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stumblingblock in the way and criticizing our brethren, we are told to follow after the things that “edify” *one another* (Romans 14:19). This means to build them up. Our comments concerning them should not pull down their reputation nor detract from their standing. Contrariwise, we should add to their good reputation and build them up in the most holy faith.

In a practical expression of our goodwill toward our brethren, we should “use hospitality *one to another*” (James 5:16). To those who are bereaved we are instructed to “comfort *one another*” with words of the glorious hope of resurrection and reunion with our loved ones (1 Thessalonians 4:18). The Word of God should also dwell in us richly that we may be “teaching and admonishing *one another*” (Colossians 3:16). How beautiful are Christian deeds of kindness, helpfulness, and spiritual strengthening which we are exhorted to exert on behalf of our brothers in Christ.

Our general attitude toward our brethren is fundamental to all the expression to which we have been exhorted. “Be ye kind *one to another*, tender hearted, forgiving

By Ralph M. Riggs

The ‘One-Another’ Gospel

The proper attitude of Christians one toward another was illustrated by our Lord when He washed His disciples’ feet.

IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27 WE ARE TOLD THAT ALL Christians are members of the body of Christ. We are vitally connected not only to our great Head but also to each other. One is not more important than the other, and every one is indispensable to the unity of the whole.

The New Testament abounds with instructions about the relationship of Christians one to another. We are told to take a humble attitude toward each brother in God’s family. In lowliness of mind each should *esteem other better than himself* (Philippians 2:3). This thought is accompanied by the exhortation, “in honor preferring *one another*” (Romans 12:10).

As a matter of fact, we should even confess our faults *one to another* (James 5:16). “And if any man have a quarrel against any” we should be forbearing *one another* and forgiving *one another* (Colossians 3:13).

In Ephesians 5:18-21 the Spirit-filled life finds three expressions arranged in sequence according to the difficulty of attainment. (1) When we are filled with the Spirit it is very easy to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. (2) It is somewhat more difficult to be “giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (3) But the hardest of all is to submit ourselves *one to another* in the fear of the Lord.

This is where many Spirit-filled Christians draw the line and refuse to follow. But it is God’s Word. We are also told, “By love serve *one another*” (Galatians 5:13).

There are things which we are told to do for each other. “Bear ye *one another’s* burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Instead of putting a

one another.” In Mark 9:50 our Lord told us to “have peace *one with another.*” Paul tells us in Romans 12:16 to “be of the same mind *one to another.*” He amplifies this in 1 Corinthians 1:10. “Be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” The tap root of such an attitude is nothing less than love. “Let us consider *one another* to provoke unto love and to good works” (Hebrews 10:25).

This love is defined more completely in 1 Peter 1:22. “See that ye love *one another* with a pure heart fervently.” Here again we have three degrees. (1) We must be sure that our love is not merely a hypocritical profession. To say “I love you” is one thing, but it is something else to love genuinely from the heart. Neither our Lord nor our brethren can be satisfied with a feigned or pretended love. (2) We must love with a pure heart; that is, with unmixed motives. We should not love in order to get good things in return. (3) And “fervently” does not mean in a lukewarm fashion. The Lord wishes our love to be sincere and red-hot.

These positive exhortations constitute a great door, flung wide open, with Christ’s command to enter. In order to strengthen this appeal he has shut the back door with distinct prohibitions regarding what we shall *not* do to our brethren. “Evil surmisings” (1 Timothy 6:4) is Paul’s terse way of presenting the thought amplified in Zechariah 7:10. “Let none of you imagine evil against *his brother* in your heart.” This has to do with the mind and is a command not even to *think* evil concerning our brethren (Philippians 4:8). For it does not take long for evil thinking to produce evil

speaking! "Speak not evil *one of another*, brethren" (James 4:11).

"And let not him that eateth *despise him* that eateth not, and let not him which eateth not *judge him* that eateth." "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own Master he standeth or falleth" (Romans 4:3, 4). In connection with the coming of Christ, James said, "Judge not *one against another*, brethren, lest ye be condemned" (James 5:9).

Holding a grudge nourishes a root of bitterness which springing up, troubles and defiles us (Hebrews 12:15).

Thoughts and words lead to action. "Yea, ye do wrong and defraud, and that your brethren." The Scriptures demand that no man go beyond and defraud *his brother* in any matter" (1 Corinthians 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:6).

The final step of bad conduct between brethren is to "go to law *one with another*" (1 Corinthians 6:7).

With 20 voices inviting us into a happy life of perfect relationship one with another, and seven warning calls against bad conduct one toward another, we have the Bible picture of the "*One-Another*" Gospel. ◀◀

Don't let the erosive influences of this modern world wear away your faith!

By JOHN LANCASTER

IN JOB 14:19 WE READ, "THE WATERS WEAR THE stones..." These words come from a melancholy passage in Job's great soliloquy of suffering (Job 14:19). The whole context is one of helplessness and inevitable decay.

Job uses stark symbols to express his thoughts: a dried-up sea (v. 11); a mountain rent by inner stresses and crumbling from its rocky heights to fill the valleys below with scattered boulders (v. 18); a devastating flood sweeping across a once-verdant countryside, leaving it desolate and lifeless (v. 19).

These are sudden and dramatic events which can change the landscape and alter the destinies of those who are involved in them. Job sees them as symbols of the crises of human life, which, like the unforeseen calamities which came to him, can change the whole course of human experience. They are the brutal realities of life against which man is powerless in his own wisdom and strength.

It is significant, however, that alongside the symbols of dramatic change Job places another: "The waters wear the stones." This is a picture not of great elemental disturbances, but of the quiet persistent process of erosion. Year after year the abrasive movement of the water wears away the stones. And this process can be as devastating in its effect as the earthquake.

Not so long ago thousands of tons of rock crashed down from the headland close by Beachy Head to change the contours of a famous bit of England's coastline. This was the result not of an earthquake tremor or man-made explosion, but of subtle shifts in the tides and the gradual attrition of wind and weather. The *process* of erosion caused a *crisis* of disintegration. Job's point is that this can happen to men. *My* point is that it can also happen to Christians!

We do not find it hard to understand that a sudden upsurge of natural force can cause a mountain to quake and disappear. We who are used to nuclear explosives do not find it hard to understand how rocks can be broken up. Neither do we find it hard to understand that a sudden emotional crisis can change a human life. The death of a loved one or the collapse of a business

The Hidden Persuaders

may shatter a man's peace of heart and the sureness of his trust in God. But faith that seems to be lost overnight as the result of some shattering experience is usually lost because there is some inner defect in the spiritual life of the one concerned.

The crisis brings things to a head and faulty faith disintegrates. All around us are men and women like that, Christians who have undergone a change; burnt-out relics of the old days; lives where once burned the volcanic fire of God, now spiritually extinct.

These changes in faith and spiritual enthusiasm may take place without a dramatic crisis. A slow process of spiritual erosion can bring about the same effects: "The waters wear the stones."

All around us is the abrasive influence of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Through the medium of modern advertising, through the influence of magazines, books, television and radio, through our contacts with men and women of the world, our minds and spirits are exposed to the ideas and attitudes of unbelief and materialism. The danger is that this constant, inevitable contact with the world over the years will wear down our faith. It is so easy to become conditioned to our environment, to be bludgeoned into spiritual insensitivity by the sheer weight and noise of the world about us.

The wearing-down process is illustrated starkly in the life of Samson. This otherwise strong man was gradually worn down by psychological and emotional pressures imposed upon him by his relationship with Delilah. Under her influence his faith in God was reduced in size, the most precious things in life seemed to lose their urgent

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

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Joyous Fellowship

Fellowship is a wonderful word. Each time the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America is mentioned, for example, we are reminded of the blessedness of spiritual fellowship.

(Incidentally, the 17th annual convention of the PFNA will be in Springfield, Mo., Oct. 27-29, 1964, and it promises to be a time of great blessing for all who are able to attend.)

Fellowship is a scriptural word. It speaks of companionship. The dictionary says it denotes "a community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience." In the case of the Assemblies of God the word denotes *all* these things, for we rejoice in a *common* salvation; we are associated in the same *work*—the work of the Lord; and we all enjoy the same *feeling* of joy in Christ, and testify to the same glorious *experience* of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our Assemblies constitute much more than a denomination. The Assemblies of God is a fellowship, thank God, and may we never dry up or harden into the type of religious organization which usually comes to mind when the word "denomination" is used.

Christian fellowship is much more satisfying than anything found on a natural level. It is far deeper, for instance, than the world's fraternal organizations. The bond between us reaches beyond the shores of time and into the mists of eternity, for our circle of fellowship takes in not only our spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ, but also God Himself. It is explained in 1 John 1:3 where the apostle writes: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

Here is a dual fellowship. We have human companionship on the one hand and divine companionship on the other. It is as though we walk the pilgrim pathway with one arm linked with God and the other arm linked with our fellow-Christians.

Amos R. Wells, writing in *Sunday School Times*, once put it this way:

*Walking is dull, I must sadly own;
Walking is dull if one walks alone:
No one to talk with of what one sees—
Flowers and meadows and birds and trees.
Walking is fine if a comrade true,
Loving and eager, goes with you.
Merry the chat and merry the song
As comrade spirits trudge along.
And so, O Spirit divinely high,
Lord of the earth and the arching sky,
Thy love bends down from infinity
And even descends to walk with me.
What strength in body, what joy in heart,
As Thou art taking the comrade part!
I am firm as iron and light as a feather
When I and the Spirit are walking together!*

This bond we have with the Lord and fellow Christians is sweet indeed. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen it by gathering in the house of God for fellowship, worship, and instruction in the Word. Each side of this joyous fellowship with God and man is dependent upon the other. A break in the one fellowship brings a break in the other. Let us nurture this happy fellowship and preserve it at all costs.

—R.C.C.



CLINTON C. WESTON

The Story of Clinton C. Weston

"An Old Disciple"

As Told by Paul C. Schoch, Pastor, First Assembly, Oakland, Calif.

PAUL THE APOSTLE HAD IN HIS COMPANY MANY PEOPLE who remain unnamed, but when he went to Jerusalem he had a certain man named Mnason with him and the only description given us is that he was "an old disciple" (Acts 21:16). Here was a testimony in three words of a disciple of Jesus, "a learner," who walked in truth all his years until he was an old man.

The following testimony of a devoted custodian, a doorkeeper in the house of God, is best understood when he, like Mnason, is described as "an old disciple."

Clinton C. Weston was a quiet, humble man who lived alone—never married. He was the custodian of First Assembly in Oakland for 20 years. He was saved because of an ad placed in the newspaper. One Saturday night in his room he opened the paper and was attracted by a church ad. The next day found him in Bethel Tabernacle. This was an unusual event for him because he had not attended church regularly since he was 10 years old when his mother died. After visiting the church for several weeks, on December 7, 1930, Clinton Weston received Christ at the age of 43, right in his seat in a revival campaign.

Shortly after his conversion, Brother Weston felt a burden for the school age children, possibly because of his own sad childhood. A ministry of giving out tracts and personal witnessing was born in his heart. The urge became so intense that at times he was unable to eat or sleep. During the depression he even took off work, when he really needed the income, to witness full-time from door to door.

Four years after his start in this tract work he began to keep a daily log of his contacts. He used a stenographer's notebook with a dividing line down the center. In one of these notebooks he made 6,624 entries. He would put two to a line and after filling the notebook from front to back he turned it over and filled it from back to front. He would write down each contact's name and address, listing any important description that would identify the person. The entry in the log might list only one person or include several, such as, "A young girl and family," "Jewish family," "ten men received tracts," or "a group of girls." It is estimated that the more than 14,000 entries in his log represent more than 30,000 people he witnessed to in the 28 years of his record keeping!

One page alone shows the varied contacts he made: "hard-hearted man," "Sunday school prospects," "girl from the East," "drunkard," "two little Catholic boys," "one newsboy," "grandmother and granddaughter," and "truck driver."

All his entries were penciled in. Some days he listed only one contact, while on others such as March 18, 1939, there were 26 entries. This day he must have reached at least 35 people! He would note where he contacted them: "front of Sears," "boy on viaduct," "girl in bakery," "young man on bench," "girls skating in park," "boys in novelty store," "boys near fire station," and "new neighbor." Children were his delight and so it is not surprising to read entries like these: "dear little boy downtown," "pleasant boy," "refined little boy," "two mild-mannered boys."

He seemed to feel that anyone and everyone was his responsibility, and so his records show that he reached all kinds and nationalities of people: "colored boys," "blind man," "Chinese girls," "crippled Catholic boy," "Jewish family," "93-year-old man," "Italian," "crippled Catholic lady," "college man," "lady who couldn't speak English," "sailor boy," "man and boy fishing," "two soldiers," "girl at boat house," "two boys flagging down an auto" (hitchhikers).

He found resistance, opposition and indifference which he listed along with his opinion of them: "hard-hearted man," "excuse-making boy," "those that would not take tracts," "hard little boy," "boy who wouldn't talk," "swearing colored woman," "drunken man and woman." This no doubt touched his heart deeply because the logs are soiled from his constant thumbing of the pages, and many pages show stains of tears that no doubt fell while he was praying over these names. Yes, his sowing was watered with tears.

He was truly a man of prayer, and he often could be found on his knees before the services in the prayer room of the church. He had a special prayer list made out of the hundreds and hundreds of contacts. He divided this list into 31 groups, each group containing 5 or 6 names. He would pray for a different group each day of the month. Many names remained on the prayer lists long after the boys and girls were grown and married. Then he would begin to pray for their children, too. Also his list included these for prayer: jails, hospitals, reform schools, orphanages, Sunday schools, camps, those in authority, missionaries, and Billy Graham.

He had made a list of short Bible studies with the references, in the back of one of the notebooks. Along with such topics as sanctification, hypocrisy, charity, and mercy was a notation on Acts 4:29 that no doubt spurred him on his ministry—"boldness to speak or act." Just five words but they filled a lifetime!

With the coming of fall in 1963, the entries became
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Extending the Sunday School's

ON THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE good work that is being done by Extension Department workers in Assemblies of God Sunday schools across the land. These faithful workers have heard the call to service beyond the four walls of the classrooms, and have responded.

In homes and various institutions in their communities they are ministering to the aged and infirm, crippled children, the shut-ins, and the sick.

