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He brought me...

By EVANGELIST LOUISE NANKIVELL

RECENTLY I DREAMED, AND IN MY DREAM I WAS INVITED to be the special speaker at a certain meeting. Clearly came the words to be used as a text: "He brought me into the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." I realized that the banqueting house was a place of peace and enjoyment. Beyond that, however, there was no time for meditation or preparation of a sermon. I concluded that the Spirit of the Lord would make plain the things which I should say.

When I awoke in the morning the dream was still fresh in my memory. "He brought me..." (Song of Solomon 2:4). Never before had this particular scripture been called to my attention in any way. Why should it come to me now? I began to think about it frequently.

My thoughts reverted to high-school days when the Lord strangely led me to a knowledge of Himself and placed in me an unceasing desire to follow Him all the way. In my reflections, a new sense of my own helplessness and unworthiness came over me, with a fresh recognition of my complete dependence upon Him.

How much we owe the dear Lord for endless bounties He has lavished upon us, for the operations of His mighty power toward us! Nothing we are able to do can ever merit the mercy and grace of God. It is not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He has saved us. Christ alone baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire. And the omnipotent One so faithfully continues to fulfill His promises to deliver, to help, to strengthen, to give rest.

OUT OF A HORRIBLE PIT

I recalled David's wholehearted expressions of gratitude to the Lord for the forgiveness of sins, the healing of diseases, preservation of life, renewing of youth, and other blessings. I would hear the Psalmist saying: "He brought me out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings" (Psalm 40:2).

David was having a rough time of it. The more he worked to get out of the miry clay, the deeper he sank. But God pulled him out of his predicament and planted his feet upon solid rock. The Psalmist had been in a horrible pit and he knew it. Today a world of sinners is playing around in the dark, dank pit of sin, yet so many of them seem unaware of their danger.

The Bible tells us all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). All! The good, the respectable, the moral, as well as the indecent, the un-

godly, the vile! "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

Neither good deeds, religious exercises, nor church attendance can justify us before God. Neither learning nor talents, wealth nor wisdom, can recommend us to heaven. Neither kings nor princes, presidents nor great men can influence God on our behalf. Jesus said, "I am the way... No man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). We cannot save ourselves. We cannot save others. But "He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by him."

INTO A LARGE PLACE

"He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me because he delighted in me" (Psalm 18:19).

The Lord did not purpose to bring us out of our unregenerate state to be hemmed in by a cramped, underdeveloped spiritual condition. One reason we do not make more Christian progress is that we permit the self-life too much sway. We overlook our own shortcomings; we are strong in our self-sufficiency; we fail again and again to trust the Lord, to yield to His working, to do His will.

Too, life brings more or less trouble to all of us. "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7). At times everything seems to go wrong. The boss is cranky. An important deal falls through. Folk at home are a trial. The beans burn. The baby cries. The children are unruly. Sickness strikes. Problems defy solution. Struggles end in defeat.

It is regrettable enough when business firms, struggling financially, go from the black into the red; but how much more pathetically tragic it is when Christians, Christ's ones, struggling spiritually, get down in the dumps, running from the pink into the blues.

"How then can I ever be spiritually minded? How can I ever master my unwieldy disposition? What can I do about the situations that fence me in?" The answer to it all is in God. He is the gateway to enlargement even in distress (Psalm 4:1).

Quit struggling! Stop worrying! Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. *Leave* it! Don't pick it up again. Let the Lord take over. Remember that "He careth for you." He is greater than your greatest need. He will sustain you. He will hold you up. He will work for you. He is well able to turn rough stumbling blocks of difficulty into stepping stones to victory. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).

Give vent no longer to temper, to the impulse of the moment, to self-will, to carnal thinking and actions. Yield wholly to Christ and He will live His life from within you.

The Lord will accomplish for us and in us and through us the very things we have struggled and failed to do in our own strength. He will remove us "out of the strait into a place where there is no straitness" (Job 36:16). A wide place! A place of freedom! Of personal triumph! Where life is lived in a divine fulness! This is God's goal for each and every one of us. He wants to bring His people into enlarged experiences such as none of us has ever had. He wants to do great and mighty things for us which we never have known.

"He delivered me because he delighted in me." Deliverance comes not because we deserve it, but because He delights in showing His loving kindness to those who trust in Him.

TO THE BANQUETING HOUSE

"He brought me to the banqueting house." What divine sweetness is fused into these tender words I did not "bring myself." *He* brought me! What an honor and privilege to be among those who share in His royal banquets!

Do we have a gnawing hunger for the things of God? Do we have our spiritual breakfasts, dinners and suppers? Spiritual food is as essential to the soul as natural food is to the body. We humans enjoy attending earthly banquets: how eagerly do we rush to partake of the heavenly ambrosia?

The banqueting house is the place where we can have as much of God as we desire. We can have God's very best, and all things are now ready. His oxen and fatlings are killed. There is always something cooking. We need not snack on sandwiches and tidbits when tantalizing full-course meals are being served! God wants us to eat our fill.

The Lord has an exotic table spread. Just pull up

your chair. Help yourself. You can have milk and honey along with the finest of the wheat. There are huge platters of the "meat which endureth unto everlasting life." And there is "meat to eat that ye know not of." The bread on this table is so life-giving and sustaining that "he that eateth thereof shall live forever." Besides, our Beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill and He supplies the choicest luscious grapes of Eshcol. And there is a big dish of healing on your Father's table. Did you think the disciples ate it all up? No, it is still heaping full. There is nothing you need for body, soul and spirit but what the Lord has abundantly provided.

UNDER HIS BANNER

"And his banner over me was love." Over *me!* Over *my* head! Over *my* life! And the inscription on the banner is *love!* Not my love for Him but His love for me. It was His love that bought me. It was His love that sought me. It was His love that brought me into exquisite spiritual pleasures and prospects.

How wondrous have been the tokens of His love! That ineffable love which was manifested in the death of Christ upon a malefactor's cross—for sinners! That compassionate love which yearns over His own, which is concerned with everything that touches their lives! That inexhaustible love which supplies and keeps and guides, bringing His people home to glory! We are beloved of the Lord with a love that passes knowledge.

Jesus declared that no man can come to the Son except the Father draw him. Moreover, the Father is constantly seeking to draw willing hearts into ever-deepening fellowship and communion with His Son.

In turn, Christ is continually bringing souls out of darkness into His marvelous light. He is feeding and leading those of us who are His own each step of our earthly journey. He will bring us safely one day into His big banqueting house over yonder, where in His presence we shall participate in the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb. ◀◀◀

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In the Secret of His Presence

In the secret of His presence, how my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low;
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty, 'neath the shadow of His wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Saviour rests beside me, as we hold communion sweet;
If I tried, I could not utter what He says when thus we meet.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow: this shall then be your reward;
And whene'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face.

—Ellen Lakshmi Goreh

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Call to Separation

God has called His people to separation but not to isolation. According to John 17, our calling is to be "in" the world without being "of" the world. The Lord wants to take the world out of us, without taking us out of the world.

Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He has called us "the salt of the earth" to have a healing influence in the affairs of men. He has said we are "the light of the world" to shine in the dark corners of human life. He wants us to participate actively in the life of the world; at the same time He wants us to remain undefiled by the evil that is in the world.

Our calling, therefore, is not to isolate ourselves by going into convents, monasteries, or exclusive Christian colonies (which we are not likely to do). Neither does God want us to isolate ourselves by becoming entirely engrossed in Christian friendships and church activities (which is a very real danger). We can become so wrapped up in our personal interests that we give very little thought or concern to other people who need spiritual help. We can become so taken up with spiritual enjoyment that we forget the needs of unsaved people living all around us.

We must not isolate ourselves and destroy our usefulness; neither must we mix in worldliness to the extent that our light grows dim and we lose our "saltiness." The Bible says, "Be ye separate." The Greek word used here is *aphorizo*. The prefix *apo* means "off" or "away from." The word *horizo* means to limit, set a boundary. We are to recognize certain limits or boundary lines and to stay back from these.

In 2 Corinthians 6:14 to 7:1 the Bible tells us where to draw the line: "Don't link up with unbelievers and try to work with them. What common interest can there be between goodness and evil? How can light and darkness share life together? How can there be harmony between Christ and the devil? What business can a believer have with an unbeliever? What common ground can idols hold with the temple of God? For we, remember, are ourselves living temples of the living God, as God has said: *I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

"Wherefore come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be to you a Father, and ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. With these promises ringing in our ears, dear friends, let us keep clear of anything that smirches body or soul. Let us prove our reverence for God by consecrating ourselves to Him completely" (J. B. Phillips).

Here is a solemn warning against entering into any partnership with unbelievers, whether in marriage, in business or any other intimate sense. God wants us to be free from entanglements that would tie us to worldly standards. He wants us to have standards that are different, standards that are scriptural, standards set by God and not by man. Only by being different can we exert an influence on the world and save men and women from the path that leads to destruction.

—R.C.C.



Mother, It Depends on You!

by Dorothy C. Haskin

IN THE IDEAL SITUATION, THE FATHER FILLS HIS rightful place as head of the house and takes the lead in the spiritual life of the family. Unfortunately this is not always the case. Often the spiritual welfare of the family depends on the mother.

When Wilbur and Priscilla were married, though he was not a Christian, he promised to have family prayers. However, it was not long after the wedding when his complete lack of interest discouraged her. She gave up any hope of having family worship. She decided it would be mockery to try to force family devotions upon an unsaved and unwilling husband.

But when their little boy became four years old Priscilla realized she was responsible for his spiritual life and she began to pray with him. Each day they had devotions together, just she and little Will. As the family grew she continued even though her husband did not participate.

In time she had five children and it was their custom each day to gather around the table for a few minutes to read some verses from the Bible and to pray together. If Wilbur happened to come in he sometimes laughed at her, annoyed by her persistence. There were times when the children were influenced by his attitude and refused to join her. There were times also when a child would become filled with his self-importance and had no time for the Lord.

In spite of the discouragements, Priscilla kept faithful to the course she had chosen and she lived to see all her children saved—and Wilbur too. Sometimes the way seems long, but God "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

A mother needs the daily strength that comes from regular seasons of family devotions and private devotions as well. The children may disappoint you. Your husband may get sick or lose his job. Days may become a treadmill of washing dishes, cleaning house, mending, ironing, and doing the endless chores involved in running a household. Then you have to know that God cares, and that He is with you.

Find some time each day when you can be quiet and let God pour His strength into your life. With small babies this may be hard to do. You may have to arise a few minutes earlier each day. The freshness of early morning makes it the best time to meet with God. Moses did this (Exodus 24:4; 34:4-6). So also did the Lord Jesus (Mark 1:35). Or, you may have to wait until your husband is gone to work, and the children are off to school.

Even if you do not feel any special desire to pray on a particular day, keep your quiet time. "When prayer delights thee least, then learn to say, *Soul, now is greatest need that thou should'st pray.*" God does not want us to be guided by our feelings. He wants us to live "by faith."

Your pursuit of the quiet time may take on many variations. In addition to reading your Bible you may be blessed by reading a good devotional magazine or book. A hymnbook also may guide your worship, not necessarily for singing but just for repeating the words of adoration and supplication to the Lord. But your Bible should never be overlooked.

Day in and day out, feed your soul on God's Word. Do not merely read the Bible but study it. "Simply reading your Bible does not mean you are getting spiritual nourishment," says Dr. Wilbur M. Smith. "Believing the Bible is not a synonym for feeding on the Word. Bible study is the study of the Bible, not dreaming over it, or arguing about it, or defending it."

Try different methods of studying the Scriptures. For instance, there is the book method. Read an entire book through at a time. Many epistles (such as Galatians, Ephesians, James) or the minor prophets can be read in a very few minutes.

Read the same book through each morning for a week, and keep a notebook handy. Write in it: By whom was this book written? To whom was it written? Why was it written? What is the most prominent truth

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Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

I was saved as a child but never baptized in water. Now I am eighteen years old. Should I be baptized now even though I have been saved several years?

Yes. Since Jesus united conversion and baptism saying, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16), it would be an act of obedience to the Scriptures and a renewal of your vows to follow Jesus were you to be baptized.

Is discouragement sin? Do not all become discouraged at times?

Discouragement is the result of our natural feelings. Very few, if any, go through life without times of discouragement. But submitting to discouragement reveals lack of faith, and "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." The important thing is that we resist discouragement and encourage ourselves in God (1 Samuel 30:6).

What is the meaning of, "Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19)?

It means, "Do not refuse to give Him place." The Spirit is compared to fire in this passage. When He comes into a life it is to enlighten and quicken, to purge and refine. The Spirit is quenched when we do not permit Him to carry on the refining work in our lives.

It can also mean that His manifestations and workings are not to be held down, ignored, or rejected. This does not mean that manifestations which are not in the Spirit should be encouraged.

Concerning the parables of new wine in old bottles and new cloth in old garments, why did Jesus connect these with fasting (Matthew 9:16, 17)?

Many sincere fasts are recorded in the Old Testament, and fasting on the day of atonement was required. Evidently many Jews formed the habit of fasting for merit, as illustrated by the Pharisee who reminded the Lord in his prayer, "I fast twice in the week."

Because formal fasting became such a part of Jewish worship, and John and his disciples fasted, Jesus was asked why His disciples did not fast. He assured them that He approved of fasting, but not pharisaical fasting. In the parables He pointed up the folly of using outwardly pious acts to cover up a sinful nature. Let not His disciples try to add something new to the old formalities of a cold Judaism; this would be like patching up an old garment or putting new wine in old wineskins. He said a new spirit of fasting was needed. God desires expressions of humility, a consciousness of spiritual need, and a burden for others, not merely a form of religion.

There is a lesson here for us too. We must not let forms take the place of spiritual worship.

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.

in it? What is this book's message to me personally?

Let God speak to you: then you are ready to speak to Him. Enter His courts with praise and thanksgiving for all His blessings. Then make your requests known to Him. It is well to have a "want list" so write down each request you make. When the answer comes, check it off with a grateful *Amen*. You will make two surprising discoveries: you will find God is more faithful to supply your needs than you ever dreamed He would be, and you will find that many of the things you thought you wanted you really did not need.

In praying for the needs of other people, you may find it helpful to use a separate 3-by-5 card for each person and write their requests on it. You may sort them into whatever order you choose, from day to day. You may pray for part of them one morning and the next day you may begin where you left off.

