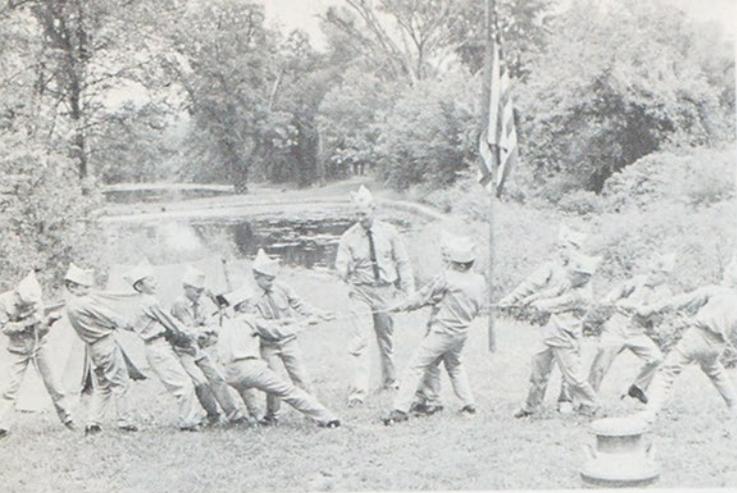


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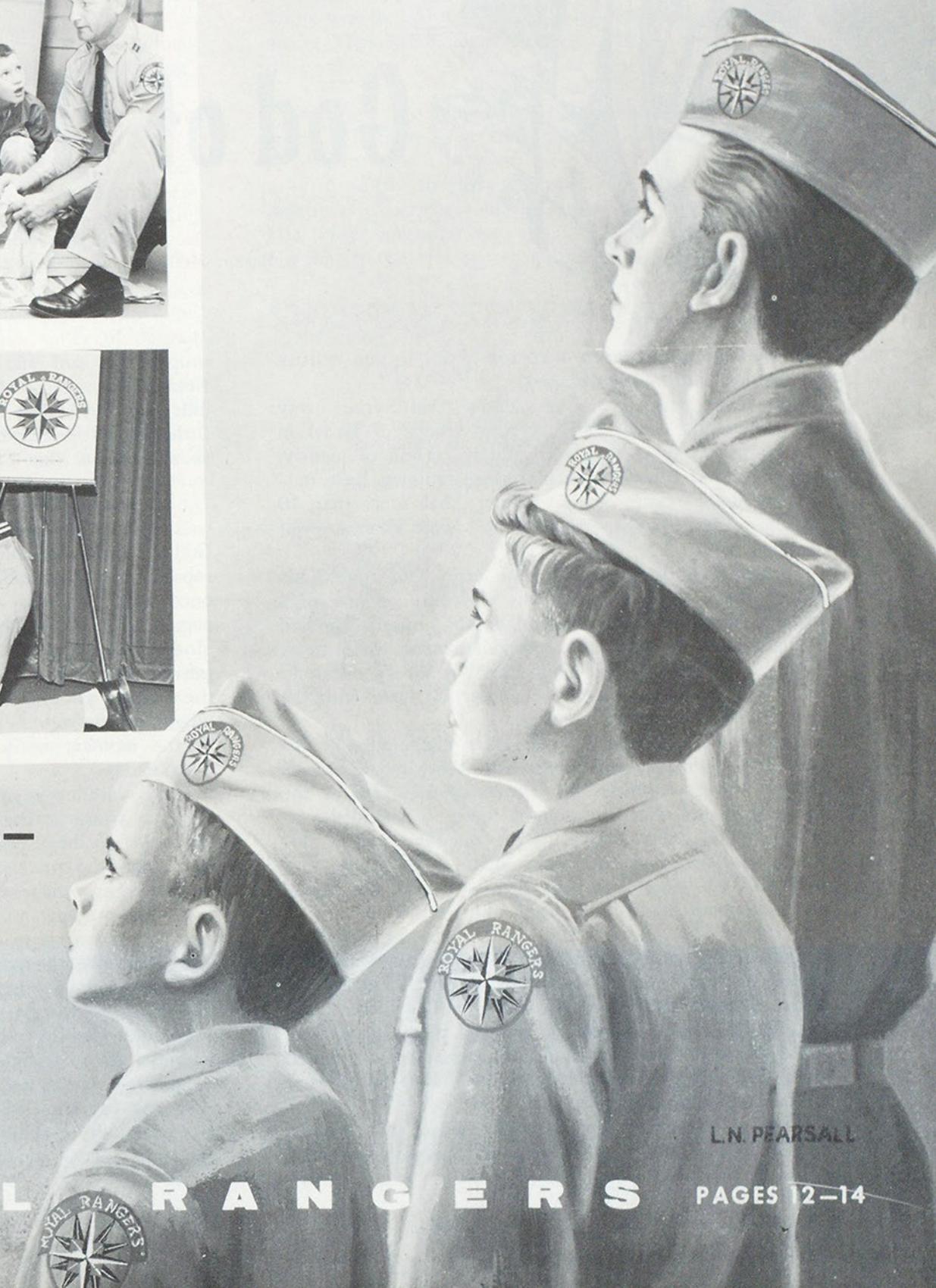


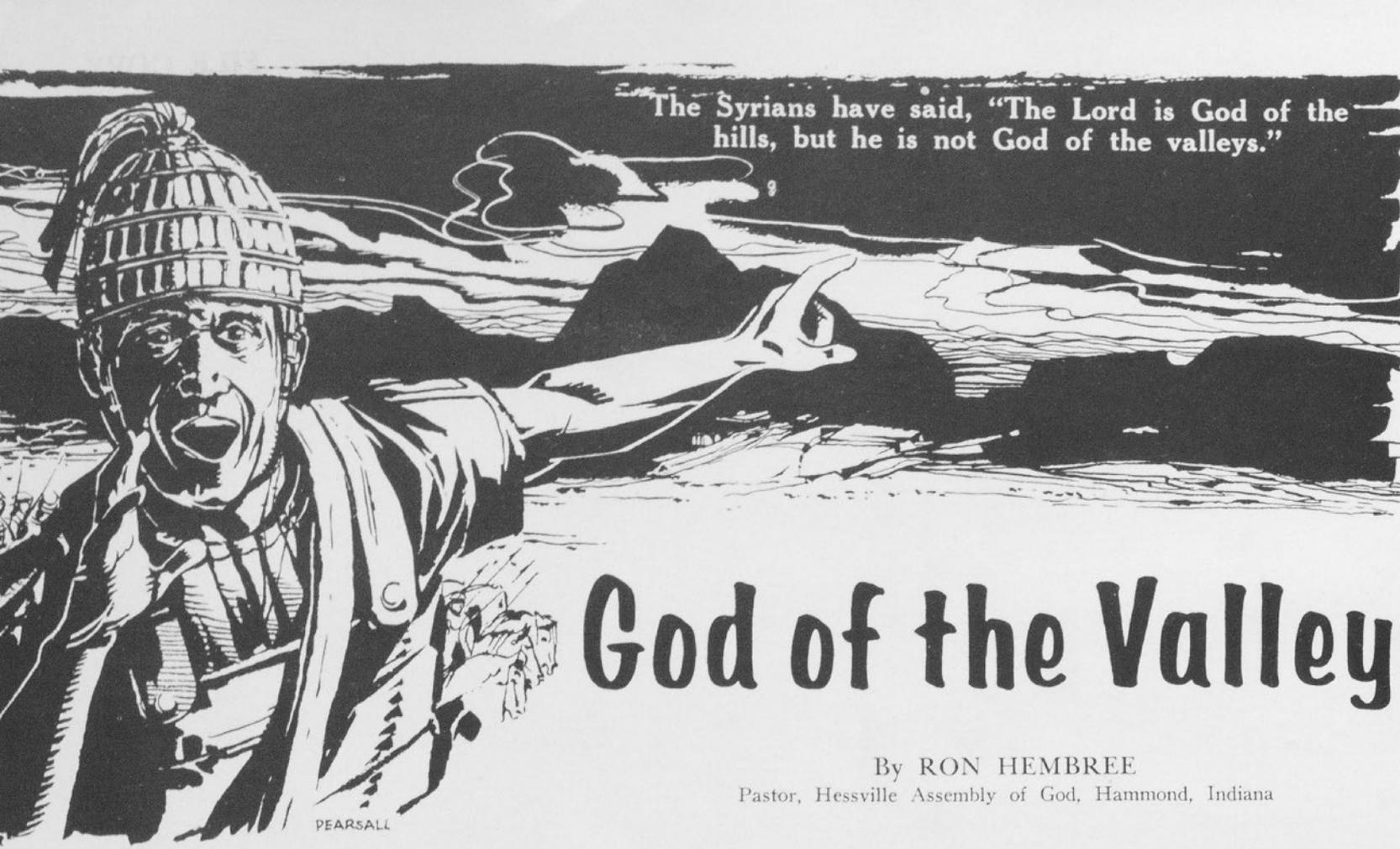
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The Syrians have said, "The Lord is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys."

God of the Valleys

By RON HEMBREE

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AN IRATE KING STOOD TOE-TO-TOE WITH A GOD WHOSE power he had underestimated.

For seven tense days Ben-hadad's great Syrian army surrounded the small and uncertain troops of Israel in the plains of Aphek. He was smugly certain of victory. Joined by 32 other kings his great military host outnumbered the scimpy army of King Ahab more than 10 to one. All he had to do now was wait for the right moment to attack.

It was true this same Israelite army had routed his troops just a year ago; but this was only because of a gross military blunder, Ben-hadad told himself. He had thought they had come to surrender rather than fight. And, he had been drunk. This time it would be different. This time he was taking no chances, not even with the invisible God of the Israelites.

Ben-hadad was glad he had taken the advice of his captains. After his disastrous defeat they had explained that it was because the Israelites served a God of the mountains, and they had fought there. It sounded reasonable. The temples were in the mountains. But, this time, Ben-hadad had lured them to the valley. Here their invisible God could not help them, thought Ben-hadad as he laughed lustily and drank the cool wine.

Suddenly someone sounded a battle charge, and Ben-hadad's troops were in confusion. The Israelite army had begun striking from all directions at once. The Syrian army of over 150,000 along with the bewildered king fled for the city of Aphek. A hundred thousand soldiers fell during the retreat, then 27,000 more of the defeated army died when a wall fell upon them. Ben-hadad wept and waited for his captors.

The jubilant army of Israel marched in to take the spoils, singing songs of victory and quoting words a

prophet had said only days before, "Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, the Lord is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (1 Kings 20:28).

THE VALLEY OF WEeping

Ben-hadad's mistake in thinking that God is only a God of the mountains, of prosperous times, has been repeated throughout history. An opponent of Christianity once said, "Scratch a Christian and you will find a pagan." But 2,000 years of Christianity and the blood of countless martyrs have refuted this statement. Job proved what Satan challenged—that he served a God of the valleys as well as the mountains. Experience has taught us that our God does not leave us at the grave, in the moment of sorrow, or at the point of great decisions.

He is with us in *the Valley of Weeping*. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca [weeping] make it a well" (Psalm 84:5, 6).

Baca means weeping. The name was probably derived from the presence of Balsam trees which, because of their exudations of tearlike drops of resin, suggest weeping. Therefore the name "valley of weeping" came to be. The psalmist suggests that when we pass through this valley we can trust our God to turn it into a valley of joy and blessing. Mourning turns to joy, sorrow into serenity, and pain into peace.

This is contrary to human reason, yet every child of God who has traveled the valley of weeping can testify to a tranquility that transcends his burden. "He restoreth my soul," David said, and Joel quotes God's promise,

"I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25).

There are years in South Africa when locusts swarm the land and eat the crops. They come in hordes, blocking out the sun. The crops are lost and a hard winter follows. The "years that the locusts eat" are feared and dreaded. But the year after the locusts, South Africa reaps its greatest crops, for the dead bodies of the locusts serve as fertilizer for the new seed. And the locust year is restored as great crops swell the land.

Is not this a parable of our lives? There are times when we pass through the valley of weeping, or even when our grief is too deep and the sorrow too personal for tears. But our God will restore these years in His own way if we commit our lives to Him. He who knows the end from the beginning can use our present griefs to enrich the years that lie ahead. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:5). "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

THE VALLEY OF TROUBLE

Our God does not forsake us in the *Valley of Trouble*. A troubled prophet with a solemn message brought encouragement to a nation in decay when he said, "And I will give her the valley of Achor for a door of hope" (Hosea 2:15).

It was in the valley of Achor that Achan was stoned for his terrible sin. It was seldom associated with hope, but God promised to make even this valley of despair a door of hope.

Many walk in the valley of trouble, disappointment, financial problems, sickness, heartache, despair. Each has his own valley of trouble, and some are deeper and darker than others. Such a valley can only be brightened by Christ, the Son of the Living God. It was He who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28, 29).

To live by the law of Christ and accept Him in our hearts is to turn a giant floodlight of hope into our valleys of trouble. Problems do not always vanish in Christ's presence, but He gives us the victory over them. "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

THE VALLEY OF DEATH

"Yea, though I walk through the *valley of the shadow of death*, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

We are told that the actual place known as the Valley of the Shadow of Death in Palestine is very narrow and treacherous. Its walls extend upward 1,500 feet, and the floor has many deep gullies. Actual footing in many places is so small the sheep cannot turn around.

About halfway through the valley the path is suddenly cut in two with an eight-foot gully. One section of the path is about 18 inches higher than the other and the sheep must jump across. The shepherd stands and coaxes the sheep across and then gently lifts the smaller ones over. If one of the sheep falls into the gully the shepherd uses his staff with the old-style crook to lift him up.

The crook fits snugly around the sheep's breast and he is hauled up safely.

Wild dogs prey on unprotected sheep, but the shepherd's heavy rod protects his flock so that if he is near the sheep have no fear in walking through that valley.

The words of the psalm take on new meaning when we think about this actual valley. The road of life which leads toward the valley of the shadow is dark and frightening. There is much that would harm us and there are deep pitfalls along the way. Then there is that break in the path which means the end of this life and the beginning of the other. Those who walk alone without the Shepherd take a fearful leap and *hope* to make it. But, with the Shepherd of our souls near us, we know we will make it. He spans the gulf and gently helps us until our feet are firmly planted on the other side. Many are the saints who have left testimonies of dying grace. They were not deserted by the Shepherd in the final valley.

