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A CALL to the FELLOWSHIP

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
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The Spiritual Life-Evangelism Commission

Evangelism

April 23, 1964

- ... is God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19).
- ... is Christ in the believer communicating the full knowledge of Himself (Galatians 1:15, 16).
- ... is the Holy Spirit empowering believers and inspiring them to employ "all means" to reveal Christ to the world (1 Corinthians 9:19).

The CALL to the MINISTRY

1. Engage in expository preaching—"Preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2). "Give ye them to eat" (Matthew 14:16).
2. "Do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5).
3. "Come (to us) . . . in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Corinthians 2:4).
4. Seek to be "led leaders" in the things of the Spirit, in Pentecostal worship and in the altar service (1 Corinthians 2:10-12; Acts 4:8).
5. Lead the church into preparing for and sponsoring frequent evangelistic meetings as guided by the Holy Spirit.

The CALL to the Whole FELLOWSHIP

1. Study the Word! (2 Timothy 2:15).
2. Seek first the Kingdom of God—spiritual things—in the midst of this materialistic age (Matthew 6:33).
3. Follow our Lord in water baptism. Partake regularly in communion with

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A Call to the Fellowship (continued)

- heart searching. Identify yourself with a local Assembly (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Hebrews 10:25).
4. Seek a vital continuing personal relationship and strive for maturity in Christ (Philippians 3:10-12).
 5. Seek to be filled with the Spirit and emphasize His work and ministry. Every member will be a witness in the power of the Holy Spirit, seeking to understand the power of God working in and through the gifts of the Spirit and coveting and stirring up the gifts (Ephesians 5:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:6).
 6. Seek to develop a deeper and more effectual prayer life (Matthew 6:6; John 15:7).
 7. Commit yourself to total personal involvement in the work of the Godhead in the world today (Romans 1:15; Acts 27:23).
 8. Accept the responsibility of total stewardship (1 Corinthians 4:1, 2).
 9. Engage in a "Great Conversation" in every area of the Fellowship concerning the work of God. "They spake often one to another..." (Malachi 3:16). Let this be true today! (Acts 4:20).
 10. Strengthen Pentecostal worship, i.e., singing, praise, prayer, altar services and waiting on God (Acts 2:42; 16:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-23).
 11. Rethink all activities of the Fellowship to give priority to evangelistic purpose in terms of time and emphasis (Philippians 2:1-4).
 12. Reemphasize the concepts of "Movement" and "Fellowship" and strive to strengthen the lines of fellowship (Philippians 2:1-4).
 13. Develop an ever greater "world-need" consciousness (Matthew 9:36-38; John 4:35; Ephesians 2:12).
 14. Participate in fulfilling the will of God in gathering in the heathen (Ezekiel 33:11; Psalm 2:8; Galatians 2:9).
 15. Respond individually and as a Movement to this call—"every man in his place" (Judges 7:21; Revelation 22:17).

My RESPONSE

In thankfulness to God for the awakening we are witnessing, I hereby covenant with God and my brethren to respond to this call of the Spirit and to pursue these objectives—"as much as in me is"; so help me God.

SIGNED

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The first General Council of the Assemblies of God met in Hot Springs, Arkansas, as a result of a "Call." Those who responded formed the Fellowship.

Now 50 years later another "Call" has been issued. Under God we believe it will have great meaning to the Fellowship. This second "Call" was first issued on April 23 at the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary Convention by General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman. It was issued with this preamble:

Whereas, we sense a deep moving of the Holy Spirit among us and are seeing the Holy Spirit's leading to a renewed evangelistic fervor.

Upon the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Assemblies of God *we submit* this definition of evangelism to the Fellowship for prayerful study, and issue this "Call" as a guideline and goal for the entire Fellowship. We urge each member of the Fellowship to respond prayerfully and to sign his personal copy.

As the "Call" was issued there was abundant evidence of divine blessing upon it. Each one present received a personal copy, signed it, and responded in prayer and personal commitment. Those present served as a vanguard for the entire Movement.

Since then requests have come from our Bible colleges and the "Call" has been relayed to the students. Now the "Call" must be relayed to every member of the Fellowship. Sunday, June 7, during the communion service, is suggested as the time when the "Call" is to be presented in all the churches. May each member of the Fellowship respond "in his place" and may each point of the "Call" challenge us deeply!

To keep the "Call" before us and to amplify its meaning, articles pertaining to the latter 15 points, of the "Call" will be carried in *The Pentecostal Evangel* in forthcoming issues. Watch for them.



ARE THE HEATHEN REALLY LOST?

BY R. M. RIGGS

THIS QUESTION EXPRESSES BEWILDERMENT AND DOUBT. It implies a conflict between the Word of God and the justice of God. When pressed for an answer we usually settle for Abraham's declaration: "Shall not the God of all the earth do right?" Other than that we confess we do not know what He will do. But is there a definite answer?

Possibly the quickest and most scriptural answer to this question is that the whole world is really lost. Here is the syllogism:

1. *Sin brings death.* "The soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4; also Romans 6:23 and James 1:15).

2. *All have sinned.* "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

3. *Therefore all will die.* "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12; also Revelation 21:8 where death is defined as the lake of fire). "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). This includes the heathen. "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law" (Romans 2:12; also 2 Thessalonians 1:8).

This stark fact is horrible to contemplate. God has faced it and has done something about it. The only sufficient redemption and atonement which God could discover was the death of His only begotten Son, the very Creator of all men. If another price could have been found God the Father would have found it! No other price could be found so He actually, really paid that awful price. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29; also 1 John 2:2; 2 Timothy 2:6; 1 Timothy 4:10).

And He did not do this coldly, not merely judicially, not just to absolve Himself of guilt by neglect or indifference. God so *loved* that He gave His Son that men might not perish (John 3:16). He really wants the redemption of *all* men. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4; also 2 Peter 3:9).

There was *no other way* or God certainly would have found it. There still is *no other way*. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6; also Acts 4:12; John 3:18, 36). This is an absolute fact, underwritten by God's eternal Word. There is *no other way*.

The whole world must know about God's plan and His actual painful sacrifice in working out that plan. He is depending on us to tell everyone of them. "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to *every creature* (Mark 16:15). "Teach *all nations*" (Matthew 28:19).

What if we don't? Here is God's answer: "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18). It could be said that God would have been blood-guilty had He not acted to redeem dying condemned men. It is not inconsistent to say we will be found blood-guilty if we do not do our part. He and dying condemned men are absolutely depending on us. There is *no other plan*. In His infinite knowledge and all-wise love He tells us this is the only plan whereby sinners can escape hell: Christ's death and our carrying the message. *No other plan*.

Apart from our faithfulness in carrying the gospel message, He "left not himself without witness" (Acts 14:17). Apart from Holy Writ, the whole world has two Bibles:

1. *Nature.* "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Psalm 19:1). Also, "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that *they are without excuse*" (Romans 1:20).

2. *The human heart.* "Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts" (Romans 2:15). Everyone everywhere has God's *law written on his heart*.

Also, apart from gospel preachers, the whole world has two preachers:

1. *Reason.* "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18, also 45:20-22).

2. *Conscience.* "Their conscience also bearing witness" (Romans 2:15).

They are all under sin. "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin" (Romans 3:9).

What right have we, sinners ourselves, to stand aside and tell God, "It isn't just or fair!" "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" (Romans 9:20). Rather, it was not "just" that He should have to die, the Just for the unjust. If we received our just deserts we would all be doomed.

God *knows* there is *no other way* of salvation, and He proved His knowledge and His love by giving His Son to the actual horrible death of Calvary. He *knows* we are needed to complete redemption's plan. He invites and commands us to do our part. What will be the result to a lost world and to us if we disobey? What it *must* be! 

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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The Path Ahead

During the 50th anniversary convention we looked back over all the way our God has led us, and we were encouraged. The record of the past is not completely good for any one of us. There have been times when we have faltered. Each of us has some measure of regret that we did not follow the Lord more closely, but during the convention we could rejoice in the fact that God has blessed us in spite of our faults. Testimonies of old-timers confirmed the fact that God sees fit to use imperfect instruments to do great things for His glory.

We cannot change the past but we can learn some lessons from it, and we can resolve by the Lord's help to be more dedicated in the future. This we did at the climax of the anniversary convention. Thousands of us were mightily moved by the Holy Spirit as the "Call to the Fellowship" was sounded. We signed our names to a pledge of full commitment and God did a new thing in our lives.

It was most fitting that the meetings should close with all eyes to the future, rather than to the past. The unfinished task challenges the best in every one of us. It is good to know that as we enter a new era we are not venturing into an uncharted wilderness. There is a path ahead, a course ordained of God that we should walk in it. We may not see more than a few steps of the way at a time, but our Heavenly Father has gone before and has prepared the path He wants us to take. If we put our hand in His, He will lead us step by step.

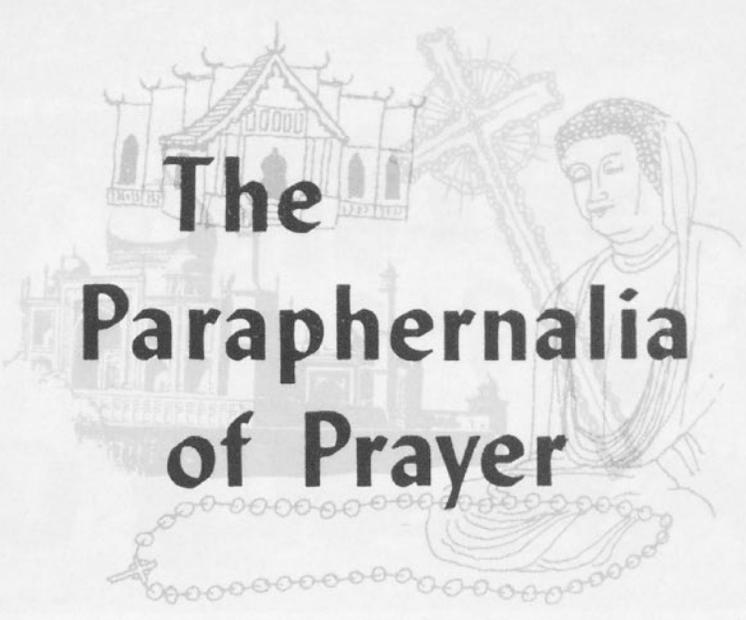
The Lord led the Israelites through the wilderness. He went ahead of them and actually picked out their camping site each night. Moses reminded them of this, saying: "The Lord your God, who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day" (Deuteronomy 1:32, 33).

The Ark of the Covenant preceded the Israelites wherever they went. It symbolized the presence of God among His people. In it were the tables of the divine law, covered by the Mercy Seat. God has set forth His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a "propitiation" (that is, an Ark, or Mercy Seat) through faith in His precious blood (Romans 3:25). As Israel followed the Ark, so we are to follow Christ, who left us an example "that we should follow His steps." We must never depart from Him or we will lose the way and perish.

The supernatural pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night showed them which path to take. When the pillar moved, Israel broke camp and followed. When it rested, they stopped and pitched their tents. They did not dare to ignore this supernatural sign of God's will for their lives. Nor do we dare to go against God's manifest will. When He speaks we must listen.

The people also had spiritual leaders to guide them. The priests watched the pillar of cloud, and when the cloud moved they blew two silver trumpets as a signal. The Israelites did not move as individuals, but as a body. Thank God for spiritual leaders today whose eyes are on the pillar of cloud. Thank God for pastors, evangelists, teachers, and elders who watch for our souls. We are blessed with sterling leadership in the Assemblies of God. There are many mature Christians among us who, like Hobab the Midianite, can help us find the right path. Let us accept this God-given leadership and maintain a unity of action and purpose in all phases of gospel work.

—R. C. C.



The Paraphernalia of Prayer

By RAYMOND L. COX

A SMALL BUT BRILLIANT ORANGE RUG WITH A BLACK swastika woven into the pile lies atop the carpet in Al Wollen's office.

"Were you a serviceman in Germany?" I asked the first time I spied the rug. "Is that a relic from Hitler's heyday?"

"That's a prayer rug from Afghanistan," replied the owner—reproachfully, as if I should have known. "A missionary gave it to me."

Prayer rugs are but one feature of the paraphernalia different cultures and peoples use to approach their God or gods. Other apparatus includes prayer flags, prayer wheels, prayer beads, prayer walls, etc.

Oriental nomads, living in tents, had virtually no furniture except their carpets. Their chief piece of religious furniture was the prayer rug. This item was as valuable as the family could afford.

Five times every day, at the appointed hour, a faithful Moslem spreads his prayer rug in correct orientation, often using a compass to insure that the *Mihrab* or niche points directly toward Mecca, Islam's holiest city. Then the worshiper removes from his person all valuables, including money and jewelry, in order to signify his abject humility before Allah. Next he combs his beard to symbolize cleansing, after which he places a rosary of 99 beads and a piece of earth or stone from Mecca on the proper place on the rug. Now he is ready to prostrate himself and pray on his prayer rug.

Moslems' faithfulness to prayer puts many Christians to shame. How often do you pray? Do you stop everything five times a day for a reason of fellowship with God?

Other items abound in the ethnic religions' paraphernalia of prayer. Buddhists boast prayer walls, prayer wheels, and prayer flags.

Near many monasteries in Tibet and Ladakh stand walls of unmortared field stones, called *manis*. Usually these prayer walls are about 20 feet wide and stand six feet high. Length varies up to a full mile. Travelers must always pass to the left of a *mani*.

Every stone on the top layers of these walls has a prayer carved in it. The people purchase the prayer stones ready-made from the lamas and place them atop

the walls where each stone is expected to offer a non-stop prayer on the behalf of the person who donated it.

Perhaps no ethnic religion emphasizes the virtues of unceasing prayer more than Buddhism. Devotees believe that the more prayers they offer in their lifetimes the more favorable will prove their next reincarnation and eventually their chances for *nirvana*, oblivion—the highest ambition they cherish. Consequently many carry portable prayer wheels, or avail themselves of opportunities to spin large fixed models that are installed along the highways. The spokes of prayer wheels contain many petitions which are all "wafted heavenward" with each revolution of the wheel.

Besides prayer walls and prayer wheels prayer flags flutter on special occasions in the monasteries. An interesting ceremony in this respect occurs during some festivals. Lamas lift a large cauldron of boiling butter to the altar. Countless petitions, written on white cloths, hang above the cauldron. A lama ignites the butter and the blazing flames hoist the prayers to heaven.

