fellowship among these people.

Already Indians were entering the missionaries' home. It would be crowded to its twelve-by-twenty-foot

capacity, and the Crees would be graciously served tea and cookies.

Charlie stepped out into the bitter cold, watching his breath grow frosty white. He stared toward the Anglican Church. All of his people would make the rounds today, from the missionaries' home to the Hudson Bay House to the Roman Catholics.

Rubbing a hand across his leathery forehead, he wished that his eyes were not so faded. He wished he could hear better, wished he weren't old and ugly and toothless. Then, bringing his thin, bony shoulders up straight, Charlie walked to the little house and went hesitantly inside.

Why, he thought, *there must be forty people in this place!* And now that Charlie had actually made the decision, he grew impatient for the village people to come and go so he could speak to the ladies alone. When the moment came he approached them with a feeling of eagerness.

"Do—could you use an interpreter?" he asked, knowing full well that their need for one was desperate.

"Oh, Charlie!" Ruth cried softly in English. "We need you so badly!"

Now that they understood one another, Charlie found that the sparkling tears in Ruth's eyes embarrassed him, so he hurriedly found out when he would be needed and returned to his home. That day was not without joy, however, and that evening the ladies held their first real service in their tiny room.

Thirty-nine people were present as Ruth gave the Word and Charlie broke it into Cree. Charlie's heart felt as if it were melting within as he retold the Christmas story, then led on into a message of salvation through the blood of Christ. Strange emotions took hold of Charlie, and he began to realize that he had never accepted this Jesus as his personal Saviour. He had known the Word, had loved the Word, but he had never known the Living Word; and, as the old Cree related the glad tidings and ended with an invitation to accept Christ, he was the first one to surrender his heart to God.

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Today Fort Severn has a lovely Pentecostal church as well as a nicely furnished parsonage. The Indians of Fort Severn throng to the services and thrive on the precious Living Word that has changed so many of their lives. ◀◀

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Your offering can bring fresh encouragement to the missionaries in their great task of winning the Indian people. Please send it direct to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



Pentecost in the Orient

By Maynard L. Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Far East

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHEN ASSEMBLIES of God missions closed on the China mainland, emphasis shifted to the establishment of new centers of evangelism in surrounding nations. Fifteen Assemblies of God Bible schools now encircle China in a great sweeping arc from South Korea on the northeast to Burma on the southwest. As graduates of these Bible schools are maturing and assuming leadership in various countries, we are experiencing the solid, fully Pentecostal work we have coveted for a long time.

Relative political stability in most countries of the Far East has provided a favorable atmosphere for church development. Some areas are worthy of special note.

The Philippines is possibly the fastest-growing field in the area. The three Bible schools are filled to capacity—nearly one hundred students per school. A new "post graduate" school is being planned and Filipino brethren are using local resources to bring into being an additional Bible school.

The Japan Assemblies of God,

usually considered the largest evangelical Christian church in that country, recently concluded the most outstanding annual convention in its history. There were such mighty moves of the Holy Spirit that preaching sometimes was impossible. And this in conservative Japan!

In all probability, the newly-formed country of Malaysia will play a key role in Assemblies of God missions in Southeastern Asia. The country is prosperous; it is stable; it is anti-communistic. The Assemblies of God finds itself in a fortuitous position, with well-developed churches throughout the country.

Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, is one of the most beautiful cities in the Orient. It will probably become a political, cultural, and economic center. In Kuala Lumpur, at the hub of things, the Assemblies of God has a first-class Bible school and three fine church congregations. We are expecting soon to have a downtown revival center as well.

Youth revivals continue in Malaysia. When the present group of Spirit-filled youth attains maturity, there will



Cho Yonggi, pastor of Seoul Revival Center, interprets as Maynard Ketcham speaks to Korean students.

be a large number of Pentecostal workers in Malaysia.

The revival center in Seoul, Korea (a full-fledged church with an adult baptized membership of approximately 1,500) was established about two years ago. It is now the largest Assemblies of God church in the Orient, the second largest church of any type in Korea (that land of great churches), and one of the great Pentecostal churches of the world. It is ably pastored by a Korean under thirty years of age, a graduate of our own Bible school. Revival fires continue to sweep Korea.

Funds provided through Assemblies of God Far East radio crusades have made possible a rapidly-expanding radio outreach. Many Filipino pastors, with encouragement and a little financial backing, are producing effective local programs. Our Japan broadcast continues as one of the great Christian radio programs in that country. In Formosa we not only have complete coverage of the island in two languages but our programs are also beamed free of cost to the mainland of China by two government-owned



Delegates, who attended the Pacific Oceania conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, pose at the front of the church.

600,000-watt propaganda stations. Our Korean programs are rapidly developing. A new outreach opportunity is a program being beamed to Indonesia from FEBC transmitters in Manila.

In spite of fantastic pressures the Burmese Assemblies of God continues to grow. Here nestled on the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains in that triangle where India, China, and Burma join we have 12,000 Christians in self-supporting churches. And the Pentecostal experience jumps from tribe to tribe in the mountain fastnesses on this "roof of the world." Pentecost is reaching such storied

groups of people as the Lisus, Lushies, Chins, Nagas, Rawangs, Kanongs, and Kachins.

The spread of Pentecost throughout Pacific Oceania received a great impetus at the time of the Pacific Area Conference held in Honolulu in the summer of 1962. Even small atolls in the Pacific Ocean are receiving the Pentecostal testimony! Tribal chiefs are donating land for churches and Bible schools and are importuning the Foreign Missions Department to arrange for workers.

Truly, Pentecost is "on the march" throughout the Far East! ◀◀

It Began at Christmas

BY LEONARD EMORY, MISSIONARY TO PARAGUAY

YEARS AGO MIGUEL GAONA, THEN about seventeen and small for his age, came to us looking for work. We needed help so we joined another missionary family in hiring him for a small sum and his noon meal.

Although Miguel was a Roman Catholic we invited him to attend our Christmas program. It was his first visit in a Protestant church. He enjoyed it! The Lord used a young girl to explain the Scriptures to him. Soon he visited another of our churches and accepted the Lord as his Saviour.

As months passed, Miguel became even more on fire for the Lord. He received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Then one day he and an older brother were cutting up a tree that was on our fence line. There was

trouble with a neighbor and the next day a policeman came and put both the boys in jail. They were accused so they were guilty until proven innocent!

You cannot imagine the horror of being in jail here. Miguel's father, a strong Roman Catholic, came with tears in his eyes begging us to help Miguel. After a week of negotiations, which included hiring a criminal lawyer, the boys were released. Soon afterward Miguel's mother and another brother attended church with him and were saved.

Then began persecution from the father. One night he got a machete and threatened to kill his wife and son who had desecrated his home with Protestantism. But the Lord protects His own! When Mr. Gaona tried to raise the machete he couldn't move. God once again "shut the lion's mouth."

Later Mr. Gaona also believed and accepted the gospel. Now he is telling all his neighbors about his Lord. Recently he was jailed for his testimony but God delivered and he continues to witness. At least two families have been saved through his ministry.

And Miguel? He has finished his second year of Bible school, is C.A. leader in one of the churches, has been teaching a Sunday school class, and preaches with power whenever the opportunity arises. Pray that God will keep His hand on this dedicated and talented young man. ◀◀



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

SINCE LAST CHRISTMAS

SOME REMARKABLE THINGS HAVE happened in missions outreach this past year. The Lord sent us an unusually large number of fine young people desiring missionary service. Fifty-three of these attended our School of Missions and have already sailed for their fields. Others will be leaving soon.

Excellent progress has been made in entering great cities like Dakar and Guayaquil. Saturation literature campaigns have been conducted on many fields and certain areas have experienced thrilling outpourings of the Holy Spirit.

