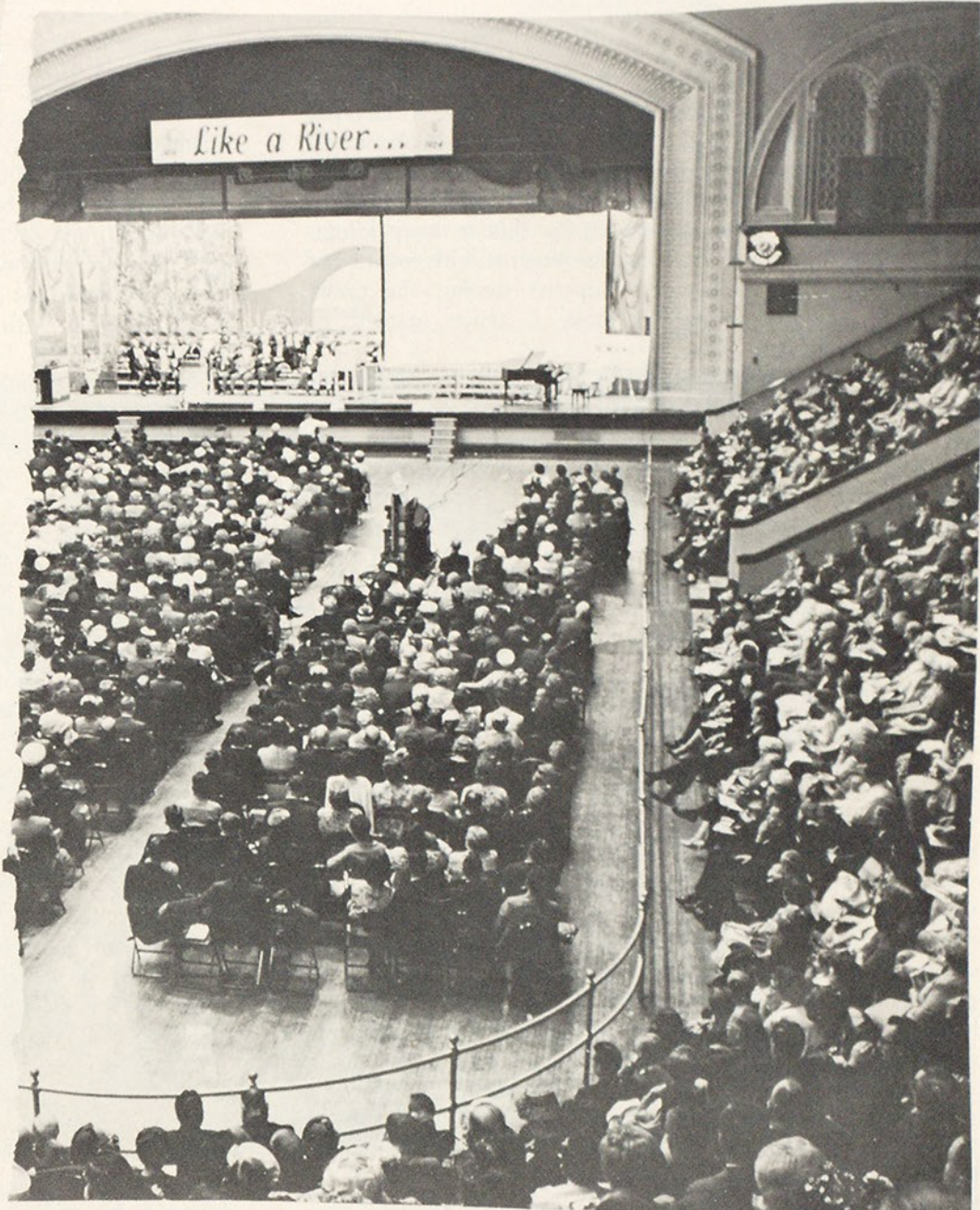
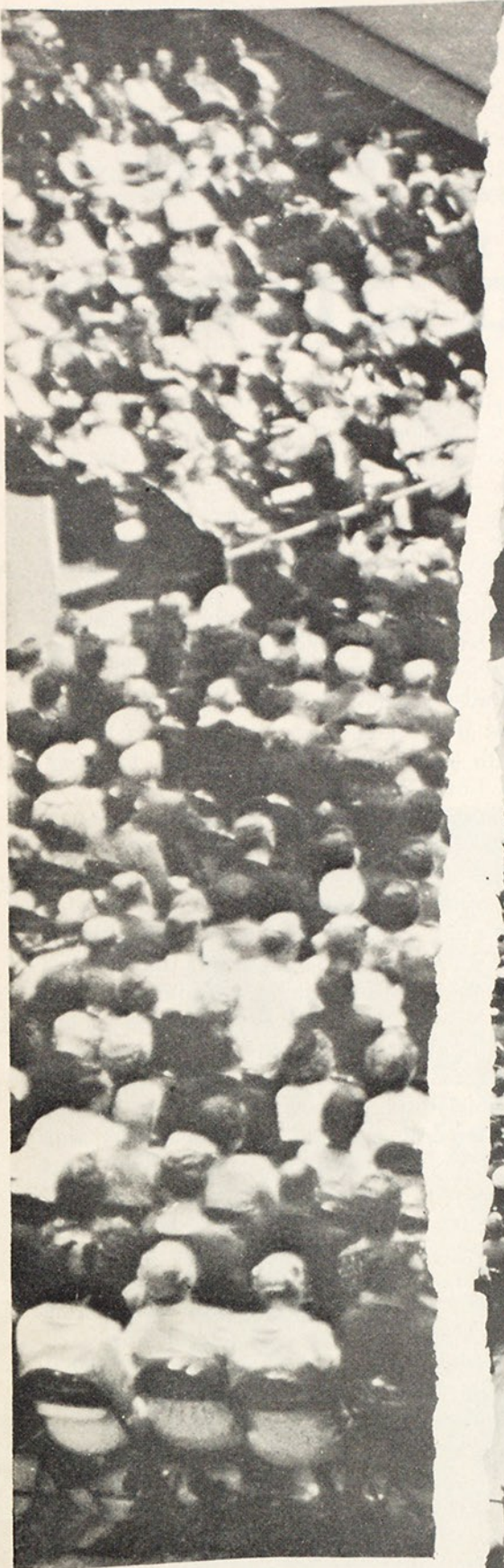


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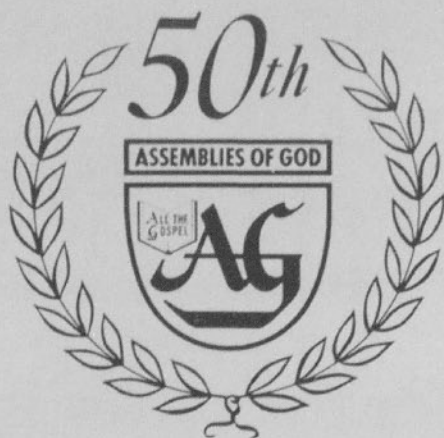


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The Man Who Finished Strong

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THE GLORIES OF A GOOD BEGINNING CAN BE NULLIFIED by a faltering at the end. A great ship may be launched on its first ocean voyage with much fanfare, and leave port with banners flying and bands playing, but yet limp into harbor at its destination, hardly able to keep afloat.

An army may rush to meet the enemy with white-hot enthusiasm, only to lose its impetus during the crisis of battle and be forced to make a truce instead of winning a victory.

So it is in the Christian life. Many a great beginning has been marred by a halfhearted ending. Surely it is not God's will that we stagger into heaven with our last ounce of strength; that we make it through the gates just by the "skin of our teeth"; that we barely hold on and hope we may be fortunate enough to be raptured before our little remaining bit of victory has leaked out! In His final message to the Church (in Revelation) Jesus talked constantly about overcomers, about crowns, about conquest. Surely there is a portion of grace for every believer which will make the recession as triumphant as the processional; the last day as glorious as the first.

College track teams in my home state of Kansas have produced several great milers. One thing a distance runner must possess is the ability to make a strong finish. I remember the days when the great Glenn Cunningham was the fastest miler in the world. What carried Cunningham from one victory to another was his terrific finishing "kick." His legs seemed to take on a new burst of power when he came to the last lap, and while opponents faded he surged forward to make that strong finish that earned him so many laurels in the athletic world.

There was a man in the Old Testament who forever stands as an example of a believer "finishing strong." I speak of Caleb, one of the 12 who went to spy out the land of Canaan. His great valedictory is found in the 14th chapter of Joshua. He has now reached the ripe old age of 85. Forty years have passed since his spy mission. The new generation of Israelites has inherited the land. Now Caleb comes to Joshua to make request for his portion.

I think Caleb's choice of territory is one of the most remarkable testimonies in the Old Testament. At an age when anyone else would have thought of settling down

and taking life easy in some well-watered plain, Caleb instead asks for a mountain (verse 12). He chose territory around Hebron, which was not only mountainous, but still peopled with giants who must be driven out before the new owner could enjoy his property. But the old stalwart, his eyes flashing with the faith of yesteryear, declares that if the giants are there, "If so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said."

Note his expression, "I shall be able"—an echo of the stouthearted challenge of 40 years ago: "Let us go up at once and possess it, for *we are well able* to overcome it." The passing of the years had not dimmed Caleb's dauntless trust in God. His watchword was still, "With God we are able." Instead of looking for the rocking chair, he talked of climbing mountains and killing giants. The next chapter lets us know that he succeeded in his mission. Even in his old age he drove out the enemies who were infesting his inheritance.

Caleb's remarkable testimony was: "And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness. And now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in" (verses 10 and 11).

There was assuredly a supernatural element in Caleb's strength. I do not say that all of us can expect the same continuance of *physical* strength as he enjoyed, but I do believe that we can be as strong *spiritually* at the end as we were at the beginning.

There is an expression used repeatedly in the Scriptures concerning Caleb, as though the Holy Spirit would record it as an everlasting memorial to this old hero. It was that he "wholly followed the Lord." Here is the secret of his strong finish! This is why his sunset hours were as bright as his noonday. Every ounce of his energy and will was committed to the service of God. He held back nothing of himself from the Lord.

It was not easy for him to call the people to march on Canaan when the other spies were frightening them with stories about giants and walled cities. It is never easy to be an optimist when the very atmosphere reeks

of pessimism and discouragement. But Caleb's thorough commitment to God produced a tenacious faith which convinced him that the divine promises were greater than any enemy. And 40 more years of "wholly following the Lord" had not dimmed that faith a whit. Caleb still said, "If the Lord is with me, I am able."

Caleb had no illusions about the country he had asked as an inheritance. His feet had trod that ground years before (verse 9), and he knew it was rugged and full of danger. It was not a place for a weakling to think of taking for a home. But the old man seems to stand higher than the mountain he is asking for. He is close to the end of his earthly journey; he is on the western slope of life; but, like the sun that seems to light the sky with a special kind of glow and beauty just before it sinks in the west, the old soldier makes one of his last speeches. He asks for new worlds to conquer so that he may leave the generations to come a testimony that when a man marches with God he is always "able."

Caleb finished strong. He did not fade out with a trembling, fearful heart. He sang no doleful "swan song" about how hard the way had been. His valedictory was like the roaring of a lion. His last days were his finest. May ours be the same. They *can* be if we, too, make as firm a commitment as Caleb that we will "wholly follow the Lord." ◀◀

A PERSONAL MATTER

Nothing is of personal value until it is individually appropriated. Light is universal. It bathes the whole world. But each optic nerve must take its own set of vibrations and convey them to the brain, or we shall have no sense of form or color.

The world is full of harmonious sounds—sounds of birds, winds and waves—but each person must himself receive them if he is ever to hear nature's music.

Air is universal, but our lungs must take in our own supply. There is an abundance of air for all, but each man must draw upon it himself if he is to live.

So it is with salvation. God's love folds around us like the atmosphere. God whispers, waits, listens, longs for entrance into hearts and lives, but unless He is personally admitted, all the universality of God's love will count for naught.

Each man's salvation is a personal matter with him. Friends may help, but Paul properly admonishes us, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Sin is personal, and must be personally confessed and forsaken. Christ must be personally accepted. Each man must personally be a disciple of Christ. Only thus is Christ received into the life.

—The Free Methodist



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Gifts of the Spirit

(Read 1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14)

The Church is called the *body* of Christ, and the human *body* symbolizes the unity of the Church in a beautiful way. In 1 Corinthians 12:14 we are reminded that "the body is not one member, but many." The body has hands, feet, eyes and many other parts. Each part is needed and each member helps the other members of the body. The bones, the sinews, the blood vessels all work together in a beautiful harmony, controlled by the head; and the Bible tells us that the Church is made up of many members, all controlled by Christ who is the Head.

Just as the human body is animated by the *human spirit*, so the Church, which is the body of Christ, is energized by the *Holy Spirit*. There are natural gifts in the body—the gift of sight, the gift of smell, the gift of hearing, etc. In like manner there are gifts in the spiritual body called the Church, and they are spiritual gifts. God endows each member with a spiritual gift to qualify and equip that member to fulfill its own particular function in the body of Christ.

NATURE OF THE GIFTS

The gifts are *spiritual* gifts, bestowed on spiritual people for spiritual purposes. They are not natural gifts but supernatural. God has given natural gifts to all of us, such as the gift of music, or the gift of oratory, or perhaps the gift of mastering difficult languages, but these should not be confused with the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes God chooses the most unlikely persons on whom to bestow His spiritual gifts. He may endow the most timid, reticent individual with a mighty gift of utterance in the Holy Spirit, and He may impart the gift of the word of wisdom to the most unlearned person imaginable. The Lord loves to choose "the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised... that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

The gifts of the spirit should not be confused with the fruit of the Spirit. Fruit *grows*; gifts are *given*. The fruit of the Spirit is developed in believers' lives as they grow spiritually. The gifts of the Spirit cannot be obtained by any gradual process; they are obtained instantaneously by an act of God's grace (1 Timothy 4:14) although it is possible for a believer who has received a gift to develop an ever increasing effectiveness in the operation of the gift.

GIFTS OF REVELATION

The gift of the *word of wisdom* is prominent among the gifts of revelation. Stephen had this gift: it was evident both in his preaching (Acts 6:10) and in his defense before the council (Acts 7). James also exercised this gift in settling the dispute concerning the Gentiles (Acts 15:19). God loves to hide His secrets from the wise and prudent and to reveal them unto "babes" (Matthew 11:25).