They are reaching isolated persons such as ranchers, people on islands, and, in some cases, Indians on reservations.

They are taking spiritual help to Sunday workers such as policemen, firemen, watchmen, nurses, telephone workers, bus drivers, utility and emergency workers.

In addition, they are ministering by correspondence to Sunday school members who left home to serve in the armed forces or to attend college.

The specific purposes of the Extension Department may be spelled out as follows:

1. To extend the Sunday school ministry beyond the classroom to homes and institutions.
2. To keep the extension members in contact with the church program and abreast of Sunday school progress.
3. To aid the pastor in the visitation program.
4. To win lost souls to Christ.
5. To minister to other individuals in the immediate neighborhood of the church.
6. To develop a coordinated program through all branches of the church to reach the unreached and thus serve the community.

For a free pamphlet which tells how to organize and operate the Extension Department, write to the National Sunday School Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

Shut-in Club Promoted by Daily Radio Broadcast

By RALPH E. LESLIE
Battle Creek, Michigan

A DAILY RADIO BROADCAST, "FOUR FOLD WITNESS" HAS provided a unique means of Extension ministry in Battle Creek, Mich. Pastor R. A. Rieben's Shut-in Club has included people who are outside the regular fellowship of the church.

Each day one shut-in is named on the broadcast. Listeners are encouraged to send cards or letters to this individual. Gifts of flowers, ice cream, or cake (donated by local business houses, who are given credit on the broadcast) are taken to the shut-in.

The program has many listeners. They are urged to phone in their prayer requests and to give the names and addresses of folk who are shut in.

This is just one way in which the Church of the Four Fold Gospel in Battle Creek extends its ministry beyond its four walls.

Another project which is much appreciated by the people who cannot attend church regularly is the Annual Shut-in Sunday. For many of them this is the one opportunity during the year when they can be in church. Special arrangements are made to bring the shut-ins to church at this time and they are honored in the service.

Ralph E. Leslie is assistant pastor, Church of the Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich.

The Extension Department in this church has been very active for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rouviere, who have been engaged in this ministry for 32 years, received a definite call from God to do it when they were saved in 1932. They have visited in hundreds of homes. Going to the shut-ins they have listened to problems, offered encouragement, prayed with them, taught the Sunday school lesson, and sung simple hymns—with or without accompaniment.

Although elderly themselves, Brother and Sister Rouviere have kept young at heart by helping others. By using the gifts of the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge they have been enabled to help people, to honor confidences, and to avoid controversy.

Services are held also in jail, and at the local rescue



Shut-ins are brought to church and honored at the Church of the Four Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, on Shut-in Sunday.

Ministry

mission, in addition to rest homes. In these services many hidden talents have been brought to light as the workers have engaged in singing, testifying, playing musical instruments, and preaching. These meetings are held under the leadership of the pastor or other experienced Christian workers.

Hospital calls have opened the way for giving the gospel in many cases. The gift of a plant or bouquet has provided an opportunity for witnessing, offering prayer, and giving out gospel literature.

Most people are glad to be visited. There are so many lonely ones waiting to be shown that someone cares. The sick, the elderly, the people who are shut in for any reason respond to friendliness and usually are willing to accept the gospel message.

Each Sunday afternoon Roger Kimmerer, deaf minister, holds a sign-language service for the deaf. Physical handicaps need not prevent people from receiving spiritual blessings through Christ if there are willing workers who are ready to be used by Him in this ministry of love.

'Salt Lake Tribune' Features Assembly's Extension Ministry

By ROBERT CHURCH
Kearns, Utah

MIKE JONES, RELIGION EDITOR FOR THE SALT LAKE *Tribune*, visited a rest home where we were conducting a gospel service. He wanted to know more about this ministry, so he talked with our pastor, Donald R. Anderson. The result was a nice little feature article on the church page of the newspaper, entitled, "Church Workers Pay Visits to S. L. Area Rest Homes."

We began this ministry in 1962 when I was appointed superintendent of the Extension Department of the Kearns Assembly of God. I think the work has been as great a blessing to us who have engaged in it as to the people to whom we have ministered. Our pastor has been such a help and encouragement to us. Almost all our people have participated in some way, at some time, so our whole church has been strengthened. Some go almost every Sunday. Many help in special singing, group singing, and witnessing. Some take turns in delivering the messages.

Many times with tears in their eyes, the patients have told me how they enjoyed the services and urged us to be sure and come back! What a thrill it is to hear a

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patient testify how he or she met Christ and received salvation in one of the meetings. Over a dozen have accepted Christ since we started. One lady accepted Him and the next day was gone to be with the Lord. Patients who cannot be moved into the room where the meeting is held are visited personally at their bedside.

One Extension Day we brought a carload from the rest homes to church and honored them in the service. A small gift was given to each one as a reminder of the visit. To keep the work always before the church, from time to time we have a good testimony or two on Sunday nights about this ministry and share together God's blessings.

At the present time we have two teams with eight rest homes scheduled. I minister to four of them, and Brother Harry Thurston to the other four.

It is not always easy, though. A few weeks ago, I was cursed by one of the patients as I offered to shake his hand. But Matthew 5:44 says: "Bless them that curse you, and do good to them that hate you." God gave an anointing of the Holy Spirit and I never preached better.

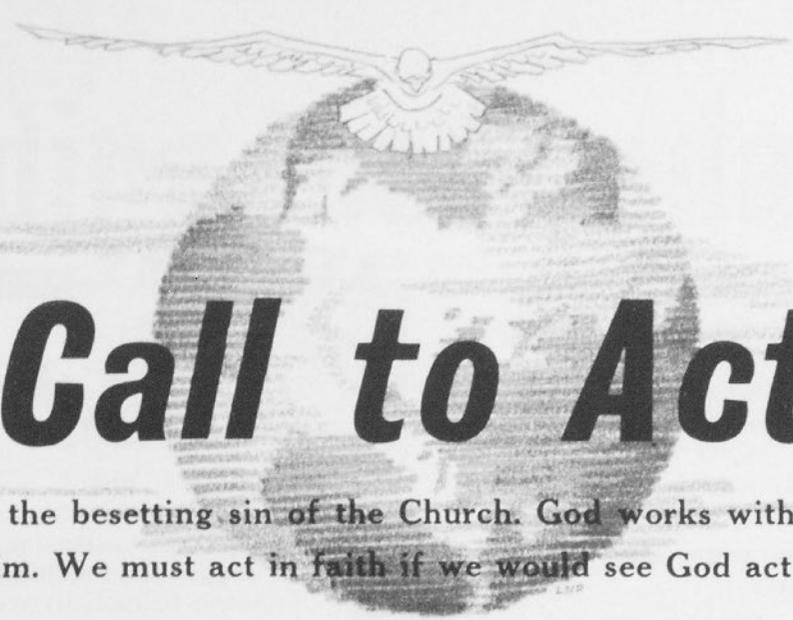
The Lord has laid this ministry on my heart, and I want to "be not weary in well doing" (2 Thessalonians 3:13), but faithful to Him to carry it out and to lead others to Christ before their life on this earth is done!

MERCY WAS ENOUGH REWARD

Thomas Hooker, the courageous English preacher, who brought his flock to the new world and became one of the founders of Connecticut, lay dying in his Hartford home in 1647. Gathered at his bedside were his friends, who sought to comfort him. "Mr. Hooker," they said to him, "you are now going to receive your reward."

But the old Puritan turned to them and said, "I go to receive mercy!"

—ROLAND H. BAINTON



A Call to Action!

Inaction is the besetting sin of the Church. God works with those who work with Him. We must act in faith if we would see God act in power.

WORLD CONFERENCE SERMON BY DON MALLOWH

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IS A RECORD BOTH OF triumphs and of defeats. We glory in the victories but are ashamed of the losses.

To study those defeats and low points is most revealing. They did not result from outside enemy action. Rather, they came from *inaction* within the church itself. The cause of God has suffered more from listlessness within than from all the Nebuchadnezzars, Neros, and wicked despots who have assailed God's people from without.

Even more surprising are some of the factors that have led the Church into the ruts of complacency and sheer laziness. Even such good activities as prayer, systematic record keeping, and reveling in the supernatural can distract us from the purposes of God and thwart His plan for victory.

On three different occasions God shook His people from their laxity, wrong purpose and daydreaming by asking a piercing, shattering question. When the Israelites were frantically praying for help, God rebuked them by asking, "Wherefore criest thou unto me?" To a discouraged, disconsolate prophet God asked, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" To disciples preoccupied with the miracle of the Ascension the angel asked, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" Each question brought the hearers to their senses and then a call to action directed them to God's will and purpose. Perhaps these three questions will challenge us in this day when similar warnings are vitally needed.

ACTION INSTEAD OF PRAYER

Does God discourage praying? When His question to the Israelites stands alone it would give that appearance but when coupled with His command it has a different connotation. He said, "Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." There is a time to stop praying and start forward, in spite of the obstacles. Even God expects us to close the prayer closet door and begin doing things for Him.

Don Mallough is pastor of Faith Tabernacle, Tulsa, Okla. He preached this sermon at the World Pentecostal Conference in Helsinki, June 28, 1964.

With such a command ringing in our ears we face the unvarnished facts about forward strides. It is impossible to go forward while looking back. The past only provides lessons for the future. Eventually we walk in the way in which we are looking.

It is impossible to go forward without effort. No one ever coasts forward. Nor can we go forward by just talking. There is a vast difference between words and action. It is impossible to go forward without faith. Like Peter, we must step out on the water at the command of our Lord.

ACTION INSTEAD OF REMINISCING

It is difficult to understand how the Elijah of Mount Carmel could have changed in but a few days. The hero of the mountain had become the coward of the desert. He had plunged from the pinnacle of success to the depth of disappointment, discouragement, and despair.

Elijah sat under the juniper tree, living in the past, and trying to take stock of his ministry. He attempted to figure up how much good he had done and the results were disillusioning. His records were faulty; his arithmetic was bad; and his whole view of God, and of life, was distorted.

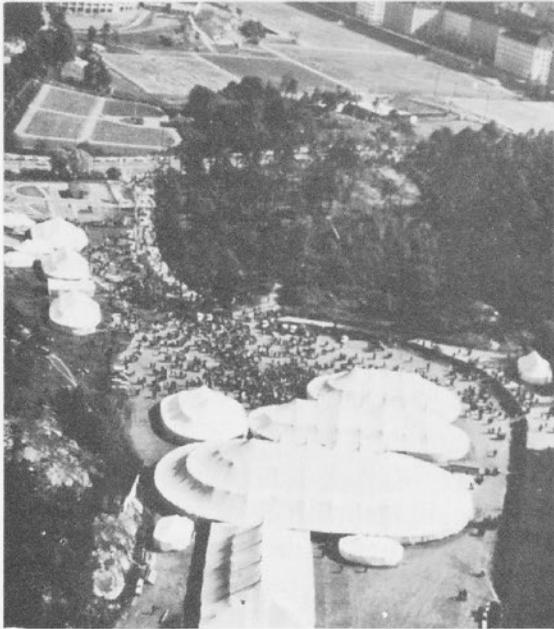
When God asked, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" all the feelings in the heart of the prophet gushed forth. The words indicated disappointment, disillusionment, and self-pity. He was brooding over his failure and wanted to die.

God's lesson to Elijah was that he should stop counting souls, totalling results and attempting to keep records. He had left the work of a prophet to become a book-keeper. Now God bade him forget about the results and get back to his preaching.

There comes a time to stop either brooding over statistics or glorying in them, and to concentrate on preaching the gospel.

ACTION INSTEAD OF REVERIE

The disciples were enraptured with the miracle of the
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Services for the conference were held in the tents (foreground) erected in the Laakso Stadium.



Flags of 31 nations lined the entrance to the conference grounds. The tent at the left served as dining area for thousands of visitors.

3,200 REGISTERED AT WORLD CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI

SOME 3,200 VISITORS OFFICIALLY REGISTERED FOR THE SEVENTH triennial World Pentecostal Conference. In addition, many thousands of Finnish people attended the meetings.

The conference was held in Helsinki, Finland, June 23-28, 1964. Pentecostal believers from over 34 countries gathered in the huge tents erected in the Laakso Stadium for the event. There were large groups from the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and other countries as well as Scandinavia. Among the Americans present were five executive presbyters of the Assemblies of God (T. F. Zimmerman, G. F. Lewis, H. S. Bush, J. P. Hogan, and M. B. Netzel).

The opening service was preceded by an impressive ceremony when flags from 31 nations were raised while the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," was sung to the accompaniment of a brass band.

The Archbishop of Finland, Martti Simojoki, welcomed the Conference on behalf of the State Church, and dignitaries of other Finnish churches also were present. President Kekkonen of Finland sent a message of greeting.

Archbishop Simojoki, speaking in Finnish, Swedish, and English, read the Scripture and said: "The world is not waiting for more religious people, or moral prohibition. The world is longing for God. Religion and morals do not give us God. I know the people here are longing for God, and I know that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin."

A presidium to direct the conference was elected and consisted of Donald Gee (England), Howard Courtney (U.S.A.), W. Sawe (Sweden), E. Manninen (Finland), and Gayle Lewis (U.S.A.). Host pastor E. Manninen welcomed the delegates gathered from all over the world.

Donald Gee, in his address as chairman of the advisory committee, preached from Acts 1:8—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

"We must evangelize or fail as a revival," said Brother Gee. "We can easily be sidetracked from the great purpose of the Spirit which is world evangelization. Our generation has lost its moral anchorage. It's not enough to be condemnatory; it's easy to be negative. We need to preach Christ as the Lord of all the parts of our life."

In the morning sessions addresses were given by: Percy S. Brewster, Wales ("Christ, the Foundation of World Evangeliza-

tion"); C. G. Enticknapp, Australia ("Methods of World Evangelization Today"); Walter E. McAlister, U.S.A. and Canada ("The Holy Spirit in World Evangelization"); Sven Johansson, Sweden ("God's Gift of Evangelists").

The great evangelistic meetings were attended by some 11,000 people each night. The preachers were S. M. Crouch (U.S.A.), James Cross (U.S.A.), G. Wessels (South Africa), Paul Rabe (Germany), and E. Minos (Sweden and Norway).