As the cloths are consumed the celebrants rise to their feet, extend their right arms, and exclaim, "Lhagyelo!"—"the gods are glad!"

We know that the heart of God is gladdened when He hears the sincere prayers of His people. The "prayers of the saints" are pictorially symbolized in Scripture as incense perfuming paradise. And Christians, more than any others, have reason and responsibility to pray without ceasing. We can pray without paraphernalia. God is not interested in the apparatus of prayer, but He is heartily interested in our attitude and articulation of prayer.

The simplicity of scriptural petition mystifies many. People feel they must complicate communion with God. One new convert was made curious by the pastor's mention of a family altar. In all seriousness he inquired where he could purchase one! The minister explained, of course, that family altars are not articles of furniture. Any chair, any bench may serve as an altar at which believers may meet God. Any carpet, any floor, even the bare ground may be used as a place of prayer. We need no compass to orient ourselves toward Jerusalem. We need no wheels to waft our petitions to heaven. God invites us to call and promises He will hear and answer.

God said, "Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). Experience counts more than environment in prayer. James declared, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Assembling all the apparatus for prayer used by all the various cultures of earth cannot and will not impress God. The Lord is interested in us as we are personally. He is our Father in heaven, whom we approach not as an austere monarch whose reluctance we must overcome but as a loving parent whose willingness we need only appropriate.

A person who knows how to ask an earthly parent for a favor knows how to pray! Of course, believers should improve their praying, just as children as they mature learn how better to petition their parents. But we can pray as we are learning! And God will hear and answer! Let us pray! ◀◀



Present student body of Bethel Bible Institute in Manila.

NEEDED IN THE FAR EAST: TOP LEVEL TEACHING

BY MAYNARD L. KETCHAM, FAR EAST FIELD SECRETARY

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MAINTAINS 16 THREE-YEAR Bible schools in the Far East. Each year 150 graduates swell the ranks of pastors and workers. But in our day, leaders are needed who have extra qualifications, superior training. Superintendents, Bible school directors and teachers, literature and radio administrators need specialized training—training beyond the level offered by our standard schools. If the Assemblies of God in the Far East is to reach its potential, it must have leaders who are trained in these fields. Our 16 Bible schools constantly need teachers with a higher education.

It is fallacious to consider Oriental countries primitive and backward. Some of them have a higher rate of literacy than the United States. Colleges and seminaries abound; and Assemblies of God youth demand training beyond that offered by our three-year Bible schools.

To satisfy this demand some of them attend denominational seminaries in their own countries. This sometimes endangers their faith. Others enroll in schools in the United States. This is not desirable because of the unthinking adulation Americans heap upon foreign students. Also, the high standard of living often proves a "heady wine." Some students settle permanently in the United States, and some of those who return to their own countries are misfits.

Then what can be done?

At a Far East Fellowship Conference in 1960, delegates from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Burma discussed this problem. The result was a clear-cut call for the establishment of an advanced Bible training school in the Far East.

In response to this appeal, plans are being finalized to

open such a school in August. The curriculum will include church and Bible school administration, Greek, Hebrew, pedagogy, hermeneutics, and advanced studies of various types. The staff will be headed by Missionary Harold Kohl. Also on special assignment to teach will be Missionary Derrick Hillary.

At first the school will share the grounds and plant of Bethel Bible Institute in Manila, Philippines. But before the school opens an additional building must be erected to care for the increased enrollment. Half of the \$10,000 needed to construct this additional building is available. The balance is needed immediately. We must not fail these Spirit-filled, God-called, and dedicated young people who need and desire advanced training. Offerings to help with this building project should be addressed to the Assemblies of God, Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Designation: *Far East Advanced School of Training.*

Aerial view of Bethel Bible Institute.



Progress of Pentecost in SOUTH AFRICA

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IS A VAST AREA OF 472,359 square miles occupying the southern portion of the African continent. The three British protectorates—Basutoland, Swaziland, and Bechuanaland—are included in South Africa's geographic and economic framework, but politically they are not part of the republic.

Pretoria is the administrative capital of South Africa; Cape Town, the legislative capital; Bloemfontein, the seat of the judiciary.

Johannesburg, the largest city, has a population of one million. It lies in the heart of the Transvaal at an altitude of 5,750 feet.

Four years before Columbus discovered America, intrepid Portuguese navigators established the first European contact with South Africa but did not colonize. Some years later the Dutch and British began their settlements. Bitter enmity developed which finally precipitated the Boer (farmers) War in 1889. Great Britain emerged victorious in the struggle. Ten years later the Dutch Republics of Transvaal and Orange Free State, and the British colonies of Natal and Cape Colony, were organized as the Union of South Africa which became a self-governing state within the British Commonwealth. In 1961 the Union severed its ties with the Commonwealth and became a republic.

Because South Africa lies south of the equator, the seasons are opposite to those in the U.S. January is midsummer; winter comes in June. Christmas is a time of picnicking and open-air celebrations. Caroling takes place under balmy skies.

The famous Kruger National Park in Eastern Transvaal is the world's largest wildlife sanctuary. In this 8,000-square-mile tract animals native to Southern Africa wander at large. It is a zoo in reverse; the animals have their freedom and visitors are caged—in their automobiles!

South African economy has developed with extraordinary speed since the discovery of gold, diamonds, and uranium toward the end of the 19th century.

The Republic has a population of 16,100,000 divided into four major groups: 11,000,000 Africans (Bantus); 500,000 Asians; 1,500,000 Mulattoes, called Coloured; and 3,100,000 Europeans. The majority of white men born in South Africa are known as Afrikaners. Both Afrikaans and English are official languages of the Republic.

Moravians are credited with blazing the trail for Protestant missionary enterprise in South Africa in 1737. In 1816 the London Missionary Society appointed Robert Moffat, who later inspired his son-in-law David Livingstone to spend his life in opening up Central Africa to the gospel. Since that date various European and American Protestant societies have sent representatives to establish churches, schools, hospitals, and clinics in both rural and urban areas.



The Assemblies of God in the Republic traces its beginning to 1910 when the R. M. Turneys and Hanna James located at Doornkop in Eastern Transvaal and established the first Pentecostal mission station. In 1917 the American Assemblies obtained recognition in South Africa. Some 15 years later, by mutual agreement, the South Africa District Council became a separate organization. Pentecostal missionaries from various countries, together with a large staff of African, Indian, and Coloured ministers, evangelists, and lay preachers, are members of the organization.

Missionaries within this growing fellowship are individually responsible to their own mission boards. It is not uncommon, however, for missionaries from various countries and different Pentecostal societies to work together on one project.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, who went to South Africa in the early 1920's have a fruitful ministry in tent evangelism. They also supervise churches in the Potgietersrus area of North Transvaal. In recent years Ervin Shaffer has been associated with them in tent ministry. Outstanding evangelistic campaigns have also been conducted by African ministers and many new churches established.

For 15 years the Hazen Wolvertens have served in Zululand. Many hundreds of Zulus have been won to Christ in tent campaigns. There are now more than 50 preaching centers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pettenger went to South Africa 42 years ago. Most of their ministry has been in the great mining area around Johannesburg. In this area, known as the Rand, more than one-half of the world's gold is mined. Thousands of African laborers are brought in from all over Southern Africa to help the white man dig for gold. This concentration of Africans in compounds presents a unique opportunity to reach many tribes with the gospel. Converts have established churches in many places, including Portuguese East Africa.

The urban and industrial areas of South Africa present a modern mission field that did not exist 30 years

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Speed-the-Light bookmobile distributes literature in Basutoland.

ago. Great townships, called "Locations," are provided for people who come to these centers to work. The Eugene Grams, the Edgar Pettengers and Vernon Pettengers, together with their African brethren, have established numbers of new churches in the Orange Free State and Transvaal. In the evangelistic center at Sharpeville (Vereeniging) meetings have been conducted every night in the week and three times on Sunday for more than eight years, and the revival continues.

As a result of the ministry of our lady missionaries a Women's Missionary Council program has been launched. Mrs. Philip Molefe, wife of a well-known African evangelist, is the elected WMC president.

The African Bible Training Institute was founded many years ago in Witbank by Fred Burke, a pioneer missionary. In 1963 the school was relocated in Rustenburg. Nearly 100 students are enrolled. Lewis Wilson is principal; the James Stewarts and the Vernon Pettengers serve on the faculty. The Don Colemans will be assigned to the school when the Vernon Pettengers leave for furlough. Missionaries from the general organization assist the school by their moral and financial support; and teach when there is a need. Fred Burke did not relocate with the school due to his heavy responsibilities with a large correspondence course and evangelistic ministry.

Missionary printers Merlin Lund and Philip Mangum were formerly associated with Emmanuel Press in Nelspruit, a joint project of all the Pentecostal missions in South Africa. When it was felt that a stronger emphasis was needed in Sunday school literature these printers transferred to the Rand (Johannesburg area) and now,

with a new press, they are producing Sunday school materials for all of Southern Africa. In addition to English materials, Sunday school quarterlies translated into Zulu and Sesuto are available for a great Sunday school outreach. During the first four months nearly one million pieces of gospel literature were produced. Our missionaries rejoice over this opportunity to communicate to others in their own languages "the wonderful works of God."

Mrs. Edgar Pettenger has promoted Sunday school work throughout South Africa. Her teacher training and Christian workers courses have helped and inspired African workers to start new Sunday schools. Joy Adams devotes her time to Sunday school work and child evangelism in Northern Transvaal. Mrs. Eugene Grams directs the Sunday school program in the Orange Free State.

Hilda Olsen and Margaret Anderson have worked in Basutoland since 1950. A number of Assemblies have been established and churches built in this needy field. God has enabled our missionaries to build an evangelistic center in Maseru, the capital. An excellent Book Depot is maintained in the city and a Bookmobile serves outlying areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Louton also served in Basutoland and now are stationed at Vicksburg in the Orange Free State near the Basutoland border.

For many years our missionaries sought to enter Bechuanaland but the door was closed. Recently permission to conduct tent revivals was granted to Ervin Shaffer and John Richards. Hundreds responded to the altar calls. As a result of these meetings a site has been given for a church in Gaberones, the new capital, and another site has been promised in Lobotsi.

Our 29 American Assemblies of God missionaries in South Africa are a part of an international fellowship of approximately 80 missionaries and 350 African, Indian, and Coloured pastors, evangelists, and lay preachers. Besides this missionary effort a number of white South African Assemblies associated with this work contribute much in moral as well as financial backing to our missionary projects. Deserving of special mention is the Fairview Assembly of God (pastors W. F. Mullan and L. B. Potgieter) of Johannesburg. Mr. Mullan is currently chairman of the whole international work of the Assemblies of God in South Africa and Rhodesia.

—Christine Carmichael



Bible school students study in the library.

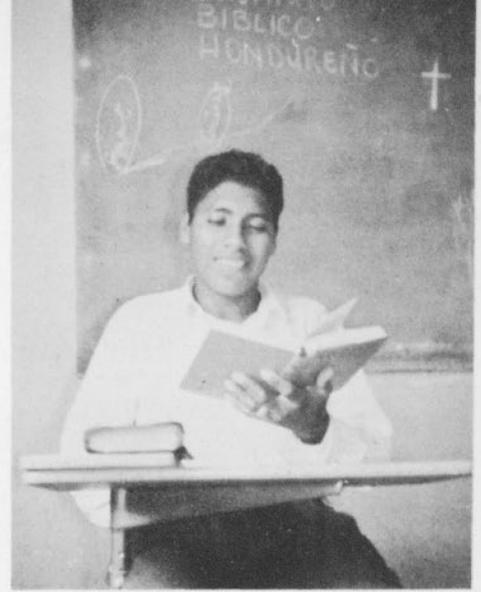


Gold mine laborers later disperse to reach their home villages with the gospel.

Florencio

LEARNS TO FORGIVE

By HAROLD MINTLE
Missionary to Honduras



Florencio Rodriguez

THIS IS THE STORY OF A STRUGGLE IN THE BREAST of one of our student pastors at the Honduran Bible Institute. It was a struggle against feelings of hatred and revenge.

According to the "code of the hills," Florencio Rodriguez had reason to be harboring thoughts of vengeance. His father had been shot down from ambush near the Paradise district of Honduras where 23-year-old Florencio has his church.

It had happened in broad daylight. The elder Rodriguez was walking along a trail through a section of rolling hills and shallow valleys sliced here and there by little streams and dotted by clusters of jagged rocks and fallen timbers. A shot rang out from a cluster of rocks. Florencio's father slumped to the earth.

The murderer did not escape detection. He was heard fleeing through the bush and rocks. His name was known. And he was expecting retaliation from the relatives of the dead man, as is the custom among these Spanish-speaking people. One in the family is always expected to seek revenge, even if it costs his own life. Thus a chain of shootings and killings often is precipitated.

Florencio knew that, being a Christian, he could not have hatred in his heart for anyone, not even for his father's killer. But there was a deep resentment, for he loved his father. He had prayed for him. He wanted him to be saved. Now he never would have another opportunity to witness to his father.

His heart was jabbed by the recurring thought, "If it were not for that murderer, my father would still be alive." The bitterness multiplied in his heart. To make matters worse, he learned one day that the murderer had plotted to kill him, too. In fact, he had waited for hours in a lonely spot along the trail Florencio usually followed, hiding there, gun in hand; and had been foiled only by the fact that when Florencio appeared he had several companions with him.

For a month Florencio struggled against the strong passions and dark thoughts that filled his heart. Then he enrolled in our Bible Institute. Surely, he thought, he would not be troubled by these *malos pensamientos* (bad thoughts) in this place of prayer and Bible study. But such was not the case.

One day, after a glorious prayer meeting in which three of the students had been baptized in the Holy Spirit, a number testified of the grace that had been

wrought in their hearts. Florencio also testified. He told of the terrible battle that had been going on within him for the past four months. He said he could not go on preaching unless he found deliverance from these *malos pensamientos*. Tears sparkled on his bronzed cheeks as he begged the group to pray for him.

After the meeting I was about to leave the Institute when I met Florencio in the corridor facing the open Spanish-style patio. I slipped an arm about him and promised special prayer. When I did, he opened his heart and poured out the whole story.

It was getting dark in the patio when Florencio came to the end of his story. "Florencio," I said, "your deliverance from these bad thoughts will come as you pray for your enemy. You must touch God until you have a great desire for the salvation of the soul of your father's murderer."