While it is true there is no airport in the world more than three days from your door, yet at Christmastime the vast geographical factors of missions are emphasized. This is still a big world. To engage in missionary service requires constant consecration and the will to accept separation and loneliness. This is especially true at Christmas. Imagine, if you can, missionaries serving in faraway countries where the atmosphere of Christmas is not felt and where the few Christians are surrounded by a great sea of heathen communities.

When you pray around your family circle this Christmas day, determine in your heart to make the coming year, if Jesus tarries, the greatest year for gospel witness the world has ever known. Your prayer for our missionary family will be greatly appreciated. A personal note with a word of encouragement from you would make them very happy. Your continued financial response which undergirds this vast enterprise will be received with utmost gratitude.

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Miguel Gaona

A Transforming Vision

Sunday School Lesson for December 29, 1963

REVELATION 1:1-8; 19:11-16

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

The last book in the Bible has been the source of more speculation, confusion, and divergence of opinion than any other; yet no other book affords greater hope and encouragement to the child of God. We shall treat our text according to a single word outline which summarizes in a general way verses loaded with truth and inspiration.

REVELATION. The title of the book is apt. The word *revelation* means "unveiling, a disclosure, a making plain." It is the "revelation of Jesus Christ." There has been much argument as to whether Christ is the Source (or Giver) of the Revelation, or the subject and theme of it. May He not well be both? One thing is certain—Christ is central in the book. He is the Redeemer, the Risen Lord, the One who sets in motion all those events which eventually culminate in His return to earth and His enthronement as King.

APPROBATION (Revelation 1:3). Revelation is the only book in the Bible which specifically pronounces blessing upon those who "read" and "keep" (obey and

live in the light of) its truth! When read devotionally and with eyes open for practical truth, it can transform one's life and outlook!

DESTINATION. It is addressed "to the seven churches which are in Asia." Whether or not these churches are to be considered dispensationally, as representing successive periods in church history, at least there can be no doubt that they are all representative of the church of Jesus Christ as a whole in any age. Hence, we may be sure this book has a vital and highly relevant message for each of us.

SALUTATION. The salutations of the Bible are not to be taken as meaningless formality. "Grace," which is the unmerited favor of God, and "peace"—that spiritual peace which is characteristic of the kingdom of God and of Christ—are extended to all of God's children.

This grace and this peace proceed from the essential nature of the Godhead: (1) "from him which is, and which was, and which is to come"—namely, God; (2) "from the seven Spirits which are before his throne"—seven, being the number of perfection, speaks of the Holy Spirit in the completeness of His varied ministry; (3) "and from Jesus Christ." All three Persons of the Trinity are seen here cooperating, as elsewhere in the Word, in man's full redemption.

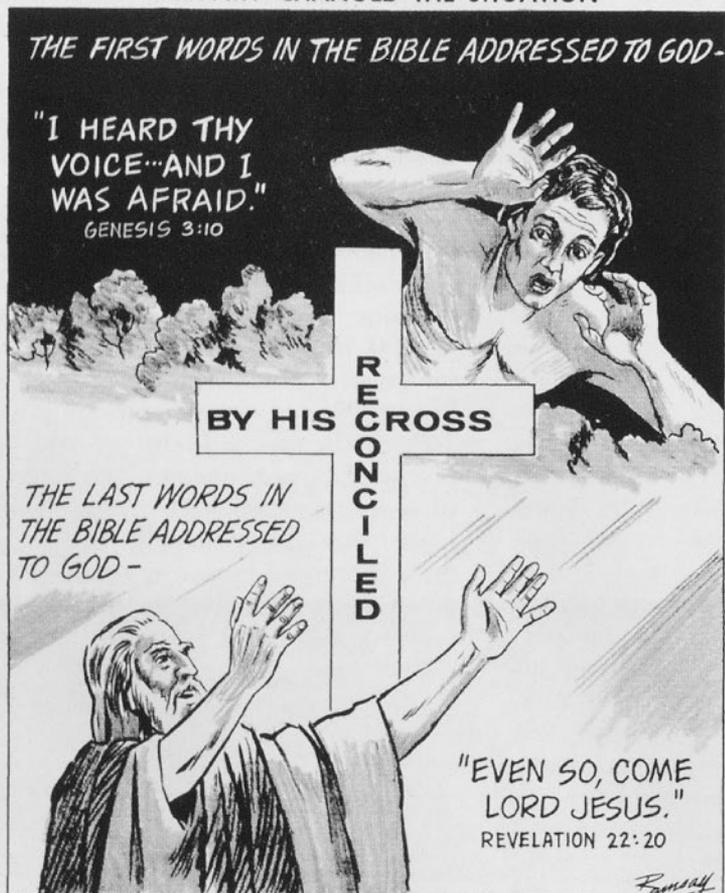
REDEMPTION (Revelation 1:5, 6). Jesus is described in three phases of His redemptive work: (1) "The faithful witness"—here Christ's earthly life and ministry are in view. In His proclamation of the Truth, in His steadfast fulfillment of the will of the Father, He was indeed the faithful Witness. (2) "The first begotten of the dead"—certainly the reference here is to His resurrection. Christ was the first to partake of bodily resurrection, the "first fruits" of a harvest in which all who have died in Christ shall share! (3) "The prince [or ruler] of the kings of the earth"—this is predictive, looking forward to the time when He shall reign on the earth.

The benediction of these verses points out three glorious facts concerning our redemption by Christ. We are loved, loosed, and enthroned! *The Amplified Version* renders it correctly: (1) "To Him Who ever loves us." (2) "And has once [for all] loosed and freed us from our sins by His own blood." Deliverance from the power of sin as well as its penalty is the right of every Christian! (3) "And formed us into a kingdom [a royal race], priests to His God and Father." John's words here link up with Exodus 19:6 and Isaiah 61:6 in the Old Testament, and with Revelation 5:10 and 20:4. Reigning with Christ will be a literal privilege to all qualified believers!

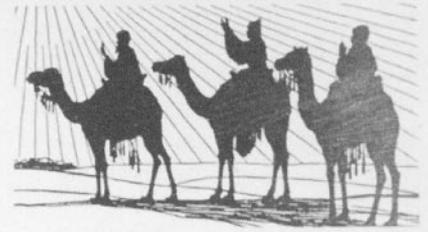
PREDICTION (Revelation 1:7). "Behold, he cometh with clouds [see Acts 1:9; Daniel 7:13]; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him" [see Zechariah 12:10]. This may be considered the key verse of the book, for certainly all the activity in the heavenlies and on earth leads up to that glorious consummation!

CONSUMMATION (Revelation 19:11-16). The thrilling words of these verses describe Christ's return to earth with His saints to overthrow Antichrist and all human government, to execute judgment upon the living wicked, and to establish on earth His kingdom of righteousness and peace! ◀◀

CALVARY CHANGED THE SITUATION



The Welcoming Committee



By EDITH ARMSTRONG

THERE WERE ONLY A FEW ON THAT FIRST WELCOMING committee. The wise men, the shepherds, Anna, and Simeon were among them. True, Jerusalem was filled with the learned who knew by rote the promises of His coming. Many dissatisfied were looking for the appearance of a strong deliverer. Why then were only these few led directly to Him?

Let us walk near them once again at this season of remembrance. Enter the rough-hewn stable; step over the threshold of the Bethlehem home; stand in the porch of the temple.

Watch Simeon. His qualifications are plain. See him gather the Babe into his arms in the temple. Listen as this aged saint breaks forth in adoration—intense and full of rapture, speaking in prophecy of the Child's life and death, of the reach of His work—even to the Gentiles.

Then look at the Gospel account. This member of the welcoming committee had waited for the consolation of Israel, "and the *Holy Ghost* was upon him . . . It was revealed unto him by the *Holy Ghost* . . . He came by the *Spirit* into the temple" (Luke 2:25-27).