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God gave two reasons for defeating Ben-hadad in the valley. First, to show His power to the Syrians; and second, to show His power to Israel. So when He takes us victoriously through the valleys as well as over the mountain experiences of life, it is that we may realize His power for ourselves, and that by His victory in us He may show His power to others. ◀◀



Lessons in the Valley

I have been through the valley of weeping,
The valley of sorrow and pain,
But the God of all comfort was with me,
At hand to uphold and sustain.

As earth needs the clouds and the sunshine,
Our souls need both sorrow and joy;
So He places us oft in the furnace
The dross from the gold to destroy.

When He leads through some valley of trouble,
His omnipotent hand we may trace,
For the trials and sorrows He sends us
Are part of His lessons in grace.

Oft we shrink from the purging and pruning,
Forgetting the husbandman knows
That the deeper the cutting and paring
The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is needed;
He has a wise purpose in view;
But in the dark valley He whispers,
"Later on thou wilt know what I do."

As we travel through life's shadowed valley
Fresh springs of His love ever rise;
And we learn that our sorrows and losses
Are blessings He sends in disguise.

So we follow wherever He leadeth;
Let the pathway be dreary or bright;
For we prove that our God can give comfort,
Our God can give songs in the night.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's Time to Pray

This is being written on September 23. We do not know whether President Johnson will proclaim Wednesday, October 21, to be a National Day of Prayer or not. It has been customary for several years to so designate the third Wednesday in October. A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

Perhaps by the time you read this *Evangel* the President will have made such an announcement. Whatever date he may set, it cannot be too soon, nor can Spirit-filled people give it too much support. America needs nothing so much as old-fashioned prayer meetings where people repent with all their hearts and weep before the Lord, confessing their sins and calling on God for mercy.

Sin is rampant in America. Church membership has climbed to a new high but public morality has plunged to a new low. Crime is spreading. Violence is increasing. One sign of the worsening situation is the F.B.I. report that 17-year-olds now form the largest criminal group. The arrest of persons under 18 years of age has increased 55 per cent since 1952. Teen-agers commit 55 per cent of all burglaries, 58 per cent of all auto thefts, 51 per cent of all larcenies, and 19.5 per cent of all rapes for which arrests are made.

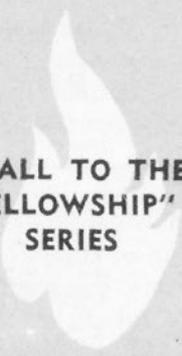
F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover has said: "The brutality of the crimes committed by teen-agers certainly pales the all-inclusive pampering, palliative phrase of 'juvenile delinquency' which is used today. Daily," said Mr. Hoover, "I am appalled by news items and reports which come across my desk, revealing the disgusting and sordid picture of acts almost too obscene to be attributable to those who are still in the second 10 years of their lives."

Parents need to repent, for they are responsible for the behavior of their teen-agers. Where have they learned it except in the society created by their elders? Approximately 3,000,000 children have divorced or separated parents. The government predicts that one out of every four marriages that take place this year will end in divorce. We are a soft, indulgent nation—lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, as the Bible predicted for the last days of this age. We spend as much money on recreation as we do on education. We spend more on alcoholic beverages than on dairy products, and six times as much as on soft drinks. We spend three times as much on crime and gambling as on meat. We spend more on tobacco than all our contributions to religious work.

In America today there is a preoccupation with sex that is eating our character like a cancer. Sex is glamorized on the screen and in the magazines. Pornographic literature is freely displayed on the public newsstands. It is estimated that 250,000 illegitimate children are born in the U.S. each year. Venereal disease kills over 4,000 persons annually.

Yes, it's time to pray. We need to get back to God and His Bible; back to the faith of our fathers and the path of righteousness. Sin is a national reproach and eventually it must be punished, but there is still time to repent and seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon us. There is still time, if we pray; for prayer changes things—changes people—changes nations—and changes the destiny of man.

—R.C.C.



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By JOHN GARLOCK

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POINT 13—DEVELOP AN EVER-
GREATER "WORLD-NEED"
CONSCIOUSNESS

A SOPHISTICATED NATIONAL MONTHLY MAGAZINE DEVOTES an issue to mental health; a dignified international bank publishes a frightening report on the extent of hunger in the world; a great humanitarian pleads with his listeners on behalf of the world's illiterate millions; a youth club discusses the school dropout problem. Signs of our times? Yes, but more: such news items spotlight not only the fact that great needs exist in this earth of ours, but that people are *concerned about them*.

Christ Himself was "moved with compassion when He saw the multitudes." what should move the Christian, and how much?

Thinking men everywhere, capitalist or communist, Christian or not, have come to understand this great truth: improvement in the lot of mankind anywhere generally takes place only if and when some person or persons are made to feel deeply the need of such improvement.

And so those men who most strongly feel a certain need strive to stir others to feel it too. "Be concerned!" we are admonished. Help rehabilitate the drug addicts. Keep our highways clear of litter. Pray for missions. Detect cancer early. Support the United Nations. Don't pollute streams. Adopt a Korean orphan. Stamp out pornography. Boost physical fitness. Go to church Sunday. Be kind to animals. Vote. Be a blood donor. Support law enforcement. Join a service club. Drive safely. Give to the United Fund.

These are not commercial appeals. They are sound advice from concerned people trying to stimulate the concern of others. But what happens? Briefly, the very multiplicity of needs confuses and numbs us. Remember the high medical hopes when the power of penicillin was discovered? Then doctors found that in time certain disease organisms develop special resistance to penicillin after repeated exposure. And behold, a medical miracle lost its magic touch. Now new antibiotics must ever be found to kill our germs. In similar fashion millions of us have developed a near-immunity to the appeals for our concern. To stir us, a need must be spectacularly heart-rending, dramatic, full of poetry and pathos, and preferably in full color on glossy paper. It is sad that this is so, but very natural.

The truth is that our response mechanisms are jaded. We simply cannot cope with the avalanche of appeals which call to us by newspaper, magazine, TV and radio broadcast, pulpit, mailbox, and personal solicitor.

There are two possible courses we can take. One is to build up a sort of insulation against world needs. We can simply develop emotional callouses which are not easily penetrated. Are there 750 million people who cannot read? Merely a cold statistic. Do 1½ billion go to sleep hungry every night? Unthinkable. Are there a hundred additional mouths to feed on earth with every minute that passes? Remarkable. Are half the hospital beds of our own country filled with the mentally ill? Sad. Are Christians a smaller proportion of world population than they were 50 years ago? Incredible. Unmoved, we become unmovable.

The other course is to try to sort out the needs of the world in order of importance, to ask ourselves where our help is needed most desperately of all. We cannot do everything. But surely we can help meet *some* needs—those which are *most* urgent, *most* important, *most* intense. Which are they?

A close look at the great needs of the world shows that these needs are in layers. They lie stacked one upon another. They occur in clusters. Can it be coincidence that those places on earth where one need is desperate—such as the need for food—are also the places where the rates of superstition, illiteracy, and disease are also greatest? No, the family of needs is close-knit, inexorably logical. Disease springs from hunger, hunger from poverty, poverty from ignorance, ignorance from the darkness of underprivilege. And that darkness streams like a dense screen of black smoke from the rubbish heap of sin, the pyre of all man's hopes. Sin is underneath it all.

You do not have to be an expert medical doctor to know it is more sensible to treat causes than to treat symptoms. And the deeper the layer of cause you can reach, the more complete and permanent the cure. This is why, when we reach out toward a needy world, we must reach to the underlying need, the *spiritual* need. Man is out of tune with his universe and his God. To improve man's condition—*really* improve it—we must strike at this basic lack, let him know forgiveness and divine transformation. This is the work of the gospel.

A Christian cares about people's physical hunger, as did Christ. A Christian cares more, not less than others care. A Christian cares enough to offer help that is permanent, to plant the kingdom of God, which Christ taught His disciples should be sought first of all. A Christian matches his compassion with *passion*, the passion for doing what counts most. ◀◀

What a pity when the children of a wealthy father ignore their family privileges and live in poverty!



HOW TO BECOME RICHER



By Rena Baldwin Lindsay

A STRANGER TRAVELING THROUGH A LONELY PART OF Scotland found shelter from a storm in a rude hut. While there he noticed a picture on the wall, and upon looking he saw it was a 1,000-pound bank note! Astonished, he asked the kindly old couple how they happened to have that little picture.

"Oh," said the man, "we have a son in London who writes us quite often. He sent this in one of his letters, and we thought it so pretty that we framed it."

That slip of paper was worth \$3,000! Those old people could have enjoyed comparative luxury, but they were living as though they were poor.

God has freely given us all things in the gift of His Son, but some people, not fully comprehending the magnitude of it, have put it in a frame, as it were, instead of making it truly their own. Our Heavenly Father is longing to see us become richer.

When I became a Christian I realized my own poverty, recognized God's wondrous provision for my need, and received of His wealth. Now if I would become increasingly wealthy I must take the same steps. When I feel my great need of God and open my whole being to Him, the promise of Philippians 4:19 is gloriously fulfilled: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." How it delights His great heart of love to shower His wealth upon us!

*"His love hath no limit; His grace hath no measure;
His power no boundary known unto men;
And out of His infinite riches in glory
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."*

What joy it must bring to His heart when we keep right on recognizing our own poverty and His provision, and receiving from His hand all the wealth He is longing to give! Oh, that we might more fully comprehend the riches of the glory of our inheritance! "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the

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heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit."

Vance Havner says: "Many a poor man has had an oil well on his farm and didn't know it. If he found that he did have such a treasure he would lose no time tapping his resources. . . . God gives us oil wells but He does not pump the oil for us. All things are ours in Christ, but we must make what is ours factually our very own actually. Appreciating what is yours never makes you rich, but appropriating it will. 'The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.'"

Someone has said God longs to make us rich and richer, and if He sees that we can take it He will make millionaires out of us! That is what happened to Job. What distressing experiences he went through! But Job was an exceptional man, one who could stand great wealth. We read that "the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning," and gave him "twice as much as he had before."

He who offers to supply all our needs knows just what those needs are. Perhaps He sees that our greatest need just now is the clearer view of God, and of ourselves, that adversity brings. Perhaps He sees that we can be "enlarged . . . in distress" (Psalm 4:1). Let us yield to Him who "will perfect that which concerneth us," and in time we shall be saying with David, "Thou, O God, hast proved us; thou hast tried us . . . we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place" (Psalm 66:10-12).

When strange trials come to us we need not be alarmed. They are permitted by God for a purpose. He has a plan for every child of His, and knows just the circumstances needful for the working out of that plan. He is trying to make millionaires out of us! Are we cooperating, or are we delaying the process?

One day, in the mountains of Luzon, I saw a kid protesting vigorously as he was being pulled along the road by a man who evidently had just purchased him at the market. The man looked very kind, and I could imagine him planning to give the little creature a big

pau of corn when they reached their destination, and then turning him into a lucious green pasture to graze. But oh, how piteously the little kid was bleating, and how he stiffened himself and resisted each step of the way! Are we not sometimes quite like that little mountain goat?

God's Word says, "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Think of the eternal Son of God leaving all the glories of heaven and humbling Himself even to death on the cross, that we through His poverty might be rich! The Heavenly Father's riches are illimitable and He has many gifts for us, but all that He has for us is wrapped up in this one great gift of His Son.

What is your need just now? Grace and strength for a trying day? Christ says, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in your weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Are you in need just now of wisdom? "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). Do you need power for service? "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" (Luke 3:16). Are you in need of healing? "With his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). All the needs of mankind for spirit, soul and body are met in Christ. He says that He came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly.

Satan knows how distressing it would be to his kingdom if we fully realized what tremendous resources we have in Christ, so he is doing all he can to keep us complacently satisfied with things as they are. He is determined to cheat us out of our full inheritance, if possible. He well knows that if we continually choose to live in the secret place of the Most High, we will always be in touch with the almightiness of God, always drawing from Him the grace and strength and whatever we need for each day. He knows, too, that in that secret place we will be deeply concerned about the needs of others and drawing from God's almightiness for them as well.

I am reminded here of the Arabic version of Psalm 1:1, "He that chooseth as his permanent abode the secret place of the Most High shall always be in touch with the almightiness of God!" Only the Holy Spirit Himself can help our poor little finite minds to understand the meaning of a promise like this, the illimitable reach of such a privilege! Think of the responsibility it involves!

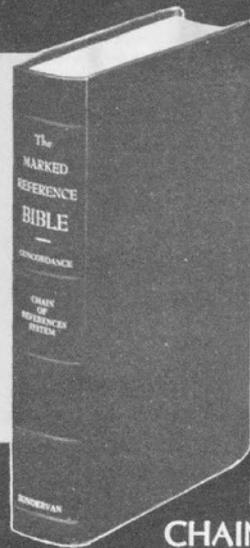
Dr. Hallesby must have had this in mind when he wrote: "Whenever we touch His almighty arm, some of His omnipotence streams in upon us, into our souls and into our bodies. And not only that, but, through us, it streams out to others."

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end" (Ephesians 3:20, 21).

Spurgeon tells us, "There can never be presumption in believing God. There may be a great deal of it in daring to question His Word." Let us count upon His faithfulness to do what He has promised to do.

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WHAT IS YOUR MOST PRESSING NEED? NOT YOUR MOST earnest desire, nor your most ardent aspiration, but what is your most vital *need*?

Do you answer health? Or wealth? Or prominence? He majors in minors who considers any one of these his greatest need. Considerable contrast may exist between what we want most and what we need most.

What is your most pressing need? To answer this urgent question accurately you will require a viewpoint of breadth. The matter of your greatest need includes a destiny beyond your fleeting earth years. It involves eternity.

At this point you need an intelligence beyond your own to answer the question of your greatest need. And since this is God's department He will provide this intelligence. He speaks to us in a multitude of ways.

A newspaper reader stared uncomfortably at a cartoon caricaturing the Kaiser's dismissal of Chancellor Otto von Bismark, the architect of a unified Germany. The cartoonist had depicted the Kaiser standing smugly on the deck of a large liner about to sail, watching the Prussian statesman leave the vessel. Haughty self-satisfaction radiated from the Kaiser's countenance. The artist captioned the cartoon, "Dropping the Pilot."