Then I told Florencio about a father whose only teenage son was murdered by another teen-ager and in place of pressing charges this father took his son's murderer as his own son, gave him the same room, clothes, and privileges, and thereby won him to Christ, and gained a new son. "When you can love your father's murderer for Jesus' sake, then you will know real victory. In the power of the Holy Spirit you can do it."

The next day there was another glorious prayer meeting at the Institute. A heavy tropical rain beat down on the outside as the Spirit of the Lord fell on the inside, bathing most of the 15 students and five teachers and leaders who were present with heavenly blessings.

It was then Florencio won his victory. He sought God until a miracle was wrought in his heart. Thoughts of murder were replaced by thoughts of mercy. Hate was supplanted by love. Florencio learned to forgive.

Now Florencio is able to return to the Paradise community with peace in his heart, to seek the souls God has called him to win.

Plans are moving forward for a transfer of the Bible Institute in Honduras to a new location and more adequate facilities. It is urgent that building be started soon. Your help is needed to maintain a school where young people can learn to be ambassadors for Christ, loving souls as He loves them and preaching the gospel of reconciliation.

Send your offering designated: "Honduras Bible School Building." ◀◀

ACCRA



GOD RECENTLY BLESSED EVANGEL Assembly in the heart of modern Accra, Ghana, with revival. We had planned an outdoor evangelistic campaign to be held on lots we own next to the church. But God began to move before the services started, filling three people with the Holy Spirit during precampaign prayer meetings. By the time the special services began an intense expectancy had settled not only over Evangel Assembly, but over many neighboring village churches as well.

Harry DeVries, of Oregon, and A. N. Trotter, of California, were the evangelists. The Holy Spirit wonderfully anointed their ministry.

Every evening before service time, Evangel Assembly C.A.'s did personal work, distributing more than 12,000 tracts and 2,500 Gospels of John supplied by Light-for-the-Lost.

During the campaign personal workers assisted 200 people who were interested in being saved. A Light-for-the-Lost tract, "Steps to Salvation," was used in this ministry.

Early in the meeting, the Holy Spir-



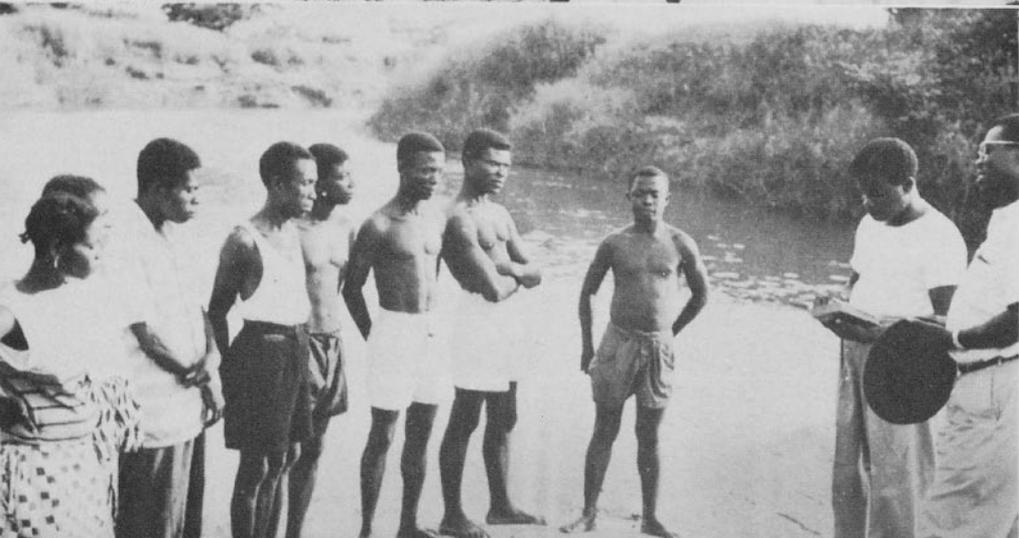
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Evangel Church—site of recent revival.

Eager seekers receiving instruction.

Volunteer group who passed out tracts.

Water baptismal service at the river.



REVIVAL

By Robert Cobb, Missionary to Ghana

it began His work of filling believers. One night a woman prayed until after 11 o'clock and then started to leave the church, but she was still weeping when she arrived at the door. The pastor told her to return to the altar and the Lord would fill her with the Holy Spirit. She did, and in just a few minutes she was rejoicing in the Baptism, speaking in tongues.

During the campaign 35 people received the Holy Spirit. Since, three more have been filled, and several new people have come to the church as a result of tracts distributed by the C.A.'s.

Gospel literature is an important arm of the church in these days of a changing Africa. God used the united

efforts of the Light-for-the-Lost program of Men's Fellowship in America and Evangel Assembly in Accra to reach many people with the full gospel. We are thankful for Light-for-the-Lost!

This revival has made us more conscious of the need for additional Assemblies in Accra, a rapidly expanding city of 500,000 people and one of the most important in all of Africa. Will you help us to follow up with full-gospel literature and to build additional churches? You may do so by sending your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Designation: *Ghana Field for Accra Church Building.*



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

LITERATURE FOR LATINIS

LATIN AMERICA AFFORDS ONE OF THE greatest challenges to missions in the world today. Its population is expected to explode to 592,000,000 in 36 years. Political and economic unrest combined with an intellectual hunger is causing an awakening among the people. These developments give us an unprecedented opportunity for literature ministry.

Pedro Press, the personification of *Editorial Vida* (our Spanish Literature division) has accepted the challenging task of reaching the present population of 220 million Latin Americans with the gospel. "Pedro" has worked hard within his limited budget. During 1963 *Editorial Vida* has printed and distributed 34 tons of literature to 34 countries and 64 denominations. This includes 149,000 Sunday school quarterlies, 60,000 songbooks, 33,411 textbooks, 27,206 VBS books, and 8,500 copies of the monthly magazine *Poder*.

Work has begun on an accredited Bible school correspondence course, a new hymnbook, and the Men's Fellowship program.

Also under way are the preparation of an orientation course, a study on personal work called "Ways of Death," a Sunday school organizational manual, and tracts.

Between 2,000 and 9,000 Latin Americans learn to read everyday. Fifty per cent of the population is under 20 years of age so students are everywhere. The intellectual hunger provides a tremendous opportunity for evangelism through gospel literature.

But it is disturbing that 94 per cent of all evangelical literature is slanted to Christians. Because of this, a special outreach issue of *Poder* (our Spanish counterpart of the *Evangel*) has been published. Through Light-for-the-Lost hundreds of thousands of copies of this issue are being distributed to win Latins for the Lord.



Evangelist A. N. Trotter and Pastor Joseph Gyanfosu.

The Robert Cobbs with display of Light-for-the-Lost literature.





Jeremiah Demonstrates Faith

Sunday School Lesson for June 7, 1964

JEREMIAH 32:1-9, 13-15

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

The Time (v. 1). It was the 10th year of the reign of Zedekiah, the last king of Judah. Within one year Jerusalem was invaded by Nebuchadnezzar and destroyed.

The Circumstances (vv. 2-5). These verses are parenthetical. Jeremiah was now confined in the court of the guard adjoining the king's palace. The detailed account of the cause and course of Jeremiah's imprisonment is given in Jeremiah 37:11-21 and 38:24-28.

The Divine Premonition (v. 7). While imprisoned Jeremiah received a revelation from God informing him that his cousin was coming to ask Jeremiah to buy a piece of property from him which he was being forced to sell because of financial circumstances.

The Unusual Transaction (vv. 8-12). "So Hanameel . . . came . . . according to the word of the Lord, and said unto me, Buy my field . . . for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself." Hanameel was acting upon the Levitical law (Leviticus

25:25) which specified that when, due to poverty or other reason, an Israelite found it necessary to sell some of his property, it was the right of his nearest relative to purchase the property and thus keep it in the family.

Hence, when Hanameel appeared as the Lord had said he would, Jeremiah rightly reasoned that God intended him to purchase the property. This he did in strict accord with all the business procedures of the times.

The Gracious Promise (vv. 13-15). These verses explain why God asked Jeremiah to buy his cousin's property. Observe that in chapters 29 through 31 Jeremiah had prophesied that after 70 years God would restore the captive nation to its own land. Now Jeremiah was asked to demonstrate the reality of his faith in his own preaching and in God's Word by purchasing land in the forsaken and desolate country. Consider, in this connection, the practical truths suggested by our lesson story:

1. *God's directives are often contrary to human reasonings and sentiments.* Here was a man already surrounded by adversity—imprisoned and conscious that his beloved nation was doomed to an imminent judgment and destined to be depopulated and desolated. Yet God asked him to buy property in such a land and under such conditions.

2. *Real faith will lead to implicit obedience to God's Word.* It is true that after having obeyed God Jeremiah momentarily questioned the matter (Jeremiah 32:16-44); but he did *not* question beforehand! His response to God was unquestioning, instantaneous, and complete. It is this obedience of faith which, from the beginning of all God's dealings with mankind, has enabled men to glorify Him and serve as instruments under God in the working out of their redemption!

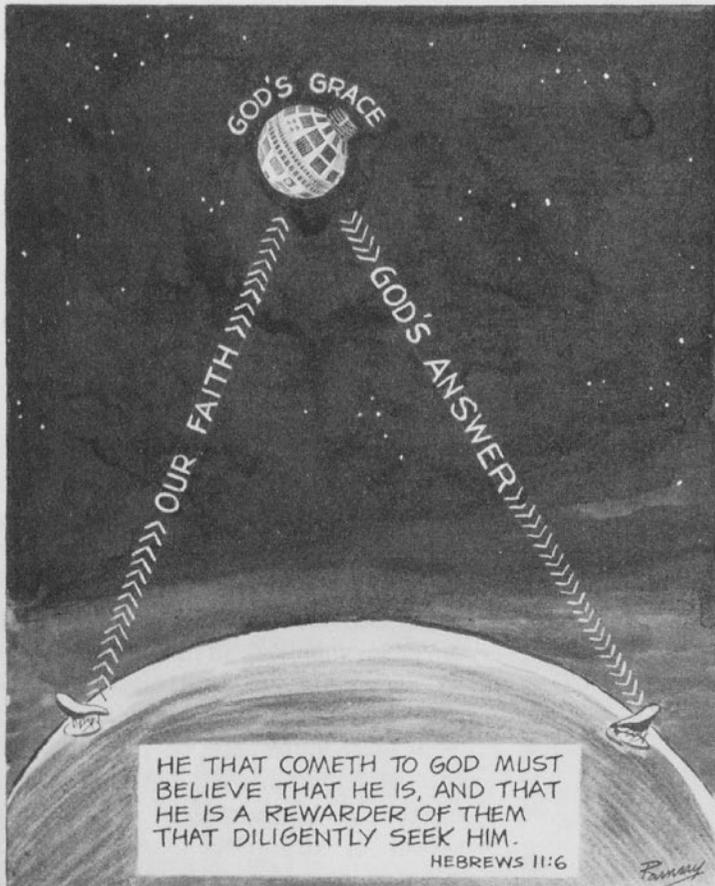
3. *Real faith invariably will reveal itself in deeds.* Jeremiah proclaimed a bright future for the nation, notwithstanding the present distress and coming captivity. He proved his own faith in that future by making an investment in it. Our faith is only as real as its effect upon our conduct. We claim to have faith in the matter of eternal rewards, but how much of our time, our talent, and our substance is being invested now in things that are eternal? We claim faith in a future judgment, but is our faith in that judgment revealed in conduct which will pass the test of eternal judgment? We claim to believe in the soon coming of Christ, but are we living like men who are really looking for this event?

4. *Real faith will manifest itself in what we call "secular" matters.* Jeremiah did not limit his faith to preaching and worshiping in the Temple. He demonstrated it in the prison court and by the careful way in which he carried through his business transaction. It is a great mistake to draw a line between the secular and the spiritual. To a true Christian all of life is spiritual, and his Christian principles and spirit enter into his business life, his social life, his recreational life, and every other area. Such *faith in action* is needed to reveal to the unconverted that God is real!

The devil is not put to flight by a courteous request. He meets us at every turn, contends for every inch, and our progress has to be registered in heart's blood and tears.

—Charles E. Cowman

ETERNAL TELSTAR



CHARGE IT!

By A. D. SWARZTRAUBER

WHEN A "CERTAIN LAWYER" ASKED THE LORD JESUS for a definition of a neighbor, He responded with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The proud and loveless Pharisee and the preoccupied and selfish Levite are only in the story for contrast. They show the inhumanity of man to man when he is not motivated by love and has no feeling of being a neighbor to his fellows.

But the Samaritan who came by and saw the man's plight went to work over the half-dead stranger as if his own life were at stake. He spared no effort, no expense, to restore the man to life again. In this Jesus was saying, "Each must love the other as himself, as if his very life depended upon going all-out to help, defend, and love his brother to the end."

In the long run, our life does depend on this way of love, for, He said in another place, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:34, 40).

The Good Samaritan saw himself as debtor to all men, even those who had nothing to give in return for his help, who had no claim on him except the claim of human need. Working with the stranger he knew that first aid was not enough. He needed more than a little oil and wine and bandages, though these were immediate and real needs. The Samaritan wanted to give this man complete and total restoration. So he took him to an inn and "took care of him." He gave of himself, and he gave of his means to help this stranger who was his neighbor. When it was time for him to leave, he made provision with the innkeeper for his future. He underwrote the necessary expenses of the man, for whatever would be involved in his recovery.

Who is this man who became a merciful neighbor to him who fell among thieves? This man is Jesus. He is neighbor to me. He is neighbor to you. By His own choice He is forever involved with men and their problems. By His own choice He left His heavenly throne to lift us and restore us to all He knew we could be by His grace. And when He has lifted us out of the bondage of sin and cleansed us with His own blood, He charges the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Caretaker: "Look after him, be with him, even to the end. See how I have provided for him with incorruptible coin, not with corruptible things such as gold or silver, but with my own blood as of a Lamb without spot or blemish. Everything is taken care of, fully paid both now and forever."

Turning to us, He says in effect:

"You, my neighbor, are at my charge and expense. Charge your needs to me. Ask anything in my name (on my account). Because I love you, my poor neighbor, as myself, I give all that I am and have for your redemption and restoration. This is the way this love



that I am teaching you makes me feel about you.

"I only ask that in return you go and do likewise. Become involved in the needs of others. Never write them off your books of mercy, but keep loving and giving to the end. Share my redemptive love, my uttermost love, that never lets go until it brings them to the eternal safety of my Father's house. Preach the gospel to them by your deeds of love, those same deeds you see in me, your Lord and Master. And when you love them in that manner, they will believe this gospel, because it is hard to resist such love." ◀◀

Acclimated to Lostness

"Will those who never hear the gospel be lost?"

