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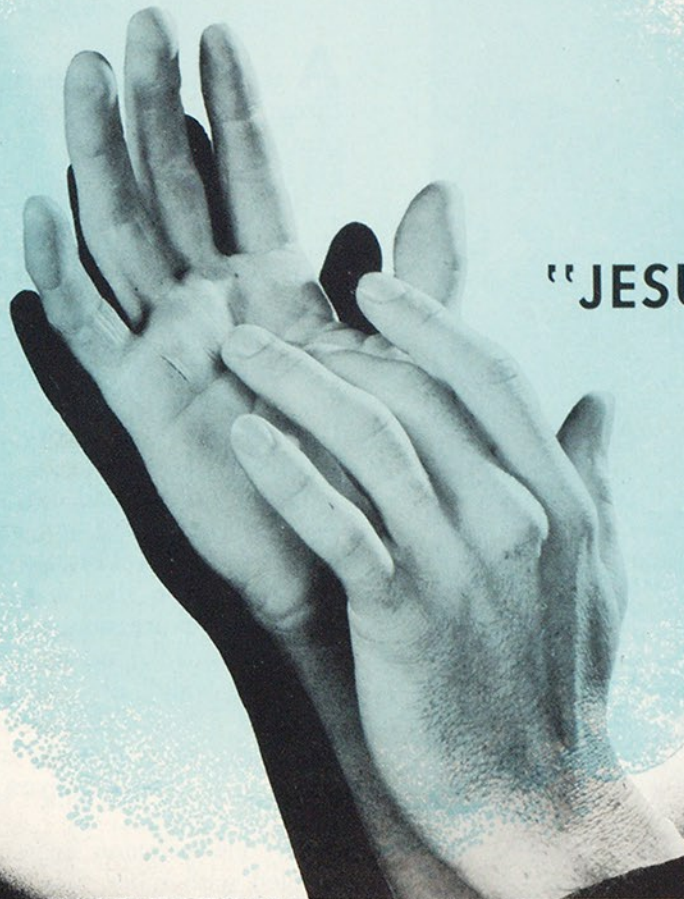
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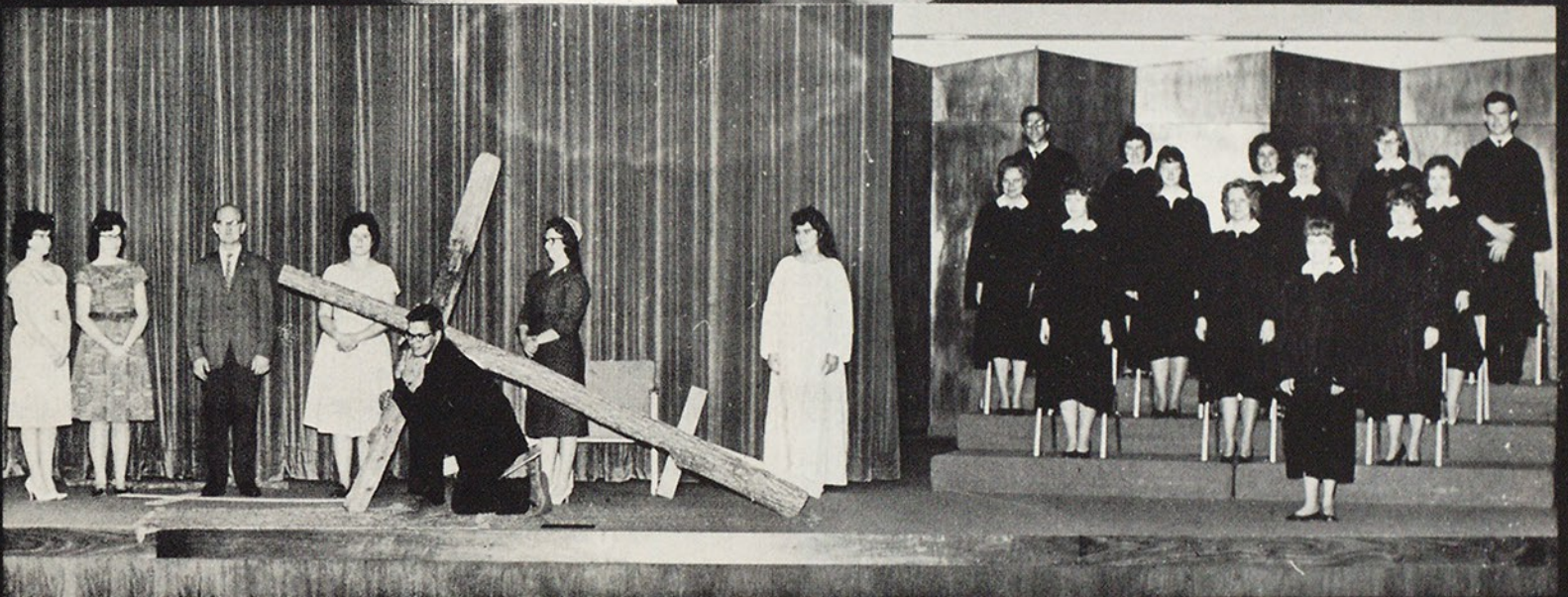
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THE DEAF SHALL KNOW —



"JESUS"



Deaf delegates present a skit during the Deaf Convention at Springfield, assisted by a choir made up of students in the Sign Language classes at Central Bible Institute. Read the story of the convention and the deaf ministry on pages 10 and 11.



# CALLED

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says it just means "to be absent from the

**A** MAN WHO WAS FAR FROM HOME BECAME VERY TIRED through several hours of hard work. He was suffering pain in his back. Life had brought him disappointment, grief, and sorrow. He lay down and went to sleep.

When he awoke he was at home, surrounded by those he loved and who loved him. His pain had gone. His disappointments were all explained. His grief and sorrow were swallowed up in joy.

Would you consider this a frightening experience? Yet it is the New Testament picture of what death means for a Christian. We are said to fall asleep in Christ. Paul speaks of those who "sleep in Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

When Lazarus had died, Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep" (John 11:11). So we are correct in saying that Christians who die "have fallen asleep in Christ."

Another expression we use for a Christian's death is "called Home." Paul tells us that those who are "absent from the body" are "at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8, A.S.V.). What a happy discovery this is! There is a love of home in every human heart. In fact, home is an essential part of our happiness. It means so much to us.

On one occasion when Principal Rainy was being assailed with more than usual malignity, a friend asked how he could go on under it so quietly. "Oh, man," replied Dr. Rainy, "I'm happy at home."

We recall many happy associations of the word "home." When we realize that after death we shall be at home with the Lord, what is for some an unpleasant anticipation of the unknown becomes for us a blessed prospect.

At present we have our work to do. Every day we serve the Lord we are so soon to meet. This labor often involves pain and suffering. Sometimes there is disappointment. God's happy home seems far away. But when our work is done we shall go Home, and there we shall find rest. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13). To those who have known the rigors of toil this is one of the most appealing aspects of the life beyond the grave.

Dr. Harry Ironside gave us his own happy outlook: "It is a wonderful thing to grow old in Christ. Personally, I rejoice in every year that goes by. People

# HOME

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BY GORDON CHILVERS

say sometimes, 'I don't like getting old.' To be perfectly frank, I do, because I feel that every passing year is bringing me nearer the glory land; every passing year is bringing me nearer the time when I shall see the face of Him who loved me and gave Himself for me. Then too, every passing year means just so much less conflict with the world, the flesh and the devil, and you know the Christian life is a conflict. How many temptations we have had to face! At times we have yielded, and other times through grace we have been enabled to overcome, but what a wonderful thing it will be when there is no more conflict and no possibility of failure!"

In the Lord our rest is complete, for He is the soul's true rest. In the well-known words of Augustine: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our heart finds no rest until it rests in Thee."

Our sorrows will all have gone. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

In the world we meet those who are uncharitable or unkind to us. At home it is different. We are with those we love and those who love us. At home our love is accepted and returned. We are understood. What we do is appreciated. In our *heavenly* home we shall know what love really means. There we shall know no unkind words, no unfriendly looks. Never will an uncharitable interpretation be put on well-meant actions. We shall know the love of God in a way which is beyond our comprehension now.

"God is love," we read, and our hearts thrill with the words. That sentence gives us two facts. It tells us what God is and it tells us what love is. The depth of the love which gave Jesus Christ for our redemption we cannot fathom now. Sin blinds our eyes and hardens our hearts to the wonder of redeeming love. When we get Home we shall be purged from that sin, and we shall learn the meaning of the love of God for the first time. We shall bask in the sunshine of God's love and there will never be an unfriendly cloud in our sky.

How can we describe the perfect fellowship of our heavenly home? On earth we taste it in the joy of fellowship with other Christians. How encouraging and invigorating it can be! Life takes on a different hue as we move onward from such happy experiences. In heav-

such fellowship will be perfect. We shall know with the fullest knowledge, even as we are known (1 Corinthians 13:12). There will be no sin to spoil it.

What is more, there will be perfect fellowship with our Father and with our Saviour. Here on earth we have it in part, but then it will be complete. In the words of Dean Farrar: "Christ is indeed with us here and always; but the nearness of His presence and the clearness of vision in that future life will be so much closer and brighter, that here, by comparison, we are absent from Him altogether."

At the moment His presence sustains us in our trials. Then we shall be unrestricted in our communion with our Lord. As C. H. Spurgeon put it: "Here we do speak with Him, but it is by faith through the Spirit of God. In the glory land we shall actually speak to Him in His immediate presence, hear His voice while He personally speaks to us." No cloud will arise to obscure our Saviour's face. We shall enter on that unclouded fellowship with God which is not disturbed by guilt or fear, or limited by human failure and the frustrations of earth.

Catherine Marsh, in a letter to Mr. Gladstone, wrote of her visit to a dying friend, Caroline Macnaghten: "As I went into her room early in the morning of the last day she spent on earth, she said with a quiet rapture of tone and countenance, 'Before nightfall I shall be with the Lord Jesus, I shall see the King in His beauty . . . .' With her pleasant smile she added: 'My Saviour is lifting me over the narrow line which divides me from His living glorious Presence.'"

When we are at home we do not feel the insecurity that often attacks us in business. There is mutual trust. There may not be luxury, but we are perfectly secure in the love of those with whom we live. The security of our *heavenly* home will be complete. There will be no wicked people to tempt us there; no evil spirits, evil thoughts, or evil influences to tempt us—not even our own evil hearts. All danger will be gone. There will be no one there in whom we cannot place the fullest trust.

When Principal Rainy was dying he said to a friend who had just prayed with him: "That helps me. It is good to have another's experience of the same thing—of the love of God. I wonder at the love of God to me, as He has shown it all my life." Then he added: "And I believe that, notwithstanding all my shortcomings, I am not shut out, but—shut in."

How comforting is this word of Paul that we shall be at home with the Lord! Dr. A. T. Robertson summed up the situation in these words: "Paul has a heavenly homesickness. He feels in a sense absent from the Lord. He is away from home; and gracious as are the wonderful glimpses of the face of Christ which he has here, they will be far surpassed by the constant presence with Jesus in heaven. He is thinking of what it will be to be at home with the Lord, to sit at the feet of Jesus, and look Him in the face to his heart's content, that wondrous face which looked on him on the Damascus road."

We are going home. We shall reach it either through the return of our Lord or through falling asleep in Christ. Either way we shall be "for ever with the Lord" who loves us and gave Himself for us. ◀◀

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Keep Sweet

The phrase, "Keep sweet," will not be found in the Bible, but it certainly is a scriptural motto. Again and again the Word of God warns us against being bitter in spirit. We are told to *watch diligently* "lest any root of bitterness spring up" to spoil our joy (Hebrews 12:15).

Sometimes it's not easy to keep sweet. Problems arise in everyone's life. There are annoying circumstances. There are disappointments and sorrows. Unless we keep filled with the Holy Spirit our spirits grow dark, depressed, discouraged. We lose our smile and our song; and how can we "adorn the gospel of Christ" with an ugly disposition?

This gospel is "good tidings of great joy" and the Lord wants us to be living advertisements of this fact. The world is looking for happiness. If you can't sing, perhaps you can whistle. If you can't whistle, at least you can smile. You can prove to a skeptical world that Christ can give joy in every circumstance of life.

Keep sweet at your daily work. Never mind what others may do. They may aggravate you by their carelessness and selfishness. They may even try to take advantage of your good nature. Just be patient. Don't let them rob you of that inner peace and poise. Keep sweet. Keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus—and He will cause everything to work together for your eternal good and for His eternal glory.

Keep sweet in your stand for the right. You will find yourself unpopular when you refuse to go along with the crowd. They may call you "narrow" and "queer." These things hurt. But all that will live godly and oppose the wrong will feel the chill of ostracism and the lash of tongues to some extent. Just be glad you have the opportunity to suffer a bit for Him "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again." Souls are not won by bitter words but by strong, patient, loving spirits who can keep sweet when the pressure is on.

Keep sweet in the home. It is in the grind of daily living that spirits clash and nerves grow tense. When strain comes, let the song of the Lord rise up in your soul. Remember what the Bible says about domestic happiness: "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Colossians 4:19). "The frost of a bitter spirit will kill love's fairest blooms."

Keep sweet when sorrow comes. Even the loss of a loved one must never rob us of that sweet sense of God's great love.

When a certain Christian continued to grieve over his bereavement, and refused to be comforted after many months had passed, a wise and tender pastor said to him, "Haven't you forgiven God yet?" Don't give place to bitterness. Count your many blessings and remember that the Lord does all things well.

Whatever happens, keep glad at heart. Keep yourself in the love of God. Feed your mind upon the written Word which will be "sweeter than honey" to your soul.

The Bible says, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31, 32). It is easier to be sweet to others when we remember how gracious the Lord has been to us.

—R.C.C.



# SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS

BY ANNE  
SANDBERG

**If we faithfully pray "for all saints," out of the general body of Christians there will emerge spiritual men and women who will be head and shoulders above mediocrity.**

**T**WO VERY SIGNIFICANT PHRASES NESTLE ALMOST OBSCURELY in their contexts because they connote, to many Christians, a meaning other than intended.

Most Christians are familiar with Romans 8:26—"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Before they proceed to the next verse, and even after reading it, many have already formed a mental image of a Christian travailing in prayer for the unsaved. For they generally associate this with Isaiah 66:8—"As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

And so when they read Romans 8:27, "He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God . . .," they slur over the phrase which clearly distinguishes the Spirit's intended object of intercession; namely, "*for the saints.*"

Are you surprised? Have you always thought it read "for the *sinner*"?

Ephesians 6:18 is another well-known verse, which through years of associating intercessory prayer with a burden for sinners is also construed as referring primarily to them. Yet it clearly specifies, "Praying . . . with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication *for all saints.*"

Obviously, the Holy Spirit is deeply concerned about an area which in this generation is receiving tragically inadequate emphasis; for He Himself takes up the burden of prayer *within* the yielded Christian.