Music was prominent in the Sunday afternoon service. The Evangel College Concert Band from Springfield, Mo., presented several inspiring numbers and the afternoon sermon was delivered by Don Mallough (U.S.A.).

Other musical groups heard during the conference were the Swedish Preachers' Choir, the French Gypsy Quintet, and Finnish choral groups.

Donald Gee was reappointed editor of the news magazine *Pentecost* and an invitation of the Brazil churches to have the eighth World Pentecostal Conference in Rio de Janeiro was unanimously accepted. The conference will be in the first week of July, 1967.

It was decided that the advisory committee, to prepare for this conference, should be increased to 20 members to include more brethren from South America. Eight members of the present committee were reappointed and 12 new members were appointed. T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A., was named chairman. Other members of the committee are: F. P. do Nascimento (Brazil), Howard Courtney (U.S.A.), S. M. Crouch (U.S.A.), Lewi Pethrus (Sweden), W. Sawe (Sweden), H. L. Senduk (Indonesia), P. S. Brewster (Wales), Donald Gee (England), G. Wessels (South Africa), T. Johnstone (Canada), P. Duncan (Australia), E. Manninen (Finland), P. L. Macalao (Brazil), Wade Horton (U.S.A.), E. Lesnusa (Indonesia), P. Crudo (Argentina), A. Flores (Chile), E. Lorenz (Germany), and A. P. Vasconcelos (Brazil) who will serve as secretary.

There was great blessing in the conference sessions as believers from different lands brought greetings from their brethren throughout the earth. Many sinners sought salvation as a result of the preaching in the evangelistic meetings.

The conference was widely publicized throughout Scandinavia by press, radio, and TV.



"CALL TO THE
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Point 5—Seek to be
filled with the Spirit and
used by the Spirit

STIRRING UP THE GIFT

By WESLEY R. HURST

Director of Promotions, Foreign Missions Department

SMOLDERING IN EVERY SPIRIT-BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN ARE hot embers which when stirred will suddenly burst into lively flame. It was this principle that directed Paul to say to Timothy: "Stir up the gift of God" (2 Timothy 1:6). In verse 7 Paul states, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." These three "gifts" accompany the great gift of the Holy Ghost.

Paul realized that the gift of the Holy Spirit could become dormant and inactive in the believer. He repeatedly cautioned against a crusted, careless Christian experience. He said to Timothy, "Stir up the gift." The option was Timothy's. He could activate the power within or ignore the Spirit's potential.

When a boy of 12 I was filled with the Holy Spirit. Ten years later as a young pastor I faced a fear of failure. I sensed a lack of wisdom and power. This became a challenge. Then one Sunday night in the altar service in Bruce, S. Dak., God brought me back sharply to His call and His gift to me—the gift of the Holy Ghost. Paul's word to Timothy came to me: "Stir up the gift." I was reminded that the Holy Ghost would dispel the fear and fill my needs.

I again read the scripture in 2 Timothy 1:6, 7. My heart responded—the fire of God filled me. For the first time I prophesied, and a river of blessing and power flowed out of my innermost being. With that outflow went the fears and anxieties of human weakness. In my hunger and response to the Word I had stirred up the mighty Holy Ghost power meant to be mine. The promise of the Father became a new reality—and I sensed the presence of Christ. New spiritual *knowledge, love, and power* flooded my soul.

Let us consider these three results of this indwelling power.

KNOWLEDGE

The Lord promised that there would be an abiding knowledge. He promised that the Holy Ghost would guide us into *all truth*. He said the Holy Spirit would show us things to come; the Holy Spirit would glorify Him and show Him unto us. The Spirit reveals to us "the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

Frustrating ideological conflicts fill the world today. To many people, truth is a relative thing. Ungodly, free-thinking intellectuals seek to erode the absolute principles of truth and righteousness as taught by the Word of God. Political and social upheaval and its accompanying

battle of ideas can only be challenged through the power of spiritual knowledge given by the Holy Ghost.

LOVE

From the abiding conscious presence of the Holy Spirit there also emanates a divine love. Love as revealed to us by God is all-embracing, never-failing, eternal. To know the Lord is to love Him. To love Him is to love those whom He loves.

When we walk in the Spirit, we love as Jesus loved. Many people are capable of loving never-dying souls passing into eternal darkness without God, but are taxed beyond their capacity to love *people!* They find it hard to love neighbors, friends, and even family. They are prone to envy one another, to compete for privilege and status. This is human. It is also human to love those in need, about whom you know little. It is *divine* to love those in need about whom you know many undesirable things.

God sent His Son to demonstrate a love for people. Jesus in turn has sent the Holy Ghost so that we may demonstrate that same love. The Holy Ghost resides to give a *power to love* as Jesus did. This love directed toward God, toward His children, and toward the lost, is one of the evidences of the Spirit-filled life.

Paul said we are nothing when burned at the stake—without love! We are nothing when giving all to the poor—without love! We are nothing when possessing all gifts, faith, and knowledge—if we have not love! Out of this abiding love grows fruit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." If the Holy Spirit abides in fulness, the fruit of the Spirit is in evidence. Conversely, if the fruit is not present it is evident that the Holy Ghost does not abide, or that we need to stir up the gift of God.

POWER

The fulness of the Holy Ghost gives abiding power! His power is manifest through the supernatural gifts and the victorious witness of the individual believer (Acts 1:8). This power is predicted, not admonished. If the Holy Spirit is present in fulness, His power is operative. The believer who purports to be Spirit-filled and yet is not a witness, is claiming something that is past or non-existent.

God has chosen the "gifts" of 1 Corinthians 12 and 14 as channels of the Holy Spirit for revelation, communica-

tion, and the operation of His power. He is not confined to these channels, but He does use them "as He will." They have purpose and place in the life and ministry of each individual believer. We are inclined to limit God and to regulate His manifestations of power. It is easy to eulogize technique and repeat method. Some make fetishes of certain symbols such as "Jordan water" and Israel "mustard seed" or "Golgotha sand." But God speaks and moves in infinite variety. There was but one "Aaron's rod" that budded—one mantle like Elijah's. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not to limit God, but to liberate men. The gifts introduce us again and again to the freshness of new inspiration, exhortation, and comfort.

The pressures of accelerated evil and potential destruction in the world all but swamp the faith of many. The need for "inner power" was never greater. The individual Christian needs inner power. The church needs inner power! The fulness of Pentecostal power is God's answer.

We need the gifts of faith—miracles—healings! Physical and emotional breakdowns cry out for this power. The gift of faith that alters circumstances and moves mountains gives that unconquerable inner strength. This faith-power conquers sorrow, sickness, and heartlessness. It inspires an inner change of heart. The miraculous demonstration of the gift of faith changes things.

A CALL TO ACTION

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Ascension. As if spell-bound, they gazed wide-eyed into the heavens. After a delightful experience they were acting like dreamy mystics. Oblivious to a needy world, they were indulging in the idle luxury of feeling and emotion.

Then, suddenly, God's messenger jarred them to their senses. The reverie must cease. Their Lord was coming back. The time was limited. There was a work to be done. "Stop daydreaming," said the angel, "and get to the task for which you have been commissioned." Sentiment must give way to service. They must get down from this mountain. This was not an occasion to be preoccupied with the miraculous, but rather to redeem the time prior to the Lord's return.

We, like God's people of all ages, find it easy to get sidetracked from His purpose and calling. The experience of prayer is so glorious, the blessings so rich, and the emotional release so thrilling, that we isolate ourselves in our prayer closet. We thus become spiritual recluses or hermits.

The experience of Elijah is not foreign to us. We suppose that spiritual results are the same as statistical results. We think our victory, or lack of it, centers in the tally of souls saved, believers filled, or members enrolled. If the total is high then all is well. If, as in the case of Elijah, the statistical showing is meager, then we too are despondent and depressed.

Even now there is the temptation to get so engrossed with things in the heavens that we are of no earthly

There are also gifts of revelation; the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and the discerning of spirits (1 Corinthians 12). God communicates His mind through these gifts. The shaft of light that comes by this means can illuminate the whole body of Christ. Again, God is not confined to this avenue, but He can and will in this way use the individual who is energized by the Holy Ghost. When evident, these demonstrations of His power bring a lift and impetus to the Word and to worship that is unique.

Paul spent time encouraging and regulating the gifts, but he did not fear them. Manifestations have discouraged many because of what they judged to be a mistake. Actually it was immaturity, but nevertheless inspired. The gift and inspiration can be perfect, but the initial yieldedness inept and halting. For this reason Paul charged them, "Seek to excel." This implies there is a degree of excellence which is human and incomplete in the beginning, but which is the Holy Spirit moving nevertheless.

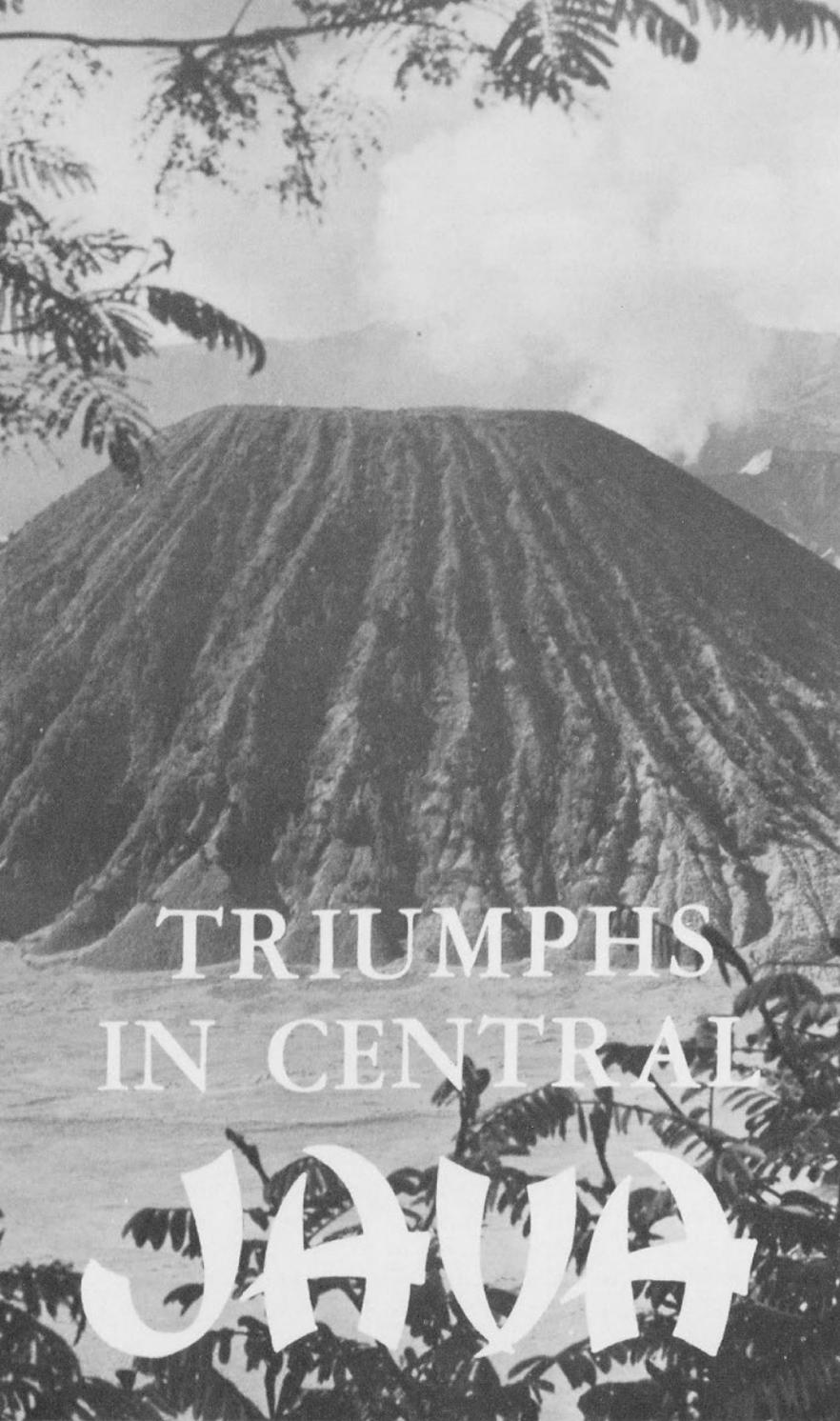
Paul says, "Stir up the gift of God." When referring to the gifts of the Spirit, his admonition is to "seek to excel," "covet earnestly" and "desire spiritual gifts." All are the privilege of the believer. Therefore, seek—covet—desire! Revival is not only by the will of God, but jointly by the will of man. The responsibility of response rests with us. ◀◀◀

service to our Lord. We gaze upward so intently that we are unaware of the needs around us. The supernatural and the heavenly glories become an end in themselves rather than a means to an end—the winning of the lost.

Today we stand on a pinnacle at this great world conference. We have come from all parts of the globe. God has filled both our hearts and these tents to overflowing. This is an experience none of us will forget. Our natural feeling is to build a tabernacle and stay on this Mount of Transfiguration. Our desire is to revel in these blessings and never leave this hallowed spot.

God counters that inclination with His command, "Speak to the people that they go forward!" Glance at the past, yes, but face the future. Thank God for numbers, enlargement, and growth, but don't be content with what has been accomplished. The glory of the Pentecostal movement lies in the future. With the vast population explosion we have work to do. We must preach, evangelize, witness, build churches, and use wisely the brief time before the coming of our Lord.

Tonight this World Conference will come to its close. Let there be no sense of disappointment, however, that this time of glorious visitation has ended. Instead, may we leave this beautiful city, amidst the woods and waters of the north, with a throbbing urgency to do more for God than we have ever done in our lives. As planes, trains, boats, and cars carry us homeward let us go as an army of thousands singing lustily, "We'll work till Jesus comes." The call of our Lord is a summons to action. Preach we must! The urgency of limited time is upon us. The need of an expanding population challenges us. The love of God constrains us. Our Commander in Chief orders us to an aggressive forward thrust, and by His grace we shall obey that command.



TRIUMPHS IN CENTRAL JAVA

GENDREAU PHOTO—MOUNT BROMO, JAVA

By Harold Carlblom
Missionary to Indonesia

THE DOOR WAS LOCKED! THE THREE BOYS KNEW THEIR father was angry. Then came a bitter voice from within the house telling them this was no longer their home—they were not recognized as children! They could go elsewhere to find their shelter and lodging.