Another gift of revelation is the *word of knowledge*. There is an infinite reservoir of knowledge hidden in the Lord (Colossians 2:3) and He releases small portions of His knowledge through this gift to the Church. The language indicates the limited extent of the revelation—it is merely a *word* of knowledge, but it is given just when it is needed according to God's all-wise plan.

The gift of *discerning of spirits* that motivate people is another great blessing to the Church. When Philip went to Samaria and

preached the gospel, there were many converts including Simon the sorcerer. Evidently Philip did not have the gift of discerning of spirits, for he was fooled by this man, but when Peter came he immediately discerned that Simon was motivated by an evil spirit (Acts 8:21).

GIFTS OF POWER

The fourth gift mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 is the *gift of faith*. This is not merely the saving faith which is given to us in conversion; it is the faith Jesus mentioned in Matthew 17:20 when He said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Paul mentioned this in 1 Corinthians 13:2, saying, "And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains. . . ." Paul exercised this gift of faith when he spoke the word of authority at Lystra, in the healing of the lame man (Acts 14:10), and again at Troas, in bringing Eutychus back to life (Acts 20:10).

The gift of the *working of miracles* also was seen in Paul's ministry. There were "special miracles" through cloths taken from his body (Acts 19:11, 12). Stephen had this gift, for he was "full of power" (Acts 6:8). Peter had it too as manifested in the healing of palsied Aeneas and the restoration of Dorcas who had died (Acts 9:32-42).

Then there are *gifts of healings*. God has set these gifts in the Church and there are many illustrations of their operation in the Book of Acts. The laying on of hands (Mark 16:17, 18) and anointing with oil (James 5:14, 15) are two ways in which these gifts operate.

GIFTS OF UTTERANCE

The gift of *prophecy* comes first in this group and it is given top place among all the gifts. We are told to especially covet this gift (1 Corinthians 14:1, 39), the reason being that this gift is the medium by which all the other gifts find expression. Prophesying may include *foretelling* or in many cases it may be limited to *forth-telling*. It means to speak for God. When an event is *foretold* through a Spirit-given utterance it should not be considered infallible. The apostle says that when the prophets have spoken, others are to "judge" or "discern" to decide whether the prophecy is from the Lord. It is possible for the human spirit to enter into an inspired utterance and to color (or discolor) it. The inspired writer therefore placed strict limits upon the use of the gift of prophecy. He stipulated that prophecy is given to edify, exhort and comfort the Church (1 Corinthians 14:3).

With reference to the *gift of tongues*, the apostle said the chief use of this gift is for prayer (1 Corinthians 14:14). When the Holy Spirit prays through us in tongues He is able to pray according to the will of God (Romans 8:26). He who speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself (1 Corinthians 14:14). In order to edify the Church, an utterance in tongues must be followed by an interpretation so that the hearers will understand the message (1 Corinthians 14:16). Therefore the *gift of interpretation of tongues* is needed in the body of Christ.

In addition to the nine gifts already mentioned, there

are gifts of *ministry*, of *giving*, of *ruling*, etc. See Romans 12:6-8.

USES OF THE GIFTS

The gifts are to be used for the common good. "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Corinthians 12:7). If we desire spiritual gifts in order that we may gain some satisfaction or prominence for ourselves, it may be said of us as it was said of Simon the sorcerer that our hearts are not right in the sight of God and we need to repent of our wickedness. In public, the gifts should be used to edify ("build up") the whole church. In private, they should be used to build ourselves up in our most holy faith (Jude 20).

The gifts should be used sensibly; that is, with due moderation so as to avoid excess and foolishness. It is possible to waste the blessing of God. When He pours His Spirit upon His people He expects them to direct that power into useful channels. It seems that the Corinthians were dissipating the blessing by over-use of the gift of tongues, so Paul wrote a lengthy exhortation to correct the situation.

The key to the correct use of tongues is in 1 Corinthians 14:40—"Let all things be done decently and in order"—and the motive behind the gifts should be a sincere desire to help others. For, says Paul, he who exercises a gift without love is as cold, as lifeless, and as mechanical "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1).

—R.C.C.

(The foregoing article on "Gifts of the Spirit" is one of the chapters in the student manual, *Fundamentals of the Faith*. For information about this and other undated quarterlies write to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri 65802.)





The Bible puts more emphasis on nurture than on evangelism, because nurture has to be carried on constantly.

This is something we shouldn't worry about too much. I don't believe in pressuring children, but when they show signs of being ready they should be encouraged to take a definite stand for the Lord.

Q: So the age when a child is ready for salvation would be determined in part by whether he has grown up in a Christian atmosphere, or comes from an unsaved home and has not developed a concept of spiritual things?

A: Another aspect to be considered is how much knowledge you need to have to be saved.

Q: The amount of knowledge necessary before conversion may be very limited?

A: Right. The child doesn't need to have as much knowledge to be saved as adults might think. Sometimes, too, adults tend to minimize a child's experience because they did not have such experiences when they were children.

When people are not saved until they are older, they remember some of the conflicts they had and wonder how a child can experience anything real. They may

How Deep Are Child Conversions?

Can a child be genuinely converted? Seeking to determine Biblical answers to this and other related questions, Child Evangelism Supervisor Billy E. Reeves recently had the following discussion with Dr. Stanley M. Horton.

Question: Dr. Horton, what is the Biblical basis for child conversion?

Answer: The way of salvation is the same for children as for anyone else. Whenever a child comes to the place where he can express simple faith in Christ he is at the point where he can be saved.

Q: So the Bible places no limitation as far as age is concerned?

A: On the contrary, it says, "There is neither Greek nor Jew . . . Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free." It does not add "child nor adult" but I think the context implies that the limitations society places on age, etc., are not considered any more than other limitations.

Q: Why do so many think that 12 is the age of accountability?

A: One reason is that Jesus went to the Temple at the age of 12. Another is based on the Jewish custom of bringing a child into covenant relationship at the age of 12 or 13—that is, bringing him into adult privileges and responsibilities in the community. But this custom was not basically a matter of salvation.

Each child's learning capacity is different. Educators believe that a child reaches a time of readiness for almost everything. There is a time when he is most ready to begin reading; a time when he is most ready to begin learning to play a musical instrument. Some children will respond to the gospel at four or five while others might not respond until they are eight or nine.

also doubt because they do not see a radical change in the child's life since he has not gone deeply into sin. And since the child is not capable of great emotional outbursts or reactions, the adult may think, "When I was saved I was really changed; how can a child know this kind of experience?"

But children can have deep, personal experiences with the Lord. I can remember praising the Lord as a small child and really feeling His blessing. It was these childhood experiences that carried me through university classes under atheistic professors until I came to a place intellectually where I could answer the doubts their teaching was causing me to face.

Q: Didn't Jesus use rather strong language when He said, "Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea"? (Mark 9:42.)

A: Jesus was saying in the strongest language possible that it is a terrible thing to hinder another person.

One of the reasons Nietzsche, the German philosopher, was behind Hitler's philosophy of the "super race" was that when he was a small child his grandmother, who was very religious, disappointed him in connection with some moral or spiritual aspect. This produced a hurt in Nietzsche's life that he never got over. A Christian physiologist once told me he believed that the reason many atheists turn from God is because of some hurt they had in childhood. From beginning to end the Bible

stresses the importance of providing spiritual training for children. This emphasis indicates that children can learn spiritual truths but it doesn't mean that we should depend on Christian nurture.

Q: How is the evangelism of children distinct from the nurture of children?

A: The Bible puts more emphasis on the nurture of children because nurture has to be carried on constantly. The Israelites placed the stones on the bank of Jordan after they had crossed the river so their children would ask why they were there. The Israelites would then have opportunity to explain the miracle God had wrought. You can help bring a child to the point of readiness by providing opportunities. The Lord constantly urged people to do this.

If, however, you overemphasize Christian nurture you may merely educate children into becoming Christians and actually raise up pagans. One of my brothers was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit at an evangelistic campaign while in college without previously realizing that he wasn't a Christian.

Q: Possibly hundreds of children grow up like your brother. What if they miss the revival campaign?

A: Failure to involve children personally may be disastrous. Children may become so used to evangelistic appeals that they think: "These appeals are for sinners. I've been brought up in a Christian home. I'm a Christian." Sometimes we never ask them whether they are Christians.

Q: The New Testament gives no specific incidents of children getting saved. Do you think this silence is significant?

A: Only the Book of Acts records much about individual conversions and its main purpose is to tell key happenings connected with turning points in the Church. It doesn't try to tell everything but it does state that children were included when the Philippian jailer was converted. There are hints that Mark was converted when he was quite young. There is certainly nothing to indicate that the children were hindered or discouraged from being saved.

Q: Jesus said, "Forbid them not," did He not?



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A: Yes, and the Greek meaning could be expressed even more strongly. It could mean "stop hindering."

Q: Jesus said this because the disciples were hindering the children physically. Do you think He also had a spiritual connotation?

A: I'm sure He did. The parents were coming to Jesus to receive spiritual blessings and they wanted their children to feel the same power and blessing they did.

Q: Would you say the Judaic concept regarding children at home might be another reason the New Testament does not often mention children?

A: Many of the customs of the synagogue were carried over into the Church, so this is quite possible. It would be almost taken for granted that children were also converted.

Q: What about infant baptism and dedication?

A: Our belief that baptism is primarily a testimony of the conscience leaves no place for infant baptism. However, some people look on the dedication of babies as a sort of baptism or christening that will have a magic affect on the child. Actually dedication should challenge parents to nurture, direct, and help the child so that when he comes to the age of understanding he will want to accept the Lord as his Saviour.

Q: Do you think our churches help a child to grow spiritually after conversion? If not, what would you suggest as avenues of Christian growth for children?

A: My opinion is that our follow-up of all new converts is weak. Too many churches fail to provide sufficient specialized training for them. I had balanced training both at home and at church, but I can remember older individuals who also encouraged me. Every Christian can have a part in helping new converts.

Another weakness is that our children are not taught what backsliding really means. The Biblical meaning is taking a "stand off." Apostasy comes from the same root word and gives the idea that "I'm not going to go that way any more; I'm going my way."

Many children sin through ignorance, weakness, or because they are influenced by other children. Immediately people begin to scold and criticize. The Bible says,

"Ye which are spiritual restore such an one" (Gal. 6:1). When children do something wrong we should show confidence in them.

Q: What advice do you have for parents regarding the conversion of children?

A: Children should be given opportunity to be saved. If they are never in the Sunday night service, for instance, they may never be in an atmosphere where they are encouraged to be saved.

Parents can include children in some of their spiritual problems and victories. They can question children from time to time about the Scripture and cultivate an attitude of respect for it.

Parents need to be enthusiastic. They should show they really appreciate Christ and that they really believe the gospel. If while praying at home or at church they never feel blessed enough to shed a tear or shout the victory, the children won't be challenged very much. This, I think, is in line with one of the Hebrew words which is translated "train." In the verse, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will

not depart from it," this word "train" means to give, to discipline, to educate, to nurture.

Q: Do you disagree with some parents who say this verse doesn't work?

A: Yes. Some say, "I sent my children to church regularly, and now that they are older they say, 'I had too much church when I was a child.'" This may be an excuse on the children's part. I went to church three times on Sunday and a lot of times during the week. But this only gave me an appetite for spiritual things. Get the children thoroughly involved. Be sure they have a personal experience with the Lord—that they are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. They will never be able to get away from that.

Some parents make religion simply a duty instead of a joy. The nearness of Christ, the depth and joy of the Spirit's moving in our hearts, do not come merely through Christian nurture but through pressing experiences. We need experiences like these beyond salvation. We need to be refilled with the Spirit every once in a while—to be melted, humbled, and broken before the Lord.



Today's Child in Today's World

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HOW CAN WE DEFINE OR DESCRIBE THE CHILD WE FIND ourselves working with today in the many opportunities offered in Child Evangelism? He is a composite of many qualities and his description would vary according to the eyes of the viewer.

1. HE IS EXPLOITED

Today's child, to the manufacturer, is a target and a potential purchaser. Because children in America own so many "things," magazine and newspaper advertisements, television and radio commercials are aimed at them.

Follow a child through a food market or toy store and listen to him recite or even sing the catchy phrases penned to sell various articles. Today's child has more spending money and generally handles money at an earlier age. What does this say to us who hold the responsibility of planting the seeds of vital interest in the mission or outreach of the church? We are challenged to teach him

proper stewardship of his possessions and a temperate attitude toward his "wants." We must also remind him that happiness does not depend on what he owns.

Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy with cheeks of tan;
Trudging down a dusty lane
With no thought of future pain;
On you the liquor folk rely
For future sales of gin and rye.
Little man with cares so few,
They aim a lot of ads at you;
Don't let them stain your cheeks of tan
Stay sober, foil their evil plan.

2. HE IS INDULGED

Today's child has more conveniences in his home. The demand on him to do physical "chores" is lessened. After 15 minutes of concentration, all a Dad could line up for his two children to do in a city apartment was

"turn up the thermostat" and "run the garbage disposal." Sadly, even the word "chore" or the sense of a shared responsibility in the home is outmoded.

Kay Mishler wrote in *Saturday Evening Post* on the subject, "Why I Deprive My Children." She showed that children in America have had it so good for so long they are afflicted with prosperity-itis. This disease is characterized by the "do-it-for-me" attitude. When a Junior-age son was asked for a Christmas list he replied, "I've got everything; you just think of something and surprise me." This wise mother decided to teach the meaning of work. She taught her two sons to accept responsibility and meet challenges.

We need to teach our children the stewardship of time and talent. They must feel they are an active part of the family or church circle, sharing not only its blessings but also its burdens. Thus the words "I" and "me" become "we" and "ours."

3. HE IS EDUCATED

Today's child has a greater opportunity for a better education. He is being trained by teachers who understand his physical, emotional, and mental development. Excellent texts, colorful visual aids, exciting techniques, a variety of activities make education fun.

Does he really learn? Is he truly educated? The atrocious handwriting, the miserable spelling, and the halting, inexpressive reading of high-school grads are causing leaders to question the quality of learning that takes place. But this prods us to produce well-prepared and well-trained teachers in our Christian education and missionary program. Educational buildings must be given special thought.

Today's child takes marvelous inventions for granted. He accepts television and space ships as commonplace. "My Daddy is very old," was the remark one little girl made to her playmate, "he was born before television."

The child is inventive, creative, alive, imaginative. He is better equipped to take a "larger view" of our world and to understand our common bond with Christians in Africa, South America, Europe, Asia, etc. Keeping abreast of today's developments is a must and 1890 methods are as outmoded as the crystal radio set.