What then is the will of God which evokes from His Spirit such intense burden of prayer? It is this—"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be *conformed to the image of his Son*" (v. 29).

Now the picture comes into focus. Here is the Heavenly Father, longing that His Spirit-born child shall become like Himself—not superficially, in the barest aspects of His holiness, merely separated from the sins and pleasures of the world; but, like God in His divine personality and being. The cry of Paul the apostle also bears the same implication, "My little children, of whom

I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Galatians 4:19).

How proud is the earthly father to see in his son a veritable duplicate of his own appearance! But he does not rejoice with a sense of completion, for he is aware of the need to bring that son into maturity—not only physical but also emotional, mental, and spiritual maturity—to fulfill his highest potential.

With God, the analogy is the same. Our Heavenly Father is indeed happy when through the new birth a sinner first receives status as His son and heir, then becomes active in the work of His kingdom. But these are only the beginning steps of childhood. There is maturity ahead. There are depths beyond.

The Book of Ephesians speaks throughout of God's high purpose for His children: "That we should be holy and without blame before him in love"; "that we henceforth be no more children"; "that we grow up unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." No wonder then, for the attainment of such lofty aims, that the apostle exhorts intense supplication "for all *saints.*"

It may seem a waste of time to pray for the great majority of Christians who seem content with God's barest minimums. Nevertheless, the fire of prayer will keep them at least warm enough to finally attain heaven.

But the hopeful aspect of prayer "for all saints" is that out of the general body of Christians will emerge men and women who will be head and shoulders above mediocrity. These are the ones who will make an impact on the world.

But how scarce they are becoming! Look about you—your friends, your church, yourself. How many do you see who resemble the pattern of the fully mature Christian whom God longs for? How many are there who, having defeated self and Satan in their own lives, are able to now pray others through into the same victories?

Is not one reason for the scarcity of spiritual giants in the Church the fact that not enough attention has been paid to their development? When is the last time you prayed for the "saints"?

If you will observe the prayer requests given in your  
(Continued on page twenty-one)

# Programmed Learning in Latin America

BY LOREN TRIPLETT, MISSIONARY TO NICARAGUA

**T**HE BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER ON THE MISSION FIELD has a unique problem. As he becomes acquainted with the new freshman class each year, he finds that some of the students have had very little formal education while others have been well educated. He faces the task of effectively bridging the gap between the educated and the uneducated.

*Programmed Learning* (the concept employed in the so-called "Teaching Machines") may be the answer. Since 1958 this educational technique has been revolutionizing secular education in the United States and it is beginning to find a place in religious circles. Under this plan subject matter is given to the student in small units called frames. He must respond to each unit in some way—either by completing a sentence, working a problem, or answering a question. As he completes each unit he immediately checks his answer. He corrects his responses while at the same time he progresses toward more complex material.

In many instances students using this technique have learned material in half the time required by conventional methods.

Our Church School Literature Department has successfully used Programmed Learning for both the teen and junior levels. The accompanying example from the *Teen Student* quarterly shows how the system works.

Although *Programmed Learning* is being used extensively in the United States it has been employed in only a few foreign countries. Assemblies of God missions lead-

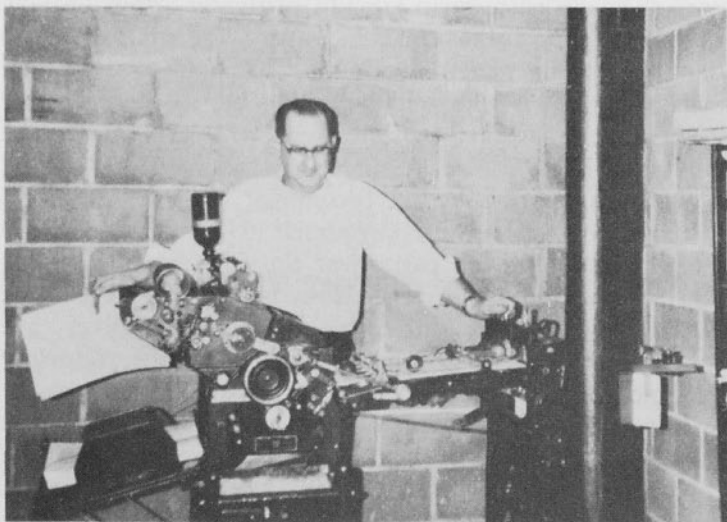
ers, believing this concept may be the answer to some of their educational problems, are introducing this technique in the Bible schools of Latin America. If it succeeds here it may be used in other fields.

Events leading to testing the program in Latin America are unusual. In 1958 Ward Williams, dean of Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., visited Cuba. There he worked with the Bible school faculty and helped them study the school's problems. About four years later Mrs. Louise Walker, Latin America Bible school coordinator, sat under the teaching of Dr. Williams where she was introduced to *Programmed Learning*. During this course Dr. Williams suggested to Mrs. Walker that *Programmed Learning* might help solve some of Latin America's educational problems.

About the same time, Field Secretary Melvin Hodges was in South America. Unable to sleep one night he picked up a *Reader's Digest* and read an account of the success and acceptance of *Programmed Learning* in the United States. The article concluded by stating that perhaps one of its greatest uses would be in underdeveloped nations. Brother Hodges wrote to Sister Walker about his interest in using the program in Latin America.

Latins were first introduced to the concept at the Central America Bible Institute Seminar in Nicaragua in February, 1963. Interest was so spontaneous and enthusiastic that Brother Hodges decided to proceed with the project immediately.

The writer of this article, on furlough from Nicaragua,



Pastor S. K. Biffle, First Assembly in Lincoln, Nebr., offered to print the pilot course for Latin America's programmed learning project, using the church offset press. Right: Volunteers assisted him in preparing the 2,000 copies needed.





First-year class of Spanish Assemblies of God Bible Institute (Miami, Fla.) studies new programmed learning course under Hilda Roman's guidance.

visited First Assembly of God in Lincoln, Nebr. While there he told Pastor S. K. Biffle of the interest in using *Programmed Learning* in Latin America. Pastor Biffle offered to assist by printing the first program on the church offset press. Sister Walker was informed of Brother Biffle's offer and she immediately began working on the manuscript for a pilot course. Her aim was to have it printed in time to take it with her to the international conferences of seven South American countries. Since she was soon to leave for South America there was no time to waste. In a little over four weeks the program—an introduction to the Bible for new converts—was ready for the press.

About fifty people assisted Brother Biffle in preparing the 2,000 copies needed. Several churches of the Southeast section offered financial assistance. Bethel Assembly C.A.'s of Omaha and their pastor, Kenneth Wray, gave \$100. This church also sent two carloads of young people to help assemble the sheets. Some of the workers stayed up far into the nights in order to finish the book, so it was ready to be dedicated the following Sunday.

On Monday the books were loaded into a station wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Irl Everett, members of Lincoln's First Assembly, took them the 350 miles to Springfield, Mo. Two days later Sister Walker left for South America to present the project to the conference in session.

This course is now being tested in several Latin American countries and will serve as a foundation for later programs in Spanish. In the meantime we are preparing a second program.

*Programmed Learning*, by bridging the educational gap and allowing all students to learn faster, will enable Latin American Bible schools to produce more highly educated students. It should then be easier to find qualified teachers for the Bible schools and all the workers will be better fitted for whatever ministry the Lord gives them. ◀◀

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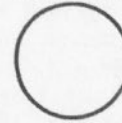
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**Programmed Learning Example from TEEN STUDENT**

This is a circle:



Where does it begin?

**It has no beginning.**

God is like that circle because He has no beginning or end. He is; He always has been; and He always will be. God is like a circle because .....

**He has neither beginning nor ending.**

Without beginning or ending, God does not grow old. He has no clocks. And since He is eternal life and is also the Source of eternal life, He has promised to give ..... to all who believe on Him.

**Eternal life**

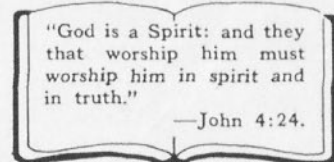
God is not only the source of eternal life; He is also the ..... of all things.

**Source**

God is beyond our human understanding. If God could be ..... by men, then He would no longer be God.

**Understood**

The Bible says:



Circle the word which shows what God is.

**"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."**

—John 4:24.

This means that God is a spiritual being—not one with flesh and bones such as you have. We do not know what God looks like for God does not want us to know this. Why do we not know what God looks like? .....

Lessons based on this principle are now used in Latin American Bible schools.

# Out of the Paw of the Lion

BY MORRIS WILLIAMS, MISSIONARY TO NYASALAND

*Gideon Bomba, now superintendent of the Nyasaland Assemblies of God, was one of the international delegates to the recent 50th anniversary convention in Springfield, Missouri. Thousands who attended took special interest in him because of unforeseen problems he encountered in getting to the convention. After his passport and air ticket were stolen in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, he was delayed while emergency papers were prepared. Further delays came when he missed connections in New York and St. Louis. He arrived in Springfield only in time for the last day of the historic meeting. However, the coming of this capable African proved well worthwhile both for the people present at the convention and for the American churches in which he ministered before returning to his own country. His humble and wide-eyed amazement at seeing America for the first time, his deep spiritual insight, anointed ministry, and warm, disarming personality endeared him to everyone he met.*

**H**E COULDN'T SEE THEM, BUT HE knew they were there. At first he thought he was hearing things, but then he *knew*. There was no mistaking the guttural cough of the lions; he froze on the Mozambique path in sheer terror! Then he saw them—five in all—with the big black-maned one

so near it seemed he could have reached out and touched him with his *knobkerrie!*

Gideon Bomba will never forget that day, though he was only 14 years old when it happened. He remembers it as one of the three times in his life when death would have swallowed

him up had not an angel of God snatched him back from the brink of the grave. Why did God keep Gideon Bomba alive?

I am convinced God kept Gideon alive for the wonderful witness he would later bear to the transforming power of God in a heathen man's life



T. F. Zimmerman presents a commemorative plaque to Gideon Bomba in the final service of the 50th Anniversary Convention.

—for the eternal benefit of men and women who have found Christ through his testimony; for the many young men he has encouraged to enter the ministry; for the churches he has built; for the classes he has taught in Bible school; for the tremendous inspiration and help he has been to the missionaries; for the counsel and advice he has given to the Assemblies of God in Central Africa; for his present invaluable ministry and leadership as superintendent of the Nyasaland Field. Snatched back for what? Surely he was snatched back from death for the work of God—for us, for the Africans, and for the missionaries who depend upon him.

Gideon Bomba is a black saint. His character and courage set him apart: an unselfish, Christ-centered African whose sole objective in life is to please the Lord who redeemed him. Every step in the development of the Nyasa-

land Field has been made with his able assistance. Evangelization, organization, translating, teaching, church building—Gideon has had his willing hand in it all, and at no time has his spiritual stature been so evident as in the last two years when the National Church has taken over the full leadership of the work in Nyasaland.

I believe that Gideon Bomba is God's gift to His church in Nyasaland. That is why I firmly believe that God was with that 14-year-old heathen boy the day he lifted his *knobkerrie* in desperation and frantic fury—lifted it and brought it down three times on the nose of an angry lion. And what did the lion do? Unaccountably it turned and with its companions melted into the forest, leaving behind an African lad whose bones and brain gave way as he tried to climb the nearest tree only to fall at its foot in a dead faint! ◀◀



## CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### GIVING FOR THE FUTURE

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL percentage, the total foreign missions giving of the Assemblies of God is designated. We always respect the wishes of the donor who earmarks his offering for certain persons or projects. This has great strength in any foreign missions program, but it also has some weaknesses. The chief one is that in today's fast-changing world not enough funds are left undesignated, mobile, to be used strategically as needed.

A financial source which helps alleviate this lack is legacies and estates. We are glad to report that an increasing number of friends are making the Foreign Missions Department a beneficiary in their wills. In the past few years some of these bequests have matured at times when we were facing particularly strategic opportunities without adequate funds to meet them.

This summer we are dedicating a new building in the city of Dakar, capital of Senegal, West Africa. Some time ago the Lord directed one of His servants to will her estate to this work. Surprisingly enough, just when the city was open and ready to be entered, the estate matured and the funds were ready to help the project.

The Foreign Missions Department also sponsors a revolving loan fund which makes small loans available to congregations overseas for the purchase of building sites and the erection of church buildings. This fund has grown remarkably and is now near the \$200,000 mark. A large portion of this money has come from legacies of various sizes.

It is part of the Christian attitude to look calmly and with faith into the future. Persons whom God has allowed to amass a measure of wealth may continue to serve the world even after the Lord has promoted them into His presence. We are happy to correspond with individuals who desire to leave their estates to some phase of foreign missions ministry.

## What You Can Do for LATIN AMERICA

THE FIRST "OUTREACH ISSUE" OF our Spanish magazine called *Poder* is off the press, 300,000 copies strong. A million would have been better—but we had to consider the cost.

*Poder* is a monthly gospel publication produced by our Spanish Literature Division at Springfield, Mo. Its usual circulation is 9,000. The special outreach issue was prepared not only for the regular subscribers but also for use as a powerful tool of evangelism to be distributed as widely as possible.

But there is a snag in the plan. The magazines are printed and 220,000 have already been sent out with funds provided by Light-for-the-Lost. But the remaining 80,000 are still on hand—for sheer lack of funds with which to send them out. Help is needed to get them on their way.

It is impossible to explain with a few lines of ink on paper the importance of speeding these magazines to their target. But the following facts may help make the message clear to you:

- Every 24 hours thousands are learning to read in Latin America.
- Only 6 per cent of all Protestant

literature in Spanish is slanted toward the unsaved.

- This issue of *Poder* is slanted to reach the lost in Latin America.
- It also introduces the work of the Assemblies of God.
- There are more than one million believers in our Assemblies of God churches in Latin America who will help distribute all the literature we can send them.
- Our missionaries are begging for more copies for free distribution because they know what this issue could do for their people.

*How would you like to send a bundle (or two or three bundles) to a hardworking missionary on some Spanish-speaking mission field? You can do it quite easily.*

- \$ 3 will provide 100 copies
- 10 will provide 325 copies
- 30 will provide 1,000 copies
- 100 will provide 3,500 copies

Don't send only a hundred copies if you can afford a thousand!

Your help should be sent to: Foreign Missions Department, Spanish Literature—*Poder* Outreach, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Delegates to the deaf convention chatted in the lobby of the Assemblies of God international headquarters building before the banquet.

# The Deaf Shall Know

(Theme of the 1964 biennial Assemblies of God Deaf Convention)

BY MAXINE STROBRIDGE

Representative for the Deaf and Blind Ministries

**T**HE HEART'S CRY OF EVERY PERSON who attended the 1964 Assemblies of God deaf convention is that the deaf shall know Jesus Christ. Ways and means of reaping the ripened harvest of deaf souls were discussed by ministers and laymen.