How long Simeon waited we do not know but he remained in the Spirit continually. He was righteous, devout, reverent, one who hid the Word in his heart. As a bondsman, he bowed his personality to that of a Greater. And he waited, expecting the Messiah momentarily. As he waited he received the revelation.

Israel was passing through a deep night. They groaned under Roman oppression. Perhaps many Jews cried, "We must do something. Let us not longer delay. A deliverer must be found!" In contrast, see this man quietly waiting under the control of the Spirit, suddenly aglow with expectation. His strength is renewed. His steps are buoyant. With the eye of faith he sees deliverance. "He came by the Spirit into the temple" at the right moment. He might have doubted, delayed an hour, and missed all. But with the Spirit upon him, revealing God's plan, he was there.

Seeing the Babe in the arms of the young mother in the Temple, he knew this was not an ordinary child. This was the Saviour. With outstretched arms, he recognized and received the Christ.

His life was now complete. Like a faithful night watchman welcoming the dawn, he rejoiced, for his task was accomplished. He declared: "Lord, you are releasing Your servant to depart in peace . . . For with my own eyes I have seen Your Salvation." (Vv. 29, 30, Amplified N.T.)

Stay close to that account of Simeon; think deeply on this one who welcomed Christ that day. For Christ is coming back again. The second welcoming committee now is being formed. And to be one of the group to welcome Him when He comes again will require of us what

was required of Simeon. (1) Waiting under the control of the Spirit, (2) Witnessing the revelation of the Spirit, (3) Walking by the direction of the Spirit.

Do we wait, our wills bowed to the will of Another? Does His Spirit permeate our lives and express Himself through us in righteous living? Do we have eyes only for Him? Or do we forward our own plans for welcoming Him—program, organization, new methods, feverish effort to be certain all is ready for the coming King? Are these the way?

Materialism creeps into the church on the pretense of being "practical," working for visible results, noting recordable accomplishment. What if, in the rush of doing "things," in the noise of our machinery, the revelation is missed? Does not the voice of the Spirit whisper, "Wait in His presence; wait in the place of prayer"? The divine dealings of God are not discerned by man's means. May we not become so absorbed in earthly methods and feverish activity that we lose spiritual perception!

The Spirit's revelation of Jesus is beyond our imagination; beyond "brainstorming" attempts to pull ideas from the limited cycle of human thought. By the Spirit only do we truly see Him as Redeemer, the One who banishes darkness for all mankind, the One who now is on His way back to earth.

As the momentous hour of His second coming draws near, let each of us ask himself, "Will I be ready when the Spirit calls, 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him'? Or will I be unprepared because I have been preoccupied with the temporal aspects of life?"

What a day that will be for those who are ready! The long watch will be over. The day without a night will dawn. We will be released from earthly bonds to enter into eternal peace. But more than that, we shall see Him face to face! "Even so, come Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20). ◀◀◀

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us...

WEEK OF PRAYER

JANUARY 5 -- 12, 1964

Wilt thou not revive us again...?



What Makes Christmas?

By MRS. PAUL SCHOONMAKER
Missionary to North India

CHRISTMAS IS REALLY THE SAME EVERYWHERE! REMEMBERING the poor, having family fun, giving gifts, singing, worshipping...blend these activities together anywhere in the world and you have Christmas!

Our Christmas in India included Govind, a Brahmin, highest caste of the Hindus. According to standards of his religion we are outcastes, yet he humbles himself to do our most menial tasks. His failing eyesight limits his earning power so that he and his young son suffer. Though friendly, they apparently are unconvinced when we speak of Jesus' love. Yet we remember Govind in our Christmas, for it was at Christmas that God gave "while we were yet sinners."

In India *giving* is a *must* at Christmastime. It is a national custom to celebrate anniversaries, the birth of a child, or holy days by giving trays of sweets. The people would never understand our having a special day



Indian man of Brahmin caste cleaning kitchenware. Inset: Mrs. Paul Schoonmaker, missionary to North India.

without *giving*, so the missionary children carry packages to the poor.

Family togetherness is a part of Christmas too. Though oceans separate us, we in foreign lands have relatives that join in the festivities—"rich aunts" (the WMC's). At least, missionary children think they are rich when their packages arrive.

Music is a sweet part of Christmas in India. Records or the voice of the Far East Broadcasting Company coming from Manila fill the mission station with Yuletide songs. Missionary children carol up and down the mountainside. Indian Christians waken the compound at early dawn with their singing.

Christmas is worship. In the mission station we keep our yearly ritual. Father reads the story of the first Christmas from Luke and everyone bows in worship prior to the gift-opening. Christmas morning is reserved for gathering with friends of all denominations (but all of one faith) to join in His praises. Thus we renew our covenant like the children of Israel in a far-off land, to "teach these commandments to the children from generation to generation."

There may be some foreign flavoring in the recipe in India, but Christmas is really the same everywhere!

Christmas Eve in Japan

By MRS. ROBERT FRIVOLD
Missionary to Japan

ONE OF THE MOST UNIVERSAL ILLNESSES OF THE MISSION field is nostalgia! It was on my first Christmas Eve in Japan that a real attack of the malady came.

It was nine o'clock in the evening. From the street floated the thumping of wooden "getas" (shoes) mingled with the cry of the noodle man hawking his wares for a late supper. Brother Frivold and the older children had joined our Christians for caroling. I was alone with

baby Randy who slept peacefully in the next room.

This had always been such a holy night at home, the night of the Nativity. But here I sat in a foreign land, Buddha's land, where Christ was a stranger. Then it came to me! That was why I was here—to share with these people the story of Christmas.

Our evening meal with its customary milk-cooked rice, butter and blanched almonds, followed by boiled fish, with special WMC Christmas goodies for dessert, identified us with the land. We had had devotions. Now I was alone with our Christmas tree, a Japanese evergreen that substituted nicely for the Douglas fir of our American home, and the packages the WMC's had sent weeks before.

Suddenly at my door were the carolers. Tears filled my eyes as I listened to familiar carols (but in the

Japanese tongue) *bringing the Christmas message to me.*

Leaving their shoes on the porch, they crowded into the warmth of our living room. Our simple Christmas decorations seemed to sparkle even more with their presence. "How beautiful!" they exclaimed.

While they seated themselves in native fashion upon pillows on the floor, the children and I went to the kitchen to bring hot tea and candle-topped cupcakes made from packages the WMC's had tucked in the Christmas boxes. Brother Frivold read from God's Word the prophecies of the promised Saviour and of their fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

It was already Christmas morning before the last good-bye was said. Cold shoes waited on the porch, but warm hearts had felt a glow that neither Buddha nor Shinto ceremony had ever given.

How could we ever think we were deprived of joy and family togetherness when we had an opportunity like this to share the real story of Christmas! With us a Japanese Christmas Eve has become a tradition! <<<



The Robert Frivold family and members of Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash., who portrayed a Japanese Christmas Eve at the annual WMC "Christmas in September" where missionary packages are prepared.

Missionettes Help Make Christmas Merry



These Junior Missionettes from the Assembly in Westwego, La., are shown with the Christmas favors and tree they made for the Hillcrest Children's Home. At the left is Mrs. B. Trahan, cosponsor, and at the right is Mrs. Frank A. Kinsey, sponsor.

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

HOLIDAYS AFFORD SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONETTES to bring cheer to the ill and aged as well as to our own home and foreign missionaries. Many clubs make it a practice to prepare tray favors for holidays. These are taken to nursing homes and hospitals to be placed on trays on that special day. Often a Scripture is included on the favor.

Last year the Junior Missionettes of Westwego Assembly, Westwego, La., added a Christmas touch to the tables at Hillcrest Children's Home. They made individual candy-cup favors, filling each one with mints. Then they made a lollipop Christmas tree for the centerpiece. How the Missionettes enjoyed doing this for the children.