4. HE IS CHEATED

The following "School Prayer" appeared in the *Union Leader* (Manchester, N. H.) by courtesy of Women of St. Michael's, and was reprinted in the *Congressional Record*:

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule;
For this great nation, under God
Finds public mention of Him, odd.

Any prayer a class recites
Now violates the Bill of Rights;
Any time my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Teach us of stars, or pole and equator,
But make no mention of their Creator.
Tell of exports in Denmark and Sweden
But not one word on what happened in Eden.

The law is specific, the law is precise—
Praying out loud is no longer nice.
Praying aloud in a public hall
Upsets believers in nothing at all!

In silence alone can we meditate
And if God should get the credit, great.
This rule, however, has a gimmick in it:
You've got to be finished in less than a minute.

So all I ask is a minute of quiet—
If I feel like praying, then, maybe I'll try it.
If not, O Lord, this plea I make:
Should I die in school, my soul You'll take.

Children of today are also cheated of childhood. Mrs. Betsy Fancher, a former newspaper woman and mother of three children, said she is determined to save her daughters from a parent-sponsored "junior rat race" which has warped the meaning of childhood. Gone are the idle days of childhood—sandlot baseball, enchanted age of dolls, the simple fun of chasing butterflies, catching lightning bugs, hearing the bird songs, and lying on one's back to watch the clouds go by. Instead little children need a datebook for after-school activities: ballet on Monday, French on Tuesday, Brownies on Wednesday, piano lessons on Thursday, horseback riding on Friday.

Mrs. Shupp, wife of an Ohio school superintendent, took a close look at the changing nature of little girlhood. From her observations she told readers of *Saturday Evening Post* that "little girls are too sexy too soon." Many are using make-up and dating at 11. At 17, jaded and worldly wise, they wearily succumb to marriage. Little wonder the divorce mills grind on!

5. HE IS EXPOSED

Today's child is exposed to constant news of violence, horror, crime, and disaster. Pictures of these incidents blaze across the television screen and newspaper pages. Do we see so much that we are no longer shocked?

Exposure to violence heightens aggressive tendencies in children. A four-year-old battered a plastic Bobo doll with a mallet as she had seen on TV film. Experience tends to reduce the child's inhibitions against acting in a violent, aggressive manner.

We owe our children a fresh sense of the goodness of God and of His plan for us, His children. We must teach them that God's law of love is still the highest law of the universe, and that obeying His commandments is still the chief responsibility of every Christian.

WANTED—1,000 new Sunday school classes per day, with 10 people per class, for one year. We still could not take care of our five million a year birthrate! J. Edgar Hoover reminds us that "the Sunday school can become our guarantee of tomorrow."

When a boy or girl thrusts his small hand in yours, it may be smeared with chocolate ice cream, or grimy from petting a dog; and there may be a wart under the right thumb, or a bandage around the little finger. But it is the hand that someday may hold a Bible or a Colt revolver; may play the church piano or spin a gambling wheel; may gently dress a leper's wound, or tremble wretchedly, uncontrolled by an alcoholic mind.

Right now that hand is yours. It asks for help and guidance. ◀◀◀

Our strongest weapon against the evil of delinquency should be religion, for it stands to reason that a child who has been taught to obey the Ten Commandments of God finds it much easier to appreciate and obey the laws of his country.



Fifth and six graders are seen in this photo at Victoria Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kans. There are three groups this large or larger who come on Wednesdays at different hours. The children divide into classes averaging 30 to 35 members each.

Released Time Pays Big Dividends

The story of one of the most successful released-time religious education programs in America

PASTOR H. W. BARNETT AND THE CONGREGATION OF Victoria Tabernacle (Assemblies of God) in Kansas City, Kans., have reaped hundreds of souls for Christ as a result of their weekday church school program! Last year they counted 500 decisions for Christ, and some 200 children are now attending Victoria's Sunday school as a result of the program.

While prayer and Bible reading are being curtailed, if not banned, in many public schools, the released-time program for religious instruction is still in operation. It provides for weekly religious instruction in churches offering it, during school hours, for children whose parents give written consent.

Victoria Tabernacle saw the potential both for Bible instruction and for evangelism and set up a weekday church school program several years ago. The number of children enrolled has grown each year until now there are approximately 800. Some 30 volunteer workers are required to teach the classes each Wednesday, and 15 men volunteer to drive the buses transporting the children to and from school. One dedicated couple takes

responsibility for keeping supplies, teaching materials, etc., in order. This is quite a task in itself.

Students from three elementary schools are represented in the classes. Those in the first and second grades receive one hour of instruction weekly, while third through sixth graders receive an hour and a half each week.

According to the principal, many of the children have never attended a church of any kind, and about a fourth of them know nothing of God and His Word when they first begin classes. One public school which now releases children for religious classes at Victoria Tabernacle had not had a released-time program for 20 years.

There are some problems in conducting a school of this size, and there is sacrifice involved on the part of the workers, but the souls saved and the basic Bible instruction given to receptive young minds make it worth the effort.

Mrs. Anita Skaggs taught 15 fifth graders from Prescott School last year. Roger Horten was a member of the class. Along with others who did not attend elsewhere, Roger was invited to Sunday school at Victoria Taber-



Pastor H. W. Barnett (center) stands with the bus drivers and some of the boys and girls who enjoy the weekly released-time classes at Victoria Tabernacle. At the close of the Bible classes the children pile into the church buses to return to public school.

nacle. He came and felt right at home, because his weekday church school teacher was also the superintendent of the Junior Department. Roger was soon saved, and he became a regular member of the Sunday school. Then his widowed mother came to the Sunday school, and when a revival was announced she attended. At the personal invitation of Roger's church school teacher she went to the altar and was converted. The weekday church school had reached into a home to meet a spiritual need.

When the church school was first started at Victoria Tabernacle, Lucille Smith felt the Lord would have her teach, but she worked three days a week, including Wednesday. She looked to the Lord for a solution, and soon another worker asked if she would mind to work Tuesday instead of Wednesday. She has taught fourth and sixth graders ever since, and says, "Teaching has been a blessing to me and has been worth the time given to it."

Edith Burton taught retarded children in the program. She writes: "I have been richly rewarded for the effort and sacrifices necessary in teaching this class. I was amazed each week at the eagerness of these children to learn the wonders of God's love."

Mrs. Velma Hale, principal of the school, writes with Christian love and insight of the problem children, and of the vision that keeps this totally voluntary school operating effectively for God:

"Many of our children come from unchurched homes, and many never attend any church. These present some problems at first until we find the key to understanding their need. For instance, a second-grade boy who continually disturbed the class was sent to my office. We found he was very defiant and obviously disturbed emotionally. There seemed to be no way to get him to talk freely until I remarked that his coat was pretty. That seemed to break the barrier he had built around himself. He told me how he had cut grass and scooped snow to pay for the coat. As we continued to talk he told how his parents drank and quarreled.

"We prayed with him, as we try to do with each one before sending him back to class. It is such a blessing to see the joy appear on the faces of these small children, and to see them change as the weeks pass by.

"There are hundreds of children in America growing up in unchurched homes, with the same unhappy surroundings. We who cannot go to the mission field need only to look around in our own community to find missionary work to do. . . .

"During the Easter session we showed a series of films on the last week Jesus spent on this earth, and His crucifixion. At the end of these films we had a decision time. Our hearts rejoiced as we saw about 200 boys and girls come forward to give their hearts to God. As we prayed with them and saw tears roll down their faces, we knew there had been a change in their hearts. The shine on their faces after they were saved brought to our minds Matthew 19:14, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'

"We teachers at Victoria give thanks to God for the opportunity to present the plan of salvation to hundreds of children, and to teach these boys and girls that 'God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.'"



The Wide Scope of Child Evangelism

By BILLY REEVES

Child Evangelism Supervisor, National Sunday School Dept.

FEW PEOPLE WOULD SAY CHILD EVANGELISM IS UNIMPORTANT. None would belittle the values of Sunday school, vacation Bible school, Bible camps, and other child evangelism activities. And statistics back them up: 85 per cent of all Christians are saved before the age of 15; 2,051 Assemblies of God boys and girls campers were saved last year and 2,310 baptized. This list could go on and on, pointing out the values of child evangelism efforts.

The means of child evangelism are as varied as the

imagination permits it to be. There are several approaches, however, that have been tried and proved.

The most sensible approach, and perhaps the most overlooked is the home. Someone has said, "Be your child's first evangelist." Child evangelism begins at home. Parents can enrich and strengthen spiritual life within the home and become effective teachers of the Christian faith. Conscientious Christian parents are eager to see their children saved. Pastors and local leaders, you can create a family consciousness through a church program which keeps the family in mind. Promote special family activities, family night, or a church-wide stay-at-home night. Make literature on family life available.

Another approach to child evangelism is through vacation Bible school. This is a concentrated effort to win, teach, and train boys and girls in spiritual matters. Children unreached by Sunday school are often attracted by the variety of activities and special features. There is no substitute for VBS; no other single church activity provides such a complete schedule of learning experiences.

Children are the church of tomorrow, but they are also a vital part of the church today. Through children's church they get meaningful worship experiences. Here the boys and girls learn proper worship habits and receive spiritual guidance on their own level. Bible lessons, gospel choruses, memory work, and creative activities give opportunity for participation.

A series of evangelistic services called a children's revival or kids crusade is another means of reaching children. This interesting and instructive program attracts unchurched boys and girls. Children's revivals may be conducted in the early evening any time during the year. In order to give the child the right start after a decision in a children's revival, personal attention and guidance by a qualified counselor should give the child the assurance of personal salvation and a scriptural understanding of his decision. A children's revival should be considered as a whole-church activity and never taken more lightly than an adult revival.

A Christian woman wrote to us asking for information on home Bible clubs. "There are many children wherever I move to, who need someone to take an interest in them for Christ," she said. Another person reported that over 75 boys and girls have been saved in a few months' time. A church in Hawaii is starting a Bible club sponsored by the C.A.'s. Home Bible clubs are an opportune means for neighborhood child evangelism. Prejudiced parents who would not allow their children to visit your Sunday school may permit them to attend a Bible club in a neighbor's home each week.

Boys and girls camps have become the fastest-growing facet of child evangelism. Camp is beneficial; it gives the boys and girls Christian training 24 hours a day. It is a practical situation where theory and principle are not only taught but practiced and demonstrated by counselors and camp leaders. This reinforcement of teaching is exemplified by inter-related activities: eating, working, and playing together. Living out of doors in God's creation provides an excellent setting for meaningful spiritual experiences. A banking system, a scholarship program, or award system helps boys and girls attend. Some church members "adopt" a child, paying his expenses for the season.

Released-time is a door of opportunity standing wide

open to many churches. Under this program children are excused from public schools for one hour each week (at the written request of parents) to go to a church or other building for a class in religious education.

An activity which takes the child evangelism worker out of the confines of the local church is open-air evangelism. The consecrated worker seeks to win unsaved boys and girls to Christ on the streets, alleys, playgrounds, beaches, parks, and even vacant lots. A flash card story or the wordless book will always bring a cluster of eager youngsters. Although this ministry may seem informal and "happenstance," thorough preparation is necessary. Prayer and dependence upon the Holy Spirit for guidance are the first steps. Workers, you should know your story well—so well that a dozen interruptions will not hinder you. After preparation, go in confidence knowing that the One you represent goes before you. Adequate follow-up is necessary to help the newly saved child grow in Christ.

These basic areas of child evangelism have been tested and proved. In order to help your children, these ministries must be made available in home, church, and community. The following steps will give you guidance in setting up a year-round program.

1. Evaluate your present ministries to children. Are they adequate? How many of the activities mentioned are being used?

2. Decide which activities will be most practical for your church. Perhaps home Bible clubs, conducted during the public school year, would be a good start.

3. Thorough planning of program, place, and personnel is the next step in your child evangelism effort. It is much better to take time (a month or two if necessary) to plan adequately than to start on the spur of the moment only to see the work soon die.

The Child Evangelism Division of the National Sunday School Department stands ready to assist you with problems you may have in any of these areas. Write to the division for guidance.

Numerous promotional materials outline procedures for local schools. These mimeographed and printed materials are sent free of charge to individuals of local churches who request help. You may check the coupon below for these free child evangelism helps.

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Lead Your Child to Christ

By RUTH COPELAND



THE PASTOR PREACHED A CLEAR MESSAGE ON SALVATION. God's love shone from his eyes and tears coursed down his face as he pled with sinners to come to Christ. I wanted to go, but did not know if children were allowed to do so.

As we walked home, the hot tears that I held back scalded my eyes. Oh, how heavy my heart was! "Are you sick?" my mother asked. "Did someone hurt your feelings?" She ran the list of possible causes why a ten-year-old should be so unhappy.

Last of all she said, "Do you want to give your heart to Jesus?" I nodded, for I did not know how to put my longing into words. We knelt by the bed and she framed a prayer for me which I repeated after her—a prayer that included confession of sin and trust in the cleansing Blood. The load of sin lifted from my young heart.

I shudder now to imagine what might have happened to me if my mother had laughed away my fears, sensitive child that I was; or if she had said I was too young to understand; or if she had stiffened and withdrawn into a shell as some parents do when spiritual matters come up; or if she had promised to take me to the minister, whose august presence I feared!

How fitting for parents to lead their own children to the Lord! I loved my mother fiercely, and knew I could depend on her when I was sick or in trouble or needed affection. It was the most natural thing in the world to turn to her when I needed spiritual help. Most children feel this way about their parents.

Parents in their unique position of love and trust have a special ability to help their children to Christ. You may say, "How can I lead my child to Christ?" As a parent, I think it is best not to pressure a child, or permit others to pressure him, but rather to exert the proper influences and then let him take the initiative himself.

Start before he is born (twenty years before, someone has said).

Be genuine; avoid veneer. Avoid the tendency to be "up and down"; be constant. Nowhere do children need to lean on a parent more securely than in the things of God. Be a deep Christian—don't live on the surface.

Arrange times when your child can be alone with you when he is in a confiding mood.

Keep the lines of communication open on whatever subject he wants to discuss. Respect his confidence; never relate to others what he has confided in you.

Let the reality of Christ dominate your home.

Do this, not by forcing religion, but by making Christ Head of the home and Best Friend, and then doing what follows naturally. This includes letting Christ be part of good times as well as trusting Him when things go wrong. Let His love and joy shine in your lives as parents. Be constant with the family altar.

Expose him to evangelistic preaching as well as to Sunday school and children's meetings.

We need to attend revival meetings as families. God did not invent baby-sitters; He invented parents.