Assemblies of God ministry among the deaf has sprung from small beginnings. With the exception of a few pioneer works little was done until 1948. In that year Central Bible Institute began a sign language class. At present sign language classes for hearing students are part of the curriculum

of the following Assemblies of God Bible schools: Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.; North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn.; Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.; and South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla. From these sign language classes come most of our missionaries to the deaf. How we praise God for His blessings upon these ministers and also the 50 lay workers who are now ministering in 93 cities in the United States. There are still 26 states, however, without an As-



The people who attended the deaf convention in Springfield, Mo., presented Maxine Strobridge with a gardenia corsage and \$90. Here, after pinning on the corsage, Fred Watterson expresses the deaf's appreciation of Sister Strobridge's work.

semblies of God minister to the deaf.

Recently a sign language book, *Talk to the Deaf*, was prepared by Lottie Riekehof, sign language instructor at Central Bible Institute. This book, containing more than 1,000 descriptions of the signs and 700 line drawings of the signs, is available for \$4.95 from the Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

In 1953 the Assemblies of God Deaf Fellowship was formed as a division of the Home Missions Department. Gayle F. Lewis, assistant general superintendent, is the executive director of the Home Missions Department. Brother and Sister Lewis were honored at the Saturday evening deaf convention banquet with the presentation of a four-foot cake in appreciation of their help in establishing the deaf ministry.

Since 1955 a representative, who is a minister to the deaf and fluent in the sign language, has devoted full time to helping the workers and strengthening the over-all program. This national representative was also honored at the convention with a corsage and a gift of money from the deaf present at the convention.

Activities of Assemblies of God ministers to the deaf and deaf groups are varied. Several deaf groups have organized Women's Missionary Councils and Men's Fellowship groups. Some of the workers conduct Bible story hours in the state schools for the deaf. One worker, in addition to other ministries, goes regularly to the home for the aged deaf in his area. One couple ministers each month to retarded deaf persons in a state institution. Sectional rallies are conducted in various states in the spring and fall.

A Sunday school quarterly, written especially for the deaf, is used by many deaf classes. *The Deaf Student* quarterly can be ordered from the Gospel Publishing House for \$1 per year.

*The Silent Ambassador*, a monthly publication, is sent free of charge to all deaf and hearing persons desiring to receive it.

The first Assemblies of God camp for the deaf was conducted in California in 1951. Last year six camps in various states were conducted. Many deaf persons were saved at these camps, and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Many hearing persons have questioned how deaf persons receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The deaf speak in tongues the same as the hearing when they receive the Baptism. One of the early pioneers in the deaf ministry, Elsie Peters, recalls how God began pouring out His Spirit upon the deaf 40 years ago. The deaf are included in the glorious promise: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon *all* flesh" (Acts 2:17).

The Holy Spirit swept over the convention congregation in a marked way on Thursday night. Many received blessings long to be remembered. One young deaf lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and both sang and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Spirit-filled deaf ministers as well as hearing ministers to the deaf are urgently needed around the world. An estimated 500,000 deaf and hard-of-hearing persons live in the United States. The only way to reach these multitudes for Christ is to train the deaf to go to the deaf. The CBI School for the Deaf was opened in Springfield, Mo., in the fall of 1962 to help prepare deaf young people for the ministry. Twelve deaf students were enrolled in this training program this past semester. Next year a deaf girl from Malaya plans to be one of our students.

Betty Haney was one of the first to establish Assemblies of God ministry to the deaf in a foreign country. She went to Korea as a government employee in 1958. Soon the burden

of the 60,000 deaf Koreans weighed heavily upon her heart. Since 1958 she has established many deaf groups. Koreans, in cooperation with American Assemblies of God missionaries, are now taking charge of the Korean deaf ministry.

Wayne Shaneyfelt was the first to go as a missionary to the deaf under the appointment of the Foreign Missions Department. He is teaching the sign language to hearing students at Bethel Bible Institute in Manila, and is also ministering to the Filipino deaf. There are 65,000 deaf persons in the Philippines.

On Saturday night of the convention, a heart-stirring play entitled *The Challenge of the Cross* challenged all who attended to take up the cross and follow Christ wherever He leads. It was presented by deaf students and hearing sign-language students from Central Bible Institute. Convention attendance reached its peak on this night with 371 persons present.

The convention theme, "The Deaf Shall Know Jesus," will continue to be the aim of all who are laboring among those who cannot hear. "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Isaiah 29:18).

#### CONVENTION THEME SONG

The deaf shall know Him  
Whom to know is life.  
The deaf shall know  
The Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
The deaf shall know  
The Life, the Truth, the Way.  
The deaf shall know  
That Jesus came to save.



Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of Home Missions, and his wife were honored with a four-foot cake trimmed in lavender and yellow at the banquet. For eleven years Brother Lewis has given encouragement to the deaf ministry. Convention guests enjoyed this cake for dessert.



## LITTLE DOTS THAT SPELL LIGHT...

The reading fingers of the blind receive the gospel light from full-gospel literature in Braille. For years a sacrificing friend of the blind, Mrs. E. W. Whitney, has prepared Braille Pentecostal literature from such sources as "The Pentecostal Evangel" and our "Word of Life" Sunday school literature. The Home Missions Department has assisted with materials, paper, and equipment.

For the blind who do not read Braille, a loan library of tape recordings of selected articles from the "Evangel" has been established. This ministry began as the result of a personal need felt by a blind couple, the Fred Sweeneys. Our files contain heart-stirring letters from blind friends who have received the Braille literature and the tapes.

### BUT A SHADOW CONTINUALLY THREATENS

The entire program of sending a shaft of gospel light into the doubly darkened lives of the blind depends on contributions. The funds are consistently short of supplying the increasing demand for these materials.

### HOW THANKFUL?

We who see are blessed indeed. May we suggest you use the coupon to send a THANK OFFERING TO "turn up the light" for our blind friends? Send it today.

#### Home Missions Department

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Church .....

# 150 Graduate from SPANISH BIBLE SCHOOLS



Graduate class of the Connecticut branch of the Spanish-American Bible Institute of New York taking a test given by Francisco Feliciano. Abraham Marsach is principal of this branch.

APPROXIMATELY 150 GRADUATES OF our five Spanish Bible schools are entering the great harvest field among the Spanish-speaking in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other countries. More than 728 students attended these schools this past year.

The Spanish Eastern Branch of the Assemblies of God operates three main schools in Manhattan, N. Y., Miami, Fla., and Bayamon, P. R. The Manhattan institute has six branches located in Long Island, Plattekill and Brooklyn, N. Y., Bridgeport, Conn., Newark, N. J., and Philadelphia, Pa. The Plattekill and Brooklyn branches were opened this last school year with a total enrollment of 107.

The Latin American Branch has schools in La Puente, Calif., and Ysleta, Tex.

The Spanish American Bible Institute in Manhattan reports an enrollment of 500 students and 100 graduates, including its six branches.

The Instituto Biblico Asambleas de Dios of Bayamon, P. R., had 20 students and graduated five this spring.

Following are reports from three other schools.

## LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

### La Puente, California

Theodore Bueno, Superintendent

For the last several years, due to lack of space and our inability to change the situation, we have had the heartbreaking experience of turning away young people who were eager to enroll and prepare for the ministry.

For a long time we have been praying and making plans for a larger dining room, and today our dream has come true. On April 4 we had the joy of dedicating our new dining room to God's service. This was a happy occasion for all of us at LABI as the building was made possible through the kindness of God's wonderful people. We wish each one His richest blessings.

The problem of housing will be alleviated somewhat by converting the

old dining room into a dormitory for 12 boys. The problem still exists for more room for girls, but our Father knows all about it and He will provide in due time.

Fifteen were graduated in June and we trust each one will find his or her place of service in God's perfect will. We are encouraged by the fact that out of the 173 students that have been graduated from this school in the last 12 years, about 100 are in active service for Christ. Others are helping in various ways in their local churches. Some of these graduates are working in Mexico, South America, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and throughout the United States. Some hold important positions

Offerings for Home Missions (including Indian, Alaska, Deaf, Blind, Foreign-Language, Prison, Teen Challenge, and Jewish ministries) should be mailed to

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



One of the two graduating classes of the New York Spanish-American Bible Institute, with the teachers standing at back. Jose Caraballo is school director.



Graduates of the Latin American Bible Institute in La Puente, Calif. (Three members of the class are not in the picture.)

as officials of the Latin American District Council.

## LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

El Paso, Texas (Ysleta Station)

Archie Martinez, Superintendent

Classes began at LABI in October with an enrollment of 69. Students attending LABI this year came from Costa Rica and Mexico and from the states of Michigan, Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Arizona, California and Wyoming.

For some years now it has been the custom to have a revival campaign for one week between the first and second semesters. This year the evangelist was Ruben Guajardo, an evangelist for several years, now pastoring the Betania Assembly of God in Albuquerque, N. Mex.; and Jose Cantu, pastor of the Tabernaculo Assembly of God in Houston, Tex., was the song leader for the occasion.

Services often lasted until the wee hours of the morning as students sought the baptism in the Holy Spirit, refillings, or some other blessing. Seven received the Baptism during the week of revival, and many others were filled anew. There were messages in tongues, interpretations and prophecy in each service, something which many of the students had never seen before. Others received special callings to the work of the Lord. All could say they had received something from God.

This wonderful revival spirit gave new life to all as we entered into the second semester of school with eight new students, plus one who came to finish his third year, making a total

of 78 studying the Word of God this year at LABI.

March 13-15 marked another important event—the fourth annual missionary convention. Although a home missions work itself, LABI looks beyond its own portals “to the regions beyond,” preparing workers for God’s vast harvest field. Students intercede each week in the missionary prayer services, and give so that others too might have the gospel.

Robert Espinoza, pastor of La Trinidad Assembly of God in San Fernando, Calif., and missionary evangelist for the past several years, was guest speaker for the occasion and his ministry proved a great blessing.

In addition to a men’s quartet who will be in evangelistic work, other groups of our young people are also planning to work for the Lord this summer: some on the mission fields of Central America, Puerto Rico, and Mexico; others in the U.S.

Twenty-two fine young people were graduated in May after studying three years at LABI and are going forth to “preach the gospel to every creature” even as our Lord commanded. —Reported by Mrs. Ethel Gonzalez

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SPANISH BIBLE INSTITUTE

Miami, Florida

Andres and Hilda Roman,  
Directors

From September 4, 1963, to the beginning of April, 50 Bible students have been attending the Assemblies of God Spanish Bible Institute (a night school) in Miami, Fla. Twenty of  
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# PERSPECTIVE



## JUST IN CASE

BY R. L. BRANDT

National Secretary of Home Missions

“JUST IN CASE.” WHAT FATAL WORDS! They are robbing us of many pioneers. They are preventing many from entering the ministry. And they are eliminating others from the ministry.

I hear them again and again. Young men in Bible school say, “I’m taking some additional training so that I will have something to fall back on, just in case!” Older men in the ministry say, “I’m returning to school to get a degree, just in case!”

But I seriously wonder if “just in case” may not be a clue to understanding much of our failure in extending Christ’s kingdom.

This whole “just in case” attitude bespeaks a subtle satanic undermining of the very basic elements necessary to successful spiritual enterprise.

The inference of this attitude is that God may let one down and therefore preparations must be made for this eventuality. In other words, “Don’t burn your bridges behind you; you may need them if the going gets too rough. And don’t sell your plow; you may want to return to it in the event God fails you.”

Is God dead? Can He fail those whom He calls into the ministry? Is there any room in the divine economy for a “just in case” program?

To succumb to the “just in case” attitude is to court defeat and deprive God of the opportunity to demonstrate His faithfulness.

Let’s give God a chance! Let’s burn our bridges and sell our plows! Let’s eliminate “just in case” from our thinking!

Remember, the three Hebrews who were cast into the furnace wouldn’t burn because, as the songwriter said, “They wouldn’t bend and they wouldn’t bow.” They made no “just in case” arrangement and they didn’t need any.

As surely as we make “just in case” arrangements we will need them. And, likewise, as surely as we rest our case in His hands we will see His faithfulness, and His kingdom will advance. ◀◀



Student body of the Brooklyn branch of the Spanish-American Bible Institute of New York which was opened this year. Andres Rosa is principal.



# You Can Help Build Revivaltime's Local Audience

REVIVALTIME DEPENDS ON ITS REGULAR LISTENERS AND the readers of *The Pentecostal Evangel* to help increase the size of its weekly audience.

It is a well-known fact that the best advertising comes from those who are users of a product. On this basis *Revivaltime* can best be promoted by the members of our Assemblies of God churches and especially by those who read of its activities in these pages each week.

Many ways are available to individuals and churches to assist in developing a larger *Revivaltime* audience locally. The Radio Department offers a number of suggestions for doing this.


One way to help build our audience is through telephone evangelism. This is a personal ministry since it involves only the persons on each end of the telephone line. Few persons are offended by a friendly telephone call inviting them to listen to a radio program. The only

equipment necessary for working in this evangelistic field is a telephone and a telephone book. Unless you live in a large city where you are required to pay for each call you make, there is no expense involved.

This initial contact can open the door to opportunities for inviting persons to visit your church. Or perhaps after hearing the broadcast they will take the initiative to attend your services. Each week the radio audience is urged to visit the Assemblies of God church displaying a *Revivaltime* church sign. A planned telephone campaign can build both the *Revivaltime* radio audience and the local church.

Here are a few simple pointers to help you carry on a personal ministry by telephone.

- (1) Set a goal. Promise God that you will speak to a certain number of people every day.
- (2) Before you call, know what you are going to say.



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**SAMPLE  
OVER FOR DETAILS**

Sample of church mailing stuffer for advertising *Revivaltime*. The stuffer gives the name and address of the local church as well as the time and station of the *Revivaltime* release. It is available from the Radio Department with local imprint for \$2.25 a hundred.

- (3) Make your conversation informal and friendly.  
 (4) Show an interest in the person to whom you are talking. Call them by name.

Here is a sample radio script that will help you with your telephone calls. Do not stick too closely to it. Your conversation should be natural and unaffected.

*Contact:* Hello.

*You:* Hello, Mrs. .... I'm ..... from (name of your church). I'm wondering if you have heard our national radio broadcast, *Revivaltime*? (If they are uncertain, tell them the time and station.)

*Contact:* No, I haven't.

*You:* I've enjoyed *Revivaltime*, and it's been such an inspiration to me I wanted to tell you about it. C. M. Ward, the speaker, is one of the nation's outstanding radio preachers, in my opinion, and his messages are just wonderful. I'm sure you'd enjoy the broadcast too, Mrs. .... Would you listen to it next Sunday night? (If answer is indefinite, add: I'd like to know what you think of the program. Won't you please listen?)

*Contact:* Yes (or) No (or) Maybe.

*You:* Please do. That's *Revivaltime* Sunday at (time) on (station). It's been awfully nice talking with you, Mrs. .... I'm looking forward to hearing your opinion of *Revivaltime*. Good-bye.