This frequently asked question is fearfully ambiguous. It would be quite as rational to ask: "Will those who never learn to read and write be illiterate?" There is no room for any query as to whether men *will be* lost. The fact is, they *are* lost.

Every child is born into a lost world with a lost nature. His first breath is breathed in an atmosphere of lostness and his first step is but the beginning of a life of lostness. He will not *be* lost after he becomes a financial tycoon in Tokyo, a political wizard in Washington, or a pygmy chief in the Congo . . . he *is* lost. His nature is as acclimated to lostness as the fish is to the sea and the bird to the air.

The phrase, "without God," describes his cruel condition. He has eyes to see but sees not. He has ears but hears not. This explains his indifference toward the gospel when it is communicated to him.

That servant of the Lord who fully understands man's lostness will not be surprised at his rejection of the gospel nor his opposition to it. Such attitudes fit the framework in which human nature lives, moves, and has its being. So acclimated is man to lostness that he finds it humanly impossible to grasp the concept of salvation. The gospel does not keep men from becoming lost—it delivers men who *are* lost.

How then does one explain the Ethiopian eunuch's search for righteousness, Cornelius' hunger for a knowledge of God, and Lydia's glad acceptance of the gospel message? The answer is found in the context of these words, "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). Every conversion is a God-initiated miracle—a heart which the Lord has opened. Every conversion is a Holy Spirit-conceived birth.

Nor is God through lifting men out of the darkness of lostness into the light of His love. He is still calling out a people for His name. He still has "much people in this city" (Acts 18:10) to draw unto Himself.

Blessed are those servants of the Lord who are seeking lost men!

Happy is that man who can rejoice with the angels in heaven over a sinner brought to Christ.

—DON W. HILLIS in *The Missionary Broadcaster*



Concerned Christians and 'Cured' Criminals

By EARL-CLAYTON GRANDSTAFF

Chaplain, Medium Security Prison, Moberly, Missouri

THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTES NEED the assistance of the church when the court has ruled that a man, woman, boy or girl should be separated from society whose laws, customs, and morals he has violated. The correctional institution is charged with carrying out the wishes of the court. It may be a penitentiary, a reformatory, a rehabilitation center, an honor camp, or a city lockup.

The court and the legislators (state or federal) would hope that the person incarcerated might change his attitudes and behavior so that he can be trusted to move freely again in society without surveillance. This puts a great responsibility on penal institutions. No jailer would guarantee that a prisoner who enters his jail will be released a better man. He knows he will be a different man, however.

One of the major concerns of the correctional authorities is what happens to the prisoner when he is returned to the local community. Surveys indicate that 75 per cent of the repeaters commit their additional offense within 90 days after being released. Returning violators tell a heart-breaking story of how they were shunned, rejected, ridiculed, and harrassed. And this, in more cases than we like to believe, by the very churches to which the chaplains sent them.

Most of this reaction to the presence of a released felon is caused by not understanding what has happened to him. The experience of incarceration, of being locked up, can be, and often is, a crippling, debilitating experience. This would be hurtful to most people. To weak, inadequate, dis-

organized, amoral people it can be tragic at the least, traumatic at the most.

Our Christian concern and compassion could well extend, then, to the jailed, to the family, and to the jailer (who needs the Lord, too, as the experience of the angelic release of Acts 16 would verify). No man is an island. The entire community is affected.

If the problems of crime and criminals are to be met, the answer found in God's Word must be sought, discovered, believed in, and followed. Only a "changed heart" will change the life of the morally ill. The staggering costs are appalling to family purse and public coffer—\$40,000 in one jurisdiction to lose a citizen and gain a prisoner, \$24,000 in another state. The cost of crime is exceeded only by the cost of the national military establishment. The cost in heartache,



shame, degradation, shattered dreams, and crippled lives is beyond calculation.

I therefore propose community action by concerned compassionate churchmen. These men and women should be God-fearing, Bible-reading, praying people. They should be mature, sensible, and realistic leaders. They should seek to become knowledgeable about the causes of crime and criminal behavior. These believers should seek to understand the experiences which follow the act of the crime itself—the arrest, detention, interrogation, trial, sentence, incarceration, and release of the felon. They should read books, visit prisoners, tour confinement facilities, and work with the inmates' families. These concerned Christians should become friends with the law enforcement officials—the sheriff, the prosecutor, the jailer, the parole officer, and the welfare agents.

A church can well sponsor seminars and workshops about the cause, capture, and care of the criminal. Working through prison chaplains, a committee could give religious counsel and encouragement to the incarcerated offender. Working with parole authorities, this committee could assist not so much with the material things as with attitudes and acceptance. This can be one of the key influences on the life of the released man with a spiritual, social, and economical struggle.

Such a nucleus of dedicated churchmen could stimulate local churches of the state and the nation to accept this burden and rise to the opportunity. If one seeks souls for his hire, if one has a compassion for the lost, if one seeks to minister unto the least of these in the spirit of Christ, then one cannot pass by the rejects of society.

Seldom has the organized church, its clergy and its laity had a greater opportunity to demonstrate the role of religion in the redemptive process of the sinner. God have mercy on us if we do not minister to those in prison, forgive and forget their past, and seek to bring the contrite into the fellowship of Christ and His Church.

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Editor's Note: Chaplain Grandstaff is also president of the American Correctional Chaplains Association and of the Tri-Faith National Professional Society for Prison Chaplains. He was chosen as *Chaplain of the Year*.



This Indian hogan (house) was opened to the missionaries for services every other Saturday.



Navajo members of the Kayenta congregation. Julia Salt (right) is the main interpreter for the missionaries.

Working Among the Navajo at Kayenta

BY ROSWELL AND LENA DILLINGHAM

KAYENTA, ARIZONA, IS THE MOST REMOTE post office in the United States. Here the sand flies when the wind blows. And the sun is hot in summer, but it gets cold in winter here in the northern part of the Navajo reservation.

The town is growing because of government and tribal construction. The closest established Assemblies of God mission is 50 miles away. It is 100 miles to a lumber yard.

There are three trading posts in Kayenta, but prices are so high a person cannot afford to shop here. Besides, so many necessary items just are not available. The closest supply store is 100 miles away. We visit it about once a month.

The beginning of the work in Kayenta was an overflow of the outpouring of the Spirit at Shonto in June of 1956, when Gladys Pearson preached a camp meeting. Lyle Wolverton was the missionary at Shonto then. Many Indians were filled with the Spirit, among whom was Edith Jerry, recently appointed as a home missionary to her people in the Shonto area. The fire spread to Kayenta. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit. This outpouring brought persecution and Brother Wolverton was forced to leave the

reservation. Anti-Pentecostal forces have made inroads on the work there.

In the early part of 1959 Grant Croasmun, an appointed home missionary, was invited by the people to come to Kayenta and preach. He was the first white missionary to work with them. At that time he had a secular job at Mexican Hat, Utah, 50 miles away. Sister Croasmun was still with the church at Monticello, Utah, which they had built. After several invitations from the people at Kayenta, in July of 1959 Sister Croasmun began driving from Monticello for services. Then they resigned the church at Monticello. In February of 1960 she received appointment and moved to Mexican Hat. While working at Mexican Hat and Bluff, Utah, she drove to Kayenta for Tuesday and Sunday evening services.

Most of this time the people suffered some persecution for their faith. Then in July 1960 a blow fell. False doctrine got a foothold, scattering the flock and causing many to backslide. Sister Croasmun had to quit and wait for the Lord to open the way again. In the meantime she worked at the other stations. In about six months she was invited to visit the services, but was not allowed to do anything but testify. Then about the middle of 1961 the Lord opened the doors for her to

come back and carry on regular services on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. She continued ministering until we came to take charge in August of 1963.

The Lord has blessed us in this work. Several backsliders have returned to the Lord. Others have been saved that were never saved before. New ones are coming in. We have started a Sunday school, which is an entirely new idea to our people. Attendance has grown to 35.

We now have services in homes and are so thankful for those who are willing to open doors. But we do need a building. Without it we are more or less handicapped. We have had as many as 60 at the evening service. That is a pretty good crowd for a 14 by 22 room! Please pray with us as we work toward a land grant. It is very difficult to obtain one.

We love our people here. Some have a great potential for service for the Master. We are praying the Lord will raise up solid Navajo ministers, filled with the Holy Ghost, who will not be moved with the tempter's dazzling offers, and who will be able to teach their people to be steadfast. God is able. Our hearts are thrilled as we see, through eyes of faith, what God can and will do in this area if we are faithful and "fight the good fight of faith."



This attractive church at Wasilla, Alaska averages about 50 in attendance. At right is part of the congregation.

Ministering in the Matanuska Valley

By RUTH LYON

WASILLA IS A SMALL TOWN ABOUT 60 miles north of Anchorage and was part of the earthquake-stricken area. It is mainly a farming community with a school enrollment of 300 within a 20-mile radius. Some of the farms are 29 years old. Other places are new which people are homesteading.

A sawmill (birch) now operates right out of Wasilla. Road building and oil drilling are two of the main industries. Oil drilling is new; so far it is mostly speculation.

The Matanuska Valley, in which Wasilla is located, has many beautiful lakes and is quite a resort area. The people are busy in many walks of life. In our Wasilla congregation are farmers, teachers, a truck driver, a post-

man, a boys' rehabilitation camp counselor, etc.

Paul Riley started the Assemblies of God work here in 1951 with the help of the Ray Cathers who were supervising the Children's Farm Home, then located at Palmer. Twenty-three people attended the first service. Attendance now averages 50. They moved from the Community Hall into a basement church. The Home Missions Department in Springfield, Mo., contributed \$800 to provide a roof. Now the new church building is complete and work on the parsonage next to it is progressing.

Much labor was contributed for building the new church, and finances have come in marvelous ways. The church at Petersburg has been generous. First Assembly in Anchorage

has also taken a great financial interest in the structure. A Christian jeweler in Anchorage heard of the need for windows and promptly sent a check designated for this.

A Christian contractor from Anchorage donated his services several days. A Christian plumber did all plumbing free of charge. Another plumber donated a complete bathroom set. Several young people gave many days' help.

B. P. Wilson, supervisor of our Alaska Assemblies, had this to say:

"Brother Riley has built up the work in Wasilla until they now have a fine building and a good, solid congregation. The building is a credit to the community and is in a good location. Not only has Brother Riley served as pastor, but he is now serving as presbyter of the Central Section of Alaska and secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Assemblies of God. His wife has done a great deal to assist him in this work. At first he worked in secular employment, but now only at odd times. He is driving the school bus, however, to supplement his income. The church is a monument to sacrifice and unselfish endeavor. The youth camp location is near his church. He has been very active in promoting this camp."



The Paul Riley family of Wasilla, Alaska.

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Assemblies of God
HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
 1445 Boonville Avenue
 Springfield, Missouri 65802



Made to Live

BY R. L. BRANDT

National Secretary of Home Missions

DEATH IS A TERRIBLE PROSPECT FOR men without Christ and it is their only prospect. But man was not made to die. He was made to live. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He made man for Himself and it is His will that none should perish.

To this end Christ came. His whole interest and purpose was to bring life to men. In His own words He announced, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). And even though it cost Him His life to obtain His purpose He did not hesitate to see His mission through to its ultimate accomplishment.

Now no man need die. Yet the multitudes perish. They plunge into the eternal night of darkness and death, and for them there is no bright prospect beyond the grave.

But it need not be so. For what Jesus began to do (Acts 1:1) He intends that we should continue to do. He came to impart life and intends that through every believer He may continue to impart life. This is exactly what He envisioned when He cried, "He that believeth on me . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living [life-giving] water" (John 7:38).

The church's chief commodity is *life*. If she fails to display it and to share it she may find herself with only a reputation of being alive, while in actuality she is dead.

This brings into focus the great reason for Home Missions—not merely the opening of new churches, nor the adding of members, but the giving of life to others.

Unless we act, the only prospect for countless Americans is death, for the vast majority have not entered into life. We must bring life to them. We must plant life in the midst of every American community, and is there a better way to do this than to plant a lively church in each of these places?



LAMBERT

HOW MUCH IS A LOT? If you think in terms of your weekly salary, the money in this picture is undoubtedly a lot (\$2,400!). But if you think in terms of a lot—a building lot—it isn't enough in most cases. The church today must have space for building, for parking, and for expansion. In many places where we need churches, building sites come dear. Our *Sites for Souls* program seeks to raise the necessary funds to get our "foot in the door" before rising costs close us out of many communities forever. The combined readers of this article could easily finance dozens of such sites by responding to the appeal in the coupon below.

To: **THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**

1445 Boonville Ave.
Springfield, Missouri 65802

I am enclosing my *Sites for Souls* contribution in the amount of \$.....

I will contribute \$..... annually to *Sites for Souls*.

Our church will be a *Sites for Souls* church by giving a minimum of \$1 per member per year. (We understand we will receive a *Sites for Souls* certificate for our pledge.)

Name
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Street or Box

City State Zip

Name of church to receive missionary credit:

NEW YORK WMC'S AID NEW CHURCH

ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 140 WMC members gathered at the Bethlehem Church in Richmond Hill, Queens. Four churches from the Nassau County section were represented along with nine from New York City. It was their 10th annual missionary rally.

The rally's theme, "Home Missions," was aimed at supporting a new work

being sponsored in the Harlem area of New York City. The guest speaker was Thurman Faison, the young minister who will be pastoring this new church.

The WMC's presented the Faisons with a bountiful grocery shower, along with a baby layette. Also the group pledged financial support totaling \$1,000!



Joyfully They Serve

Deaf WMC Group in Seattle Boosts Missionary Giving



Paul W. Carlstrom, pastor of Calvary Temple Church for the Deaf.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1953 THE P. W. CARLSTROMS, GRADUATES of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., went to Seattle, Wash., to pioneer the Assemblies of God work among the deaf in the Puget Sound area. Approximately one year later the first Women's Missionary Council group for the deaf was organized in Tacoma, Wash.

The WMC ministry opened a new existence for women who theretofore had very little outlet. Valuable hobbies were developed as they learned to crochet, to sew, to use textile paints, to do basket weaving and copper tooling.

After two years of progressive WMC activity the Carlstroms, because of increasing responsibility in the Seattle area where they lived, found it necessary to limit their ministry in Tacoma to the regular church services, but by this time the WMC work was well established.