"That's me—in different circumstances!" muttered the reader in growing agitation. "I too have dropped the pilot. Only instead of dismissing a fallible politician," he told himself, "I have dismissed the infallible God. I have dropped the eternal Pilot!"

The man intrigued by the cartoon was John Henry Jowett. He saw in it a challenge to choose God's guidance, and went on to a career in which he became hailed as a prince of preachers.

Jowett's greatest need is the same as yours. It is not *what* but *who*; not property but a Person; not gadgets but God!

Robert Louis Stevenson meandered blindly for a long period in quest of light and truth. When he finally found what he sought the poet wrote to his father: "No man can achieve success until he writes in the journal of his life the words, 'Enter, God!'"

Are you conscious of *your* greatest need? People smile

at the prayer of the tot who, after mentioning everyone and everything he could think of, concluded with the petition, "And please, Lord, take care of Yourself, for if anything happened to You we'd all be sunk!" We are amused, yet that expression reveals a sense of dependence all might profitably cultivate.

Man's greatest need has become the subject of many songs. George Webster meditated one afternoon concerning the modernists' denial of historic Christian truths and grieved over the belligerent language some Christians used in the controversy. "How much they all need Jesus!" he soliloquized.

But then another thought struck Webster. He exclaimed aloud, "How much *I* need Jesus!" Picking up his pen he scribbled the words that became a well-loved song, "I need Jesus Every Day":

*"I need Jesus, my need I now confess;
No friend like Him, in times of deep distress;
I need Jesus, the need I gladly own;
Though some may bear their load alone, yet I need Jesus."*

About 50 years previously Annie Hawks, while performing household chores, felt encouraged by a sense of the Lord's presence. "How can anyone live without Him," she exclaimed, "either in joy or pain?" Then she looked upward and addressed Christ, "I need Thee every hour." It was Annie Hawks who penned the hymn of the same name. She commented later concerning it, "It was wafted out to the world on the wings of love and joy rather than under the stress of great personal sorrow. Not until long years after, when shadows fell over my way, did I understand something of the comforting ministry in the words I had been permitted to write." Surely all need the Lord not only in seasons of misfortune, but also in seasons of success!

George Webster carolled, "I need Jesus every *day*." Annie Hawks sang, "I need Thee every *hour*." But someone else said, "I need Him every *minute*."

During the Chicago World Fair in 1893 a clergyman from Britain remarked to Ira Sankey and Major D. W. Whittle, "I don't particularly care for the song, 'I Need Thee Every Hour'."

"You don't?" both exclaimed in surprise. "Why not? Don't you need the Lord?"

"Most certainly I do," the Britisher said. "I don't like that song because *I* need Him every *minute*!"

Sankey suggested to Whittle, "There's a fine idea for a new song." He agreed, and shortly thereafter "Moment by Moment" was written.

Indeed, no period of measurable duration, however infinitesimal, exists for any man without his deep need of God. John Guthrie computed mathematically this requisite. "The first of the figures denoting a thousand millions is *one*," he explained. "The rest are many. But that *one* is an integer or real quantity, while the other nine are mere ciphers. Now those ciphers count for much when that figure one precedes them. But without that they count for nothing, though increased a millionfold. Numerically God is but one. His creatures are many. But without that One what are these many?"

Gracing the entrance of Downing Hall in North Wales is the inscription in Welsh, "*Heb Dduw, heb ddim; Duw a ddigon*." Rendered in English it read, "Without God, without all; with God, enough."

An aged German refugee couple confirmed that esti-

mate. "We have lost everything," they declared. "We have nothing left but God. And only so do we come to know that God is enough!"

Man's most pressing need is God, and God is available to all. He is approachable through Jesus Christ. Many human aspirations prove elusive, but God stands always ready to meet His creatures' most basic need. He issued a universal invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

The man who dismisses or ignores God has indeed dropped the pilot. Perhaps if civilization put more faith in divine guidance it would rely less strongly on guided missiles! Happy is the man whose compelling desire is for his most urgent need—God. He who first seeks God's interest cannot be disappointed. Did not Jesus

guarantee, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6)?

John Henry Jowett recalled the divine Pilot he had dismissed! God will return to any man who seeks Him sincerely. "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth" (Psalm 145:18). When summoned in faith God manifests Himself with the promise, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).

Solomon, the world's wisest man, is credited with authoring over 3,000 proverbs, but in none did he (nor any subsequent sage) excel the advice he offered when he counseled, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6). ◀◀



God Kept His Word

A Personal Testimony by Frank Romanelli, Corpus Christi, Texas

THERE IS AN INHERENT PROMISE IN HEBREWS 11:6 TO the seeker after God: "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." God kept this promise to me before I ever knew He had made it!

My parents were Italian immigrants and believed that the Roman Catholic church was the only true church. Accordingly, they had me baptized as an infant. The Holy Spirit began to deal with me when I was still very young, so I began a diligent search for God through the only means at my disposal, the catechism provided by my church.

I continued my search in the framework of Catholicism. In 1952, while in the Army, I completed my tests and made my first confession and communion, and was confirmed at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg, Pa.

Shortly afterward, during a flight layover in Chicago, I wandered into a Christian servicemen's center. In a few minutes I was telling an interested attendant there about my Catholic background. We talked a while and he asked if he could pray with me. I agreed reluctantly, for my belief then was that only priests could pray to God for people. His prayer touched God and, even though I did not then find the Lord, it was a milestone in my search for Truth.

I continued to attend the Catholic church, and sometimes wondered if my hunger for God would only be satisfied if I became a priest.

In 1958, having fulfilled my military obligation and earned a degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management, I was outwardly successful. But I felt something was lacking. Unable to find it, I sought pleasure in the world, and began drinking heavily. In fact, I had to be slightly inebriated before going to bed in order to relieve my uneasy conscience and dull my fear of death.

I prayed often that God would give me the right life companion, one who could lead me to the Truth. It was at this point that the Lord led me to Dallas,

Tex., where I met the one who would later become my wife. Through her invitation I attended Bethel Temple Assembly of God in Dallas, which was my first real contact with the Protestant religion. It was so different from the ritualistic services I had known that at first I could not accept it. But the people's hunger for God and their desire to have others know Him was truly manifested in the actions of that congregation.

Desiring to find out whether the Assemblies of God was right according to God's Word, I began to study the Bible at every opportunity. One night early in December 1960 I saw the truth that there was nothing I could do to save myself; that my salvation had already been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ. I was so overwhelmed by this discovery that I laughed or cried most of that night in sheer relief.

This knowledge that I was truly saved made me hungry to know more about God and His wonderful plan for mankind. The more I studied the Word, the more I realized that God's Word is intended for us today and that it is all Truth.

I married the one whom God had given to lead me to the Truth, and we now have two children who share with us many wonderful experiences from God who has directed our paths.

I did not yet have the baptism in the Holy Spirit and had thought it must be for a special few. But after hearing a former rabbi tell how God led him to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah and how he was filled with the Holy Spirit I became hungry for the Baptism. As I sought, God filled me. This was another proof to me that God's Word is true and that He does not change.

After groping for years for the light I have found the way to God, having perfect access to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is truly a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). ◀◀



Teen Challenge Is Launched in Boston

By DAVID C. MILLEY, Director

ALTHOUGH BOSTON IS KNOWN AS AN EDUCATIONAL center with high cultural achievements, yet it is a city without a forceful gospel witness for the masses on the streets where prostitution, homosexuality, drug addiction and teen-age delinquency are rampant.

Stirred by the city's great spiritual need, a group of businessmen and pastors from the Boston area spent three days visiting Teen Challenge in New York City to observe the great work God was doing there.

As a result of this challenge, they invited David Wilkerson, director of the New York Center, to help them initiate a center in the greater Boston area. Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director of Assemblies of God Home Missions, met with a committee and approved the new project. On June 12 over 600 interested friends and guests attended the kickoff rally banquet.

The committee soon purchased a building at 414 Jamaica Way in suburban Jamaica Plain and dedicated it to the Lord as the Boston Teen Challenge Center. Twenty-one staff workers from various Bible colleges joined the summer staff.

In spite of the fact that many said, "It cannot be done in Boston," it is being done! Miracle after miracle of deliverance has taken place daily. In a miraculous way God has provided everything needed to operate this center including such things as a piano, a deep freeze, chairs



Boston Teen Challenge staff stands in front of the Center.

and beds. Towels, pillowcases and other essentials were supplied by WMC's of the Southern New England District. Catholic and Jewish friends, impressed by this new endeavor, also helped.

Teen Challenge teams have spent the summer invading both the ghetto sections and the plush suburban neighborhoods, distributing *Chicken* booklets and conducting street rallies. This type of approach is unique in Boston and many orthodox churchmen were shocked to find converted addicts and gang leaders standing on street corners singing and preaching. Contacts have been made with the underworld, with drug addicts and the homosexual and beatnik subcultures.

One of the first converts was a Jewish girl, 19-year-old Dianne, who has since been evicted from her home. She is now faithfully witnessing for Christ as one of the team workers. Drug-addicted fathers have been saved and their wives have been so moved at what has happened to their husbands they too have come to Teen Challenge Center and surrendered their lives to Christ. The massive literature distribution crusade is producing results daily. This great city, known as the seat of Christian Science and other false cults, now has a true witness of the mighty power of the Holy Ghost and of the reality of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

But the greatest impact is being demonstrated by the



Mrs. George Flower (right), Southern New England District WMC director, presents Mrs. Milley with a bedspread from the district treasure chest. David Milley (right photo) counsels a converted drug addict.



spiritual awakening that has taken place in a number of denominational churches. The ministry of Teen Challenge in Boston has quickly become a demonstration of the Holy Ghost baptism in action.

Teen Challenge is also conducting a Children's Bible Hour Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Dozens of youngsters are being reached with the gospel, so they will never become teen-age delinquents.

Teen-agers from all walks of life have especially felt the impact of the Teen Challenge ministry here in Boston. One teen-age boy was disowned by his family immediately after his conversion and deliverance from a horrible life of sin. The Teen Challenge Center is now his

only home. Another young man was delivered shortly before he was to enter show business. He has abandoned his plans of becoming a choreographer to enter Bible school. God has called him to preach the gospel.

Our regular staff of consecrated workers is engaged at present full time in follow-up work, prison visitation and personal evangelism on the streets. There are very few evangelical churches in the Boston area and the need of support is great. Friends in New England who are interested in the Teen Challenge gospel work in this city may send their offerings to the Home Missions Department at Springfield, Missouri, clearly designated: *Teen Challenge—Boston.*

Now the Bible Is My 'Needle'

By BOBBY ALMAREZ

Convert of Teen Challenge in Los Angeles



ALTHOUGH I WAS RAISED IN A HAPPY HOME, AT THE age of 13 I joined a gang and began to smoke, drink and fight. In a few months I was using marijuana and getting "high." This was the kind of life I thought I was looking for, but how wrong I was.

Soon I was involved in my first gang fight. Loaded on marijuana we fought the other gang with pipes, sticks and guns. I had a chain and was hitting everyone who was around. Out of nowhere a policeman fell on top of me and placed me in handcuffs. At the age of 16 I went to jail for the first time. At court I received probation but in a few months I was back in jail, this time for a marijuana charge.

One day in 1959 a friend of mine and I scored some real "stuff." We borrowed an outfit from another guy and soon I had taken my first "fix" of heroin. I thought I was going to be different and not get "hooked," but it wasn't long before I was "strung out" and using it three times a day.

Several times I was arrested for using heroin. The last time I was sentenced to the California Rehabilitation Center, a new program to help the addict. For eight months I had the best counseling and group therapy the state could offer. When I heard those jail doors close behind me my mind was made up to quit using drugs forever. I had now "hung up" the needle, spoon, eye dropper, and capsules of heroin.

I went out planning to make a new life for myself. After seeing my family I began to walk down the street of my neighborhood in Kern Maravilla in East Los Angeles. I kept saying to myself, "I will not fix again!" For several hours I repeated it over and over, but the more I would tell myself this, the more I kept seeing in my mind the biggest pile of heroin and the biggest needle in the world. I soon made the excuse that all I needed was one more fix for the last time.

The next day I made another excuse, and again the

following day, until once more I was "trapped." I gave up making excuses and said to myself, "It's no use. I'm a hipe and I'll be one for the rest of my life!"

Then on January 4 of this year I ran into a group from Teen Challenge who were in my neighborhood conducting a street meeting and witnessing. They gave me a card that said, "If you are hooked and want help come to Teen Challenge Center." I saw something different about these people. Several had once used narcotics and now they were helping others. How could this be? I decided to go and see what it was all about. I had tried everything else; maybe this was the answer.

At the Center workers explained to me that through simple faith and trust in Jesus Christ I could be set completely free. They said I needed no other substitute for narcotics, that the life of Christ would fill that emptiness.

At first I was doubtful, but then I thought if it worked for them, maybe it would work for me. At an altar, upon my knees, I began to pray and ask the Lord for help. The moment I confessed my sins and opened my heart to Christ I knew something had happened. My sins left me and the big problem, the desire for narcotics, was gone!

I thank God for this new life of salvation. I no longer need the needle and dirty spoon, for now I have my Bible, my Christian friends, and my Saviour! ◀◀

Offerings for Assemblies of God Teen Challenge work may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Missionary credit will be given.

We now have five officially recognized Teen Challenge Centers operating in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, and San Francisco. One is being opened in Detroit.



Royal Rangers



A Great Adventure

By JOHNNIE BARNES

National Commander of the Royal Rangers

TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE FAST-MOVING, FAST-GROWING Royal Ranger program over the past two years has been like participating in a *Great Adventure*.

Since 1962 we have seen Royal Rangers mushroom from a vision into a nationwide boys program. There are now over 3,000 Royal Ranger groups. (Over 1,100 of these are chartered and approximately 1,900 unchartered.) There are over 34,000 men and boys participating in Royal Rangers (over 12,000 registered and approximately 22,000 not registered). Coordinating such a rapidly growing program has been an exciting experience.