Keep a list of the names and phone numbers of the people you invite to listen to the broadcast. Call them again a week or two later to see if they have heard *Revivaltime*. If they have, and they enjoyed it, invite them to your church. If they have not, ask them again to listen to the broadcast.

Another effective way to enlarge your local *Revivaltime* audience is to purchase advertising space in local newspapers. The ads should give the time, station, and other pertinent information about the local release. Payment for the ads may be made by an individual, by a church, or by several churches sharing the cost. Such ads may run regularly each week or periodically.

Feature stories concerning the broadcast may be secured for use in local newspapers by writing to the Radio Department and requesting them. Such stories will usually be accepted by local newspapers for use in their news columns without cost to you.

A church mailing stuffer has been designed for use by local churches. The stuffer can be put into one or more of the regular mailings that go out from the church. This item is available from the Radio Department with local imprint for \$2.25 a hundred. The stuffer gives the name and address of the local church, and extends an invitation to "join the worldwide audience listening to *Revivaltime*." It also lists the day, time, and station of the local release.

Perhaps the most convenient way in which your church can advertise the broadcast service is to include an announcement in its weekly bulletin. Listing the station and time of the release will be an effective reminder to your members to listen and to invite their friends to listen also.

Yes, you can begin your program for promoting *Revivaltime* right now. Help build a larger audience listening to *Revivaltime*.

Your letters of inquiry about further helps in developing *Revivaltime's* local ministry may be sent to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801.



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Is nature in itself sufficient to reveal God?*

Nature may reveal the wisdom and power of God (Romans 1:20-23), but not the means of salvation. The Cross is the revelation that saves us (John 3:16).

*Do infants which die before birth have souls, and will we see them in heaven?*

How God looks on this we may not know, but we may assume that life as a responsible being does not exist before birth. In his distress Job wished he might have been "as a hidden, untimely birth" (Job 3:16), or as if he had never been. See also Psalm 58:8; Ecclesiastes 6:3.

*In Matthew 20:20 we read that the mother of James and John requested that they might sit, the one on His right hand, the other on His left in the kingdom. However, Mark 10:35 says it was James and John who made the request. Can you harmonize this?*

My opinion is that all three, the mother and the sons, desired the places of importance in the kingdom, while the mother voiced the request. When Jesus heard the request He turned to the sons and asked, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I drink of?" They answered, "We are able." It was a family ambition.

*Please explain, "This is he that came by water and blood" (1 John 5:6).*

Some have felt that John here referred to the piercing of Jesus' side (John 19:34). Possibly a better explanation would be that Jesus came by water when baptized by John, and the Spirit there anointed Him "with the Holy Ghost and with power" that He might go about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. That He came by blood would refer to His atoning sacrificial death.

He was anointed at His baptism that He might serve. He suffered and died that He might save.

*I have been saved and filled with the Spirit, but I fear I have grieved the Spirit through sin and backsliding. I have prayed much for restoration of the lost joy, but the joy does not come. What ought I to do?*

Perhaps the Lord is disciplining you. If people could go into sin, then come right back under the blessing of God, they might conclude that backsliding was of little consequence. Sin is hateful in the sight of God. It banished our first parents from paradise and caused the terrible suffering and death of our Lord Jesus.

I think you will have to walk by faith, regardless of your feelings. The presence of God is with you whether you feel it or not, to keep you from falling and to teach you to "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world."

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

# Welcome Home

WMC's Help Plan Happy Homecoming for Missionaries

BY ANN AHLF

**P**ERHAPS THE GREATEST UNDERTAKING OF THE WOMEN'S Missionary Council of the Assemblies of God is the outfitting of the more than 1,300 home and foreign missionaries and their 700 children with clothing, linens, household furnishings, appliances, clinical supplies, and food items. The national office, the district organizations, and the local groups coordinate their efforts in this mammoth task so that on the day of his departure the missionary is able to board the ship knowing that his basic needs have been met for his ensuing term of service, and that emergency needs will be dealt with as they arise.

Three, four, five years pass, and furlough time draws near. Visions of a homecoming complete with a new dress or suit are foremost in the mind. A furlough hometown and residence must be considered. Through the regular correspondence maintained with pastor and WMC group, the missionary knows he can depend upon them for help in these matters.

Following are two stories of how WMC's were able to help plan homecomings for weary missionaries.

Bethany Assembly of God, Springfield, Mass., reports

that one morning's mail brought an unusual note from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkes, missionaries to East Pakistan. For Bethany Assembly the receipt of a missionary letter was not uncommon. It was the contents that made this letter different.

"It is furlough time," wrote the missionaries, "and, though we belong to another district, we want to make our interim home in Springfield, Mass. Is there any possibility of your finding a furnished apartment for six we could rent? It would be so good to have a place located when we arrive."

WMC's under the direction of Pastor David Flower searched the neighborhood only to find rental rates prohibitive. During the next regular WMC meeting, a vacancy was reported within walking distance of the church. Two women left the service to investigate. Enthusiastically they returned with a good report. The size was right, the price reasonable, and basic appliances were supplied.

On Sunday morning the church bulletin carried a list of needed pieces of furniture. Church families offered beds, dressers, tables and chairs, until every room was complete. The two WMC groups opened their "treasure chests" for linens, and exchanged trading stamp books for rugs, blankets, and bedspreads.

The men joined with paintbrushes, wallpaper, and transportation facilities. The whole church planned a grocery shower, including a last-minute basket of perishable items. TV dinners were in readiness for a family dinner at home.

Mrs. Hawkes comments: "Upon our arrival, we looked beyond the shining order of a beautiful yellow and white kitchen (after five years in a Pakistani one) to the dining room, living room, and three bedrooms, all so well planned. It was so much more than we had expected.

"Everywhere was the atmosphere of 'welcome home'! We sank into freshly made beds that night—tired, but so happy in the promise of a joyous furlough of rich fellowship made possible by those who *minister as unto Christ*."

The second story begins across the Pacific. The Jim Davis family, missionaries in Kobe, Japan, were preparing for furlough. Weakened by recent hospitalization, Brother Davis felt the need of assistance in finding a residence for his family. A letter was dispatched to their



Howard and Olive Hawkes, missionaries to Pakistan, with Joy, Elizabeth, Howard Jr., and Lois in the living room of the house prepared for them by the WMC's of Springfield, Mass.

home church, Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash. Its message was quite explicit. The house needed to be conveniently located in respect to a shopping center, close to church, and within easy distance of college and city schools. Pastor Glenn Horst and his congregation considered the situation and promised to do all they could.

At Calvary Temple caring for a missionary means that the WMC's remember birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, emergency needs, and give farewell and homecoming assistance. The Davises—Jim, Genevieve, Nathan, and baby Jeanette—would arrive the week of December 22. The Harmony Crafters WMC group (young homemakers) who claimed this family as their missionaries saw the opportunity to give them a "Merry Christmas welcome."

Soon busy fingers were making glittering Christmas tree decorations, which, after their initial use, could easily be packed and taken to Japan. Some gave Christmas tree balls and lights; others brought wrapped gifts. Interest and excitement mounted as the days flew by. The "things" were piling up but *where was the house?*

Mrs. Laurie Stone, Harmony Crafters' president, says: "Suddenly and wonderfully the Lord answered prayer. An elderly member of the church decided to sell her house. It fulfilled all the requirements *even to being next door to the church!* Since Calvary Temple gives all its furloughing missionaries a housing allowance, it solved the rental problem by purchasing and partially furnishing the property. As soon as the news was released, plans really began to take shape. Two weeks before Christmas the house key was handed to the WMC group.

"Everyone knows what a *busy* time the holiday season can be for young couples with children, but the Harmony Crafters couldn't get the 'Merry Christmas welcome' out of their minds, so they sandwiched extra chores between their own activities.

"Other WMC groups heard of the project and offered to help. Furniture in abundance, rugs, dishes, and linens came rolling in. There was a bed for teen-aged Nathan complete with electric blanket. There was a dresser and crib for three-month-old Jeanette.

"The house underwent a final top-to-bottom cleaning. Beds were made, staple foods put on the kitchen shelves, a Christmas dinner stored in the refrigerator, and last of all the Christmas tree—a *big* one—was set up in the living room with the presents under it. We could hardly wait for our family to arrive."

On December 22 Brother Davis appeared at Calvary



Jimmie, Nathan, and Genevieve Davis, missionaries to Japan, in front of the house provided for them by Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash. The WMC's prepared the house for the Davises' homecoming.

Temple. Having traveled for two months, without communication with the church, he had no idea what, if anything, had been done about a house.

"Do you think this will do?" asked his WMC hostess as they walked up the steps to the house, followed by a crowd that was eager to see his first reaction. Speechless, he stood in the doorway drinking in the beauty of the whole room and feeling the warmth of a "Merry Christmas welcome" in the twinkling lights of the stately evergreen.

Tears welled up in his eyes. He managed to choke out the words, "You don't know what this means to us! This was going to be our first year without a Christmas tree. And now, all of this. . . !" He wept unashamed.

Suddenly for the onlookers it was Christmas in the truest sense. The memory of weariness from extra hours of work faded, and they felt rewarded ten times over just in sharing the moment that proved they had been able to smooth the path for some of God's chosen workers.

The missionary? He could not wait to get the news to the family—"Genevieve, Nathan, wait until you see!"

### National WMC Day Theme a Blessing

The following are reports of successful National WMC Day services with the theme, "Now Is the Time":

*Texas.* "The Lord met with us. Thanks to you for furnishing us such good materials."

*Indiana.* "The anointing of the Holy Spirit was upon each speaker. The service was well attended."

*Washington.* "One young mother and a backslider were at the altar at the close of the service."

*California.* "At the close of a wonderful meeting, five young people came to the altar for dedication to service. We thank God for a part in WMC work."

*Alaska.* "Our pastor gave the morning worship hour to the WMC program. The material was both interesting and challenging."

*Colorado.* "All glory to God for a service blessed and anointed by His Spirit. How graciously He answered our prayers that it would be a service that would melt our hearts and stir us to work while it is day."



## What Being a Missionette Has Meant to Me

BY KATHLEEN BIRKINBINE  
*Des Moines, Iowa*

I AM PROUD TO BE A MISSIONETTE BECAUSE IT MAKES me feel that I have a place in our church.

I genuinely appreciate the *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program. I have had to give a great deal of time and effort to meet the requirements, but the knowledge and experience gained is worthwhile both now and for the future.

One of the most important parts of the achievement program is the memorization of Scripture having to do with salvation, divine healing, Christ's second coming, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This has been a great foundation for Christian living.

I have enjoyed making items to be used on the foreign and home missions fields, in nursing homes, and the church. To live for others is to find the road to rejoicing.

Spiritual benefits have been many to me; leadership training is a valuable aid to my future service to the Lord; learning basic doctrines of the Assemblies of God has qualified me to be a more effective witness. In addition, the social times have enabled me to become better acquainted with other Christian girls.

The Missionette Ideals have proven to be a great blessing and have taught me the importance of giving my time, money, talent, and life to the Lord. I have found that real JOY comes from putting Jesus first in your life, Others second, and Yourself last. Christian charity is the basis of all courtesy and there are many things which I can do to help other people. To consistently abide in God, I find it expedient to pray and study my Bible every day. Missionettes has encouraged me to witness for the Lord and to invite my friends to church.

While working on this program I have had a goal in life. Jesus advocated that our goal should be perfection. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." My desire is to yield myself wholly to Christ, and to live a Christian life daily. I give God my talents for His use, and I will serve the Lord in making life meaningful for others.

The *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program is indeed a stepping stone to higher goals in life. The inspiration of being crowned a Missionette HONOR STAR put within my heart the determination to obtain an incorruptible crown in heaven.

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Kathleen Birkinbine was the first Missionette Honor Star to be crowned in the West Central District. The

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Birkinbine, Kathleen is 14 years old and a straight "A" student at Callanan Junior High. She was the talent winner at youth camp last summer. She plays accordion, piano, organ, and clarinet. Kathleen finished the achievement program in 11 months. She devoted her entire vacation last summer to working on the steps as she knew her activities in high school would not allow time for it during the school year. Kathleen's sponsors are Mrs. Dean Conklin and Mrs. Hugo Litke.



Charolyn Lacey, First Assembly in Great Bend, Kans., was second Honor Star to be crowned in her district. A song which Charolyn composed was sung at her crowning. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lacey.



Junior Missionettes, First Assembly, Midland, Tex., with their sponsors Peggy Rotan, Darlene Pruitt, and Bonnie Tuttle. These girls have made an outstanding contribution to their local church and have helped to prepare outfits for missionaries.



Here is Sandra Smith of Central Assembly, Biloxi, Miss., who was the first Honor Star to be crowned in that district. She is sixteen and a junior in high school. Sandra is very active in church work—teaches a Sunday school class, assists in jail services, and passes out tracts. Her sponsor is Mary Ann Seymour.

# FORWARD STEPS IN SENEGAL

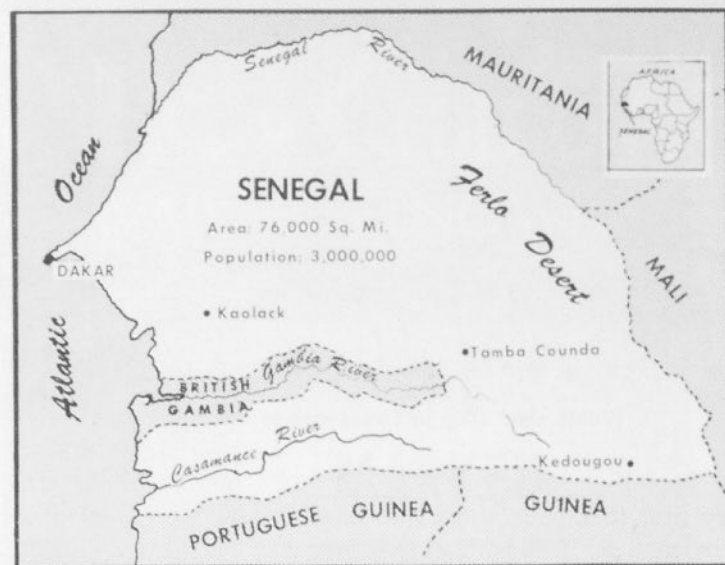
**S**ENEGAL WAS THE EARLIEST POINT OF FRENCH PENETRATION in Africa. The settlement made at Fort Saint Louis at the mouth of the Senegal River in 1626 was the first capital. Senegal became an independent republic in August, 1960, with Leopold Sedar Senghor as president.

The republic's 76,000-square-mile area is mostly flat, semidesert country. The only fertile regions are along the Senegal River and its tributaries. Senegal is known for its extreme heat; in one section the temperature rises to 125° in the shade. During the rainy season the wind blows inland from the sea; in the dry season the oven-hot *Harmattan* blows seaward from the Sahara desert.

Agriculture engages 90 per cent of the people. In 1841 the French introduced the cultivation of peanuts, a fact which revolutioned the economy of the country. The 1961 crop yielded 1,000,000 tons. Senegal is today the biggest producer of peanuts in the world and their processing is the country's leading industry. Various grains are raised and millet is the staple food of the people. There is some stock raising, mainly by the Fulani tribe. The fishing industry is of growing importance.