It was already late at night. What could they do? Where could they go?

Slowly the boys turned away. Their father was a follower of another religion and strongly desired that his sons should be the same. For more than a year now, since they had taken their stand for Christ, he had subjected them to threats, punishments, and unkind treat-

ment. In spite of all this, these three young stalwarts of 13, 19, and 20 years had remained true to the Lord!

On one occasion the 13-year-old had been beaten and locked in a room when it was service time. But he managed to escape through the window and ran to the service where he found encouragement for his soul. Then his father forbade him to go to church at all, and for six weeks he was not present—until tonight, the night of the Christmas program. Because the boy so longed to participate in the presentation of the Christmas story, he disregarded the warnings and went with his brothers to church. In the joy and uplift of the service he completely forgot what the results might be when he returned home. *Now the doors were locked, and he and his brothers had been told to go elsewhere!*

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A little over a year before this time, God had directed us to Central Java where as yet we had no churches or workers. Its millions of people and scores of cities were ripe for the presentation of the gospel.

After much prayer we located in Jogjakarta, the revolutionary capital of Indonesia. This city of nearly half a million is known as a student center as well as a center of culture and art. Here we found a very gentle people, ready to respond to the gospel. Our city-wide salvation-healing campaign, conducted in one of the largest buildings in the center of the city, attracted multitudes of hungry souls. It was not necessary to beg and coax. The need was there; the realization of that need was there; the ready response was there; and the altars were filled almost every night with as many as 75 people at one time desiring salvation! The healing lines, too, were filled with people sincerely seeking help.

Our banners heralded our message: "Jesus Christ, Saviour of the World." "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." "By His stripes we are healed." In this land where it is said 90 per cent of the inhabitants are followers of Islam, we sought to make our meetings so Christ-centered that no one could fail to understand that "Neither is there salvation in *any other*: for there is *none other name* under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

God has honored this type of ministry. In less than two years we have established four fine assemblies where before there were none. They are all pastored by nationals, and several are nearly self-supporting. In most instances the people are not proselytes from other churches but are new converts to Christianity. What a joy it is in the follow-up work to minister to them in their homes, leading them step by step in their new-found life. Among those we reached were the three brothers who now had been turned out of their home.

As they came to our house late that night, our hearts were deeply moved. We had a season of prayer together to comfort and encourage them. Then we provided ac-

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commodations in the Bible school dormitory until other arrangements could be made.

Two of the brothers are attending Bible school to prepare for the Lord's work! Seven other young men from these new assemblies have entered Bible school so they may prepare to help open more new works for the Lord!

Sometimes after a tiresome day of follow-up in the *kampungs* we may wonder if it is worth all the effort. Then we look at the souls and the assemblies God has given us and the weariness is gone.

Each of the four assemblies has a thriving Sunday school of 100 or more. In addition some have as many as five branch Sunday schools plus branch churches where regular services are held. One of the pastors is

conducting services in five different places in the city as well as four regular services in the main church each week. To add to this busy schedule he has four Sunday schools! His church has made wonderful progress financially and appears to be almost completely self-supporting.

We are faced with a problem to find suitable buildings for these new congregations. It seems that our only solution is to build. However, we lack the money to do this. The national Christians are willing to give what they can. Will you help them so these churches may be erected to continue spreading the gospel through Central Java? Send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo., designated, "Indonesia Field for Church Buildings."

Grandma Giam

By **ROBERT BOLTON**
Missionary to Taiwan

RECENTLY AN 85-YEAR-OLD TAIWANESE WOMAN WENT TO be with the Lord, leaving a good testimony. Only two years ago, while Missionary James Baker was in Tainan, Grandma Giam was saved and baptized; then she burned her idols. We had visited her every now and then, trying to witness to her son, a wealthy heart specialist whose own heart is hard toward the gospel.

The funeral was a large and elaborate one, beginning with an "encoffining" service in the home. This was new to us. The body was gently laid in a plain wood coffin; flowers were thrown in, and the lid was nailed shut. This service gave us opportunity to witness of the risen Lord to many unsaved.

Next the mourners went to the Tainan crematorium. Before the cremation, we again had opportunity to speak and pray. The evening ended with a feast.

The following noon our Speed-the-Light Ford was in the long funeral procession. Large flower wreaths were borne on pedicabs or carried by hand along the street.

Dr. Giam, flanked by two brothers, walked along bearing the urn with the remains of his mother.

For the funeral service a large congregation of high-ranking people gathered, including the Tainan mayor and other officials. In this setting it was my privilege to bring a gospel message on the theme, "Christ—Our Greatest Hope."

Grandma Giam was a testimony to God's grace in her life—and in her death. ◀◀



Missionary Robert Bolton prays with bereaved family.



Funeral service was the occasion for gospel preaching to many high-ranking Taiwanese.



The Taiwanese funeral procession included pedicabs.

Heaven

By DWIGHT L. MOODY

I WAS WALKING DOWN TO THE DEPOT CHURCH IN Philadelphia one night when a friend said to me, "Moody, what are you going to preach about tonight?"

I said I thought I would try to preach about heaven. I noticed a little scowl came over his face at that, so I said, "What is the matter?"

"Oh!" said he, "why don't you give us something practical? Nobody knows anything about heaven; it is all guesswork to preach about that."

"Well," said I, "if the Lord didn't mean us to talk about heaven He wouldn't have talked so much about it Himself." We are told that all Scripture is profitable for doctrine, and we find that a good deal of the Scripture is on the subject of heaven. Stephen had a glimpse of it, and John had a great revelation of it.

If you were going to emigrate to another country, and I had just come from that country, and was here to lecture about it, you would listen to find out all you could about it; about the soil, and the climate, and the people. Now here is an account of heaven which is given by One who came down from heaven, even the Son of God. Besides that, there are accounts of some of the angels and other people who live there.

First of all, I want to say that heaven is a place, just as much as Chicago. A pantheist once undertook to tell me that God was not in any particular place, but that He was everywhere in general and nowhere in particular. But anyone who is well acquainted with the Bible knows that God lives in heaven.

Do you ask me how far away heaven is? Well, I don't know. The sun is 95,000,000 miles from Chicago, but it shines here every day. So I am sure that God, who lives in heaven, however far away it may be, is able to shine in upon us. His eye sees us, and His ear hears the faintest whisper of our prayers. He is a God at hand, and not afar off.

Do you want to know who else besides God is there? The Bible says that Jesus Christ is there. His disciples saw Him ascend from the Mount of Olives, and He is there at the right hand of the Father advocating our cause for us. The angels are there, and sometimes they come down to us; for we read concerning them, "Are they not all ministering spirits sent to minister unto them

that shall be heirs of salvation." The saints are there. We have an account of that in the Revelation. The little children are there, for the Scripture expressly says, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." And I hope that sometime *you* will be there.

Some people are anxious to know whether they shall recognize their friends in heaven. A passage of Scripture that settles the question for me is this: "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." I suppose that means we are to have everything we want. Do you want to recognize your friends in heaven? Then you will recognize them.

In Luke 10:20, Christ tells His disciples to rejoice because their names are written in heaven. I remember how some of us were unable to find accommodation at a certain hotel in Liverpool, and we asked one of our party where to go.

"I am to stay there," he said.

"How is that?"

"Oh, I sent my name in advance, and they kept a room for me!"

That is just how you ought to do, my friends: send up your names, and have them written in heaven; then there will be a place all ready and waiting for you when you arrive, prepared by Jesus Christ Himself.

Now just consider this question personally: "Is your name written in heaven?"

"Oh, yes!" says someone, "I belong to the First Presbyterian Church."

Well, that is fine, but God keeps His books altogether differently from the way they keep the church books. Judas was one of the twelve. Satan himself once sang hallelujahs in glory. Settle this question with yourselves, and then you who are parents ask yourselves another question, "Are my children's names all written in heaven?" If not, whose fault is it?

Again Christ tells His disciples: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." These words of Christ are just as much a commandment as, "Thou shalt not steal"; or, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

There are a great many sad hearts in America because so many people have been breaking this commandment. They have been laying up treasures for themselves on earth, and the fire has swept them away, or the fall in real estate has made them poor, or they have lost their business, and they feel as if they have lost all they had in the world. Their hearts are broken because their treasure is gone; but the difficulty is they laid up their treasure in the wrong place. It doesn't take long to find out where a man's heart is. It is certain to be along with his treasure.

An acquaintance of mine was very fond of investing his money in real estate, and when I asked him the reason, he said, "Oh, I like to have my property where I can see it." This is one reason why people don't like to lay up treasure in heaven. They forget what the apostle says, "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

We have a way of saying, "Such and such a man died worth millions." Not at all. The man when he died was worth only what he has laid up in heaven. If he were ever so rich in this world, and hadn't anything laid up there, he actually died a pauper. His heirs and the lawyers got all he had in this world, and when he went into the next he was worth absolutely nothing.

Another thing which we have in heaven is rest. It is a common mistake to think of the church as a place of rest. No, the church is a place for work. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." You have an eternity to rest in; surely you do not need to rest now. This is the time for hard work, and that ought to be a joy to you; for your work in the church may add to the joy of heaven. The Scripture says, "There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

You have heard of that rich farmer who gave his very small check to the Christian Commission. He took the agent of the commission up to the top of his house, and showed him his farm stretching in every direction as far as the eye could see.

"All that you see is mine," said the farmer, proudly.

"And what have you got up yonder?"

"Well, I don't know as I have anything laid up in heaven."

"Is it possible? A man of your sagacity to lay up all your treasure where you will have to leave it all behind you in a little while!"

Before long that man died as he had lived; and what a poor, poor man he must have found himself when

he came up before God to give account of his stewardship!

Give me the Christian whose heart is above the world, whose sails are filled with the gales of grace, and who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, sweeps through the stormy waters of this life right up to the port of heaven.

'AN OLD DISCIPLE'

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fewer. September had five and October had two. November 16 had four, and then he went to the hospital for a month because of a chronic respiratory ailment that wasted his body.

Yet upon coming home entries again appeared: December, January, February. Then came March 2 and the last one on March 3. Very weak, he lay down on March 19, 1964, and slipped away to be with Jesus while asleep.

Right beside him on his night stand were stacks of new tracts just received, ready to be given out when he again felt better. Log book number three was begun on July 27, 1959, but there is no completion date on it.

Who will fill it up? Who will carry on? There are lines yet unfilled, pages empty, tracts waiting to be given out, boys and girls to be talked to, people everywhere to be given tracts.

Will you start your log of witnessing today and carry on this "old disciple's" work?

—Glad Tidings, N. Calif.-Nev. District

OUR BURDEN: SOULS...

"...let us pray..."

On Sunday, August 30, in churches large and small, pastors will read prayer requests and call their congregations into God's presence to intercede. This is usual in our pattern of worship. But there will be a difference on August 30. The requests will not be those turned in by church members or friends locally. The needs will represent our Assemblies of God world outreach. The occasion is Global Conquest Day, and the pastors will be calling our churches to make it a day of prayer for foreign missions. May it be a day as well that challenges you, individually, to a new personal concern for souls.



GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY

AUGUST 30

a national day of prayer for foreign missions



The Valley of Death and Life

Sunday School Lesson for August 9, 1964

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

In a vision, Ezekiel saw himself in a great field where were scattered a countless number of human bones. When asked by God to do something which in the natural was utterly ridiculous, Ezekiel obeyed. He preached to the dry bones and predicted they would come to life! There was a great clicking as before his very eyes the bones came together in skeleton form.

A second miracle took place when flesh came upon the bones. Finally, the prophet was told to bid the breath of life to come from the four winds and breathe upon the bodies that they might live. Again he obeyed. (What a blessing an obedient man can be!) Consequently there was a quivering in the lifeless forms and they rose up to become a living army!

Consider several applications of this spectacular vision:

The Application to Israel

God wished to encourage the downcast Jews who were serving out 70 years of captivity in Babylon. They were saying, "Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost." Ezekiel assured them that they would return to their

land, that God would put His Spirit within them, thus restoring them spiritually, and that they would know their God.

How marvelously the first part of Ezekiel's vision has been fulfilled! For nearly 1900 years the Jews, scattered like the bones in the field, were exiles in almost every land. The land of Israel lay desolate and barren, sparsely populated by Arab tribes. As recently as 65 years ago, there was a mere handful of Jews in Palestine. Since that time hundreds of thousands of Jews have found their way back to their land and, in an almost incredible manner, have raised up modern cities and transformed the wilderness into some of the most productive and fruitful land in the world!

And just as surely as a national, political, and economic miracle has taken place among the Jews, the second phase of Ezekiel's vision will take place. Spiritual revival will break out. God will pour out upon His people the spirit of supplication. They shall look upon Him whom they have pierced, and shall repent and be reconciled to their God! (See Zechariah 12:10; Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 14:16; Isaiah 60:12, 14.)

The Application to Christians

Ezekiel's vision illustrates how the salvation of souls is accomplished through two agencies: *the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit*. Man in his natural state is "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 5:12). We are "born again... by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1 Peter 1:23). As Ezekiel preached God's Word to dry bones, so every Christian is to proclaim the gospel to those who are "dead in trespasses and sins." As the bones were quickened by Ezekiel's proclamation of the Word, so the sinner is quickened by the Word. Observe, however, that a second agent is also required; namely, the wind, which typifies the Holy Spirit. Similarly, we are "born of the Spirit" who gives us spiritual life.

A Portrayal of Bodily Resurrection

Ezekiel's vision beautifully suggests the bodily resurrection which awaits every believer and which will be effected when the Holy Spirit quickens our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11).