The spiritual impact of Royal Rangers has been thrilling! Pastors have reported large numbers of boys being won to Christ. Some have reported entire families being won as a result of the program. One pastor in Tennessee reports, "We have won seven new families into our church through Royal Rangers."

Happy parents have told us what Royal Rangers has done for their sons. Thrilling testimonies have been shared with us by R. R. leaders who have found a fruitful field of service they never thought possible. We have looked into the shining faces of boys who accepted Christ for the first time in a R. R. meeting. We thank God that the R. R. program is making an impact for the Kingdom of God.

The contribution of R. R. activities to the total growth of boys has been gratifying. In company with Royal Rangers I have fought yellowtail tuna in California, hiked in the deep woods of New York, climbed mountains in Oregon, cracked lobsters in Maine, bivouaced on a ranch in Texas, shared a steak fry in an Indian hogan in Arizona, flown by plane over Hurricane Ridge in Washington, back-packed to a lake under the continental divide in Colorado and camped in the Ozarks of Missouri. As a result of these experiences I have sensed the development of the following among Royal Rangers: A strong bond of fellowship between men and boys; experiences in democratic living in its highest form; training in cooperation and the give-and-take of life; better understanding among boys with different family, economic or cultural backgrounds; lessons in self-reliance and the consequences of our actions; good physical and mental health; and a sense of fair play. Royal Rangers is helping boys to develop physically, mentally, and socially as well as spiritually.

We have also seen rapid strides forward in our training program for leaders. In addition to a number of dis-

trict leadership training seminars, we have made available to our leaders a Royal Ranger Leadership Training Correspondence Course. This course is free of charge to all outpost commanders, lieutenant commanders, outpost councilmen, and prospective leaders. The course now has an enrollment of over 1,400 leaders.

In reviewing the tremendous progress of Royal Rangers we have a deep conviction that this program was begun in the providence of God and that it is being blessed of God. We feel sure that the future will see many more of our churches beginning this exciting program designed to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ. ◀◀



REFLECTIONS by MOONLIGHT

Meditations of a Royal Ranger Commander

I HAVE JUST SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE SLEEPING CAMP. Moonlight is bathing the valley. My heart is full; I feel I must get alone with God and thank Him for the experience of the past day. As I look down from the hilltop through the doors of the assembled tents I feel a deep compassion for the boys contained in the distorted bundles of bedding.

It all began yesterday when we gathered at the church for our camping trip. It was a scene of excessive excitement, noise, and confusion. Twenty boys yelling, running, and scurrying about at the same time. There I was in the midst of the turmoil trying to get boys and equipment loaded into the church bus. There were more boys coming out than I was getting in. Trying to remember if we had everything, I was at the same time being besieged with a dozen questions from a half dozen overly excited Royal Rangers. At last we had everything loaded.

With a hope that we hadn't forgotten anything we headed for our campsite on Clear Creek.

I had heard of a barrel full of monkeys, but this is nothing compared to a bus full of talking, shouting, wiggling, scuffling, teasing boys. Since it was hardly proper for the leaders to jump up and down and pull their hair, we composed ourselves, smiled indulgently and tried to keep order.

At last we arrived at the campsite, a small meadow overlooking a rushing stream and surrounded by tall trees and rugged hills. I never saw a bus empty out so fast in my life. In a few moments the meadow was littered with various camping equipment. With the help of my two lieutenant commanders we assigned tent sites and began to set up camp. I had forgotten how excited boys could become over the simple task of pitching tents. Except for a few swayback tents, loose stakes, and crooked poles, the boys did a fair job. Details were assigned such as digging fire pits and gathering wood.

With camp set up, the boys were divided into three groups with an adult leader in charge of each, and taken on a nature study and exploration hike. The hills and woods soon echoed with joyful shouts upon new discoveries. An animal, a bird, an insect, a fossil, a cave, the bleached bones of an animal—unimportant things? Not to these boys. They were naturalists, geologists, archaeologists, and explorers, making new discoveries.

Back in camp we ate our evening meal. It's amazing how many hamburgers one boy can eat on a campout. Come to think of it, I had three myself.

Twilight was falling when we finished cleaning up. Fireflies fluttered about as we made our way to the council fire. There is magic in the atmosphere of a campfire. The flickering flame, the crackling wood, the crickets in the background... you seem to be in a different world. There is a bond of fellowship here that only the camper knows.

How boys can sing around a campfire! It matters little if they are off key, it's volume that counts as they give vent to inner contentment and joy. A few stunts, more songs, and then devotions. The devotion was very simple. We told them how Christ changed a certain boy's life. We explained the simple plan of salvation. As the invitation was given to the boys who wanted to accept Christ we were unprepared for the response. Suddenly several boys were standing before me. There was Jimmy, our biggest discipline problem; Gary, whose father was a drunk; Ben, the sarcastic wise guy; Tim, the quiet shy boy, and others. They stood looking up at me with searching, questioning eyes. I felt very humble when I prayed for Christ to come into their hearts.

A leader who has looked into the shining face of a boy who has accepted Christ for the first time will never be the same. I was no exception. Suddenly all the work, time, and effort invested in Royal Rangers paid off. I felt ashamed of the moments of discouragement and frustration when I questioned, "Is this program worth the effort?"

These are the thoughts that fill my mind and heart as I look up at the stars. A prayer wells up from my heart and forms on my lips. "O God, I thank you for a program like Royal Rangers and for what it can do for its members. I'm so grateful for the privilege of being a leader and for the opportunity of ministering to boys." ◀◀

What the Royal Ranger Program Means in Our Church

By J. F. HERRING

YOU MAY ASK, "IS A BOYS PROGRAM WORTH ALL THE time, effort and money expended for it?" As coordinator for the Royal Ranger program in our church I can confirm that *these things are most worthwhile*.

The Royal Ranger program makes a unique contribution toward youth evangelism that cannot be duplicated by any other means.

I have been able to evaluate this program from many angles. From every aspect it has been a great blessing to our church.

UNTAPPED RESOURCES

Every assembly needs the vigor and enthusiasm of its boys. Much progress in fulfilling the Great Commission has been lost because of untapped resources. If we will ask God to reveal to us the gigantic potential of our boys, we will not be disappointed.

For example, I cite one project in particular. After a thorough examination of the proposed project with the outpost officers, we set our goal. We thought it to be reasonable and yet challenging. Prayer, work and a keen insight by the leaders into the potentials of a boy aroused the vigor and enthusiasm of the boys. It was like tapping an artesian well of enthusiasm. The goal we had set was reached more than 10 times over.

UNCOVERED NEEDS

Whether a boy attends church or not, there are deeply embedded needs that must be met. For instance, Randy was a clean-cut, intelligent young fellow who had been very regular in attending church. He came from a good family and some of our best teachers had not been able to lead Randy to accept Christ. In a few months, during one of the instruction periods in the Royal Rangers, in the atmosphere of a pure, unrestrained burden for boys, he accepted God's plan of salvation for his life.

UNIMPRESSED LEADERS

The ministry of visitation can and should be enjoyed by all Christians. However, it appears that the majority are unimpressed by the importance of this great work. They are therefore separated from conditions and circumstances which constrain one to work and pray for the salvation of souls. These unimpressed leaders of any church are weights. They are hampering the spread of the gospel.

Not long ago, I drove by the home of one Royal

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Ranger officer and together we visited the homes of several potential Royal Ranger members. This one evening of visitation did more to convey to the heart of our leaders the need for visitation than months of preaching.

The statement made by the R. R. officer was, "I didn't know that these conditions and circumstances existed." Because of this first-hand witness, a Monday evening prayer meeting was born.

UNREACHED FATHERS

We had a thrilling experience a few months ago. During a Sunday morning service the father of one of our R. R. boys accepted Christ. He was non-Protestant. I knew the only tie which held this father's interest to the Assemblies of God church was the fact that his son



Jimmy and his father, S. L. Barragan, who was converted recently and is now active in the Royal Ranger program.

was a Royal Ranger. Afterward I learned that even this had about lost its power in the unknown struggle. The testimony to me by this father was: "I told my family as we were getting ready for church that this would be the last Sunday. We were getting too deeply involved in that church."

But S. L. Barragan had a genuine conversion on that "last Sunday" and now his interest is not only toward his own son. With the zeal and glow of his new Christian experience he has joined the ranks of the Royal Ranger leadership to serve all the boys.

Brother Barragan says, "This Royal Ranger program is the answer when it comes to our boys." (And it may be the answer also when it comes to our fathers.)

If your church fulfills its divinely given mission, it will be because these abundant resources have been tapped. You will mine for the souls of boys as though they were precious nuggets of gold. You will bring yourself to a place where God can impress you with their needs. You will have great joy in the results of your labors as you see the accomplishment of God's will in these young lives. A program for boys, such as Royal Rangers, is worth it all. ◀◀



DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTS AWARDS AT BETHEL ASSEMBLY, GLENDALE

There are three Royal Ranger Outposts in operation at Bethel Assembly of God in Glendale, Calif.—Pioneers, Trailblazers, and Air Rangers. The photograph shows L. E. Halvorson, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Southern California District, presenting awards to three Pioneers: (left to right) Paul Bittick, Danny Cude, and Danny Miller.

The men standing behind the boys are Arthur Slater, Pastor; Nolan Murrell, Lt.-Commander of Trailblazer Outpost; Charles Miller, Commander of Pioneer Outpost; and Kenneth Dulea, Commander of Trailblazer Outpost. Raymond Case is Lt.-Commander of the Pioneer Outpost.

The Air Ranger Outpost is commanded by Cecil De Jong, assisted by Jay Carlton as Lt.-Commander. This is the only Outpost of the three that has not yet received its charter but it is active with several members. A number of new boys have been added to Bethel Assembly's Sunday School through contact with the Royal Rangers.



DISTRICT LEADERS ATTEND ROYAL RANGERS SEMINAR

Great enthusiasm for the Assemblies of God boys program was shown by district leaders who met in Springfield, Mo., for a training seminar. Seen in the photo (left to right) are: Bob Reid, national training coordinator; Paul Ackerman, Nebraska; Bud Holbrook, Wisconsin; John Tyler, Michigan; Burton Pierce, national councilman; Everett James, national councilman; Howard Bush, executive director; Tom Hodge, Wisconsin; Johnnie Barnes, national commander; E. E. Nolan, Mississippi; Sam Cochran, national aide-de-camp; Bob Williams, national aide-de-camp; Russell Cox, Arizona; E. B. Adamson, Minnesota.

HOW LOVE ANSWERS

A dog that is tied up often develops a bad disposition. He wants to growl, snarl, and bite. A soul that is in bondage reacts the same way. The Christian who answers a disagreeable word with a disagreeable word is like a tethered, snarling dog.

The Christian that really loves will answer railing words with words of blessing. He will answer a hateful glance with a smile. He will answer cursing with a prayer. He will answer injustice with Christian love. No one but a Christian can do this. This is not mere theory. It works.

—WESLEY DUEWEL, in *Revival*

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

When David wrote, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life," he did not add, "and *then* I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." As the "goodness and mercy" of the Lord follow him, he is already dwelling in the "house of the Lord."

This was also his prayer in Psalm 27:4. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."

Jacob found the house of the Lord in the discipline of isolation at Bethel. But because he found God there he said: "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The house of God is not only a prospect for the future. It is a possession for the present.

—*Messenger of Peace*

HE THOUGHT OF TURNING BACK

David Plymire, in his book *High Adventure in Tibet*, quotes from the diary of his father, the late Victor Plymire. The diary of this pioneer Assemblies of God missionary to Tibet reveals an intrepid determination to do the will of God.

Once when a very heavy snow covered the high plateau and icy winds moaned across the desolate highland, the missionary sat in his tent wondering whether he should go on to the unreached areas of Tibet. He knew that if he gave up many Tibetans would never hear the gospel. So he prayed, and then wrote in his diary: "I thought of turning back—deep snows, hunger, suffering... but God said, 'Forward.'"

Ten months later, after exhausting climbs, icy streams, freezing nights, and excruciating pain, he could say, "Mission accomplished!" For the first time the gospel had penetrated this unreached area of Tibet.

The hills we climb, the fields we evangelize for the Master may be easier than those of Tibet, but somewhere along the way we also might be tempted to turn back. Then let us remember that Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

(The book *High Adventure in Tibet* may be ordered from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., 65802. Catalog number 2-EV-522. Price \$3.75. Mention title and catalog number when ordering.)



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What did Paul mean when he wrote: "Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no questions for conscience sake"? (1 Corinthians 10:25).

Paul advised that, if meat was for sale at the market, they were free to buy and eat it. There were those who feared that such meat might have been offered first in sacrifice to idols, therefore it would be sin to eat it. Paul discussed the subject more fully in 1 Corinthians 8.

How does one go about fasting in connection with prayer for a specific request?

Among the Jews fasts were usually for 24 hours, and this custom has been followed by many Christians. There have also been longer fasts by individuals, resulting from deep concern. Daniel fasted 21 days, yet his could not properly be called a fast. He ate to sustain strength, but denied himself all delicacies (Daniel 10:1-3).

Some may be able to fast longer than others, but none should endanger his health by going without food.

When we see things that are wrong, is it right to pass judgment on such in our hearts if we do not speak of them to others?

Let us remember that none of us is perfect. The best of us may err in judgment. We must be on guard lest the devil inspire in us a condemning spirit, for he is "the accuser of the brethren."

If we see things that are definitely wrong, we have to recognize them as wrong, but we need not let our minds dwell on them. We can decide they are wrong, then turn our thoughts into other channels.

Some wrongs are of such character that they must be exposed to be corrected. At such times let us remember Galatians 6:1 and maintain an attitude of meekness and compassion.

Does "No man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed" mean that a person must be baptized with the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God? (1 Corinthians 12:3).

There must have been in the Corinthian church someone possessed with a wrong spirit, who was prophesying that Jesus was accursed. Such prophesying would come from an evil spirit, not the Spirit of God. If a person is speaking under the power of the Holy Spirit, he will acknowledge the lordship of Jesus.

First Corinthians 12 is a chapter on "spirituals"—spiritual gifts or manifestations. A sinful man might say, "Jesus is Lord," but not a person speaking under the power of an evil spirit. In spiritual manifestations we must "try the spirits whether they be of God."