This year the Missionettes from First Assembly, Akron, Ohio, where G. G. Benson is pastor, completed a most interesting project. They decided to collect thirty-five

dolls, and ended by securing fifty. They washed the dolls, made clothing for them, and gave them to Indian children in North Carolina.

A suggestion in fourth quarter *Missionette Memos* brought a number of requests to headquarters, asking what girls could do for our workers among the American Indians. As a result hundreds of Indians received small gifts at Christmastime. They were made happy because girls cared enough to have a part in bringing Christmas cheer to those in need.

Boxes for foreign missionaries must be prepared and mailed early. "Christmas in August" parties are becoming prevalent as Missionettes buy and wrap gifts to mail overseas in September.

Christmas is a time to be happy and Missionettes have helped to make it so again this year. <<<



Missionettes from First Assembly, Akron, Ohio, with the dolls they dressed for Indian children in North Carolina. The sponsor, Mrs. Steven Walent, is in the back row, left. Her cosponsor, Mrs. Don Thomas, is not in the picture.

Wise Men of 1963

By ALEXANDER TEE

IT IS INTERESTING TO COMPARE THE wise men who studied the heavens and followed the Star of Bethlehem to the scientists of today.

Scientists are becoming more and more baffled by the greatness of creation. The nearest star is 25 million miles away. The earth is 93 million miles from the sun, but the planet Neptune is 2793 million miles from

it, and Pluto is much farther away. Our human minds cannot comprehend such vast distances.

A trip to the moon, which is less than a quarter of a million miles away, is still just a dream.

We look up at the sky with our naked eyes and are awed by the thousands of stars we see, but the scientists gaze through their strongest telescopes and find there is no end to their number. Once they talked of one great universe. Now they are saying our universe is but one among many. Probably there is a universe of universes!

After probing the mysteries of the skies many of the world's leading scientists have acknowledged the existence of God. They have decided there must be an intelligence greater than man's behind it all and they are now bending their knee to the One of whom it is written: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible. . . . All things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:16, 17).

If the wise men who study astronomy are baffled by the "universe of universes" and kneel to worship the Creator, we do well to join them and to sing, "How Great Thou Art!"

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Wise men of 1963 will acknowledge the uncertainty of life. This year has seen thousands of people instantly swept into eternity by situations entirely beyond their control. For example, Hurricane Flora devastated large areas last October, while a landslide in Italy burst a dam in the same month drowning hundreds of people. Thousands have been killed in earthquakes and other natural disasters. Wise men are those who place their hands in the Hand that controls the hurricane, the earthquake, and other forces mightier than man.

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During 1963 many thousands of Americans met accidental deaths in

planes, trains, and automobiles. The total highway deaths in 1962 was 40,500 and this year's toll is expected to be even greater. Think of the millions of dollars which are spent on insurance to protect against these accidents. Wise men and women realize they need *spiritual* protection as well. They realize they need to be ready not only for accidents but also for death which may strike without a moment's warning.

Yes, wise men of 1963 still come to Christ as surely as the Magi of long ago.

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Over eighteen years have passed since the "cold war" began. People often wonder how much longer it will be until some incident will trigger World War III. Someday someone will press a button and send up a missile which will destroy millions of lives in a single blast. There is no safe hiding place on earth.

When one thinks of the kind of men who make the decisions which may mean peace or war, he has reason to be filled with fear; but if he is wise he will surrender his life and future to the control of One who can be trusted for time and eternity.

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It is estimated that the number of marriages in the U.S. this year will reach 1,600,000 and the number of divorces will reach 400,000. Millions of lives are saddened by this breaking up of homes. Children's lives are blighted. Heartache, crime, and troubles of every kind are produced when marriages fail. In many cases they are mixed marriages; a union of Protestant and Roman Catholic is not likely to succeed. In other cases the marriage was consummated at too early an age. In nearly every case a failure to know Christ and to serve Him lies at the root of the trouble.

Wise are those who put their lives in the hands of God and let Him direct them in all matters. Young people who are led by the Holy Spirit will not marry while they are immature.



Meet the Officers

National Council, Light for the Lost



Ben Kelterborn
Acting Secretary

Ben Kelterborn, an Assemblies of God layman in Northern California, was elected acting secretary to the National Council of *Light for the Lost*. Brother Kelterborn is part owner of a precision tool manufacturing company near Sunnysvale, California.

As acting secretary to the Council, Mr. Kelterborn is responsible to keep accurate minutes of the annual council session and subsequent meetings of the Executive Committee of which he is a member.

He has served as president of his local MF at First Assembly of God, Sunnysvale, Calif. In addition to his above responsibilities, he serves as chairman of the Northern California-Nevada District MF Missions Committee.

They will not marry someone who is unsaved. They will marry in the will of the Lord and they will build a family altar. Their lives will be united in a common love for Christ and His Word and His Church, so that their marriage will endure and will give them life-long happiness.

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Wise men and women of 1963 still come to Christ, bringing gifts of worship, faith, and obedience which in His sight are more precious than gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Thoughtless people pay little attention to spiritual things but thinking men and women ponder the matter. They know eternal happiness is at stake—not only their own, but also their loved ones.'

I submit these suggestions for your thoughtful consideration and I appeal to your intelligence by asking this question: is it not wise to come to Christ without delay and to accept Him as the Saviour of your soul and the Ruler of your life and home?

Wise persons face the issue squarely and make their decision promptly. Those who give their lives to Christ never regret doing so. ←

Christmas Praises

Oh let us look back for God bids us remember
His love for lost sinners in giving His Son.
Oh call to remembrance the first Christmas morning
When God's will in Jesus for us was begun!

God made Him a body: His Spirit through Mary
The miracle wrought and the Saviour was born.
The angels rejoiced and proclaimed to the shepherds
The wonderful news 'ere the breaking of dawn.

The shepherds went forward, and lo, in a manger
They gazed on the human form veiling God's Son;
For you and for me He left Father and glory
That henceforth lost sinners and God might be one.

Oh let us adore Him, our blessed Redeemer!
Who counted it joy our Atonement to win!
Through weakness was crucified—paying our ransom,
He now reigns in glory, the victor o'er sin.

Come bring Him your praises, your love and your worship,
With all of His children who serve Him worldwide!
Rejoice in the hope of His glorious returning:
Our Saviour resplendent will come for His Bride.

—A. M. Symonds

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a Christmas VISITOR FROM Mars

By LURDEAN EVANS

SUPPOSE THERE REALLY ARE MEN ON Mars, as some believe; and suppose one of the little men from that planet paid a visit to our planet at Christmas-time. I can imagine some of his reactions to what he saw.

One of the first sights he noticed was the jolly fellows with white beards and red suits in the toy shops, and the many pictures of them. How could he miss them—they are so numerous!

"These jolly fellows must be having a birthday," he said to himself, "and these earth dwellers must be helping them to celebrate it."

After hearing how the white-whiskered man rides his sleigh through space the Martian remarked: "That's an interesting story; too bad Cape Canaveral doesn't have his secret. Space men would be sent into orbit with a lot less fuss!"

He was positively amazed at the

tales he heard about the jolly old fellow. "How gullible these men and women must take their children to be! They tell the little ones he brings the evergreen trees into the houses on Christmas Eve and puts all the decorations on them! They say he brings toys and other gifts to all good children.

"Isn't it strange, then, that many good children do not get any toys, simply because they are poor; while some naughty children get more than they can use, because their parents are rich.

"What a shame that many little tots should not even get a good meal at Christmas, and that some get no food at all. Why don't these earth dwellers, who claim to be so civilized, spend less money on trees and decorations, and feed the hungry children?"

"And the aged folk I see in the rocking chairs—why doesn't the man with the whiskers take care of them?"

The little man from Mars went to a Sunday school and saw a very tiny boy raise his hand. He heard the child tell the teacher that his Mommy and Daddy said Santa Claus was going to bring him some wonderful gifts.