The population of 3,000,000 includes Moors and allied Berber races, but the majority of the people are Negroes of whom there are 25 tribes. The largest is the Wolof tribe, with 800,000 members.

Aboriginal customs have undergone the changing effects of western culture. Economic progress is largely the result of French initiative and supervision. Within the last decade rapid strides have been made in the construction of schools and hospitals. The popular University of Dakar was opened in 1957. French is the official language of Senegal but many tribal languages are also used.

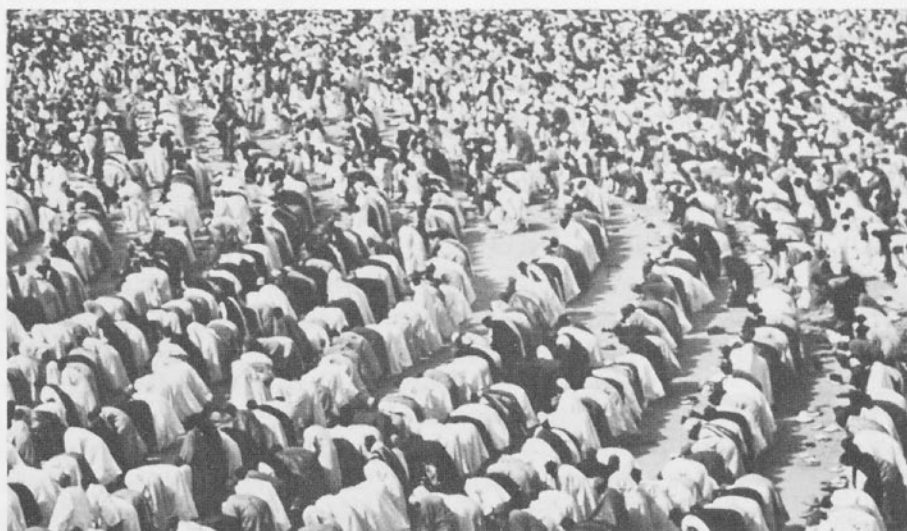


Islam has won many tribes; it is estimated that 80 per cent of the Senegalese are Moslems. In the interior Islam is often superimposed on pagan religions. Roman Catholicism, first introduced by French priests, is strong in some areas.

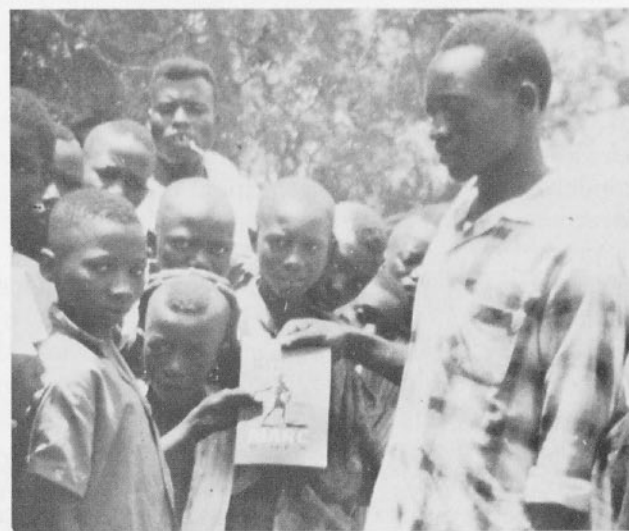
Senegal was long neglected by Protestant missions. The first mission (and for many years the only one) was the Paris Evangelical Mission Society which began work in 1862. This work was not extensive. Seventy years passed before another Protestant mission, the World Evangelization Crusade, sent its first missionary to this needy land.

In 1949 Assemblies of God missionaries in Upper Volta sent a survey team to Senegal to ascertain the prospects of beginning a work there. The leaders of one evangelical mission in French West Africa told our representatives that they had hoped to send a missionary to Senegal, but since they had been unable to do so they urged our missionaries to occupy the country for Christ. As they expressed it, "A generation has died and gone into eternity since we first proposed to enter Senegal."

Charles Greenaway, an Assemblies of God mission-  
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Thousands of Senegalese Moslems meet for public prayer on festival days.



A national distributes Mark's Gospel in the Wolof language.



Youth choir sings at Dakar evangelistic center.

ary first to Upper Volta and later to Dahomey, had been burdened for Senegal and coveted the privilege of being the pioneer missionary to the land. He applied for permission to enter Senegal—then waited and prayed. Many years passed.

Early in 1956 the long-awaited permission was granted and in July the Greenaways arrived in Tambacounda, the city selected as the site of the first mission station.

Mr. Greenaway reported: "While our church was under construction we conducted services in a rented hall. A small group came to listen and soon we saw the first-fruits of a national church—a nucleus around which to build our future efforts in Senegal. The church was dedicated on November 3, 1957. This was the day for which we had hoped, worked, and prayed. Now we must quickly occupy other centers for the Lord."

Mr. and Mrs. George Flattery transferred from Upper Volta in December of that year to carry on the work started in Tambacounda. Later Mr. and Mrs. William Lasley were assigned to the station. In 1959 Mr. Lasley held the first baptismal service. There has developed a promising group of Christians in Tambacounda. The Lasleys conduct a training program for young men who represent many tribes. Outstations have been opened in several villages of the Tambacounda area.

Kedougou in the southeast corner of Senegal was the next city entered by the Assemblies of God. Buildings there were completed in 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Butler are in charge of this station. The Kedougou area is more pagan than other parts of Senegal but has shown remarkable response to the gospel. One of the young men from Kedougou is in training for Christian service at the Natitingou Bible School in Dahomey. A technical training school has been started in Kedougou to train Africans in various trades that will help them raise their standard of living. In recognition of this program the government has given the Assemblies of God two pieces of property to enlarge its facilities.

Property was purchased and a third station opened in Kaolack, a city of 47,000 which is 120 miles by road from Dakar. In addition to services in Kaolack Mr. and Mrs. Flattery conducted approximately 350 services in surrounding villages. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Specter, former missionaries to Haiti, now serve in Kaolack.

A predominantly Moslem country has a peculiar and significant need for gospel literature. Personal witness to Moslems is difficult but they will read well-prepared

literature. God's promise, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void," is one on which missionaries to Moslems lean heavily.

In 1958 Mr. Flattery started a literature program in Tambacounda by editing and printing Bible lessons in French. These were prepared primarily for use in the Sunday school, but copies were also mailed to every post office boxholder in the city. As a result a number of people became interested in the gospel.

Some years later Mr. Flattery translated the Gospel of Mark into Wolof, a language few Americans have heard of but one which is spoken by 85 per cent of Senegal's people. This is the only book of the Bible now available in this language.

The exotic setting of the strategic capital city of Dakar is the narrow Cape Vert Peninsula which is the extreme westerly projection of the African continent. Fourteen thousand planes each year take off from Dakar's Yoff International Airport; 5,000 ships each year dock in Dakar's fine harbor. Of the capital's 450,000 inhabitants 30,000 are Europeans.

Our missionaries had long viewed with concern the spiritual needs of Dakar. While opening three stations in the interior they were ever watchful for an opportunity to establish an Assemblies of God church in the capital.

In God's providence Missionary Talmage Butler and a Speed-the-Light plane were used to unlock the door. While flying Senegalese officers on government business the missionary won their confidence. Subsequently they arranged a grant of land for an evangelistic center on Avenue Liberty, one of the main thoroughfares of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wakefield, former missionaries to Nigeria and Togo, were chosen to supervise this new project. In January, 1963, they began services in a rented building only two blocks from the new center. To their amazement they found a nucleus of spiritually hungry people of Portuguese descent in the city. Well over 100 were gathered within a short time.

Their story began years ago in the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Senegal where the Holy Spirit was outpoured in the 1940's. Converts of the revival fled to Dakar because of religious persecution. They prayed that an evangelical church would be established in the city. Now their prayers are answered. With the help of *Global Conquest* funds the building has been completed and has been in use since December, 1963. The official dedication will be at a later date.

Mr. Wakefield has started a short-term Bible school at the center with seven students enrolled. It is anticipated that from these will come workers "who shall be able to teach others also."

The Dakar Evangelistic Center is a momentous victory, a notable miracle in this strategic West African city.

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NOTE: Thirteen missionaries are currently under appointment for service in Senegal: the George Flatterys, William Lasleys, Talmage Butlers, David Wakefields, Homer Specters, Donald Corbins (new recruits), and Carol Wingren, a teacher who served at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria, and now is our representative at Dakar Academy, a school for missionaries' children.

—Christine Carmichael

# Supplication for All Saints

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church, you will discover that a great many are for the unsaved. Some are for healing, others for miscellaneous needs—a new job, wisdom, help of every sort. All of which are perfectly legitimate.

But how often have you heard a prayer request for the battling saint as he cries, "Oh wretched man that I am; who shall deliver me from this body of death?" Or for the saint laboring to achieve a more fruitful prayer life and to walk in the Spirit?

These marks of coming maturity are scarcely noted by the average Christians or even the pastor. In fact, we feel almost ashamed to voice such a request, because we have been made to feel it denotes unhealthy pre-occupation with self; and that introspection should be shunned.

We need to alter our concepts, aligning them with what the Word of God says regarding His purpose for the saints. Note, for instance, Ephesians 4:11—in which one-fifth of the ministries is devoted to evangelists (ministering to sinners) and four-fifths (apostles, prophets, pastors, and teachers) to the perfecting of the saints.

The conversion of a sinner is not an end in itself; nor is the will of God complete when the child of God becomes an ardent soul winner or minister or missionary. God's purpose in saving a soul is to prepare Himself a Bride. And God is not seeking a child bride, nor a teen-age one, but He wants a Bride who will be compatible with Himself, not only in His concern over a lost world, but also in His divine personality, holiness, righteousness, and power.

Revelation, the book of ultimates, says in chapter 19:7, "The marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

One way to do this is to spend time in prayer "for all saints." We ought to yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to take up within us the great burden of prayer and intercession for the saints.

Read again the context of Romans 8:26; see the burden of the Spirit and of the very creation itself—longing to be delivered from the bondage of corruption and to come into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

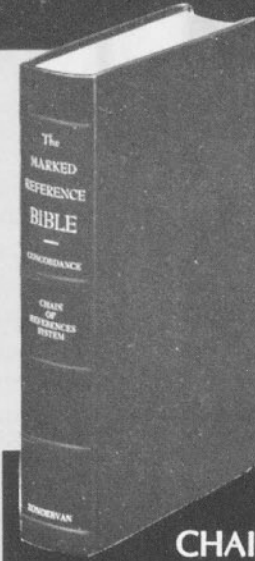
When the Heavenly Father sees the fulfillment of His desire in bringing His children into the "measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," then He will be able to bring into glorious completion the yet unfinished work of His kingdom.

## DIVINE CONDESCENSION

How astonishing is this gospel! The Maker of worlds put wee, two-legged creatures on a tiny planet of a second-rate sun, put in those wee creatures souls, set these souls free, and then began gently to knock at the doors of their hearts begging them to open and let Him come in and do them greater good! Every second, He sustains their lives, sees to the very center—yet cannot enter the inner soul until we open the door!

—Frank Laubach's *Prayer Diary* (Revell)

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# A King's Vision of Empires

Sunday School Lesson for July 5, 1964  
 DANIEL 2:28-35, 44, 45; REVELATION 11:15

J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Nebuchadnezzar was king of the most powerful empire in the world. Yet he spent sleepless nights facing a question which troubles many men: *What does the future hold?* One night he had a dream which he felt was connected with his problems, but when he awoke he had forgotten it! Worse yet, his wise men and astrologers were powerless to help him! Hearing of his problem, Daniel volunteered to help. After enlisting the prayers of his three friends, Daniel received from God the unfolding of the dream and its meaning.

### THE KING'S DREAM (vv. 28-35)

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold, a great image." The interpretation presented here concerning Daniel's words is that held by most scholars who believe in the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nebuchadnezzar's image pictures a series of world empires and kingdoms covering the period from Nebuchadnezzar to

the time when Christ shall return to earth to set up His millennial kingdom.

The head of gold represented the Babylonian Empire; the breast and arms of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire which succeeded the Babylonian; the belly and thighs of brass represented the Grecian Empire which in the time of Alexander the Great overthrew and succeeded the Medo-Persian empire; the legs of iron represented the Roman Empire, the two legs symbolic of the splitting of the Roman Empire into the Eastern and Western divisions; the feet and ten toes, which were part iron and part clay, are believed to represent a ten-kingdom federation, possibly made up from the area covered by the old Roman Empire, which will yet arise and which will be ruled by the Antichrist.

Observe the degree of deterioration in the image. Each kingdom is represented by a substance inferior to that of the preceding one. This accords with human history. Contrary to contentions of some modern minds, the tendency of human nature is downward. In spite of modern education, scientific achievement, and culture the moral decline of man is unmistakable.

Observe, too, the strange mixture of iron and clay which represents the last kingdoms. "They shall not cleave one to another," predicted Daniel. This suggests Antichrist's attempt to bring together under his rulership the nations of the world in a unity which can only be artificial and superficial and in which inherent weakness will appear in the final test.

### THE COMING KINGDOM (vv. 44, 45)

"And in the days of these kings [that is, in the days of the ten kings symbolized by the ten toes of the image] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." These words, of course, could not have had fulfillment in any previous age, but plainly refer to the time when Christ shall return and set up His kingdom on earth.

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold." It is not stretching the symbolism of the vision to say that while the stone may represent God's coming kingdom in general, it also represents Christ Himself who, coming suddenly, will personally overthrow Antichrist and his armies at the great battle of Armageddon. (See Revelation 19:11-21.)

Thus Nebuchadnezzar was made aware of the fact that human and earthly kingdoms, however strong, are destined to crumble; that the Lord Jehovah is almighty; that it is He who causes nations to rise and to fall; that "He removeth kings, and setteth up kings"; that man's efforts at best are perishable; and that only the divine is permanent.

And what are the abiding lessons for us? Let us live in the light of eternity. For, as one writer so strikingly declares: "Houses do not endure; they crumble. Flesh does not endure; it rots. Stars do not endure; their fires grow cold. Sin does not endure; it commits suicide. But conscience endures (though it be but as a torture), speaking of eternal right. Ideals endure, the waving banners of our human pilgrimage, speaking of an eternal perfection. Jesus endures, haunting and redeeming the longing of the race. The spiritual endures!"



## DELAYED ANSWERS

I think one gets glimpses in the Bible of what delayed answers to prayer may mean.

Moses, for instance—the answer to his prayer to enter the Promised Land was kept back for centuries until he stood there with Jesus Himself.

And Elijah—his prayer to die was refused, for the glory of the fiery chariot and the whirlwind was waiting for him.