"Let the family altar become the center around which life revolves, and we will regain the spiritual resources so badly needed," says Judge Luther Youngdahl (former governor of Minnesota). "My wife and I have always endeavored to rear our children in Christian surroundings. The unity of parents and children in prayer, the singing of favorite hymns and reading of the Word of God, have been the richest phase of our home life."

After dinner, when all the family is together and before they leave the table, is a good time for family devotions. If the children are small you may wish to use a Bible storybook.

Let the children read a verse of Scripture, each in turn. The more they participate the more they will enjoy devotions. Don't hesitate to pause and explain the meaning of difficult verses. Take time to look up the pronunciation of unusual words. Daily devotions can be a time of learning, as well as worship; and special verses can be memorized from time to time.

Christian homes are lights to illuminate our neighborhoods, our cities, our nation. As Calvin Coolidge said: "The true civic center of our municipalities will be found not in some towering edifice with stately approaches, nor in broad avenues flanked with magnificent mansions, but around the family altar of the American home, the source of that strength which has marked our national character, where above all else is cherished a faith in things not seen."

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IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO A HEBREW-CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST, Pauline Kern, came from Chicago to the little town of Farrenburg, Mo., where we lived. A "Holiness" couple, Brother and Sister Simpson, invited her into their home for services. The attendance was such they moved into the Dunkard Church and continued, God honoring His Word with a revival that stirred the whole countryside. Many souls were redeemed from sin in that area where a revival had not come for years.

My sister and her husband were saved. After much prayer and persuasion my wife and I went to see and hear. I am glad we did, for the gospel of Christ moved our hearts and we were gloriously saved. My father also was saved—my mother was already a Christian. My grandfather and two uncles being Baptist preachers, we cast our lot with the Baptists and organized a church which was much blessed of God.

About two years later we heard of a strange religion where folk spoke with other tongues. They had come to the town of Parma, Mo., where my two Baptist preacher uncles lived. One of them attended the services and heard them preach the full gospel (i.e., salvation from sin, baptism in the Holy Spirit, divine healing, and the soon coming of the Lord). He was convinced of the truth and was wonderfully baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The other uncle was bitterly opposed and called my father to come and try to rescue his brother from this "Pentecostal heresy." However, when Dad attended the meetings he felt like the officers who went to arrest the Lord Jesus and who said, "Never man spake like this Man." He listened, believed, and arranged for one of the preachers, W. C. Anderson and his wife, to come to our place. A great number of people were saved and filled with the Spirit.

This time of searching the Word and of searching hearts, confessing our sins and humbling ourselves, brought God into action. The people, as in Elijah's day, saw His mighty works and said, "The Lord, he is God." My life was completely changed. I entered into a relationship with God never known apart from the baptism of the Holy Ghost (John 14:20).

I had felt the call to preach from a child, but when filled with the Spirit such a burden for lost souls came upon me! My precious wife was wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit and miraculously, instantly healed. But we passed through many trying experiences before I would yield to the call to preach. We gave up two chil-

dren, ages two and four, just fourteen hours apart. That brought me to deep, serious thinking. Two of my older brethren, F. L. Doyle and John T. Wilson, talked with me and prayed much with me, encouraging me to obey God.

I first preached for my pastor, S. B. Drew, in Parma, Mo., where we were members. Next I preached in Jones schoolhouse, Risco, and Canalou, Mo. I received my license to preach in Advance Mo., at a camp meeting. E. N. Bell was the Bible teacher and John T. Wilson and Arlie Ellsworth were the evangelists.

I was called to Puxico, Mo., to try out and was elected pastor. On my way there I had to spend several hours at Bloomfield, Mo., before the train arrived. I had little money, so I fasted at noon and read Evans' book *How to Prepare Sermons* for a lunch. After five years as pastor in Puxico I was elected district superintendent. I resigned that office after five years and went to Kansas City, Mo., where I was pastor for 31 years.

Through all the years of my affiliation with the Assemblies of God I have never had an occasion to be dissatisfied, knowing they were "earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints." Now, after fifty years, they are still pressing on to greater heights in God.

My first General Superintendent was J. W. Welch, who was followed by E. N. Bell, W. T. Gaston, E. S. Williams, W. R. Steelberg, G. F. Lewis, and Ralph M. Riggs, all wonderful brethren whose only purpose in life was to do the will of God.

We now approach our fiftieth anniversary under the able leadership of General Superintendent Thos. F. Zimmerman, whom God has signally blessed to bring us, as a movement, to a realization that we must press on and continue to preach the whole gospel to the whole world.

Many have been the conflicts of the Assemblies of God from the very beginning when organization itself was a controversy. There have been battles against worldliness and compromising; battles against Modernism; battles against New Issue and New Order; but our greatest battle is to put down unconcern and to pray through to a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Today we are challenged to go in and possess our possessions, remembering the God who hath delivered and doth deliver, in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us.

From the moment Brother Zimmerman announced the Golden Jubilee I seemed to hear a rustling in the tops of the mulberry trees telling us to "Go forward." Our Captain, the Lord of Hosts, is leading the way and will see us through. One day, perhaps very soon, He will take us to be with Him, not for a few days of jubilee, but to be together for one eternal ever. ❖

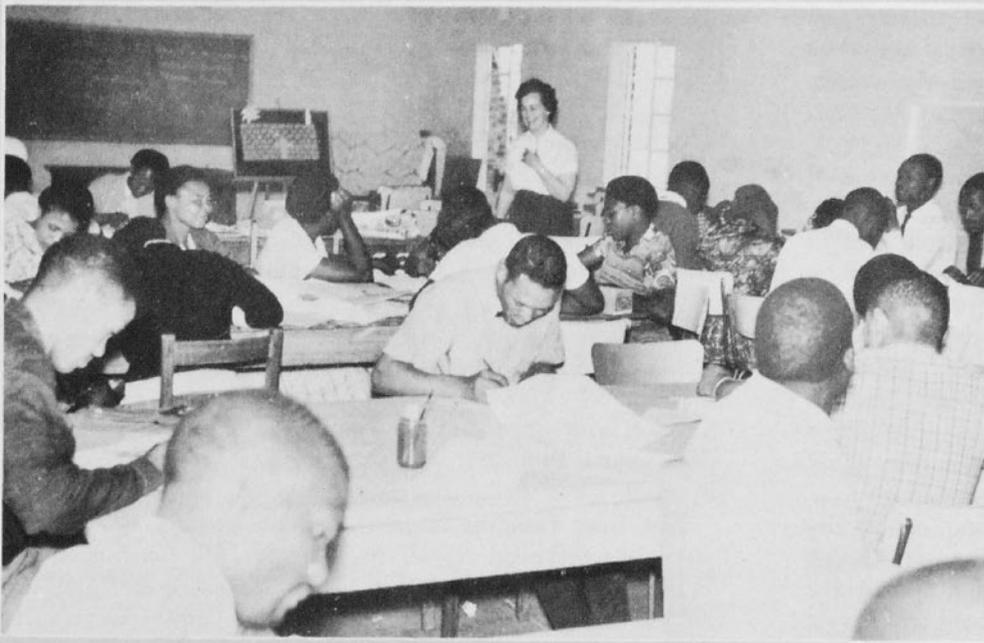
Aaron A. Wilson, born Oct. 3, 1891, has spent most of his life as an Assemblies of God pastor. Ordained on Aug. 25, 1922, he later served as Southern Missouri district superintendent five years and was an executive presbyter of the General Council 26 years. Brother and Sister Wilson now reside in Springfield, Mo. At 72 years of age he continues to preach very frequently and travels extensively.

LIFE at ABTI

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MISSIONARY TO SOUTH AFRICA



During the past 17 years the African Bible Training Institute has prepared hundreds of students for the ministry. The school, formerly in Witbank, was opened at the new location in Rustenburg last February. These pages show scenes from life at the new school.



Missionary Martha Pettenger teaches a class in visual aids.



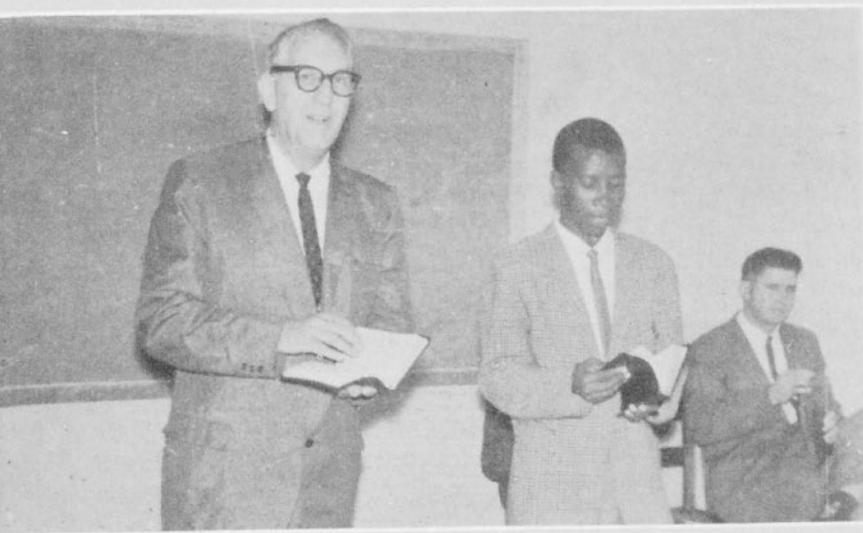
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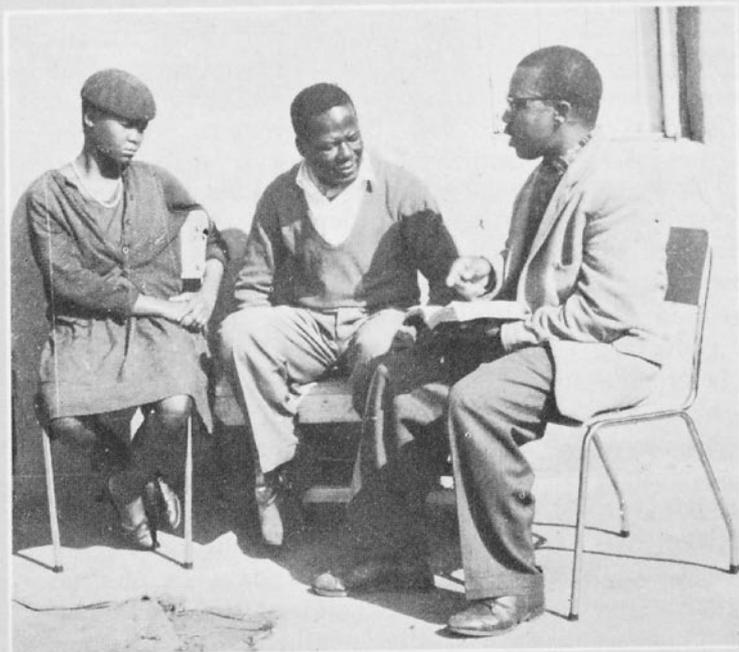
and so is the cafeteria!



God's blessing rests upon chapel services such as this one in which Field Secretary E. L. Phillips was speaker.



A new five-room dormitory for men is now nearing completion (top). Its furnishings will be similar to those of the other dorms (right).



Students engaged in house-to-house visitation.



More than 300 people attended graduation exercises November 30. Eighteen young people were given diplomas.



Recently Dr. Hukisson of the government-owned South African Broadcasting Corporation recorded 23 songs sung by the school choir and ensembles.

How You Can Help

Would you like to have a part in training South African young people for the ministry? You may do so by helping pay for a well which was recently drilled at the school. As a result of the worst drought in 30 years, the alternatives were either to drill a well or close the school. The faculty and staff of ABTI chose to go ahead with the well, even though there were no available funds to cover the cost. If you would like to help with this project, send your offering to the *Foreign Missions Department*, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Designation: *African Bible Training Institute well.*

Interruptions, emergencies, house guests, red tape, plus preaching, teaching, cooking . . . and the constituency at home wonders why missionaries don't write.



Operation Correspondence

By MRS. CYLE G. DAVIS
Missionary to Chile

HAZEL DOBBS PLUNGED INTO HER work this Monday morning with unusual enthusiasm. With not even an outstation service today, she would have the entire day to answer correspondence.

"You owe your constituents a report of what you are doing," the speaker at the School of Missions had said. Perhaps the home constituency did not hear from other missionaries but they would receive ample information from the Calvin Dobbs, Hazel decided.

She picked a letter from the pile of unanswered mail. Now here was a prizewinner! "I am a collector of airmail envelopes. Would you be so kind as to send me samples of airmail envelopes from your field?" Hazel laid this one aside for the moment.

The next letter produced a questionnaire from a committee seeking information for their survey of missionary life. She rapidly scanned the questions.

"Give detailed account of your early lives, schooling, occupation before call, Bible school and college experiences, early Christian ministry, first impressions of the field, outstanding missionary experiences, etc., etc." A big order—it would take most of the morning.

Hazel started to type. A gentle tap at the door revealed Jose, the gardener, standing there bleeding profusely from the left hand. "Perdone, senora,

do you have a bandage? The hedge clippers slipped and nicked my hand." Hazel rummaged in the first aid kit for antiseptic and bandages.

The next question, "How did you meet your spouse?" was a good one. As Hazel reminisced a bit before setting her answer down in black and white, Cal breezed in from his morning errands. He kissed her somewhere between the chin and the left ear.

"Good, you're started on those mis-

sionary letters. Say, Luis Gomez and Carlos Cespedes will be here for lunch. They just came in and want me to take them out to Los Lagos this afternoon to look at the prospects for a new work."

Hazel opened a letter her husband had brought, hoping it was from someone at home. Mr. and Mrs. Theo Browning and a friend would arrive at three o'clock this afternoon on Flight 206. They would be in the vicinity for several days to observe mission work and to sightsee. They were a little apprehensive of the food and drinking water at the local hotels and wondered if they could stay in the Dobbs' home.

She would have time to write a little more before getting lunch for Cal and the two national pastors. Her inspiration was abruptly interrupted when Cal, Jr., bounced into the room.

"Mommy, come quick. Senora Rosa has been to the country and has some fat hens to sell. Come feel them, Mommy, they're heavy," little Cal urged.

Hazel parted with seven dollars for two chickens. Her conscience eased a bit, however, as she thought of Cal's weakness for chicken and noodles. She would have something nice to serve the visitors, too.

