

THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

BEING ENRICHED IN EVERY THING TO ALL BOUNTIFULNESS,
WHICH CAUSETH THROUGH US THANKSGIVING TO GOD.

—2 Corinthians 9:11



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THANK GOD, AND TAKE COURAGE!

When Paul saw the brethren, "he thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15). In the face of many problems the Pilgrims followed the apostle's good example—and so can we.

BY ELVA J. HOOVER

INSTEAD OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL HELD by the Plymouth Colony in December of 1621, weaker men might have called for a day of mourning.

In Cole Hill, just behind Plymouth Rock where they had landed a year before, half their original number lay buried. The bitterness of the loss was intensified by the fact that no markers dignified the graves. Rather, they had resolutely leveled the mounds and sown them with grain in the springtime to conceal their losses from the Indians. Now in gratitude for that first costly harvest they, like Paul arriving at Rome in chains, "thanked God, and took courage."

What a rich heritage is ours to recall each Thanksgiving season! But the Pilgrim Fathers were neither the first nor the last to find strength in gratitude for blessings, even in the midst of adversity.

Daniel, like the Pilgrims, was in a strange land when first we read of his giving thanks. Of course, one might reason, Daniel had much for which to be grateful. After all, "The king made Daniel a great man... and made him ruler over all the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors of the wise men of Babylon." But Daniel wrote no psalm of gratitude for this apparent good fortune.

Later, when the kingdom passed to Darius, Daniel was again favored, "preferred above the presidents and princes... and the king thought to set him over the whole realm." But neither at this time did Daniel rejoice in a position which depended upon the whims of heathen men.

It was when he faced the lions' den that Daniel thanked God, and took courage. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing had been signed, he went into his house; and, his windows being open in his chamber

toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and *gave thanks* before his God, as he did aforetime."

Whatever Daniel had found to be grateful for before, he could still give thanks for now. And when the ordeal of the lions' den came, "Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God."

In an upper room in Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus met with His disciples. "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it... And he took the cup and gave thanks."

He *gave thanks* when the very hands that passed the cup to His disciples would be nailed to a cross in a matter of hours, and the lips that invited them to drink would cry, "I thirst."

The Lord Jesus found victory and strength in gratitude to God for all that the Cross would accomplish. "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

The familiar psalms of gratitude will be read in many homes this Thanksgiving. But there will also be homes where these psalms seem to stick in the throat for one reason or another. Such was the case with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Gunter of Martin, Tenn., a few years ago.

Traditionally, Mr. Gunter would read the 100th Psalm as they sat down to the annual Thanksgiving dinner. But things were different this year. Mr. Gunter's health had failed. Drought had destroyed the crops in the field, and there had been no harvest. While they had food, it was not in the abundance to which the farm family was accustomed.

On Thanksgiving morning Mrs. Gunter opened her

Bible, but her eyes strayed to the window through which she could see the light snow blowing across the barren lawn. *What have I to be thankful for?* She could keep back neither the question nor the tears that now fell on her open Bible. But then she read—not the 100th Psalm—but Habakkuk 3:17-19:

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

"The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

"Suddenly," Mrs. Gunter recalls, "I was filled with joy and victory. Through this Thanksgiving song, which I had discovered for myself, I recognized that the Lord was my strength. *He* was my joy, not *things*."

"This gratitude brought me new strength. It seemed to me that the very rooms burst forth into singing. Happily I went about the task of preparing the Thanksgiving dinner. My husband came in and found me singing. He looked surprised, but joined me in 'Amazing Grace.'

"When the meal was ready, we took our places at the table, and my husband opened the Bible to Habakkuk. His voice was solemn, but it was not sad or mournful as he read, 'Though the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vine: . . . yet will I rejoice in the Lord. . . .'

"There was strength in these words for us that dark year, and hope for better years to come."

As you sit down to your Thanksgiving meal this year, whatever the menu, whatever your problems, *thank God, and take courage!*

Remember the hill behind Plymouth Rock, and the lions' den, and Calvary, and strengthen your own soul through gratitude to God, who is greater than all your circumstances. ◀◀

Give Thanks unto the Lord!

- O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- O give thanks unto the God of gods:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- To him who alone doeth great wonders:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- To him that by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- To him that stretched out the earth above the waters:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- To him that made great lights:
for his mercy endureth for ever:
- The sun to rule by day:
for his mercy endureth for ever:
- The moon and the stars to rule by night:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- Who remembered us in our low estate:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- And hath redeemed us from our enemies:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- Who giveth food to all flesh:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- O give thanks unto the God of heaven:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

—PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26



Is the average American woman dissatisfied with a lot that women in other lands can only dream of? Is her discontent as deep as psychiatrists would have us believe? If so, here is one answer to the problem—

The Therapy of Thanks

I AM A HOUSEWIFE, AND I AM FAR FROM FEELING "trapped." In fact, every day of the year my very surroundings cause me to pause and thank the Lord for His many blessings.

Sometimes as I hang out clothes, iron, clean floors, or do other household tasks, a praise goes up from my heart that I am well and able to care for my family.

Many times when I have paid our monthly bills, I have spread the receipts out on the couch and knelt down to thank the Lord we were able to meet our obligations.

As I watch my children running and playing, a "Thank You, Lord," escapes my lips because they are strong and healthy both physically and mentally. And as I drive by the school they attend, I appreciate the fact that they are being taught by competent teachers who are not insisting they accept communism as the price of their education.

My Bible lies on the table in the living room, and I thank God I don't have to hide it every time the doorbell rings. And as the strains of a familiar hymn come over the radio, I am reminded of people in many countries who do not have religious freedom. What a glorious privilege is ours to worship in a comfortable church with all the lights on, unafraid of being molested. May we never take this for granted.

Many times as my husband's car turns into the driveway, a little praise goes up from my heart that the Lord has brought him home safely at the end of another day.

For all these blessings of life I am grateful, but perhaps the deepest gratitude of all wells up within my heart as our entire family kneels together before our Heavenly Father who has given us so much. A Christian mother can have no greater joy than to see her own faith reflected in the lives of her children. I thank God for it.

—Thelma Williams, Oildale, Calif.

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

Grounds for Gratitude

"Be ye thankful," the Bible says (Colossians 3:15). "Forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2). It is strange that God should have to command us to give thanks, but human nature being what it is we need to be reminded of this constantly.

A few moments' reflection ought to convince the least fortunate among us that he has ample grounds for gratitude. As Charles Dickens said: "Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

The Lord deserves praise for every blessing we enjoy on earth. Samuel Rutherford wrote: "Of all created comforts, God is the lender. You are the borrower, not the owner."

But our spiritual blessings are far more important than earthly comforts. The apostle points to these in the Book of Ephesians. He reminds us that God has "blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (1:3). He has "chosen us" (1:4); He has "predestinated us" to be His adopted children (1:5); He has made us "accepted in the beloved" (1:6).

At Thanksgiving time we ought to read again this wonderful Epistle and rejoice in these spiritual blessings that we receive through Jesus "in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (1:7). Truly we have a rich inheritance in Him, not only being saved through "the gospel of your salvation" but also being "sealed with that holy Spirit of promise" (1:13).

Once we were "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world," but now we are "fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (2:12-19). We are even made a "habitation of God through the Spirit" (2:22).

It is God's will that you be "strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man"; that "Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"; that you "may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of God, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (3:18, 19). Our privileges are limitless, for God is working in our lives and He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (3:20).

We give thanks also for the gifts He has placed in the Church: "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers," to lead us, train us, edify us, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (4:11-13).

We especially thank Him for joining us to that mystical body, the Church, of which Christ Himself is the Head, "from whom the whole body fitly joined together" grows up into Him by the "edifying of itself in love" (4:16). We are sealed by the Spirit (4:30). God for Christ's sake has forgiven us (4:32). No wonder, then, if we show Him our gratitude by walking circumspectly, "redeeming the time" (5:16) and making melody in our hearts to Him (5:19).

Gladly will we put on the "whole armor" (6:11) and fight in His army against the wicked one (6:16). As the final verse of the Epistle suggests, we will "love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity" and do all we can for Him who has done so much for us.—R.C.C.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

BY ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

THANKSGIVING TIME IS HERE AGAIN AND THE CURRENT periodicals are replete with appropriate poems, stories, meditations, festival menus and suggested entertainment. These are all very well to a certain point. However, for us who rejoice in the love of a faithful Heavenly Father and His wonderful redemption, thanksgiving is far more than a seasonal occasion.

Our hearts deeply respond to David's words in Psalm 34, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Thanksgiving is a state of heart for every child of God and "out of the abundance of the heart" the lips must freely speak. How well Paul expresses it in Ephesians 5:19, 20—"speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

There are many times that we find it easy to give thanks—the burden has been lifted; the petition has been granted; the troubled situation has been smoothed out; and our cup runs over. There are certain other times when praise languishes on our lips and we need special stirring to tune our hearts and raise again the anthem of praise to God.

We hear much emphasis placed upon the proper apparel for acceptable appearance on certain important occasions. Then, too, we are told there must be the right accessories. It was David who applied this very thought in a particular sense when he said: "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely [becoming] for the upright." If you wish to be properly attired as a victorious Christian, cultivate the spirit of praise under every circumstance. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

What about some of those times when praise becomes so difficult that with some individuals it actually ceases? There is the occasion of severe upheaval such as comes in every life occasionally. We forget that praise enables us in such an hour to make a comfortable and speedy adjustment, even when our little world seems completely upset, perhaps to the point of apparent collapse. Now is the hour to lift a song of confident assurance. What

unspeakable rest can come to that soul who will raise its song of trustful praise to Him who, when everything else has been shaken even to the point of removal, still remains faithful. Our God cannot deny Himself.

This is exactly what Habakkuk did when the picture was as dark as midnight for him. How exultantly he cried: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." He expressed his great confidence in God by the added words we commonly overlook—"The Lord is my strength, and he will make my feet like hind's feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

Recall those former crises in your life when out of seeming chaos God brought a rich accomplishment. Frequently there must be a removing of the "shakeable things" to which we cling in exchange for God's better building in our lives. Seeming disaster can be the gateway to a glorious victory. "He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second" (Hebrews 10:9). Let your praise anticipate His faithfulness.

What about the prayers that have been long unanswered? Has this fact diminished your praises? Perhaps for years you have cried to God for the salvation of certain ones, or for the fulfilling of purposes which should glorify His name. *Asking, seeking, knocking*—over and over the prayers have ascended to God. Has it ever occurred to you that if there is real faith in your heart as you ask there will be praise mingled with the petitions? We are told to make our requests known with thanksgiving. But do we always do this?

Consider how long Abraham waited for Isaac—25 expectant years! "But Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his faith and trust were strong, and he praised God for this blessing before it even happened. He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything he promised" (Romans 4:20, 21, *Living Letters*). Are you giving glory to God, thus manifesting your confidence and faith even as you pray?