Pray for his salvation. Create situations in which he can readily bring up his spiritual welfare when he is ready.

With our children, we found that the practice of having quiet chats and prayer together preceded their accepting Jesus as Saviour. We were evangelists and it was necessary to spend long afternoons alone in study and waiting on God. Every day during these times of seclusion the children, singly or together, would tip-toe in to see me or their father (whichever was to preach). We never resented these interruptions, but welcomed them. We talked about whatever subject they chose. They always wanted to pray. We would ask, "What shall we pray about?" Then, whatever their current interest was, we would pray about it. They always left happy and satisfied. We should recognize that children can love Jesus long before they are old enough to be definitely saved!

Grasp the opportunity when it comes.

When they become aware that they need to be saved, be ready to lead them. No one can say when this will be. It will vary according to background, mental maturity, and personality. Pray for that time, and *prepare yourself for it*. This cannot be overemphasized. To put off a child because you are tired or occupied would be the greatest wrong you could do him.

We were in a revival meeting and it was my night to preach when it happened to Jim and Esther. They came to visit as I prayed. We talked for awhile. Then Jim announced, "We want to be saved." (They had talked it over and decided for him to be the spokesman.) I questioned them closely until I was satisfied that they knew what they were doing and why. I told them their father and I had prayed and longed for this day. After

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Junior missionary Steven Mock shares a joke with his friend, Ricardo Rios, whose father is superintendent of the Peru Assemblies of God.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY

BY CECILE MOCK
Missionary to Latin America

"MOMMY, I DON'T WANT TO SIT WITH THOSE LITTLE boys. They're all dirty. They don't have any shoes on, and they're not even wearing shirts."

The scene was a brand-new work in a poor but well-populated section of Guayaquil, Ecuador. I looked down at our five-year-old son, Steven. I remembered admonishing him to bathe and change his clothes before going to church that evening. Then I looked over at the unruly boys squirming on the benches. These children were indeed dirty. No doubt they carried their share of lice and germs. How different from the well-scrubbed, well-dressed children we had seen at the big evangelistic center in the heart of Guayaquil! This was probably their first visit to an evangelical church.

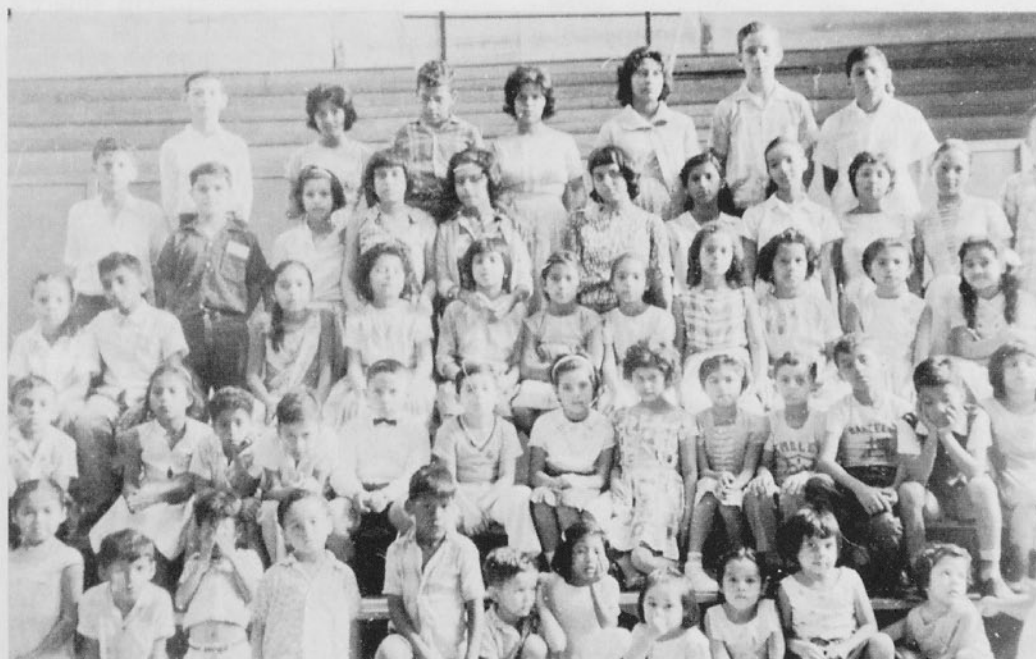
Finally I answered, "Steven, Jesus loves those little boys just as much as He loves you—and He wants to save them." Without another word, he left me, and went over to sit right among the group of boys.

We tried to make the sermon simple and to the point, so all could understand. Miraculously, the boys settled down to listen attentively. At the close of the message, many responded to the altar call.

As we were greeting the people after the service, I missed the children and went outside to look for them. There was Steven, with his little sister by the hand, surrounded by all the children who had been in the service. "*Ahora, cantalo en ingles!*" I heard them say. "Now sing it for us in English." He had just sung "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish. This impromptu children's gathering became a nightly event.

At the close of the service one night when the altar call was given Steven came and asked me if he could go forward. Sensing his sincerity I was glad to answer, "Yes, Son." As his Daddy led in prayer, Steven repeated the words in Spanish along with the others who had gone forward.

A missionary's kid? Each night his bedtime prayer is, "Lord, help us to be good missionaries." Yes, he has a ministry too! ◀◀



The pioneer VBS in Guayaquil received enthusiastic response and many children were saved in the three schools. The C.A.'s (right photo) made up the teaching staff. Jonathan Dowdy (back row, second from right) was the director of the VBS.

THE LITTLEST ONES

BY F. LILLIAN HOGAN
Missionary to Congo

*"Ten little pygmies all in a row,
None can sing and none can sew!"*

But here they are sitting brave and wee on bamboo benches in a rough thatched-roof shelter along with 25 other Congolese children.

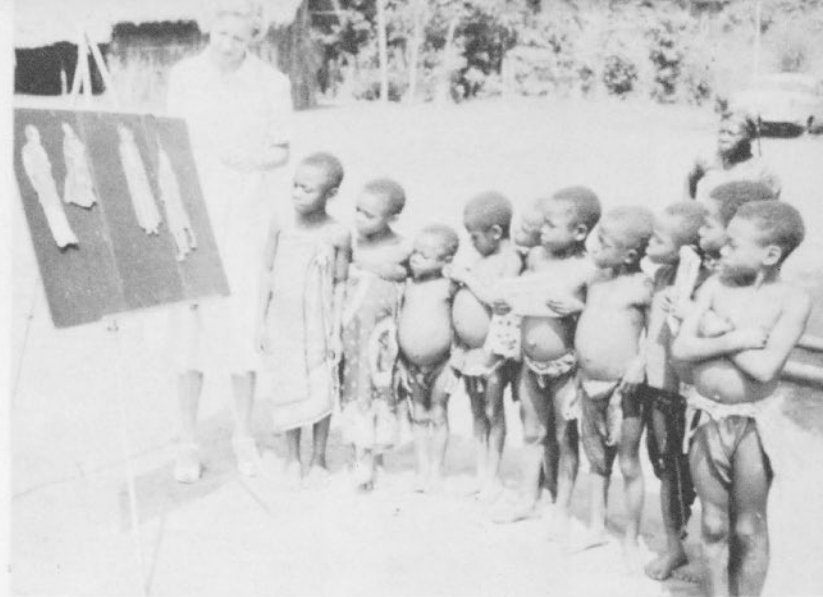
"Mademoiselle, Mademoiselle, please find me a green color."

"O look, I finished this picture!"

So they are being introduced to the wonders of VBS and the intriguing presentation of the "Flying with Christ" primary course from our Gospel Publishing House.

This is the end of the fourth day of the school, and enthusiasm is high. The children are proud of the pictures they have colored and the planes they have landed for daily attendance. Many of them recite the memory verse each day and receive as their reward a colored Bible picture clipped from Sunday school papers provided by BGMC. One little chap surprised everyone today by repeating correctly all four verses. For this he received a large picture mounted on red construction paper.

Plastic clay, sewing cards, and colored paper donated



by the WMC's of Minnesota are bringing added joy at these VBS sessions. Perhaps the crowning touch is to see those shining scissors clasped by eager little hands that must be taught to use them.

My heart is strangely humbled as I look into their eager upturned faces and realize all the links in the great chain of missionary effort that has reached its loving hand far into this Ituri jungle and ferreted out even these, the littlest of all people on the face of the earth. "They shall shine in His kingdom, His loved and His own."

Our faithful home churches keep us on the field, bring us back and forth for furlough. They provide for us in many ways—clothing, transportation, literature, loudspeakers, phonographs, projectors, and VBS material to make the Word live for these people. Through the various agencies of the local church—WMC's, Missionettes, Light-for-the-Lost, Speed-the-Light, and BGMC—we can go forth amply equipped. Then encircled by prayers from all corners of our loved America, we are daily strengthened and led forward to "fight the good fight of faith" and to fulfil our Lord's "Go ye into all the world."

VBS IN ECUADOR

BY LOWELL DOWDY, MISSIONARY TO ECUADOR

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN ECUADOR RECENTLY FINISHED six glorious weeks of vacation Bible schools. Two weeks were given to each of the three groups in Guayaquil. Our teen-age son Jonathan was the director, ably assisted by Marlene Lucero and a teaching staff of Spirit-filled Christ's Ambassadors.

The five teachers chosen had never seen a VBS in action. The Spanish course *El Camino del Creyente* ("The Way of the Believer") was ordered two months ahead to give them time to prepare. Several days before the opening of the first school they met for prayer review of the lessons, and general instructions.

One day in each of the schools they fasted and prayed, asking the Lord to give them a harvest of souls among the children.

The class and handwork periods each day were followed by a devotional time with one of the teachers or

directors giving an illustrated salvation message. Many of the children knelt weeping at the altar and more than once they remained to pray for as long as an hour.

In spite of heavy rains the average attendance was 89. The closing program for each school was a means of reaching many parents who had never before attended church. They came to watch their children perform and to see the handwork exhibits. These parents thanked us for this special effort and told us of the change they have seen in their youngsters in the home.

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Entrance to the Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind. Pauline Sloan (inset) holds religious classes for children at this school.

His Wonders to Perform

BY BETTY SWINFORD, TUCSON, ARIZONA

PAULINE SLOAN, A YOUNG SCHOOLTEACHER ATTENDING the University of Arizona to earn her Master's degree, now has the opportunity of presenting the gospel to children who are without sight or without hearing. Here's how it all began.

Pauline had known for six years that God had called her to the ministry, and for one year her heart had been with the deaf. She earned her bachelor's degree at New Mexico Western in Silver City and was praying for God's perfect will. Home for a weekend when suffering a particularly difficult time of testing, she was leafing through a stack of old *Evangelists* one night and ran across four or five articles regarding work with the deaf. This further confirmed God's call upon her life, and her heart was gripped by a heavy burden as she wept and sought God.

In 1963 Pauline took a teaching position in Albuquerque, but when a representative for the deaf came to speak and told of scholarships available for this work her heart was stirred again. She applied for a scholarship and was accepted! Although she applied for schooling in three different states, her heart said it had to be Tucson, Ariz.

She entered the University of Arizona almost immediately and worked part time the first semester at the Deaf and Blind School, living there in the dorm. Having had no training in sign language, Pauline had to "pick it up" as she went along.

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings in her life at this time was Betty Miller, dining hall supervisor, who

was a Spirit-filled Christian. Because Betty has only five per cent vision, she has a keen understanding of the blind at the school.

When Pauline's brothers moved to the city she left the school and rented an apartment with them; but the contact had been made and, although Pauline did not know it then, this had been a very solid part of the foundation God had been preparing.

The burden upon her heart for the deaf increased. Jack Brock, pastor of Central Assembly in Tucson, was sharing this burden. He too was wishing that something could be done to reach these boys and girls with the gospel.

About this same time God gave Pauline a verse of assurance: "*Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth.*" Thus, when an announcement was made in the bulletin from the Arizona Deaf and Blind School that the Protestant Instruction Class had been closed because the minister had been called to pastor in another city, Pauline felt this was it. She found God *does* move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.

After much earnest prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she went to the school and spoke with the principal. Was it possible for her to have the Protestant Instruction Class? Would she be qualified? All her questions were swept aside as the principal of the school evidenced his joy at having her take it over! Her reputation with the school had already been established and her ministry had begun!

Besides her own studies at the university and her

student teaching, Pauline has a full schedule. The class of instruction is every Wednesday (4 to 5:15 p.m.) and includes third grade through high school. Even though attendance is not compulsory, Pauline had 25 blind students and 28 deaf students the first week. The potential for growth is challenging since there are approximately 300 deaf and blind students living at the school. Betty Miller has already been a great asset in preparing songs in Braille. Ruth Davidson, a minister's wife who attends Central Assembly, will take over the teaching of primary and junior boys. Betty will teach the girls in this age bracket, leaving Pauline to instruct all those over 12 years of age.

The workers use filmstrips and other visual aids in teaching the deaf. Braille quarterlies obtained from the National Home Missions Department are provided for the blind students. Central Assembly of God was happy to send Pauline, a member of this church, to Springfield, Mo., in April for the biennial Assemblies of God Deaf Convention. There she attended workshops and services which will help in her ministry.

Pauline has a teaching position for next fall at the Arizona school. She is looking forward to continuing her Bible classes as well as teaching secular subjects.

Assemblies of God ministers to the deaf are anxious to see deaf children reached for Christ. One of the



Children with partial hearing use earphones for some of their classes at the state schools for the deaf.

greatest needs at this time is to establish churches for the deaf in cities where the state schools for the deaf are located.

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Editor's Note: A fund has been set up in the National Home Missions Department to provide Braille quarterlies for the blind. Due to the increasing demand for this full-gospel literature, the fund is depleted, although requests are coming daily. Please send an offering to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Designation: *Literature for the Blind*.

The Church's Responsibility to the Deaf Child

A Serious View of an Important and Much Neglected Area of Church Work

THE RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING OUTLAWING the reading of the Bible and the reciting of the Lord's Prayer in public schools brings into sharper focus than ever the responsibility of the Church to the deaf child.

The commission of God regarding the Christian education of children, as in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, includes the deaf child, no matter how difficult the task may be. The responsibility begins by assisting and undergirding the family in its crucial hour when deafness is discovered. The parents must be led to see that this child is a special blessing of God. As the child develops, the sacred truths of Scripture are taught in simple step-by-step fashion with language and concepts geared to his level. To fulfill this responsibility the Church must use all methods of communication along with specially prepared materials.