Cal and the two national pastors, anxious to get started, buzzed off in the jeep, leaving Hazel to take the cab to the airport to meet the tourists.

Potato salad with ripe olives will go well with cold boiled chicken. Hazel

A Missionary's Plea

*Please pray for me, my friend
I need your prayers
For there are burdens pressing hard
And many cares.
Pray too, that Christ will make of me
The minister I ought to be.
Do pray for me, my friend,
At morning hour
That I may not be overcome
By Satan's power;
That mid the whirl and maze of things
My soul may drink of hidden springs.
And pray for me, my friend,
When night comes on alone,
God's stars look down
Upon us both apart—
Will you, my friend, before you sleep,
Pray Him my soul with yours to keep?
Cease not to pray for me—
Tho' sundered far;
Come, meet me at the mercy seat
From where you are;
Nor time nor distance can divide
Hearts that in His love abide.*

—T. C. Chrishohm

mentally calculated, as she beat oil into the egg for mayonnaise. Cupcakes were browning in the oven for an afternoon tea. She could still have an hour to herself to get started on the quarterly missionary letter before dinner time at 8.

Yola, the house girl, came in complaining. "Senora, there is a beggar at the outer gate. Says he hasn't had anything to eat since Saturday." Hazel spread some bread with mayonnaise and stabbed a chicken gizzard from the boiling pot. She remembered the cupcakes and dug two from the tin. She snatched a tract from the literature shelf. "And don't forget, Yola, to give him the tract, too."

"Flight No. 206 has been delayed until 4:30," Hazel was told at the airport. There was nothing she could do but wait for the plane. After taking the Brownings through customs, checking their passports, and recovering their luggage, it was time for dinner. The Brownings retired soon afterward.

At long last, Hazel had time to col-

lect her thoughts in the quiet of late evening. The sound of the buzzer from the outside gate shrilled through the stillness. Now, who could that be at this hour? Surely Calvin did not forget his keys. "It's Mr. Patterson from Campo Valley," announced Yola. "He missed the last plane out to the jungle and wonders if he can stay all night."

There was no place to put Mr. Patterson except to make a bed on the living room couch. Hazel wished the sheets were ironed; but at least they were clean.

Mr. Patterson was already snoring when Hazel resumed her post at the desk. "Now, where was I... oh yes, where did I meet my spouse?"

She heard footsteps in the hall and Cathy pattered in, blinking and rubbing her eyes. "Mommy, my mouth feels funny." Hazel whisked her off to the bathroom and none too soon.

Hazel was gently rocking Cathy to sleep, stroking the damp curls from the little girl's forehead, when she heard Cal's key in the lock.

ATTENTION "OLD TIMERS"

The Steering Committee of the 50th Anniversary Convention would like to hear from all persons who were present at the organizational convention of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, which was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in April of 1914. Friends are encouraged to write in behalf of individuals who may be physically incapacitated. Please mail information immediately to: The Steering Committee, 50th Anniversary Convention, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

"Hon, listen to what we found up on Los Lagos."

It was after midnight when Cal and Hazel tumbled into bed, having exchanged accounts of their activities during the day. "Dear Lord, help us to accomplish more," they prayed.

And the constituency at home wonders why missionaries don't write.



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

MISSIONS AND THE SECOND COMING

THIS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR of the establishment of the Assemblies of God makes it possible for us to review fifty years of history and analyze some of the motivations that were prevalent in those early days.

The first department officially organized by the General Council was for foreign missions. The Council roster in 1914 included just 15 foreign missionaries. By 1918 the number had increased to 73, covering 14 countries of the world including Alaska. Not many new missionaries were appointed during those early years. Growth came largely from full-gospel missionaries who had gone abroad at the behest of the Holy Spirit following the original outpouring at the turn of the century. Finding that foreign missions, above almost every other facet of God's work, required close coopera-

tion these people flocked by the scores to the new organization and its simple standard of administration and doctrine. Before many years had passed more than 200 early pioneers from many fields had become General Council missionaries.

Perhaps most outstanding in those days was the loose grip held on material things and the constant expectation of the Lord's soon return.

At the General Council in St. Louis in 1917, Miss Elizabeth Sisson, a very dedicated and able evangelist, testified that she had left a letter at home giving instructions as to what should be done in case she were caught away while on her trip to the Council. A missionary from Nicaragua followed with the testimony that he planned shortly to return to the mission field but did not expect to see the United States again as he would be remaining at his post until the Lord's return. Most believers of those days were reluctant to invest either time or resources in long-range programs because they felt the Lord's coming was imminent.

There has remained to this day in the Assemblies of God the central purpose that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The apostle Peter, writing of the end time and using a language that is as modern as this atomic age, said, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God."

By a process that is one of the secrets still locked in the councils of eternity, God has in a measure apparently identified His march through history with the cooperation and response of the Christian Church.

Whatever other renewals this Fiftieth Anniversary year brings us—and my fervent prayer is that they will be many—nothing could serve the cause of worldwide witnessing better than a return to the glow of enthusiasm and expectant urgency which characterized the missionary enterprise in 1914.

Offerings for any of the Foreign Missionary projects mentioned in this magazine should be mailed to:

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THE LONG WALK

By MRS. CHARLES LEE
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THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE NAVAJO Indians and their "Long Walk" is a sad account of the subduing of a once-free people and bringing them into subjection to the United States Government.

The mobility of the Navajo is what started the real conflict. They were ever moving about to meet the needs of their livestock for grazing land, and as the size of the herds increased the boundaries of their roaming expanded. They would often prey upon settlements, raiding and stealing, and then disappear into the broken country where it was almost impossible for anyone to follow them.

Warfare raged between the Navajo and the Mexicans, each taking slaves of the other's children and stealing livestock, thus keeping the country in continual commotion. It was at this time that the United States acquired this portion of land from Mexico. Dr. Louis Kenyon, writing in 1865, estimated the number of Navajo people held as slaves to be between five and six thousand.

In 1846 President James Polk declared war on Mexico and all people living in New Mexico and Arizona were told to consider themselves citizens of the United States. Later a fort was established at Fort Defiance to assure control of the Navajo. All went well until 1858 when Navajo horses were found on land which was

designated for the horses of the military men. Other hostilities followed and Fort Defiance was unsuccessfully attacked. When the Civil War broke out the soldiers had to abandon the fort and this left it free for invasion by the Navajo.

Finally in 1864 General James Carleton assumed the responsibility of rounding up the whole tribe and bringing them to Fort Sumner where he planned a settlement something like that of the Pueblo Indians. They would be taught to farm. This, he thought, would put an end to the raiding. Kit Carson, who had lived many years among the Indians of the west and knew the country well, was put in charge of rounding up the Indians.

Since the Navajo were able to hide in the inaccessible canyons and mountains, it was almost impossible to take

them by force. So Kit Carson starved them out. He and his men circled the area where the Navajo dwelt and every time they found a stray flock they killed the sheep and ate them. The soldiers never passed a cornfield without destroying it. On one occasion they came across some peach trees, which they promptly cut down. They made sure there would be no source of food supply.

When the Navajo heard this they knew they must surrender. Little groups of them, mostly women, came riding into Fort Defiance to see whether they could get food and blankets. The lack of interpreters made communication very difficult. When the Navajo were assured they would be given these necessities, a few decided to stay. Another attempt was made to round up the remaining Navajo but this time most of them were hiding in Canyon de Chelly, unable to make even a fire in the bitter cold winter, for fear of giving themselves away.

Captain Pfeiffer, the first white man to ride all the way through the canyon, led a group in this search. Sometimes he and his men would find a group of shivering, half-starved people hiding in a cave. They would take these along and feed them. When the rest saw these few eating and warming by the white man's fire they began to have faith in him. More and more of them followed the soldiers



Mrs. Charles Lee

as they made their way back to camp. At last they understood that a change was coming. Their raiding life was over.

Throughout the winter the Navajo kept gathering in Fort Defiance. On March 6, 1864, the strange new life began. Covered wagons were piled high with food and supplies for the Indians and their escorts. The few who still had horses rode them, but there was not room for anyone but the very old to ride in the wagons, so most of them walked. They walked 300 miles, following the old army oxcart roads from Fort Defiance to Fort Wingate and then to the Rio Grande. There was no bridge to cross so they had to hang onto the wagons and animals the best they could. None knew how to swim and often the current would sweep some small child away to be drowned.

A car can travel this same route in a few hours. It took the Navajo several weeks traveling 15 miles a day. It is not strange that the Navajo themselves named this "The Long Walk."

When they finally reached Fort Sumner they were crowded into little adobe houses, given farming tools and told to plant corn. They were lined up, counted, and issued ration tickets with which to obtain food. But the soldiers had not expected so many people, and the people did not like living so close together. They did not want to farm; they wanted to move about after their flocks.

The Fort Sumner experiment failed completely. Caterpillars ate the crops the first year, and the firewood that had seemed so plentiful was disappearing rapidly.

The next two years the crops failed again. In 1867 the government was discouraged. The experiment had cost almost ten million dollars. General Sherman was sent out to investigate. After deliberating a whole day the general told the Navajo they would be sent back to their own country, but he emphasized there was to be no more fighting and the children were to go to school. On June 1, 1868, the Navajo signed the treaty which was their charter for the future.

So the Navajo went back to their beloved mountains, much wiser for their suffering. Now they are at peace with the white man. But there is one thing missing in this story. *They are not at peace in their souls.* They still live in darkness of superstition and

sin. Warfare is still going on—not a warfare between tribes but between Satan and the souls of a people.

We have given the Navajo a few material things, but have we given them the things of eternal value that will prepare them to live in a Beautiful Land where there is no poverty or death? We took away their freedom, but have we given them freedom from their sins in return?

At the time of this writing the Navajo tribe has increased to about 93,000 in comparison to the nine to twelve thousand estimated during the Fort Sumner days. The reservation boundaries have been expanded, the children are being educated, many of the men are working on good jobs and receiving sufficient wages to care for their families. Thank God that now they are also receiving the Word of God.

Missionary activity has increased tremendously over the past ten years. The Pentecostal message, which some years ago was regarded with suspicion and rejected, is now being embraced by the Navajo all over New Mexico, Arizona, and outlying areas of the reservation. At least 19 Assemblies of God mission stations minister to the Navajo alone or to mixed tribes including the Navajo, either on the reservation or in areas where the Navajo are working. But there are still thousands yet to be reached with the gospel.

Missionaries are driving worn-out cars into canyons that discouraged soldiers a hundred years ago. Interpreting still offers many problems in the preaching of the gospel for missionaries who find the Navajo language very difficult to learn. The great need is for the Indians themselves to go to Bible schools and come back as missionaries, especially to those who are unreached as yet due to the language barrier. But most Navajo are not wealthy enough to pay for schooling and families are large. Young men and women with a vision to bring the

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T. C. Cunningham (left), assistant superintendent; L. E. Halvorson, superintendent; and Sam Eubanks represented the Southern California District's Breakthrough projects in the "Parade of Progress."

PARADE OF PROGRESS SLIDES
AVAILABLE

A set of 35 mm slides with script for the *Parade of Progress* presented at the General Council Home Missions service in Memphis, Tenn., is available for church gatherings, district rallies, etc., free of charge. Write the National Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802, allowing at least two weeks for scheduling. Since the number of sets is limited, the slides should be returned within 24 hours following the showing.

gospel to their people must wait and wait—how long?

Perhaps a glance at some of our mission churches would convince us that the white man is still trying to crowd the Indians into small houses. This is not done intentionally, but in most cases congregations have outgrown their buildings and because there is no money to enlarge they must do the best they can.

It has taken many years to convince the Navajo that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer to their greatest need, even as it took years for the government to change their way of thinking and to get them to follow a better way of life. Now, at this crucial time when they are accepting what used to be called the white man's religion, we must offer them the very best lest they lose confidence and feel that we, like others in the past, have "broken the treaty."

We have so much and the Navajos so little. Should we not share the gospel with them? ◀◀

Spanish Crusade in Miami

By HILDA ROMAN



Evangelist Rudy Cerullo (left) preaching at the Spanish Crusade in Miami while Andres Roman interprets.

AHARVEST IS STILL BEING REAPED from the Spanish Crusade which was held last August in Miami, Fla.

Rudy Cerullo and his family from Philadelphia, Pa., ministered in music and song. Andres Roman interpreted as Brother Cerullo preached the Word.

Seven pastors of Spanish-speaking Assemblies of God churches and two pastors of other Pentecostal groups united their efforts for this ingathering of souls in the Miami area. Night after night the people congregated in the National Guard Armory at the heart of the Spanish-speaking area to hear the gospel.

Puerto Ricans, Ecuadoreans, many Cuban refugees, and other Spanish-speaking people, as well as some English-speaking Americans, most of them with idolatrous religious backgrounds, felt the constraining power of the Holy Spirit. Every night workers filled in contact cards for future reference.

Among the many testimonies recorded were several outstanding cases. A 46-year-old Cuban refugee, deaf from birth, rejoiced when he could

hear after prayer was offered for him.

Sixto Rosario, a Puerto Rican horse jockey, came to the campaign one rainy night. When asked what his need was he stated he had a back injury which prevented him from working. Evangelist Cerullo asked Sixto to pray along with him for his salvation and healing.

The ministers who stood nearby noticed how Sixto trembled from head to foot as he prayed with upraised hands. Then he lowered his hands to his hips and fumbled under his shirt. Out came a thick, heavy steel brace. At the sight of the burdensome thing, the congregation shouted and cried for joy, while Sixto dropped to his knees with hands upraised and praised the Lord. It all happened so fast. We had witnessed the miracle-working power of God.

Two nights later Sixto testified. He told of his many narrow escapes while horse racing. He said that as a result of a race in Mexico, when a rival caused him to fall, he spent three painful months in the hospital with a broken back. Finally discharged, he

was unable to lift a thing. Now he tore up his jockey card and said he wanted to live for God. After the service some books and big boxes had to be lifted. Sixto was one of the men who lifted them; he helped to get the organ onto the truck!

On the last night of the services in the National Guard Armory, Brother Cerullo requested all the people to form a circle and asked the ministers to stand inside the ring. Then he prayed that the services which would continue in the individual churches would be the means of spreading the revival spirit throughout the Miami area.