"So that's the old fellow's name—Santa Claus! Well, he certainly is getting lots of attention. These earth folk practically worship him!"

But as the visitor from Mars passed along he came to another church where the people were reading from an important-looking black book. They were not even mentioning Santa Claus. They were talking about a Holy Baby called Jesus who came to save people from their sins.

"This is His birthday," the minister was saying. "On Christmas we celebrate His birth." So they talked about Jesus, sang songs about Him, and mentioned His name in prayer.

This aroused the curiosity of the Martian. He examined the black book and found a verse which says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

He said to himself: "If these church people are celebrating the birthday of Jesus, they will wish to present gifts to Him. Maybe they will do this by giving food to the children who are so hungry, and by showing kindness to the lonely old people."

So he followed the church people

to their homes and saw, to his surprise, that they were giving gifts to each other! They were not giving gifts to the needy at all!

For a while the Martian was puzzled. Then as he went on his way he came to a humble mission. It was not a beautiful building. The windows were plain glass. The people sat on plain benches. But there was a man preaching to these poorly-dressed folk and he was telling them about the Saviour who came from heaven to lift men out of their troubles and supply their needs.

Then, after the people had knelt and prayed, and had dried their tears, this preacher began to hand out baskets of good things.

"At last I have found someone who is doing what the book says," the little Martian thought. "He is feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, helping the widows and orphans, and cheering the old people. But why are there so few earth dwellers like him, since so many of them have copies of the black book?"

As the Martian whirled out into space, heading back to his home, he said:

"If God so loved the people of my planet that He sent His own Son into the world to save us from our sins, I'm sure we would show more gratitude than the earth dwellers do. We would honor this Saviour—not only on His birthday but every day. What a story this is.

"I can't imagine why anyone would want to substitute Santa Claus for this Jesus who can traverse space from heaven to earth and back again. This story of the Incarnation, Resurrection, and Ascension far surpasses the story of a magic sleigh and reindeer. The gifts this Jesus brought to mankind are far greater than anything credited to Santa.

"Why are they content to have a cheap substitute for Reality? Who can compare the artificial ornaments of a Christmas tree with the twinkling lights this Creator hung in the midnight sky? What products of paint and tinsel can equal the grandeur of the flowering fields of summer or the white-robed hills of winter?

"Oh, I wish I were an earth dweller rather than a Martian! How I would love to worship this Jesus at Christmas and to share my good things with others for His sake!" ◀◀



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

A woman here says she prayed for a dog and it was healed. Do you believe God would heal animals?

I do not recall that Jesus ever healed dumb animals when He was on earth. His healing ministry was confined to mankind. But this does not mean that an animal might not be healed in response to the prayer of faith. "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? (Jeremiah 32:27).

Does the New Testament forbid the use of musical instruments in worship?

No. Paul speaks of "pipe and harp," and of "trumpets" (1 Corinthians 14:7, 8), which indicate the possibility of music accompanying worship. In Revelation 14:2 we read of "the voice of harpers harping with their harps," as a part of the worship that accompanies the songs of the overcomers as they worship before the throne. If instrumental music is to be permitted before the throne of God in heaven, why not use music in worship now? Christ Himself will return to earth with the "trump of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

If the Psalms are a fitting example of worship, then we may "sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings...play skillfully with a loud noise" (Psalm 33:2, 3).

How may we have "the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16)?

The mind of Christ is the renewed mind. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). Instead of thinking evil, we think good; instead of making choices to please ourselves, we seek to know what the will of the Lord is and then to do it.

The mind is a battleground. Satan clamors for possession while Christ by the Holy Spirit also seeks control. A good recipe for a spiritual mind is found in Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Some people say sin is just a matter of convictions; that a person may do as he pleases as long as he believes he is doing right. Others say we must obey the Law no matter how we feel about it. Still others feel our convictions are based on our training. Some believe we can violate our conscience until it no longer convicts. Can you help me concerning this?

The Bible says, "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). "By the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). The Law instructs the mind and convicts the conscience. A person's conviction, because of wrong teaching, might be wrong in some things, but when God created man He wrote the principles of the Law in his nature. Men know instinctively that it is morally wrong to bear false witness, to dishonor parents, to steal, to kill, to commit adultery, etc.

Paul recognized that the principles of the Law were written in the constitution of man and wrote: "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law" (Romans 2:12). He showed how the principles of the law are written in the hearts and minds of the heathen (Romans 2:11-16). A person may ignore the conviction of conscience until it becomes callous to it, but he never gets to where he does not know that sin is sin.

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.



*The Revivaltime Evangelist has completed
ten years of effective, fruitful
ministry on the ABC radio network*

C. M. Ward Honored

AT A TESTIMONIAL DINNER commemorating the tenth anniversary of *Revivaltime* broadcasting on the ABC radio network, C. M. Ward, speaker for the broadcast during this time, was honored by presentation of a scroll and a trophy microphone from the Assemblies of God radio committee.

Brother Ward was the unanimous choice for *Revivaltime* speaker when the program went on the ABC radio network December 20, 1953. In addition to speaking for the weekly broadcast service, he has engaged in an extensive evangelistic ministry both in the United States and abroad.

He recently returned from a series of crusades in Brazil where he addressed crowds of up to 18,000 persons at rallies in Belem, Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and other Brazilian cities. He has held campaigns in Australia, Europe and Alaska. Together with D. V. Hurst, secretary of the Radio Department and producer of *Revivaltime*, he has preached at crusades in British Guiana, Trinidad, Hawaii, Canada, and in most of the major cities of the United States.

A former editor, Bible college instructor, pastor and evangelist, Brother Ward was born in Toronto, Canada, the son of A. G. Ward who broke trail for the Methodist church in Western Canada as a circuit rider along the Calgary-Edmonton route.

His mother served as a Mennonite city mission worker.

While his father was pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, C. M. Ward attended Central Bible Institute at Springfield, where he graduated in 1929.

Christmas day, 1929, C. M. Ward married Dorothy Hymes. Soon after, they went to Eastern Canada to assume pastoral duties. He became editor of the official publication of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, *The Pentecostal Testimony*.

His ministry since has been varied, giving him a broad understanding of the work of the church. He engaged in an evangelistic ministry. For several years he taught in North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn., and served in missionary promotional work.

In 1945 he began a nine-year term as pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Bakersfield, Calif. There he built a larger Sunday school and Sunday night attendance than any other church in Kern County. He used radio extensively, broadcasting three and one-half hours each Sunday.

In addition, he organized a complete Sunday school department for inmates of the county jail, with follow-up and rehabilitation work, and Negro and Mexican teachers for prisoners of those races. For these

achievements he was given a special award of merit by the Kern County sheriff's department.

In connection with *Revivaltime*, Brother Ward has written a large number of books of current interest, seven volumes of sermons, and many tracts. More than four million pieces of his writings have been distributed to all parts of the world and translated into a number of languages.

In 1961, the Central Bible Institute Alumni Association chose Brother Ward as its "Alumnus of the Year." The citation well described Brother Ward's great contribution to *Revivaltime* and to the Assemblies of God. It read:

"His ministry has height. It is high in its vision, for it includes the world.

"His ministry has depth. It is deep in compassion as he counsels hundreds who write him for advice.

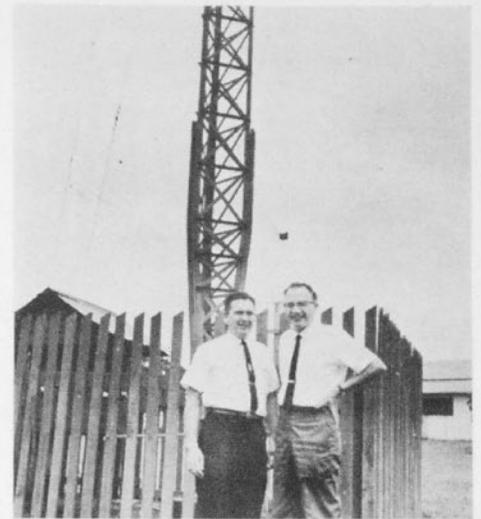
"His ministry has length. It is long in its duration, for he graduated from CBI more than thirty years ago.