Even though church-related persons played a great part in the development of education of the deaf, the church as a church did not often see its responsibility to the deaf child, much less fulfill it. In America the church began to become aware of this responsibility in

the mid-19th century with the establishment of the first Roman Catholic school for the deaf in the U.S. The Protestant Episcopal Church began work in 1850, followed by the Lutheran Church in 1873. Other Protestant churches have since become active in working with the deaf.

To fulfill its responsibility to the deaf child, the Church must provide full-time trained workers, such as clergymen, teachers, and parish workers. Funds should be provided so that these workers may have the very best of training for this difficult task. Adequate religious materials to meet the deaf child's level of language and concepts must be produced by the Church. An example of these materials is the *John of Beverly Workbook Series* published by the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf. Adequate facilities for worship and teaching must also be provided. Since many more community deaf classes are being established, it will be necessary for the Church to train lay volunteers from local congregations to take over deaf Sunday school classes in the local congregations.

There are thousands of deaf children in special schools throughout the world. Unless the Church fulfills its responsibility in bringing the word of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus to these children, they can have no hope for security in this life and eternal life in heaven. The task of Christian education for deaf children is properly the task of the Church. The Church should not ask God to make its task easy, but to make it adequate to the task. Then let the Church do all it can with what it has to fulfill its responsibility to the deaf child.

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

Jeremiah Persecuted

Sunday School Lesson for June 14, 1964

JEREMIAH 38:4-13

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

For a long, long time Jeremiah had been declaring that the Babylonians eventually would capture Jerusalem and take its inhabitants away. Since confinement in the guard court of the king's palace had not stopped him, the princes were determined to silence him forever.

Unjust Accusation (v. 4). "Let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city . . . for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people but the hurt." We may form some impression of the boldness required of Jeremiah in preaching as he did, by imagining what would have happened to an army chaplain during World War II if he had counseled the American soldiers to surrender to an enemy power. Yet, by the grace of God, Jeremiah possessed such boldness!

Consider, too, the cruelty and dishonesty of the charges laid against Jeremiah. Actually he, more than any other

man in the city, had the best interests of the people at heart! And because he did, he was willing to suffer in order to be true to the message which would have saved the people had they heeded it. Are we thus prepared to be true in our living and in proclaiming the saving gospel no matter what it may cost us?

Unmerited Punishment (vv. 5, 6). Zedekiah was more weak than wicked. When his princes demanded Jeremiah's death, he turned the prophet over to them and admitted his inability to resist their will! Consequently, Jeremiah was cast into an empty cistern with slime and mud in the bottom. The evident intention was that Jeremiah should be left to starve or die of exposure to cold and dampness. And for what crime did Jeremiah suffer thus? Here is a lesson on—

The Difficulty and Duty of Telling the Truth. "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" Ahab had said to Elijah who was really his best friend. And many a prophet of God, along with Jeremiah, could have said to Israel what Paul said to the Galatians, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16). Why do men dislike the truth? It is because truth is often unpleasant. Truth wounds self-love and pride. Truth often requires that men do that which is by nature distasteful. Yet for all this, there is no greater blessing than to love the truth and to be willing to obey it regardless of the cost. Obedience to God's Word is invariably the road to spiritual enlargement and blessing.

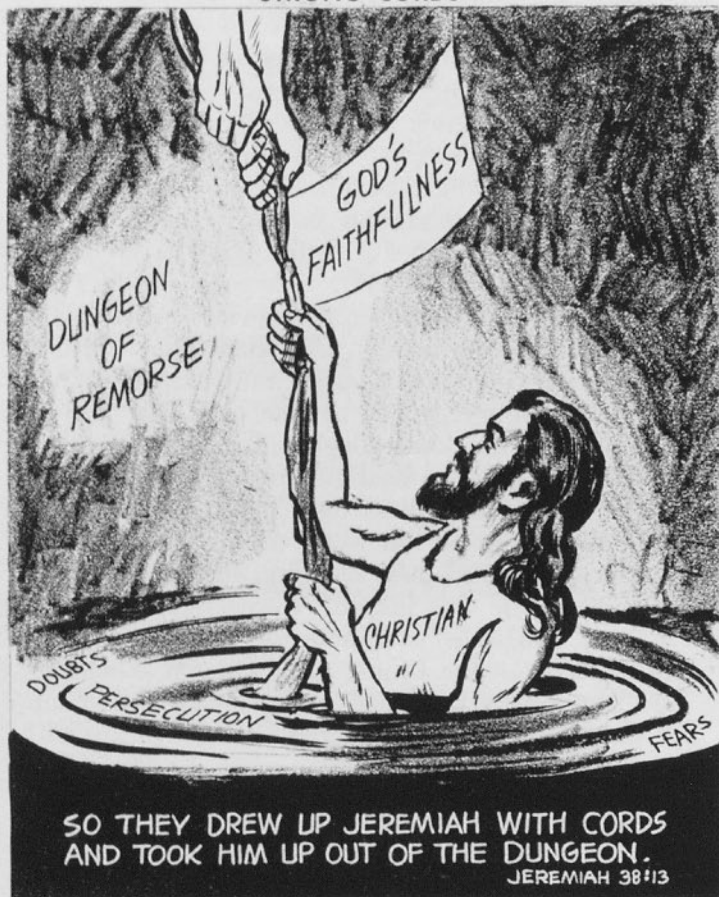
Unexpected Deliverance (vv. 7-13). In these verses we have one of the most beautiful accounts of kindness, consideration, and tenderness found in the Old Testament. It compares with the story of the Good Samaritan in the New. Ebed-melech, a minor official of the king's court and an Ethiopian, had more compassion and more of the Spirit of the Lord than any of Jeremiah's Israelitish brethren possessed. His actions on behalf of the old prophet, who must have been around 60 at the time, remind us of a ministry which is very blessed and very necessary today—the ministry to the "down and out."

Dr. F. B. Meyer, one of the great preachers of a generation ago, was also a great personal worker, mission worker, and minister to convicts released from prison. Here, in his own words, is the explanation of his fruitful life:

"One of the most popular legends of Brittany relates to an imaginary island called Is, which is supposed to have been swallowed up by the sea at some unknown time. According to the fishermen, the tips of the spires of the churches may be seen in the hollow of the waves when the sea is rough; while during a calm the music of the bells, ringing out the hymn appropriate to the day, rises above the sea. Similarly, it has always seemed to me, amid the submerged masses, deep down at the bottom of the ocean of human life, there are yearnings and desires for a better life, that ring sadly and perpetually. It has been the aim of my life to listen for these, and where I have detected them, to present the only answer, the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Blessed are those who minister to all men who are sunk in sin, despair, or human need, and who are able to lift such to new heights of joy, peace, and happiness in Jesus Christ!

STRONG CORDS



Compassion-Can We Get It Back?

By C. LESLIE MILLER

WHILE CHATTING WITH AN AGING SURGEON FRIEND of mine I asked the question, "Doc, do you ever worry about the time when your fingers will lose their skill?"

He paused for a moment and then replied, "No, pastor, but I do confess that at times I worry that the day may come when my heart will no longer feel the suffering of my patients."

One of the most frightening current fulfillments of prophetic Scripture is that men are losing natural affection. Emotions, particularly in the realm of spiritual experiences, are viewed as indications of fanatical trends. Christians unashamedly weep over the silly sentimentalism of TV and movies, or scream with uncontrolled joy or fury over a homerun or touchdown. Yet, the same Christians would be ashamed to display any emotion of contrition or joy in the atmosphere of public worship.

At a Sunday school convention a pastor told me of his wayward teen-age son. "He has broken almost every law of God and man. He is killing his mother with sorrow and is breaking my heart. I've tried everything. What can I do?"

Pressed for attention by other people, I abruptly asked, "Have you ever tried a *tender* tear?" He went away in anger at my strange suggestion.

A year later we met at another convention. He greeted me with, "It worked! It worked! When I got home that night my boy was asleep. As I stood by his bed my heart was flooded with a new and tender compassion. I found myself on my knees clasping my boy to my heart and bathing his face with *tender* tears. Almost before I knew what was happening he was on his knees beside me weeping and both of us wept our way back to God. Tom's a new boy. Our home is radiant with happiness."

Christ was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He wept over the unbelief of Martha and Mary. The rebellious rejection of Himself by the people of Jerusalem broke His heart. He was grieved that His own received Him not when He came to them.

Paul reminded the Ephesian elders, "By the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one of you night and day with tears" (Acts 20:31).

To Timothy, the apostle wrote, "Being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy."

We are trying to produce results with a soul that has never been pierced by the sword of vicarious sorrow. *Never has so much truth been preached with so little passion! Never have so many souls been reached but the touch has been without emotion or conviction! Never have so many Sunday school lessons been taught with so little compassion!*

In our Christian homes the social has superseded the spiritual. The phone, social engagements and TV have evicted the altar of prayer.

Our children are amazingly familiar with the stars of

the stage, screen and sports, but we have failed to introduce them to the shining stars of the Bible and missions.

We worry over calories and vitamins but are not alarmed by spiritual deficiencies. I have seen Christian mothers weep over Johnnie's low school grades, and the same mothers laugh off Johnnie's growing tendency to steal and lie.

What is the missing element in our homes, churches, and Sunday schools? Yes, in our lives?

We have a crisis without an awareness. Constantly surrounded by alarming trends, we go blissfully on our way of apathy and heartless unconcern. The international trend threatens atomic annihilation. We, sons of God, shrug off our involvement in politics and policies by accepting the trends as part of our eschatological theology. Marriages are threatened, suicides are multiplying and men's minds and hearts are cracking under the economic pressures of this age.

So what? Either we have no answers to these problems of life or we don't care to communicate them. The spiritual crisis is even more alarming, but there is no alarm in Christian circles. How many evangelical churches have seriously tackled the grim problem of those who fall among spiritual thieves? Busy with our important church program we pass by on the other side and leave the wounded and weak brother to be devoured by the cults and the present evil world.

The crisis of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus is a conspicuous part of our hymnology and creed. But how much of a *reality* is it to us? *Is it not true that to many of us the second appearing of Christ would be both surprising and inconvenient?* We talk about heaven but build for time. We plan for tomorrow but not for eternity.

We have a need without a concern. If we are to salvage our generation we must establish a new set of values. We must desist from measuring success by money and position, rather than by divine approval. We must stop defining security in terms of policies and social security instead of by eternal investments. To protect our spiritual heritage we must cease from seeking first "these things" and relegating the kingdom of God to a secondary position.

Our hearts are not broken by the things that break the heart of God. Our eyes are never blinked by tender tears, tears of compassion. Our will detours around its Gethsemane. We have a Moriah, but it is a mountain of creed without its Isaac bound to the altar. We emphasize the proclamation of the gospel, but it is a proclamation without a passion.

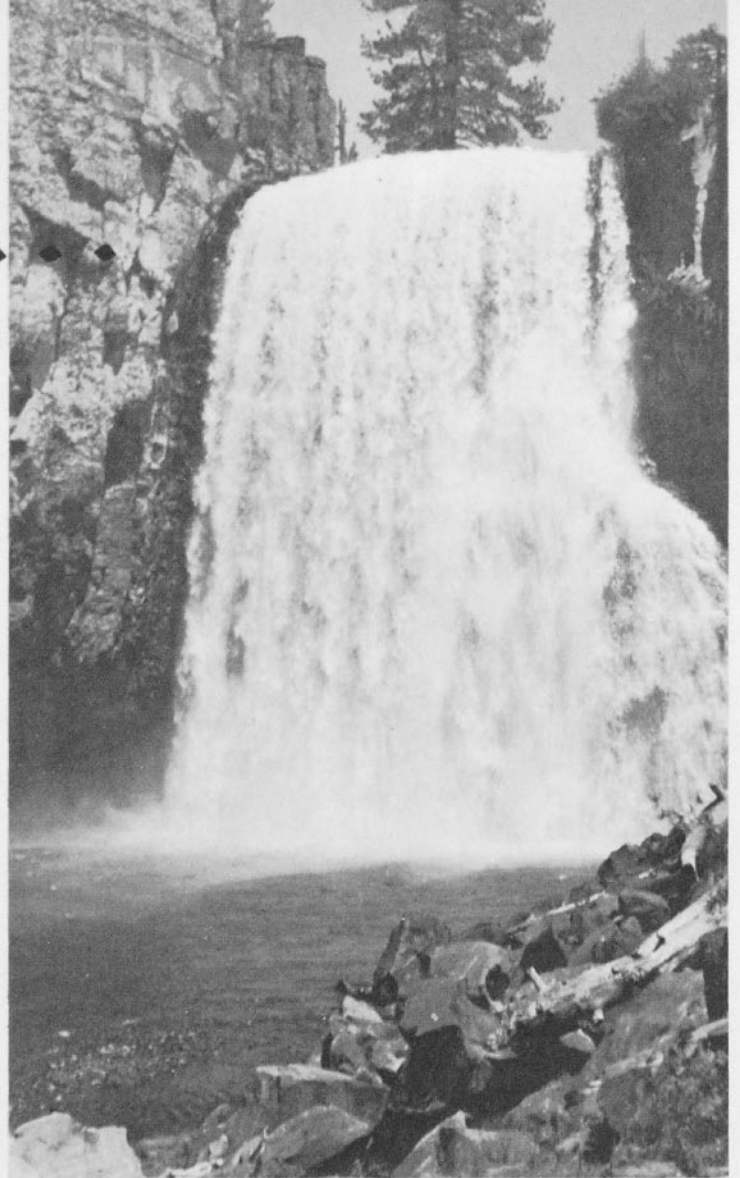
Late one Saturday evening a pastor was working and praying in preparation for the morrow. He answered his phone and could hear only the sound of a woman

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Like a River.....

The Fiftieth Anniversary Convention

[PHOTOS BY IRV GREAVES]



THE THEME "LIKE A RIVER" CHOSEN FOR THE 50TH anniversary convention of the Assemblies of God proved to be most appropriate, for the river of blessing flowed freely. The thousands who came to Springfield for this historic event entered wholeheartedly into the seasons of prayer and worship so that God was able to move by His Spirit in a wonderful way.

More than 10,000 came to the convention. The Shrine Mosque was filled to capacity for the Monday night prayer meeting. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights it was necessary to have simultaneous sessions in three separate auditoriums to seat all the people.

Closed-circuit video was used to link the three congregations. TV cameras at the Shrine Mosque carried the evening sermons and certain other parts of the services to Calvary Temple and Central Assembly where the speaker appeared on a huge screen. Other parts of the evening services were "live" in each auditorium. The moving of the Spirit in the singing, praying, preaching, and altar services was not hindered by the use of video.