A Picture of Divine Healing

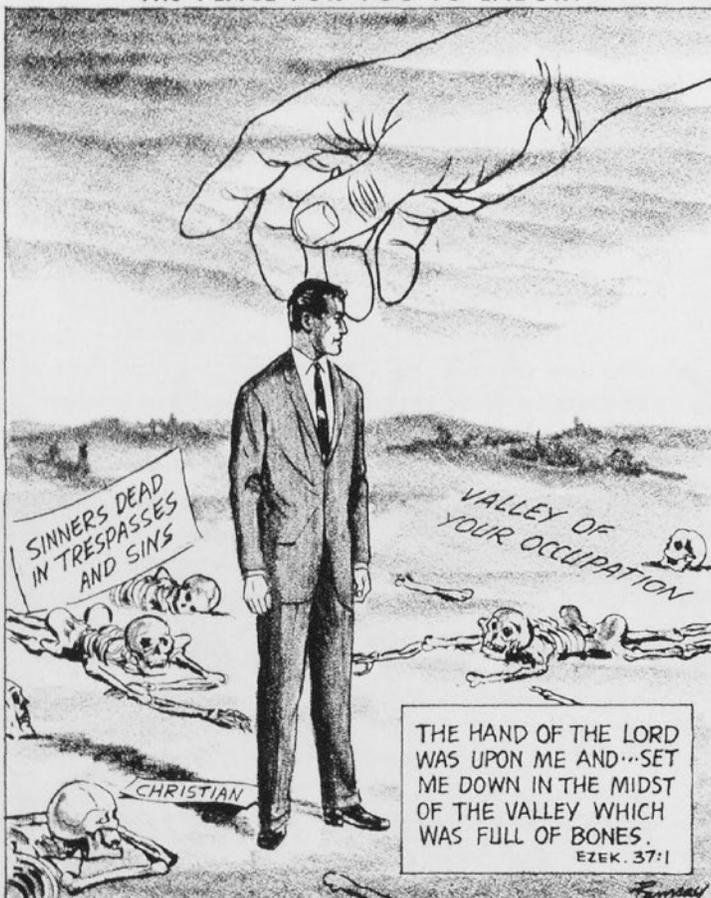
As Ezekiel surveyed the dry bones, the question came, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel was uncertain, but we need not be! How many times have we looked upon those who lay sick unto death and wondered; yet God has raised them up by His great power.

A Promise of Help in the Face of Hopeless Situations

The minister, the missionary, the pioneer pastor faced with difficulties which seem insurmountable, the layman faced with the trials and tests of life, all may wonder and say: "Can these bones live? Is there any hope in the face of this impossible situation?" Yet all may look away also to Ezekiel's God of resurrection power and say: "We should not trust in ourselves, but in God, which raiseth the dead; who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver" (2 Corinthians 1:8-10).

Treasures in heaven are laid up only as treasures on earth are laid down.

HIS PLACE FOR YOU TO LABOR?



THE HIDDEN PERSUADERS

(Continued from page three)

value, and as a result he was totally unprepared for the crisis when it came.

The opinions or feelings of someone we love or admire can subtly influence our own attitude toward life and make us adaptable and accommodating where once we would have been uncompromising. Paul saw this danger and declared, "For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Our sense of purity and righteousness may likewise be blunted because we live in a world where impurity and dishonesty are commonplace; we can become used to evil.

In the same way strong convictions are subjected to the acids of skepticism so that we fail to continue to "earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints."

Enthusiasm is attacked by the erosion of apathy. In an atmosphere where strong convictions are viewed as fanaticism and therefore mentally and emotionally dangerous, our zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls can gradually cool. The "middle-age spread" of respectability makes the church sprawl, plump and immobile, in the armchair of quietism, while the fuse of sin burns swiftly towards the detonators of judgment.

One of the most corrosive elements in life today is cynicism, the spirit that doubts God and man and leads to despair. Such an attitude disrupts the fellowship of saints, clogs the wheels of progress, and halts the chariots of God.

Such are some of the elements in the river of life that wear away at our faith and character over the years. Samson "wist not that the Lord had departed from him," and "became like any other man" through a subtle process of wearing down to mediocrity and eventual defeat.

Tom and Mary were a typical young Christian couple. They prayed together, tithed, were faithful to all the church services. Tom taught in the Sunday school and both of them were spiritually strong. When the children came they took turns going to church and the family altar was the center of their home life until...

It happened so gradually that those around them hardly noticed the change and they themselves seemed quite unconscious of it. It all seemed to arise over some new furniture. With the children getting older they thought it was time to replace some of the worn pieces. So Mary got a job. This meant a change of routine in the home. It became harder to get to prayer meeting because of the housework. Mary soon found she also needed Sunday mornings to catch up. Tom began doing some overtime to bring in a bit extra—and eventually he gave up his class (temporarily, he said).

But when the furniture was paid for they decided to get a refrigerator while Mary had the job, and then they needed a new car. Gradually, Tom and Mary were reduced from an active status in their church to "Sunday nighters." The local church lost their help, and as far as spiritual experience was concerned, they had lost out.

But it wasn't until the day that he walked bewildered and broken from the hospital, where Mary lay dead, to drive home to a house that was beautifully furnished but forever empty, that Tom saw what had happened. "It wasn't as though we deliberately turned our backs on God," he confided to the pastor; "we just drifted without noticing it."

Quietly the pastor answered, "Tom, it wasn't wrong to desire better things for your family and your home. The trouble arose when you tried to get them at the expense of your spiritual well-being and your responsibilities toward the work of God."

In their case it was the desire for material betterment. In others it may be sensual attractions, intellectual snobbery, emotional attachments and a host of other hidden persuaders that go to work on faith, fellowship, loyalty and service for God. "The waters wear the stones."

What is the answer? In a word, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." This warning from Jesus underlines afresh our need to walk in close communion with Himself. Only the man who daily walks with God, communing with Him through prayer and Bible reading, opening his heart to the gracious ministry of the Holy Spirit, not forsaking the assembling of the saints and fellowship, can resist the acids of corruption all around him.

—Elim Evangel

CHRIST CAN TURN ON THE LIGHTS

A boy and his younger sister were being shown through Carlsbad Caverns. When they came to the deepest point, the guide turned out the lights.

The darkness was intense and the little girl began to cry. The boy put his arms around his sister and said, "Don't cry; there's a man here who knows how to turn on the lights."

Christ Jesus went to Calvary and suffered the darkness of death that He might be able to turn on the lights in trusting hearts.

—J. F. GREGORY in *The Free Methodist*

HOPE: SPARK PLUG OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

In any internal-combustion engine there must be a spark plug to ignite the fuel and start the chain of action that will release the power of the engine. Hope, which is desire mixed with expectation, can be called the spark plug of Christian experience. All the visible means for Christian service may be at our disposal, but it is as we "lay hold on hope" that we are moved to action and sacrificial service. It is the quality of hope that gives us a strong desire to know and do the perfect will of God. Hope is the expectation of success in our work for God.

The Christian hope is described in God's Word as "better," "blessed," "lively," and as "an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast." But, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:19). Our Christian hope sparks service now and anticipation of the life beyond. "Now do not drop that confidence of yours; it carries with it a rich hope of reward" (Hebrews 10:35, Moffatt).

—ARDEN P. PARK

'Glad I'm a Christian,' NEW RECORD BY REVIVALTIME CHOIR

By WILDON COLBAUGH



Cyril McLellan (at top) is director of the *Revivaltime* choir and also does most of the arrangements for the broadcast services and record albums. Denise Power, who became the *Revivaltime* soloist in May, is featured in six of the songs on the new record, "Glad I'm a Christian."

FOR THE FIRST TIME, REVIVALTIME'S choir has made an album especially slanted toward youth and the young at heart.

The sixth *Revivaltime* choir album to be released, "Glad I'm a Christian," is highlighted on the jacket cover by a vivid full-color photograph of the choir in the beautiful lobby of the Assemblies of God headquarters administration building.

Produced by Word Records, "Glad I'm a Christian" is representative of the stirring music which blesses thousands each week on the *Revivaltime* broadcast services.

This new album is a reflection of youth—its vibrant vitality, its warm emotions. It is a joyful testimony to the happiness that comes only in living for Jesus Christ.

The *Revivaltime* choir has gained a large audience of devoted friends by its singing each week on the international broadcast service and on its tours that crisscross the nation in an effort to lead souls to Christ.

Young people, especially, seem to

enjoy the fresh, wholesome sound of the 40-voice musical group directed by Cyril McLellan.

A teen-ager from Akron, Ohio, wrote these words of appreciation: "I love to listen to your Sunday night broadcast service. Hearing your marvelous choir sing their beautiful songs of praise to God really ends a day of worship right."

Many testimonies such as this reach us from youthful listeners telling of their reactions to the choir's singing.

Six of the selections heard on the new album feature the contralto voice of Denise Power, *Revivaltime* soloist. A member of the choir for four years, Miss Power was recently named soloist after Lee Robbins entered the full-time evangelistic ministry. She is heard in "It's a Wonderful, Wonderful Life," "God Is Love," "My Friend and I," "Move That Mountain," "When We All Get Together," and "Open Your Heart."

The past few years have seen hundreds of souls saved through the choir's ministry. Even when it is not on the radio or in one of its many concert appearances, the choir's recorded music is blessing hundreds around the world. A young man in Essex, England, wrote:

"Some few weeks ago you sent me the latest *Revivaltime* record which we have very much enjoyed. It has brought much blessing not only here in our own home but in our local church as well. Although we cannot hear your radio program, we can listen to the choir and enjoy the Christian music."

With the support of your prayers and sacrificial offerings, *Revivaltime* has reached millions with the sacred gospel through both the anointed singing of the choir and the straightfor-

ward, Bible-centered preaching of Evangelist C. M. Ward.

Here in this sixth *Revivaltime* album is one of the inspiring results of your faithful prayers and offerings. Captured on this record is the pulsating, vibrant spirit of 40 Pentecostal young people on fire for God and dedicated to His work. "Glad I'm a Christian" will be a constant reminder of the warm-hearted fellowship the choir has felt wherever it has travelled.

Other songs included in this new album in addition to the title song, "Glad I'm a Christian," are, "He Keeps Me Singing," "God's Got His Eyes on You," and a medley of songs of Christian love.

Also featured are "Why Do I Sing?" "I Can't Get Along Without the Lord," "It Fills and It Thrills," "Promised Land," and "The Happier Way."

As you send your letter and offering for the support of *Revivaltime*, order this record. Prices are \$3.98 for Hi-Fi and \$4.98 for stereo. (*Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.)



DELIVERED FROM FEAR OF SNAKES

The Ohio farm where I was born and grew up had its share of snakes—black snakes, garter snakes, and copperheads. I encountered them often—on the path to the pasture, in hens' nests where they had eaten the eggs, in the woods, and even near the house.

As a child I was not afraid of snakes, but as I grew older I discovered my father had a great fear of them. This made me afraid of them too, and as the years went by this fear became an obsession. The sight of a snake, large or small, would cause me to shudder and shake for hours. We moved to town when I was married, and it was a relief to be away from snakes.

My husband and I were saved and the Lord called us into mission work, where we served for seven years. In the meantime God was dealing with our hearts to return to the farm where I was born and start a work for the Lord there.

The one problem for me in going to the farm was my fear of snakes. It made me shudder even to think of going, for I knew I would be afraid to go into the barn, berry patch, or woods, or even to lift a stone.

I had memorized 1 John 4:18: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." I began to believe that the Lord would cast out the fear from my heart; remembering His

promises, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14); and, "God is my helper" (Hebrews 13:6).

As if to assure me of victory, the Lord gave me dreams in which I came in contact with snakes. In these dreams I was not afraid; neither did I tremble. So I believed it was done, and praised His name!

Later, when we moved to the farm, I helped to clean old buildings, clear out places in the woods, move stone piles, and pick berries. Snakes were in all these places, but there was no more shaking. I did not like them, but I could kill them instead of running from them in terror.

One day as I returned from hanging clothes on the line I startled a snake at the door, which then entered the basement where I was washing. I looked for it but could not find it, so I went on with my work. (Before I was delivered I would not have entered that basement until the snake had been found and killed. My son later found it coiled in a box near where I was washing.)

We lived on the farm for 20 years, and I was so glad to be free from this fear of snakes and to be able to carry on normally. And I have the victory to this day!—Mrs. Floy King, Akron, Ohio.

(For many years Mrs. King—then Mrs. Floy McCausland—was an Assemblies of God pastor in Ohio. The farm mentioned was the "Good Samaritan Farm." Presently her pastor is G. G. Benson, First Assembly of God, Akron, Ohio.)

NEW STATIONS ADDED TO REVIVALTIME

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1230 kc.—1000 watts
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MADAWASKA, MAINE (WSJR)
1230 kc.—1000 watts
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (WJMO)
1490 kc.—1000/250 watts

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1290 kc.—1000 watts
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(WCST)
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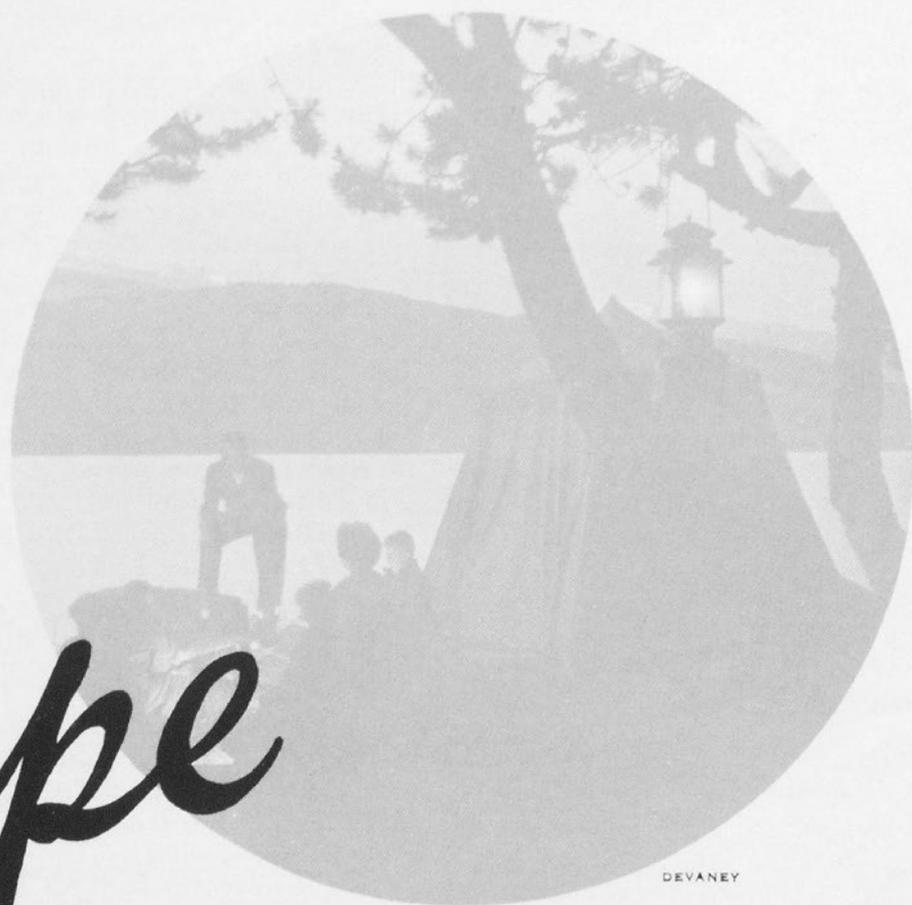
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Recreation is one of the ingredients in the recipe for a happy home. There is more joy in praying together if parents and children occasionally take the time to play together too.