The most satisfying feature of this first united effort of the Spanish Assemblies of God churches in this area is that new people continue to come into the cooperating churches testifying, "Oh, I was saved in the Rudy Cerullo campaign," or, "I was healed in the special services and want to continue worshipping in this type of church." Each congregation has benefited by receiving new people.

Brother Cerullo is going from church to church among the Spanish-speaking people. The word "church" really does not describe the places of worship for they are store buildings which have been equipped with simple platforms, pulpits and benches. Most of these buildings have no space for Sunday school classrooms.

If you feel a burden for the 100,000 Spanish-speaking people who live in the Miami area, please pray that the Lord will work out a way whereby the younger generation will have the opportunity to learn the Word of God. Many hear the Word and go to their homelands in South America carrying with them the gospel that sets men free for time and eternity. ◀◀



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Crowd attending the Spanish Crusade held in the National Guard Armory in Miami, Fla.





WMC's of Lancaster, Pa., prepare a quilt for a home missions box. The WMC's from all the Districts engage in various projects to assist home missionaries and pioneer churches.

PERSPECTIVE



FAITH CONQUERS FEAR

BY R. L. BRANDT
National Secretary of Home Missions

FEAR AND FAITH CANNOT DWELL IN the same house. They have absolutely nothing in common. Fear paralyzes; faith energizes. Fear makes a midget of a giant; faith makes a giant of a midget. Fear freezes the blossoms of spiritual progress; faith melts the ice of spiritual inactivity. Fear is our worst enemy; faith is our best friend.

Fear is one of Satan's most powerful weapons for curtailing, if not stopping altogether, the forward march of the Church. By fear strong churches are kept from becoming mother churches. By fear young men fail to accept the challenge of the ministry, counting security for this life more important than sheaves for the next life. By fear experienced ministers draw back from pioneering lest in the eyes of men they should appear demoted!

But with faith it is different. By faith churches, even though they are not large and mighty, receive strength to mother other churches, because they judge "him faithful who promised." By faith young men, seeing beyond today, surrender their lives to God for full-time service, accounting that God is able both to enable and to sustain them. By faith pastors with years of experience willingly forsake their good salaries, their fine parsonages, the security of well-established churches and become pioneers once more in unreached American communities. By faith pioneer pastors stand firm in the face of formidable obstacles, subduing communities for Christ, establishing righteousness in the hearts of men, obtaining promises, stopping the mouths of unbelieving critics, quenching the violence of unholy fires which burn in men's bosoms, escaping the cutting edge of discouragement and defeat, out of human weakness being made superhumanly strong, waxing valiant in Christian warfare, turning ungodly sinners into God-honoring saints, and seeing the dead in trespasses and sins raised to walk in newness of life.

By faith, I say, *by faith* we conquer.

You Can't Beat the Women!

By G. F. LEWIS

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL is one of the greatest single factors in the extension of our Home Missions program. General reports indicate their assistance in district pioneer efforts is very extensive. In one case the WMC's built a church, installed a lady pastor and pioneered a new work.

WMC assistance to home missionaries on Indian reservations and in Alaska would be hard to estimate. Some missionaries could not have remained on the field without this generous and consistent help. The two Alaska orphanages also have been the recipients of many WMC gifts of love.

One missionary to American Indians reports: "I was able to give out over \$125 worth of candy and nuts and Christmas gifts provided by WMC's of one district."

Another writes: "The WMC's provided food, clothing and Christmas gifts for the Indian people again this year. This assistance is a great blessing. We had a wonderful Christmas with our Indian people and are so thankful for all who helped to make it possible."

These letters are typical of the many expressions of thanks for WMC efforts we receive from our grateful home missionaries. The WMC's are surely the missionaries' collaborators, for they lighten the heavy load. Actually, I think the WMC means as much to home missions as it does to the foreign work.

A large percentage of the district

WMC coin collections goes for district home missions work. Southern New England puts its offering into a revolving fund for new works. Some WMC's rent buildings for pioneer efforts. The coin collections may be in nickels, dimes, etc., but records indicate that some of the largest collections are in pennies. I personally have seen washtubs filled and running over with pennies.

The 1962 records show that the Northern California-Nevada penny offering amounted to \$6,669. Other districts that collected over \$3,000 in pennies were South Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, Southern California, and Oregon. The Northern California-Nevada District usually designates its offering for church extension, but in 1962 it went toward the new WMC commissary; South Texas divides its offering between home missions and foreign missions; Illinois uses its collection for pioneer works; Wisconsin-Northern Michigan provides plots and buildings for pioneer churches; Southern California's collection goes to pioneer works; and Oregon divides its offering between pioneer churches and other projects. The total amount collected in all district penny offerings for 1962 was \$82,890!

The district and national Home Missions departments wish to express their appreciation on this WMC Day to the women of our Assemblies for the great contribution they are making to Home Missions across the nation.



LISTENERS IN FOREIGN LANDS HELPED BY REVIVALTIME

By VIRGINIA COUCH

WHILE LISTENING TO REVIVALTIME, Elizabeth Philpot in Hamilton, Bermuda, was healed in her body.

Consolacion Difuntorum of Pangasinan, Luzon, Philippines, was led to Christ by the radio message.

Revivaltime's gospel teaching kept Mrs. Cleopatra Wilson, St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies, from becoming bitter during a time of frustration.

Although unable to attend local church services, these and many others have received spiritual, physical, and financial blessings through the radio ministry of *Revivaltime* in foreign lands.

With churches in almost every town and modern transportation usually available, it is difficult for the average American to conceive of able-bodied men and women being unable to attend church. But across the seas it is often a rare privilege to be in regular church services. Few, if any, have automobiles and roads are poor, if there are any. Most people are cut off from travel and association with all except immediate neighbors.

Radio, however, is a common means of communication in most countries—even among the underprivileged. A 1961 report stated, "Three per cent of India's population have refrigerators, 12 per cent have access to telephones, 52 per cent have radio receivers."

The radio is opening doors for the

gospel. Each week the *Revivaltime* team has church right in the listeners' homes, in their cars, in places of employment, or in hospitals, orphanages, and prisons. Each service includes congregational singing, special musical numbers, testimonies, a sermon, and the climaxing altar call.

David Nathaniel wrote from Saharapur, India: "Radio and printed literature are the only ways we have of getting the Word of God." David works in a sugar factory, 18 miles back in the jungle and away from the city. He cannot hear the gospel from Sunday school teachers or a local pastor.

A lady wrote from St. James, Trinidad: "I do not attend Sunday worship very often because of my baby. But I look forward to your service every Sunday morning. It seems that each sermon fits in with the problem of the week. I am praying for you and for those who support your broadcast. It is a blessing to many."

Revivaltime foreign broadcasts in the English language are reaching millions. The broadcast is released from stations in Nassau, Bahamas; Hamilton-Pembroke, Bermuda; Cebu City, Iloilo City, and Manila, Philippines; Vieques, Puerto Rico; Paramaribo, South America; St. Maarten, Netherlands West Indies; Nigeria, West Africa; Taipei, Tainan, Taichung, and Koahsung, Formosa; Port-of-Spain,

Trinidad, British West Indies; Georgetown, British Guiana, South America; Pago Pago, American Samoa; San Jose, Costa Rica; Naha, Okinawa; Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. There are also nine Canadian outlets.

In addition to foreign outlets in the English language, *Revivaltime* has an associate broadcast in the Russian and Ukrainian language. An estimated six million hear "Voice of Truth" as it is beamed weekly behind the Iron Curtain.

For five years *Revivaltime* has been released over the powerful 20,000-watt voice of Radio Guardian, Trinidad. The former pastor of the *Revivaltime* Assembly in San Fernando stated that in 1958, when *Revivaltime* was first released in Trinidad, his congregation began to grow immediately. His Sunday school climbed from 137 to more than 200 in the first few months of the broadcast. During 1959 and early 1960 the attendance was in the 400's and facilities were crowded out. In a letter dated July 17, 1963, Brother Ulseth, present pastor, said: "We have over 700 in Sunday school and about 800 in our Sunday night evangelistic service. Last night a Chinese cafe owner who was saved through the *Revivaltime* broadcast had his entire family sing in our service. It is a great joy to watch the fruits of the program. There are so many in Trinidad who have been saved as a result of the broadcast. I am sure our radio audience is growing all the time."

Every week for years testimonies have come in from Trinidad. Last month Miss Ida Haywood wrote: "I was a great sinner. The pleasures of this world had me. Then one Sunday morning I heard your program and asked God to save me from my sins. The verse of John 6:37, 'Him that

SPECIAL BROADCAST FEATURE

A new *Revivaltime* feature will be "Chorus Time." During the months of February and March radio friends will be given the opportunity to sing along with *Revivaltime*. A special *Revivaltime* chorus book has been prepared for this worldwide chorus time. Send your request for this chorus book along with your gift, and a complimentary copy will be sent you. Write REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65801.

cometh to me I will in no wise cast out,' came to my mind. I felt my burden lift. I am now saved and tell others about God's wonderful love."

Another writes from Trinidad: "It is always a thrill to listen to *Revivaltime* on Sunday mornings. I am a Roman Catholic. It is against the rules of my church to listen to a non-Catholic program but I can't help listening to you. It gives me a thrill such as I have never before known. I am convinced that God wants me to have Him as my personal Guide and Saviour."

From Trinidad a teen-ager wrote: "I am one of the very many fortunate and blessed people who are able to listen to your faith-inspiring services every Sunday. I always look forward to *Revivaltime*. Since I began listening to your services there has been a great change in my life. God has entered my soul. I feel His presence, and it is wonderful."

Revivaltime was the first full-gospel missionary voice in Dutch Guiana. Now this country of nearly one-half million population is experiencing the greatest revival in its history.

A young lady wrote from British Guiana: "I am 19 years of age and have accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour. It is a real joy to listen to your program over station BGSB every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Many are being blessed through your radio ministry."

No estimate of the entire foreign

audience is possible, but we have received hundreds of letters from 74 foreign countries. The following are a few that have been received in recent months.

"I am writing all the way from South Africa to tell you how it brightens a person's heart to switch the radio on and hear such wonderful singing and ministering. It does a person good to listen to *Revivaltime*."—M. V. O., Durban, Natal, South Africa.

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"We recently discovered your program on a Taiwanese radio station

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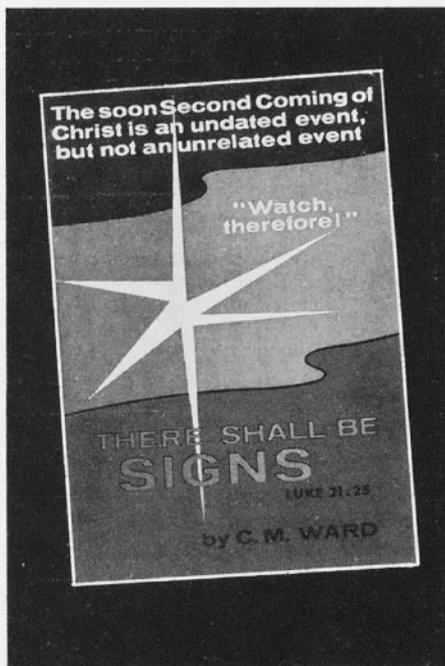
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HOW CAN I TAKE MY CHILD TO THE MISSION FIELD?

A Missionary Mother Writes an Open Letter

By Elaine Hinson, Liberia, West Africa

DEAR READER:

I write the following with a twofold purpose—to give testimony to the protecting power of our God and to encourage other mothers who are called into foreign missionary service.

When my husband and I began to itinerate for our first term as missionaries to Liberia, West Africa, I was sure I had placed everything on the altar in complete consecration in view of the life we were entering. However, as we traveled from place to place people began questioning the advisability of taking our two-year-old son to a foreign country, subjecting him to disease, danger, and separation from his relatives and the American way of life. Seeds of fear and doubt began to sprout in my heart. I knew God had called me personally and our family as a unit, so I kept these thoughts to myself. Only in the dark hours of night did I bring them out and pray for strength and courage to completely place Michael on the altar.

It was several months after our arrival in Liberia

before we could obtain a portable light plant. During this time our house became infested with snakes. We found them everywhere. Bible school teaching took my husband away evenings, so I would sit alone within the dim radius of light cast by our kerosene lamp and hold Michael in my lap telling him Bible stories and singing choruses until he fell asleep fearing that if I put him on the floor he would step on a snake in a dark corner or put his hand on one among his toys.

One morning Mike begged to go with his daddy in the airplane on the weekly flight to carry mail and groceries to the missionaries in the interior. I watched them take off. Just as the plane broke ground and began climbing, the engine coughed, sputtered and died. I stood horror-struck. Finally the engine fired again. They circled and landed. Proof of God's protection was unquestionable as Brother Hinson pulled tree limbs out of the wheels.

These are only two of numerous memories I have of that three-year term. Mike *did* meet dangers. He *did* contact tropical diseases. He *was* a foreigner in a strange land. He *did* become homesick for his grandparents and other relatives. But more important than any of these facts was the proof that *God did keep His promise* to go with *each* one of us *each* hour of each day.

In the midst of these happenings I found that a once-for-all consecration was not enough, but that a step-by-step commitment was the secret in following the plan of God.

There are rewards in doing God's will. One great reward came a few weeks before our furlough. We had flown 180 miles interior to hold a revival in one of the Bible schools. At the close of Brother Hinson's message on the final night, everyone knelt to pray. My ears had become so accustomed to hearing prayers in the native dialect that I was surprised to hear someone praying in English and could not resist the impulse to look up to see who it was. What I saw made me want to laugh and cry at the same time. Kneeling on a mud floor beside a crude bench in that African church was my son Michael, five years old, with tears streaming down his face as he gave his heart to the Lord.

Was it worth all the fear, worry and anxiety I endured—the so-called "sacrifice"—to take my young son to the mission field? A thousand times so, for it was there that he first met God. What greater thrill could any mother know! ◀◀



Michael Hinson wearing a replica of a Liberian chief's robe.

TODAY IS NATIONAL WMC DAY

"UNITED WE STAND..." THESE WORDS SPOKEN TO A young nation in another century might well describe the WMC organization of 1964.

Today, on this thirteenth anniversary of National WMC Day, little groups, big groups and multiple-group organizations all over the land and in many places outside the U.S.A. will join in kindred services.