When a transformer blew out during the opening service, the Shrine Mosque was without light for more than 15 minutes; but to the amazement of police and firemen there was not the slightest trace of panic. The great audience just continued to pray and worship the Lord in song. Some of the worshipers were not even aware of the darkness for awhile, their eyes being closed.

The first-day emphasis was, "Our Movement in Prayer." T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, read the Scriptures from Joel 2 ("Call a solemn assembly") and Habakkuk 3 ("O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years"). He called on the people to review the purpose and priority in their spiritual lives.

"If we assume that our role in the Assemblies of God is only to follow after the denominations, then we are doomed as an effective force," Brother Zimmerman said. He urged that priority be given to the power of the Spirit and to prayer in the Spirit. He said the vision of the early leaders was "that the Assemblies of God would be an instrument for evangelizing the world before Jesus comes again."

The emphasis on Tuesday was, "Our Movement in Fellowship." Three early pioneers spoke briefly (F. J. Lindquist, Marie Brown, and A. C. Bates) followed by three younger pastors who spoke on "pioneering today" (Samuel Eubanks, Danny Betzer, James G. Mayo). E. S. Williams then preached on "Revival Today."

In the afternoon there was an "international fellowship meeting" featuring international delegates from North India, Korea, Philippine Islands, Fiji Islands, Nigeria, Upper Volta, Egypt, Belgium, Italy, Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, and Canada.

Four American missionaries of the Assemblies of God related incidents on the mission field. "I remember the

day that bullets of Chinese Communists ricocheted around us in a little room. All of us in the room were missionaries. All of us survived," said David Plymire, now a missionary to Formosa.

E. L. Phillips, field secretary for Africa, told of the suffering of young African ministers who were beaten so severely their backs were permanently scarred, but who continued to preach Christ.

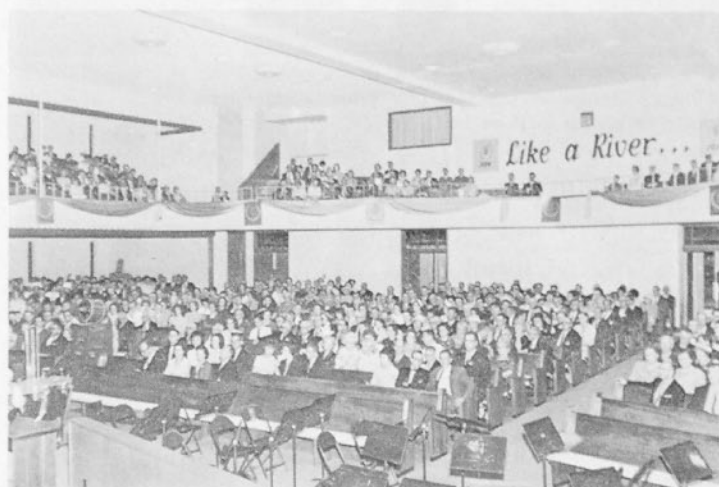
A veteran missionary, Henry B. Garlock, told how primitive life was in the interior of West Africa in the early 1920's. He said that when he and his colleagues sailed for Africa they did not expect to live to see the United States again.

"One of the greatest adventures for missionaries in our time is working at the side of accomplished national leaders, men full of the Holy Ghost and called by God," said Loren Triplett, missionary to Nicaragua. "A missionary does not enter a country and by virtue of his skin color or tie to the mission purse strings automatically assume authority. Today, more than ever before, he enters as a 'fellow citizen in the household of God.'"

Alcebiades Vasconcelos, pastor of an Assemblies of God church with 5,000 members in Belem, Brazil, presented a scroll of greetings from the Brazilian churches on the occasion of the 50th anniversary. He said Assemblies of God membership in Brazil recently passed the one million mark.

The evening speaker was Arne Vick. The showing of the anniversary film, "Like a River," preceded the sermon. This 30-minute color and sound film portrays the growth of the Assemblies of God from a small

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The first night of the 50th Anniversary Convention a national prayer meeting was held at the Shrine Mosque (photo at bottom). On the three other nights TV cameras at the Shrine Mosque carried the sermons and certain other parts of the services to Central Assembly (top photo) and Calvary Temple (center) where the speakers appeared on a huge screen.





As T. F. Zimmerman speaks his image appears on the large screen at right. Similar screens at two other auditoriums enable overflow crowds to see as well as hear him.

stream of activities in 1914 to the flowing tides of service that extend around the world today.

Wednesday's theme was, "Our Movement in Preparation." With emphasis on the task ahead, three speakers gave messages at the three auditoriums on the text, "For the perfecting of the saints." S. H. Petersen spoke on youth; T. M. Waldron on adult work; Billy E. Reeves on ministry to children.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons a giant flannelboard was used to show the ministries of national headquarters to the churches and to the world.

More than 170 workshop sessions were scheduled during the convention. Held in 49 scattered locations and directed by specialists in their respective fields, the workshops covered many phases of church work ranging from "Planning Church Building Programs" to "Premarriage Counseling."

Tours of headquarters, local churches, Central Bible Institute, and Evangel College also were enjoyed by delegates between sessions.



North Central Bible College Evangelaires directed by Lawrence B. Larsen sing at the Shrine Mosque. A half-hour musicale preceded the evening service in each auditorium.

Each evening meeting was preceded by 25 minutes of sacred music. Prior to the Wednesday night sermon by Arthur Graves there was a visual presentation, "We Are the River."

Morning prayer meetings were led by A. A. Wilson, Marie Brown, and E. R. Foster. Theme-for-the-day on Thursday was, "Our Movement in Dedication." Morning speakers were Philip Crouch, R. J. Carlson, and Jimmy Brown. Their subject was, "For the work of the ministry."

The Thursday night meeting was a mighty climax with a sermon by Murray McLees followed by the presentation of "A Call to the Fellowship" by Brother Zimmerman. An envelope was handed to each person at the beginning of the service. At a given time all the envelopes were opened and the people were asked to sign the document if they wished to make the significant dedication for which it called.

Gideon Bomba, superintendent of the Nyasaland Assemblies of God, was unable to reach Springfield until

Arne Vick emphasizes a point . . .



Arthur Graves gestures during his sermon . . .



Murray McLees challenges to soul winning.





The Gabriels—NCBC trumpet trio—play the offertory at the Shrine, while trumpet trios from Central Bible Institute and Evangel College play at the two other auditoriums.

the final day of the convention. His traveling papers and tickets were stolen while passing through Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, and he was forced to return to Nyasaland to await the issuance of new papers. With emergency help from the U. S. State Department and the American Consul in Salisbury, Rhodesia, Brother Bomba was able to get special papers which enabled him to make the journey. He appeared on the convention platform during the closing service in his long, crimson robe and the audience was greatly blessed by his testimony.

Several auxiliary meetings were held in conjunction with the convention. Sunday school directors spent three days in conference and district C. A. presidents also had their annual conference at this time. The Music Division sponsored special sessions for district music directors. Other groups in session were the Assemblies of God military chaplains, the presidents of nine Assemblies of God liberal arts and Bible colleges, the advisory committee for Men's Fellowship, and the national council of Light-for-the-Lost, the MF missionary arm. <<<

General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman and three former General Superintendents display the theme for Thursday. Left to right: Gayle F. Lewis, Ralph M. Riggs, Ernest S. Williams, and T. F. Zimmerman.



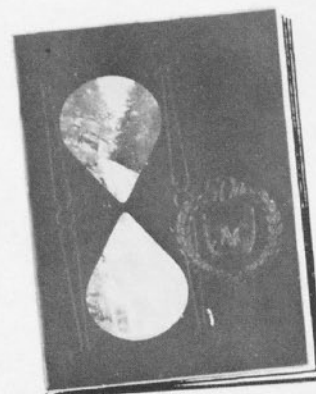
SHARING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY



MEDALLION

A round bronze medallion 1 1/4 inches in diameter, cast of heavy metal bears the official 50th anniversary symbol—shield surrounded by wreath, the large "50th," and lettering 1914-1964. The shield itself is enamel filled in blue and gold; the natural metal surfaces are antiqued to bring out the full relief of the medallion.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK



This beautiful and historic piece marks our 50th anniversary year. The cover is gold embossed with a die-cut hourglass through which shows the full color frontis-piece—a picture relating to the theme, "Like a River." The book has full colored pictures of the International Headquarters Building, chapel and lobby mural.

It contains extensive photographic coverage of the founding and growth of the Assemblies, with pictures taken at the early Pentecostal meetings. The book includes photographs of all the executive officers from the beginning, a history of the organization, and description and photographs of the many ministries of the church. Of unusual interest is the advertising section devoted to Bible schools and districts. Many of the ads are actually historical sketches which enhance the value of this 80-page book.

WORKSHOP DIGEST

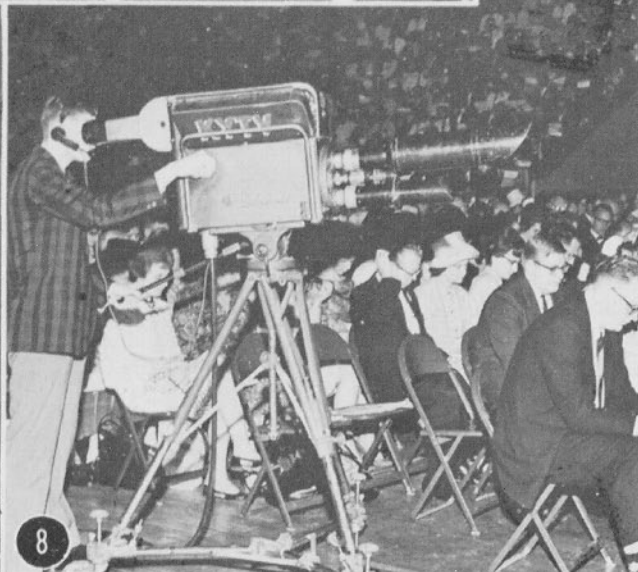
Workshop notes have been compiled in the past covering various phases of ministry, but this is the first compilation in one book of material on all phases of church life and ministry. The 112-page digest contains the heart of material presented at the 103 workshops which were conducted at the 50th anniversary convention. This digest should have a wide sphere of usefulness. Certainly it deserves a place in every church and Sunday school library; and individuals will find it a valuable addition to their personal libraries.



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1. Brother Zimmerman holds scroll of greetings from the Brazilian churches which was presented by Alcebiades Vasconcelos of Belem, Brazil.

2. Delegates register at the Shrine Mosque. (A total of 4,708 registered and it was estimated that over 10,000 different persons attended the convention.)

3-4-5. Early pioneers (F. J. Lindquist, Marie Brown, A. C. Bates) address the audience.

6. Old-timers eat lunch at the headquarters cafeteria. (Brother

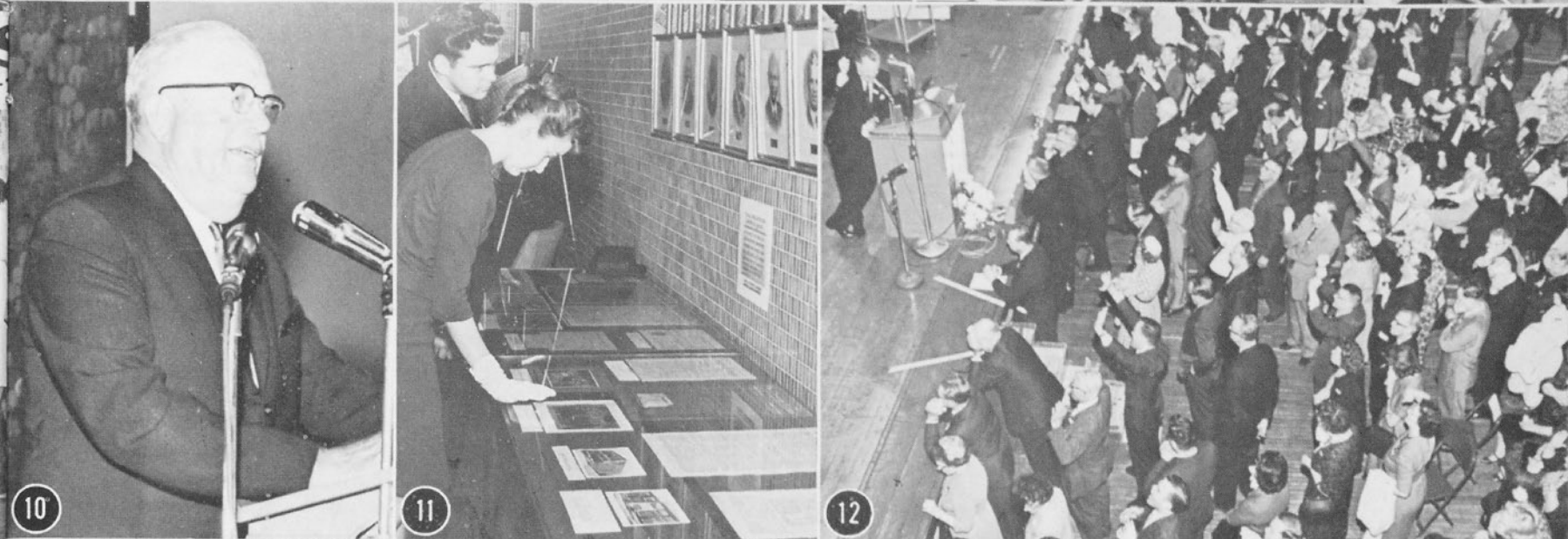
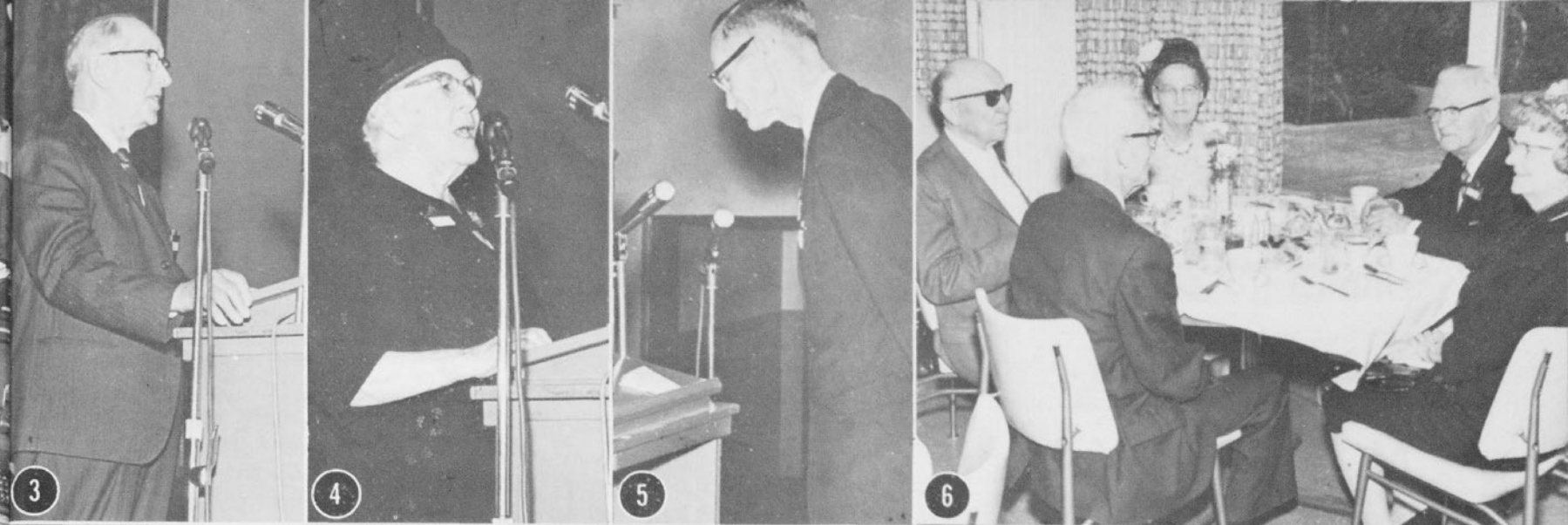
and Sister Fred Vogler at left, Brother and Sister David H. McDowell, Frank M. Boyd with back to camera.)