"His ministry has breadth. It is broad in its versatility. He is a pastor . . . an evangelist . . . camp meeting speaker . . . writer . . . editor . . . Bible school instructor."

And we add, he is a *radio preacher* whose weekly audience is larger than that to which the apostle Paul preached in all his lifetime. ◀◀



Bill Wortman (left), TIFC program director, looks on as David Brauchler (center), radio and TV representative for the Assemblies of God in Costa Rica, hands the next release of *Revivaltime* to Franklin Cabezas, station manager.



David Brauchler and Bill Wortman stand in front of the tower that sends *Revivaltime* to thousands of English-speaking Costa Ricans.

Revivaltime Comes to Costa Rica

BY DAVID R. BRAUCHLER, MISSIONARY TO COSTA RICA, CENTRAL AMERICA

WHAT A THRILL IT IS FOR US TO hear the words, "It's *Revivaltime* across the nation and around the world." For more than three months *Revivaltime* has been released to the millions of people from Bolivia to Central Canada including all the Islands of the Caribbean each Thursday night on TIFC, San Jose, Costa Rica.

TIFC, commonly known as "The Light of the Caribbean," is the radio voice of the evangelical church here in Costa Rica. The second oldest missionary station in the world, it began broadcasting in February, 1948. It was the first cultural radio station in Costa Rica. From its inception TIFC has maintained a high image among the

nationals of this republic, so much so that during President Kennedy's visit to Central America it was one of the few stations privileged to run their lines and microphones into all the conferences and festivities of his visit.

The station broadcasts twelve hours a day: eleven in Spanish and one in English. The one hour is very popular with more than 3,000 Americans, British and Canadians living in San Jose besides the thousands of English-speaking people on the Caribbean coast. There are untold millions in the coverage area.

The Costa Ricans are taught English in school. They listen with rapt attention to English programming in order to learn the language. Think of the joy in our hearts when we know these people are hearing the full-gospel voice of the Assemblies of God.

In the three months that *Revivaltime* has been released on this station, we have received many favorable comments from the 200 missionaries studying in the Spanish Language Institute here in San Jose.

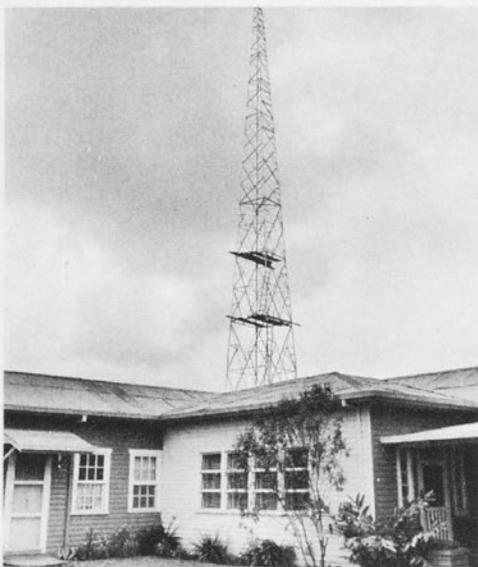
TIFC broadcasts on four frequencies: on the standard broadcast band, on FM, and on the 31 and 49 meter bands of short wave. Two new short wave towers are under construction which will double this coverage. The station receives more than 3,300 pieces of mail from at least 35 countries each year. Bill Wortman,

program director of the station, expects the new tower to greatly increase the amount of mail received.

The *Revivaltime* release over station TIFC, San Jose, is at a crisis point. Missionary-minded people will determine whether or not the radio voice of the Assemblies of God will continue to penetrate the area from Bolivia to Central Canada and all the islands of the Caribbean.

We believe that God has opened this door of opportunity and we want you to pray for this weekly release. There is also an opportunity for you to help in this great ministry. For only \$8.50 a week the gospel is being spread to the millions of English-speaking people across Latin America. Won't you assist your missionaries in this great ministry? For just pennies a day you can sponsor a *Revivaltime* release in Latin America.

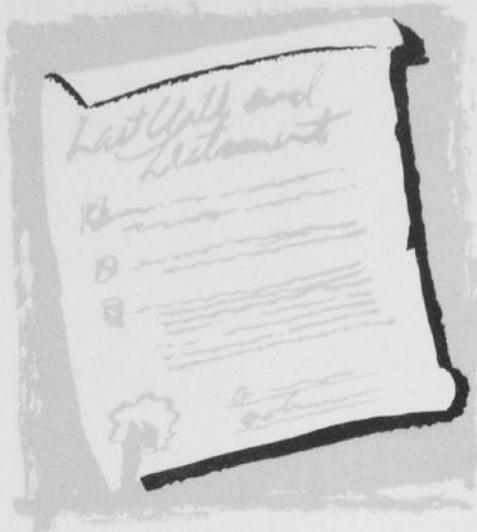
We must have your help if we are to continue this release from TIFC. Please send your gift (designated for Costa Rica Radio) to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801.



The new short-wave tower under construction will double the outreach for the station.



The national engineer for station TIFC picks up the tape for the next *Revivaltime* release.



Baby Samuel

By EVELYN C. GUNTER

Why do you care what happens after you are gone? You care because you will never really be gone. A part of you remains in the hearts of those who love you. The lives you have influenced and helped to mold will live on. Of course you are concerned for those you leave behind. You love them and you are responsible for their welfare for as long as you are able to provide for them. This is why you make a will—a valid writing which guarantees that your possessions will be used as you yourself wish.

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THE DOCTOR LOOKED AT US KINDLY. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Gunter, but I can't find a heartbeat. Your baby is still-born," he said.

My husband looked at me, and a thousand thoughts flashed in our minds. We remembered the past nine months—like all first-time mothers and daddies-to-be! The planning, the waiting, the naming, the layette—and the empty bassinet waiting for us at home!

Instead of a bassinet there would be a little casket! Baby Samuel would never clasp our fingers. He would never go to nursery school and kindergarten. Baby Samuel had died before birth.

Why we never knew. God had the answer. And we would not question His wisdom and goodness to us!

Of course, we thought of Jimmy. Jimmy lived next door to us. His mother was unmarried. He had only his mother's maiden name to carry through life. Why did Jimmy live, and Sammie die?

I was still in the hospital when the "little funeral rite" was said. My husband sat alone except for close relatives and church friends.

Our hearts felt bare! Our arms were empty. We would never hold our infant close and feel his little heart near to our own!

Yes, and our home felt vacant, too. So void and empty the night we went home from the hospital *without* Sammie!

Christmas was nearing. Already a new-fallen snow draped the countryside and covered little Samuel's grave. I stood at my window and looked toward the little grave. I felt so cold, numb—and empty!

Physically I felt well. The church was giving its annual Christmas program and I would be able to attend. This would be my first church service since returning from the hospital.

We sat near the back and watched the "shepherds" as they responded to the Christmas message. Little angels in white adorned the platform. I thought of Samuel!

Wise men paid homage to a baby King. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"—*given*. The words re-echoed in my heart! GIVEN—that was the message! We had given our Samuel!

Lights flashed on the manger scene, and "Mary" pressed the baby Jesus close to her heart. She too had given her Son!

Suddenly peace came to me. All the cold, bare emptiness of a broken heart was gone and instead of thorns I saw the crown! Then He whispered into my heart and said: "Will you take the message of My salvation to children across the world? Will you?"

Child evangelism—that was my answer for a lost Samuel! "Yes, Lord," I said, "I will tell children of Your love, Your death, Your resurrection, Your sacrifice, and Your soon return!"