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Perhaps we underestimate the power in praise. While a missionary in China, many years ago, my sister faced several complicated situations over which she spent many hours in prayer. One day the Holy Spirit moved her to offer definite praise for the answers. She therefore took one half hour each day for this specific purpose and there came the remarkable manifestation of God's working in each of the troubled areas. Amazing victories resulted from her systematic praise through the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Someone has compared effective prayer to the flying of a bird. For our petitions to ascend acceptably unto God there must be a proper balance of both wings—prayer and praise. No bird ever flew with one wing. Praise is faith in action.

Some wonderful physical healings have come through praise. In my early teens I was near death with double pneumonia. A devoted Christian brother had prayed and anointed me with oil, but there was still no change. My mother, who had already experienced a remarkable healing, knelt by my bedside while the rest of the family prayed in an adjoining room. "My dear," mother said, "the Bible conditions have been met—use what breath you have left to praise God." Between gasps I followed her advice, and the tide turned for me in that very hour. My recovery was phenomenal—a real miracle—and I was back in school within a couple of days.

Perhaps for you the physical healing is being delayed because you are looking in instead of looking up. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" should bring an immediate outflow of praise in the confident expectancy that God will honor His Word in your hour of need. Standing on the promises of God requires that we give glory to the God who gave us the promises.

What tribe led the hosts of Israel in various engagements against their enemies? Judah—and the name means praise. Indeed it was a unique battle arrangement the Lord gave Jehoshaphat—"He appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten" (2 Chronicles 20:21, 22).

Untold victories await faith's song of praise. An evangelist told of strong Satanic oppression in a tent meeting one evening. She stood at the pulpit, lifting her hands and voice in continued praise to God until the atmosphere

cleared completely and a holy sweep of divine blessing came over the congregation. Again and again the mighty power of praise has conquered Satanic forces.


Before you, may stand a Jericho with impregnable walls. Day after day you have cried to God as you continued the encircling march of obedience around the difficulty. Are you footsore and weary, even tempted to cease the march? Do you hear the seductive whisper of Satan that this may not be God's time for deliverance, after all? Many, you know, have missed some tremendous victories of faith by stopping too soon. But you, right now, are at the edge of God's intended deliverance. Gird up your loins for the final march around your Jericho. The Holy Spirit will move you to a shout of victory. The ram's horns are blowing. Sound your fullest praise as God manifests His power in all the wonderful achievement of His holy purpose. Even now, the walls of your Jericho are beginning to fall.

These are grim days. Through every medium of communication we are appalled by the distress of nations everywhere, even as Christ foretold. Rapidly the prophecies are being fulfilled as the very fingers of tribulation days become evident, almost to a terrifying degree. God grant us grace and strength to be true and courageous these last momentous days. We are told to pray that we may be accounted worthy to escape those things which are coming upon the earth.

But there is something else our Lord told us to do, as He anticipated for us this crucial hour. He told us to lift up our heads and rejoice for our redemption draweth nigh. What are we to rejoice over? The vital communion we may have with Him. We should rejoice for the moving of the Holy Spirit in widespread areas today; for the privilege of witnessing at this midnight hour to multitudes who may still enter the open door. And finally, how greatly we should rejoice because of the certain prospect that we shall see Him and be like Him, made to shine in the perfection of His holiness. Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever your circumstances, may your life in its every expression be a song of praise unto Him this blessed Thanksgiving season.

"Oft methinks I hear His footsteps,
Stealing down the paths of time;
And the future dark with shadows
Brightens with this hope sublime.
Sound the soul-inspiring anthem;
Angel hosts, your harps atune;
Earth's long night is almost over,
Christ is coming—coming soon."

I Thank Thee, Heavenly Father



I thank Thee, heavenly Father,
For the joy and for the pain,
For the strength and for the weakness,
For the failure and the gain;
For in weakness, pain, and failure
Is my faith made rich, divine,
With a sweeter, deeper knowledge
That the strength of God is mine.
I have learned through pain and weakness
That my troubled soul makes speed,
Rising high above the maelstrom,
Soars aloft in time of need.

I thank Thee, heavenly Father,
For the longest, darkest night,
For the patience Thou didst give me
As I waited for the light;
For I saw, while in the darkness,
That angelic hosts were near;
As my spirit's eyes beheld them
They dispelled my every fear.
I have learned that trials and sorrows
Are but wings to heights above,
Resting strengthfully beneath me
Are Thine arms of changeless love.

I thank Thee, heavenly Father,
For the props that fall away;
Then the sweetest time of trusting
Need not wait a future day;
For the birds have sung their sweetest,
And the flowers bloomed more fair,
In the humble paths I've trodden
When the peace of God was there;
I have learned, each step I've taken,
Though they hide from day to day,
While Thy loving eye is on me
I shall never lose my way.

—Eldora E. Taylor



ROOTS OF THANKSGIVING HYMNODY

BY MARY TREGENZA

CHRISTIANITY IS A SINGING FAITH. AGNOSTICISM HAS given neither anthem nor songbook to the world. Even in the darkest hours of Christian experience a song is born. Oftener, however, it emerges from the brighter hours of human experience—a lilting, loving melody of praise. The Thanksgiving hymns of the church are rooted in both of these backgrounds.

We may be surprised to discover that most of our traditional hymns of thanksgiving have come to us from other lands and predate the Pilgrim Thanksgiving of 1621. Even though many American songsters have added to the library of Thanksgiving hymnology in the centuries between, there remains in our own times an appalling dearth of deeply moving Thanksgiving songs.

Is it possible that we take our unchallenged blessings for granted?

Thanksgiving, if genuine, is not mere verbal courtesy. It is not a passing tribute of religious affectation, but a permanent attitude of the whole man. True thankfulness requires infinitely more than a bit of breath. It is the very blood, the very posture of life.

It is not incongruous then that a song of thanksgiving should rise from the soul of a pastor whose parish was tormented with a raging plague and four times ravaged by invading armies during the years 1620-1648. At one time Martin Rinkert was the only minister who survived in the town of Eilenburg, Saxony, and for one year he conducted as many as 50 funerals a day. Day and night he led burial rites until at the end of the year the somber total was upwards of 4,000. Among the dead was his own wife.

Never during Rinkert's life did his community formally thank this pastor who mortgaged both health and all of his personal resources in their interests. But Martin Rinkert remained thankful. After plague and plunder had done their worst he wrote for his congregation the classic words that will be sung across America this Thanksgiving season:

*Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;*

*Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

A sobering prophecy brought the author of another hymn of thanksgiving to the Lord, and another prophecy written into the hymn itself described his later departure.

Robert Robinson, a Norfolk lad, had a godly mother who longed to see him become a Church of England clergyman. Poverty forbade this, and at the age of 14 he was apprenticed to a barber in London, England. When 17 he heard this patent prophecy from a drunken fortuneteller whom he and his companions had succeeded in intoxicating to make fun of her predictions: "You shall see both your children and your grandchildren."

Instead of amusing him it turned him to serious thought. Later a sermon by George Whitefield on May 24, 1752, brought him to conversion. Six years later he wrote a hymn that is associated with the season of Thanksgiving on many continents. It begins:

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
And from the second stanza:
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.*

Toward the end of Robert Robinson's life he succumbed once more to frivolous habits and these words in his hymn of thanksgiving became a sad reality:

*Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love....*

Near the end of his life a stranger on a stagecoach, completely oblivious to his identity, mentioned the song as having been blessed to her soul. Robinson confessed with agitation and remorse: "Madam, I am the poor, unhappy man who composed that hymn many years ago; and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then."

Thanksgiving worshipers who sing the words of Robert Robinson this year might do well to remember that it takes the same intensity of desire to maintain fellowship with God as it did to initiate it.

A newer (though 133-year-old) Thanksgiving hymn was the expression of Henry Alford, dean of the famous Canterbury Cathedral. A prolific writer, Dean Alford had
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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

Bible Distribution Increasing Worldwide

There was a marked increase in Bible distribution throughout the world last year. The American Bible Society put over 34 million copies of God's Word into circulation (mostly just Gospels and short selections, however). Brazil had the second largest circulation. Other places showing increases of Scripture distribution were Argentina, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, Germany, and the Congo.

The Bible Society has set a goal of 75 million Scriptures a year by 1966. Together with 22 other national societies it will endeavor to attain a worldwide goal of 150 million copies a year by that year, which is triple the amount distributed worldwide in 1963.

Protestant Bible to Be Used by Catholics

A special Roman Catholic edition of the Protestant Bible in the Revised Standard Version will be published soon by Thomas Nelson and Sons, Edinburgh, Scotland. Sponsored by the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, the Bible will bear the imprimatur of approval by Catholic authority.

In adapting the version to Catholic usage, however, the publishers will include several additions and changes.

Bible Still the Most Translated Book

More books were translated in the U.S.S.R. than in any other country but the Bible was not among them.

But the Bible is still the most translated book in the world. According to the latest Index Translationum of UNESCO (United Nations) there were 251 Bible translations during 1962. Next in frequency were 206 books about Khrushchev and 182 about Lenin. There were 55 translations of Karl Marx, only three books about Mao Tse-Tung, and one of Stalin.

Missions

Auca Indians Now Christians

Rachel Saint, sister of one of the five men martyred in 1956 in the Amazon jungles by savage Auca Indians, recently completed the translation of the Gospel of Mark in the Auca language. Under sponsorship of Wycliffe Bible Translators Miss Saint and her language helper, Dayuma, have been living in an Auca village among the men who killed her brother. Now all five of the men who shared in the murder have become Christians so that seeming tragedy has been turned into spiritual triumph.

Fainthearted Warned Not to Apply

The Church Gazette of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia (published in Suva, Fiji) pulled no punches when

it advertised vacancies for missionaries and lay mission workers recently.

Here, according to the *Gazette*, are the qualifications and disqualifications for missionary work:

"Ability to mix with people, mix concrete, wade rivers, write articles, love one's neighbor, deliver babies, sit cross-legged, conduct meetings, drain swamps, digest questionable dishes, patch human weaknesses, suffer fools gladly, and burn midnight oil.

"Persons allergic to ants, babies, beggars, chop suey, cockroaches, curried crabs, duplicators, guitars, humidity, indifference, itches, jungles, mildew, minority groups, mud, poverty, sweat, and unmarried mothers had better think twice before applying."

Vandalism

Teen-Agers Serve the Devil . . .

From Norman, Oklahoma, *United Press International* reported several incidents of vandalism at local churches during the past few months which were blamed on members of a secret teen-age fraternity professing devotion to Satan. The fraternity, police said, is called the "Covenant of the 73rd Demon." They said members were dedicated to vandalizing churches to prove their loyalty to the devil.

The vandalism, Police Chief Sid Wilson said, was part of the group's ritual whereby the boys "released their souls to the Prince of Darkness." The ritual apparently demanded that all emblems of God be destroyed or ridiculed.

Four boys, 16 and 17 years old, were arrested and later released on \$3,000 bond each. They were charged with turning crosses upside down, ripping Bibles apart, spilling baptismal waters, and generally ransacking the church premises. Officers said some property also was stolen.