7. Once again Joseph P. Wannemacher of Milwaukee thrills the audience with his music.

8. TV camera follows proceedings at the Shrine Mosque.

9. H. C. Ball points to welcome sign in the lobby at national headquarters. (For many delegates this was their first visit to the new administration building and printing plant.)

10. Henry B. Garlock, veteran missionary, relates personal experiences in the interior of West Africa in the early 1920's.



11. Visitors view historical display of vintage photos and magazines 50 years old.

12. Many gather around the platform at the close of a meeting to pour out their hearts in worship, supplication, and dedication.

13. Dr. Harry Goldsmith leads workshop on "Working with Problem Families" at St. Paul's Methodist Church. (More than 170 workshop sessions were held in 49 locations.)

14-15-16. Three pastors speak on "pioneering today" (James G. Mayo, Samuel Eubanks, Danny Betzer).

17. Four officials of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada attend the anniversary convention (George Upton, Executive Director of Overseas Missions; Dr. C. M. Wortman, General Secretary-Treasurer; Tom Johnstone, General Superintendent; James Montgomery, Executive Director of Youth, Sunday School, and Men's Fellowship Departments).

18. David Roychoudhury, delegate from India, addresses the convention.

19. A giant flannelboard is used to show the ministries of national headquarters to the churches and to the world.

**JUNE
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**MAY 24, 1964
WILL NEVER
COME AGAIN!...**

Did you let it pass by unnoticed, neglecting to remember Aged Ministers' Assistance with a contribution? We can't bring the day back, but we can extend the opportunity to be of vital and practical help to old and infirm ministers, missionaries, and widows, through gifts to the fund which supplies their income.

If time could be turned back, perhaps these pioneers might be better prepared for retirement. It is not probable. Under the same circumstances they would do again as their hearts dictated the first time—giving all and taking nothing. They aren't asking for luxuries now, only the necessities of life. Surely we can give them this.

Memorial Sunday—May 24—was a special emphasis day for Aged Ministers' Assistance, and you were asked to give. The day is gone, but if you wished you might have another opportunity to give the offering you withheld, now is the chance. Your contribution may be mailed to:

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Don't Make-Believe

BY F. HELEN JARVIS

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT EACH OF us is either an unbeliever, a true believer, or a make-believer.

It is not hard to recognize the UNBELIEVER. Some have never heard the message of salvation, so cannot believe. "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14) Others are forgetful hearers. These are "like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ...and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was" (James 1:23, 24).

Many, blinded by Satan seem unable to accept the truths of the Bible even when they consider them. Some resist the truth "because their deeds are evil" (John 3:19). This present life is all-important to them, and they live for self and for the moment. Deaf to the claims of God, they are without faith (2 Thessalonians 3:2).

MAKE-BELIEVERS are not so easily discerned. They may talk about Christ and even associate with Christian people. But it is possible to have some knowledge of Christ and yet be without the faith that saves. (The devils also believe and tremble.)

I was once in this class myself. Familiar with the forms of religion from early childhood, I considered myself a Christian but there had been no real change of motive and will. I gave mental assent to the Word of God and the truths about Christ, but these were not translated into reality in my life. Neither was there any

joy of salvation or sense of peace from God. Restless and dissatisfied, I was the victim of self-deception. While claiming to follow Christ, I did not know true devotion and obedience to Christ, but clung to the world and my own selfish desires.

Then one day I responded to the challenge to know Him better. Accepting Him as my Saviour, I found for myself that "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

TRUE BELIEVERS have distinguishing marks. They live a changed life; no longer do the fashions and ambitions of this world motivate them. They have heard a higher call, and their lives reflect it. Having accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, they have been transformed and have received a witness in their own spirits that they are children of God (Romans 8:16).

Because they belong to God they want to obey Him and have accepted His challenge: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

If you are now an unbeliever, a glorious experience and a transformed life await your turning from doubt to faith in the living God. If you are only a make-believer, you may "taste and see" for yourself "that the Lord is good." Only through a personal encounter with Christ and personal submission to Him can you become a true believer. ◀◀

Blood Pressure Returns to Normal

ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 30, 1963, I began to hemorrhage badly from my nose. When our efforts to stop it failed, my son rushed me to the hospital. The doctor found my blood pressure was 280 and there was danger of a stroke at any moment. After stopping the bleeding the doctor sent me home, saying there was nothing more that he could do. But I told him my Lord would undertake for me!

In eight weeks my blood pressure dropped to 150. The doctor was amazed at the change and that there had been no complications. However, he said I would have to accept the fact that my blood pressure could not return to normal. Once again I testified that God was able to heal.

When my Sunday school teacher was praying for another woman, I believed for myself and had the assurance that God would heal me. Soon after our pastor anointed us and prayed, and I felt a witness from the Lord that the work was finished. I told my husband and we rejoiced together.

At the next checkup the doctor checked my blood pressure twice and then said, "I don't believe it!" My blood pressure is down to 120 and I am perfectly healthy and filled with praises to God.—Mrs. Theresa Fardone, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Walter R. Wilhelm, Kensington Assembly of God, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Healed of Cancer

ALTHOUGH THE DOCTORS HAD GIVEN me only six months to live, I am still alive after eight years!

About eight years ago, I was having much pain and decided to enter the Rochester Hospital in Minnesota for an examination. There the doctors told me that I had cancer of the colon and that it was in such an advanced stage they could do nothing for me. So I went home with no hope from the medical field.

But thanks be to God, I was a Christian and attended the St. Cloud Assembly of God. I went to my church, was anointed with oil and prayed for according to James 5:14, and was miraculously healed!

A confirmation of the healing took place this past year while I was in St. Cloud Hospital for a checkup. Many X rays were taken which revealed gallstones, but there was absolutely no trace of cancer. Praise the Lord!

The doctors removed the stones, and, even though I am 80 years old, I came through the operation wonderfully with no pain at all. Doctors, nurses, and relatives marveled at my quick recovery.

I took every opportunity to tell the doctors and nurses how Jesus had saved me and that if I should die I was ready to go "home." How I thank my wonderful Lord for leading me to a Pentecostal church where I was saved and healed so wonderfully. To my Saviour be all the glory!—Mrs. L. A. Steffes, St. Cloud, Minn.

(Endorsed by Pastor Martin E. Gerdes, Assembly of God, St. Cloud, Minn., who states: "Mrs. Steffes came into the church since we became pastor here over 11 years ago, and we know her testimony is true.")

Healed of Arthritis

PRAISE THE LORD, THE DAYS OF miracles are not over!

For about 10 years I suffered with arthritis, and the doctors could do nothing for me. My fingers were swollen and red, and the disease had started to bother my legs.

On November 18, 1961, I was prayed for and was healed.

I went back to my doctor who could find no trace of arthritis. And I am still healed.

Jesus has healed me many times, and I truly love Him.—Mrs. Samuel Stellman, Pontiac, Mich.

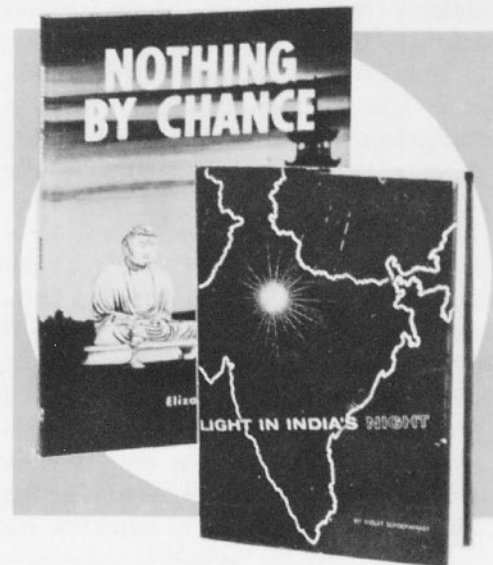
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Is double, and I pray
Thou wilt forgive transgression,
And neglect of grace today.

I failed to keep Thy law of love,
Thy will did not obey;
Had I but drawn upon Thy grace
I had not sinned today.

—Mildred Jeffery

COMPASSION

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sobbing. Then he recognized the voice of one of his finest Sunday school teachers. "Pastor, forgive me for calling you at this late hour. But my heart is so burdened for the boys in my class that I feel I can't live unless God saves them. Please pastor, please pray for them."

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Lead Your Child

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prayer, we went over God's promises just as they had seen us do with others at the altars. I encouraged them to confess Christ to others. They went immediately and told their father. He rejoiced and joined them in thanking God. Jim was five and Esther was three. They were

very young; they had much to learn; but they have dated their conversion from that time.

In leading your child to Christ use the foundation facts of the gospel as you would with any sinner, simplifying them to the level of his understanding:

- Mother and Daddy love you a great deal, but God loves you more (John 3:16).
- You are a sinner, even if you are a child (Romans 3:23).
- Jesus died to save you from your sins (John 3:16).
- You must be sorry for your sins and ask Jesus to wash you in His precious blood (1 John 1:9).
- Then you must trust Him to save you (John 1:12).
- Then you must tell others (Romans 10:9, 10).

Rejoice with him.

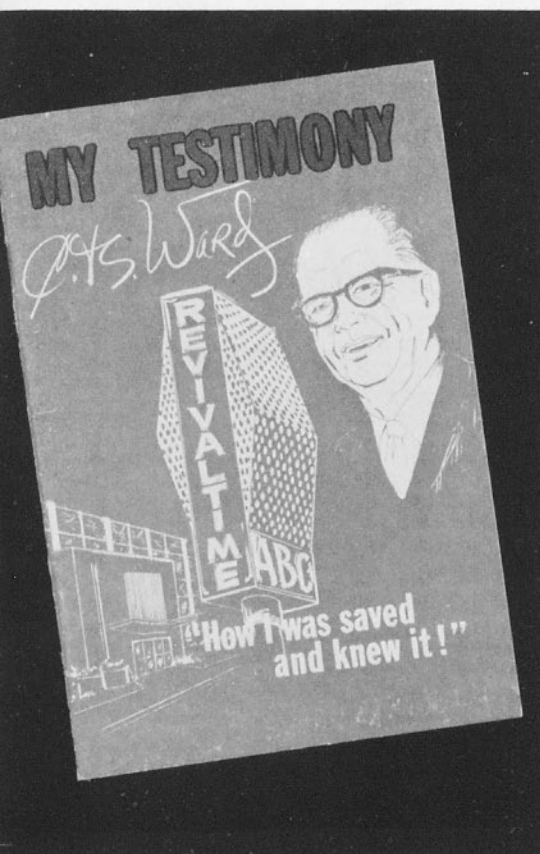
He may not manifest much emotion; it is easy and natural for children to accept the Lord just as they come to you with a need.

Help him to live a life of victory.

Because he is a child he will sometimes make mistakes on the childish level just as you make them on the adult level. Help him to understand that mistakes must be confessed and righted; but do not let him think he is not saved because he errs a little. Let the devotional life of the home and your own example encourage him into a steady and lasting life of devotion and consecration to the Lord. ◀◀

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CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Tabernacle here experienced a blessed revival during the ministry of Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. Souls were saved in nearly every service. People were healed of arthritis, deafness, impaired vision, internal and nervous disorders, and delivered from Satanic oppression. Members of many denominations attended the meetings. The sanctuary was packed on the final night when six were baptized in water and 10 received into church membership. The all-time Sunday school attendance record was broken that month.

—Richard W. Bishop, Pastor

BERWICK, PA.—A high tide of revival was experienced at the Assembly of God here during a two-week crusade with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. There were 33 saved, 33 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many refilled. Some outstanding healings took place. The attendance was excellent; the size of some of the week-night crowds equaled or surpassed that of the Sunday services.

—William Eaves, Pastor

OTTUMWA, IOWA — Large crowds attended a two-week meeting at the First Pentecostal Assembly of God here with Evangelist Spencer Weddle and family of the Arizona District. Their music,

combined with good preaching, drew the people in. The illustrated sermon especially will not soon be forgotten. Ten were saved; three reclaimed; two baptized in the Holy Spirit; and many refilled. The church benefited by Brother Weddle's morning Bible studies also.

—Stanton E. Johnson, Pastor

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Easter Sunday climaxed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. James Boettner of Holly Hill, Fla., at the First Assembly of God here. Many found Christ as Saviour, and 14 were baptized in water on the closing night. The revival was a great spiritual help to the young people.

—E. A. Manley, Pastor

MOBILE, ALA. — Night after night for three weeks the Crichton Assembly of God here witnessed the salvation of souls in a revival with the "Musical Vanns" of Toledo, Ohio. Among the 91 who came to the altar for salvation were a large number of men and entire families. There were 12 baptized in the Holy Spirit and many were refilled. The last night of the meetings, 33 were baptized in water and 32 members received into the church. A record of many years was broken on Easter with an attendance of 594.