The Women's Missionary Council for the Deaf in Seattle had its beginning in 1960. The first project was to make robes for the choir. One lady, gifted in the art of designing, fashioned a pattern from which the group made 10 robes that are still in use. The workmanship, like the savings, was remarkable.

As soon as the robes were completed, the WMC ladies began sewing new clothing for children. Literally hundreds of shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, coats, and jackets

have been produced. To them the women have added quilts and 250 stuffed toys. Bookmarks made of felt and religious pictures, wall plaques and children's picture booklets have been carefully prepared for foreign Sunday schools. All of this has been accomplished in two and a half years.

In the first two months of 1964 the Seattle WMC group made 50 toys and cleaned, mended, packed, and shipped 279 pounds of clothing overseas. Their efforts have been concentrated on Korea, where there are 60,000 deaf. Miss Betty Haney is doing missionary work among the deaf there.

The first missionary rally for the deaf was held in April, 1962, in Seattle. Miss Haney sent curios and a set of slides depicting Korean customs which added interest to the meeting. Mrs. Carlstrom says, "Though Sister Haney could not be present at the rally, we felt as if a little part of Korea was placed within our hearts."

The WMC deaf group does not have a separate fund for supplies. Through sacrificial giving different ladies have donated new materials for the sewing. Many garments are made from good used materials. The leftover scraps go into squares for quilts.

At times men from the deaf church provide money for part of the shipping. Sometimes a missionary offering is required to cover the freight charges.

Monthly financial support is allotted for Korea, and also for the Philippine Islands where Wayne Shaneyfelt has been laboring for the past year in an effort to get the gospel to the country's 65,000 deaf. The WMC's helped to prepare his clothing and equipment.

Contribution is made to the school for the Deaf at Central Bible Institute and at holiday seasons boxes of food are distributed to the needy in the local area. Christmas boxes are sent also to the two foreign representatives so they will be able to share with the deaf friends.

Missionary giving of the deaf church reached a new record in 1963 with a total of \$633.75.

News of WMC happenings is printed in *The Silent Messenger*, a monthly publication edited by Pastor P. W. Carlstrom, who joins his wife in saying: "It is a real joy working with such a splendid group. They are ready to do any task set before them. Moreover, their work is all done in a cheerful spirit and is a source of blessing to us personally as well as to the church. We thank the Lord for the WMC and its compassionate ministry."



The deaf WMC group of Calvary Temple in Seattle, Wash., have completed many projects. Mrs. Carlstrom is standing at the right.

God Changed the Verdict

How an African Missionary Received Faith for Physical Healing

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL EXISTS FOR THE SOLE purpose of ministry. Following is the account of how that ministry was instrumental in saving a missionary for the field of Nigeria. David McCulley, secretary-treasurer of the Missionary Fellowship of Nigeria, tells the story:

"I am sorry we couldn't do more for you," the British therapist said as she bade me farewell. "The surgeon general requested that I bid you *bon voyage* for him," she added. Her words turned my heart into a lump of lead.

"Only two months before, late in the evening of September 20, 1960, our ship glided into dock at Port Harcourt. We had arrived in Nigeria, West Africa, for our third term of foreign service. On the shore stood all the southern Nigerian missionaries, a national pastor, and friends to welcome us home. A royal reception awaited us at the church on the following Sunday morning. As I arose to preach, the joy of being back thrilled my soul.

"Early the next week, Nigerian friends were helping me handle the furniture we had shipped, when the refrigerator began to slide. Fear of being crushed beneath its weight gripped them and they fled. I strained every muscle in an effort to preserve the treasured piece of furniture. Under the pressure, a disk slipped in my neck.

"The local doctor ordered me to University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria (the most modern hospital of the country). I am sure I presented more problems than one. First of all, my six-foot-five frame didn't fit the hospital bed. Boards were added to make an extension. A 53-pound weight hung on my neck until the flesh broke on my chin, whereupon traction, my only relief-giver, had to be abandoned. The absence of mosquito netting gave the bugs and mosquitos free right-of-way. Lying flat on my back in the tropical temperature produced constant perspiration that caused prickly heat all the way up and down my spine. Attendants were kind, but in trying to feed me they severely burned my mouth with hot African curry.

"I shared a room with 23 native men. Death occurred



The David McCulley family—1960

before our eyes. The light burned brightly all night, so there seemed to be no rest from the nerve-racking pressure. To intensify my restlessness there were thoughts of my wife alone on the station, with me 500 miles away, and the children in school 500 miles in another direction.

"After three weeks of hospitalization the surgeon general informed me that I would never be any better in the tropics. He said I should go back to the United States immediately and never return. With this verdict, I was released from the hospital.

"How frustrating! God had called us, that we knew. Friends had sacrificed to send us. If we were to return to the States, someone would have to take over our station. Emergency funds needed elsewhere would have to be requisitioned for our return fare. How could we ever face the home constituency?

"News of my predicament spread quickly. All over Nigeria missionaries and loyal church members prayed. A cablegram solicited the prayers of WMC's and others at home. How could we decide? It was Sunday afternoon, but the day was so like all the rest, except that the children were home for a few days.

"'It's time for *Revivaltime*,' someone remembered. This international broadcast had just been released in Nigeria under the sponsorship of the WMC's of the Indiana District. Over the air came the words,

'I believe the answer's on the way,
I believe the Lord has heard me pray.
Cast not away your confidence,
Saith the Lord your God...'

"As the choir sang in Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A., that song made its way across the Atlantic Ocean into the home of a sick and troubled missionary. Faith like a grain of mustard seed was sown in my heart. That day I knew beyond any shadow of a doubt the answer was on the way. I told my wife and children with boldness and confidence that for the first time I had faith to believe the Lord was going to heal me.

"Not only were we able to continue our work, but we actually stayed over our time on the field. It is difficult to express the appreciation of the David McCulley family for this particular ministry of the Indiana WMC's and for the work of Assemblies of God women who 'Minister as unto Christ' around the world." ◀◀



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Zella Anthony, District WMC
President of Indiana, whose WMC's
sponsored the *Revivaltime* release
in Nigeria.
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Missionettes Show Remarkable Growth

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

A TOTAL OF 615 NEW MISSIONETTE CLUBS RECEIVED MEMBERSHIP certificates from headquarters in 1963. This figure surpassed our estimated goal of 500 clubs for the year. When the Missionette program was begun in 1956 there was great interest in this new missionary endeavor for girls, and it was decided to set a goal of a club a day. However, it soon became apparent that this figure was too low and it was increased to 500 each year.

On this page is a picture of a map divided in districts. Every map tack indicates a club. At present there are about 3,200 active clubs in the United States and around the world with a membership of approximately 40,000 girls.

It is impossible to tell what has been accomplished by this host of active enthusiastic girls. Their projects and activities are varied. Visitation of the ill and aged is one of the things that many groups enjoy. Handwork projects for home and foreign missionaries are engaged in by others. Thousands of awards have been made by Missionettes and given out on the mission field.

A unique project which was completed early this year was the making of clothing for girls at the Hillcrest Children's Home. Nineteen clubs in New Jersey participated. Each group made one outfit. These were taken to the state WMC convention in February and judged. Three prize winners were named.

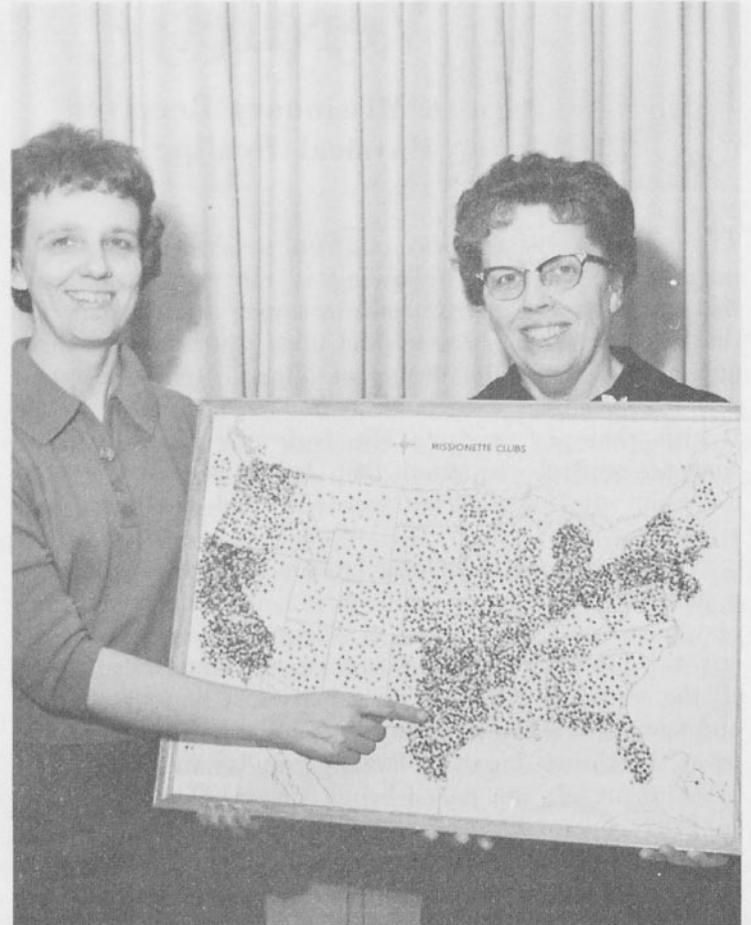
Mrs. F. D. Eide, New Jersey District WMC President, and Mrs. Albert Earl, District Missionette Director, then took the clothing to Hillcrest. You can imagine the joy of the girls who received the garments. However, the girls who had a part in making them no doubt were just as happy because of their contribution to such a worthy project.

The spiritual benefits of a Missionette Club are many. As the girls become more familiar with Assemblies of God doctrine and beliefs, they are better fitted to be soul winners. The importance of inviting the unsaved to club meetings is always stressed.

Reports received in the National WMC Department indicate that 584 girls were saved and 551 filled with the Holy Spirit last year. Less than one-fourth of the clubs reported, however, so the actual number saved and baptized is greater than this.

More Missionette Clubs mean more souls for the Kingdom of God. Less than half of our churches now have a club. Our aim is at least one club in every Assem-

blies of God church as soon as possible. The pull of the world is great, but how thankful we are that Missionettes offers girls something that far outweighs worldly values. They are working for the Lord with eternity's values in view.



Mrs. Mildred Smuland, National WMC Secretary and Charlotte Schumitsch, National Missionette Supervisor, display a map showing where about 3,200 Missionette Clubs are located.



Four of the girls at the Hillcrest Children's Home are shown modeling clothing which was made for them by New Jersey Missionettes. Marcella Reece, left, is wearing the outfit which won first prize. Others in the picture are Amenthia Allen, Sarah Roberts, and Carolyn Burnett.

THE COST OF POWER

It costs much to obtain the power of the Spirit. It costs self-surrender and humiliation and a yielding up of our most precious things to God. It costs the perseverance of long waiting and the faith of strong trust. But when we are really in that power, we shall find this difference: that whereas before it was hard for us to do the easiest things, now it is easy for us to do the hard things.

—A. J. GORDON

UNSEEN RESOURCES

A famous doctor was very fond of roses and usually wore one in his buttonhole. His friends noticed how long it lasted.

"My, what a lovely rose you have, Doctor!" they would exclaim. "How do you manage to keep it so fresh?"

"It's a Christian rose," the doctor would answer.

"A what?"

"A Christian rose. You see, it draws strength and sustenance from unseen resources." And he would show them a little receptacle hidden under his lapel. It was just big enough to hold some moss, moisture, and the stem of the rose.

Every Christian—young or old—must draw strength and nourishment from God if he is to retain his Christian life. We need the "unseen resources" if we are to spread the beauty and fragrance of Christ by our daily lives.

—*The War Cry*

CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

I had grown up in a home where church and the Bible were taken for granted. Religion came very naturally to me. It was a religion of habit, not of commitment. I remember vividly the night in 1951, while I was sitting alone in my parents' home.

For months my words in the classroom as a teacher had been coming back to mock me. I was urging my students to stand up and be counted, but I was a silent and very comfortably seated Christian!

That night in the quiet of my room, the choice was suddenly made very clear. I could not continue to drift along as I had been doing—going to church because I had always gone, or because everyone else went. Either Christ was God, the Saviour and Lord, or He was not; if He were, then He had to have all my time, all my devotion, all my life!

I made the choice that night. I realized too that this would mean many changes in my life. Prayer, for instance. If God hears prayer, then I must pray not only at 11 on Sunday morning, but first thing every morning, last thing every night, and many, many times between. And if the gospel were true, then how could I be silent about it?

It is one thing to talk about commitment, but it is another thing to demonstrate what it actually means!

—MARK O. HATFIELD, Governor of Oregon



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Was there failure in the plan of God when Jesus who was born King of the Jews was rejected and crucified?

The plan did not fail, for the prophets had foretold that Jesus would be a suffering Saviour (Isaiah 53) and also a reigning king (Isaiah 32). See also Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:5-11.

Did Jesus ever preach the gospel of the Kingdom to Gentiles?

Jesus confined His personal ministry almost entirely to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" in order "to confirm the promises made unto the fathers" (Romans 15:8). But there were times when He ministered to Gentiles. The Syrophenician woman and the Samaritan woman are examples.

Why was the rich young ruler told to sell all he had and give to the poor rather than to take it to God's house? (Mark 10:21).

God's house had other provisions for its needs. The priesthood was supported by the tithes and offerings, and a half shekel from each adult male was given annually to keep the temple in proper condition. But there were many poor folk among the people who needed help. The Bible has much to say about helping the poor (Proverbs 11:25; 22:9; Isaiah 58:10; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6).

Can a person grow into status as a Christian?