. . . While Their Elders Pamper Pets

While teen-agers across America show how much vandalism, violence, and general lawlessness can result from a lack of parental training, their elders are pouring attention and affection on pets. Sylvia Porter (in *Your Dollar*) says the American people spent more than \$550,000,000 last year just for dog and cat food. This was two and one-half times as much as was spent for baby food!

In Los Angeles there is a burial grounds called Pet Haven where more than 9,000 animals lie in individual plots. According to Ruth M. Harmer (in *The High Cost of Dying*) these plots cost from \$69.10 to \$79.60 each for cats and small dogs. In addition, cement vaults are offered "from \$127.50 up." These prices include a casket, grave, and flowers.

During the Christmas season, the pet ceremonies across America are brightened by hundreds of tiny decorated trees set on the graves "in loving remembrance." Not infrequently the caskets of the pets are lined with silk and bolstered with satin pillows. Some people have insisted on having the animals embalmed!

Perhaps if some of the time, affection, and money that is squandered on pets were turned toward the problems of boys and girls there would be less confused young people in America and fewer frustrated adults too.

Israel

Rain Insurance Offered at Holiday Spot

The year-round dry, warm climate has given the Israeli port of Eilat the status of a health resort, especially beneficial to sufferers from asthma and hay fever. Last year the temperature never dropped below 72.5 degrees (F.). It was an unusually wet year for Eilat: rain fell on four days. A leading insurance company, together with local hotels and tourist bureau, is arranging a "sunshine-guarantee" insurance policy for holiday-makers, to protect them against the possibility of rain falling during their stay.

Six Million Trees Planted in Israel

The past year was a record tree-planting season in the land of the Bible. After five consecutive years of drought, ample rains encouraged the Jewish National Fund Afforestation Division to plant 6,000,000 trees. Two million of the saplings were planted in Galilee, 1,600,000 in the north-central region including Mount Carmel and the Nazareth Hills, 1,500,000 in the south-central region (eastern Sharon, Judean Foothills and Hills), and 900,000 trees in the South and Negev (desert).

Daily Bible Reading

Each year the American Bible Society suggests a list of daily readings for its Worldwide Bible Reading program so that Christian people throughout the earth may meditate on the same passage of Scripture on the same day. The readings begin on Thanksgiving Day and climax with the worldwide reading of the Christmas story. Additional readings are suggested for the last six days of the year.

Here is the list of suggested readings for 1964:

NOVEMBER		
26	Psalm 1	12 John 15:18-27
27	Psalm 100:1-5	13 1 John 1:1-2:6
28	Psalm 103	14 1 John 3:1-10
29	Hebrews 11:1-39	15 1 John 3:11-24
30	Psalm 19:1-14	16 1 John 4:7-21
		17 Ephesians 3:1-21
		18 Ephesians 4:1-32
		19 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
		20 Matthew 1:18-25
		21 Luke 1:5-25
		22 Luke 1:26-38
		23 Luke 1:39-80
		24 Luke 2:1-20
		25 Matthew 2:1-12
		26 Luke 2:21-38
		27 Luke 2:39-52
		28 Matthew 5:1-16
		29 Matthew 6:1-15
		30 Matthew 7:1-29
		31 Ephesians 5:10-20
DECEMBER		
1	James 1:19-27	
2	James 2:14-23	
3	1 Peter 1:13-25	
4	Isaiah 6:1-10	
5	Isaiah 11:1-9	
6	Isaiah 40:1-11	
7	Isaiah 40:12-31	
8	Isaiah 52:7-15	
9	Isaiah 53:1-12	
10	John 1:1-18	
11	John 15:1-11	

GOD'S WORD FOR A NEW AGE



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). To whom does "them" refer, and to whom does "he" refer?

It is men who might kill the body. But men do not have dominion over the soul to destroy it. It is God who has power over our eternal destiny. It is He whom we are to fear.

We have been told that Peter erred when he quoted from Joel that God would pour out of His Spirit on all flesh. Those who believe Peter made a mistake say that Joel's prophecy was for the Jews and will be fulfilled in the Millennium. Is this correct? (Joel 2:28-32)

There will be a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy when Israel is restored and accepts the Lord Jesus as their Messiah-Saviour. This will follow the "day of darkness and gloominess," believed to be the time of the great tribulation. But the prophecy is equally applicable to the age in which we live. The Spirit promised to Israel on their acceptance of Christ is now being poured on those who accept Him in this dispensation.

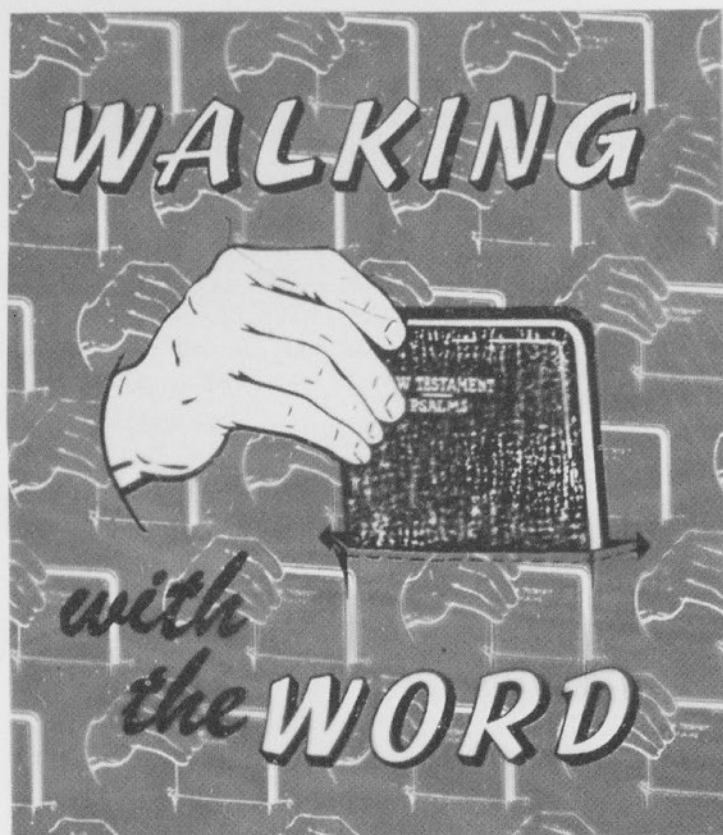
To say Peter was in error when he quoted from Joel on the Day of Pentecost would mean that he was a false teacher, an unreliable apostle to follow. The promise of Pentecostal blessing is to the Jews, but it is also to them that are afar off, the Gentiles. It is to "as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Is there a difference between "the fulness of the Gentiles" and "the times of the Gentiles"? (Romans 11:25; Luke 21:24)

When the "fulness of the Gentiles" is come, Christ will come for the Church and the restraint on iniquity will be removed, opening the way for the manifestation and rule of the "man of sin" (2 Thessalonians 2). This will result in the great tribulation, specially upon Israel, known as Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:4-7).

The "times of the Gentiles" is that period in which Israel has been subject to Gentile dominion, spoken of in Daniel 2. It will end with the overthrow of the "man of sin," the Beast (Revelation 19:11-21); the binding of Satan (Revelation 20:1, 2); the conversion of Israel (Zechariah 12:8 to 13:1); and the coming of Christ to reign (Zechariah 14:3, 4). This will bring about the national salvation of Israel (Romans 11:26). Gentile world powers will then cease and Christ shall reign (Daniel 2:44, 45; 7:13, 14). The kingdoms of this world will then become "the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ" (Revelation 11:15).

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.



"WALKING WITH THE WORD" WILL BE THE THEME OF the 1965 Bible-reading program sponsored by our Fellowship. Purpose of the emphasis is to encourage all Assemblies of God members to read through the New Testament in 1965.

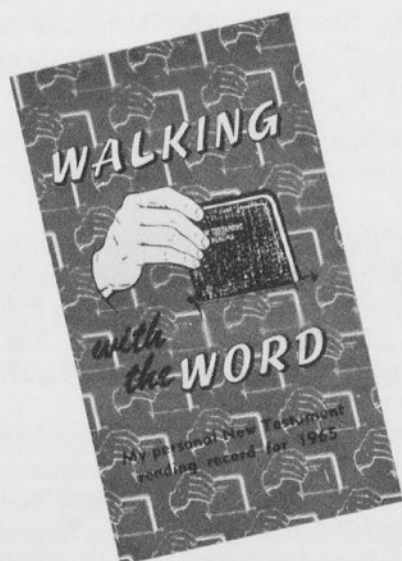
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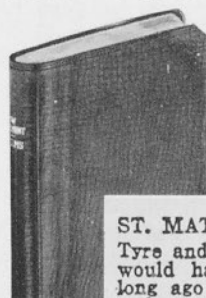
The Pentecostal Evangel will carry a schedule of readings in each issue. Assemblies of God pastors will remind their congregations of the reading schedule for the week. Some pastors will use passages scheduled for that week in Bible studies. Emphasis will be on every Assemblies of God member cooperating in this achievable program.

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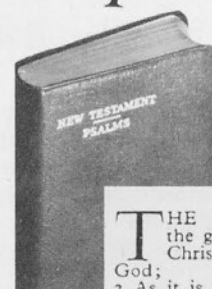


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Besides having their own imprinted Testament, C.A.'s will be cooperating with the yearly Bible-reading program in another important way. One goal of *Truth for Youth* is for each C.A. to read at least one chapter from the Bible every day. Suggested readings are carried in the "Daily Bible Direction" column of the *C. A. Herald*, our monthly youth magazine. During 1965, suggested Bible readings for *Truth for Youth* will be the same as those suggested in the Bible-reading emphasis of *Walking with the Word*. The daily Bible-reading sched-

ule together with self-evaluation questions on each chapter will be included in a clip-out feature each month in the *C. A. Herald*. (A free sample copy of this magazine will be sent on request.)

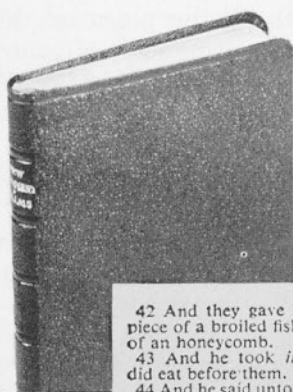
In a recent letter to ministers of the Assemblies of God, General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman said: "Pastor, I urge you to implement this Bible-reading program in every possible department of your church. . . . Read the Bible publicly in each Sunday morning service. . . . Keep the emphasis before the people all year long. . . . Let the Assemblies of God be known as a Bible-carrying, Bible-reading, Bible-loving movement."