No group stands alone. A half-dozen women in a secluded village may throughout the months toil away with few hands and limited funds, while a multiple-group WMC band in a metropolitan area, embracing two hundred women and involving much finance, may experience remarkable accomplishments. But TODAY

THEY ARE ONE—one as they worship, one as they display the fruits of their labors, and one as they kneel at altars, crude or polished, to dedicate themselves to a year of personal witnessing and loyal service.

Members of the national WMC staff will be in such services. District presidents will participate in events of the day. Sectional representatives will join in. Members of thousands of local groups will assemble with a central theme.

This united assembling speaks of the identical service they perform. From interests in their local church and community they branch out to district endeavors, to benevolence circles, and to home and foreign mission fields. The pattern of fivefold ministry is the same for all groups, large or small.

The compassionate Saviour in whose stead they minister had the same prayer for all His followers, "That they all may be one... in us" (John 17:21).

The reward for service is the same. The small groups who have exhausted their store of talents and funds will not fall behind the big groups who have had more committed to them (Luke 12:48).

The challenge of the day is the same for all. "NOW IS THE TIME" to employ every means with intensified effort to save the lost. The great day of harvest is at hand!

WMC'S HONOR THEIR LEADERS



WMC members of the Southern Missouri District take pride in keeping a well-stocked storeroom. Besides district-adopted missionaries many others share in its benefits. Missionaries living in Mission Village or visiting the national headquarters on business often find themselves short on certain items. A telephone call to the storeroom usually solves the problem.

Recently the WMC's of the district invited their officers to shop in the storeroom. Mrs. Cleo Tapp, district president, says: "We were delighted and thankful. The unexpected favor supplied linens we all needed." (above)

WMC's of the Oklahoma District joined in the celebration of the thirty-third wedding anniversary of their district president, Mrs. Robert E. Goggin.

Last year, by using a savings stamp club plan, the local groups provided a Valiant 200 for the use of their president in her travels to WMC functions over the state. (below)



Earlier in the year more than 250 WMC members of the Ohio District attended a banquet in honor of their retiring president, Dorothy Emery, who left the state for Greenland, Pa. where her husband, Paul J. Emery, is president of Northeast Bible Institute. A nine-piece sterling silver tea and coffee service was their gift of appreciation for her five years of service. (above)

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The WMC groups of South Dakota surprised their district president, Mrs. B. G. Heinze, with a hand-embroidered quilt featuring the state flower.

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Individual groups of the Southern New England WMC's honored their district president, Mrs. G. E. Flower, with gifts of an afghan, linens and pieces of China.



These Missionettes of Forest Hill, La., are in the process of wrapping used literature for missionaries. The girls went to the Hillcrest Children's Home and took items they had made. With them is their sponsor, Mrs. Beverly Poole.



Mary Askew, sponsor of the Missionettes of First Assembly, Granite, Okla., is shown with her group of Missionettes. The girls are wearing their uniforms.



This large group of Missionettes is from the Assembly in Landisburg, Pa. The girls have completed scrapbooks for their Sunday school, made dolls for an orphanage, and sent many boxes of food and clothing to missionaries. Sponsors are Mrs. Vernon Hare and Mrs. F. Eber Reitzel.



Junior and Senior Missionettes from Saltville, Va., with their sponsors, Mrs. Frances Carnley and Jane Henderson. The girls visited a rest home and conducted a service for the patients. They also distributed over 100 Evangels to people outside the church. They subscribed to the *C. A. Herald* for their school library.



Missionettes from Westernport, Md., with their sponsor Hazel Chapman. A number of these girls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit last year.



Junior Missionettes from First Assembly, Bellflower, Calif., are seen with sponsors Mrs. Loretta Smith and Sharon Smith. The uniforms were made by mothers of the girls and ladies of the church. The girls enjoy visiting a rest home.



These Bellflower Missionettes were honored at a special service during Sunday school. Six of the girls had completed the Susanna step of the achievement program and two were promoted to the senior club. The six were given Missionette pins for their accomplishments. Pastor Pearce is at the right.

Our Witness in **SIERRA LEONE**

SIERRA LEONE, A FORMER BRITISH colony and Protectorate, lies between Guinea and Liberia on the west coast of Africa. The country received its name in 1462 from the Portuguese explorer, Pedro de Cintra. To this mariner thunderstorms in the mist-shrouded mountains sounded like the roar of lions, hence the name, Sierra Leone, which means "lion mountain." The country was originally settled by Portuguese but today little remains of that early venture except its name.

Sierra Leone's history resembles that of neighboring Liberia. The British Sierra Leone Company, founded in 1787, sponsored a colony for liberated slaves and discharged Negro soldiers who fought on the side of Great Britain in the American War of Independence. The company ceded its rights to the Crown, and British administration of the Colony began in 1808. The hinterland was proclaimed a Protectorate in 1896. Sierra Leone became fully independent within the Commonwealth on April 27, 1961.

The population of 2,183,000 in-

cludes Creoles (descendants of liberated slaves) and some 14 tribes each with its own language and customs. About 2,000 Europeans and Asians reside in the country. English is the official language.

Freetown, the capital, got its name with the arrival of the first freed slaves in 1787. It has one of the finest harbors in West Africa and is the traditional port of call for many nations. Consequently its population of 128,000 is cosmopolitan.

Formerly, fevers were so prevalent

that Sierra Leone earned the sinister reputation of "white man's grave." Modern sanitation has done much to overcome the unhealthy climate. Rainfall, heaviest on the coast, varies from 150 to 180 inches annually. The country is well watered by a network of rivers and streams.

Sierra Leone is essentially an agricultural country. Rice and cassava are grown for home consumption. Export crops include cocoa, coffee, ginger, kola nuts, palm oil, and palm kernels. Along the rivers and inlets grow thousands of coconut palms. Fishing is a major industry. A country short of animal protein, it is a good market for fish.

Much of the country's income is derived from minerals, particularly iron ore and diamonds. Village industries include oil processing, fish drying, and native handcrafts. Manufacturing on a commercial basis is being developed.

Missionary societies opened the first secular schools in Sierra Leone. The government now provides schools and gives financial aid to mission schools that train teachers. With the founding of Fourah College by the Church Missionary Society in 1827 Freetown

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A native woman sells vegetables in the open market in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.



Group attending a gospel service in the village of Kiah.

became the first city in West Africa to have an institution of higher learning.

Sierra Leone was the first Protestant mission field in West Africa. The Church Missionary Society sent workers in 1804. Death claimed fifty-three missionaries during the first twenty years but replacements were sent and the witness continued. English Methodists opened a mission station in 1811. The Evangelical United Brethren began their work in 1855 and today have the most extensive work on the field. Other mission boards sent representatives after the turn of the century. Today the Freedom area has a large Christian community.

Pentecostal work dates from 1905 when Genie Fuller and Grace Belshar opened a mission station in Freetown. Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Shakley (now retired) began their missionary service in 1916.

The oldest Assemblies of God work in Sierra Leone is among the Kroo tribe. Simon Grant, himself a Kroo, has been pastor of the Freetown church for more than 30 years. Mr. Grant currently is superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Sierra Leone.

Christian witness was next extended to the Temne tribe in Freetown. Preaching services were conducted on a chief's verandah until a building was remodeled to serve the growing congregation. When Mr. and Mrs. George Hemminger (formerly with another mission) returned to Sierra Leone in 1944 under Assemblies of God appointment, they became leaders of the Temne work. A new church was built in 1946. Two converts from the Temne church are in full-time ministry: Bai Sesay, pastor of the congregation

in Hastings, and Daniel Conteh, pastor of the Limba work.

Our work in the Limba tribe dates from the conversion of Daniel Conteh, son of a paramount chief. He felt called to preach and terminated his employment with one of the principal forms in the city. Daniel testifies, "Life really began for me in October 1948 when I was born again." Under his ministry people were stirred to repentance and faith in Christ. Today there are three Limba congregations in Freetown. A new church, planned and constructed by builder Elwin Grundy, was dedicated on December 1, 1963. More than 2,000 people attended the service. Rt. Hon. Sir Milton Margai, Prime Minister of Sierra Leone, officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. All but a few hundred dollars of the \$32,900 building cost was raised by the Limbas.

A revival which came to the Kissi tribe of western Liberia in 1956 spread to Sierra Leone when one of the Liberian Christians crossed the border to Koindu and won Moses Fayiah to Christ. Hungry to know more of the gospel, Moses and another young man visited the Liberia revival and returned with a burden to win their own people. As they witnessed, people accepted the Lord and brought idols and fetishes to be burned. Severe persecution followed but the converts stood true. Feeling the need of spiritual guidance, the converts sent Moses to Freetown (a journey of 325 miles) to talk to our missionaries. Missionary George Hemminger, who returned with him to Koindu, was amazed when he saw the large group of new converts. The church in Koindu continues to grow. A new building was recently

constructed through local funds. Six other congregations in the area also have their own buildings.

A spiritual awakening came to Freetown in 1959 when Peter Scothern from England conducted evangelistic services in the Queen Elizabeth II playing field. Large crowds gathered each night to hear the gospel. Hundreds of people accepted Christ and many miracles of healing were reported.

For many years Sierra Leone was our only African field without a Bible school. Faced with a ripe field and few workers, our missionaries recognized the need of a training center. Long-awaited Bible classes were begun in Koindu in temporary quarters by the Jonathan Glovers in early 1963. Forty enthusiastic young men enrolled. Several nights a week students preach the gospel in surrounding villages. Almost every Sunday there are new people in the Koindu church as a result of this outreach program. A Bible school building is under construction.

The Sierra Leone Assemblies of God consists of 12 organized churches and 16 preaching points. This fellowship includes the Kroo, Temne, Limba, Lokko, and Kissi congregations. All pastors are supported by their own people.

Misses Ruck and Turpin of the Assemblies of God in England supervise the work in Hastings about 14 miles from Freetown. One of the converts recently opened a church in Pepel.

A number of missionaries have served in Sierra Leone in past years, but our only missionaries currently under appointment are the George Hemmingers and the Jonathan Glovers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy served in Sierra Leone before transferring to Liberia in 1961. The Kennedys ministered to various tribal groups in the Freetown area and Mr. Kennedy was field superintendent.

The goal of our missionaries is to train Sierra Leoneans so that a strong Pentecostal witness will be established throughout the hinterland where thousands of villages await the message of a living Christ. Missionaries and national workers are working together in the power of the Holy Spirit to build an indigenous church. The new Bible school occupies a strategic position in reaching this goal.

—Christine Carmichael

Peter's Restoration

Sunday School Lesson for March 1, 1964

JOHN 21:15-23; 1 JOHN 2:1-3

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

The twenty-first chapter is a fitting conclusion to the Gospel of John. The first chapter speaks of the *pre-incarnate* Christ. The chapters that follow describe the ministry of the *incarnate* Christ. The last chapter—although it does include the account of Peter's restoration—shows how the *resurrected* Christ was related to His disciples and, at the same time, how He is related to His Church today. We shall briefly summarize the chapter under three headings:

FISHING (John 21:1-8)

Human Labor. "Simon Peter said . . . I go a fishing." Were these men waiting for the resurrected Christ to keep a previously made appointment with them? Were they discouraged or disappointed over the development of events since Christ had risen? Had they forgotten Christ's call and commission? (Matthew 4:19; John 20:21). We may not know positively. But this we may know, that behind the historical events recorded here were divinely intended lessons—for them and for us! Men do, under certain circumstances, turn back from the life of consecration.

Human Influence. "We also go with thee." So spake the other disciples. No man lives unto himself. What we do exerts an influence for good or evil upon those whose lives we touch.

Human Failure. "That night they caught nothing." Here was the fruitlessness of human effort on the part of those engaged in the work of the kingdom of God. The stage was set for the revelation of the living Christ in His ability to meet their need.

Divine Interrogation. "Boys, have you caught anything?" Since they were only a hundred yards from shore they could easily hear the voice of Jesus. He knew they had caught nothing, but He wanted them to know He was interested in their daily work, in the problems associated with earning a living.

Divine Directive. "Cast the net on the right side of the ship." Over and over we are taught in the Word that the way of the Lord is contrary to human logic and inclination. These men were tired and defeated. Furthermore, what possible difference could a few feet make? Nevertheless, they obeyed. And the result was a miraculous provision! Characteristically, it was the thoughtful and meditative John who was first to recognize Christ, and it was energetic, impulsive Peter who jumped overboard to meet Him! The whole incident must have reminded them of a former occasion during the earthly life of Jesus (Luke 5). Hence they realized He was unchanged in His love and power!

FEEDING (John 21:9-17)

Arriving at shore the weary and hungry disciples found that Jesus had prepared breakfast for them. Instead of giving them a "piece of His mind" for any failure on

their part, He gave them bread and fish! Where and how He obtained it is inconsequential. What is important is that they learned again that if they put Him first He would provide. Thus they learned not only that He would indeed enable them to become fishers of men, but that He would become life and strength for their own personal lives and needs also.

FOLLOWING (John 21:18-22)

And now a further test awaited Peter since it was he who had failed the Lord and he who was to become the first leader of the new Church.

The Question. "Lovest thou me more than these?" Did Christ mean "more than these fish" or "more than these other men"? Perhaps He meant both. Since Peter had denied Him thrice, the question was repeated thrice. Again, Peter had formerly claimed a fidelity superior to that of his brethren. Would he still feel that way? No, he admitted that Jesus knew all about him; he would not overestimate his love for Christ.

The Commission. If, by this juncture, Peter still needed reassurance as to his relationship to the Lord, his doubts were gloriously settled by the twofold commission: "Feed my sheep," and, "Follow me."