It seems to be, as it is in arithmetic, that the figure carried forward becomes part of a higher power! Even if the answer is carried on out of the bounds of this life altogether, it is not thereby lost. "The powers of the world to come" are more than we know yet.

—AMY CARMICHAEL

## THE BEST SOLUTION

A raiser of sheep in Indiana was troubled by his neighbors' dogs who were killing his sheep. This problem is usually countered with lawsuits, or barbed wire fences, or even shotguns, but this man went to work on his neighbors with a better idea. To every neighbor's child he gave a lamb or two as pets; and in due time when all his neighbors had their own small flocks they began to tie up their dogs, and that put an end to the problem. So it goes all through the New Testament: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). There are many commonsense ways of applying this practical Christian approach to the problems of life.

—J. WALLACE HAMILTON, in *The Thunder of Bare Feet* (Revell)

## DESIGN PRESUPPOSES GOD

Slowly, reluctantly, in agony... I do not know how far back the break began. In men, as in mountains, avalanches gather force, and crash, unheard. But I date the break from a casual happening. I was sitting in our apartment in Baltimore. My daughter was in her high chair. I was watching her eat. She was the most miraculous thing that had ever happened in my life. I liked to watch her even when she smeared porridge on her face or dropped it meditatively on the floor. My eye came to rest on the delicate convolutions of her ear—those intricate, perfect ears. The thought passed through my mind: "No, those ears were not created by any chance coming together of atoms in nature (the communist view). They could have been created only by immense design." The thought was involuntary and unwanted; I tried to crowd it out of my mind. But I never wholly forgot it or the occasion. Design presupposes God.

—WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, in his book, *Witness*

## HOW TO REDUCE YOUR TITHE

Years ago a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed himself to God to tithe. His first week's pay was \$10 and the tithe \$1. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7 a week, then \$10. He moved to another city and soon



his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200. He sent his old friend a wire: "Come to see me."

The pastor arrived at the man's house. They had a good talk about old times. Finally the man came to his point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released?"

"Why do you want to get released?"

"It is like this," replied the man; "when I made the promise I only had to give \$1, but now it's \$200. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor looked at his friend. "I'm afraid you cannot get released from the promise, but there is something we can do. We can kneel here and ask God to shrink up your income so you can afford to give a dollar."

—*Sword of the Lord*

## IN GRAVE DANGER

Man is in grave danger:

*When* he rejects the clear statements of the Bible because "they do not speak to me."

*When* he substitutes the opinions of men for the revelation of God as found in the Scriptures.

*When* he thinks he can "receive Christ" but reject what the Bible teaches about His person and work.

*When* he thinks it possible to have "Christianity" without Christian doctrine—the content on which Christian faith is built.

*When* he substitutes activity in the church and her programs for personal spiritual nurture.

*When* he becomes so busy with the affairs of the world that his devotions (Bible study and prayer) are pushed aside by the heavy schedule.

If these things have happened to you, Satan has won a battle and you have been the loser.

—L. NELSON BELL, in *The Presbyterian Journal*

## FRAGRANCE THROUGH CRUSHING

We are told that in Grasse, France, a center of the perfumery industry, every year millions of pounds of orange blossoms and roses, as well as huge quantities of jasmine, violets, cassia and tuberose are used in the production of perfume. Left alone, these beautiful flowers would soon have withered and died, but crushed beyond recognition their beauty lives on much longer as a sweet fragrance enjoyed by people in many parts of the world. So what appears at first to be a waste of beauty is not a waste at all, but a transformation into a more useful form.

The crushing experiences of life extract some essence from the souls of all of us. If the life within us is that of the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Fairest of Ten Thousand, then the crushed petals of our experience will yield His own sweet fragrance to bless the lives of others.

—KATHERINE BEVIS

# Investment for Living

By ARDIS HOYT  
As told to Vera Swartrauber



"MOM, I HAVE ALL THESE NICE PRESENTS, all these games—but who will play them with me?" Billy looked up at me with that all-too-familiar expression. His eighth birthday party had been a noisy success but now, the children all gone, Billy asked the question I had been hearing off and on ever since he was a three-year-old.

"We've just got to do something about this," I told my husband that evening. "Billy is so lonely."

"Well, what can we do?" he answered. "We're over the legal age for adopting children—."

"Just listen to this," I interrupted. "Here is a notice in the paper asking for homes for needy children. We can't adopt children but we could give a home to some of these foster children."

My cautious husband agreed that the time to act had come. This decision climaxed a long weighing of the "for's" and the "against's." The "for's" won out. We both loved children. We felt that our home could be the base for a Christian ministry to some of these unfortunate ones—and, besides, there was that lonely look in Billy's eyes!

The case worker who visited us was a very pleasant, practical person who made the requirements for foster parents quite definite. Good physical and mental health were necessary. They wanted couples with good standing in the community and preferred those with established church affiliations. She made it clear that the taking of

foster children was not to be considered a financial investment.

Eventually we passed all the requirements and Miss Lombard told us that she was bringing us our new family, a boy of ten and his six-year-old sister. It was Valentine's Day when she brought Larry and Sheila.

What a shock those two pale, thin, nervous youngsters gave me! They stood in our living room, obviously overwhelmed, while Miss Lombard tried to ease the tension with casual conversation. Dinner that night was weird. I was scared; the youngsters were scared; my husband, a clam; Billy, wide-eyed and petrified!

The children did not get over being scared right away. They were afraid of the dark and they were afraid of the light. At night I often found Larry under the covers at the foot of his bed soaking wet from the terror of a nightmare. Sheila's reaction to the least stress was to promptly lose her dinner.

Neither of them could shake off the memories of the half-dozen previous foster homes and the experiences which left scars on both body and soul. Those on Larry's mind were deeper than the welts left by a belt buckle on his back. He was an unsmiling, cynical little boy—a twisted combination of defiance and repressed longing for love and security. For six weeks he carried a chip on his shoulder which got him into at least one fight a day at school and kept him soured and critical at home. If I made

a sudden turn toward him he would throw up his arm to ward off an expected blow and say, "Go ahead—hit me!"

Sheila was younger and in her hunger for love she displayed extravagant affection for her foster father. This roused the green in Billy's eyes!

The healing of the scars was not easy or rapid. It took time, patience, prayer, and a definite program. We often assured Larry and Sheila that they were in our home for "keeps," and that we loved them just like our own Billy. They took this, obviously, with a grain of salt which showed up one day when Larry suddenly pointed to the open door of the closet which he shared with Billy.

"If I'm your boy just the same as Billy, how come he has such a lot more clothes and shoes and things?" I almost panicked; then the answer came, "Larry, when you have been here as long as Billy has, you will have a lot of things in the closet too."

To get their minds off the past we talked about plans for the future. Another part of the program was the daily household routine in which distressing table manners and untidy habits came up for a lot of revising.

But the most important part in our plan was the spiritual training. We both knew we could not do what needed to be done without divine help. My husband took the two boys every day for a time of Bible stories, informal talks, and prayer while I did the same with Sheila.

Larry began to show great interest in the Bible stories, his Sunday school class, and the worship service. It was at this time he really began to try to change, to quit fighting in school and to be more careful around the home, but he forgot so quickly that he did not make any real progress.

After about six weeks an evangelist came to the church for some special meetings. One night, quite on his own, Larry slipped out to the front, knelt, and prayed. On the way home he said to me, "I gave my heart to Jesus tonight."

He was a different little boy after that night. Suddenly he could not only smile, but he could chuckle and even laugh out loud. His defiance and cynicism disappeared, and the fights at school stopped. Suddenly I had a boy who not only wanted to be tidy but who actually remembered to pick up his things and put them away. In place of his reluctance to trust us there came a most wonderful comradeship. God did overnight what we could not do in six weeks of trying.

Now we are truly a happy family. Billy loves his brother and sister. He feels them to be so much a part of the family that sometimes he gets a little mixed up and wonders if he did not come from a foster home too.

The question has often been asked, "Well, you're happy with your family and feel that the venture has been a success. What would you do, however, if you would have to give up these children? How would you feel then?"

I always answer that the experience of having these children in our home has been so wonderful that I would turn around and ask for more.

I would never want to go back to a one-child home again. They truly have been an investment in living.

## Spanish Bible Schools

(Continued from page thirteen)

this number completed first- and second-year courses of Bible study. The others are taking six-week courses at every possible opportunity their secular night work allows. Though this latter group will not complete their studies in three years in order to graduate, they study with great enthusiasm knowing they are working toward a goal and that credits on subjects are accruing.

Putting learning into action became a reality during the course on Sunday School Organization in January. The teacher challenged each of the 10 students in this first-year course to open a new branch Sunday school in connection with the particular church he attends. Five students did exactly that.

Every Monday night the reports on these five new schools were tabulated. It brought real joy when we all realized that because of this launching out to practice immediately what is learned, over 100 children in different sections of Miami are now in Sunday school.

On May 26 the second year of classes closed with a special program in which two classes participated. Evangel Temple members and Pastor M. L. Davidson kindly loaned us the main auditorium (which has recently been redecorated) for the closing exercises of the school.

We thank the Lord for two more teachers besides us who "make" time to teach. Mrs. Hortensia Sierra was

a music teacher in Cuba. Her godly life has been a blessing during the choir and music sessions. Samuel Villareal, minister of the Assemblies of God who studied in our school in Matamorros, Mexico, faithfully does his part in preparing these students for future ministry.

We have felt the prayers of those who are interested. We can see the foundation being laid for a great Spanish work throughout the state of Florida that easily may reach across the sea to other Latin American countries. ◀◀

## Healed of Allergy

ALL MY LIFE I HAVE HAD VARIOUS ALLERGIES. From time to time I had hives from eating citric acids. Then in July, 1962, I began having them more frequently. For four months I was unable to even taste anything with citric acid without welts appearing all over my body. These would leave sore spots when the swelling subsided.

On the first Sunday in 1963, during the communion service, our pastor suggested that if we had a need we should reach out in faith and accept the answer as we partook. I did this, feeling that God not only had healed my allergy, but that He also had touched a back injury.

That afternoon I again swelled with hives, but I believed I had been healed so I continued to praise God. For a week there seemed to be no improvement, but I kept trusting that the work was done!

Just at the point when my faith might have wavered, I read in a devotional booklet that when symptoms returned we should point the devil back to the time of healing. Slowly the hives lessened. After several weeks they appeared only occasionally—about the size of a silver dollar. And each time, as I began to thank the Lord, they never lasted longer than a few minutes.

Now I can drink large amounts of juices and not get one welt! So many times as I now start to eat a tomato or other fruit I cannot help but say, "Thank You, Lord."—Mrs. Barbara Ewing Bohannon, Washington, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joel Clark, Assembly of God, Union, Mo.)

Christianity is not a new leaf—it is a new life; salvation is not a new start—it is a new heart.

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

BY DICK CHAMPION

## JUMBLLED VERSE

Here is a Bible verse about what God requires of you. Some of the words are jumbled up, though. Take the letters in the jumbled words and write them in the space after the word. (Each dash represents one letter of the word.)

Micah 6:8 says: "What doth the LORD require of thee, but  
 ot ..... od ..... tylsju ....., and ot ..... love mcyre  
 ....., and to lkwa ..... hyulmb .....  
 with yht ..... Gdo ....."



Eleven D-CAP's proudly display plaques presented to them for district contributions of \$10,000 or more to Speed-the-Light in 1964. First row, left to right: Joe Wilmoth, Arkansas; Steve Asmuth, Northern California-Nevada; Everett Stenhouse, Southern California; Jesse Moon, North Texas; Derald Musgrove, Kansas. Second row: Dale Carpenter, Northwest; Marion Ravan, Oregon; Armon Newburn, Oklahoma; Marvin Elliott, Arizona; Darrel Madsen, Rocky Mountain; Bob Gatlin, Peninsular Florida. The presentation was made at the Speed-the-Light banquet following the 50th Anniversary Convention in Springfield, Mo.

## SPEED-THE-LIGHT MAKES NEWS

By Verne B. MacKinney

ON MAY 1, A VERY INNOCENT-LOOKING check for \$3,400 sent to David Matweyiw in Lebanon made news. It contained the three millionth Speed-the-Light dollar to be invested in transportation equipment. This dollar will help provide a car for the Matweyiw's ministry in this new evangelistic thrust by Assemblies of God missions.

The money for this 2,328th piece of Speed-the-Light transportation equipment came from the Kansas District Christ's Ambassadors who in 1963 broke all previous Kansas Speed-the-Light records by giving \$25,032. The district has already set a new goal of \$27,500 for 1964 giving.

The new goal was revealed at the Speed-the-Light banquet which climaxed the District C. A. Presidents Conference in Springfield following the 50th Anniversary Convention. Following a challenging message by *Re-ivaltime* speaker C. M. Ward, dis-

trict presidents from all over the country revealed the goals they had set for 1964 Speed-the-Light giving. When the various goals were tallied, the total was \$522,900. This is more than \$100,000 above the record-shattering \$413,000 given in 1963.

This new goal is a step of faith on the part of many district leaders, cou-

pled with the realization that more and more of the churches and Christ's Ambassadors groups are becoming actively involved in this great youth missionary effort. To achieve the goal will require contributions averaging 10 cents per C.A. per week for the entire year.

Speed-the-Light funds are used for printing equipment and radio equipment, in addition to \$3,000,000 worth of transportation equipment. The printing phase has accounted for \$260,000 while radio equipment has consumed \$163,000. Other important phases of Speed-the-Light are buildings for pioneer home missions churches, \$582,000; and vehicles for home missions workers in Alaska and among the American Indians, \$32,350.

Aggregate giving to Speed-the-Light over almost 20 years is \$4,800,000.