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—By Dick Champion



42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
43 And he took it, and did eat before them.
44 And he said unto them,



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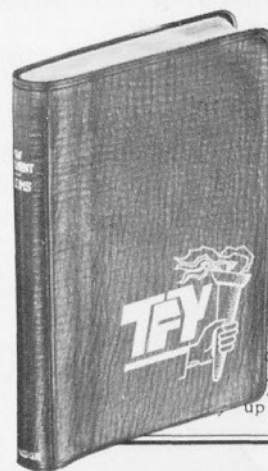
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Women of the Harvest

For WMC Members, Every Season Is Harvesttime

BY ANN AHLF



"Feast of Ingathering" at East Greenwich, Rhode Island. (Left to right) Mrs. Verna Flower, Mrs. Richard Bergstrom, Pioneer Pastor and Mrs. Norice C. Gallop.

TODAY IS HARVESTTIME IN WORLD MISSIONS IN A greater sense than ever before. The spiritual returns of a single day's labor eclipse those of a whole year's effort in earlier generations. Seventy-five thousand members of the Women's Missionary Council standing beside their pastors and missionaries are involved in this harvest. Their field spreads over five areas; local community, district, benevolence, and home and foreign missions.

One WMC leader says, "In our community we were able to 'harvest' an entire family by putting a warm coat around the shoulders of a shivering boy."

In the regular news bulletin of her area, a district WMC president wrote a note to the local groups to say, "Thank you for responding to the need of our newly adopted home missionary. The 185 cans of food you provided will be a great blessing to his family."

In the same district a WMC penny fund totaling \$1,500 was divided equally among their five home missionaries.

A FEAST OF INGATHERING

A Feast of Ingathering was the theme of a sectional WMC rally in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Mrs. Richard Bergstrom, sectional representative, directed the plans. At her suggestion Pastor and Mrs. Norice C. Gallop, hosts for the day, constructed a boothlike arrangement decorated with pumpkins, squash, apples and shocks of corn. Local groups attending the rally had

been invited to bring baskets of foodstuffs. From the Southern New England District WMC Treasure Chest an assortment of household linens was added.

Mrs. Verna Flower, District WMC President and guest speaker, chose for her subject the account of the harvest festival of the Old Testament (Leviticus 23).

At a given signal local groups carried their baskets forward and placed their offerings in the booth until it was filled to overflowing. Contents of the booth together with the afternoon offering were dedicated and given to the Gallops, pioneer pastors in East Greenwich.

"The response was wonderful!" said Mrs. Flower. "The Gallops had not suspected that the lovely service they had helped to plan was to benefit them. They were lifted in spirits and delighted."

WMC's are destined to share in the reward of this pioneer work which already promises a good harvest.

A BENEVOLENT PEAR TREE

"I don't know what to do with all the pears on this tree!" said Mrs. Woodrow Oxner, Springfield, Missouri, in the fall of 1963. Mrs. Albert Pyle, Sectional WMC Representative, thought for a few minutes and said, "Do you think we could can them for Hillcrest Children's Home? It is time for the Harvest Festival, you know. I'll ask the WMC's!"

The conversation was the beginning of exciting plans for picking, paring and canning 88 gallons of pears and



WMC's, Springfield Section, S. Missouri District, peeling pears.



The canning process and finished product shown by Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Ruby Holderby, and Mrs. Albert Pyle.

making 28 gallons of pear honey. The tree yielded 35 bushels of fresh fruit. The project required 200 pounds of sugar, the assistance of seven men (the pickers), and three day's work of 30 women.

Then came the question of transportation. No one in the group had a vehicle that would safely carry 116 gallons of fruit to Hot Springs, Arkansas. A local car salesman heard of the unique project and was so impressed by the generosity and cooperation that he offered a panel truck for the trip.

"How the children will enjoy this fruit! God will surely bless that pear tree," said Superintendent Bruhn, as he accepted the gift at Hillcrest Children's Home.

That was in 1963. The pear tree, according to Mrs. Pyle, has never yielded two consecutive bountiful crops, but even after a dry summer over 30 bushels were gathered from its branches. Six WMC groups of the section share in providing the sugar and doing the canning, and another "beautiful and tasty harvest basket" is ready to be delivered to Hillcrest.

A BENEVOLENT "PAIR TREE"

The "pair tree" is a favorite medium of gathering Christmas parcels for the residents of Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida. Often a WMC group will cut a branch from a tree, pot it securely in an urn and place it in a convenient spot in the church. The congregation is invited to bring "pairs" of gifts—pairs of socks, pairs of books, pairs of toilet articles or pairs of dollar bills, etc.

On the final day of the project the "pairs" are "picked" and packed with gift-wrapping materials to be shipped to Bethany.

Upon receipt of the package, members of the staff carefully sort and wrap the gifts so that each resident will receive a suitable present on Christmas Day.

At times the "pair tree" becomes the project of a sectional WMC rally. The program may feature a skit depicting life at the home, the film, *Sunset Years*, or a special speaker who may be a field representative of the Department of Benevolence.

Members of the Women's Missionary Council count it a privilege to minister to those who have spent their time and substance in blazing the trail of Pentecost over mountain and plain and through jungle and swamp—those who have fulfilled their days in the harvest fields and have earned their rest.

HARVEST OF THE FUTURE

God's Love Children's Home in Kobe, Japan, is the special care of missionary Florence Byers. She says: "In the past year our orphanage family has increased by seven... six girls and one boy. Each one has such a sad background. Two little girls whose mother died four years ago were recently deserted by their father. Atomic fallout, death and mental disease have orphaned the other five. It is thrilling to see their sadness gradually turn to true happiness and contentment.

"One of our older girls, having finished junior high school, has gone to live with Christian relatives.

"We magnify the Lord for the conversion of a fine young man, a university student, who is earnestly seeking God for his future. Our church is greatly blessed under the ministry of our national pastor.

"During the past 11 years eight of our C.A.'s have been graduated from our Central Bible Institute in Japan and have entered the ministry. All of these developments make our work worthwhile.

"From the WMC's we recently received four parcels of clothing and a comforter. These articles were sent as a result of the mission studies in first quarter, *Slant*, 1964. As the Japanese say, '*O-kage sama de, ita-da-ki ma-shi-ta*,' meaning, 'Because of your honorable shadow, we received them.'

"We truly appreciate the loving interest and prayers of the Women's Missionary Council. They are a great source of strength and encouragement as we are co-laborers with Christ in a great harvest of souls."

At Thanksgiving the "women of the harvest" lift grateful hearts to "the Lord of the harvest" for bountiful blessings both spiritual and material.



Tiny N-ri-ko, newest arrival at God's Love Children's Home in Kobe, Japan. Ka-zu-mi in the background.

Florence Byers, God's Love Bible School, Kobe, Japan.



Staff members Mildred Pitts, Gertrude Bishop, and Julia Ford (back row, left to right) stand with this happy group of young people from the Valdez Children's Home.

HOME MISSIONS

WE ARE THANKFUL

By Mildred Pitts, Supervisor of the Valdez Children's Home, Valdez, Alaska

AS WE APPROACH ANOTHER THANKSGIVING SEASON, our hearts are full of gratitude to God for sparing the lives of our boys and girls during the March earthquake. We are now back in Valdez after spending some time at the Juneau Children's Home following the earthquake. The Juneau staff and children worked hard to make us comfortable and we greatly appreciated their kindness. The Lord wonderfully supplied all the needs through the people of Juneau, our WMC's and the Missionettes.

The Valdez Children's Home building was repaired by the Fairbanks Disaster Fund and we were given permission to return August 4. It was a time of mixed emotions for all of us. The town had changed and our

home was empty, but immediately we began putting things in place and within a few days life was back to normal. The children were all very helpful and the Lord provided as needs arose.

Schools were late in starting as workmen had to build a new elementary school and make extensive repairs to the present high school, which will be used only until the new one is built on the new townsite.

The winter supply of meat is now coming in. Our own teen-age boys and Trudy, one of our staff members, were successful in bringing home four moose after a week's hunting trip. Our oldest boy got a bear. Someone gave us a silver salmon.



"How many more days till we can open our packages?" asks this youngster.



"Whose name is this?" Marvin asks his brother Calvin as they eagerly examine the packages.



"Oh, how pretty!" exclaims one teenager as she exhibits a lovely jacket.

As our minds go back to the holiday season last year, we remember how thrilled we were at the faithfulness of WMC's, Missionettes and many friends who made our wonderful Christmas possible. The children were blessed just knowing that others in the South 48 had cared enough to remember them personally at Christmas. Even without earthly moms and dads to provide for them they know they may anticipate a happy Christmas season. They know that you care, for you have never let them down. May God bless all who have any part in making this a merry Christmas for our precious boys and girls. <<<

CAMPING IN ALASKA

THE NATIVE CAMP MEETING CONDUCTED AUGUST 5-7 AT Fort Yukon, Alaska, was a blessing spiritually. A great water baptizing climaxed the camp activities on Saturday. The Claude Malcoms, pastors at Delta Junction assembly, were camp speakers. The first night several were saved and one boy was filled with the Holy Spirit. Others rededicated their lives to the Lord during the camp. It was a time of refreshing for all.

The first Alaska Youth Camp for Indians and Eskimos at Little Beaver Lake got off to a flying start with 138 youthful campers from 10 to 19 years of age. There were 22 workers. The young people represented most sections of Alaska, as did counselors and workers, some of whom were ministers. To attend the camp involved much expense for those who came long distances.

Twenty-five were saved, 30 received the Baptism, and

six were baptized in water. Services were conducted by the ministers who were acting as counselor. The only special speaker was Lester Sumrall who spoke two evenings. The Evangelaires were in charge of the morning classes.

Although living conditions at the camp were still in a primitive state since facilities were not yet developed, campers did not complain. They lived in large and small tents. The weather remained pleasant. Some facilities were developed during the camp.

B. P. Wilson, superintendent of the Alaska Assemblies, directed the camp. Brother Wilson, Paul Riley of Wasilla, and Harold Bither of Anchorage comprise the camp committee.

Little Beaver Lake, 15 miles west of Wasilla, is situated on a hill between two beautiful lakes with nice beaches. Considerable bulldozing has been done and trees have been thinned out relieving the danger of forest fires. A parking area is being provided.

The youth camp represents another milestone in Assemblies of God progress in Alaska. Ministers and workers have joined in projects since Memorial Day, 1963, to make this camp a reality. They built a kitchen, a utility room, and drove a well. Members of First Assembly in Anchorage dismantled a quonset building (20 by 48 feet) and transported it to the camp area. On Memorial Day, 1964, workers met for another work day. They reassembled the quonset and enlarged it for the camp tabernacle. They also installed a diesel generator and wiring.

Some army cots were provided but campers also used sleeping bags. An interested individual made a cash donation with which the committee bought several large army tents at Fairbanks. The Fairbanks church provided the truck to transport them to camp. These tents served as a temporary dining room and dormitories.

The camp has one small quonset hut to put up for dormitory space. Still needed are rowboats, playground equipment, and outdoor games before next year's session.

Donations of food made it possible to charge the small fee of \$15 per camper. The Alaska Game Department donated three moose.

Brother Wilson is greatly encouraged with the prospect for next year's camp. <<<



Campers gather at lakeside for water baptismal services at Fort Yukon, Alaska. Brothers Malcolm (right) and Umphrey (left) baptize a native.