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MISCELLANEOUS

WHEN IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, visit Calvary Assembly of God, 739 Yarmouth Street. Servicemen welcome. Write Frank Mays, pastor.

HEADQUARTERS TOURS

For the benefit of friends who may be planning to visit Springfield during the holidays, let us mention that the headquarters offices will be closed on December 25 and January 1. It is customary also to be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. On other days there are guided tours of the building at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Evangel readers are cordially invited to visit the Assemblies of God headquarters at 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo., and tour the offices, printing plant, and other facilities. A noon meal is served in the cafeteria at moderate prices. We would be pleased and honored if you could visit us during the holidays or any other time.



SEVEN-DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE TO MEET JAN. 13-15

The Oklahoma District Auditorium (shown here) in Oklahoma City, Okla., will be the site of the 27th Seven-District Prayer and Bible Conference which will convene on Monday, January 13 and continue through Wednesday, January 15. Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, will be the opening night speaker.

E. R. Foster is conference secretary. For reservations write Robert E. Goggin, Oklahoma District Superintendent, P. O. Box 8717, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73114.

In a few days I received an invitation to conduct a children's revival. Over fifty children were saved. Then came another, and another. God has saved and healed and baptized children with the Holy Spirit, "giving" me many Samuels.

Now I understand why Samuel was taken and Jimmy lived. Every "Jimmy" I see is mine—and the Lord's! In some of the revivals 100 per cent are saved. My cross has become His crown!

When summer evangelism ends and I unpack for fall, He gives me thir-

teen retarded, handicapped, "special-education" children to work with at Central Elementary School, Union City, Tennessee.

What a thrill it is for me to have my Jan come up and place little cerebral-palsied arms around my neck, or to have James kiss me and say, "I love you!"

"Exceptional" children are no exception to me—they are mine! Yes, the Lord replaced Samuel a hundred-fold that Christmas Eve when in the light of a manger scene I saw "a child of God" in every little face! ◀◀

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

BY DICK CHAMPION

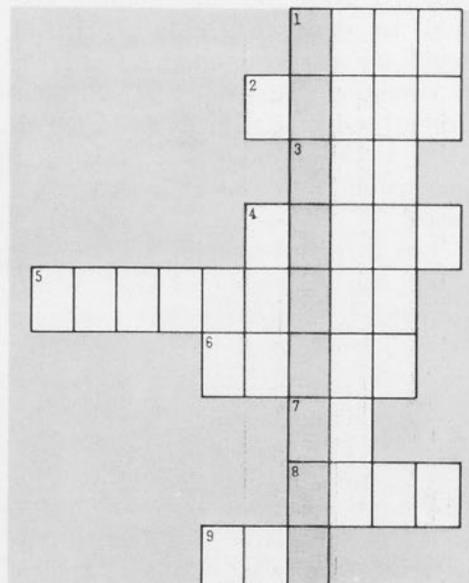
CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

Here are two verses from Matthew's story of the birth of Jesus. Look up Matthew 2:1-2 to find the missing words that are shown in the verses only as numbers. Fill in the words in the right place on the puzzle, with all words going across. For example, the missing word called "(1)" in the verse should be filled in, starting from the number "1" on the puzzle.

When you have finished the puzzle correctly, you will find in the gray squares (going up and down) the name of the city where Jesus was born.

Here are the two verses:

"Now when Jesus was (1) in _____ of Judea in the days of (2) (3) king, behold, (4) came wise men from the east to (5), saying, (6) is (7) that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the (8), and are come to worship (9)."



BETHLEHEM BEACHHEAD

(Continued from page three)

Christ laid aside the glory which He had enjoyed with the Father (John 17:5) making Himself subject to the state of man, dependent entirely on guidance by the Holy Spirit, doing nothing through personal human choice but always those things which pleased the Father (John 8:29). Thus His divinity and humanity united in all that He did. Had He laid aside His deity in the *kenosis*, as some have claimed, He would have been only an ordinary man, but in subjecting His divinely human being to the will of God and the direction of the Holy Spirit, He lived and wrought in perfect conformity to the will of the Father, the man Christ Jesus, 'God manifest in the Flesh' (1 Timothy 3:16)."

Herein lies one of the profoundest mysteries. Let us accept in simple faith that which we cannot explain because of the limitations of our finite minds. Christ was God in the flesh! He was also truly man. Because He was both, He is our Redeemer!

THE PRICE OF THE INCARNATION

Our redemption was achieved at great cost. The Incarnation was accompanied by great suffering. We cannot separate the Incarnation from Calvary. John 3:16 links the two together: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son . . ."

It was costly to God the Father. A father suffers with his child. He feels his pain. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. His heart echoed every pain His Son endured. The lonely abandonment of Christ on the cross, when He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" caused no less anguish to the Father who must remain silent while His Son suffered alone.

It cost the Son His exalted position with the Father and the humiliation of becoming a creature. It cost Him the pain of misunderstanding, the hatred of the rebellious, and finally the agony of taking the world's sin upon His own spotless soul in the anguish of Gethsemane and Calvary.

When the Son took upon Himself the form of man, He took a step that will never be reversed. The days of His humiliation have passed, and the Son has been exalted to the right hand of the majesty on high; He has been given a name which is above every name; but He is still the God-man. He retains the physical likeness of man, although now glorified. "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the godhead *bodily*" (Colossians 2:9). The Redeemer and the redeemed are made one (Hebrews 2:11). God's Son will carry the marks of His Incarnation throughout eternity.

THE PRIZE OF THE INCARNATION

"Who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross . . ." (Hebrews 12:2). He considered the prize worth the price He must pay. "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be *satisfied*" (Isaiah 53:11).

Every soul, redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, is a part of the prize He won. The great company of the redeemed, the Church, will be His bride (Ephesians 5:25), united with Him throughout eternity. He has ransomed a world from the bondage of corruption, and will present it restored and purified to the Father (Romans 8:21); and finally, as the greatest pleasure of all, He will experience the joy of having glorified the Father and fulfilled His will (1 Corinthians 15:28; John 17:4). Thus the Kingdom will come, and the glad prophecy given by the angel on the first Christmas night will be completely fulfilled: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord."

Brakeman Healed

WHILE WORKING AS A BRAKEMAN on the locomotives that haul ore from the open pit mine at Ajo, Ariz., I began to have trouble with my knees. My condition was such that I was laid off work on July 30, 1962.

The chief surgeon of Phelps Dodge Hospital in Ajo examined me and sent me to a specialist in Phoenix. He diagnosed my case as rheumatoid arthritis, and immediately began shot treatments to dissolve the calcium deposits in my knees. These shots continued for two months, but to no avail. Though I was only twenty-five years of age, the disease struck with such force that I soon began to have difficulty with my feet, hips, and back, and lost the grip in both my hands.

Doctors did all they could for me, but my condition did not improve. My knees now began to swell, and it seemed no amount of treatment could

stop this. At times I could hardly pull my trouser legs over my swollen knees. Walking was very painful, and sometimes I would even collapse with the effort. I resorted to the use of a cane.

After about three and one-half months I was told that nothing else could be done for me and that I should try to learn another trade as my condition could only worsen. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to which I belong talked of raising a fund to send me to a special trade school.

Then a revival meeting was started in the Ajo Assembly of God, which I attended. By this time walking, sitting, and rising were extremely difficult. My right foot had begun to twist inward. But I went to the revival and on November 12, 1962, I made my way down to the front of the church where prayer was made for me in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The disease was rebuked. It left

instantly, and I was immediately able to do deep knee bends! Without effort I stepped off the platform and ran down the aisle. Praise God, I was completely healed!

So that I might be released to go back to work, I returned to the doctor for an examination. He was incredulous when I told him God had healed me. He ordered another laboratory test which only confirmed my healing. He said, "I can't find anything wrong with you. I am going to release you to go back to work."