All saved persons are born of the Spirit; they are children of God and heirs to His kingdom, through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

World Prayermeeting Theme Chosen: "Let Your Requests Be Made Known" (Phil. 4:6)



At a former Revivaltime World Prayermeeting in Rochester, N.Y., prayer was offered for individual requests.

Vancouver, Wash., Site of Prayermeeting, Nov. 22 Sponsored by WMC, MF, and Radio Departments

PAUL'S CHALLENGE TO THE PHILIPPIANS, "LET YOUR requests be made known," has been chosen for this year's World Prayermeeting theme. God wants us to tell Him our needs. He wants us to wait upon Him in prayer and supplication and to write others and ask them to pray with us. Action proclaims faith.

Strife-torn and troubled is the world we live in today. Hot and cold wars continue. Disease, heartache, frustration, unemployment and death plague us. Political and religious forces vie for supremacy.

Domestic life suffers from this constant conflict. One-third of all marriages end in divorce. Juvenile and adult delinquency increases, while law enforcement becomes more difficult.

What shall we do? What is the answer? For the Christian there is hope in God.

On November 22, believers around the world will unite their hearts and voices in fervent, purposeful prayer. The

Revivaltime World Prayermeeting will be held in the Glad Tidings Church, Vancouver, Washington, and groups around the world will join too in asking God to meet the needs of mankind everywhere. The annual worldwide prayer service is sponsored jointly by the Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship, and Radio Departments.

At last year's Prayermeeting 919 local groups, composed of 36,362 prayer warriors, joined in praying for nearly 22,000 requests which had been sent to *Revivaltime*. *Hundreds of Letters Inspired by 1963 Prayermeeting*

Since that worldwide season of intercession, hundreds of letters have been received thanking God for answered prayer. From Warren, Michigan, came this letter:

"I had requested prayer for the salvation of my aunt and uncle. On the very day of the Prayermeeting their son-in-law was saved, and they found the Lord shortly thereafter."

Other results are equally thrilling. A backslidden husband in Port Huron, Michigan, came back to the Lord in answer to prayer. A cancer-stricken young woman, plagued with the habit of drinking, felt God's healing touch and is now leading a normal healthy life.

Revivaltime encourages all WMC and MF leaders to organize local prayer groups. Send the names and number of those participating in your group to *Revivaltime* as soon as possible. Beautiful and colorful prayer reminders will be sent to all persons who take part in the worldwide prayer service. This year we are expecting a greater number of prayer warriors than ever before, and as requests are made known to us we will believe God for results!

This inspiring Prayermeeting testimony reached us from a man in St. James, Minnesota:

"I had been sick, out of work, and almost too weak to live. Prayer did something for me! Jesus Christ healed me and gave me new strength. Now I am working without pain. Thank you for your prayers."

A listener in Petal, Mississippi, wrote: "I sent in the names of my brother and sister-in-law to be put on the prayer request list for the World Prayermeeting. We visited them last month, and they have come back to the Lord and attend church regularly. Praise the Lord for this, and thank you and everyone who prayed."

This message from a pastor in Grenada, West Indies, made clear to us that God is willing to meet any and all needs.

"At the World Prayermeeting, I wrote asking you to pray for a condition which existed in the little church I am pastoring here in Pomme Rose.

"I am happy to let you know that the Lord has answered prayer and has changed things so that the members are making confessions to each other and making their wrongs right so that the Lord has moved in by His Holy Spirit, and there is a real spirit of revival among us."

Fervent United Prayer Brings Lasting Results

Another listener recently wrote: "I requested prayer for my son during the 1963 World Prayermeeting. He had the main bone of his nose taken out and the specialist said they would have to take a bone from his hip and graft it into his nose or it would flatten out.

"It is a year next month since the operation and his nose is keeping its original shape. The doctor said there isn't anything he can do or would do to improve it. He said it is wonderful and he can't understand why it is holding up.

"We know it is an answer to prayer. My son is 40 years old and things don't heal like that without the Lord's help. Thanks be to God."

You may send your prayer requests now to *Revivaltime*. Upon reaching us, they will be duplicated for distribution just before the Prayermeeting to all the prayer groups around the world who will unite in prayer on November 22.

"Let your requests be made known" and our great World Prayermeeting will pray with you for God to answer. If you have a request, send it to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801. No problem is too complex for the Saviour, nor is any need too trivial for Him to be concerned with it. Pray for *Revivaltime* that the broadcast ministry will be even more effective during this crucial time. ◀◀◀

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EASTERN SHEEP

By Stefan Gulyas
Missionary Evangelist

"AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:16).

Jesus spoke these words concerning the Gentiles which were to become fellow-heirs, with the Jews, of the promises of God. The same words are very appropriate to the people of eastern Europe. They are separated from us not by a wall of dispensation and prejudice, as was the case of the Gentiles centuries ago, but by a curtain of unfavorable ideologies.

The Lord has called me to minister to these "other sheep." Since 1960 I have made several trips to Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia, where I have visited my friends and relatives. At the same time, I began to preach to many spiritually hungry people in these areas. As a Hungarian, born and raised in Rumania, I know the languages and customs of these peoples. This makes it easier for me to minister to them.

God's divine approval is resting upon this work. During the summers of 1962 and 1963, in four months' time about 500 souls were saved, people were miraculously healed, and at least 50 believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

In Yugoslavia alone about 280 souls were saved in two months. Among these were some outstanding conversions. In Belgrade an atheist, who for 15 years resisted God, was gloriously saved. After his conversion he expressed his desire to go to a Bible school.

In another city there was a Catholic woman who had been a partisan captain during the war and had received a gold medal from Marshal Tito. She surrendered to Christ together with her mother and daughter—three generations! Today they are all filled with the Holy Spirit.

At the dedication of a new Assemblies of God church in one community, 20 people were saved and continue to attend the church, bringing others with them. In Budapest, Hungary, I saw 120 come to Christ within two weeks.

In Rumania the Lord has truly confirmed the Word with signs following. In Bucharest I prayed for a woman who had lung cancer. While I prayed, a brother in Christ saw the Lord Jesus standing behind her, performing an operation. She went back to the doctors for a checkup, and there was not a trace of the malignancy left. The doctors would not believe that she formerly had cancer until they checked

the records. After that they just shook their heads in amazement.

In Yugoslavia a doctor lay dying in a hospital. He was completely paralyzed. After prayer was offered for him in the church, he was restored to perfect health.

In another place we prayed for a woman who had been suffering for years with some dislocated bones. The following day she returned with this testimony: "As I walked home last night, I could hear my bones popping as they went back into place. Today I feel as light as a bird."

One man had a brain tumor which had built up such a pressure that he was not able to sleep for three months. The Lord answered our prayers and the tumor disappeared.

Rumania is open to the Pentecostal message. There are 60,000 registered Pentecostals and about 40,000 unregistered. But leadership among these people is greatly needed.

Another place with a great hunger for the baptism in the Holy Spirit is Hungary. I attended several cottage meetings where people of various denominations gathered to tarry for the outpouring of God's Spirit, and I witnessed many glorious infillings.

After preaching to a Baptist congregation on the need for the Holy

Evangelist Gulyas (left) talks with Yugoslavian Christians. Group of Hungarian baptismal candidates consists largely of teen-agers.





Prayer meeting in Rumania overflows its meeting place.

Spirit, I asked, "How many desire to receive the Holy Spirit?" Almost all the people raised their hands. We started praying and tarrying. Within three weeks 25 were baptized, including the Baptist pastor and his wife. Today every member of that church is filled with the Holy Spirit.

Another Baptist minister in Budapest, desiring this Pentecostal experi-

ence, was warned, "Don't go among the Pentecostals, for they roll on the floor and do all sorts of undignified things." This was exaggerated, but his answer was, "I don't care, even if I have to stand on my head, I want the Holy Ghost."

There are still many desperate needs in these countries. In Hungary we urgently need full-time pastors. A

recent letter from one Pentecostal leader informed me that some of our pioneer churches are folding up for lack of pastoral leadership.

In Rumania the cry of believers is for Bibles. Many a Christian would give a whole month's wages if he could buy a Bible in his language. Pray earnestly that the Lord will make it possible to send Bibles to this country.

The Assemblies of God in Yugoslavia is growing rapidly, but there is a desperate need for church buildings. The secretary of the Assemblies there wrote me about a special need in Leskovac (a community near Belgrade). The pastor gave up his own room so it could be used as a meeting place. Souls are being saved and that room is too small.

This need should challenge all of us. We could purchase a small, humble building for as little as \$200. Or, if that much could be furnished for the down payment of a larger building, the Christians would make any sacrifice to keep up the monthly payments.

(Offerings for this purpose should be designated: *Yugoslavia, for Church Buildings.*)

The Desert Shall Rejoice

By Ayad Shenouda

Superintendent, United Arab Republic Assemblies of God

SOME MILES NORTH OF ASWAN THERE was a vast desert which had no sign of life. Its only inhabitants were a few poor people scattered here and there earning their living by selling herbs that grew on nearby hills. This desert was near Kom Ombo (hill of Ombo), site of a temple built by the ancient Egyptians manifesting their glory. Ombo is believed to have been one of the kings of Egypt.

Many years ago, a company bought a large piece of this sandy desert from the government for a very low price. They brought machines, pumps, and pipes drew water from the River Nile, and attacked this desert. Amid the scorn of others the company worked patiently, year after year. Then came a day when "this great and terrible wilderness" was transformed into fer-

tile land. The company built offices, houses, and shops. They planted gardens and erected a sugar factory. The land was divided into 48 farms, each bearing a special name. Now this area has railways, electricity, and a water system. Many people from every part of the country have gone there to work. The desert has been turned into a garden.

Upper Egypt was once spiritually dry like this desert. There was no sign of life, no water for the thirsty, no bread for the hungry. Sin ruled everywhere. Men and women were perishing. But the Lord, who shed His precious blood to buy the souls of men, sent His Word like water to this needy area. Some said, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall break down their work." But pa-

tiently and prayerfully we worked, till by the grace of God the desert became a beautiful garden. Sinners were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. In spite of the storms that threatened, the Lord miraculously protected His work.

There are still many, many dry places, many towns and villages that have not heard the Pentecostal testimony. Men and women are perishing. We need more workers while the door is open. ◀◀

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YOUTH

National Youth Conference Blends Inspiration and Blessing with Instructions

THE FIRST NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE in almost 20 years was a center of interest in Springfield, Mo., from August 17-21 when 358 delegates converged on the campus of Evangel College. Directed by National C. A. Secretary Owen C. Carr, Executive Director Howard S. Bush, and the personnel of the National C. A. Department, a program was offered that sustained the first interest to the final moments of the convention.

To match the tone of youth speaker Kenneth Schmidt's nightly ministry, the evening rallies were action packed and inspirational. Crowds of more than 650 attended. A 73-voice choir from the Northwest District organized especially for the convention never failed to bring the touch of the Holy Spirit to the services. The influence of this group, whose ages averaged 15½ years, was the same in classroom and on campus. Many C. A. delegates also profited by the National Music Conference sessions which were being held simultaneously at national headquarters.

One highlight feature of the conference was the wide variety of classes offered on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The 32 classes offered instruction on such themes as counseling, securing reverence, editing a C. A. newspaper, fiction writing, receiving offerings, debates and discussions, poster making and advertising. Among the lecturers and a favorite among the young people was Raymond T. Brock, author of the

"Dear Ray" column in the *C. A. Herald*.

C. A. members from across the nation ministered musically in every service. Ken Carter, a C.A. from Memphis, Tenn., is also soloist for the famed U. S. Air Force Singing Sergeants. At 23 he has sung at virtually every place a professional singer would hope to perform and he maintains a vibrant testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The final conference service was held in nearby Fantastic Caverns. The natural untouched setting of the caverns helped to make the occasion unforgettable. In a moment of total subterranean darkness, C. A. conferees were asked to reflect upon the state of spiritually lost men and women. Rising and falling lighting effects, figures representing men and women of history who had transferred light from generation to generation, illustrated the theme of the service in a most dramatic manner.

In an impressive candle-lighting service that concluded the illustrated message, youth leaders lighted candles from the torch now in the hands of National Secretary, Owen C. Carr. The young people were told only to light a candle if it symbolized their own determination to bring light to their own generation. As young person after young person responded to the challenge the huge cave auditorium was transformed from its darkness. A spirit of worship and praise swept over the youth as they made this vow to the Lord.



1. Registering, working out class schedules, getting room assignments, conferees represent states from Maine to California.
2. Guest speaker for the evening rallies, Kenneth R. Schmidt, is pastor of a growing church in Grand Junction, Colo.
3. The 73-voice Northwest District C. A. Choir, organized especially for the trip to the National Youth Conference, ministers in a service.
4. Ken Carter, 23-year-old Christ's Ambassador, is soloist for the Singing Sergeants and master of ceremonies for the U. S. Air Force Band.
5. Ray Brock, "Dear Ray" columnist in the *C. A. Herald*, is associate pastor of First Assembly of God, Glendora, Calif.
6. Owen Carr presents an illustrated message on light and darkness in one of the Ozarks' famous caves.
7. Abraham Hernandez, national president of the C.A.'s in Mexico, leads the convention in a prayer in Spanish.
8. An impressive candle-lighting service concluded the illustrated message and the convention. Youth leaders light candles from the torch held by National C. A. Secretary, Owen Carr.



Regional Winners Compete in National Quiz and Musical Talent Tests

▲ Pictured Above

Excitement mounted as C.A.'s from all parts of the country gathered in Springfield for the National Youth Conference, August 17-21. Highlights of the conference were the second national finals in Bible Quiz and the first national finals in the Teen Talent Search program, sponsored by the National C. A. Department.

Teams and participants represented eight regions of the United States. These had successfully competed in their sections, districts, and regions to qualify for the national finals.

The national champion team in the Bible Quiz competition on First and Second Corinthians is from Burlington, N.C., representing the Southeast Region. Runner-up is the Great Lakes team from East Gary, Ind. Final score was 220 to 155.