Camp services were conducted indoors at the Assembly at Fort Yukon, but in other area tents were used.

Apostle to the Indians

By ESTHER MILLER PAYLER



John Eliot working on his translation of the Scriptures with the help of his Indian companion. (From American Bible Society filmstrip)

This year the Massachusetts Bible Society is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the first printing of a complete Bible in the Western Hemisphere. It was in Algonquin, an American Indian language. The book was known as the John Eliot Bible, in honor of its translator.

IT WAS ONLY A CASUAL, UNPREMEDITATED PULPIT EXCHANGE in the year 1631. But it resulted in the printing of the first Bible in the New World.

John Eliot, a young Puritan preacher arriving in Boston from England on November 3, was invited to fill the vacant pulpit of his friend who was England-bound. The new arrival was eager about "the wilderness of the New World." The other was eager to leave the rugged colonial life behind.

With sincere faith that God was leading him to some great adventure in His work, Eliot went to preach in a small church in Roxbury, Massachusetts. And there in the streets of Roxbury he met his great adventure.

John Eliot had never seen an Indian. When a pair of Indian boys approached to sell him an otter skin he stared at their dark skin, straight black hair and sharp eyes. They, thinking him a prospective buyer, handed the otter to him, and tried to make him understand they wanted him to buy it. He stroked the fur, pleased with its softness, and said, "It's as soft as the pussy cat I had in England!"

The dark faces lit up, thinking he would give them money, but Eliot handed the fur back. Vainly he tried to explain that Puritans did not use fur. To them it was vain ornament and cruel to kill for vanity. All the boys could understand was the negative shake of his head. They turned toward the woods.

But John Eliot followed them. His first response to the Indians was significant of the pattern of his life from that day forward.

Eliot loved the Indians and he loved words. He was eager to learn their language so he could understand them and speak to them. He talked to each settler to find out as much as he could about them. He learned the Indian fears and superstitions; he found they did

not know of the Saviour. He learned too how blood-thirsty and savage some of them were because they hated white men.

Like a flame bursting inside him, Eliot determined he would devote his life to teaching the Indians about God. That flame never died.

Instead of spending all his time preaching to the small congregation who already loved him, Eliot took upon himself the hard task of being an apostle to the Indians." To learn the language was his first step. He felt God had sent him to do this work as much as He had set Paul aside for his apostleship.

The Indians had been trading with the whites, coming in and out of their settlements, and some of them spoke English. Eliot found a young Indian to teach him the Algonquin language. It was a difficult tongue and he studied hard for two years to master it. He translated the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and many salvation verses from the Bible. In 1646, 15 years after he landed in the New World, John Eliot preached his first full-length sermon to the Indians in their own language.

Many white people kept saying that God wanted them to take the country away from the savages. Eliot insisted this was wrong. "Indians are God's children too," he said. "Why should He want to take their land from them and give it to others?"

Not only did the apostle to the Indians preach and teach salvation to them; he also tried to help them live better by overcoming poverty, dirt, and disease. He taught them how to plant and care for better gardens, raising more than corn and pumpkins. He removed their worry of being hungry. He gave them more time to listen to God's Word. The women learned to use spinning wheels and weave good cloth.

People began calling Christian Indians "praying Indians." Eliot gathered them into settlements so they could worship, learn and work together. At one time there were more than a dozen of these towns of "praying Indians" in Massachusetts colony and more elsewhere.

John Eliot worked out an Indian grammar. He got out the Bay Psalm Book with two devoted assistants, and translated other religious books as well, but his greatest work was the Indian Bible. It took him 30 years to accomplish this monument of devotion but he considered the time well spent. It pointed God's red-skinned children the way from heathenism to God and His salvation. And it was the first Bible printed in the New World of America.

In May 1690 John Eliot died in Roxbury, Massachusetts, surrounded by his praying Indian friends. One of his favorite expressions is as true today as it was then, "Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, will do anything!"

His life proved this. Yours can too if you dare to believe Him for a great adventure of your own. <<<

Unfinished Blessings

BY LON WOODRUM

THE STORY OF THE TEN LEPERS WHOM JESUS HEALED "as they went" (Luke 17:11-19) has overtones of sadness and mystery. For nine of those ten men simply walked off into oblivion after they were healed. The imagination wants to run after them to see what happened. How did the priests receive the fact of their cure? Did they go about telling others what had happened?

The biggest mystery is how they could go on their way without returning thanks to the One who had healed them. They who had been shunned by society, living as dirty hopeless outcasts, were now clean, respectable, healthy, and could move in their own circle of family and friends once more. *Why* did they not return to thank their benefactor?

Jesus felt this thing deeply. He showed it in His words to the one grateful "foreigner" who came back to give Him thanks. "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

That the nine missing men had received a priceless blessing from Christ is indisputable. But Christ was not praised; He was rather wounded by their ingratitude. He wants men to draw near to Him, to touch Him, to let Him be their Friend.

Our Lord desires close fellowship with us, yet how many are long-distance members in the church today! They attend the services of the church, some regularly, yet they are to true worship what men in the bleachers are to a football game. They are spectators—not participants. They pay their respects to Christ Sunday after Sunday. They salute Him at a distance. They name their children after His apostles. But they will not open their doors and let Him into the living room of their lives. They worship Him always from afar. They admire the



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spiritual beauty of His being; but they cannot abide His holy touch.

They would be shocked no end at the lack of decorum on the part of the grateful leper who went back and flung himself without dignity at the feet of Jesus in gratitude for healing. The one thing they can never understand is how anybody can get *excited* over religion!

One wonders how many other persons have experienced the power of God in vain. The dreadful irony of it is that they had been close enough to Christ to receive physical blessing, but not close enough to be saved. To move toward judgment while bearing the benefits of God's mercy is a tragic thing.

The mystery of the missing nine reminds us of the brilliant young German whose graduation thesis at the age of 17 dealt with the wonder of the union of the soul with Christ. It told how this experience gives one spiritual strength to keep His commandments, makes him ready to be buffeted by fate for His sake, edifies him morally, consoles him in sorrow, opens his heart to all things noble and great. The youth who wrote that thesis had been baptized at six, and had attended the church for years. His name was Karl Marx! He came near enough to Christ to obtain His blessings, yet never near enough to make Him Lord.

Despite the negative aspects of the story of the ten lepers, it ends on a note of triumph. One of the ten returned to give thanks for his deliverance. And Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee *whole*!" The others had unfinished blessings; they were healed in part—physically but apparently not spiritually. The tenth man was made physically and spiritually whole.

The inner leprosy is worse than the outer. Physical renewal is not as important as the spiritual. No physical healing can match the miracle of the new birth, and no man is truly whole until his soul is free from sin.

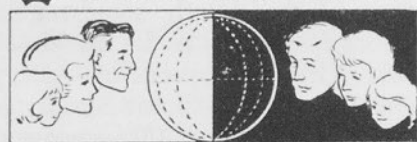
If you feel that Christ's work is unfinished as far as your own life is concerned, take stock of past blessings, and begin to give thanks. Thankfulness for what Christ has already done leads to further blessings.

Remembered...

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The Lord's Return

Sunday School Lesson for November 29, 1964

LUKE 17:22-32; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

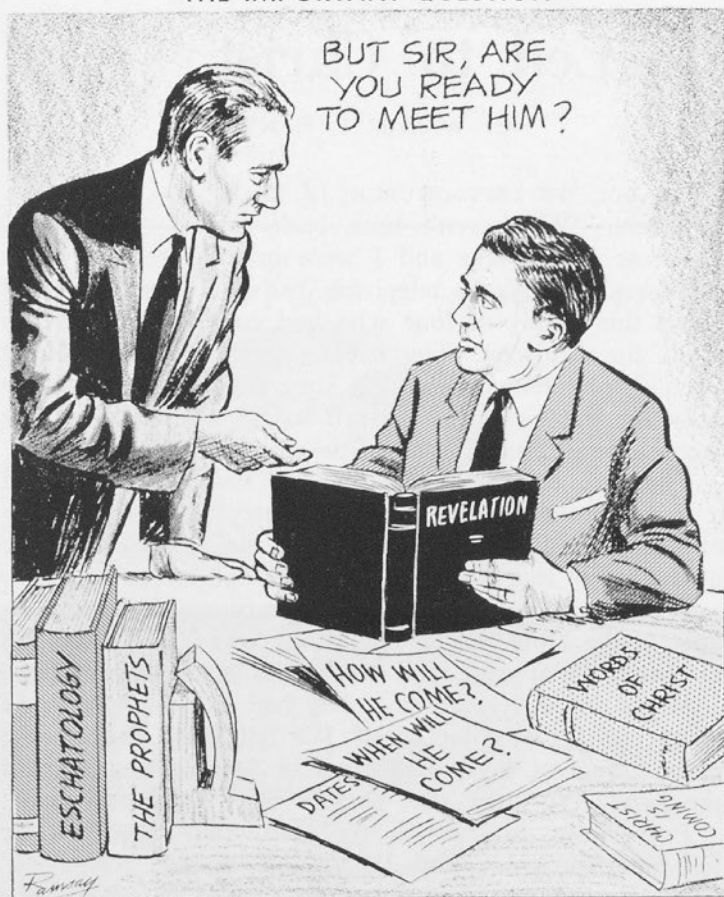
PROPHESED EVENTS (Luke 17:22-25)

Christ's own disciples, like all other Jews, were eager for a Messiah who would immediately break the power of Rome and restore Israel as the leading kingdom of the world—a place it had held in the golden days of David and Solomon. In the verse preceding our text Christ had stated: "The kingdom of God is *within* [among] you" (that is, it is the rule of God in the hearts of men who recognize His lordship and live according to His standards). Thus the "kingdom" consists of something more than that which can be outwardly displayed—it is a spiritual matter!

In verses 22 to 27 Christ pointed out that the literal kingdom would not be set up on earth until certain events had taken place. He said that meanwhile they would desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and would not see it. He went on to say that when He did come to set up His kingdom, His coming would not be secret, but be like the lightning, so evident and universal as to be unmistakable.

"*But first he must suffer.*" Though Christ constantly stressed the fact of His suffering and death—especially toward the close of His ministry—His disciples could not conceive the idea of a suffering Messiah.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION



PREVALENT CONDITIONS (Luke 17:26-32)

The similarity between our times and the times of Noah and Lot surely gives us reason to believe the Lord's coming is near. Genesis 6:5, 11, 12 certainly describes our world today. "Eating and drinking" are not wrong in themselves, but men in Noah's time were overly preoccupied with these things. The age was grossly materialistic and godless.

"*As it was in the days of Lot.*" Lot's time was characterized by unspeakable immorality and sexual perversion. The appalling increase and spread of this in recent years would seem to fulfill Christ's words and thus be a significant sign of the imminence of His return.

"*Remember Lot's wife.*" Christ sounded a note of warning here. A man may be separated from the presence of sin geographically without being separated inwardly. Lot's wife experienced the judgment of God because her heart evidently was still in Sodom. In any case, her disobedience resulted in ruin!