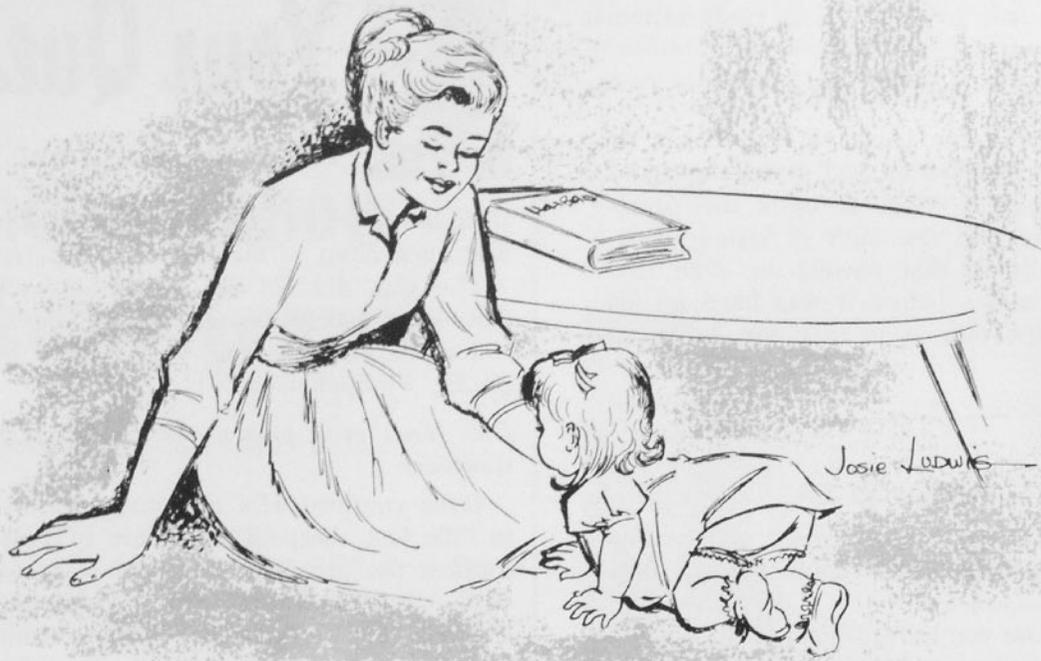
We may grow "in grace" after we are born of God, but we cannot grow *into* grace. Man cannot save himself. Salvation is a gift of God through the work of the Holy Spirit implanting the life of God in the soul. "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

Please tell me where in the Bible it says that sickness is sin.

The Bible does not say sickness is sin. We do not yet have the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:22, 23); therefore our bodies may break down and eventually we will die unless Jesus comes for us. Paul left his godly companion Trophimus at Miletum sick (2 Timothy 4:20). Paul also mentions that the good man Epaphroditus had been sick (Philippians 2:25). James says, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick," without hinting that sickness be regarded as sin. He then advises searching of the heart, and says if any found they had sinned they should confess their faults one to another and pray one for another that they might be healed.

God could send sickness as a judgment or chastisement. I believe Herod's disease was a judgment of God (Acts 12:21-23), but we cannot look upon all sicknesses as judgments. See John 9:2, 3.

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.



Are You Denied Motherhood?

BY EVELYN GUNTER

SHE SAT NEXT TO ME IN A PTA MEETING, the most radiant mother present. Why, I asked myself, did she possess such a glow? Then it occurred to me—this was her first PTA meeting since she had become a mother—an adopted mother of two beautiful school-age children.

What a change I saw in her since that first time I had met her soon after I had taken over the "special class" at Central. She had come into my room quite unexpectedly one day bringing cookies and drinks for my class of handicapped children, and introducing herself with a simple, "I want to help you this year."

But before she left that day I had heard a tearful story of long empty years in which motherhood had been denied her—the sad story that is shared by thousands of women who long to hold a baby close and whisper little "I-love-you's" in tiny pink ears.

Tonight there was no trace of tears on that bright face, and surely her experience can come as a message of hope to you if you are in that class of women with empty arms and aching hearts. There is fulfillment within your reach, too!

The most comforting starting point is that sure knowledge that if it is God's will for you to have a family,

you will become a parent. Hannah, in the Bible, is not the only one who prayed and received supernatural help. Remember for her there were many years of waiting "and she was in bitterness of soul and prayed unto the Lord and wept sore... and it came to pass that Samuel was born."

A neighbor of mine prayed and today, after many years of unfulfilled longing, she has three little ones. The avenue of prayer is open and its power can intervene with capricious nature.

But what if you have really been denied parenthood after praying earnestly and seeking the Lord? What if

after months of promise and anticipation you find yourself going home to an empty crib?

When I returned home from the hospital, the November winds were not nearly so cold as was my heart. The little white crib with its beautiful pink spread looked so sad and empty, and so did my arms. Oh, if I only could have loved him a little and hugged him to me! But not a moment of such joy was mine, for our baby was stillborn. We never knew why medically—the doctor said he appeared perfect. A big, black-haired youngster he would have been. At home I looked at my husband with a new burst of

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

BY DICK CHAMPION

CODE MESSAGE

Here's an important message in this code: A=N; B=O; C=P; D=Q; E=R; F=S; G=T; H=U; I=V; J=W; K=X; L=Y; M=Z.

MESSAGE

NAQ GUVF TBFCRY BS GUR XVATQBZ FUNYY OR CERNPURQ
VA NYY GUR JBEYQ SBE N JVGARFF HAGB NYY ANGVBAF;
NAQ GURA FUNYY GUR RAQ PBZR.

(To check your answer, look up Matthew 24:14.)

sorrow, realizing that he would not get to know the thrill of playing tractor and trains, or feeding his little son, or saying nightly prayers with him.

Why, oh, why were we denied the pleasure of parenthood? I knew there had to be an answer for us, and there was. I found mine in other mothers' children.

My call when I was just 17 was to become a missionary-teacher in public schools. Immediately after our sad experience I reentered my field of teaching, accepting a call as principal in a school nearby. Later my husband taught there too. Our aching loneliness was gradually dissipated as we worked with delinquent boys from homes of drunken parents. The results were astounding even to us as we saw "bad boys" become "good boys" under proper guidance and direction.

And then the Lord opened another door. The opportunity came for me to teach retarded and handicapped children. I knew the work would be hard—harder than any ordinary teaching. Special training at the university gave me a thorough knowledge of the physical aspects, and with the Holy Spirit as my Baptizer and Teacher I felt that I could do it.

Here was my opportunity to be not just a teacher but also a mother! Today I have 13 little ones in my care, with all the defects from encephalitis and convulsions to macrocephalia (very low mentality). But it does not matter that they have low IQ's—they have emotions much the same as normal children, and it is a joy to see them achieve scholastically as well as emotionally under the touch of love—with an occasional spank.

And it is a thrill to me to wipe the nose of my bright-eyed cerebral palsy child, or to pat Earl's shoulder when he becomes erratic as a result of the severe brain injury he has suffered. Clifford has to live in a boarding home with an aunt because of a broken home—he is my baby in special class, and is only two years and 11 months old mentally. He cries when teacher steps out of the room for a drink, giving me the wonderful experience of having a baby cry for his mother. Indeed, I feel that I am a full-fledged mother and I get full-fledged kisses, too!

Perhaps you have not yet found what to do with your empty crib?

You might form a Non-mothers Club in your community. Remember there are many just like you all around—2,500 each day suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth in America. You will find it interesting and helpful to share work and emotions, ideas and ambitions, and to pray for each member of the club. But make the purpose of your club that of losing yourself in helping others. God will open a window on a world of homeless children and that vision will enable you to find a place just meant for you.

There are openings everywhere you look! Why not begin by teaching a Sunday school class or organizing a Bible club in your home—a club especially for the under-privileged, low socio-economic children. Serve refreshments, and they will flock to your door and give you your opportunity.

Offer to do baby-sitting, and enrich the experience by telling Bible stories and giving character quizzes. The children will love you.

You can offer your help in caring for mothers and their new babies in the home—and what an opportunity for you to hug the new wee one!

Teach school. *Any* grade that has children will give you a challenge that will soon swallow up all your hoarded

self-pity and you can learn to love the children in your charge.

Work in a crippled children's hospital and see what it will do for your wounded heart!

Maybe you should consider adopting a child—there are baby arms reaching out for you from all over this sad world.

Whatever happens, do not let yourself become embittered as a teacher friend of mine did. Her son, too, was stillborn. Across her street lived an unwed mother and her baby. For a long time my friend felt bitter toward God for not letting her son live while her neighbor was permitted to have a child in her arms. But God is able to remove all such feelings.

To me it has become a real blessing to think that a wee part of me is in heaven. Everytime I look at the tiny little tomb with BABY inscribed on it I can see a little black-haired baby already enjoying what I, too, will soon be enjoying. His going has only served to make heaven dearer to us.

May you too find your place as a real mother to someone's child, especially an unloved, unwanted, dirty-faced little angel. Instead of having just one child, God may want to give you dozens of little ones to love.



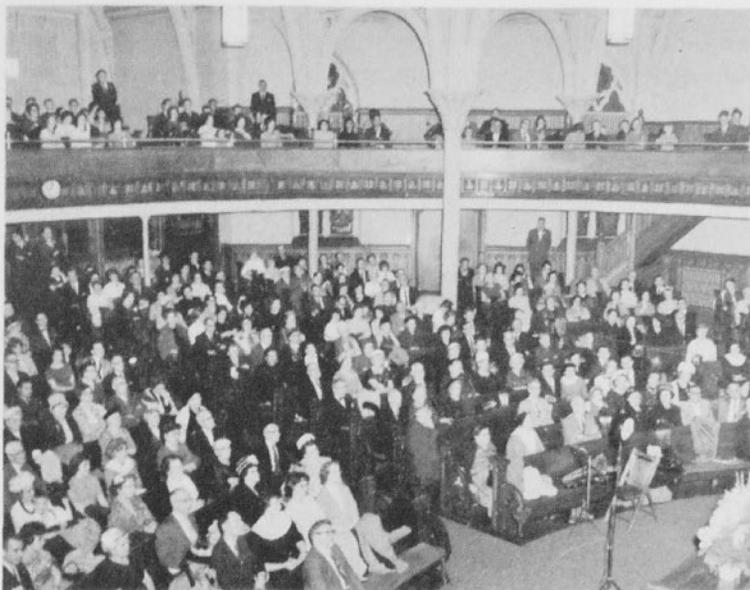
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TOP CHURCHES IN SPEED-THE-LIGHT GIVING



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ALA-Hicks Chapel A/G, Mt. Olive ..	92.00	N NEW ENG-A/G, Concord, N. H. ..	37.80
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EAST-1st A/G, Wilmington, Del. ...	84.80	OKLA-1st A/G, Sand Springs	276.00
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N DAK-A/G, Minot	251.50	W TEX-1st A/G, Plainview	292.00
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A/G, Eureka, Calif.	190.00	Wisconsin	106.83
		WYO-A/G, Newcastle	100.06



Large crowds listened attentively to C. M. Ward during the *Revivaltime* crusade and origination at Highway Tabernacle in Philadelphia, Pa.

Revival at Philadelphia Origination

"TRULY OLD-FASHIONED MEETINGS with souls seeking the Lord each night," was Pastor W. Howard Roberson's description of the *Revivaltime* crusade and origination from Highway Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 17-22.

For the pre-broadcast rally, March 22, the church was filled to capacity. Bartlett Peterson, broadcast narrator, and Cyril McLellan, choir director, joined C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst for the live origination of *Revivaltime* from Highway Tabernacle.

Prior to the origination service, the churches of the Greater Philadelphia

area cooperated in sponsoring a crusade with C. M. Ward and D. V. Hurst. "C. M. Ward's anointed ministry was challenging and inspiring," Pastor W. Howard Roberson stated.

"Night after night," he continued, "the services increased in attendance and in interest. Many visitors from other churches were present. Every service was climaxed by an altar service, with D. V. Hurst in charge of the prayer periods. There were individuals receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit and others finding Christ as Saviour and Healer each night."

Revivaltime choir director Cyril Mc-

Lellan led the inter-church choir for the origination. The group ministered during the rally under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth V. McDowell.

Attending the climaxing services of the crusade was Walter Hanson, Sacramento (Calif.) businessman who accompanied C. M. Ward on his Brazilian rallies in September, 1963. "His testifying and leading the congregational singing were a great blessing," Pastor Roberson emphasized.

"We find that much good was accomplished through the ministry of the *Revivaltime* team and the united effort of the churches."



Revivaltime choir director Cyril McLellan led the inter-church choir for the *Revivaltime* origination.



Bartlett Peterson (left) presented the Honor of Origination plaque to W. Howard Roberson, pastor of Highway Tabernacle.

Healed of Sugar Diabetes

BORN A MOHAWK INDIAN ON THE ST. Regis Reserve (New York State), Mrs. Mary Benedict was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church. She remained a Roman Catholic for 58 years.

Five years ago Mrs. Benedict was converted and is now a member of the



Mrs. Mary Benedict

Mohawk Assembly of God in Hogansburg, N.Y. Since her conversion she has had the joy of seeing her husband, her eldest son, and her daughter-in-law come to the Lord.

Our sister's most recent victory of faith was a healing of sugar diabetes. Two doctors informed her that her sugar content was extremely high and they were unable to bring it down. Despite different treatments, she was on the verge of a coma.

Alone in her hospital room, she shut the door and knelt in desperate prayer. The next morning the supervisor brought her news that she was without any trace of sugar!

She was discharged from the hospital but told to continue using insulin.

This she did, but as a result her eyes became affected.

After a midweek prayer meeting she felt she should discontinue treatment and trust the Lord for complete healing. When she did this she was healed. Sister Benedict has no trace of sugar and her eyes have returned to normal.

(This account was submitted to the editors by Pastor A. C. Maracle, Mohawk Assembly of God, Hogansburg, N.Y., who is Mrs. Benedict's pastor.)

Deaf Ear Healed

THOUGH I CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY THE Lord Jesus Christ should do so much for me, He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). I especially thank Him for saving my soul and filling me with the Holy Spirit. And how I thank God for people who care!

For 54 years I had been deaf in my right ear, due to whooping cough in infancy. Last February in the Sunday morning service my pastor asked everyone to pray for my ear. I went in obedience, trusting in the Lord, and was wonderfully healed.

Five days later I went to the ear doctor. He said the eardrum was in fine condition and my hearing was perfect. He dismissed the case as completely healed. I hear everything perfectly, and my left ear is fine too.

How I praise the Lord for restoring my hearing!—Mrs. Maude Lindsey, Arlington, Tex.

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ISAIAH 50:7

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENCEMENT at Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Wash., on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Northwest Pavilion (campus). Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker.—by A. D. Millard, Registrar.

15TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES of the Baptistown Assembly of God, Route 519, Baptistown, N.J., June 14. Services at 11 a.m., 3:30 and 7 p.m. Albert Testa, presbyter, speaker. Former pastors and members invited.—by James Occhipinti, Pastor.