By RUTH BRUNK STOLTZFUS



Recipe for a Happy Home

DEVANEY

ONE DAY A LITTLE GIRL AT OUR HOUSE decided to do some baking all on her own. I stepped into the kitchen in time to see her vigorously dumping flour, sugar, water, baking soda, baking powder, salt and shortening into the mixing bowl, with no thought of selected ingredients or exact measures.

We laugh at such childish doing, but could it be that we are just as haphazard in planning our "recipe" for successful family living?

Certain ingredients must go into the recipe for a happy home. What are they?

I

First is *work*. How well you and I know that it takes work, with meals to cook, dishes to wash, clothing to iron and mend, floors to clean, and all the endless tasks that good home-making demands!

Our husbands know that it takes work to earn money for groceries, clothing, transportation, rent, house payments, and other family needs.

The Bible speaks of the work mothers and fathers should do. It says that mothers should be keepers at home. It states that a man who does not provide for his household has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.

But the parents cannot or should not do all the work required for a family. Growing boys and girls need to learn how to take responsibility, how to work promptly and dependably at home. Otherwise they will not know how to work when they are away from home. The Bible says, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."

One mother said to her children,

"You need something to do and I need help, so let's get together." She found, too, that there was much less fussing when everyone was busy. Many times we can get the work done sooner and better if we do it ourselves, but one day our boys and girls will be building homes of their own and taking on heavy responsibilities. They need to begin working at an early age *with their parents*. One child said, "It is almost like fun to work out on the lawn when you work with us."

As the children grow older they should learn to do specific jobs that are assigned, perhaps for a week at a time, without being reminded too many times. Sit down and list indoor and outdoor jobs on work cards—one for each child. These may be rotated each week.

II

But let's try for a proper balance. Some people work too hard, some too little. There must be time for play or recreation. So that is our next ingredient.

Recreation will not truly recreate the mind and soul and body if it is unwholesome. Entertainment that is degrading (and there is so much of this in the world) cannot be called recreation in its true sense. Games that require mental or physical exercise are desirable forms of recreation. Other forms would include hobbies, good reading, travel, etc.

One day Jesus said to His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest a while." Some people have never learned the wisdom of doing this. Once in a while a mother needs to get away from all the rest of the family and go to a church service without them—or on a shopping trip, or a visit to some friend or relative. The same is true of the father. Occasionally the father and mother should go off together for some recreation away from the children.

All work makes Jack a dull boy, but all play makes him a lazy boy. Children need recreation. There should be frequent times when the parents and children have good times together, either at home or away from home. But we live in a day when too much time is given to leisure and pleasure. Christian living requires discipline, and one of the areas where discipline is especially needed is recreation.

III

The next ingredient in our recipe is love, and this must be a generous portion mixed thoroughly with all the other ingredients in order to make our desired product—a happy home. This is one ingredient that you can't get too much of. We can have too much work, or too much play, but never too much love. A genuine love of

A GOOD RECIPE

Take one family from which all seeds of bitterness and selfishness have been removed. Add a good portion of work and a dash of play. Mix thoroughly with a generous amount of love that has been carefully sifted from self-love. Blend in plenty of rich worship toward God. Result: happy, palatable home life. Serves father, mother, and any number of children.

husband and wife for each other is indeed basic; the kind of love that grows and deepens as the years pass; love that is willing to sacrifice for the other, that praises and brings out the best in the other; the kind of love that forgives and asks forgiveness.

This love prepares a warm, happy atmosphere for the little child born into the family. It gives the best of physical care to him. It remembers his need for affection, recognition, acceptance, security and success. But that is not all. It is a love that is wise enough to discipline the child, too. The Bible says, "Whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." The parents who truly love a child are concerned about his future welfare and will train and discipline him in a wise and loving manner, never too harshly, never in an unreasonable way.

IV

Yes, it takes work, play and love to make up a recipe for a happy home. But if we use just those three ingredients there will be something lacking; the dish of homemade happiness will taste flat. There must be another ingredient, and that is worship. Life cannot be truly satisfying and happy without God. And right in the family circle is the place where the children are to be taught the Word of God by the father, assisted by the mother, with their teaching backed up by good example.

Really, teaching children the Christian way of life is a family affair. The Bible says so. No matter how much our busy, modern way of life ignores this need for worship in the home, it is just as important as ever.

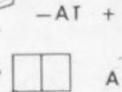
Regularly (if possible, daily) fathers and mothers should gather their children about them and, according to the age of the boys and girls, read or tell simple or more advanced Bible stories, or read directly from the Word of God, sing hymns and offer prayer. Other features and variations from time to time will keep the worship period interesting and meaningful.

If it is not possible to set apart another time of day, at least there should be a short worship service at the table when the family is gathered for a meal. We know well the day each child was born, but we will never know the day he ceases to exist. Your child and mine will live on and on

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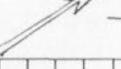
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forever. It is our business to meet spiritual needs in light of that fact. We need to teach our children the Bible and to point them to the Christ who longs to be the personal Saviour of each individual.

Aside from regular family worship, there are times when the parent should get away in a quiet place to be alone. We will never find time; we will just have to take time for private devotions.

Well, these are the four ingredients we need in the recipe for a happy home. I hope that we can mix the ingredients well, in the right proportions, and enjoy a finished product that is truly satisfying to all members of the family.

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URBAN MISSIONS PROJECT LAUNCHED



Grady Fannin, Teen Challenge director in Chicago, and Pastor Morris Ivey (both at extreme left) stand with other workers and part of the congregation of the new storefront church in Chicago.

THE NEW "STOREFRONT" CHURCH at Twenty-eighth and Wallace in Chicago is the first church opened under *Urban Missions*, a new addition to the Special Ministries of the Home Missions department.

Urban Missions will be promoted through and by the districts involved, in cooperation with the churches and ministers in the area. The work will be supervised by a board of administration. The district superintendent and the national Home Missions director are members of the board of administration by virtue of their offices.

The national Home Missions department and the district will help to promote the work in every way possible. All workers will be approved by the national Home Missions department. Missionary credit will be granted for offerings to this work. Offerings may be channeled through the national Home Missions department or the district offices.

As a part of Teen Challenge work, Morris Ivey began this new storefront church in Chicago on July 10, 1963, with approximately 70 in attendance. But let us go back to the beginning.

In April 1963 the Teen Challenge workers invaded southside Chicago, handing out two thousand *Christ Is Coming* tracts. The area was alive with hundreds of dissatisfied teen-agers who were ripe for the gospel.

Since this section was several miles from the nearest Assembly of God,



The Morris Ivey family

the workers felt it imperative to rent a building where the young people could come. They located the storefront at Twenty-eighth and Wallace. After furnishing it with a piano, folding chairs and songbooks, they had their first service on July 10.

The next evening, after distributing more gospel literature and announcing the service, the workers showed the film, "The Devil's Pit," to almost 140 young people. This was the beginning of a revival lasting two and one-half weeks during which many teen-agers heard the true gospel for the first time in their lives. Although some opposition made the work a little difficult, especially at street rallies and during personal work, the effort yielded rich dividends in the salvation of many young people.

The workers' contact with young boys and girls, many of them preschoolers, was an important step to-

ward getting a foothold in this crowded community. These children roam the streets all hours of the day and night with no one to care where they are or what they are doing.

The workers started three story hours each week and the youngsters' eagerness for songs, choruses and Bible stories was heart-touching! What is common knowledge to Sunday school children in our Assemblies churches is all new and thrilling to these youngsters. After an hour, the workers dismiss the children to make room for the teen-age and adult service but the little children beg to stay! Open the building to clean it and here they come—wanting to know if they can have church.

It soon became evident that a full-time pastor was a necessity for this rapidly growing church. The Morris Iveys of Texas were approached and felt led of God to come. They arrived in December to take charge.

With a vision and a willingness to work, the new pastors soon had a full schedule of services. They organized a Sunday school, but due to lack of space could conduct only three classes.

The Iveys have completed two Workers Training courses and are continuing a workers training class. A number have been saved and ten are ready for water baptism. For the last several weeks the Sunday school has averaged 40 and the Sunday night service combined with children's church has averaged 50.

Now the pastors are looking for a place to build a church that will accommodate their congregation. The Illinois District has pledged \$1,000 to this project. Southside Chicago has a population of one million people with one Assemblies of God church. The storefront church is the second in this tremendous area.

Teen Challenge workers have signed leases for two more storefronts on

Chicago's northside where there are literally thousands of southern white people—the majority of them unchurched and unreached.

At their first street meeting in front of the one northside place, 300 listened to the gospel. Workers are expecting attendance at their children's meetings to soar to more than 100.

They began services and children's story hours in the other northside

church on June 15. Twenty young people from our Bible colleges have joined the Teen Challenge staff for the summer and have helped to make this tremendous ministry possible.

The Home Missions department anticipates the growth of *Urban Missions* in our Assemblies of God districts as one vital means of propagating the gospel and reaching our goal of 8,000 new churches in a decade. ◀◀

Another Church for the Denver Metropolitan Area

By GEORGE H. BARR
Arvada, Colorado



The new congregation in Arvada, Colo., recently bought this former Presbyterian Church which seats 400.

THE AMAZING GRACE TABERNACLE OF Arvada, Colo., is the newest church in the Denver metropolitan area. The town is approximately six miles from the heart of downtown Denver. Ten years ago the population was 3,500; today it is 35,000. The estimate is 250,000 ten years hence. Until recently there was not an Assemblies of God church in the city.

A few months ago, several families felt the great spiritual need of the area and began to pray about

starting an Assemblies of God work in Arvada. The group began forming plans. They visited banks hoping to get money for this mission, but all doors seemed closed. Then the former Presbyterian Church building in the downtown area was advertised for sale. Two brethren, feeling led of God, made arrangements to buy the building.

I was called from California to lead this small group in their step of faith. In the first service there were nine peo-

ple over 16 years of age. Since that time a number of others have joined us and the new church is progressing satisfactorily.

The building with a full basement and adjoining parsonage cost \$52,000 (replacement value \$70,000). Pews and an organ were included in the purchase. The auditorium seats approximately 400.

We are praying much for this to become a self-supporting church and believe God will help us to make it so, soon. We long to see our altars lined with souls seeking God. Please pray for us.

This area needs still more churches. Our desire is that we in turn might help others start new Assemblies as soon as we are strong enough to do so.



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'I Was a Slave to Tobacco'

By D. H. HENDERSON, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

I BEGAN SMOKING WHILE STILL A boy. My first "tobacco" was field blossoms and corn silk, specially dried; and my first puff on a real cigarette almost choked me to death. But I developed the habit and by the time I married it had a tremendous hold on me. I could substitute some other form of tobacco for a while, but could not quit.

In those days advertisements said, "I'd walk a mile for a Camel." I not only would have walked a mile, but I did even spend money we needed for milk and bread for our baby in support of the filthy habit. My good wife kept a "treasure chest" of old butts, chewing tobacco, and dried up cigars, and always supplied a pacifier when the supply ran low. At that time I was smoking up to two packs of cigarettes a day and had at least a dozen pipes, with humidifiers and smoking stands all over the house.

My efforts to quit the habit remind me of the time I tried to kill a tree by cutting it off a foot above the ground. A few weeks later there were more sprouts on that stump than there had been limbs on the tree. That's what happened to me! The more I tried to kill the habit, the stronger it seemed. (I finally killed the tree by digging the stump out by the roots and exposing the roots to God's sunshine.)

I accepted an invitation to attend some revival meetings. The friend who invited me had been praying for me for almost a year, and I accepted the Lord that night.

The next morning I got all the way to the breakfast table when my wife reminded me she had not seen me light a cigarette. I realized that God had taken them away and given me the victory. No evil habit can live for long in the sunshine of God's saving grace.

My wife soon accepted the Lord, and then we gathered up all the tobacco, pipes, and humidifiers, along

with all the literature and books from false cults we had accumulated in our home over the years, and had what we called a "Hallelujah bonfire."

We received a blessing while we watched it burn. But when a man thinks he stands, he should take heed lest he fall. I backslid during a time of discouragement, and naturally began smoking again.

After a short fling in sin, I tried to repent and sneak back into the good graces of the Lord, but this was not so simple. I went on in sin for about a year and became seven times worse than I had been before I was saved. Some days I would buy up to 10 packs of cigarettes, and then in an effort to quit I would destroy them. But I averaged smoking over three packs a day that miserable year.

I tried nearly everything to free myself of the filthy habit, but the "flesh" suffered, sometimes almost beyond endurance. I can really sympathize with those who are trying to quit in their own strength. During this time the Lord was chastening me and lovingly drawing me to Himself. I attended a camp meeting in Ohio but I was such a slave to the weed that I could not sit through a service without a smoke.

The morning after returning home from the camp meeting I awoke with a severe toothache. As I did my chores, I tried to claim healing for the tooth and my deliverance from tobacco. But the more I prayed, the more the tooth ached. Then near the barn I saw some cigarettes on the ground where they had fallen from the hired man's shirt as he threw it over the plow handles. I resisted that temptation, and that seemed to make the devil mad.

The pain became much worse, and for nearly three hours I fought the battle. Every nerve and cell in my body seemed to be crying for just one more cigarette. In the midst of my misery, a car raced down the road toward me. As it passed, a package

was thrown out and it landed at my feet. It was a sample package of chewing tobacco! This was just what would stop the toothache, the devil whispered; but instead of chewing it, I literally jumped on it and ground it into the earth. When I did that, my tooth was healed; my craving for nicotine disappeared; and my backsliding was healed. Hallelujah! That was in 1932, and to this day I have not even had a desire for another smoke.