But in both Noah's and Lot's time God's people were delivered from the impending judgment which came upon the ungodly. "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

PROMISED DELIVERANCE (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

From Christ's prophecies concerning His return, we turn to Paul's predictions describing the event.

"*I would not have you to be ignorant concerning them which are asleep.*" Paul's teaching originally was directed to Christians who seemed to feel their departed Christian loved ones would miss Christ's return. He reassured them that those who are living at the time of Christ's return shall not *prevent* [precede] the "saved" dead. On the contrary, such ones shall be the first to rise to meet Him in the air!

"*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout.*" The word *himself* emphasizes the fact the real Person—Jesus Christ—who ascended bodily into heaven shall return! The words *shout*, *voice*, and *trump* have a militant tone, as if to stress the glory and majesty of the King who will come to conquer and set up on earth His glorious millennial kingdom.

"*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.*" The same power which raised Jesus from the dead shall raise the Christian dead and forcibly pick up, snatch from the earth, or—as we are accustomed to say—"rapture" those believers who are living. The meeting in the air then will reunite all the saved, both living and dead, as members of Christ's body to be forever joined with Christ the great Head of the Church.

"*Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.*" It is this fact of Christ's coming, with its attendant consequences, that is the hope of the Christian. While every Christian may hope to live until His coming, let no Christian, when faced with the prospect of death, give up the brightness of the blessed hope; for when Christ comes "the dead in Christ" as well as the living shall experience the blessedness of that event. ◀◀

Personal Evangelism Is God's Method for Filling His Kingdom

BY ARVID KINGSRITER

Pastor, First Bloomington Assembly of God, Minneapolis, Minn.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A SOUL-WINNING EFFORT which turned out to be a soul-thrilling experience. Here is how it happened.

Our church participated in a soul-winning invasion training seminar in Minneapolis last spring. Following the three-day session conducted by a Soul-winning Invasion team sponsored by the national Men's Fellowship, we decided to meet each Tuesday evening and go out in search for souls.

When summer came with vacations and camps a more relaxed attitude toward soul winning resulted. We decided to discontinue the weekly effort and resume in the fall. One of our men felt he wanted to continue visiting through the summer months. He announced, "I will be out next Tuesday night." Tonight was that night!

As the two of us began our search we found a businessman who just seemed to be waiting for someone to lead him to the Lord. The Holy Spirit had been working in his heart before we arrived. While attending the seminar we were told this would happen. It was an exciting experience to show him the way of salvation and to see another soul saved!

The soul-winning invasion training seminar was attended by workers from most of the 34 Assemblies of God in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Many who attended have broken through the "fear barrier," the invasion's term for initial reserve, and are now regularly witnessing for Christ where they live and work.



The Gospel Tabernacle Men's Fellowship, of New Kensington, Pa., Asa C. Martin, pastor, purchased a tape recorder to record the Sunday morning church services. Each Sunday two men take the recorder to the homes of shut-ins or others selected by the pastor and replay the service for them. Through this the men have found a channel for service, and those visited have been given a gospel witness.

One pastor reports that from six to 12 men go out in teams each Monday. This group has reported five converts in one night. Another pastor told me that three new families attended his church last Sunday morning as a result of the previous week's soul-winning efforts.

Most churches designate Monday or Tuesday as *Action* night. Most of the 25 to 40 persons who participate in one Wednesday night soul-winning invasion go directly to church from their places of employment. There they are served a delicious supper by some of the older women of the congregation. Each team receives three visitation assignments. Those who are not prepared for soul-winning conversation drive cars or accompany experienced workers. Teams report back to the church for midweek service and add interest and excitement to the testimony meeting with their visitation reports.

Another pastor who discontinued the weekly visitation for the summer months found his workers asking: "When are we going to get the soul-winning invasion program underway again?"

We are finding that the people who have become involved in soul-winning invasion efforts do not limit their witness to *Action* night. Freely and openly they speak of Christ and His power to save throughout the week. They realize that it is not difficult to lead people to the Lord since they have broken through their "fear barrier." Most of them carry New Testaments in pocket or purse and are ready at all times to witness.

I firmly believe that this personal evangelism ministry is ordained of God to reach men and women before the return of Christ.

Just Waiting to Be Led to Christ

BY WALTER T. HANSON

"YES, SIR, WE LEFT CHURCH 12 YEARS AGO," SAID MR. Gresham. "We haven't been back since."

Pastor Jim Grams and I were in the Gresham home for two reasons. A telephone call had been received about this family of four who had come to Sacramento from the Midwest. The caller, speaking in behalf of friends back home, said that they had never ceased to pray for the Greshams' return to the Lord. Now they were asking Pastor Grams to assist.

The second reason was that we had just completed a soul-winning seminar at the Country Centre Assembly of God and the pastor had placed the Greshams' name at the top of the visitation list. He asked me to join him.

We went to their home praying earnestly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The family was friendly, though obviously ill at ease, and we sensed some unhappiness.

When Mr. Gresham said they had left the church 12 years ago he was not bitter. We felt there was a note of relenting—a slight indication of a tenderness toward the Lord. We knew that prayers were being answered!

Prayerfully, in spite of the distraction of a favorite television program and the sound of the teen-agers' Beatle records, we began relating stories of recent con-



The Greshams and their children, Rodger and Charlene (standing: Pastor Jim Grams)

versions in which we had a part. Memories of other years filled the minds of Mr. and Mrs. Gresham. The Holy Spirit was quietly at work.

After a while the daughter switched off the TV, the son turned off the hi-fi, and both listened attentively to the conversation.

Soon they could resist no longer! How beautiful it was to see the wanderers go to their knees to renew fellowship with the Lord they had turned their backs upon 12 years ago. Then the son and daughter knelt beside them to accept the Saviour. Tears of repentance were followed by tears of joy. The entire family had acknowledged Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Now, several months later, this family of four continues serving God. There is peace and happiness in their home and in their hearts. They are faithful in attending their church.

"To tell you the truth," said Mr. Gresham the other day, "we were really waiting for someone to come and lead us back to Christ!"



TEAMWORK WINS SOULS

God is moving by His Spirit. Four teams went out a week ago and each brought back a victory testimony. Each team had one soul saved; one of them reported two victories. God is working with us in the salvation of souls.

In two weeks we knocked on 5,000 doors during a census of our immediate area, and found 500 prospects. We will continue the soul-winning invasion of our area this fall through the Men's Fellowship. Pray with us as we pray with you for a rich harvest of souls everywhere.

—WARREN HILL, Pastor
Western Avenue Assembly of God
Los Angeles, California

"MAISTLY PRAISE"

Many years ago in Scotland, an elderly man in great physical need came before a Christian doctor. From a human viewpoint his case was absolutely hopeless and he was sent back to his home.

One day when the doctor was in the vicinity he visited the bedridden man. Marks of frugality were everywhere in the home. Three shillings (42 cents) a week was all that kept the elderly gentleman and his wife from starving.

The doctor yearned to help them. "May I pray with you?" he asked. "Yes, doctor, ye may," was the old man's reply. "But doctor, it must be maistly praise."

We are removed from that scene by an ocean, a century, and a host of material blessings. Our lives are lavish by comparison. More than any other people our petitions should be "maistly praise." It is significant though, that even our praise is "maistly petition."

—MARY TREGENZA

One Man's Surplus— Another Man's Living



All over America people complain of being overweight. First the tables groan with food. Later the diners do. "I simply can't push away from the table" is the usual explanation.

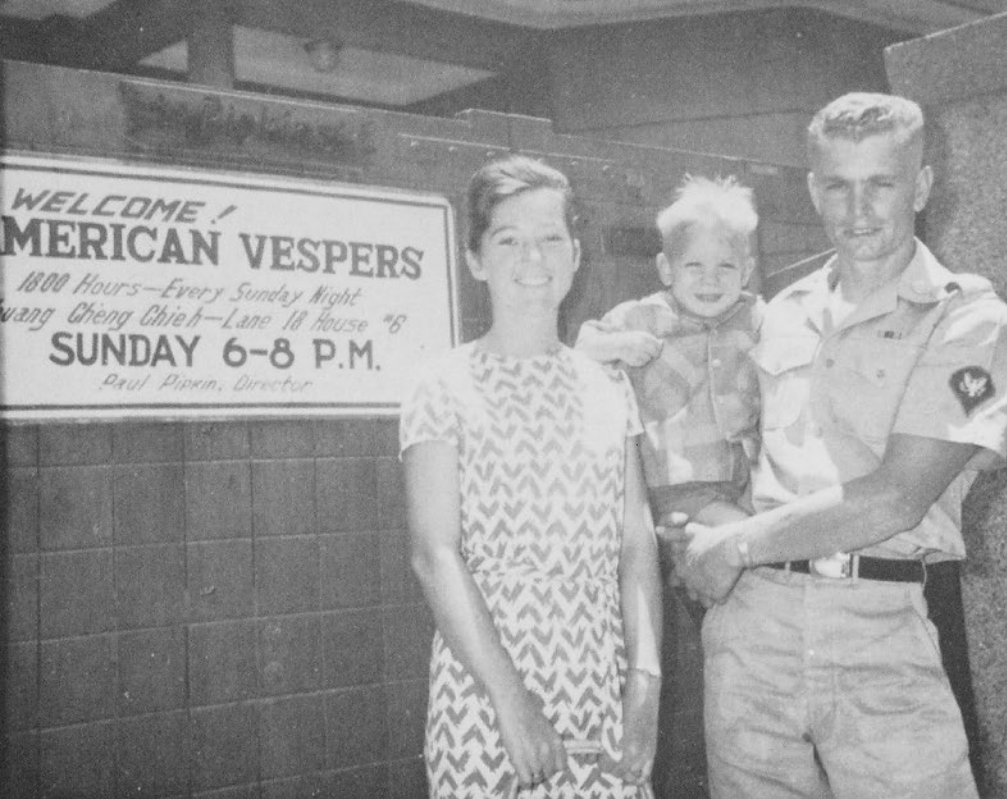
But this is not a problem with the majority of men and women now retired from the ministry. Some of them have difficulty in being able to obtain a minimum amount of food to say nothing of an abundance.

Would the surplus from your table feed one of these pioneer ministers? Is it possible that every day you feed into your garbage disposal enough food to feed a needy human being?