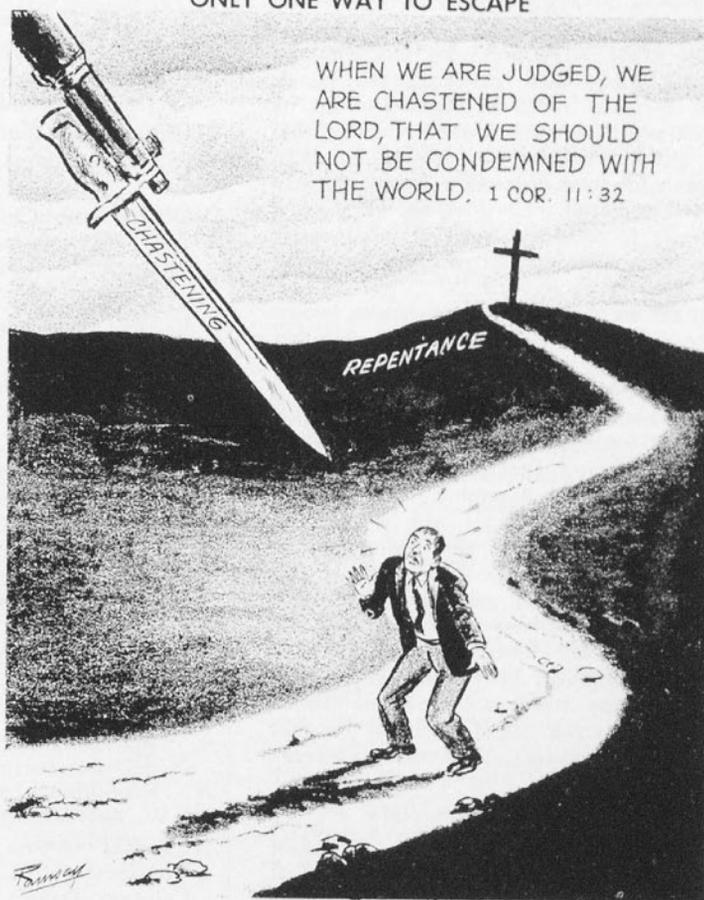
Finally, Christ detailed the price of following and predicted Peter's martyrdom. And the wonderful story of how Peter and the others fished for men, fed upon Christ, and followed Him, is told in the next book of the Bible! ◀◀



SUNDAY'S LESSON

ONLY ONE WAY TO ESCAPE

WHEN WE ARE JUDGED, WE ARE CHASTENED OF THE LORD, THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED WITH THE WORLD. 1 COR. 11:32





This was the scene at the Del Rosa Assembly in San Bernardino, Calif. during the Sunday night STL rally. Pastor R. E. Wiseman by faith had pledged \$1,600 for the church. This seemed unreasonably high; but when the offering was counted it was more than twice this much.

SPEED-THE-LIGHT REPORT FOR 1963 BEST EVER!

By Verne B. MacKinney

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, Speed-the-Light giving has reached a new high. For 1963 the new record was \$413,-831.57. This was an increase of \$40,165 above the previous record of \$373,666.17 in 1962.

Leaders in setting the pace were eleven districts, each of which gave in excess of \$10,000. Heading the list was Southern California with \$66,726.26; Northern-California-Nevada placed second with \$34,619.82. Others were North Texas, \$28,082.46; Kansas, \$25,031.61; Arkansas, \$24,657.74; Oklahoma, \$16,033.67; Peninsular Florida, \$13,249.98; Rocky Mountain, \$12,461.31; Northwest, \$12,005.01; Oregon, \$10,609.21; and Arizona, \$10,339.62.

This great surge in giving has come as district leaders have inspired each C. A. group to set a Speed-the-Light goal for its church and then work toward reaching that goal within the year. District leaders also set goals for their districts. Actually, only 14 districts achieved their goal, but all worked diligently to meet the needs of missionaries from their own district engaged in overseas ministry.

On the local level, inspiration was everywhere evident as no less than 59 churches and one college gave \$1,000 or more. Leading the churches was Full Gospel Assembly, Bell Gardens, Calif., whose giving totaled \$6,682.00. Second, with \$4,248.00, was First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colo., followed closely by First Assembly, Van Buren, Ark., at \$4,055.00.

Listed below are all the churches who led their districts in Speed-the-Light giving and the amount they contributed in 1963. Other churches whose giving topped the \$1,000 mark are listed also; these have earned the National Speed-the-Light Honor Award plaques which will be presented to the pastors at the Speed-the-Light banquet following the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention and District C. A. Presidents Conference in Springfield, Mo., April 24.

ALA—Crichton A/G, Mobile \$ 565.78
 APP—1st A/G, Beckley, W. Va. 87.29
 ARIZ—1st A/G, Phoenix \$2,705.78

ARK—1st A/G, El Dorado	1,318.50
1st A/G, Springdale	2,558.00
1st A/G, Van Buren	4,055.00
EAST—1st A/G, Wilmington, Del.	650.46
GA—Faith Memorial A/G, Atlanta	2,026.07
1st A/G, Griffin	1,163.00
ILL—The Stone Church, Chicago	450.00
IND—A/G, Lafayette	281.77
KANS—A/G, Arkansas City	1,063.77
A/G, Garden City	3,491.51
1st A/G, Hutchinson	1,348.73
1st A/G, Kansas City	1,500.00
Central A/G, Wichita	1,387.99
Evangel A/G, Wichita	1,167.00
A/G, Winfield	1,182.50
KY—1st A/G, Lexington	209.42
LA—1st A/G, West Monroe	488.35
MICH—Bethany A/G, Adrian	1,131.05
Central A/G, Muskegon	1,381.91
MINN—A/G, Worthington	886.83
MISS—East End Assembly, Meridian	275.00
MONT—A/G, Cut Bank	1,606.60
A/G, Lewistown	1,284.37
NEBR—A/G, Broken Bow	454.04
N J—Bethel A/G, Newark	1,219.49
Evangel Ch, Elizabeth	1,096.02
A/G, Wyckoff	1,045.69
N MEX—1st A/G, Eunice	181.20
N Y—A/G, Lyons	275.00
N CAR—1st A/G, Rocky Mount	381.65
N DAK—A/G, Minot	1,136.93
N CALIF-NEV—Central A/G, Richmond	2,343.00
A/G, Escalon	1,361.50
A/G, Salida	1,333.00
Haven of Rest A/G, San Leandro	1,530.00
Neighborhood Ch, Santa Clara	1,720.49
1st A/G, Santa Cruz	1,033.00
A/G, Seaside	1,010.08
N NEW ENG—A/G, Concord, N. H.	98.50
N TEX—Bethel A/G, Arlington	1,870.00
S.W. A/G College, Waxahachie	2,260.00
N WEST—A/G, Kelso, Wash.	1,130.71
Viewcrest A/G, Mt. Vernon	1,015.00
Calvary Temple, Seattle	2,195.08

OHIO—Bethel Temple, Dayton	1,025.00
OKLA—1st A/G, Edmond	1,647.60
OREG—Pentecostal A/G, Albany	1,520.00
PEN FLA—Pleasant Grove A/G, Durant	1,001.99
PO—Trinity A/G, Baltimore, Md.	361.00
RKY MT—1st A/G, Grand Junction	4,248.00
1st A/G, Greely	1,017.00
S CAR—1st A/G, Rock Hill	416.60
S DAK—1st A/G, Rapid City	1,029.36
S CALIF—Full Gos A/G, Bell Gardens	6,682.00
Full Gos A/G, Caruthers	1,472.00
A/G, Compton	1,016.50
A/G, Covina	1,212.00
A/G, Del Rosa	3,656.44
Pentecostal A/G, Fillmore	1,808.00
1st A/G, Fontana	1,202.27
1st A/G, Long Beach	1,025.00
Bethel Temple, Los Angeles	1,823.00
1st A/G, North Hollywood	1,502.41
A/G, Oildale	3,280.85
1st A/G, Paramount	1,100.00
1st A/G, San Bernardino	1,050.50
1st A/G, San Diego	1,057.54
1st A/G, San Luis Obispo	1,385.31
1st A/G, Westminster	1,067.00
1st A/G, Wilmington	1,425.00
S IDAHO—1st A/G, Nampa	545.27
S MO—Central A/G, Springfield	503.63
S N ENG—Parkway A/G, Revere, Mass.	1,010.74
S TEX—Trinity Tabernacle, Baytown	2,273.53
TENN—1st A/G, Madison	662.50
W CENT—A/G, Newton, Iowa	292.82



ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Springfield, Missouri

April 20-23, 1964

Make your plans now to attend the 50th Anniversary Convention of the Assemblies of God, which will begin with a great **Prayer Meeting** on Monday night, April 20, and continue through three days filled with Pentecostal fellowship and spiritual inspiration.

Old-Time Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday, April 21.

Over 100 Workshops on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23, designed to help every lay worker in the local church as well as the pastor, evangelist, or missionary.

Mass Meeting each night featuring outstanding speakers, special music, and challenging visual presentations.

W FLA—1st A/G, Panama City	632.33
W TEX—1st A/G, Levelland	1,058.38
WIS-N MICH—Grace Church, Milwaukee, Wis.	490.10
WYO—A/G, Newcastle	492.90

During the year 163 new vehicles were purchased for missionary service. Included were 39 bicycles, 66 cars, 19 trucks, 19 station wagons, 4 buses, 4 jeeps, 10 motorcycles, and a trailer.

The African fields received the most benefit with 55 new vehicles. Central America received 21, Europe 6, the Far East 26, the Middle East 2, North America 17, Pacific Islands 5, South America 20, Southern Asia 8, and the West Indies 2. The figure for North America includes vehicles provided to Home Missions workers in Alaska and among the American Indians through a percentage allotment of World Speed-the-Light offerings.

Speed-the-Light will observe its twentieth anniversary this year. Since the missionary emphasis was launched among the Christ's Ambassadors in the summer of 1944, ag-

gregate giving has mounted to \$4,725,000. Total vehicles purchased now number 2,270 with purchase of about 50 more now authorized. Radio and printing expenditures to date total \$390,000.

On the home field, in addition to the vehicles mentioned above, nearly \$600,000 has been channelled back to the districts for the erection of church buildings for pioneer works. This is also on a percentage allotment of World Speed-the-Light offerings. One of the pioneer churches which received funds in this manner several years ago led its district in Speed-the-Light giving both last year and the year before. This is the Bethel Assembly of God, Arlington, Tex. who gave \$1,870 in 1963.

Enthusiasm for Speed-the-Light continues and many districts already have set new goals for their 1964 giving. Every church is encouraged to do this and work diligently and systematically to reach their goal. Offerings should be forwarded monthly to Speed-the-Light, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALUMNI REUNION—Graduates of Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Ill., will meet Tuesday, April 21, for buffet luncheon at CBI Bethany Room during 50th anniversary convention. Tour of school following lunch. —by Verne B. MacKinney, Rt. 5, Box 343, Springfield, Mo. 65803.

DEDICATION of First Assembly of God in Tooele, Utah, Mar. 1-2. R. G. Fulford, Rocky Mountain District Superintendent, and R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary, speakers. This is the No. 3 Breakthrough project; it was begun in October 1962.—by Milton Newman, Pastor.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Alaska	Wainwright	A/G Mission	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Gospel Evangel-aires	Cecelia Piper
Ark.	Magnolia	First	Mar. 1-15	A. G. & Mrs. Caloway	Ralph Copeland
	Smackover	First	Feb. 17-Mar. 1	A. G. & Mrs. Caloway	James Biram
Calif.	Concord	Calvary Temple	Feb. 24-Mar. 1	Watson Argue	Raymond P. Murray
	Costa Mesa	Harbor	Feb. 20-Mar. 1	Musical Mathans	Joe Trucks
	Garden Grove	First	Feb. 23—	E. T. Quanabush	Ralph G. Markey
	Sanger	A/G	Mar. 1-8	Marvin Schmidt	Charles Stern
	Sebastopol	A/G	Feb. 23-Mar. 1	Garfield J. Unruh	R. J. Jeffers
	Shafter	A/G	Feb. 23-Mar. 8	Fisher-Cheek Team	A. B. Farmer
	San Dimas	A/G	Feb. 25—	Knouse-Stovall Team	B. E. McEntyre
	Vallejo	First	Mar. 1-15	Ward & Mary Popejoy	L. H. Bottroff
Conn.	Norwalk	Parkway	Feb. 23-28	David & Patricia Johnson	H. F. Meppelink
Fla.	Jacksonville	Evangel	Feb. 26-Mar. 1	Stanley P. MacPherson	Harold L. Tyus
	Jacksonville	Oceanway	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	Jack & Clara Peters	Robert G. Thompson
	Plant City	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 8	B. R. Minton	Walter Batman
	Seffner	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Bob & Joan Brantley	V. L. Raburn, Jr.
Ga.	Macon	Houston Ave.	Mar. 1—	Nettie Parham	Earl Crawford
Idaho	Burley	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 5	Wesley F. Morton	C. G. Shaklee
	Shoshone	A/G	Mar. 1-15	Linfield Crowder	John E. Shaw
Ind.	Rensselaer	A/G	Mar. 1-14	J. E. Friend	Charles Foster, II
Kans.	Pratt	A/G	Mar. 1-15	Lula M. Ware	Gordon Nelson
La.	Baton Rouge	Central	Feb. 19-Mar. 2	Ernie Eskelin	James Courtney
Md.	Pocomoke City	Glad Tidings Tab.	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	John Higginbotham	Paul Boyce
Mich.	Goodrich	A/G	Feb. 19-Mar. 1	Jerry & Joy Spain	Everett Herberger
Minn.	Red Wing	A/G	Mar. 1-15	Floyd L. Dennis	Corwin G. Lowe
Miss.	Hattiesburg	Bethel	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	Paul & Evelyn Graban	Paul R. Jech
Mo.	Eminence	A/G	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	Willis-Hall Team	Bud Lawrence
	Herculaneum	First	Feb. 18-Mar. 1	Glenna Byard	J. Earl Baker
Mont.	Wolfpoint	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 15	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	W. L. Roset
Nebr.	Kearney	A/G	Feb. 25	Lloyd Middleton	L. E. Wilkins
	York	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Ray C. Eskelin	James K. Richard
N. Y.	Binghamton	First	Mar. 1-25	Bobby Black	R. D. E. Smith
	Port Jervis	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 8	Kudra Musical Team	Cosimo Leuzze
Ohio	Byesville	A/G	Feb. 23-Mar. 1	Cox & Brown Team	Lawrence Shaw
	Delta	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Alfred Allen	J. E. Rickman
	Salinville	A/G	Feb. 25—	J. G. Gott	Delbert Miller
Okla.	Muskogee	First	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	Bob & Jeri Winford	S. J. Colburn
	Oklahoma City	Midway	Mar. 1—	John C. Huffer	E. G. Bagwell
Oreg.	Coquille	First	Mar. 1-15	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	James S. Ryan
Tex.	Kermit	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 8	Al Davis	Charles Ogdon
Wash.	Davenport	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 27-Mar. 15	The Tanner Team	James P. Terry
Wis.	Monroe	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 8	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	Gilman Hanson
W. Va.	Oak Hill	Bethel	Mar. 1-15	Stan Morris	Herbert Sublett
	Williamstown	Calvary	Mar. 1-15	Peter DeLeon	Louis P. Jensen
Canada	Wiseton	Pent. Church	Feb. 25-Mar. 1	John French	Alex Harper
India	Tirunelveli	*A/G	Mar. 1-15	Quentin Edwards	Doris Edwards, Miss.