Later that day I learned that two people had been praying and fasting for my need. The Lord has added His blessings to our family and we have been serving Him since then. I have been filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance.

With the recent publicity regarding lung cancer, multitudes of people are discovering that they are slaves to a hard master, and that though they would like to be free from tobacco it is not easy to quit. Many are trying various cures and remedies, only to find them ineffective. If you are one of these, why not let Jesus Christ help you?

After we moved to the West, the Lord helped us to win a confirmed alcoholic to the Lord. The morning after he was saved, he discovered that he was completely free from the desire for liquor. But he was still plagued by the cigarette habit. He became discouraged and appealed to me for help. I explained to him that we should ask God's blessing on all our activities. Then I suggested that before smoking, he pray earnestly for God to bless the cigarette. He looked rather sheepish and said, "Well, you know I can't do that because it would be wrong. I can't ask God to bless something that's wrong!"

I urged him to try it anyway, and we parted. The next day he was filled with the glory of God as he told me, "It worked! It worked! Bless the Lord, it worked! After I offered a little prayer as you suggested I suddenly discovered that I had lost the desire for that cigarette." That was more than six years ago and he is still free from both the liquor and tobacco habits.

From my own experience and from observing that of others with whom I have dealt, I believe the best solution to the tobacco habit is to expose it to the light of God's holiness, trusting Him for complete deliverance. ◀◀



Victory smiles are seen at Light-for-the-Lost banquet in Fresno, Calif. Paul Evans (master of ceremonies) and Wesley Hurst (banquet speaker) pose with three MF leaders—Glenn Bonds, Floyd Waterfield, and Sam Cochran.

VICTORY BANQUETS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Missionaries working in 145 cities in Europe, Latin America, the Orient and islands of the sea will get literature as a result of the \$27,000 raised in Light-for-the-Lost victory banquets at Los Angeles and Fresno, Calif.

In 1963 \$22,000 was raised in the 10th anniversary banquet in Los Angeles for a literature saturation program in Japan. Sam Cochran, National Light-for-the-Lost chairman, recently returned from conducting victory rallies in Japan and gave an inspiring report. He said hundreds of Japanese answered the call. More than 900

signed up for a Bible correspondence course.

The challenging message of Wesley R. Hurst, principal speaker at the banquets, brought an immediate response from both pastors and laymen.

80,000,000 of the world's illiterate adults are learning to read yearly. Each new reader is reaching for literature. The laymen of Southern California are dedicated, through Light-for-the-Lost, to placing the printed message in these outstretched hands.

—By T. C. Cunningham



D. Leroy Sanders leads the singing at Los Angeles banquet.



L. E. Halvorson addresses pastors and laymen at the banquet.



About half the attendance is shown in this picture of the Light-for-the-Lost banquet in Los Angeles.

Help in Time of Need

By Dorothy C. Haskin

THE GOOD NEWS OF REDEMPTION IN Christ is taught in many ways. Thirty years ago as a sinner I attended the Bible class taught by Ella E. Pohle (former secretary to the well-known Bible scholar, C. I. Scofield). I learned that I was a sinner and that Jesus was the Son of God.

But because I had led a troubled life I was most interested in her challenge, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and He will help you." That was the form of the gospel that brought me to Christ.

Now, 30 years later, can I say that what I was taught was true? Has Jesus Christ helped me?

Not if one takes it to mean that He helped me to have a trouble-free life. I have had my share of sickness and sorrow. My only child died prior to birth. My husband was an invalid for 12 years. I had to nurse him, keep house, and find ways to provide for us. I became a widow earlier than most women and have been alone for nearly five years. Now I am sure that if Miss Pohle had enlarged her statement, she would have said that He helps, not by keeping us free from trouble, but by keeping us serene in trouble.

He helped by giving me a moral standard. When I was a girl living in the world, and on the stage as a child actress, I found only confusion. My mother, who had come from Maine, insisted I follow her rigid standards. But those around me insisted with equal vigor that any and all degrees of pleasure were to be enjoyed. Then I found in the Bible a simple standard against which no one had a valid argument. You may read it in Luke 10:27. Concerning this commandment, Jesus said, "This do and thou shalt live" (Luke 10:28).

He helped by giving me a dispositional pattern. The world held up many

patterns to me, the sophisticated, the world-wise, the suave, all of them critical and tinged with bitterness. The trusting, the innocent, the world all mocked. I was betwixt and between the two, trying to peel off my innocence and become blasé. Then, in the Bible, I found a pattern of love, joy, meekness, gentleness, goodness (Galatians 5:22, 23). Others may not



Take Me, Break Me, Make Me

Take me, O Lord, for I am but the clay
That lies unused upon a dusty shelf;
I cannot move to meet Thy blessed hand,
So weak am I, and powerless in myself;
I can but cry for Thee with helpless moan,
And ask Thee so to work upon my soul
That I shall let my painful struggles cease
And yield my hapless life to Thy control.

Break me, O Lord, for hard hath grown the
clay,
Until no pliability remains;
Let Thine own fingers crumble me to dust,
Till nought of former shape the clay retains.
The vessel on the wheel was sadly marred,
Some trace of self-life spoiled the Potter's
art;
Then sift the scattered dust with searching eye,
And satisfy my broken, contrite heart.

Make me, O Lord, with Thine own bleeding
hands,
And streams of grace will moisten and
unite
The broken dust again to yielding clay,
No more to struggle, and resist Thy might.
Then take, and break, and make, until, so
formed,
The Heavenly Potter calls His work
complete,
And in His image, fair hath fashioned me,
A vessel for the Master's use made meet.
—by Carrie Judd Montgomery

think I have achieved, but I am learning "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29).

He helped me to have a goal in life. I had little purpose in life before I was a Christian, only the general objective of marrying as often as possible and to have my name in lights to prove I was popular. Christ gave me the purpose of pleasing Him, of living quietly as a housewife for 27 years, of serving Him by my writing. He taught me the satisfaction to be found in saying, "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

He helped me by giving me a philosophy with which to accept the variations of life. I lived through the depression when all I had to eat was potatoes. I have worn a continuous procession of other people's cast-off clothing. But I now have a washing machine and an electric blanket. I bought them both last winter when I had pneumonia. Through the many circumstances of life the Lord has taught me, "In whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

He helped by showing me the need of the world. Since my husband's death, my work has taken me on visits to 19 mission fields of the world, including some in North America. This view of missions has given me a world consciousness. I have learned to read political news with an eager eye because I know it affects hungry people and missionaries. Missions has taught me to value Christ above my own cultural pattern. He has helped me, to some degree, to love the world as God does. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

He has helped me to be a Christian woman!

TONIGHT IS C.A. Night



The Northwest District C. A. choir will visit several churches en route to and from the National Youth Conference. Dale Carpenter, D-CAP, will speak at each service.

Touring C. A. Choir to Attend National Youth Conference

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Among the many delegations of young people planning to attend the National Youth Conference at Springfield August 17-21 will be a C. A. choir from the Northwest District.

The choir, accompanied by the Northwest District C. A. Director, Dale Carpenter, will visit a number of churches en route to and from Springfield. A trumpet trio will accompany the choir on several numbers. There will also be vocal trio and quartet numbers. Brother Carpenter will bring a brief message at the conclusion of each service.

Chairman of the three-week tour will be Glen D. Cole, pastor in Maple Valley, Wash., who is C. A. representative of the Greater Seattle section.

The choir director is Rollin J. Carlson, pastor in Ellensburg, Wash. Others traveling with the choir will be Don Duncan,

assistant pastor at First Assembly in Tacoma; R. Dean Young, pastor in Sunnyside; and Al Baunsgard, pastor of the Beacon-Rainier Assembly in Seattle. The wives of these ministers will be on the tour as well.

Readers of the *Evangel* are invited to hear this outstanding youth choir at any of the following places:

- Aug. 8—Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.
- Aug. 9 (a.m.) First Assembly, Tacoma, Wash., (p.m.) Glad Tidings Assembly, Vancouver, Wash.
- Aug. 10—Central Assembly, Boise, Idaho
- Aug. 11—Assembly Tabernacle, 57 E. 13th St., Salt Lake City, Utah
- Aug. 12—Rocky Mountain District Camp, Littleton, Colo.
- Aug. 13—First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colo.



Rollin J. Carlson, pastor in Ellensburg, Wash., will direct the choir composed of C.A.'s from the Northwest District.



Trumpet trio composed of Don Duncan, Glen Cole, chairman of the tour, and Al Baunsgard will accompany the choir on several numbers.

- Aug. 14—Central Assembly, Wichita, Kans.
- Aug. 15—First Assembly, Coffeyville, Kans.
- Aug. 16 (a.m.) First Assembly, 7th and Riverview, Kansas City, Kans. (p.m.) Calvary Temple, Springfield, Mo.
- Aug. 17-21, National Youth Conference, Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.
- Aug. 23—First Assembly, Missoula, Mont. (p.m.)
- Aug. 24—Glad Tidings Assembly, Spokane, Wash.
- Aug. 25—Deliverance Temple, Yakima, Wash.
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BETHANY ENROLLMENT SETS NEW RECORD

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Enrollment for the past school year (1963-64) set a new record at Bethany Bible College. The total was 399 including 62 married students.

Represented in the student body were 17 states and 14 foreign countries.

The missionary spirit was strong throughout the school year. Approximately \$11,000 was given by the students toward a number of mission projects, including purchase of a power plant to provide lights for a Bible school in Togo, West Africa, building of new churches in Assam, India, and purchase of film prints of gospel preaching and dramatizations for television showing overseas. A sum was designated for home missions to be used for completing a parsonage in a mission church pastored by Clifford Laurence, a Bethany alumnus.

RALPH M. RIGGS RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

WAXAHACHIE, TEX. — Southwestern Assemblies of God college selected Ralph M. Riggs to be the recipient of its first Doctor of Divinity degree. The honor was bestowed upon Brother Riggs during commencement exercises at the Texas college.

Dr. Klaude Kendrick, college president, cited the following service rendered by Brother Riggs: six years (1953-59) as general superintendent of the Assemblies of God; eight years (1945-53) as as-

sistant general superintendent; former years of service as district superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, pastor of Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo., missionary to South Africa for several terms, and secretary of education for the Assemblies of God.

Dr. Riggs was acknowledged as a strong advocate for better educational facilities and as an educator and author. Five of his books have been published by the Gospel Publishing House, including *The Spirit Himself*.

For the past four years Brother Riggs has taught in the pastoral theology and Bible departments of Bethany Bible College at Santa Cruz, Calif.

During his address to 90 graduating students at Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Dr. Riggs drew an allegory between a speech President Johnson made and the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray. He entitled it, "The Inaugural Address of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In addition to the college graduating class, Southwestern issued diplomas to the final group to be graduated from its high school department. As of May 1964 the high school has been discontinued.

Southwestern will continue to offer two years of liberal arts and four years of Bible college.

DOCTORAL DEGREE CONFERRED ON T. F. ZIMMERMAN

KIRKLAND, WASH.—Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was honored at the 28th commencement of the Northwest College of the Assemblies of God by conferral of the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.

In bestowing this honor on Brother Zimmerman, College President C. E. Butterfield said: "In the words and spirit of the apostle who said, 'Give honor unto whom honor is due,' we come at this time to bestow honor upon your guest speaker.... In bestowing the Doctor of Divinity degree we are fully aware that great schools of learning use this privilege to honor before a younger generation men whose lives fulfill the purposes and objectives of the institution."

In the 30-year history of the college

only two honorary doctorates have been awarded previously—the first to Dr. Frank Gray, a pioneer of the Pentecostal ministry in the Northwest, and the second to the late Dr. A. M. Shaffer, founder of the Canyonville Bible Academy in Canyonville, Oreg.

Brother Zimmerman was cited for his spiritual leadership not only in the Assemblies of God and the wider Pentecostal movement but also in other organizations within the evangelical church world.

The commencement exercises, at which Brother Zimmerman was the featured speaker, were held in the new Northwest Pavilion. This was the first commencement to be held on the new campus where the college relocated five years ago.

CBI STUDENTS SERVE AS MISSIONARY INTERNS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—From Kodiak, Alaska, to Leon, Nicaragua, Central Bible Institute students are ministering this summer under the missionary internship program of Campus Missions Fellowship.

Six interns who are spending the summer assisting missionaries will receive scholarships of \$250 each to be applied to their tuition expense next year.

Larry Hessler is conducting children's crusades, VBS, and other child evangelism efforts in the Kuskokwim River area in Alaska.

About 200 miles south, Bill Fauple is preaching on Kodiak Island filling in for missionary pastors who are on furlough.

Mildred Jackson is involved in children's evangelism in New York City.

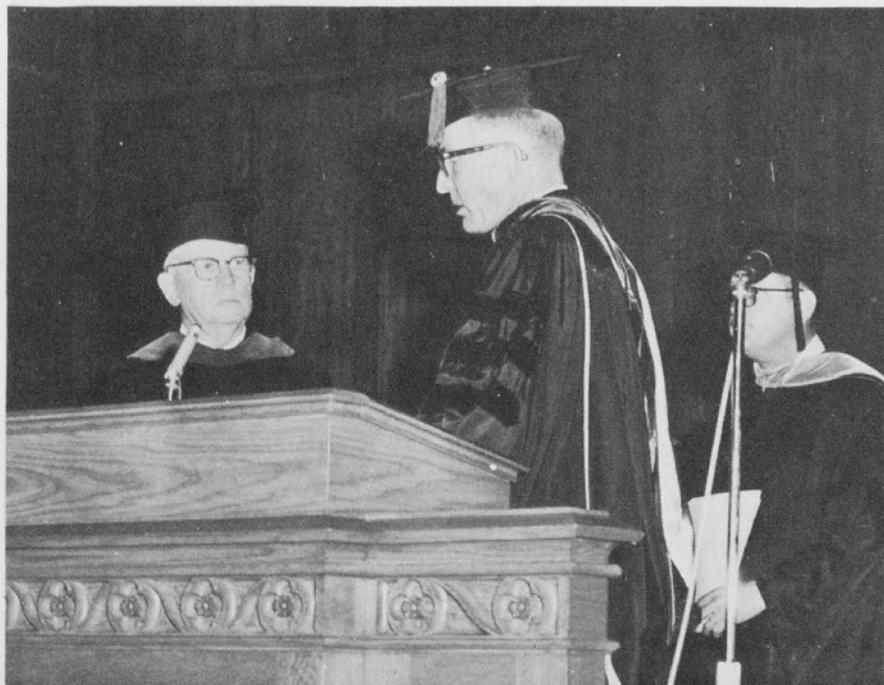
Dan Delcamp is assisting at the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, Pa.