The Southwest won in three of the four areas of competition in

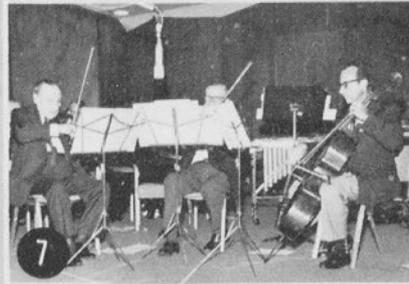
the Teen Talent Search. Stanley Helmle, representing First Assembly of God, Lodi, Calif., won first place in the instrumental solo division. Chuck Sanders from Bethel Temple in Sacramento, Calif., was first-place vocal solo winner. The Ambrassadors Trio—Barry and Mark Turner of Pacific Beach Assembly of God in San Diego and Ken Prettyman of First Assembly of God in Santa Ana—won first place in the instrumental ensemble division. First place in the vocal ensemble competition was won by the Calvary Chordettes—Bev Foster, Aletha Foster, Linda Smith, and Diane Hoover—representing Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.

National finals on the Book of Mark and the second national Teen Talent Search will be conducted at the General Council in Des Moines, Iowa, August 25-28, 1965.

1. The Ambrassadors Trio—Barry and Mark Turner and Ken Prettyman—play "Glory to His Name" to capture first place in instrumental ensemble competition.
2. Chuck Sanders sings "I Found the Answer" to win first place in the vocal solo division.
3. Team members respond quickly to questions during the national finals. The Burlington, N. C., team members are (l. to r.) James Johnson, captain; Shirley Lindley; and Joe Johnson. Barbara Hendrickson; Donna Cox, captain; and Connie Wagoner make up the East Gary, Ind., team.
4. Stanley Helmle, first-place winner in the instrumental solo division, plays "Onward Christian Soldiers."
5. Receiving the vocal ensemble first-place trophy from Howard Bush, executive director of the National C. A. Department, are the Calvary Chordettes—Linda Smith, Aletha Foster, Diane Hoover, and Bev Foster.
6. Proudly displaying the first-place Bible Quiz trophy is the team from Burlington, N. C. Members are Joe Johnson, James Johnson, Shirley Lindley, Audrey Temple, and Howard Bundy, coach.

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Conventions Continued



National Music Conference Has Outstanding Clinicians

1. Delegates register for the Music Conference.
2. T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, welcomes Music Conference delegates.
3. Nan McCracken from Toronto, Canada, sings "There Is a Path." Composer Margot Zilch is at the piano.
4. Thirteen of the 18 District Music Directors who attended the conference are pictured here.
5. G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., speaks at a dinner meeting.
6. Paul Ferrin directs the TV choir of First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn.
7. The Wannemacher String Trio from Milwaukee, Wis., plays at the Melody Musical.
8. Speakers at a breakfast for ministers and music directors are Boyd Wolverton, Granite City, Ill., and Bud Larson, head of the Music Department at N.C.B.C., Minneapolis, Minn.
9. James Boersma, choral clinician, directs a session.
10. Musicians come in all sizes—as demonstrated by Brothers Hardcastle, Yoder, Tutmarc, Blackwood, and Johnson.
11. Dave Yoder, instrumental clinician, rehearses with conference choir and ensemble.
12. Crowd attends the Melody Musical in the headquarters auditorium.

Enthusiastic conferees from 28 states and Canada attended the second National Music Conference of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Mo., August 17-21. The largest state delegation was a group of 25 from Tennessee. Edwin P. Anderson, Music Editor of the Gospel Publishing House, directed the entire conference.

G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., pastor of Evangel Temple, Kansas City, Mo., was the inspirational guest speaker of the conference. His messages dealt with the Biblical foundation for music and its ministry in the local church.

Equally outstanding was the contribution of guest clinicians James

Boersma and Dave Yoder. Mr. Boersma is the staff arranger for the Rodeheaver Music Company, while Dave Yoder is an Assemblies of God minister and gifted musician. In addition to the guest clinicians, Margot Zilch, Jacksonville, Fla., chaired a session in piano and organ; Jon Evah Murray, Oklahoma City, Okla., graded choirs; Cyril McLellan, *Revival-time*, voice production; and Paul Ferrin, Memphis, Tenn., basic arranging and composing.

This year's conference calendar included workshops for the 18 recently appointed District Music Directors who attended. Composers were introduced in the Melody

Music Festival, an evening concert that attracted unusual interest from Springfield residents as well as delegates of other conventions. With the exception of the combined service, all activities of the Music Conference were held in the headquarters building.

One special feature of the conference was the 80-voice conference choir and 25-piece instrumental ensemble which was made up of people attending the conference and directed by James

Boersma and Dave Yoder. In addition, Joseph and John Wannemacher of Milwaukee, Wis., organized and presented the music of a string ensemble; Bud Tutmarc of Seattle, Wash., directed the brass choir and male chorus; and Nolen Golden, traveling "Singing Evangelist" organized an instrumental-choral group during the days of the conference.

Sessions were inspirational as well as practical. A study of the copyright law was very informa-

tive. Ministers and music directors met singly and together in a discussion of their relationships. Guest clinicians were also featured in such sessions as song leading, graded choirs, choir techniques and rehearsals, song writing and arranging with advanced basic sessions, vocal helps in voice production, piano and organ playing, choral reading sessions, and other areas of activity.

The Music Conference made an effective contribution to the com-

bined rally when the "glory of God filled the temple."

The conference featured the following musical guests: Paul Ferrin and his TV choir from First Assembly of God, Memphis, Tenn.; Bud Tutmarc and his Hawaiian guitar from Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.; Wannemacher's String Trio from Calvary Assembly, Milwaukee, Wis.; the Nolen Golden Trio and party; and "Dino" Kartsonakis from Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York, N. Y.

Three National Conventions Combine for Climactic Rally



1. Crowd fills the Central Assembly auditorium for the combined rally of National C. A. Convention, A.C.T.S., and Music Conference. 2. Joseph Wannemacher conducts string ensemble. Seated on platform are Lee Shultz, quizmaster; C. W. H. Scott, executive director of Sunday School Department; E. E. Krogstad, evening speaker; and Bert Webb, executive chorus. On the platform are Howard S. Bush, executive director of C. A. Department; G. W. Hardcastle, Jr.; C. W. Denton, national Sunday school secretary; Owen Carr, national C. A. secretary; and James Boersma, guest clinician for Music Conference.



E. Elsworth Krogstad, speaker.

Seldom in our history has there been an occasion when three large conventions merged for a single service with greater blessing than that of the Combined A.C.T.S., Christ's Ambassadors, and Music Convention Rally held at Central Assembly on August 20.

The fresh excitement of youthful quiz and talent championships, the top level quality of skilled, dedicated music conferees, and the ministry of dynamic A.C.T.S. speaker E. Elsworth Krogstad flowed together into a unique and unforgettable experience. Assistant superintendent Bert Webb was master of ceremonies and platform host to representatives of each convention.

Following the brisk quizzing that brought the Burlington, N. C., team to victory, both quiz and talent finalists received trophies

from Howard S. Bush, Executive Director of the Christ's Ambassador Department.

Speaker Krogstad, pastor of First Assembly of God, Dallas, Tex., drew his remarks from a most fitting context. Referring to David's skill with both harp and javelin, and the obvious necessity of laying one down before he could reach for the other, Brother Krogstad was used of the Holy Spirit to challenge youth to deepened consecration, Sunday school workers to develop new skills, and those who ministered in music to seek constant anointing.

Originally the combined service was to have been divided into two sections, the second one a concert of sacred music presented by the

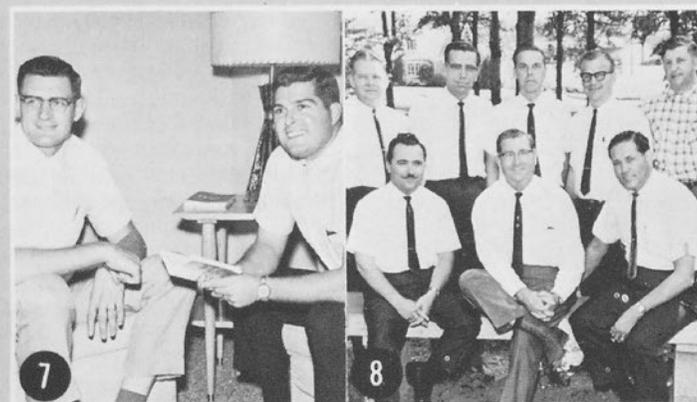
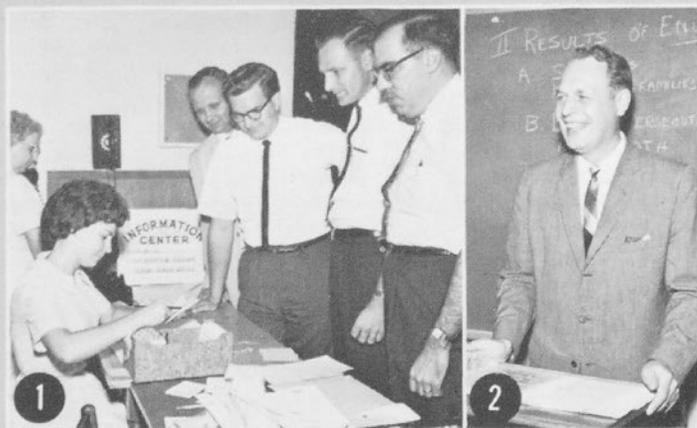
Music Conference. But even as age groups, ministries, and blessings merged throughout the unusual service, even the two services merged until they seemed as one. Several messages in tongues and interpretation brought heightened beauty to this combined service. In what appeared to be a spontaneous gesture, the director of the music conference choir and ensemble invited the congregation to join the singing from time to time. The response was immediate.

The huge crowd seemed loath to leave the auditorium when the hour grew late. Clearly God was pleased to crown the disciplined skills, the planning, and presentation of such a service with His choicest blessing.



Conventions Continued

1. Tennessee District Sunday School Director, Gene Jackson, and some of his sectional representatives take care of registration details for new arrivals.
2. G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., gives a lecture on "How to Study the Bible."
3. E. Elsworth Krogstad, featured speaker of the school, addresses the opening banquet.
4. Sunday school workers take notes during one of the sessions.
5. Delegation from Calvary Temple, Columbus, Ohio, poses beside bus. It was the largest delegation present.
6. Mealtime discussions offer "how-we-do-it-in-our-school" information.
7. Superintendent Shaffer and Pastor Volpe of Bethel Assembly of God, Girard, Pa.
8. District Director Leslie Moore of Oklahoma and his group of representatives.



Eleventh A.C.T.S. Offers 30 Subjects to 247 Convention Registrants

The eleventh Advanced Christian Training School was held at the same time as the National Youth and Music Conferences, August 17-21, in Springfield, Mo. Traditionally the school is conducted on the campus of Central Bible Institute. Director of the school was C. W. Denton, National Secretary of the Sunday School Department. Charles W. H. Scott is Executive Director. Registration reached 247.

E. Elsworth Krogstad of Dallas, Texas, was featured guest of the school, and addressed the opening banquet at the headquarters cafeteria. His message was one of stirring challenge as he discussed the sharing privileges of the Sunday school teacher. The message was climaxed by a time of breaking of bread as a high symbol of dedication to sharing.

One key to A.C.T.S. success is the response of directors and representatives to the week of intensive Sunday school training. District Director Leslie Moore and his group of Oklahoma representatives again attended in a group to continue the tradition of their district which dates back to the earliest Sunday school seminars. From these sessions the present A.C.T.S. developed.

Largest delegation from any one church was the 24 member group from Calvary Temple, Columbus,

Ohio, where Lee E. Lorentz is pastor.

An Eastern District Sunday School Crusade Contest, during which 1,023 new Sunday school members were gained and 458 decisions for Christ recorded, brought Pastor Ralph R. Volpe and his superintendent David M. Shaffer of Bethel Assembly of God, Girard, Pa., to A.C.T.S. as expense paid prize winners.

A.C.T.S. provides specialized training at various levels of Christian education. This year 30 subjects were offered in the following fields of Christian activity: District and sectional leadership, pastors, ministers of Christian education, Sunday school superintendents and officers, and Sunday school teachers.

The intensive classroom schedule was supplemented with afternoon workshops in areas of special interest, such as the church-sponsored kindergarten and day nursery, activity teaching and the extended session.

A.C.T.S. affords opportunity for fellowship as well as training. Associations at mealtime and afternoon recreational activities lead to lasting friendships with other Christian workers.

Next year's school will convene in Springfield, Mo., June 7-11, 1965.

A.C.T.S.



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102 students, shown with faculty, attend the first West Coast A.C.T.S. on the campus of Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, Calif.

FIRST WEST COAST A.C.T.S. RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM

Victor Trimmer Highlights Program on Bethany College Campus

One hundred two enthusiastic alumni of the first West Coast Advanced Christian Training School, conducted June 1-5, 1964, returned to their churches to put new Sunday school ideas into practice—and to boost next year's A.C.T.S. The school was conducted on the campus of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Although A.C.T.S. has been conducted annually in Springfield since 1954, few people from the West Coast regions of the Assemblies of God could attend because of the distance to travel. As a result A.C.T.S. was completely new to most who attended. Some frankly said they did not know

what to expect but all left believing it to be the best program of its type. Typical comments were: "I have been well repaid for attending this year. I am looking forward to next year and hope to bring at least part of our Sunday school staff." And, "This has been a thrilling experience! An educational experience not to be forgotten. Plenty of inspiration and challenge."

First Assembly of God, Sunnyvale, Calif., reports their Sunday school attendance throughout the summer was 5.4 per cent above the same period in 1963. They attribute much of this success to ideas gained from A.C.T.S.

Victor Trimmer, pastor of Central Assembly of God, Wichita, Kans., highlighted the overall program. Morning devotions led by Joseph L. Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada district, and O. Cope Budge, president of Southern California College, opened each day's activities.

The West Coast session maintained the same comprehensive schedule characteristic of A.C.T.S. Thirty-three classes, important to Christian education, met daily for the four days of the school. In addition there were afternoon workshops on Christian day schools, camping, Sunday school curricu-

lum, and music in Christian education. The faculty included such persons as Ralph M. Riggs, former general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and Frank M. Boyd, well-known Bible teacher and writer. Others on the faculty were from the Assemblies of God general headquarters office, district Sunday school directors, Bible college faculty members, and leading pastors and workers in Christian education from the area.