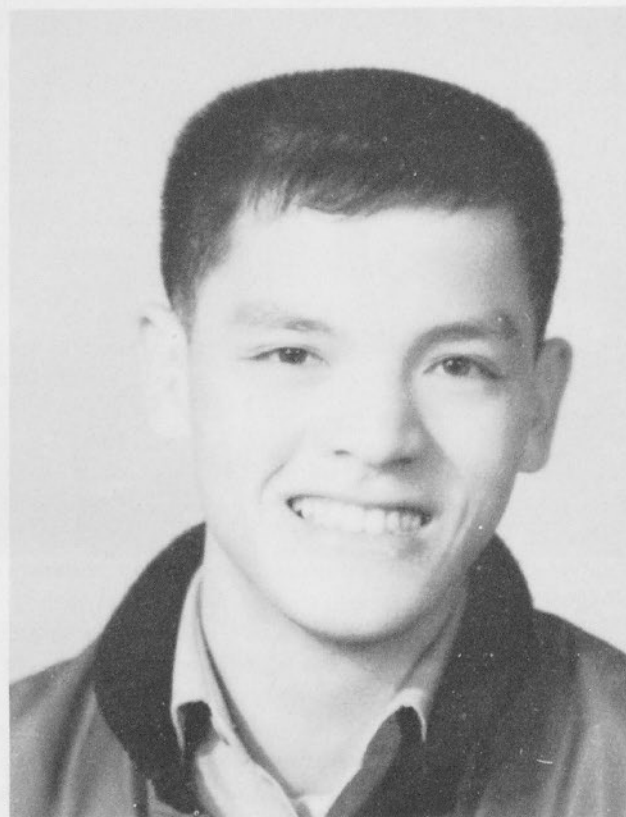
Thanksgiving season is here. Why not cut your grocery list this year to avoid the usual surplus, then give the cash equivalent for the amount you usually discard to the Aged Minister's Thanksgiving Sunday offering?

Remember, one man's surplus could provide another man's living. Give to: Aged Ministers' Assistance, Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

TODAY IS AGED MINISTERS' ASSISTANCE DAY



After two years in Taipei, the Clayton Strohscheims are now in Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.



Roswell, a young Chinese, is a convert won by Clayton.

Servicemen in Taiwan ...

A Challenge and a Blessing

By Paul Pipkin, Director of Evangelism Department, China Assemblies of God in Taiwan

OUR FAMILY CAME TO TAIWAN COMMITTED to Chinese evangelism and to strengthening the churches here. But the 15,000 American servicemen in this Chinese-speaking country offered a surprise challenge—as well as unexpected help in our ministry of Chinese evangelism.

The average serviceman's tour of duty in Taiwan is relatively short. Few stay longer than two years, but when one is far from home and lonely,

two years can be a long time. Thousands of bars and nightclubs program lewd floor shows to attract lonely G.I.'s with time on their hands. Beautiful Chinese girls are hired to stand on the sidewalks to lure boys inside the bars. Even some G.I.'s seem to delight in "initiating" clean, wholesome boys from back home into habits of drink and immorality.

We had neither time nor facilities to run a first-class servicemen's cen-

ter, but something had to be done. We began by inviting G.I.'s and their families into our home for Sunday evening "family altar." Only two or three attended at first, but with their offerings we printed invitation cards for the bulletin boards of some clubs and hotels. We put spot announcements on the radio and ads in the newspaper.

Attendance increased, and now our living room is full each Sunday evening for "American Vespers." The

Tent crusade in Laohsiung attracts overflow crowds.



Eager listeners hear the gospel inside the tent.



group is a cross-section of people from all over the United States. On a typical Sunday evening we had navy Flight Surgeon Kenneth Westbrook and family from Texas; the Paul Gundersons from Minnesota; the Cleve Howards from California; the Joe Durbins from Oklahoma; the Leist family from Texas; and a number of single fellows, most of whom attended Assemblies of God churches in their hometowns.

But these servicemen and their families who seek Christian fellowship are also willing to give and to serve along with us. Offerings in American Vespers totalled \$1,200 last year. They give about \$50 a month to Taiwan evangelistic projects directed by the Department of Evangelism. They sent \$40 to *Revivaltime* on its tenth anniversary in appreciation of the broadcast.

Ken Hagin, an Assemblies of God evangelist's son on military assignment here, is sacrificing to finance weekly gospel broadcasts by Pastor Yang in Kaohsiung City.

Our servicemen make a valuable contribution in other ways too. Paul Gunderson, GI from Minnesota, teaches an English-speaking Sunday school class of Chinese at the Taipei City Center church each week.

Members of American Vespers join the evangelistic team in our radio follow-up crusades. They not only help finance the crusades but attend and give their testimonies. They assisted ably in distributing 50,000 tracts during the crusades in Taichung and Kaohsiung. Several hundred decision cards have been mailed to the office by readers of these tracts.

Our family has a practical reason to be grateful to a thoughtful serviceman. When typhoon Gloria hit Taipei last year, water came into our house and began rising rapidly. John Groves, one of our consecrated G.I.'s, came

over and helped Mrs. Pipkin and me lift our large kitchen appliances off the floor. They were still damaged since the water rose four feet, but John's help prevented a total loss. He had waded chest-deep to reach our house and it was deeper yet when he left.

The Clayton Strohscheims were stationed in Taipei for two years, and were enthusiastic members of our American Vespers. They testified that Christ had been made real and they had found new direction for their lives as a result of the vespers. Clayton, who is now enrolled in Bethany Bible College, spent leisure time witnessing to a Chinese student. As a result, the Chinese boy whom Clayton always called Roswell, was converted in one of our vesper services. Here is his testimony as he wrote it for us on December 23, 1963:

"I came home happily, thankfully, from American Vespers. I knew as I left that it would be seven days before I see you again.

"I had been a Catholic for many years, but very fortunately not long ago I met Mr. Clayton Strohschein. He tried to persuade me faithfully, constantly, to change my mind. After judging carefully the comparison between Christian church and Catholic church I accepted the advice of Mr. Clayton. Now I want to be a real Christian so that I will be on the real way to heaven."

Our limited ministry to the servicemen and the generous help they have given is an interesting facet of our assignment here. We invite pastors and parents of servicemen in Taipei, Taiwan, to encourage them to get in touch with us. Our telephone number is 49302. American Vesper services are held from 6 to 8 p.m. each Sunday evening at Shuang Cheng Chieh—Lane 18, House No. 6, Taipei, Taiwan—and they are welcome. <<



Visitor Ken Hagin (right) is introduced by missionary Paul Pipkin (center) through interpreter Timothy Chang.

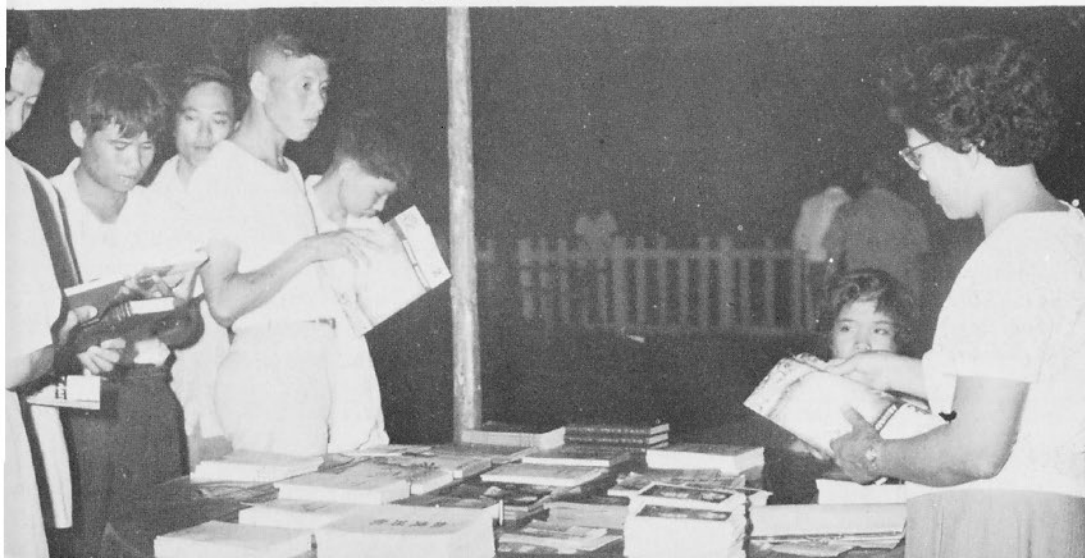


Servicemen's families appreciate spiritual fellowship shared with foreign missionaries.

The Pipkin home is a regular Sunday night meeting-place.



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"Bear ye one another's burdens"

Today—Unite in Prayer With the Revivaltime World Prayermeeting

"Ask in prayer,"

Let your requests

be made known"

-Phil. 4:6

SINCE 1955, RADIO PRAYER MEETINGS have been an important feature of *Revivaltime's* ministry. In a recent broadcast service, *Revivaltime* evangelist C. M. Ward referred to this year's World Prayermeeting and stated, "This is the world's largest organized prayer meeting!"

Organized to bring together a dedicated group of praying believers to present the needs of others before the Throne of Grace, *Revivaltime's* prayer meetings soon became a focal point of hope and anticipation for the needy everywhere. And it is no wonder!

From the start the Holy Spirit set aflame the hearts of listeners around the world. The good news traveled fast and in a few years thousands of persons from every corner of the globe were sending prayer requests to *Revivaltime*. And the faith and determination of *Revivaltime's* radio audience has continued to develop and extend.

Year after year, stirring, heart-warming testimonies of answered prayer have encouraged the growth of the radio prayer meetings. Participation has increased so rapidly that this year we are expecting more than 25,000 prayer requests to be taken before the Lord by nearly 35,000 prayer warriors. And we expect God to answer prayer.

God is willing and eager to meet our needs, if we will only make them known. The theme for this year's World Prayermeeting, "LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN" (Philippians 4:6), is the scriptural

basis for this kind of believing.

We want you to believe that God will meet your need today. He has answered the prayers of thousands each year at the *Revivaltime* Prayermeetings. Now He is ready to help you.

To strengthen your faith and make this year's prayer impact more inspirational to you, we have gleaned from past accounts some of the miraculous results of the radio prayer services. Join us as you read, in praising God for His many answers to prayer during these past 10 years.

On Sunday, January 23, 1955, more than 200 members of the *Revivaltime* studio audience joined hearts and voices in an hour of intercessory prayer for thousands of requests sent by listeners across the nation. As they prayed, those attending the Prayermeeting became aware that God was listening to their petitions, and that something unusual was happening—something wonderful.

In a few days letters began to flood the *Revivaltime* office telling of answered prayer for salvation, healing and deliverance.

"I had been suffering from a lame knee for several weeks," wrote a listener in Santa Cruz, California. "This evening when you prayed for the sick

This year's "anchor" Prayermeeting will be at the Glad Tidings Church, 2410 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver, Washington. Wayne M. Adams will be host pastor.

I held up my right hand. As we prayed I felt the soreness and stiffness go out of my knee, and praise the Lord, when I got up it did not hurt."

A young man from Columbus, Ohio, reported:

"I had been praying for nearly a year for a couple who had wandered from the fold. I listened to your program on the radio, and when you spoke of so many prayer warriors I knew that God was with you. I said, 'Here is where He will break through.'

"I wrote and told them when you would have your Prayermeeting, and during the set time for prayer the husband found God."

As thrilling testimonies continued to pour in, the *Revivaltime* team began to realize that this had been a rare and precious time with the Lord. They decided to organize another Prayermeeting and prayed God would anoint their efforts.