## LEADING THEIR DISTRICTS TOP CHURCHES IN SPEED-THE-LIGHT GIVING



January 1 to April 30, 1964

ALA—Temple A/G, Clanton .....	\$184.42	N TEX—1st A/G, Austin .....	96.07
APP—A/G, New Castle, Va. ....	18.62	N WEST—Calvary Temple, Seattle,	
ARIZ—1st A/G, Phoenix .....	50.00	Wash. ....	1,200.00
ARK—Central A/G, Little Rock ..	200.00	OHIO—1st A/G, Akron .....	221.50
EAST—1st A/G, Wilmington, Del. .	89.80	OKLA—1st A/G, Sand Springs .....	276.00
GA—Buena Vista Rd. A/G, Columbus	54.00	OREG—1st A/G, Eugene .....	626.85
ILL—Edwards St. A/G, Alton .....	576.80	PEN FLA—Calvary Tab. A/G,	
IND—A/G, Washington .....	50.00	Ft. Pierce .....	238.00
KANS—1st A/G, Hutchinson .....	331.80	PO—Trinity A/G, Baltimore, Md. .	120.00
KY—1st A/G, Raceland .....	76.00	RKY MT—A/G, Brigham City, Utah	95.00
LA—A/G, Baker .....	100.00	S CAR—Southside A/G, Greenville .	147.00
MICH—Bethel Missionary A/G,		S DAK—Gospel Tab. A/G, Huron .....	188.23
Livonia .....	300.00	S CALIF—A/G, Van Nuys .....	450.00
MINN—A/G, Worthington .....	164.96	S IDAHO—1st A/G, Nampa .....	74.00
MISS—Bethel A/G, Hattiesburg ..	100.00	S MO—Calvary Temple, Springfield	106.21
MONT—1st A/G, Billings .....	160.00	S N ENG—1st A/G, Worcester,	
NEBR—1st A/G, McCook .....	80.57	Mass. ....	250.35
N J—Gospel Church, Midvale .....	220.00	S TEX—Trinity Tab., Baytown .....	483.00
N MEX—1st A/G, Albuquerque .....	150.00	TENN—Glad Tidings A/G, Bristol .	72.45
N Y—Glad Tidings Tab., New York		W CENT—Pentecostal A/G, Fort	
City .....	298.00	Madison, Iowa .....	216.75
N CAR—Bethel A/G, Windsor .....	105.00	W FLA—1st A/G, Crestview .....	511.00
N DAK—A/G, Minot .....	253.00	W TEX—1st A/G, Plainview .....	292.00
N CALIF-NEV—Neighborhood		WIS-N MICH—1st A/G, Waupaca,	
Church, Santa Clara, Calif. ....	258.29	Wis. ....	106.83
N NEW ENG—A/G, Concord, N.H. .	81.12	WYO—A/G, Newcastle .....	135.51

It is no coincidence that the same generation which has witnessed the virtual disappearance of the proclamation of the stern truths of the Christian message has also witnessed a diminishing sense of personal responsibility and accountability. As hell has been thrust out of our pulpits it has broken out in our communities.

—LESLIE K. TARR, in *Decison*

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**USE GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION—July 5-8 at First Assembly of God, Snyder, Tex. The church recently dedicated a new education building. Visiting ministers from two districts will be speaking. Services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—by R. C. Dearman, pastor.

HOMECOMING—July 5 at Palm City Assembly, Imperial Beach, Calif. All-day services with dinner served at noon. Former pastors speaking. Richard Krake is pastor.—by Mrs. Ray Hutchison, church secretary.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY—in new church, July 19, Bethel Pentecostal Assembly, Chambersburg, Pa. Leo Starner, former pastor, guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Special Sunday school hour (9:30 a.m.) with Mrs. Robert Beisel, teacher of Christian Education at Northeast Bible Institute.—by Willis I. Murray, pastor.

DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP—July 27-31 at Glenwood Park, Princeton, W. Va. Musical Van's ministering.—by Stanley A. Lyon, D-CAP.

### WITH CHRIST

WILLIAM H. ROSS, 58, of Yucaipa, Calif., went to his eternal reward May 12 after suffering a heart attack. Brother Ross was ordained in South Dakota in 1951. Later he transferred to the Southern California District. Pastorates he held were at Mil-

bank, Lake Preston, and Mitchell, S. Dak.; Eugene, Oreg.; and Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors include his wife Verda and a son.

RODGER Q. FLORENCE, 70, of Fort Worth, Tex., went to be with the Lord April 30. Brother Florence was pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly in Fort Worth when ordained in 1947 and continued at this post until his homegoing. Survivors include his wife Edna and six children.

F. M. WEISE, 61, of San Antonio, Tex., went to his eternal reward March 26. He was a licensed minister affiliated with the South Texas District.

LIGE Y. HUTSON, 74, of Las Vegas, Nev., went to be forever with his Lord April 21. Brother Hutson, a licensed minister, was a member of the Arkansas District. Survivors include his wife Bamma and two daughters.

MRS. NORMA A. HILLMAN, 48, of Gary, Ind., fell asleep in Jesus May 19. Sister Hillman was a licensed minister, co-pastoring with her husband in Gary. Survivors include her husband Basil E. and six children.

OATHER L. ALLEN, 57, of El Dorado, Ark., went to his heavenly Home May 15. Brother Allen was ordained in 1936 with the Arkansas District and served as pastor and evangelist. Churches he served were at Sarepta, La., and Huttig and El Dorado, Ark. His wife Alice and three children survive him.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Mt. Olive	June 30-July 12	Buddy Creel	Paul Gowins
Ark.	Dover	First	June 28-July 12	Burl McAlister	A. C. Booher
	Russellville	First	July 5-19	B. R. Minton	J. W. Farrell
Calif.	Bellflower	A/G	June 28-July 3	Christian Hild	David D. Pearce
	Bloomington	Crestmore	June 30-July 5	Doug Payne	M. L. Little
Colo.	Lynwood	Metropolitan Tab.	July 1-12	Ernie Rogers	George Boatright
	Brush	A/G	June 22-July 5	Don Logan	Paul Baugher
Fla.	Steamboat Spr.	First	July 5—	E. J. Stufflebeem	Keith Miller
	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	June 24-28	Shelvey Holland	Harold D. Schmitt
Ill.	Jacksonville	Southside	July 5-19	David Grant	J. B. Davis
	Carthage	*Calvary	June 29-July 3	Dedelow-Friederici Team	D. E. Skiles
Ind.	Mount Carmel	A/G	July 5-19	Maxine Willis	J. S. Eastman
	Kokomo	Southside	June 30-July 12	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	Dave Dishman
Mich.	Rockville	A/G	June 30-July 12	J. E. Friend	F. Swalls
	Rosedale	A/G	June 30-July 5	Harry V. Vibbert	Jim Schaffer
Mo.	South Bend	Calvary Temple	July 2—	Gene Burgess	Roy Wead
	Sedan	A/G	June 29—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Donald Anderson
Mont.	Kalamazoo	*First	June 29-July 5	Mrs. Bettiejane Wessman	Carl Ausbury
	Boss	A/G	June 30—	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	Paul Pryor
N. J.	Grant City	A/G	July 5—	DeGreef-Cooper Team	John Biddle
	Overland	Faith	July 5-19	Ward & Mary Popejoy, Sr.	Cecil Collins
N. Y.	Missoula	*A/G	July 5-10	Charles Senechal	Carl E. Perry
	New Brunswick	*First	July 5-10	Dave & Pat Johnson	Alexander Wallace
Pa.	Princeton	Caravan Nat'l Conv.	June 28-July 6	Diehl Family	—
	Fulton	**A/G	July 1-19	William Caldwell	Daniel Raught
Tex.	Kingston	*Lomontville	June 29-July 3	Rose Marie Meringola	David Stanton
	New York City	***N. Y. Missions	June 29-July 5	Paul Hild Family	Norman Shawchuck
Va.	Totenville	Faith	June 23-28	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	Fred Markant, Jr.
	Newville	A/G	July 5-19	Curtis Sample	William P. Strausser
Canada	Wellsboro	Calvary Tab.	June 23-July 5	Stan Morris	Paul M. Bradley
	Dallas	Lisbon	July 1-11	Tommy & Esther Lance	H. L. Hallmark
Canada	Hereford	First	June 30-July 12	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	V. W. Marcontell
	San Angelo	Campus Blvd.	July 5—	Bob Huie	Easton Pack
Canada	Seagraves	First	June 15-July 5	Franklin A. Burns	H. L. Klepper
	Witchita Falls	Bethel	June 29—	Al Davis	Fred James
Canada	Hopewell	Faith Tab.	June 30-July 12	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Clyde Lee
	Toronto	Queensway Cath'l	July 5—	W. Clifford Nelson	A. W. Ness

\* Children's Revival

\*\*Tent Revival

\*\*\*Youth-a-rama

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

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## Nicaragua

### Managua Responds

The first night 3,000 people attended the united Pentecostal campaign in Managua, Nicaragua. By the close of the campaign attendance had gradually increased to 6,000.

Previous to the campaign two weeks had been spent training personal workers. Thirty of them assisted as the people were given opportunity to accept Christ and join the church of their choice.

God mightily manifested His power every night in the open-air services. About 200 confessed Christ each night—a total of 3,000 conversions during the campaign. Innumerable miracles took place; there were marvelous healings in every service. The evangelist was a Dominican named Luis Urbac.

—Russell Kensinger

## Sudan

### Missionaries Unwanted

The Sudanese government has instructed its embassies and legations abroad to withdraw reentry visas of Christian missionaries who have been working in this country and are now on leave. Sudanese diplomatic missions also were instructed to refuse visas to any new missionaries applying for entry into the Sudan.

Earlier, Maj. Gen. Muhammed Ahmed Irwa, Internal Affairs Minister, had announced that the government plans to expel all foreign missionaries now working in southern Sudan. The order will affect 272 Roman Catholic and 28 Prot-

estant missionaries in an area in which most of the country's Christians live. The north is predominantly Arab and Moslem.

The Assemblies of God has no missionaries in the Sudan. However, we should pray for this land where the door is closed to Christian work.

—EPA News Service

## Mexico

### Money Made Immortal

The church in Veracruz, Mexico, now has a roof—thanks to a \$2,000 loan sent for this purpose from the Foreign Missions Department Revolving Loan Fund. Through this loan fund churches in many parts of the world are being helped.

Money loaned from this fund will be paid back so that it can go on building churches and working to take the gospel to the world. This money never dies.

If you want to contribute in such a way that money will be used over and over in the service of the Lord send an offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Designation: *Revolving Loan Fund*.

## Nyasaland

### Word Finds a Witness

From a Jehovah's Witness to a Spirit-filled witness for Jesus—that's the testimony of a man who led a group of Jehovah's Witnesses for 20 years. After reading one of our tracts he surrendered to the claims of the gospel and immediately began to witness of his new-

found joy. When I first visited his village, I found 27 people gathered under a big tree. They knew only two of our songs and nothing of our doctrine. But they knew Christ. Today this middle-aged man is attending our Bible school.

The Word is quick and powerful!

—Delmar Kingsriter

## Ecuador

### The Isles Hear

Tobias Mejias was saved in Guayaquil in 1945. Shortly afterward he left for the Galapagos Islands, where he now pastors 240 Christians.

During the past 18 years Tobias has received literature from various denominations. Miraculously, God directed him in weeding out the undesirable and caused him to realize that apostolic doctrine cannot be based on the Old Testament.

Two of our national workers recently returned from visiting Galapagos and requested that we pray for Tobias. We sent him some Light-for-the-Lost literature about Pentecost. Later we had opportunity to meet him and he asked to be baptized in water. He has since been filled with the Holy Spirit. We plan to have a month of services with him as soon as possible.

—Lowell Dowdy

## Upper Volta

### Conference a Success

It was time for the biennial camp-meeting-style conference in the capital city of Ouagadougou. Our Christians came from the north, south, east, and west—in



Missionary Lowell Dowdy (left) stands beside Tobias Mejias, pastor at Galapagos Islands.

trucks and cars, on motor bikes and bicycles, or on foot.

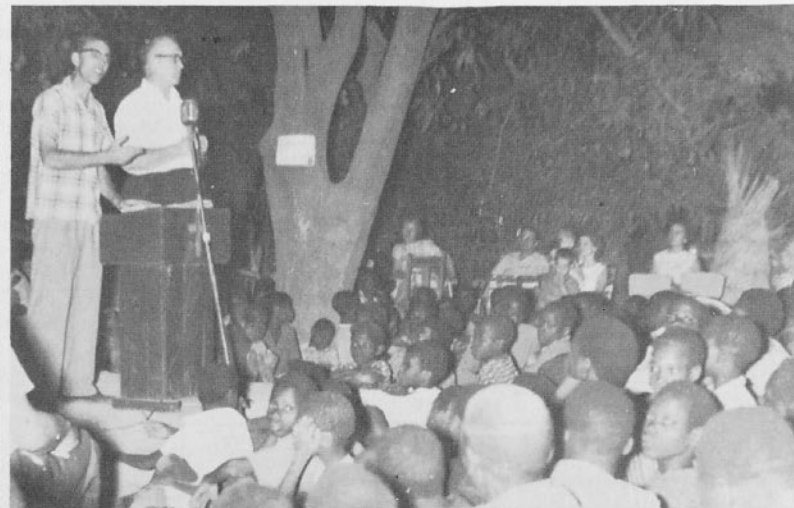
We had anticipated a large crowd and arrangements were made accordingly. Huge grass shelters had been built to house the people from outlying districts. Fifty-gallon water barrels were placed at convenient locations. These were refilled by hauling water from a nearby dam. Native crocks and firewood for cooking simple meals were available. Everything was ready when the first truckload of people arrived.

From the very first service the atmosphere was charged with God's presence and power. There was no gaiety or frivolity. It was evident that the people had come to seek God.

Each day began with a prayer meeting at 5:30. Then followed teaching and preaching services, with emphasis on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Both missionaries and national pastors



The Sunday school staff of the assembly in Veracruz, Mexico, is grateful for the loan which has helped complete their church.



Missionary Raymond Zents (left) interprets for Evangelist A. N. Trotter at the biennial conference in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta.

ministered. Alfred N. Trotter, guest evangelist, was the night speaker. His soul-stirring messages blessed all who attended. Many hundreds of people sought God far into the night; several times prayer continued all night.

Sunday was the crowning day of the conference. Approximately 2,000 people tried to crowd into the Ouagadougou church for the morning service. The church was packed from platform to vestibule. Hundreds of people stood on the outside to listen. The afternoon service was held outdoors under the mango trees. In this service a love offering was taken. It was a time of hilarious giving. A barrel was filled with money, clothing, shoes, watches, and various other articles. Also five babies were given to the Lord. Various articles of clothing were later sold and the money used for the Lord's work.

Everyone felt the conference was a success. No one seemed tired and many voiced their desire for the meetings to continue. We thank God for this visitation from heaven, and for sending Evangelist Trotter our way. During his stay with us approximately 65 professed salvation and a like number were filled with the Spirit.

—Raymond Zents

### Islam an Obstacle

A scene at the close of a village market service recently touched my heart. A boy about 10 or 12 years of age had come forward for salvation. We had just finished praying with him and an African pastor was explaining to the crowd the meaning of what they had seen when the boy's father pushed through the crowd.

Grabbing the boy by the arm, he hurried off. My heart sank. The father was a Moslem.

Pray that God will help this new convert to be true, and that the Holy Spirit will speak to the father.

—Hubert Boese

## Dominican Republic Communist Converted

Jose Ruiz had been indoctrinated in communist ideology by a friend. He then won his father and sister to communism. Jose lived near the evangelistic center in Santa Dominica, the capital of the Dominican Republic. Frequently he stood in the doorway of the center to listen to the services. One night an outstanding Cuban evangelist spoke on the coming wrath of God, mentioning the threat of communism. Hearing this, Jose asked himself, "Am I really on the right road? If not, I am running a terrible risk."

He yielded to the Holy Spirit and was saved. His shining face tells the story of what God has done for him. Now he is dedicating his life to winning souls for the Lord.

—Einar Peterson

### Samoa

#### Nu'uuli Assembly Dedicated

Just four months and nine days after it was started the Assembly of God in Nu'uuli, Samoa, was dedicated. Mrs. H. Rex Lee, the governor's wife, cut the ribbon. Pastor Max Haleck Jr. led a large group of visitors and church members inside for the dedication service.