The doctor declared that in six months I might be back in a worse condition. But more than six months have passed, and I am still healed and working!

Indeed, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. He is still the mighty Healer!—Joseph R. Kennedy, Ajo, Arizona.

(Endorsed by Pastor Wayne G. Jones, Assembly of God, Ajo, Arizona.)

CHURCH IS BLESSED BY MISSIONARY CONVENTION

UTICA, N. Y.—The First Assembly of God at Utica had its first missionary convention October 20-22 and God moved mightily during the services.

"Souls were saved, young people were called to the mission fields, and six hundred dollars was raised for Missions," reports Pastor William H. Douglas. The congregation was impressed with the need of working for God while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

Missionaries who participated in the meetings were: Matty Personeus and Sophie Erhard of India, Brother and Sister Raymond Jacobs of Indonesia, and two missionaries to the Indians in Arizona, Hilda Cree and Alta Washburn.

CHAPLAIN PARTICIPATES IN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

ROCKFORD, ILL.—The fourth annual Missionary Convention at the First Assembly of God in Rockford ended with an outstanding service of blessing and consecration.

Pastor E. A. Manley reports that the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the people throughout the entire week of services, producing a wider interest and deeper burden for World Missions (both home and foreign). An added blessing was the participation of Chaplain (Maj.) Walter Tashnick of the U. S. Air Force. "This was the first convention that Brother Tashnick had opportunity of ministering in," the pastor says. "We were glad to have a representative from the chaplaincy as this phase of missionary work is often forgotten."

Others who ministered during the meetings were: Anne Eberhardt of India, Danny Morocco of the Philippines (formerly of India), and Tom Goulder, home missionary to the Deaf in Rockford.

MOBILE ASSEMBLY WORSHIPS IN NEW, LARGER SANCTUARY

MOBILE, ALA.—The congregation of First Assembly in Mobile now worships in a new sanctuary which seats 500 on the main floor and 160 in the balcony.

The new building, 60 feet wide and 96 feet long, was dedicated October 20. It contains a beautiful baptistry and dressing rooms, prayer rooms, nursery, pastor's office and study. It has stained-glass windows and red carpet. Four separate units provide year-round cooling and heating. High-

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Atmore	Bratt	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	B. R. Minton	T. E. Barnes
Calif.	Antioch	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Gary & Sharon Archer	R. M. Catlett
	Eureka	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Paul & Mrs. Clark	Douglas Ramsey
	La Puente	Glen Grove	Jan. 5-12	The Ralph Bender Team	Milton Barfoot
	Long Beach	Evangel	Dec. 31—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Robert Armstrong
	Ojai	First	Jan. 5—	Doug Payne	Jim Payne
	Rohnerville	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Sam Klein	Joseph C. Murray
	San Francisco	Glad Tidings	Dec. 29-Jan. 1	Tanner Team	Floyd W. Thomas
	Selma	Full Gospel Tab.	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Marvin Schmidt	Billy S. Parks
	Vallejo	North Vallejo	Jan. 5-17	Charles Senechal	V. T. Eldridge
Fla.	Hialeah	Calvary Temple	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Wilburn H. Fisher	R. T. Havener
	Orlando	Fleming Heights	Dec. 31-Jan. 26	L. K. Dodge	Harvey Stocker
	Panama City	St. Andrews	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	L. M. Addison	Howard Ridings
	Pinellas Park	First	Jan. 1-5	Ray & Elaine Leonard	T. B. Helms
	Winter Park	Calvary	Jan. 1-12	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Dale C. Zink
Ga.	Augusta	Lakeview	Jan. 1—	Nettie Parham	A. G. McCall
Ind.	Ft. Wayne	First	Dec. 29-Jan. 2	Musical Lebacks	Fred Leader
La.	Arabi	A/G	Jan. 5-12	Don Logan	Norman J. Sorenson
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	Hyattsville	Faith Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Irving & Louise Howard	B. M. Slye
Minn.	Minneapolis	Fremont Tab.	Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Paul Olson Party	Harry Myers
Mo.	Joplin	Second	Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Bob & Jeri Winford	Raymond Hundley
	Versailles	First	Dec. 29—	Loyd Middleton	O. H. Virgin
N. J.	Point Pleasant	A/G	Jan. 2-12	The Musical Kudras	Jack Mitchell
N. Y.	Buffalo	Riverside	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Chas. (Jack) Peters	George L. Hubbard
Ohio	Girard	First	Dec. 29-Jan. 5	Woodrow Oxner	Delmas Ross
Okla.	Hollis	A/G	Dec. 29—	Erwin Moore	Erwin Donaldson
Oreg.	Sweet Home	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	W. P. Rutledge
Tenn.	Covington	First	Dec. 29—	Gene Burgess	Howard Jones
Tex.	Austin	Central	Dec. 31-Jan. 26	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	J. Paul Joyner
	Dallas	Mt. Auburn	Jan. 5-12	Bob Huie	Lonnie Mullen
	Frankston	A/G	Dec. 29-Jan. 5	Samuel Calk	J. A. Griffin
Va.	Portsmouth	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 26	Jaek Martz	Homer Peterson, Jr.
W. Va.	Fairmont	Trinity	Dec. 31-Jan. 12	Duane M. Wessman	C. T. Chegwin
Wis.	Whitehall	A/G	Jan. 5-19	Darryl & Kathy Olson	Jacob C. Eytzen
Mex.	Monterrey	Bible School	Jan. 5—	Diehl Evangelists	—

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fidelity sound columns carry the amplified organ music as well as the public address system.

Pastor William A. Johnson reports that the dedication, held in conjunction with annual Homecoming Day activities, made this a red-letter day in the history of this church which was organized in 1947. Sunday school attendance reached 351, an all-time high.

About 500 were present at the morning worship service when the pastor preached from Exodus 12:1-4. His theme was, "The household is too little for the Lamb."

Dinner was served to more than

500 by the Women's Missionary Council of First Assembly. Former pastors, members, and friends of the church enjoyed a delicious meal as well as a time of fellowship.

Alabama District Superintendent T. H. Spence officiated at the dedication ceremonies in the afternoon. He preached to more than 600 persons from 1 Samuel 3:1-3 challenging them to "keep the lamp of God burning within this building," and also to keep it burning in each home. "You must read your Bibles as daily bread and improve family devotions," he said.

The Crichton Church of God quartet and a trio from the Whistler Assembly of God joined other groups in providing special music for the day's services.

In addition to the new auditorium, First Assembly has a two-story Sunday school plant staffed by Spirit-filled teachers. The old auditorium will be converted into additional Sunday school rooms and youth facilities.

WITH CHRIST

JOSE R. GONZALES of Albuquerque, N. Mex., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus September 11. He was a licensed minister with the Latin American Branch of the Assemblies. He is survived by his wife Josefa.

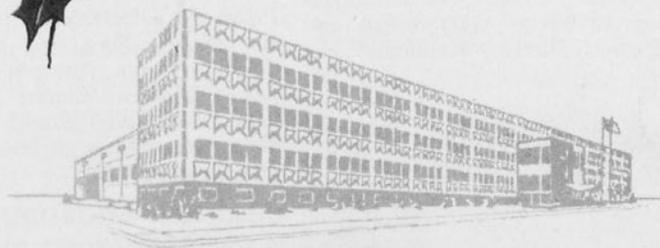
CHARLES WOOLDRIDGE, 90, of Mammoth Springs, Ark., was promoted to eternal glory September 6. Brother Wooldridge was a licensed minister in the Assemblies of God.

WILBUR J. LUCAS, 74, of Austin, Tex., died August 30. Ordained in 1931, Brother Lucas began pastoring in Austin, Tex., where he stayed during his entire ministry. He is survived by his wife Beulah and daughter Helen.



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