*Open-Air Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* 30 days in advance.

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

British Guiana

Teen Challenge Inaugurated

The youth in this politically upset country, after hearing the preaching of communism, are losing their moorings and many of them are turning toward atheism. In an effort to hold them, Teen Challenge has been inaugurated. Once a month we work with all the Christ's Ambassadors groups in the area using Light-for-the-Lost literature.

The young people meet at 2 p.m. to distribute the literature. At 4 p.m. they begin to announce the teen rally over a P.A. system. At 5 they begin to play gospel records. At 5:30 the teen rally begins with a regular service.

The C.A.'s follow up those who sign decision cards during the services. They plan to continue this program until every home in Georgetown has been contacted.

—Paul Palser

India

School Completed

Public education for India's boys and girls is slow in being realized. Consequently the great burden of education still rests upon the Christian churches. This means that education is the most vital link between the church and the home and is, therefore, a valuable means of evangelism.

In Calcutta, the Ephesus of the East, we are praising God for one more demonstration of His mighty power and His great faithfulness. Our combined day school and

Christian training institute, operated in cooperation with other Assemblies of God Bible schools in India, has been completed. The building will accommodate 350 children. Many are already being enrolled, some from Hindu and Moslem families. We are grateful to the Lord for the qualified Christian staff of which all but two are Pentecostal.

The institute will train pastors, evangelists, and Sunday school workers. This is the only English-Bengali Bible school in the state of West Bengal with a population of 37,000,000. —Mark Buntain

Korea

Correspondence School Creates Interest

Since December 1 the Full Gospel Hour has been broadcast Monday through Friday over a new outlet in the city of Taegu, Korea. This program has been on the air in Pusan for about three years and is also carried daily over a station on the west coast of Korea.

Hundreds of letters have been received in response to these broadcasts, and numerous decisions for Christ have resulted. Those who had taken the initial step of salvation were mailed a Gospel of John and a brief letter with instructions on basic Christian living. But they wanted more information! Requests come daily for additional study material to help these new converts. The Bible correspondence course, consisting of 28 lessons on the Gospel of

John, was our answer.

About 350 students are now enrolled, including some soldiers at the front lines. Enrollment is growing daily. The radio broadcasts and the Bible correspondence course complement each other and function together.

Missionary John Hurston wrote from Seoul on November 3 saying: "Brother Yongi (pastor of Seoul Evangelistic Center) looked over the correspondence course and liked it very much. We will be happy to use it at the Center as we have been needing something like it for new converts and for Bible study. I would also like to have your permission to send out a letter and application blanks to all the churches."

Missionary Louis P. Richards is now confronted with a serious problem! His mission house, with about 1,000 square feet of floor space, has been gradually converted into a radio studio and office. Now it is also housing the radio correspondence school. He is being crowded out of his home! In addition he needs extra space to store a tent and other valuable missionary equipment.

The need for an additional building is imperative for the effective operation of the correspondence school. You can share in this fruitful ministry by sending an offering to the *Foreign Missions Department*, Assemblies of God Headquarters, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Designate your offerings: *Louis P. Richards, Correspondence School Building*.



Interpreter Yoshiama Sensei, Evangelist Louis Hauff, and Missionary Jim Davis at tent in Osaka, Japan, where Light-for-the-Lost campaign was held.

Japan

Light-for-the-Lost Campaign in Osaka

While on a preaching tour of Oriental mission fields, I was invited to be evangelist for the cooperative ten-day "Light-for-the-Lost" revival in Osaka, Japan.

Bible school students from Tokyo assisted in distributing the literature and in witnessing to people on the streets. It was a blessing to work with missionary Jim Davis, pioneer pastor Nobara Katurahira, and our two interpreters Yoshiama Sensei and Hara Sensei. The cooperation of neighboring Japanese pastors, their church members, and Assemblies of God missionaries in the area was invaluable.

Great numbers of people at-



Calcutta's new combination day school and English-Bengali Bible training center adjoins the church.



The Bible Correspondence School in Korea is now crowded into Missionary Louis P. Richards' home.

tended the tent meeting and responded to the invitation to accept Christ. We bought the pastor a Speed-the-Light bicycle so he could visit the new converts.

Our missionaries and national pastors are doing a fine work of evangelization and church building. World War II left only two Assemblies in Japan. Today there are 76 Assemblies, each having a national pastor.

—Louis Hauff, Pastor, San Bernardino, California

Western Samoa

New Center Approved

The government has approved plans for the 60-by-90-foot evangelistic center in Apia. Volunteer workers have finished making the cement blocks, and everything is ready for construction to begin. Last month a high chief said that when the building is completed his entire clan of over 150 want to attend.

—Claude Rediger

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

The **David McCulleys** (Nigeria) and the **Bryan Mocks** (Peru) are now home on furlough.

Missionaries returning to their fields are **Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry Hall** (Peru), the **Eugene Grams** family (South Africa), the **Monroe Grams** family (Bolivia), and the **V. Harry Shumways** (Nigeria).

The **Paul Pughs**, who formerly worked in Uruguay, are now ministering in Brazil. **Carol Win-**

gren is engaged in language study in Switzerland, preparing for ministry in Senegal. She formerly was stationed in Nigeria.

Missionaries who recently began studying Spanish at the Costa Rica language school are **Virginia Sasscer** (Potomac) who will be stationed in Venezuela, the **Paul Brannans** (Kentucky) appointed to Argentina, and the **Bruce Mannings** (Oregon) who will go to Chile.



Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry Hall



The Eugene Grams family



The Monroe Grams family



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shumway



The Paul Pugh family



Carol Wingren Virginia Sasscer



The Paul Brannan family



The Bruce Manning family

NOTICE OF BOND REDEMPTION

by
The General Council of the Assemblies of God
Springfield, Missouri
to

Holders of General Council of the Assemblies of God Administration Building Bonds

A call for redemption of certain bonds of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, known as its First Mortgage Serial 5% Bonds Series A, dated September 1, 1960, is hereby given.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God, a corporation, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture of Trust securing said bonds which is recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Greene County of Missouri, in Book 1204 at page 509 and supplemental in book 1258 at pages 296-298, has elected to redeem and pay to the bearer or if the bond is registered as to principal, then to the registered holder thereof, the following listed bonds on March 1, 1964.

CCL-340	CCL-401	194	266	319	397	M-510
341	402	195	267	320	398	511
342	403	196	268	321	399	512
343	404	197	269	322	400	513
344		198	270	323	401	514
345	CCL-405	199	271	324	402	515
346	406	200	272		403	516
347	407		273	M-350	404	M-538
348	408	M-221	274	351		539
349	409	222	275	352	M-442	540
350	410		276	353	443	541
351	411	M-226	277	354	444	542
352	412	227	278	355	445	543
353	413	228	279	356	446	544
354	414	229	280	357	447	545
	415	230		358	448	546
CCL-367	416	231	M-309	359	449	547
368		232		360	450	548
369	M-185	233	M-310	361	451	549
	186	234	311	362	452	550
CCL-387	187	235	312	363	453	551
388	188	236	313		454	552
	189	237	314	M-392		M-505
CCL-393	190	238	315	M-393	506	553
394	191	239	316	394	507	554
395	192		317	395	508	555
396	193	M-265	318	396	509	556
						557

The above listed bonds which were selected by lot according to provisions of said Indenture will be redeemed at face value March 1, 1964, plus the amount of interest coupons payable to March 1, 1964. The above bonds should be presented to the Trustee, The Citizens Bank, 1661 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri, for payment on March 1, 1964, or the first business day thereafter. Interest on the above listed bonds will cease to accrue from and after March 1, 1964. Interest coupons due on the above date must be detached and presented to The Citizens Bank for payment. All remaining coupons must remain attached to the bonds.

DATED: January 10, 1964

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
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MISSIONARY CALLED HOME

"Ruth has gone to be with Jesus. She sweetly fell asleep in the Lord, December 21, 1963, at Berea Bible School near Darmstadt, Germany."

With these words Missionary B. T. Bard informed friends of his wife's Homegoing.

German relatives and friends, as well as the students and staff of the school, attended a memorial service at Berea Bible School. The body was then flown to the U.S. where funeral services were conducted at First Assembly of God, Orange, Calif., with Paul Williscroft, missionary on furlough from Germany, bringing the message. Burial also was in Orange. Sister Bard is survived by seven children.

Dauntless faith characterized Sister Bard's life. In her autobiography titled *In the Service of the*

King of Kings she reports numerous accidents and illnesses the family endured. They experienced many healings in answer to prayer.

At various times through the years the Bards were called upon to serve Bible schools in countries differing greatly in language and culture. They were evacuated twice from China, first because of World War II and again when the communists took the country. Yet through all these trials Sister Bard trusted God implicitly.

She kept this dauntless faith to the very last. Brother Bard wrote of her Homegoing: "She was conscious to the end and in contact with Jesus. Just before her passing her eyes shone with a bright light. It must have been a reflection of the glorious light of eternity."

—Wilma Jones

Homefront Highlights

ALASKA MINISTRY

Point Hope

The Earl D. McKenzies were given 10 small Singer sewing machines, hand operated, to be used by their girls' club. The group meets every Friday afternoon after school. First, Sister McKenzie presents a story with visual aid; then the girls sing choruses before they sew. The project is creating much interest.

Fairbanks

The Oscar Butterfields, pastors at Fairbanks, are grateful for a gift of four sets of dinnerware for their Servicemen's Department from friends in the "South 48."

The church property has been sold and the congregation is meeting in a larger (Lutheran) church, rent free, until a new building can be constructed. The Sunday school is averaging around 100.

Barrow

There is a new youth center at Barrow. It is in the form of a wing on the church, which also provides more Sunday school rooms. In this village of 1,500 Eskimo people, there is great potential among the youth. The young

people wander aimlessly from one place of amusement to another. The new youth center will help the missionaries, Brother and Sister Paul Bills, reach these young people with the gospel.

JEWISH MINISTRY

New York

Gertrude Clonce, who works among the Jewish people in New York City, has been meeting boats from Israel and distributing tracts. Thus she makes good contacts. During November and December four Jewish people and one Gentile woman were saved.

Chicago

Anyone interested in receiving a free copy of the *Hebrew Evangel* should write to Mrs. Ruth Toczek, 4503 North Kedzie Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60625.

Mrs. Toczek operates Shalom Center, our Hebrew Mission in Chicago. The Center offers a Bible course, *Zion's Living Waters*, for Jewish people. Sister Toczek says response has been excellent. Ernest Sumrall, pastor of the Stone Church in Chicago, directs the Jewish ministry in the Chicago area.

FOREIGN-LANGUAGE MINISTRY

Puerto Rico

D. L. Hasch writes from Puerto Rico: "We have started an English-speaking church in San Juanita, Bayamon. We are informed that this is the first English-speaking Assembly of God on the island." Brother Hasch is one of the teachers in the Assemblies of God Bible Institute in Bayamon.

TEEN CHALLENGE MINISTRY

Los Angeles, California

On December 15, 1963, Teen Challenge Center in Los Angeles had Open House and a dedication service. The Center is located at 2263 S. Hobart Boulevard.

God is blessing the ministry of the Teen Challenge staff here. Don Hall is director. He expresses gratefulness to Pastor Don Bibler and the congregation of the Del Aire Assembly in Hawthorne for the fine Thanksgiving dinner they provided for the Center. He also thanks the many other churches in the district that have contributed in one way or another to the Center.

Twenty-five selected students from Southern California College and the Latin American Bible Institute are now assisting the full-time Teen Challenge staff on weekends. They are fearlessly invading the territories of teen-age gangs, conducting street meetings and doing personal work. The Center still needs a number of items of equipment.

Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds proudly announce the birth of Thomas Andrew Reynolds on November 7. Brother Reynolds is superintendent of the Teen Challenge Training Farm at Rehrersburg.

The Training Center staff is grateful to the women of First Assembly in Cleona who iron shirts and mend clothes for the fellows. WMC's also have supplied food and other necessities, without which it would be difficult for the Center to keep operating. This generous help is much appreciated.

New York City

The New York Center has seen a wonderful breakthrough among women drug addicts. Many seem open and anxious to be delivered.

SIX NEW HOME MISSIONARIES

THE LORD IS CALLING MORE DEDICATED workers to the Home Missions harvest field. The six recently appointed bring the total number of home missionaries to well over 350.

ROY AND PAULINE DAVIDSON, former pastors at Kalamazoo, Mich., are the new pastors at Juneau, Alaska. They succeed Fred Neubauer who recently went to be with the Lord. Brother Davidson, an ordained minister in the Michigan District, is a graduate of Central Bible Institute. Sister Davidson also is ordained with

the Michigan District. She is a graduate of Peniel Bible Institute.

RICHARD AND NORMA JEAN HOOPINGARNER are the new pastors of the Bloomfield, N. Mex., Indian Assembly. They worked among the Indian people at Farmington, N. Mex., awhile. Brother Hoopingarnier is licensed with the Southern California District. He attended Southern California College. The Hoopingarners have four children.

GRACE HUMPHREY of Springfield, Mo., has been interested in the American Indian field for some

time. She will be working with Pauline Mastries, who also is an appointed home missionary. She has already had about a year's experience on the field, having ministered in Indian churches with Sister Mastries as supply pastors. Sister Humphrey has had several years of training as a nurse and was also a doctor's assistant for five years. She has ministerial credentials with the Arizona District.

DORIS CARLSON of Minneapolis, Minn., has also received appointment to minister on the American Indian field. She has been a missionary to China and the Philippines and is ordained with the Minnesota District. She attended North Central Bible Institute and graduated from Central Bible Institute. Sister Carlson is also a graduate of the University of Minnesota, having majored in Medical Technology. Before going to China, Sister Carlson ministered on one of the Wisconsin Indian reservations. She will now be working with Missionary Pearl Foster at Cedar Creek Indian Mission, Whiteriver, Ariz.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Missionary Owen Mincks writes that some students from Hub City Bible Institute have been accompanying him to the reservation each week and that they are a great blessing. Some of the students have helped to build the Mobridge Indian church also.