Because of the warm response, A.C.T.S. is "going west" again, returning to the campus of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif. Dates for the 1965 West Coast session are June 21-25.



False Prophets

Sunday School Lesson for October 18, 1964

MATTHEW 7:15-25; 2 JOHN 7-11

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Our lesson is the third in a series taken from Christ's great "sermon on the mount." It is to be remembered that throughout the sermon Christ was emphasizing the importance of rightness with God in the inner man. He constantly warned against depending on externals to the neglect of the "hidden man of the heart." Though our lesson is entitled "False Prophets," it has vital application to every Christian and a message to those who only think they are Christians.

How They Are Described (v. 15). In the preceding verse we are exhorted to enter in at the "strait [narrow] gate." It is at this point we are to "beware of false prophets" who would seek to turn us aside. These false prophets are not simply those whose teaching and preaching is plainly and grossly heretical. Such are easy to detect. More particularly, they are those who come in "sheep's clothing." That is, they appear to be all right. They look like Christ's sheep; they talk like members

A BIG SIGN NEEDS STRONG SUPPORTS



of His flock: their teaching and preaching may contain much that is good, or seems good. Yet that is what makes them dangerous. Their gospel is ethical and humanitarian, but they say nothing about repentance, judgment, and the atoning death of Jesus.

How They Are Detected (vv. 16-20). "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Theological opinions for centuries have differed as to whether "fruits" refers to teaching or to conduct. We do not think it evades the issue to say that both doctrine and conduct are included. Here again we are not to be deceived by appearances. Trees may not differ much outwardly; yet they may produce very different fruit. The contrast is between good and evil. Jesus is saying that the nature of the tree determines the fruit.

But we must be careful in judging, because the same Christ who said, "By their fruits ye shall know them," also said in the same chapter, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Hence we must exercise care. The "good tree" brings forth the "fruit of the Spirit" as listed in Galatians 5:22, 23. As Christ stated in the Beatitudes, the real Christian will be aware of his spiritual poverty and be meek, humble, peaceable, etc. This is not to say that a Christian cannot sin. It does mean, however, that a man who persists in producing "evil fruit" proves by so doing that he has the wrong nature and thus cannot be a child of God. Again, it is possible for an unconverted person to live a life on a high moral and ethical plane, and yet be an "evil tree" because his conduct is the fruit of the purely human nature. He will be detected by the fact that his life lacks the stamp of real godliness.

How They Are Deceived (vv. 21, 22). Just as it is possible to be deceived by "false prophets," so it is easy to deceive oneself. Again the emphasis is on internal integrity rather than on external works.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom." Unless a man does acknowledge Jesus as Lord, he cannot be saved. To say, "Lord, Lord," is essential. But not all who say it will be saved, said Jesus.

What then was Jesus getting at? (1) Religious profession apart from holiness of life is vain. (2) A man may be sound in his doctrinal belief and understanding and be damned. (See James 2:19.) (3) External manifestations of power are not substitutes for inward holiness. "Many will say... Lord, Lord, have we not... in thy name done many wonderful works?" Both Balaam and King Saul prophesied, but they were rejected in the end. Paul recognized this possibility in his own life. (See 1 Corinthians 9:27; also 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.) We wonder if these words are not especially applicable in Pentecostal circles!

How They Are Denounced (v. 23). "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Thus Christ sentenced those who are guilty of deceiving others and themselves in the realm of their religious experience and profession. After all is said and done, the vital concern of every professing Christian should be his personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.
—William James



Bill Swad



K. Bradford



J. McDuff



Mrs. Flower



Gene Scott



Al Rediger



Grant Wacker



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L. E. Tedder

LAYMEN AND MINISTERS TO SHARE PULPIT AT ANNUAL EVANGEL COLLEGE CONCLAVE

"Fighting Faith" will be the theme of the Laymen's Bible Conference feature of the 10th annual meeting of the Council of Evangel College, to be held at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., October 21-23.

All laymen and ministers are invited to the Laymen's Bible Conference meetings, Sessions of the Council of Evangel College, an organization of 353 Pentecostal business and professional men, are also open to visitors.

Members of the Evangel College Women's Auxiliary and Associates will hold their annual meeting in connection with the Council meeting. There will be a special youth convention at the same time.

Outlining the philosophy of the events, J. Robert Ashcroft, president of the college, says: "I want to emphasize the significance of laymen studying the Bible with one another and inspiring each other to aggressive faith and action. The highest potential of our church lies in leadership training. It is wise to win a soul, but it is wiser to win a soul winner."

Laymen's Bible Conference topics will be: "A Businessman's Approach to Witnessing"—Bill Swad, speaker; "The Layman's Role as Personal Counselor"—Gene Scott, speaker; "The Businessman and the Christian Home"—Larry Tedder, speaker.

Bill Swad, an Assemblies of God layman, is an automobile dealer who is currently eighth in the nation in Rambler sales. He has been used of God in witnessing to unsaved businessmen, including individuals of prominence.

Gene Scott is an associate professor at Evangel College. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy of education from Stanford University.

Larry Tedder is executive vice president of Universal American Life Insurance Company. He is an Assemblies of God layman.

Guests attending the Laymen's Bible Conference will also have the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers scheduled for the Council meeting. They are:

Kermit Bradford, an international director of the Christian Business Men's Fellowship. An attorney, he is past grand national president of Sigma Delta Kappa intercollegiate law fraternity. During World War II he was a special agent in the U. S. Army Counterintelligence Corps.

Guy Braselton, president of the Prescon Corporation, Corpus Christi, Tex., and founder of the Braselton Construction Company. He is an Assemblies of God layman.

Al Rediger, president of the Council of Evangel College and member of the college's Board of Directors. He is a businessman.

Grant Wacker, former executive secretary of the Council of Evangel College and Alumni Association and director of development for the college.

During the Council meeting a scale model of the proposed new college physical education building will be unveiled on the site selected for the new building. The model is being made by Warren Straton, head of Evangel's art department.

A second presentation ceremony will be held during the Council, at which the new library shelving will be unveiled. Money for the shelving is being raised by the Women's Auxiliary and the Alumni Association.

Council members will attend a special devotional service with the executive presbytery in the Assemblies of God international headquarters building. An evening rally will be held in the Central High School auditorium, with a musical program by the Evangel College choir and band. The 200 members of the choir and band will be directed by Jesse Peterson, chairman of Evangel's Division of Fine Arts. Rally speaker will be Grant Wacker.

Another evening service will feature testimonies by people who have recently received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Also of special interest will be a service in which the film taken during the European tour of the Evangel College wind ensemble and male chorus will be shown.

Speaker for the youth convention will be
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A Visit to Valley Forge

Johnnie Barnes Reports on Sixth Boy Scout Jamboree

HISTORIC VALLEY FORGE PARK IS PICTURESQUELY situated amid rolling, wooded hills and deep valleys along the Schuylkill River and Valley Creek in Pennsylvania. Here on this hallowed area General Washington's tiny continental army camped and suffered through the bitter winter of 1777-78. Almost overnight this beautiful Pennsylvania countryside became dotted with 30,000 tents to accommodate 52,800 Boy Scouts and leaders attending the Sixth National Boy Scout Jamboree.

My first impression upon entering this 1,900-acre encampment was the tremendous amount of preparation needed to provide water, transportation, equipment, food and other essentials. Food consumption alone was expected to include: 1.1 million cans, jars, and packages of foodstuffs; 600,000 quarts of milk; 25,000 quarts of ice cream; a 22-mile string of frankfurters; 75,000 chicken drumsticks; and 25,000 pounds of steak.

This reminded me that I had preparations to make also. I made my way to the Chaplains' HQD tent where I was assigned the duty of Deputy Protestant Chaplain General. My responsibility was to assist in the supervision of Protestant Chaplains in each of the 31 sections of the Jamboree. Arrangements also were to be made to minister to the spiritual need of each boy. This included daily devotions in each section, religious services on Sunday,

visitation for sick boys, and counseling sessions for boys with problems. A New Testament and a special issue of the Sermon on the Mount were made available to each boy.

The opening rally, which included a pageant of American history, was quite impressive. It began with the landing of Chief Scout Joseph Brunton, Jr., and B.S.A. President Thomas Watson, Jr., on the stage of the arena in a helicopter. Among the outstanding participants was Lady Baden-Powell, the widow of the founder of the Scouting movement. The rally concluded with a giant fireworks display.

During the Jamboree we enjoyed a very interesting chat with Lady Baden-Powell. Once during our chat she looked wistfully across the encampment and said, "As long as we can teach our youth to live by the right principles, there is still hope for our world."

On Sunday there were 15 different religious services conducted by various religious groups. The largest of these was the united Protestant service conducted in the Jamboree arena with an attendance of approximately 30,000. The main speaker was Robert Meneilly, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. He delivered a practical hard-hitting sermon on the subject, "Believe and Behave."

Each day became filled with important



Al Iverson, Director of Protestant Relations, introduces Johnnie Barnes (center) to Chief Scout Joseph Brunton, Jr., at Valley Forge.

17th Annual PFNA CONVENTION

October 27-29

Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri

Outstanding Speakers Each Night



Ivan Rogers, pastor of First Church of the Open Bible at Waterloo, Iowa, will be speaking Tuesday, the opening night, on the subject, "A New Generation in the Old Paths."



Danny Drake, pastor of Central Parkway Church of God, Cincinnati, Ohio, and camp-meeting speaker, will be speaking Wednesday night on the theme, "Pentecostal Preaching."



Kenneth N. Erickson, pastor of Foursquare Church, Decatur, Ill., and graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College, Los Angeles, will speak the closing night on "Principles of Pentecostal Progress."

events and features, including the appearance of military leaders, sports celebrities, astronauts, and other famous people. Many events were built around the Jamboree theme, "Strengthen America's Heritage." The site itself was part of the plan. What could be more appropriate to build the feeling of appreciation for our American heritage than to allow boys to mingle about Washington's headquarters, cabins that housed Washington's men, and forts built by the Continental Army. Many famous marching bands dressed in authentic uniforms of the Continental Army marched daily throughout the grounds, creating a historical atmosphere. The Jamboree concluded with a great rally in the 60,000-seat arena and the appearance of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The Jamboree emblem featured George Washington kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge. No doubt many war-winning decisions were made by him as he prayed here. This reminded us that many of the great leaders of America were godly men. We believe America became great because many of its early leaders were guided by God in their decisions. If America is to remain a great nation "under God," the American people and their leaders must also embrace godly principles and pray for divine help and guidance.

The truth that the future of America will depend upon its youth was forcefully brought to our attention. I was inspired anew to do all I can to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ.

EVANGEL COLLEGE CONCLAVE

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John McDuff, an Assemblies of God youth evangelist, singer, and recording artist. Tours, classroom demonstrations, and a visit to a scenic Ozarks cave are scheduled for the youth, and there will be a special youth banquet.

Mrs. Joseph R. Flower will be the main speaker for the Women's Auxiliary and Associates. She is president of the New York District WMC's and former president of the National Association of Evangelicals Women's Fellowship.

Officers of the Council of Evangel College are Al Rediger, Burbank, Calif., president; Murle Webster, Dodge City, Kans., treasurer; Sam Monzingo, Dallas, Tex., secretary; Lee Smith, Huron, S.D., Oscar Love, Flint, Mich., E. S. Christoffersen, Turlock, Calif., F. O. Majors, Dothan, Ala., Kenneth Braselton, Corpus Christi, Tex., L. P. Safford, Silver Springs, Md., Doyle Burgess, Memphis, Tenn., and Charles Young, Casper, Wyo., regional vice presidents; and W. E. DeWitt, Springfield, Mo., executive vice president.

Convention reservations may be made by writing to Harland Kingsriter, Evangel College, Springfield, Mo. The registration fee of \$10 per person covers all meals during the convention. Youth registration fee is only \$8.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MY NEW ADDRESS is 3512 South Winston Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Due to illness I gave up the pastorate of Central Assembly in Springfield but God has restored me to health and I am now on the field in evangelistic work.—James L. McQueen.

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OBSERVING PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**



BAPTISTOWN, N. J. — Peter Stevenson, a pastor from Scotland, ministered in the Assembly of God recently. One was filled with the Holy Spirit and six received an infilling during these services which brought rich blessing and a revival spirit to the people.

—James Occhipinti, Pastor

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NANTICOKE, PA. — Contact with heaven was made following six mornings of six-o'clock prayer preceding a two-week meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell, of Tulsa, Okla., at Glad Tidings Assembly of God here. From the very first night of the campaign revival fires were ignited. Approximately 33 were saved, and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. A number of remarkable healings occurred arresting conditions of arthritis, deafness, etc. The faith of the church has been strengthened and the revival continues.

—Ralph E. Midgett, Pastor

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RACELAND, LA.—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed the best revival in its history with Evangelist Ansley Orfila. In three weeks at least 19 came for salvation. The majority of these were adults instructed since early childhood in Catho-

cism. Eight received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several testified to healing. Among these was a lady unable to wear shoes because of poisoning in her feet. Instantly healed, she returned the next night wearing shoes.

—Johnny B. Cherry, Pastor

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INDIANA, PA.—New converts testified that they had never been so happy and that remarkable changes had taken place in their lives and homes during a two-week meeting just completed with Evangelist Max E. Applegate and family at First Assembly of God here. Souls were saved from the first night, and whole families were won to the Lord. Attendance was unusually good with many teenagers present. Mrs. Applegate's testimony of being healed of cancer was a moving climax to the services.

—D. Leroy Whiteman, Pastor

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ICKESBURG, PA.—Where there was silence there is now praise and rejoicing! The fire still burns and people are still being saved at the Assembly of God here following the ministry of the Clark-Peterson Team of the Eastern District. During the August 4-16 services of record attendance six were saved, four reclaimed, and

six baptized in the Holy Spirit. In addition, three were refilled and seven became candidates for water baptism. Each day there was a two-hour prayer meeting; and during an all night of prayer a 62-year-old lady received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Record offerings made the people eager to build a new church here in this mountain area.