Rena Myers is assisting Brother and Sister Ramon in their ministry to Cuban refugees at Miami, Florida.

Byron Niles is engaged in evangelistic campaigns in Nicaragua in cooperation with national pastors. He previously lived in Nicaragua for eight years.

The summer internship program is an annual missionary project sponsored by the students of Central Bible Institute, in cooperation with the foreign and home missions departments of the Assemblies of God.

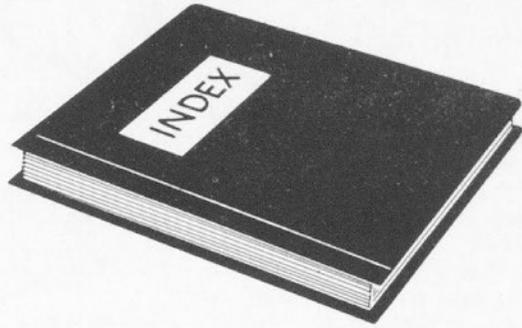
R. M. Riggs (left) is cited by College President Klaude Kendrick for the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree as Registrar Joseph Gutel looks on.



Dean of Education J. W. Lackey (left) looks on as T. F. Zimmerman is hooded by College President C. E. Butterfield.



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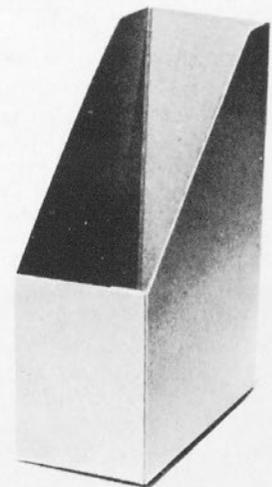
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Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**



SEMINOLE, OKLA.—Evangelist David O. Bunch and Pastor Paul W. Savage (right) stand with eight who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during the meeting at the First Assembly of God. Standing next to Pastor Savage is Mr. Kenneth Harbeston, principal of Varnum High, who came into the church two years ago when his wife received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.



ST. LOUIS, MO.—Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord, Luella Plunkett and Ethel Masterson, pastors of Words of Life Assembly, and the C.A.'s distribute *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other gospel literature to people attending the Communist May Day Rally at Kiel Auditorium. Photo at bottom shows crowd attending the service when Brother Lord gave an illustration sermon on "Muley," the walking talking mule (Numbers 22:28) for the children.



SEMINOLE, OKLA.—The First Assembly of God here witnessed a real move of God in a three-week revival with Evangelist David O. Bunch of San Diego, Calif. A number received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Overall interest was high, and a Sunday school drive resulted in unusually high attendances.

—Paul W. Savage, Pastor

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ST. LOUIS, MO.—The blessing of the Lord was very real during the meeting with Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord at the Words of Life Assembly of God. Posters, handbills, and radio announcements helped to advertise the meeting. Also one of the large daily papers carried an announcement which is unusual in our city. The attendance was above average and many visitors were present.

Brother Lord's messages exposing the menace of Communism were of great interest and moved the people to greater prayer and dedication to God.

During the Crusade, a Communist May Day Rally was held in Kiel Auditorium. The evangelists, assisted by the pastors and the young people, gave *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other gospel literature to the people attending the rally. As a result of this wit-

nessing an entire family attended the church.

On the last Sunday Brother Lord taught the combined adult classes on what we can do about Communism. People were present who do not ordinarily attend Sunday school.

—Luella Plunkett and Ethel Masterson, pastors.

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ENTERPRISE, ALA.—The First Assembly of God here is thankful for the blessing of the Lord in a revival just closed with Evangelist Byron Wright and Musician Paul Myers. The teen-agers of the church and community were stirred. Many sought the Lord and were saved, and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. As many as 25 children and teen-agers in one week responded to the altar call for salvation. For the past 17 years God has blessed the church's radio ministry, and it is felt that this has contributed to the Sunday school going over the 400 mark on special occasions. Efforts are being increased to reach the lost of the area.

—Howard P. Trawick, Pastor

(Enterprise, the "Peanut Capital of the World," is the home of the famous "Boll Weevil Monument," the only monument in the world glorifying a pest. A number of years ago when the boll weevil



ENTERPRISE, ALA. — Evangelist Byron Wright shakes hands with Mayor M. N. Brown in front of the Boll Weevil Monument. At the left is Musician Paul Myers and Pastor Howard P. Trawick at right.



did such damage to the cotton crops, the people turned to peanuts as a money crop and this resulted in great profits for the farmers.—Editors)

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ELIZABETH, N. J.—The Vander Ploegs ("Musical Vanns") held a successful campaign at Evangel Church here. At least 25 sought salvation, and nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A long-standing Sunday school attendance record was broken.

—Frederick H. Huber, Pastor

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GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.—The Lakeland Heights Assembly of God here was blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Virgil Pace of Waxahachie, Tex., in a recent revival. A number were saved, and several received the Holy Ghost. The pastor's wife who faced surgery the following week was healed and needed no operation.

—Lee Richard, Pastor

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MADISON, WIS.—During a recent three-week crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Abraham Kudra, the presence and power of the Lord was greatly manifested at the First Assembly of God here. The attendance was unusually good. Souls were saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. One

of the city newspapers gave a great deal of space to the evangelist's testimony of conversion from Mohammedanism to Christ.

—G. J. Mandigo, Pastor

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—The Spirit was outpoured on the Greenacres Assembly of God here during a revival with Evangelist E. J. Stufflebeam of Tallahassee, Fla. Backsliders were reclaimed, and some were refilled with the Spirit.

—Vestus Smith, Pastor

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MOSCOW, IDAHO—A three-week revival meeting was conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest Welk at the Assembly of God here in May. Several found the Saviour, and many were healed. The C.A.'s and university students were especially helped as they responded to the ministry of the Word. Seventeen were filled with the Holy Spirit. Old and young received their Baptism including several children and an elderly lady who had sought many years. The young people really saw "old-time Pentecost" in action.

—John Stavros, Pastor

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CORNWALL, MO.—The Assembly of God here was inspired by the ministry of Evangelist Billy Don Heady of Prescott, Ariz., in a recent 15-night revival. One was

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saved, and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several were healed, and some testified to a visitation from God which they had not felt for years.

—Dalles L. Reagan, Pastor

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RAYVILLE, LA.—A two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Bryant of Golden, Tex., has just closed at the First Assembly of God here. There were 20 converts and 14 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many others were refilled with the Spirit. At the close of the meetings 21 were baptized in water. The Sun-

day school has had a noticeable growth.

—Charles R. Bryant, Pastor

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ELKTON, MD.—On May 17 the First Assembly of God here closed a two-week revival with Jim and Tammy Bakker. Several young people came forward for salvation and there was a record attendance of 284 in Sunday school on the closing Sunday.

—C. W. Trenum, Jr., Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE—Aug. 16-23 on campus of Northwest College, Kirkland, Wash. Arthur H. Graves, speaker. For accommodations write H. W. Crowder, Box 579, Kirkland, Wash. 98033.—by Lyle B. Spradley, district secretary-treasurer.

41ST ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—Aug. 16-23 at Assembly of God, Tarkio, Mo. Former pastors and evangelists speaking. T. E. Gannon speaking at one service. Housing free in homes of members.—by W. L. Rains, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

ALVIE HEFLIN, 58, of Thornton, Tex., was called into the presence of the Lord May 24. Brother Heflin was ordained in 1951 and affiliated with the North Texas District. Pastorates he held were in Red Rock, Cayuga, and Caldwell, Tex. His survivors include his wife Minnie and two children.

LEO WALKER, 68, of Fort Worth, Tex., went to meet his Lord on June 3. Brother Walker, ordained in 1944, was affiliated with the North Texas District. Pastorates he held included Lometa and Brady, Tex., and Trinidad, Colo. He also served as an evangelist throughout the midwest and southwest. Preceded in death by his wife, his survivors include three children.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

| STATE | CITY | ASSEMBLY | DATE | EVANGELIST | PASTOR |
|---------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Ala. | Geneva | First | Aug. 4-16 | Joel R. Palmer | Hollis Kelley |
| Ark. | Rogers | First | Aug. 4— | Carl L. Tillery | Don Smothers |
| | Waldron | A/G | Aug. 2-7 | A. G. & Mrs. Calaway | Earl Teeter |
| Calif. | Chico | East 14th St. | Aug. 2-9 | Ward B. Chandler | Carl Johnson, Jr. |
| | Pasadena | *Trinity | Aug. 2-7 | Christian Hild | Harley M. Smith |
| | Plymouth | A/G | Aug. 2-9 | Lynn & Becky Wickstrom | John W. Pettigrew |
| Colo. | Cortez | A/G | Aug. 4-16 | Gary Archer | Paul Harrington |
| Conn. | New Britain | First | Aug. 4-16 | Gene Burgess | Duard Baldwin |
| Fla. | Plant City | First | Aug. 4-9 | Musical Wellards | Walter Batman |
| Ga. | Meigs | First | Aug. 2-14 | Russell Peavy | Lois Hurst |
| Idaho | Boise | Calvary-First | Aug. 2-14 | Victor Etienne | Martin Sumner, Jr. |
| Ill. | Melrose Park | Community Gospel | Aug. 3-16 | Raymond & Sue Schaeffer | J. Keith Loyd |
| Ind. | Ft. Wayne | A/G | Aug. 5-16 | Musical Vander Ploegs | D. F. Leader |
| | Lawrenceburg | A/G | Aug. 4-16 | J. E. Friend | Winton Dykes |
| Iowa | Eldora | *A/G | Aug. 2-9 | Norman & Evelyn Hays | John F. Perry |
| Me. | Kezar Falls | A/G | Aug. 5-16 | Ernest & Mrs. Berquist | V. Avery |
| Md. | Cumberland | Union Grove Camp | Aug. 2-16 | Edwin Barg | Frank J. Fratto |
| | Knoxville | Carretts Mill | Aug. 4-16 | John Higginbotham | A. W. Fox |
| Mich. | Detroit | *Christian Trinity | Aug. 3-9 | Bettie Jane Wessman | John J. Rettinger |
| | Saginaw | Genesee Gardens | Aug. 4-9 | Duane M. Wessman | George Kappaz |
| Miss. | Columbus | Glad Tidings | Aug. 4-16 | Donald & Mrs. Lunsford | Hayward Youngblood |
| Mo. | Doe Run | A/G | Aug. 2-16 | Bill & Pat Heady | Homer Smith |
| N. Mex. | Raton | First | Aug. 4-16 | I. D. Rayborn | Allen Davis |
| N. Y. | Kingstown | *Bethel | Aug. 3-14 | Robert S. Beisel | Robert R. Vinson |
| Okla. | Marlow | A/G | Aug. 2— | Al Davis | Clyde Ventris |
| Oreg. | Milwaukie | First | Aug. 2-8 | Lowell Lundstrom | Bennie R. Harris |
| Pa. | Doyles Mills | Rock Full Gospel | Aug. 3-9 | Buchwalter, Brosey | Frank Swartz |
| | Milton | *A/G | Aug. 3-7 | Rose Marie Meringola | Anthony Planes |
| Tex. | Cleburne | First | Aug. 3-16 | Paul Emerson | J. R. Dickinson |
| | Houston | Sunnyland | Aug. 2— | J. O. Savell | Nathan Helms, Jr. |
| Wash. | Arlington | A/G Tabernacle | Aug. 5-16 | Ernie Rogers | Robert E. Miller |
| W. Va. | Osage | **Bailey Mission | Aug. 3-16 | Irving & Mary Lou Howard | Loran Davis |
| S. A. | Brazil | | July & Aug. | Dave & Sherry Harrison | John Tappero |

*Children's Crusade

**Youth Revival

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It Pleased the Lord

By GEORGE E. FAILING

SO OFTEN WE SAY, "IT PLEASSED THE LORD TO GIVE US good health," or, "It pleased the Lord to give us a safe trip."

And this thanksgiving is proper. For the Lord does give good things to His children and "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Our God has "given us richly all things to enjoy." God gives joy and pleasure; He loves to give happiness and health.

But the "happy" things are only half of life. What about the other half—the areas that are sad and drab? Can they ever please God?"

We speak sometimes of the permissive will of God as including the reversals and denials of life. What right have we to include these under the permissive will of God, while including the things that please and honor us under the directive will of God?

I share with you this amazing statement from Isaiah 53:10—"It pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief." This refers, of course, to our Lord's death on Calvary. No Christian will hold that Christ's atonement on the cross was accomplished by the permissive will of God. Calvary was not "allowed"—it was planned. Christ's sacrifice of Himself not only was purposed by God—it *pleased* God.

When the Old Testament worshiper offered the whole beast or bird to God as a burnt offering, the offering he made by this shed blood and the consuming fire was

"of a *sweet savour* unto the Lord" (Leviticus 1:9, 13, 17). It pleased the Lord. A life was given—or taken—and a body burned. Was it tragedy? Or was it fulfilment?

What higher purpose could be realized in any beast or bird than to be surrendered in sacrifice to the Lord? Ruined? No. Transformed!

The Calvary thread is missing from the so-called Christian skein of life. We see no purpose in suffering or poverty or death. Superficially, we believe that God purposes for each of us only health, wealth, honor, and happiness. But the true measure of life's worth is the ability to suffer worthily and die for a godly cause. Good health and good housing are not salvation; they may be only narcotics that help poor souls to exist after they have died.

We Christians have given Calvary to the Communists. Communists accept any deprivation to spread their gospel; Christians reject any gospel that does not major on earthly blessings.

If it was God's pleasure to bruise Christ, to offer His soul a sacrifice for sin, what might His pleasure be for me? For you?

Do we even want to know what pleases Him? Are we afraid?

Don't we know that by death comes life—that by the cross comes the resurrection?

—Wesleyan Methodist.