—Clarence Cope, Pastor

MER ROUGE, LA.—Attendance was good in each of the six services with Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord at the Bonne Idee Assembly of God here. Numbers were saved, baptized in the Spirit, or healed. Sunday school attendance exceeded the goal set for it.

—Albert Cranford, Pastor

PAMPA, TEX.—The Christians were stirred by the meetings conducted March 6-19 at the Bethel Assembly of God here by Evangelist Robert V. Holland of the Georgia District. One prayer service continued until after 1 a.m. Four were filled with the Holy Spirit; two refilled; three baptized in water; 10 joined the church. All but one of these were C. A. age.

—William F. Blakley, Pastor

WASHINGTON, N. CAR.—A revival conducted at the Assembly of God here by Evangelist and Mrs. James Beam of London, Ont., Canada was outstanding in the history of the church. One was reclaimed and seven baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Robert T. Price, Pastor

OROVILLE, WASH.—The Ceylonese evangelist Lloyd Perera closed a two-week meeting at the Assembly of God here on Easter.

Several were saved, some reclaimed, and two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance reached 200. The evangelist was privileged to address both junior and senior high school students and left his personal testimony with an assembly of approximately 450 students.

—J. J. Wagner, Pastor

HARRISBURG, ARK.—In six nights of meetings with Evangelist Leroy Morgan, four were saved at the Greenfield Assembly of God here.

—Claudie Throgmartin, Pastor

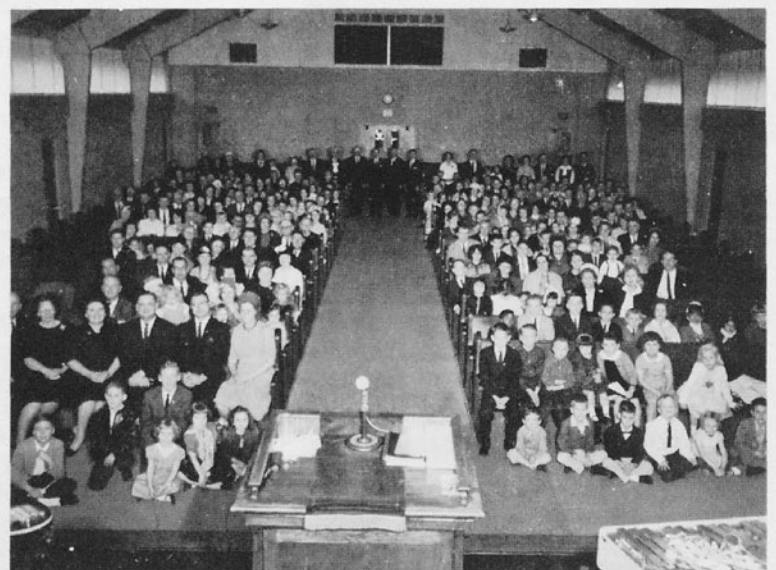
TULSA, OKLA.—An outstanding revival was held at the North Cincinnati Assembly of God here with Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick. In four weeks 37 accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and three received the Holy Spirit. Breaking a Sunday school record of 14 years, there were 251 in attendance.

—Jerry Hale, Pastor

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—God's Spirit moved in each service of a week's revival at Calvary Assembly of God here with Evangelist John W. Cannon. Twenty were saved; six were baptized in the Holy Ghost; and six united with



KENNETT, MO.—The First Assembly of God was stirred during a two-week meeting with Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman of Berlin Center, Ohio. Several were saved, and more new people attended the meeting than in any other revival in recent years. The attendance reached over 300 on the first Sunday night and the Sunday school record was broken on the second Sunday. The photo shows the Segesmans on the left and Pastor and Mrs. George Westlake on the right.



NORFOLK, VA.—Congregation of the Glad Tidings Church at one of the services during the three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest Berquist. The attendance was very good and at least 12 found Christ as their Saviour. The church has a radio broadcast three times each week to reach the people of the area. A free copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel* is offered to listeners who write in and good interest is being shown. David A. Berquist is pastor.

the church. The Sunday school attendance went from the seventies to over 100.

—W. Houston Sumrall, Pastor

LINCOLN PARK, MICH.—Bethel Assembly of God enjoyed the anointed ministry of Evangelist Harold May, Jr., of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in an Easter crusade. A number were at the altar for salvation, and a good number received the Holy Spirit.

—Seth R. Balmer, Pastor

DOVER, PA.—The Assembly of God here is praising the Lord for a two-week meeting with Evangelist T. L. Stewart of Du Bois, Pa. One came to the altar for salvation. Several received healing as the Word was preached, and others as prayer was offered for them. During the revival 94 "first-timers" attended. The average attendance for March increased 22 over last year's average.

—John H. Beamer, Pastor

PICAYUNE, MISS.—In a recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Ray Drumm of Louisiana, two were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit at the First Assembly of God here.

—Paul Wellman, Pastor

MT. PLEASANT, MICH.—Revival fires continue to burn at the Assembly of God here following a three-week revival with Evangelist Arthur Ortega. God's Spirit was outpoured in each service and young people were filled with the Holy Ghost.

—John Bishop, Pastor

CAROLINA, W. VA.—Evangelists Jim and Tammy Bakker of North Carolina ministered at the Assembly here in January with good success. Attendance was large and 30 were saved, many reclaimed, and two filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Olan Knotts, Pastor

DALLAS, TEX.—The Piedmont Assembly of God was stirred in a two-week revival with Evangelist John McDuff of Houston, Tex. A number were saved, several reclaimed, and a number refilled with the Holy Spirit. The attendance was excellent, and one night broke all records with an overflow crowd.

—William J. Pruitt, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—June 7 at Faith Assembly of God, Corpus Christi, Tex. Morning speaker, Warren J. Piersol, district secretary-treasurer and former pastor; evening speaker, T. F. Zimmer-

man. Fellowship dinner at noon. —by Douglas J. Friesen, pastor.

20TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—June 14 at South West Assembly of God, Oklahoma City, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chambers, Denver, Colo., ministering in sermon and song.—by H. H. Palmer, founder and pastor.

DEDICATION of Beechwood Assembly of God (formerly First Assembly), Vicksburg, Miss., June 7 at 2 p.m. Speakers: J. C. Burks, district superintendent, and J. O. Savelle.—by N. E. Hartshorn, pastor.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL—July 15-17 at Ukrainian Branch campgrounds (Catskill Mts.), Lanesville, N. Y. Business sessions at 9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Evening service at 7:30 with Evangelist Michael A. Kolb speaking. For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch, 9 E. Seventh St., New York, N. Y.

10003.—by Joseph J. Matolina, superintendent.

DEDICATION of new First Assembly of God, 4927 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, N. C., June 14 at 3 p.m. Speakers: Pastor Wayne Barkley and Fenton Jones, district superintendent. Former pastors urged to attend.—by Wayne D. Barkley, pastor.

10TH ANNIVERSARY of Assembly of God, Greenfield, Ind., June 14, 2:30 p.m. Speaker: C. W. Syler, former pastor and founder. Special services each night through the 21st.—by James E. Rowell, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

ROY EUGENE TINSLEY, 57, of Henderson, Ky., went to meet his Lord and Master March 15. He was licensed in 1963 with the Kentucky District but just before his death, he had transferred his credentials to the Indiana District where he had become pastor of

Bethel Assembly in Princeton, Ind. Survivors include his wife Meda.

JOSEPH NOSCHES, 63, of Long Beach, Calif., fell asleep in Jesus April 8. He was ordained by the Southern California District in 1962 and pastored a church in Long Beach. Survivors include his wife Mary and two children.

T. J. WHITEHEAD, 52, of Slocumb, Ala., went to his eternal reward February 23. Ordained in 1956 he pastored in Joaquin, and Grapeland, Tex.; Stonewall, Miss.; Arcadia, and Noma, Fla.; Charleston, S. C.; and Phenix City, Ala. He was affiliated with the Alabama District. Survivors include his wife Margie and two children.

CARSON MARPLE, 49, of Deerfield, Ohio, went to be with Jesus February 20 following a heart attack. He had served as a licensed minister since 1959 in the Ohio District. Survivors include his wife and five children.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Anniston	First	June 8-14	B. R. Minton	Cortez Frazier
	East Brewton	First	June 7-14	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	L. N. Smith
Ariz.	San Carlos	Apache	June 14-19	James Brankel	F. Wm. Olson
	Tucson	First	June 14—	Glen & Fathie Shinn	L. G. Gilmore
Calif.	Bakersfield	Glad Tidings	June 7-12	Christian Hild	Walter M. Barnard
	Barstow	First	June 7-14	Burl W. McAlister	Gary Nash
	Fresno	Clinton Avenue	June 9-21	Gary L. Archer	Earl T. Hunt
	Modesto	South A/G	June 14-19	Dave & Sherry Harrison	C. S. O'Shields
D. C.	Washington	Bethel Pent. Tab.	June 14-28	George W. Hunter	J. Renton Hunter
Del.	New Castle	Minquadale	June 2-14	Duane M. Wessman	Barry R. Reichard
Ga.	Albany	*Faith Temple	June 7-21	Shelvey Holland	Inez R. LaGrone
	Atlanta	Riverside	June 9—	Nettie Parham	Donald Merritt
Ill.	Atlanta	A/G	June 2-21	Cox-Brown Team	Edward Cunningham
	Marriss	**Peach Chapel	June 8-14	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Elmer Powell
Ind.	Blanford	**A/G	June 8-12	Marie Smith	Herbert Neal
	New Albany	First	June 8-12	Dedelow-Friederici Team	J. Haskell Woolridge
	Fort Wayne	**A/G	June 9-14	Paul Hild	D. F. Leader
Iowa	Oskaloosa	**A/G	June 8-14	Knouse-Stovall Team	Max Johnson
	Ottumwa	Benton Street	June 9-21	Bob & Joan Brantley	Clifford Cannon
	Sioux City	First	June 7-19	Victor Etienne	K. D. Baker
Kans.	Iola	**First	June 8-14	Lula M. Ware	Don West
	Salina	First	June 7-14	Donnell-Holler Team	Fred Prathers
La.	Vinton	Sabine	June 14-28	Ansley Orfila	Melvin Dowers
Mass.	Everett	Glad Tidings Tab.	June 4-14	William Caldwell	Paul Ridings
Mich.	Ontonagon	A/G	June 9-21	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Frank E. Sarbo
Minn.	St. Paul	South St. Paul	June 10-21	Wilburn H. Fisher	Lawrence R. Mather
Mo.	DeSoto	First	June 8-21	Robert Holland	R. S. McGarity
	Marshall	**A/G	June 1-7	Bob & Joan Brantley	Warren LaRose
	Neosho	A/G	June 10-21	Wesley F. Morton	Daniel C. Branham
N. J.	Trenton	**First	June 14-19	Dave & Pat Johnson	John Paproski
N. C.	Fayetteville	Calvary	June 10-15	Ernie Eskelin	Gardner Altman
Okla.	Comanche	First	June 7-21	S. B. Douglass	J. W. Thomison
Oreg.	Lebanon	**A/G	June 8-14	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	H. D. Robeson
	Merlin	*A/G	June 8-21	Calvin Thomas	Forest E. Hill
Pa.	Dillsburg	A/G	June 9-21	John Higginbotham	Frederick Bennett
	Franklin	A/G	June 3-14	Ralph A. Creider	George S. DeFoggi
Tex.	Waxahachie	**University Ass.	June 8-12	Billy & Kathy Long	Joe W. Adams
Wash.	Auburn	**A/G	June 7-19	Lowell & Andrea Wood	James Nicholson
	Seattle	Faith Temple	June 9-14	Tanner Team	James T. Hamann
W. Va.	Chapmanville	A/G	June 14—	James & Mrs. West	B. E. Hicks
	Petersburg	Faith	June 16-28	Jim & Tammy Bakker	R. D. Smith
Wis.	Beloit	A/G	June 3-14	Arthur & Anna Berg	Harley W. Olson
	Viroqua	A/G	June 10-21	Jerry Spain	Donald R. Filbeck
Wyo.	Powell	A/G	June 14-26	Charles Senechal	R. M. Savage
Bahamas	Nassau	Evan. Temple	June 7-14	J. Bashford Bishop	Stephen Vandermerwe

*Children's Revival—First Week

**Children's Revival

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BY JIM GRAMS

I COULD NOT DO WITHOUT MY PSYCHIATRIST. IN A DAY when mental collapses are multiplying and nervous breakdowns have grown common, I need this source of help.

It would be foolish for any of us to ignore the mental stresses that millions are feeling every day. The problem has jumped church walls and even so-called "spiritual giants" are unable to cope with the modern dilemma.

The problems are real. Never before have we had so much to do, and so many things to demand our thought. Wrong decisions, combined with the faster pace of life, tempt people to "try anything" to get relief. Makers of aspirin and sleeping pills are doing a booming business!

Competition in the business world causes minds to snap. Pressures of modern society become too great. On top of it all, Satan adds the sin problem. People live with their guilt until depression and fears affect once strong and healthy minds.

Psychiatrists offer an answer. The psychiatric centers are being overrun with people looking for an "escape." Treatments and tranquilizers have soothed and helped temporarily, but the problem continues to grow. Sad to say, Christians have not been exempt; and how can they fulfill their obligation to the Great Commission if they are not able to overcome the problems of this world?

I visit with a psychiatrist every morning. He never fails to keep his appointment, nor does he ever run out of time when I have an extra large problem to unburden. He takes a personal interest in me and in all my problems.

I find he can give me the answers that solve the problems. I would like to share with you this greatest of all psychiatrists, my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

On my last visit He showed me a passage in the Bible that goes like this: "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:5, 6). He pointed out the danger in letting one's thoughts dwell on the things of this world and desiring the pleasures of this life to any considerable degree. Then, with a gentle voice, He told me of the genuine peace I can have by considering the Scriptures

each day and taking time to commune with my Father.

Peace of mind! What a blessing to know that God cares and that He is always with me. How good it is to take all my problems to Him in prayer and to trust Him to find the solutions that elude me!

My entire life has been transformed by this mighty Saviour. Depression and fears are gone since I trusted in Him. My guilt is gone for He has forgiven all my sins. My worries are gone for I know my future is in His hands. My mind is free and my heart is light. I have "joy and peace in believing." Edward H. Bickersteth's hymn describes it so accurately:

"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.
Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus—this is rest.
Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.
Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.
Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.
Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.
It is enough, earth's struggles soon shall cease,
And Jesus will call us to heaven's perfect peace."



Visiting the Psychiatrist