—Herman C. Riffey, Sr., Pastor

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COLUMBIAVILLE, MICH. — One of the best meetings in the history of the church was conducted at the Lakeville Assembly of God here, July 2 to 14, by Evangelist Glenna Byard and husband of the Southern Missouri District. Four were saved, two reclaimed, one baptized in the Holy Spirit, and four refilled. Since the services a revival spirit continues with blessed praise services, the gifts of the Spirit more in operation, and new converts being delivered from bad habits.

—Harold E. McMullen, Pastor

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RIALTO, CALIF.—From the first service, the Spirit of God moved upon the congregation and blessed the entire church in a revival with Evangelist Bobby Black at the Assembly of God here.

—Eugene Boone, Pastor

ELIZABETH CHURCH TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Fifty years of Pentecostal ministry will be commemorated with an anniversary celebration by the members of Evangel Church here. Anniversary Sunday, October 25, will be highlighted by the presence and ministry of former pastors. An anniversary banquet is scheduled for the Winfield Scott Hotel at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 24.



Evangel Church

Following the anniversary weekend, revival services will begin with Ernest and Virginia Berquist as the evangelists. The dates are October 28-November 8.

Six pastors have contributed to the growth of this fully programmed Assembly of God which maintains a strong missionary

Four New Churches Begun in Uruguay This Summer

MELO, URUGUAY—A new congregation ranging from 2,000 to 3,000 enthusiastic believers has come into being in this city of 25,000 people. When Evangelist and Mrs. R. E. Jeffery of Phoenix, Arizona, arrived here early in February there was no Assemblies of God work whatever in this South American city.

Among the converts are men and women who testify to physical healing as a result of faith and prayer. It has been estimated that over 100 deaf persons, several deaf mutes, many blind and crippled, and those afflicted with hernia, goiter, and many kinds of

sickness have been healed by the power of God.

The Melo church is one of four new churches begun this summer. For many years Uruguay was known as the hardest South American field, but for some five years God has been moving in revival blessing. Brother and Sister Jeffery began in open-air services in Melo, and have continued for over four months with continual manifestations of God's power to save and heal.

Recently while standing on a street corner, Evangelist Jeffery was approached by a policeman who volunteered this testimony: "For many years it has been

impossible for me to pay up my drug bill due to numerous sicknesses in my family. There was just not enough money to take care of it. But since coming to the campaign we have not needed the medicine, and when I get my next paycheck I will be able to pay up completely.

"Just a day or two ago I visited the hospital and a nurse told me that before the campaign there were not enough beds for all the sick. Now there are more beds than there are sick people!"

More recently, Melo's 100-bed hospital reported it has about 60 vacant beds.

Arrangements are now pending

to purchase a large building in the heart of this city.

For six summers the Jefferys have come to hold campaigns in Uruguay and have left outstanding results to show for their ministry. They minister until the new church is established, and until a national minister arrives to continue the nightly services.

There are now 20 organized churches in the country. Twelve of the churches are "revival centers" with services conducted every night.

Prayer is requested for more national workers.

—Leroy Atwood
National Superintendent

A crowd estimated at over 3,000 in Melo, Uruguay, attended the services of Evangelist and Mrs. R. E. Jeffery of Phoenix, Arizona.



emphasis. Achievements include the establishment of a church in Kearney, N.J., and the launching forth of many workers from its ranks.

Starting in the home of Sister Wilemina Simmat in 1914, the church progressed from cottage meetings to a storefront location and finally to a small church building of its own. Pastors were Carl Loenser, Rudolph Kalis, Ferdinand Ewald, Walter Beuttler, William Gundersen, and the present pastor, Frederick H. Huber, who has served the church for almost 19 years. Formerly it was called Ebenezer Church. The congregation now worships in a beautiful modern edifice at 656 North Broad Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Oct. 12-14 at Pocono Crest, Pocono Pines, Pa. Kenneth Schmidt, Grand Junction, Colo., speaker.—by C. Eugene Bell, Eastern District Secretary.

50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE—Oct. 11 at Assembly of God, Hornbeck, La. George Harrison, speaker. Memorial service for C. C. Self and other ministers who pioneered the work.—by Harmel E. Moss, pastor.

14TH HOMECOMING ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 22 at Rosepine Assembly of God, Rosepine, La. First service at 4:30 p.m.; Fellowship supper at 6 p.m.; evening service at 7. B. H. Clendennen, Beaumont, Tex., speaker.—by C. S. Gill, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

CARL G. CARLSON, 91, of Spokane, Wash., was called into the presence of the Lord July 15.

Born in Sweden, he received the Pentecostal experience in Aberdeen, Wash., in 1907, one of the first in the Northwest area. His ministry commenced almost immediately following his receiving of the Pentecostal experience. He preached it in Aberdeen, Wash., and later was instrumental in pioneering the Pentecostal testimony in Everett, Wash. Later pastorates included Hoquiam, Brewster, Peshastin, Soap Lake and Raymond, all in Washington.

Brother Carlson affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1936. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. N. B. Estes, two sons, G. H. Carlson and R. J. Carlson, superintendent of the Northwest District. One brother resides in Sweden.



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mergarel	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Bob & Joan Brantley	Morris Hyatt
Ark.	Camden	Cullendale	Oct. 13-25	Roland D. Hastie	J. D. Middlebrook
	Harrison	First	Oct. 13—	Carl L. Tillery	Donald Walker
	Little Rock	Rosedale	Oct. 12-25	Dick & Mrs. Messner	Bryan Hopper
	Malvern	First	Oct. 11—	Steve & Vada Allen	John C. Dickinson
Calif.	Bakersfield	Full Gos. Tab.	Oct. 14-25	Louis & Mari Neely	Dwight McLaughlin
	Bell Gardens	First	Oct. 11—	J. W. Henegar	Harvey Mitchell
	Bell Gardens	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Quentin Edwards	Elmo Bowler
	Carmichael	First	Oct. 13-25	Garfield J. Unruh	Lionel W. Suter
	Fresno	NE	Oct. 13—	Jimmy & Carol Snow	T. H. Fuller
	Milpitas	Calvary	Oct. 13-25	Billy D. Young	Floyd Larson
	N. Hollywood	First	Oct. 11-25	Willard Cantelon	D. Leroy Sanders
	Norwalk	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Wallace S. Bragg	Orrin A. Kingsriter
	Pomona	First	Oct. 11	Bobby Black	Dwight Brown
	Roseville	First	Oct. 13-25	Gary Archer	Robert Pirtle
	San Bernardino	First	Oct. 11-25	The Quana bushes	Louis H. Hauff
	Wilmington	First	Oct. 11-18	Frank & Mrs. Lummer	Thomas Ming, Sr.
Fla.	Panama City	First	Oct. 11-25	Ray & Elaine Leonard	G. D. Miller
Ga.	Moultrie	First	Oct. 14-23	Russell Peavy	Leon Comer
Idaho	Gooding	First	Oct. 13—	Ted & Hazel Silva	Jim Davis
Ill.	Bushnell	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Fred Numrick	Robert N. Rutledge
	Chicago	A/G	Oct. 13-18	Paul Hild	M. J. Gebhart
	Industry	A/G	Oct. 12-18	Culpepper-Gourlas	Roy Boyd
Ind.	Covington	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Wm. J. Hayes	Edgar F. Allen
	Crown Point	Full Gos.	Oct. 13-25	Rose Marie Meringola	John Hanlon
	Indianapolis	Abund. Life Mem.	Oct. 14-19	Bob Hoskins	T. L. Vibbert
	Indianapolis	Calvary Temple	Oct. 14—	James H. Black	William Moorman
	Indianapolis	Evangel Tab.	Oct. 13-25	Lee & Mrs. Krupnick	M. F. & Mrs. Cazzell
Iowa	Des Moines	Calvary	Oct. 11-18	Bob Watters	L. N. Huffman
	Shenandoah	Full Gos. Tab.	Oct. 13-26	Lowell & Lundstrom	A. R. Sorenson
Kans.	Baxter Springs	First	Oct. 11-25	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Lemuel F. Ammons
	El Dorado	A/G	Oct. 4-18	Lolita Varner	Anthony Benigas
	Lawrence	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Steve & Pat Rexroat	C. Rose
La.	W. Monroe	Siegle A/G	Oct. 11-25	O. T. Killion	B. O. Smith
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Pent.	Oct. 6-18	Giannattasio Team	Daniel W. Hare
Mass.	Boston	Glad Tidings Tab.	Oct. 11-25	Paul Olson Party	Paul Ridings
Mich.	Grand Haven	A/G	Oct. 13-25	John Higginbotham	Curtiss McClain
	Midland	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Ralph E. Leslie	Harold Boland
Minn.	Barnesville	A/G	Oct. 13-18	R. S. Peterson	Joseph E. Robins
	Paynesville	Gos. Tab.	Oct. 13-25	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Wilbert J. Remus
	Rochester	A/G	Oct. 11-18	O. E. Vaale	O. E. Carter
Miss.	Preston	Coye	Oct. 14-24	Alfred Allen	C. E. Sims
Mo.	Gray Summit	A/G	Oct. 11—	Maxine Willis	James Booth
	Richmond	First	Oct. 11-25	K. E. Matschulat	J. J. Meeks
Mont.	Hamilton	A/G	Oct. 13-18	Eddie & Mrs. Washington	Clyde A. Walden
N.J.	Bridgeton	Full Gos.	Oct. 13-25	William Caldwell	Edward Cooper
	Dumont	*Grace Tab.	Oct. 11-16	Dave & Pat Johnson	Harry Jordan
	Elizabeth	First	Oct. 11—	Joseph DeGrado	Wm. McPherson
	Newark	Bethel	Oct. 14-25	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Albert Earle
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	First	Oct. 13	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	James Brankel
	Portales	First	Oct. 11—	Oren & Inez Paris	Earl G. Vanzant
N. Y.	Hudson Falls	Gos. Lighthouse	Oct. 13-25	Werner M. & Mrs. Johnson	Robert A. Canterbury
N. C.	Durham	Bible Revival	Oct. 14-25	Diehl Family	Louie Shultz
Ohio	Canton	Bethel Temple	Oct. 14-26	Ernie Eskelin	Robert Graber
	Elyria	First	Oct. 11—	J. G. Hall	E. E. Eliason
Okla.	Bartlesville	First	Oct. 11-25	S. B. Douglass	Paul Holdridge
	Gracemont	A/G	Oct. 12-23	Franklin A. Burns	Alfice L. Stanley
	Lawton	First	Oct. 11-25	B. R. Minton	Claud H. Davis
	Oklahoma City	First	Oct. 11—	Neil Eskelin	Dave Scott
	Okmulgee	N. Side	Oct. 11—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Olen T. Craig
	Timber Ridge	A/G	Oct. 11—	Al Davis	Flavel Baker
	Tulsa	Capitol Hill	Oct. 11-18	Armon Newburn	M. D. Hartz
	Wagoner	A/G	Oct. 11-25	John Harlin	E. L. Coleman
Oreg.	Corvallis	A/G	Oct. 13-25	John Irish Smith	Nels G. Lien
	Independence	A/G	Oct. 4-16	Hervel Hensley	C. W. Shaw
	Roseburg	A/G	Oct. 13	Marlon Jannuzzi	Howard Flaherty
Pa.	Bloomsburg	Glad Tidings	Oct. 15-25	Mildred S. Kimel	John S. Palmer
	Bradford	First	Oct. 13-25	Curtis Sample	W. P. Schell
	Chambersburg	Bethel Pent.	Oct. 14-25	Duane M. Wessman	Willis I. Murray
	Clearfield	Glad Tidings	Oct. 13-25	Stan Morris	James Snyder
	Irwin	Pentecostal A/G	Oct. 14-25	Philip Barnard	Samuel Weidler
Tenn.	Tunkhannock	A/G	Oct. 7-18	Ralph A. Creider	J. Clifford Hall
	Madison	First	Oct. 14-25	H. Syvelle	Jay Alford
Tex.	Atlanta	First	Oct. 12	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	F. J. Woolf
	Corsicana	First	Oct. 13-25	Tommy & Mrs. Beard	T. F. Donald
	Stinette	First	Oct. 11-25	Hale-Turner	Alvin Askins
	Waxahachie	SW A/G College	Oct. 12-16	Colman McDuff	Dr. Blake Farmer
Utah	Salt Lake City	A/G Tab.	Oct. 4-18	Wesley F. Morton	Peter Pilot
Va.	Catlett	A/G	Oct. 13—	Mr. & Mrs. V. M. Dullabaum	Alden A. Yates
	Isle of Wight	Pine Grove	Oct. 13-25	Mabel Willetts	J. W. Collins
	Norfolk	Glad Tidings	Oct. 14-25	Jim & Tammy Bakker	David Berquist
Wash.	Centralia	First	Oct. 17-22	Paul & Mrs. Clark	Raymond R. Wiley
	Chehalis	Bethel	Oct. 13-18	Raymond Miller	Albert Knudson
	Quincy	**Quincy Valley	Oct. 11-18	Victor Etienne	Clayton M. Nelson
	Spokane	Hillyard	Oct. 6—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	R. R. Nichols
Wis.	Waupun	A/G	Oct. 13-25	Darryl & Mrs. Olson	E. F. Erdman
Alta.	Edmonton	Central Tab.	Oct. 12-18	Watson Argue	R. W. Taitinger
	Medicine Hat	*Evangelistic Cen.	Oct. 11-16	Christian Hild	J. Herbert Law
N. S.	Halifax	City Aud.	Oct. 11-18	Tommy Barnett	R. S. Mulligan

*Children's Crusade

**Youth Revival

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*Close
your eyes*



Everyone at times has closed his eyes and pretended blindness. You grope about in darkness. It's sort of a game, for you know that at will you can open your eyes and see. But the man truly stricken blind shares no such hope. For him, darkness is final.

In a similar way, spiritual darkness has deepened for many across the world. Not that spiritual darkness is ever less than tragic. But when lands are open to missions, there is hope that eyes may see. When doors close to the gospel, spiritual night assumes the new dimension of finality.

Our attitude is not pessimism which writes off such people. Should these doors open, we will move swiftly to take them the Good News.

In the meantime, we feel impelled to speed the Light to those lands still open, lest some revolution or coup should shut multitudes in with their darkness.

Close your eyes again—in silent prayer: "Have I, O God, done my part to speed the Light?"

**SPEED-the-LIGHT
DOLLAR DAY
October 18**

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