Whiteriver, Arizona

Paul Evans, pastor at Whiteriver, writes that they have added four Sunday school rooms to the church. The Indian people helped considerably and Frank Dahlin, a retired carpenter, also helped. Brother Dahlin helped build the Carrizo and Cedar Creek churches as well.

Brother Evans is encouraged with the work at Whiteriver. He has baptized 16 in water in the last few months. Several weeks ago the Terry Johnsons of Quinlan, Tex., conducted a revival for Brother Evans in which several were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. Some have also been saved in jail services.

Churches in the North Texas



Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoopingarnier



Grace Humphrey



Doris Carlson

District made it possible for Brother Evans to get an International Travel-all to replace his old pick-up. He uses the vehicle to bring people to church.

Cayuse, Oregon

The Robert Ruarks, who are pioneering an Indian work on the Umatilla reservation, report that attendance has more than tripled. Sunday evening attendance has reached the seventies. About 15 have been saved. Progress is being made toward the purchase of land for a church site.

The Ruarks are the proud parents of a baby son, JerryDon Edward, born on January 3, 1964.

Reliance, South Dakota

Since the government is relocating the town of Lower Brule, the Indian congregation has lost its church building. It did not meet the building code of the new town. Missionary Albert Holland is conducting meetings in homes. He reports that in spite of this handicap interest and attendance has increased.

Rapid City, South Dakota

Floyd W. Beckstrand reports that during a two-week revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. W. L. Serdahl of Fargo, N. Dak., several were saved and several healed. The revival spirit continues.

Phoenix, Arizona

The L. P. Thomases write that as an extension work of Phoenix Indian Assembly they have begun religious education classes for teenagers who are boarding students at the Indian High School in Phoenix. Many of these young people have never had any contact with the full gospel and Pentecostal doctrine.

Winslow, Arizona

In December the Assembly of God in Inglewood, Calif., contributed many miscellaneous items to the Winslow Mission. The items were to be sold and the proceeds applied on the new building.

Brother Abbott from Central Assembly, Salem, Oreg., and the Whitey brothers from Inglewood, Calif., donated their time and their trucks to deliver Christmas gifts, canned goods, used clothing, and quilts from Oregon churches.

Also the Assembly at Florence, Oreg., sent its pastors, Brother and Sister A. C. Abrahamson, to conduct two weeks of special meetings for the Don Johnsons, pastors at Winslow.

Tuba City, Arizona

Sixty-three children at the Tuba City Boarding School gave the Assemblies of God as their church preference, in comparison to the nine who registered in our favor four years ago. Half of the children represent families from the

Support Urgently Needed for Miami Refugee Center

STAFF MEMBERS AT THE EVANGELICAL Refugee Center in Miami are nobly carrying on, but much more financial support is needed if the Center is to continue to operate.

The staff has been helping many, such as the family of fisherfolk, including 11 children, who came to the United States in a small boat.

Fewer are escaping in small boats since the weather is colder, but December registrations at the government office were about 90 a week.

The Center has been able, through the help of friends, to give blankets to some of the refugees during the cold weather. Their supply is now depleted. Three boys, who made the crossing November 25, were delighted to receive just *one* lightweight blanket apiece. Each one of these blankets costs the Center \$2.80.

Four other boys made it to the U.S. recently by rowing and bailing a leaky old dory they found. The boys made oars of wide tree limbs and took their chances with

Communist gunfire and an angry sea. After five days of exhausting effort they were picked up by an Italian ship whose waves almost sank their boat before they were rescued. They were in a weakened condition from exposure and hunger.

At Christmas the Center cooperated with the Girl Scouts, some club women and others in providing a party for refugee children in an area where many live crowded together in old hotels or poor apartment houses. Some churches had sent candy and toys for the Center to distribute after its Sunday school program.

The Refugee Center's chapel choir sang three Christmas concerts, two in other churches. In January they received an invitation to sing in another church.

On January 7 Rudy Cerullo began an evangelistic campaign in the Center's chapel. Gabriel Caride is the chapel pastor.

Many already have been reached through this Assemblies of God ministry and many souls have been

saved. Although numbers of refugees have left Miami for other parts of the United States, the Center never lacks a sizable and interested congregation.

The Center's staff greatly appreciates the boxes of clothing and cash offerings for food and operating expenses which churches and individuals have given, but the demand is so great the clothing and food supplies do not last long.

Rent is high and the Center must look to the Home Missions Department for financial assistance. As of this writing, the Evangelical Refugee Center account is about \$1,500 "in the red."

Your *regular* financial support for this worthy project is urgently needed now. Please send cash offerings to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802, clearly designated *Evangelical Refugee Center, Miami, Fla.* Gifts of used clothing for refugees should be sent direct to Kathleen Belknap, 1661 W. Flagler St., Miami 35, Fla.

Cameron community. Don Ramsey of Cameron and the Tuba City missionaries, Marguerite Shaw and Phyllis Hammerbacker, work together to reach these children with the gospel. Brother Ramsey helps to transport them to the local Assembly every Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning, and also assists in conducting the student Bible classes.

The Tuba City church dedicated its 36-passenger Speed-the-Light bus on November 10. Sunday

school attendance has already increased to 211.

Mexican Hat, Utah

The Grant B. Croasmuns write that the used clothing, food and Christmas gifts for the Indian people supplied by the churches of Grand Junction, Colo., have been a great blessing to their work. The churches do this every year.

Glad Tidings Assembly in Denver, Colo., sent a supply of food in November which was urgently

needed. Also three women of this Denver Assembly conducted a service for the Croasmuns, which proved a blessing.

PRISON MINISTRY

Statistics

Serious crime in the United States as measured by the Crime Index continued its upward trend during the nine months January through September, 1963, increasing 10 per cent over the same period in 1962.

—Uniform Crime Reporting
(January-September, 1963)

DEAF MINISTRY

Hayward, California

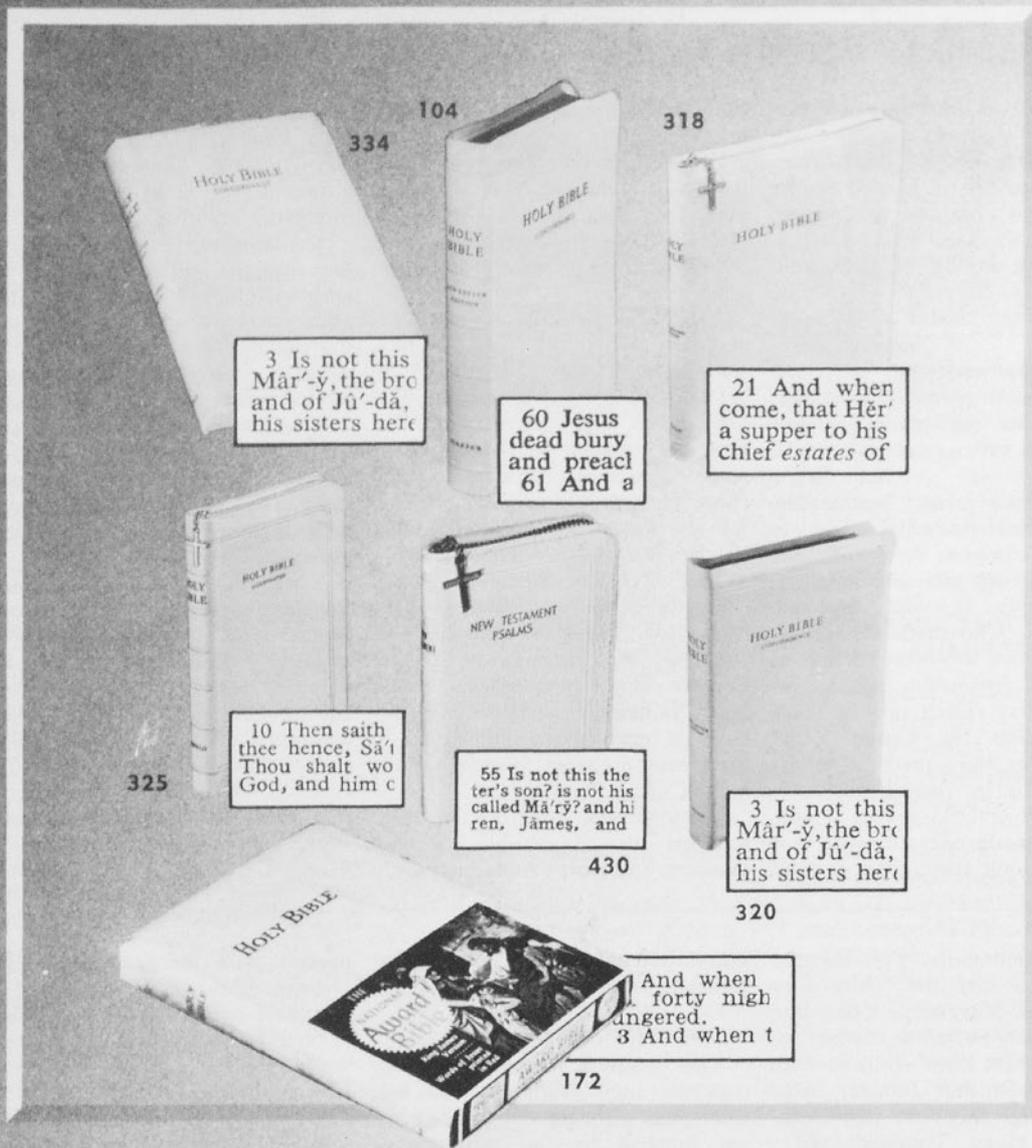
Regular services are now conducted for the deaf at Bethel Temple, Hayward, Calif., where James Swanson is pastor and Al Johnson is minister to the deaf. Brother Johnson learned the sign language from Cole Tyner, who is ministering to the deaf in Bethel Assembly of God, San Jose, Calif. Brother Tyner also teaches the sign language at Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Independence, Missouri

The deaf who attend the Englewood Assembly of God, Independence, Mo., have completed a study of the book *You Should Know*. Workers' training certificates were presented to those who successfully completed the course.



Fred Watterson (right), minister to the deaf at the Englewood Assembly of God in Independence, Mo., awards certificates to the deaf who completed a study of the Workers Training book, *You Should Know*. Paul Witten (extreme left) is pastor.



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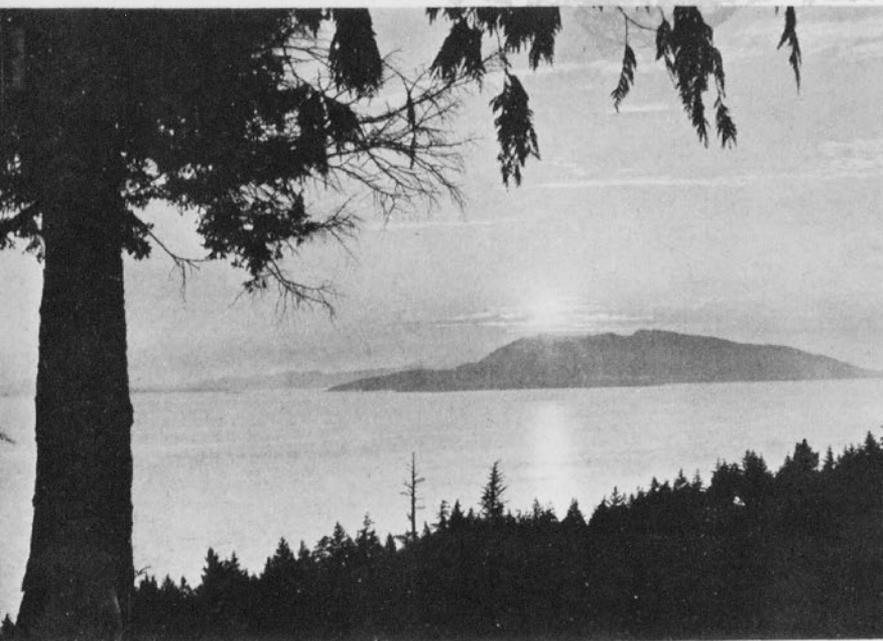


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TO THE CHILD WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS "TOMORROW," IT seems tomorrow will never come; but the longer we live the more we realize that tomorrows do have a way of coming. While we cannot be totally prepared for all the uncertain tomorrows of this life, we have ways of planning that make them easier.

We go to school, we build a home, we purchase insurance, we manage our money, all with an eye on the future. But we may do all this and yet be unprepared for eternity, the most certain of all tomorrows.

Education opens many doors of opportunity for us and is becoming increasingly important in this nuclear age. But unless we have learned what we are, what we can be by the grace of God, and where we are going when this brief life is over, our education is incomplete. The

Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

We may live in the finest of earthly houses, having access to every comfort and convenience, yet be unprepared for our eternal home which we will need desperately tomorrow. The homeless man who knows Christ today will be better off in God's tomorrow than the godless king in a palace. The person best prepared for the most certain of all tomorrows is he who can claim Christ's promise for his own: "There are many dwelling places in my Father's house; if it were not so I should have told you; for I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-4, NEB). Jesus not only guarantees an eternal home to those who trust in Him; He also provides a way to get there.

Some insurance companies advise a periodic "security checkup." Many of us make sure our home, auto, life insurance, and other investments are all in order against a possible "rainy day." How wise we think ourselves; how secure we feel; yet that most-certain of all tomorrows will find some of us unprepared for it.

Foresight and common sense indicate the need for insurance to cover our possessions. But eventually every man "goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. . . . Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was" (Ecclesiastes 12:5-7). No insurance company in the world would insure the human body against returning to dust, nor the spirit against going to its "long home." What then? Does your security checkup cover this certain tomorrow? If you are trusting God's Son and believing in His Word, you are specifically covered by this clause in 2 Corinthians 5:1: "For we know that if the earthly frame that houses us today should be demolished, we possess a building which God has provided—a house not made by human hands, eternal, and in heaven" (NEB).

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Jesus told of a rich man who provided security against all his earthly tomorrows but failed to plan for eternity. Suddenly God said to this man, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20).

Summing up, Jesus said, "Seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. . . . Provide yourselves a treasure in the heavens that faileth not. . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:31, 33, 34).

Have you made preparation for your eternal tomorrow? "Now is the day of salvation. . . . Boast not thyself of tomorrow" (2 Corinthians 6:2; Proverbs 27:1). Tomorrow will come, but you may not be ready for it unless you prepare today. ◀◀