Evangelist Makisia Fatialofa and a group of young workers from Western Samoa held a week of special services after the dedication. During this time believers formed a prayer chain, praying day and night for the Lord's help in every phase of the church's ministry.

Soon after the close of the week of services a water baptismal service was held on the beach. Fourteen new converts were immersed.

Even though the special services are over, attendance continues to grow. Already it has doubled since the church was dedicated.

—Claude Rediger



The Raymond Jacobs family



The Ralph Hiatt family

## Missionary News Notes

Virginia Hamlin and Frances Ivy (India) and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstrong (Philippines) are now on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jacobs and family (Georgia) are in Indonesia for their first term of missionary service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiatt (No. Calif.) are studying Spanish in

Costa Rica prior to proceeding to Argentina.

On April 8 a son, Bryan Robert, was born into the Calvin Zeissler (Philippines) home.

Mrs. Harold J. Snelgrove (nee Frances Harris) of Sarasota, Fla., passed away March 20. In the 1920's she was under Foreign Missions appointment to India.

## Mongolia Missionary with the Lord

Veteran retired missionary Mrs. Thomas Hindle (nee Louise Siegrist) was called to her eternal reward April 5 in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Hindle was born at Shallow Lake, Ontario, August 27, 1886. When the Lord called her to minister in Mongolia she saw in a vision the house where she and her family would live.

After graduation from Bible Training School in Toronto, Ontario, she married Thomas Hindle who had also been called to Mongolia. Shortly after their marriage the Hindles started on their journey although they were not backed by any mission board and had no financial support. On each leg of their journey the Lord supplied sufficient finances to take them a little farther. When they arrived in the Orient they learned the significance of the vision Mrs. Hindle had seen—the Mongols were a nomadic people who did not live in houses!

They entered Mongolia for the first time in 1910. Upon arriving at the site they had chosen to carry on their activities, they saw the house Mrs. Hindle had seen in the vision. It had been built by a Swedish missionary who had left the field. This was their home as long as they were in Mongolia.

During their first term, war broke out between bandits and Mongol soldiers. When the soldiers lost the war, the Hindles were forced to flee for safety to Kalgan, China, without their possessions. When it was safe for them to return they expected to find that everything had been stolen. However, almost everything was still intact. The teacher who had lived in the house during the



Mrs. Thomas Hindle

Hindles' absence told them that twice bandits had come to plunder but God had miraculously thwarted them.

The Hindles affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in 1914 and returned to Canada for their first furlough in 1916. They served two subsequent terms in Mongolia—from 1918 to 1927 and from 1929 to 1938. In 1939 they returned for a third term to find that the Japanese had taken the country and they were not allowed to enter.

They ministered then at Truth Bible Institute in Peiping, China, where Mrs. Hindle was matron and Mr. Hindle was acting principal. For a time after the outbreak of World War II they had a degree of freedom. Later they were taken to a concentration camp where they spent five and one-half months before being repatriated in December, 1943. Since that time they have made their home in Woodstock.

Mrs. Hindle passed away after a prolonged illness. The funeral was at Woodstock with burial at Minesing, Ontario. Sister Hindle is survived by her husband; a son George of Hutchinson, Kansas; and two daughters, Mrs. Lillian D. Swanton and Mrs. Douglas Zufflet (Huldah), both of Woodstock.



Samoa evangelist Makisia Fatialofa offers dedicatory prayer in new church in Nu'uuli, Samoa.



# Homefront Highlights

## PRISON MINISTRY

Chaplain Paul R. Markstrom, national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God, with Pastor Stewart H. Robinson and several men from the Assembly of God, Michigan City, Ind., recently participated in the chapel services of the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City. Dr. Russell Daubert, prison chaplain, received the group most graciously.

Following some testimonies by the team, Pastor Robinson brought a simple salvation message. In response about 175 men expressed their desire to know Christ as their personal Saviour. A member of the team stated that his coat was damp from the many tears shed by inmates seeking God.

Junior Friend, chief steward of Indiana State Prison and a member of the local Assembly of God, is being used by God in a wonderful way to assist men at this institution, both staff members and inmates, to find Christ.

Chaplain Markstrom wishes to encourage born-again, Spirit-filled believers who are employed in penal institutions to accept the challenge of doing all they can to present the gospel to those with whom they come in contact.

## FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GROUP MINISTRY

### San Francisco, California

Mrs. Lula Baird reports that since the opening of the Chinese Mission last March 14 children and seven adults have accepted the Lord. Attendance averages about 22 at adult services.

### Miami, Florida

Gabriel Caride, pastor of the Evangelical Refugee Center Chapel, has made many new contacts with Cubans in Miami through

boys and girls who attend his children's meetings. The Sunday school has increased steadily. Many of the new converts are becoming enthusiastic workers. The adult Bible classes on Friday nights are very well attended and are creating a hunger in the hearts of those who attend for more of God.

## DEAF MINISTRY

### Fulton, Missouri

During the past school year Lloyd Couch, minister to the deaf in St. Louis, conducted biweekly religious education classes for Pentecostal young people in the Missouri School for the Deaf. Clyde Parsons, pastor of the Fulton First Assembly of God, and his congregation are helping with this project. Several members are learning the sign language.

## ALASKA MINISTRY

### Barrow

The new youth building at the Barrow Assembly of God was dedicated March 25. Missionary-pastor Paul Bills spoke to the congregation concerning the miraculous creation of the youth center. Reflecting back to 1958, the year of the Bills' arrival in Barrow, he told how he would watch the young people wander aimlessly without a place to go. Later on, he said, a baser element arrived in the village and provided recreational facilities in which Christian young people could not conscientiously participate, but which at the same time it was most difficult to avoid.

The missionary told of his desire for a congregating place for Christian young people. The burden led to action. The circumstances seemed insurmountable, but God performed the impossible.



Students at the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, Mo.

The Kenneth Garrisons, lay workers in the Fairbanks church, answered the call of God to construct the center and take over this youth work at Barrow.

A new Sunday school record was set in Barrow recently with an average of 178. There was no special drive. This attendance reflects a healthy growth. Easter set a new high with 215 present.

### Delta Junction

The Claude Malcoms report that redecorating of the church is about finished. Recently a young man was saved and a teen-ager received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### Stebbins

In April all the Eskimos get ready for the breakup of the sea ice. Then fishing and hunting begin in earnest. The missionary's approach to ministry of the Word also changes. He must use a boat and go out to the hunting and fishing camps to be with the people.

Interest is increasing among the Eskimos. Two were saved Easter morning in Stebbins, a comparatively new work. Stebbins is located on the Norton Sound section of the Bering Sea. The area is characterized by rocky, barren coastline, sea ice, and cold winds.

Stebbins, like most of the villages in this area, is strongly Roman Catholic. The Lawrence Burtons minister here.

### Petersburg

An area fellowship meeting convened at Petersburg April 14 and 15. The new addition to the Petersburg church was dedicated at this time. Assemblies of God members and pastors from Skagway, Sitka, Ketchikan and Juneau attended.

### St. Michael

The week preceding Easter the John Covlaskys, pastors at St. Michael, had their first revival meetings with the Gospel Evangelaires. Just before this a man

Students who completed the first- and second-year courses in the Spanish Institute in Miami, Fla. The Andres Romans, seated at left, are directors.



Children gathered at the Chinese Christian Center in San Francisco for story hour. Lula Baird is on the back row.





Pictured are some of the Ute Indians who attend the church in Blanding, Utah. Annie Cantsee (right), wife of an Indian councilman, was saved and healed two years ago.



This group engaged in visitation work in Sells, Ariz. The Rodger Crees, pastors, are at the right.

and his wife were saved, and during the revival they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Although there was much opposition during the revival, many young people came out for the first time to hear the gospel.

## AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Sells, Arizona

Two new workers have been added to the Sunday school staff of the Sells Assembly as a direct result of Bible study classes Pauline Mastries conducted. The classes were well attended. Rodger A. Cree is pastor.

### Blanding, Utah

Interest among the Ute Indians is increasing. About 30 attend services now. Several have been saved. The missionaries, Rowena Chaves and Dorothy Bear, take two cars each Sunday morning to pick up Indian people on the Ute reservation 15 miles south of Blanding. They always have to leave some standing who desire to attend.

One of the members of the Blanding Indian Assembly is Annie Cantsee, a Ute Indian living on the reservation. She is the wife of an Indian councilman, Chief Chester. About two years ago Annie went to a gospel service in Anadarko, Okla. She gave her heart to the Lord then, but did not realize

all that Jesus had done for her. She found later He had delivered her from the smoking habit and had healed her kidney trouble. She is rejoicing that at last her people have their own Assemblies of God church in Blanding.

### Couderay, Wisconsin

The John Gundersons, pastors at Couderay, were pleased with the response in recent revival meetings. A number were saved and several were healed. They broke the Sunday record with 69 in attendance.

### Porterville, California

E. M. Clark and his little congregation at Porterville are rejoicing over a 99-year lease on a land grant for an Assemblies of God Indian Mission. The property includes a small building which has electricity and running water. Twenty-one people have come to the Lord in the last two months.

### Polacca, Arizona

Mrs. Dorothy Terry, who was ministering at Polacca, has moved back to Bitá Hochee to resume ministry to the Navajos in the White Cone area. Brother and Sister Charles Greathouse have accepted the pastorate at Polacca.

### Gallup, New Mexico

During a 10-day revival in April with R. L. Covington of Washington, Ind., several knelt at the altar

## Workers Enlist for Homefront Service

SIX MORE MISSIONARIES ARE ENTERING the whitened Home Missions harvest. Three will work in Alaska, two will engage in Teen Challenge ministry, and one will serve on the Navaho reservation in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rutledge are pastors at Nenana and Anderson, Alaska. They have been in Alaska four years and have now received Home Missions appointment. Brother Rutledge is licensed with the Southern Missouri District. He has had experience as staff member of a children's home in Alaska. The Rutledges have two boys and three girls.

Berniece S. Coff of Redwood City, Calif., has been appointed to the Alaska field. She is a graduate of Holmes Theological Seminary, Greenville, S. C., where she majored in sacred literature. Miss Coff has had considerable experience in working with children and youth in her church.

Another young lady, Ruth Lucille Droll of Peoria, Ill., has been appointed to the American Indian field. She will join the missionaries at Tuba City, Ariz., whom

she has assisted previously. Miss Droll is a graduate of North Central Bible Institute, Minneapolis, where she majored in theology. She is licensed with the Illinois District.

Carl P. King of Cynthia, Ky., has been appointed to Teen Challenge ministry and is at present a full-time field representative of the New York work. A Central Bible Institute graduate, he majored in Bible. He is licensed with the Kentucky District and has had experience in pastoral work and street evangelism.

Donald Abbott, formerly from England and more recently a resident of Springfield, Mo., has also been appointed to Teen Challenge work and will serve at the Center in San Francisco, Calif. He is a CBI graduate and majored in Bible. He was once a Ghanaian government officer in charge of workshops. He has served as a local minister of education, as a missionary evangelist in Africa, and as organizer of teams at Teen Challenge Center in New York. He is licensed with the Southern Missouri District.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rutledge



Ruth Droll



Donald Abbott



Carl P. King



Berniece Coff

for salvation in the Gallup Indian Assembly. Several backsliders came back to God, as well.

### Lakeside, Arizona

The Bert Parkers are working at McNary, hoping to establish a mission there. They are holding services in a private home.

### Parker, Arizona

On March 21, a C. A. Group of 29 plus the pastor arrived in Parker for a four-day meeting. Benny Franklin, pastor of the Gospel Fel-

lowship Assembly in Pedley, Calif., and his C. A. leader were in charge of the group. They raised \$35 for a piano much needed by the Parker church. The group proved a great blessing, especially to the young people.

### Wagner, South Dakota

Several have been saved recently in the Sioux Indian Assembly at Wagner. The Sunday school attendance is running in the 40's. The church building was redecorated recently.

# You Are Precious to God

Have you considered the price He paid to redeem you?

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**T**HE BIBLE DECLARES THAT CHRIST DIED TO REDEEM the whole world from sin (1 John 2:2). Happy is the person who accepts this redemption and allows the knowledge of it to transform his life.

The knowledge of redemption—being ransomed from sin—is the most essential knowledge that can come to the human life. We marvel at the tremendous scientific developments of our time—things that were scarcely imagined a generation ago; yet it is far more vital to know that we have been saved from sin.

Let us look at the *price* of our redemption. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers" (1 Peter 1:19). It is common today to equate money with success. Yet all that money can buy will perish with the using. And there are many things that money cannot do for us. It cannot make a luxuriously furnished mansion into a warm and loving home. It cannot retrieve harsh words, restore broken vows, compensate for unfaithfulness, or remove the scars of sin. Neither can it restore life when death has come. The eternal soul has nothing in common with natural things that will ultimately decay. Therefore, it is impossible to redeem a soul from sin with "corruptible things, as silver and gold."

The price of our redemption is "the precious blood of Jesus." To redeem humanity, God gave not "things" but life—through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son.

The death of Christ was no accident. Nor was it a hastily devised necessity, prepared after the fall of man into sin. Neither did it result from the ineffectiveness of the law. It was in God's plan for us before the creation of the world.

The apostles knew well the instructions of Leviticus—the need of a sacrifice and blood to atone for sin. They associated the death of Christ with that of the lambs that were slain. Even Christ's introduction to His public ministry included the pronouncement, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

The Mosaic law required that the sacrificial offering be perfect, and slain carefully. The lamb was to be slain in such a way that no part of the meat should become contaminated. In order that the blood might become the atonement, the penitent laid his hand on the animal in confession and faith. Even so, the redeemed are to accept Christ as their Saviour by a definite act of identification, confessing their sin and claiming His sacrifice as atonement for their personal sins.

Our redemption was accomplished by the substitution of the innocent for the guilty. It required the blood of One who could give Himself for a race of sinners. Only the blood of Jesus Christ who was perfect in character and behavior ("without blemish and without spot") was sufficient for our redemption. For this reason the apostles laid much emphasis on the value of His sacrifice.

The apostles lived in a day when slavery was practiced. It was an accepted fact that a redeemed slave became the chattel of the redeemer, and all he owned became the property of his master! So Paul wrote that we are not our own, but we are bought with a price. "Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The blood of Christ our redeemer was shed that we might be made free from the pattern of sinful slavery and enjoy a new position as the sons of God. Therefore we are no longer to live according to our own desires. We must do the will of the Master who calls us to be holy and separate from sin. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Colossians 3:1).

The redemption that was "foreordained before the foundation of the world" is made significant to us personally as we accept the Saviour. Have you accepted this new life? If not, you are missing the blessings of peace, of pardon, and of serving the Lord who has paid the price of your redemption. Christ died for you, but you receive no benefit from His sacrifice until you accept your redemption. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." ◀◀