HOMECOMING at Assembly of God, Beggs, Okla., June 13-14. Noon meal served at the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Speakers: Norman Wilburn, James Wright, James Williams, Marion Ledbetter.—by Charles O. Hudspeth, pastor.

30TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING WEEK—June 14-21 at Assembly of God, Tulelake, Calif. First two days former pastors speaking. Remainder of the week J. C. Hicks of Emmett, Idaho, speaking.—W. Glen Wakefield, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

FRED A. HEADLEY, 54, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away while at his farm March 22. He had served as an ordained minister since 1960 and was affiliated with the Kansas District at the time of his death. He previously had served in the Southern Missouri District. Brother Headley held a pastorate in Atchinson, Kans., and also served as an evangelist during his ministry. Survivors include his wife Ruth and two children.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	First	June 2-14	Gene Burgess	S. F. McManus
Ark.	Ft. Smith	Evangel Temple	June 7—	Carl L. Tillery	B. Owen Oslin
	Little Rock	Rosedale	May 31-June 14	Temon Jenkins	Bryan Hopper
	Luxora	First	June 1-14	Leonard Negrin	C. S. Howell
	Swifton	First	June 7-21	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	Roe Devore
Calif.	Gardena	Victory Tab.	May 3-17	D. & V. Parrish	Leon Quillin
	Garden Grove	* First	June 1-5	Christian Hild	Ralph Markey
	Indio	First	June 7-21	Ernie Rogers	E. T. Collins
	San Bernardino	Del Rosa	May 31-June 14	Don Logan	R. E. Wiseman
Ga.	Atlanta	Lighthouse	June 7-19	Russell Peavy	Robert Lee Tribble
	Macon	Central	June 3-14	Roland & Mrs. Hastie	James H. Standifer
	Valdosta	Glad Tidings	June 2-7	Michael & Peggy Lord	H. E. Nations
Idaho	Caldwell	First	May 31-June 5	D. & S. Harrison	E. S. Caldwell
Ind.	Bloomington	First	May 26-June 7	Watson Argue	Robert J. Ferguson
	Gary	Miller	May 27-June 7	Musical Lebsacks	Floyd Petrucci
	Indianapolis	Calvary Temple	June 7—	Daniel Summa	Bill Moorman
Ill.	Mitchell	A/G	June 7—	L. L. Ferguson	Stanley Kostenchki
	Virdeen	First	June 2-14	B. & P. Bornert	Edgar Meissner
Kans.	Iola	First	June 3-21	Lula M. Ware	Don West
	Kansas City	Victoria Tab.	June 3—	Jimmy Swaggart	H. W. Barnett
Mich.	Benton Harbor	First	June 2-7	John M. Wilkerson	Alvin Sprecher
	Big Rapids	A/G	June 2-14	J. E. Friend	F. L. Ingersoll
Minn.	Alexandria	* A/G	May 31-June 5	Victor Etienne	Robert M. Abbott
	Minneapolis	Brooklyn Center	June 7—	Harold W. May, Jr.	Amos Levang
Mo.	Farmington	First	June 7—	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	J. W. Allen
	Higginsville	A/G	May 25-June 7	Robert Holland	Charles Blades
	Marshall	A/G	June 1-7	Bob & Joan Brantley	Warren LaRose
Mont.	Deer Lodge	A/G	June 7-12	Charles Senechal	Ellwood Grissom
N. Y.	N. Tonawanda	Evan. Ctr.	June 7—	Johnny Barton	Homer C. Cooper
	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem	June 2-7	Bobby Black	Wm. J. Behr
Ohio	Bellevue	** A/G	June 7-12	Dave & Pat Johnson	Lindon Ford
	Byesville	** A/G	June 1-7	Culpepper-Gourlas	Lawrence Shaw
Okla.	Ninnekah	A/G	June 1—	Al Davis	H. L. Walker
	Sulphur	*** First	May 29-June 20	Harold J. Baker	Loyal Boyd
Oreg.	Sutherlin	A/G	June 7-21	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	D. L. Nultemeier
Pa.	Beaver Falls	First	June 2-14	Samuel & Mrs. Clutter	Gene Kummerer
	Lebanon	A/G	May 24-June 7	Musical Vanderploegs	Jack Ferguson
S. Dak.	Kadoka	Glad Tidings	June 2-14	W. L. Serdahl	F. W. Poidevin
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Wash.	Auburn	A/G	June 7-19	Lowell & Andrea Wood	James Nicholson
	Colfax	** A/G	June 1-5	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Stanley Jacobsen
	Omak	A/G	June 2-14	Lloyd Perera	Melvin Veland
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Wis.	Athens	A/G	June 2-14	Darryl & Kathy Johnson	Elzo Wilcox
	Beloit	A/G	June 3-14	Arthur & Anna Berg	Harley W. Olson
	Mather	A/G	June 7-19	F. R. & Ellen McAdams	Lawrence Farina
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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST



Missionary Harold Kohl is advisor to the newly formed honor society at the Bethel Bible Institute, Manila.

Philippines Students Organize

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Sigma Lambda Sigma inductees repeated this pledge after Missionary Harold Kohl, adviser of the newly formed honor society at Bethel Bible Institute, Manila.

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—Miss Lillia Delumpa
SLS secretary

Korea Bible Correspondence School

Three hundred forty-five students are now enrolled in our 28-lesson Bible correspondence course on the Gospel of John. Already 29 have received diplomas for completing the course. The following testimony is typical of letters we are receiving. It is from Kim Song Kil, of the Korean Air Force:

"I am very glad that through you I have become a son of the Father in heaven. If you had not taught me the truth of the Lord,

I surely would have become a follower of the devil. When I think of this, I cannot help thanking God! I am now studying the Bible correspondence course. While studying, I bowed my head humbly, thanking my God that I have received salvation."

Saved in a Wedding Hall

Sometime ago we conducted meetings in a wedding hall at the west coast city of Mokpo. Among the many precious souls who prayed for salvation was a "Buddhist nun." She stated that Buddhism had not satisfied the hunger in her heart and that she wanted to hear about Christianity. She is still faithfully obeying the Lord.

We believe God has a special work for her and have sent train fare for her to come to Pusan. Please pray for her.

—Louis P. Richards

Dominican Republic Friends Reunited

Miguel, a Christian, was a surveyor's helper for the government's Division of Highways. While working in the southern part of the Republic he became acquainted with the son of a wealthy farmer. As the friendship grew, Miguel testified to Mateo about the saving power of Christ. Conviction gripped Mateo and he gave his heart to Christ although he knew his father would disinherit him.

Mateo was persecuted but God wonderfully protected him. After he had attended an Assemblies of God church a few months he felt God had called him into the min-

istry. When he enrolled in Bible school he was surprised to learn that Miguel had also enrolled.

Now in their third year at school, they have spent two profitable years of study and have pastored outstations during school vacations.

—Wayne Turnbull

Hong Kong Village Visited

Keung Nam (one of our Bible school graduates) and I rode the Speed-the-Light motor scooter to visit villages that cannot be reached by car. We had with us our Bibles, tracts, and a P. A. system. We yearned to be used of the Holy Spirit to lead people to Christ.

After going up hills, through valleys, and around countless turns we came to a village of several hundred people. As Keung Nam and I walked the length of it my heart was praying, "Lord, lead us to do the right things, to say the right words."

Halfway back through the village we engaged a woman in conversation. She invited us in for tea. Our hearts rejoiced for we felt God was opening the opportunity we had been praying for.

We began telling the woman about Christ—how He saves from sin and brings peace and joy to the heart. As we talked, others passed the open door and saw us. Before long the room was full of people.

After Keung Nam had presented tracts to each one, we prayed. Then we asked the people, "Would you like a church in your village so your children could hear the stories of the Bible?"

"If a church is built here, everybody in the village will come!" our hostess answered.

We bade our new friends goodbye. As we drove off on our scooter we felt both happy and burdened; happy because the Holy Spirit had opened a door of opportunity, and burdened because this village had never had a church.

—Paul Greisen

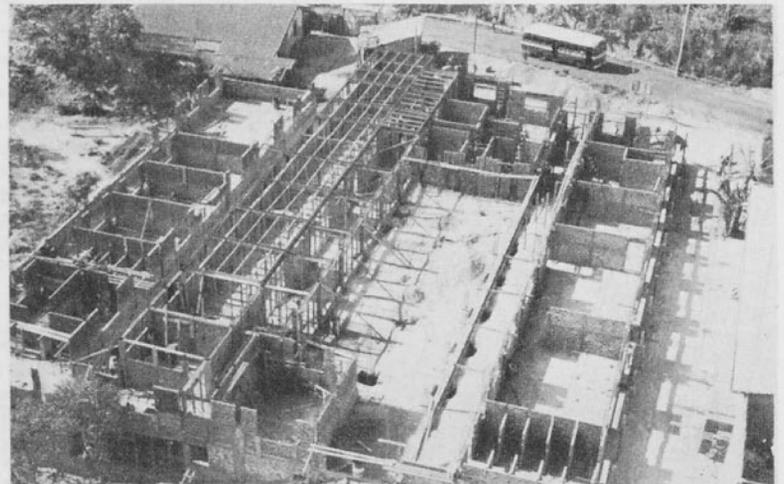
El Salvador Roof Needs Raising

The Assemblies of God Bible school located in Santa Ana, El Salvador, has outgrown its present facilities. Because Santa Ana is near the Salvador-Guatemala border, the present facilities will not be enlarged. Instead the school will be moved to San Salvador, the centrally located capital.

Construction is underway on the first unit which will house 80 boarding students. This unit can be completed before the 1965 term opens if \$5,000 is immediately provided. If you would like to have a part in training Salvadorian ministers, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo., 65802. Designation: *El Salvador Bible School Building*.

Honduras Pentecost Repeated

We are experiencing a thrilling move of God's Spirit here. It began at a series of pastors retreats in January when 23 were filled. Later, at the annual conference, 37 were filled. Only recently I received a telegram from a Salvadoran evangelist who is spend-



Unfinished Bible school building in El Salvador.

ing three months ministering in Honduras. He reported that in one week 24 had been filled with the Spirit, 80 had been saved, and uncountable numbers had been healed. Thank God for His work among us! —Harold Mintle

Malaysia

Introduction Appreciated

At the close of recent meetings with Evangelist Dr. Hong Sit, I asked a convert what Jesus had done for her. With a sweet smile she told how He had saved her from sin and had given her a new life. After we had talked for a while she started to walk away, then turned back and said, "Thank you so much for introducing me to Jesus."

What a privilege it is to introduce Jesus Christ and His salvation to the people of Asia.

—R. B. Cavaness

Paraguay-Uruguay

Spectacular Growth

Asunción, Paraguay, was once the capital of a great inland empire—until ambitious leaders plunged the country into repeated wars which almost wiped out the male population. In the last few years Paraguay is staging such a comeback that Asunción presents some startling changes from my last visit just three years ago. The city's mayor has announced that he intends to make Asunción the most modern and beautiful capital in South America. Wide avenues, criss-crossing the city, are being laid out. Building is going on at an amazing rate, a modern water system has been installed, streets are being paved, and sewers are being laid throughout.

Recently we took a short trip out of Asunción into the country. The gospel service which we visited was well attended with a large group of young people participating. The congregation hopes to build its own church within the next two months. In most of these country areas the preaching is in Guaraní, the Indian language, although Spanish is usually understood.

We held a three-day ministers institute in Asunción where we learned that the Paraguay Assemblies of God has grown remarkably. Four congregations now meet in the capital city. New works are springing up throughout the country. The present superintendent is Paul Hutsell, and Leonard Emory is in charge of the Bible institute. In spite of many discouragements the rate of growth is good and the work is solid.

The people of Uruguay, long considered to be pleasure-loving, sophisticated, and indifferent to religion, are responding to the gos-



Marie Johnsrud



The Joseph Judah family



The Charles Petroskey family



The Stevens Nolin family



Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Butler and son



Esther Olson

Missionary News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. **William Inisky** (Indiana) have begun their first term as appointed missionaries in Jamaica.

Mr. and Mrs. **David Matweyiw** (Kansas) are engaged in evangelistic ministry in Lebanon which will lead to construction of an evangelistic center in Beirut.

Missionaries returning to their fields are **Marie Johnsrud** (Upper Volta), the **Charles Petroskeys** (Tanganyika), **Esther Olson** (India), the **Stevens Nolins** (Malaysia), the **Joseph Judahs** (Liberia), and the **Talmage Butlers** (Senegal).

The **Curtis Deans** are taking further language studies in Switzerland before proceeding to Upper Volta.

Mr. and Mrs. **Lee Roy Ward** (Liberia) and Mr. and Mrs. **L. E. Spencer** (Costa Rica) are on furlough.

pel to a greater extent than ever before, particularly in the interior towns.

A comparison of statistics for 1961 with those for 1963 reveals these amazing increases:

- 250 per cent increase in the number of organized churches
- 750 per cent increase in total church membership
- 500 per cent increase in Sunday school attendance.

The annual Assemblies of God Council was held while we were in Montevideo. It was inspiring to see the number of promising workers that have been raised up since our last visit. At this Council all officers were returned to their posts with Leroy Atwood as superintendent; Earl Wilkie, vice-superintendent; José M. León, secretary, and Jorge Dagsys, treasurer. A new district was added, making a total of three.

The Bible school, directed by Earl Wilkie, has outgrown its present rented quarters and is in urgent need of property.

Plans are being made to enter new towns in the next few months.

—Melvin Hodges, Latin America Field Secretary

New Church for San Jose, Costa Rica

I spent several weeks holding meetings in San Jose, capital of Costa Rica. This city is the site of a language school where missionaries from all denominations and businessmen from various firms study Spanish. Recently these students have shown an interest in Pentecost and have been visiting the Assemblies of God church.

During the campaign I held there, God gave us an unusual outpouring, and denominational people as well as our own received the Baptism. But I was ashamed of our church building—the only Assembly in this city of 250,000. I wondered why a church in such a strategic center and with so many visitors need be so dilapidated. Why had no one taken the responsibility of building a new one?

Suddenly I was confronted with the thought, "Why don't you help?"

I asked God for a sign if this were His will. Then I sent letters to friends and churches explaining the need. I received in reply a check for \$3,500. God, I perceived, wanted a new building in San Jose.

The San Jose Assembly fasted one day a week asking God to provide for a new building. They promised to help build it nights after their own working hours and to bear the responsibility for a loan equal to one-third of the total cost.

After I returned to the States I found a good response from the churches. Pastor Ted Singleton of Paramount, California, took a liberal offering; Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan, gave \$3,000. Pastor S. E. Bowler and his church in Bell Gardens, California, gave \$1,260 in cash. This sacrificial offering for missions brought a new spirit of revival to the Bell Gardens church. Attendance increased and more people than before were saved and filled with the Spirit.

When Christians work to win the lost, whether here or overseas, God honors them by pouring out His Spirit upon them. For God is interested in the lost everywhere.

If you would like to help build this new church in San Jose, Costa Rica, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. Designation: Costa Rica Field for San Jose church.

—Evangelist Gladys Pearson



Homefront Highlights

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Winslow, Arizona

Mrs. James D. Mills (nee June Pearson) and family have moved to Winslow, Ariz., to accept the pastorate of the Winslow Indian Assembly. They were formerly ministering in the Manuelito, N. Mex., area. Don Johnson and family, also located at Winslow, are ministering at an Indian church some 60 miles out on the Navajo reservation.

Toadlena, New Mexico

In answer to prayer, Betty Steele, wife of Missionary Gene Steele, will not have to undergo surgery right away for her thyroid condition. The doctor said it would not be necessary for several months and possibly not at all. They request prayer for complete victory.

Cibecue, Arizona

The week prior to Easter, Mildred Schultz of Shelton, Wash., conducted special meetings for the Roy Nelsons at Cibecue, during which five people prayed for salvation.

Potlatch, Washington

The ground-breaking service for the new Skokomish Indian sanctuary and fellowship hall took place February 3. Friends from many of the churches in the Capital Section, as well as from several Indian Fellowship churches, gathered for this occasion. District Superintendent R. J. Carlson conducted the ground-breaking service and ministered in the evening. Dave Carlson, presbyter of the Capital Section, ministered in the afternoon service. The Minute Man program of the district is helping to get this building program underway.

Sanders, Arizona

Charles Jumley Jr. writes that they have been granted the use of the old trading post in Burntwater for a church, rent free, with the provision they repair it. They are now conducting services in it. The first Sunday 39 attended.

Stanfield, Arizona

The A. M. Cranstons, new pastors at Stanfield, Ariz., report an encouraging increase in interest and attendance. Attendance recently averaged 72. Paul Pettitt of Sanger, Calif., began revival services for the Cranstons Easter Sunday and response was excellent.

Porterville, California

E. M. Clark is starting a gospel work on the Tule River reservation near Porterville. He is hoping to locate a suitable building for services soon.

Parker, Arizona

A note of victory comes from Parker, where Fred Cruse is pastor. On Easter he baptized five and during the six weeks following 12 decisions were made for Christ.

Owyhee, Nevada

Mrs. Alfred Elgin has had to remain in California under a doctor's care for a kidney infection. Pray that God will touch her so she may join her family in Owyhee.

A total of 237 people attended three nights of services at Owyhee recently. Missionettes and teen-age boys have been helping to pour cement for the floor of the new parsonage, washing windows, cleaning floors, painting the kitchen, and doing other general work.

Lander, Wyoming

The Lander Indian Church now averages 60 in Sunday school and recently had 80 in attendance. The Glenn Whites are pastors.



Lula Baird has transformed this former restaurant into an attractive Chinese Christian Center in San Francisco's Chinatown.

Sisseton, South Dakota

Twelve knelt at the altar for salvation during a recent revival in Sisseton where the Vern McNallys are pastors. Brother McNally writes the services were the best they had ever had in the chapel.

tended. Reuben Wilson, Northern California-Nevada District Home Missions Representative, brought the dedicatory message.

Most of the labor was donated in remodeling the Christian Center. South Texas District churches contributed toward this project. So far, three men and 10 children have accepted the Lord at the Center.

Miami, Florida

Mrs. Andres Roman, worker in Miami, has a malignancy which affects her left eye and her mouth. Please pray for her healing.

Gabriel Caride, pastor of the Evangelical Refugee Center Chapel, was asked to speak to a group of more than 100 people, most of them Catholics, upon completion of first-aid classes conducted by the Red Cross. Several who were in this audience are now attending the chapel services regularly. Brother Caride recently began Bible classes for children. At the first meeting 47 children attended.

FOREIGN-LANGUAGE MINISTRY

San Francisco, California

Mrs. Lula Baird, newly appointed home missionary to the Chinese in San Francisco, has transformed a former Greek restaurant into an attractive Christian Center just one block from the heart of Chinatown, which has a population of 40,000 Chinese. The opening and dedication took place March 8. Over 100, including a number of Bay Area pastors and some of their people, joined the Bairds in the service. About 25 Chinese, most of them members of other churches, at-

Ground-breaking service for the new Skokomish Indian church in Potlatch, Wash. Foreground left to right: Albert Bearden, board member; Everett L. McKinney, pastor; Alex Gouley, board member; and R. J. Carlson, district superintendent. Photo at right shows the Indian Assembly at Lander, Wyo., which is now averaging 60 in Sunday school.



ALASKA MINISTRY

We are grateful to God for sparing the lives of our missionaries during the recent earthquake. L. Duane Carriker, pastor at Valdez, was our only casualty and he will be greatly missed.

Most of the Assemblies of God property in Alaska is in satisfactory condition, although some did receive minor damage. The Sunday school annex at Valdez was the hardest hit. The Children's Home at Valdez is standing, surrounded by rubble. It is presently being used by Civil Defense as headquarters. The children from the Home were airlifted to the Juneau Children's Home where they are temporarily located.

Some missionaries have written of experiences which were nothing short of miracles during this earthquake. Attendance at church services has increased considerably, they say.

Stevens Village

The Evangel-Aires conducted a week of special services at Stevens Village in late February with good response. This congregation now has a new church which replaces the canvas-covered quonset hut.

Point Hope and Wainwright

Earl McKenzie, interim pastor at Point Hope, writes they have completed a Bible study course with the Arvin Glandons who are conducting the Far North Bible School. The Glandons also conducted a second successful session at Wainwright.

DEAF MINISTRY

Des Moines, Iowa

Clearencene Gullett is now teaching the sign language under the adult education program in the Junior High School. Nineteen per-



This new log building houses the Assembly in Stevens Village, Alaska.

sons, including a newspaper editor, welfare workers, and bookkeepers, are attending the class.

St. Louis, Missouri

Lloyd Couch, minister to the deaf in Berea Temple, St. Louis, Mo., has been participating in the deaf driver training program. Thirty-four deaf drivers enrolled in the course. The class has been meeting in various places including Berea Temple.

Sacramento, California

Twice each year various California deaf groups come together for a state-wide rally. Last July they met in Los Angeles. The groups next met in Sacramento, February 14-16. Host and hostess were Cecil and Esther Holloway, ministers to the deaf in Sacramento. Activities included heart-warming rallies, breakfast at Uncle John's Pancake House, a tour of the State Capitol and other places of interest, and a Valentine banquet.

Elizabeth, New Jersey

A building fund has been started by members of Calvary Chapel, Elizabeth, N. J. (Croft and Frances Pentz, pastors). Some members

SIX MORE JOIN HOME MISSIONS STAFF

THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT FOR SIX new Home Mission workers. Two more couples have been appointed to serve in the American Indian field. A young man has been appointed to Teen Challenge work, and another young man to work among the Chinese in the U.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hillard, Jr., of Georgetown, Ky., have been working with the Paul Evanses, pastors of the Indian church at Whiteriver, Ariz., for a time. Both the Hillards have ministerial credentials with the Kentucky District.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Cruse, who have been copastoring for eight months with the Fred Cruses, pastors of the Indian Assembly at Parker, Ariz., now are appointed missionaries to the American Indian ministry. Both hold credentials with the Arizona District. The Cruses have three children: Donna, Daymon and Mark.

David C. Milley of Everett, Mass., has been appointed to Teen Challenge ministry in Boston, Mass. He is a graduate of Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., where he majored in Missions. He is a licensed minister with the Southern New England District.



David Milley



Billy L. Wofford



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Cruse



Billy Lee Wofford of Bellflower, Calif., who has been pastoring the Chinese Assembly in Los Angeles for the past year, has received Home Missions appointment to this ministry. He attended Southern California College three years and majored in Theology. Brother Wofford is licensed with the Southern California District. The Woffords have three children: William, Robert and Michael.

have pledged to give one hour's salary a week toward the building fund. This is to be above the amount given for tithes and missions. The fund will be used to close in the front porch of Calvary Chapel which will double the present size of the Sunday school room. The average attendance increased from 15 to 30 during the

past year. Eleven accepted Christ as Saviour during February and March.

South Gate, California

Maxine Strobridge conducted several days of revival services for the deaf in February at South Gate Bible Assembly, where Oliver and Dorothy LaMont are ministers to the deaf.

BEFORE THE TORNADO . . .



THE TORNADO THAT STRUCK Wichita Falls, Tex., on April 3 demolished the Eden Hills Assembly of God.

This was a new church pastored by John D. Ward (inset). It was the third church he has built since

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1955. He also teaches Atlas Missile at Sheppard Air Force Base. Brother Ward, who formerly was pastor of the Sunnyside Assembly in Wichita Falls, had such a burden for the area near Sheppard Air Force Base that he re-

signed, after four years of ministry at Sunnyside, and built this new church on Burk Road near the Base. First Assembly in Wichita Falls (Sam Eldridge, pastor) sponsored the Eden Hills church to a large extent, making a fi-

nancial contribution each month, loaning equipment, and providing personnel to help in various ways. The pastor is trusting God to help them rebuild soon. This church is needed in the Sheppard Air Force Base area.

BY NATHANAEL OLSON

IF YOU LET FEELINGS RUN YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL HAVE an elevator existence of “up’s” and “down’s.”

There’s nothing more fickle than human emotions. They are as changeable as the wind, and just as dangerous if they get out of bounds.

Do not misunderstand. We need emotion to season the fare of everyday living. We all have feelings. And they’re all right in their place, but let’s keep them there. Feelings make good firemen but poor engineers on the train of life.

In regard to what matters most—the destiny of your immortal soul—you must get your eyes off your feelings and focus them on God’s facts. Otherwise, you will have “blue Mondays” when you won’t *feel* saved,” or “timid Thursdays” when you *feel* “I’m not a good Christian.”

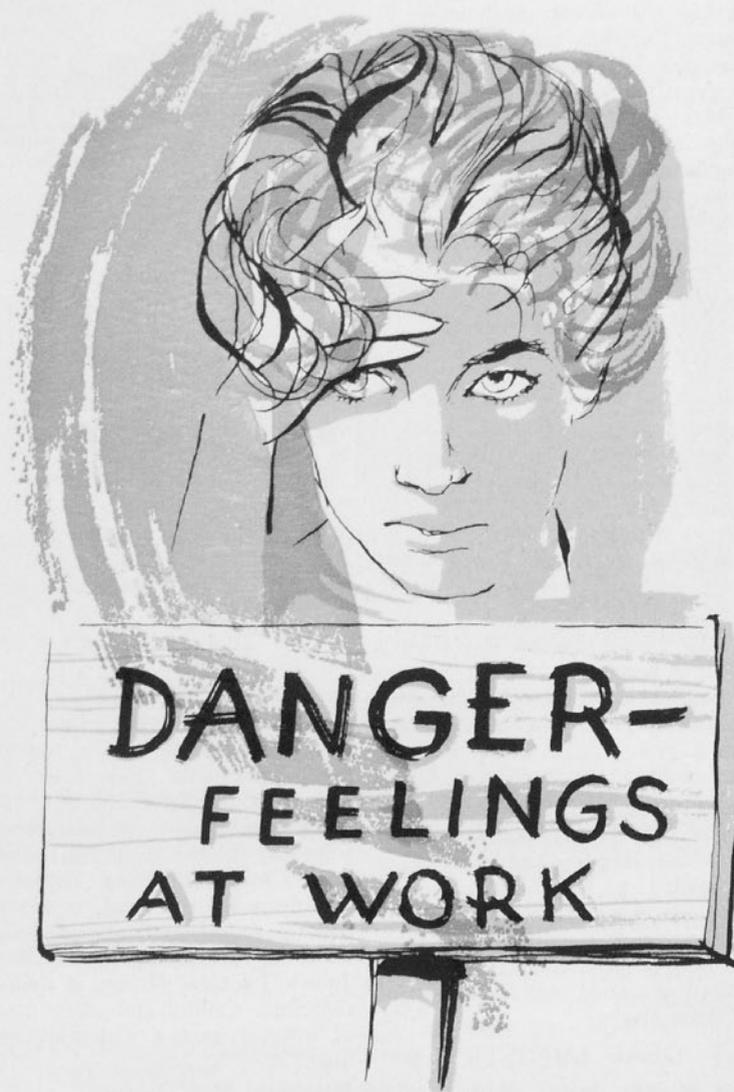
But thank God, salvation doesn’t hinge on human emotion. Salvation—pure, simple, and satisfying—depends on the revelation of Jesus Christ as found in the Holy Bible. Jesus Himself spoke of the unchanging quality of God’s Word when He said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

Here then is the place to rest your faith—in God’s Holy Word. Feelings change, but God’s facts remain.

Decide now to fill your mind and heart with God’s Word. If you will do this your insecurity will go out and divine assurance will come in. You will not think-so, guess-so, hope-so, but you will “know-so” that you are pardoned, cleansed, and a child of God. Then you can sing with Fanny Crosby:

*“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine;
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.”*

The apostle Paul expressed his assurance in Jesus Christ by writing these words: “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that



which I have committed unto him against that day” (2 Timothy 1:12).

Paul did not say: “I know that I’ve repented enough . . . I know that I’m the kind of Christian I should be . . . I know that I feel saved.” He did not rest his case on what he had done or how he felt. Paul’s faith stood squarely on what Christ had done for him. “I know WHOM I have believed.”

Will you also put your trust in this wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ? If you will, I would urge that you pray these words from your heart: “Dear Lord, I am believing in Thee for my salvation. Not in my feelings or my good deeds. Not in my church membership. Not in any church rites. In Thee alone do I put my confidence for time and eternity. In Thy bleeding sacrifice at Calvary and in Thy words of promise. Give me the witness of Thy Holy Spirit that I am now a child of God. I know that Thou wilt grant me the peace, the joy, the satisfaction my heart longs for if I believe in Thee. However, I am not depending on these emotions to save me. My hope is in Thee and Thee alone. Amen.”

Did you mean every word you said? If you did, you are saved. Now feed your soul on God’s facts—the Bible—and soon you will discover that you have exchanged fickle feelings for lasting faith. ◀◀