At the second Prayermeeting God once again humbled the hearts of the congregation as He met the needs of scores of listeners. An inmate of the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, wrote:

"I joined you and the *Revivaltime* staff in the hour of special intercessory prayer. I had prayed about 10 minutes when God filled me with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). My cellmate also received an infilling of the Holy Spirit, and we want to thank you and the prayer band."

Reports of miraculous healing and deliverance continued to reach *Revivaltime* until it became evident that God definitely had His hand on the Prayermeetings. More Prayermeetings were scheduled and within a few years they had become worldwide in scope.

As participation increased, church groups across the nation began to shoulder the burden of *Revivaltime*. Men's Fellowship and Women's Missionary Council groups sponsored periodic prayermeetings to ask God's guidance for this radio ministry.

These groups became such ardent supporters of the broadcast that on Mother's Day, 1957, the National WMC's joined *Revivaltime* in sponsoring a great worldwide Prayermeeting.

A woman from Panama City, Florida, who took part in the national prayer service testified, "We felt it not only a duty but also a privilege to join in a Mother's Day Prayermeeting. It made us feel that in a small way we

were having a part in the great ministry of *Revivaltime*. How we felt the presence of the Lord hover over us during the entire service! What a wonderful time of intercessory prayer!"

Soon the Men's Fellowship Department united with *Revivaltime* and the WMC's, and the response has increased to such an extent that today the annual event is the largest organized prayermeeting in the world!

Local prayer groups from all around the world now take part in this great Prayermeeting. Requests are sent to every prayer group that expresses a desire to participate, and each prayer warrior receives a beautiful prayer reminder.

At last year's World Prayermeeting originating from North Hollywood, California, nearly 22,000 requests were taken before the Throne of Grace by 917 local prayer groups. And the results were documented in scores of letters from listeners around the world! Sickness, unemployment, salvation, heartache, discouragement—all of these needs were met by our all-powerful Saviour.

This year, as God continues to bless, we are expecting an even greater response.

If you have a need, or would like to join the thousands of *Revivaltime* prayer warriors in this time of intercessory prayer, listen to the broadcast service tonight, unite with us in the world's largest prayermeeting! Let your requests be made known, pray expecting results, and thank God for victory.

THANKSGIVING HYMNODY

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50 books to his credit. The spirit of thanksgiving was deeply rooted in his life. He was known to stand at the conclusion of a meal to thank the Lord for His bounty. At 16 he wrote: "I do this day in the presence of God and my own soul renew my covenant with God and solemnly determine henceforth to become His and to do His work so far as in me lies." Henry Alford kept that consecration until he died in 1871.

His Thanksgiving hymn, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," expresses thanks to God for the earthly harvest and relates it to God's own harvest in the last stanza:

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;

There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:

Come with all Thine angels, come,

Raise the glorious harvest home.

Twentieth-century hymnology has given many meaningful hymns to the world, but very few of a predominant thanksgiving theme. The ability to thank is a grace that adorns the human spirit. And it is by the grace of God alone that we may bow in humble thanksgiving in the presence of the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

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BY DICK CHAMPION

THANKSGIVING SCRAMBLE

Some words are missing from the Bible verses below. Fill those words in; then put the filled-in words in proper order and you will have another Bible verse. (Answers are below.)

1. "Know ye that the _____, he _____ God: _____ is he that hath made us" (Psalm 100:3).
2. "Make _____ joyful noise _____ the Lord" (Psalm 100:1).
3. "For _____ Lord is _____" (Psalm 100:5).
4. "Is any _____ too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14).
5. "Giving _____ always for all things" (Ephesians 5:28).
6. "There are not found that returned to _____ glory _____ God, save this stranger" (Luke 17:18).

ANSWERS:

1—Lord, is, it; 2—a, unto; 3—the, good; 4—thing; 5—thanks; 6—give, to. These words, when rearranged spell out Psalm 92:11: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."



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Evangelism BREAKTHROUGH



SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—The ministry of Evangelist Ernie Eskelin was a blessing in a two-week crusade at Gospel Tabernacle here. His TV appearance drew large crowds night after night, and scores of people visited the church for the first time. On the closing Sunday morning some 20 came forward to give their hearts to Christ. The all-time Sunday school attendance record was broken.

—*Andrew S. Teuber, Pastor*

DANVILLE, ILL.—All who attended a recent revival at the First Assembly of God here were blessed by the solid scriptural preaching of Evangelist and Mrs. Walter H. Smith of Victoria, Ill. Night after night the presence of the Holy Spirit was in evidence as souls were saved, filled or refilled with the Spirit, and many sick were definitely healed by the power of God.

—*James E. Hyllberg, Pastor*

LEBANON, PA.—The First Assembly of God here was spiritually strengthened in a revival held Sept. 2-16 with Evangelist Fred Diehl accompanied by his daughters Joy and Lee. The evangelist's unusual emphasis on prayer spearheaded a spiritual drive in the church. There was a renewed vision for souls, a growth in attendance, and an increase in intercessory prayer. A special feature of the campaign was a youth choir in which were many children whose parents do not attend the church.

—*J. W. Ferguson, Pastor*

WILMER, ALA. Tarrying services that lasted until 1 a.m. occurred at the Georgetown Assembly of God during a meeting with Evangelist Bobby Jackson. Three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, six were baptized in water, seven joined the church. All five banners of the North Mobile area were held by the church at this time. D. Z. Finch is pastor.



CENTRALIA, WASH.—A delightful musical ministry drew excellent crowds, and an anointed ministry of the Word brought a move of God in a two-week meeting with the Lowell Lundstrom "Message for America" team at the First Assembly of God here. Night after night the unsaved and backsliders were at the altars; and some were refilled with the Holy Spirit. Church people were in earnest prayer each day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition to the "chain of prayer" there were morning prayer meetings at 10 o'clock.

—*Raymond R. Wiley, Pastor*

ST. JAMES, MO.—The fifth meeting in five years with Evangelist Glenna Byard and husband at the Assembly of God here, Sept. 13-27, was the best attended of all. Two were saved, two reclaimed, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two refilled.

—*T. B. Conway, Pastor*

CHAPMANVILLE, W. VA.—A recent "God Save America" crusade conducted by Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord stirred and challenged many people in this community. There were some first-time visitors at the Assembly of God from the denominational churches. The evangelist made an appeal to curb the sale of obscene books and magazines on local newsstands and emphasized the distribution of *The Pentecostal Evangel* and other Christian literature. He also circulated a petition to

obtain a resolution for the recognition of God in the UN and obtained over 1,400 signatures during the crusade.

—*B. E. Hicks, Pastor*

FAIRVIEW, OKLA.—A definite move of the Holy Spirit was experienced at the Midway Assembly of God here in a three-week meeting with Evangelist Paul Etter. It was evident from the first night this was no "ordinary" series of services. Prayer and fasting spelled the difference. Many were saved or reclaimed, and others were filled or refilled with the Spirit. The Lord healed many, including the pastor's son who had rheumatic fever. There is much rejoicing over transformed lives and over Acts 2:13 being reenacted in the altars.

—*J. P. McCamey, Pastor*

DOTHAN, ALA.—Northeast Assembly of God had a great move of God's Spirit during a recent three-week revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. There were 26 saved and 15 filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school had a good increase.

—*W. T. Meadows, Pastor*

COLUMBUS, OHIO—People of all ages were blessed during the youth revival conducted by Evangelist Tommy Wilson of Dallas, Tex., at Fairmoor Assembly of God. There were 27 saved and five baptized in the Holy Spirit. Seven were baptized in water. Six joined the church. Attendance records were broken and interest has continued since the close of Brother Wilson's meetings.

—*Felix D. Coyle, Pastor*



BRAVE, PA.—Forty new contacts were made and 32 young people saved in a youth crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Irving Howard of Mt. Morris, Pa. Sunday school attendance of 177 broke all previous records according to Pastor Alvin F. Bradfield, Jr. Pastor (center) breaks record assisted by evangelists (left), Mrs. Bradfield, and Superintendent C. Headlee.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—The anointed music and sound Bible preaching of the Tanner Evangelistic Team was a blessing to the Assembly of God here. The consistent attendance during the meeting was the best in 12 years.

—*Martin E. Gerdes, Pastor*

MONTICELLO, MINN.—Each service was different as the Holy Spirit moved in a recent meeting with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn., at the Assembly of God here. The attendance was excellent. A good number were saved and backsliders returned to Christ.

—*Omer V. Kallevig, Pastor*

BALTIMORE, MD.—The Giannattasio Evangelistic Team of Fairfield, Conn., led a two-week revival at the Assembly of God here. The blessing of God rested upon each service. Several were saved, others reclaimed, and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit or refilled.

—*O. G. Coulson, Pastor*

SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.—The First Assembly of God here was blessed and faith was built in the hearts of the saints by the timely preaching of Evangelist John H. Bostrom of San Gabriel, Calif. God met with the people in a marked way in each service.

—*O. R. Ball, Pastor*



Preparing to operate on a seven-foot loaf of bread at the "Kids' Crusade" are Pastor Richard Bergstrom in cowboy attire, Mrs. Bergstrom, and Robert J. Lundstrom who conducted the crusade. The ladies are holding one of the three-foot candy bar awards.

TAUNTON, MASS.—Over 300 boys and girls attended the First Assembly of God for the first time and total registration topped 900 in the recent Kids' Crusade conducted by "Uncle Bob" Lundstrom (Pastor Robert J. Lundstrom) of Salem, N. J. Pastors Richard and Sara Bergstrom report that this was the most successful soul-reaching effort since they came to this city.

The altars were filled with boys and girls night after night. On the closing Sunday following the campaign two teen-agers were baptized with the Spirit and the Sunday school reached an all-time high.

Brother Lundstrom's presentation of the gospel was most effective. It was estimated that 90

per cent of the boys and girls who attended were from Roman Catholic homes, and one of these emerged as Scripture scramble champion of the crusade.

A seven-foot loaf of bread was prepared for the climaxing service on Friday night. Over 234 present partook of the bread and were given a specially prepared "Bread of Life Gospel of John."

Previous to the Kids' Crusade two large housing areas had been closed to door-to-door visitation. They have now been opened to the ministry of the church and a number are already attending Sunday school and Royal Rangers.

—Pastors Richard & Sara Bergstrom

LAKE ALFRED, FLA.—The "God Save America" crusade conducted here this summer by Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord had outstanding success. Each evening the altar was filled with persons seeking the Lord. In one service six denominations were represented, and on the closing night the First Methodist Church called off its midweek service to attend the Lake Alfred Assembly of God.

A "talking" mule, an illustration of Numbers 22 and 28, was a great attraction to children who were offered a ride on "Mule" as an attendance award. A young boy from a Baptist home was saved and numbers of Christians were stirred by the ministry of the evangelists. The youthful Strickland trio sang often during the crusade.

The evangelist organized the young people of the church for distribution of gospel literature including *The Pentecostal Evangel*. —Henry W. Killingsworth, Pastor

MILWAUKIE, OREG.—One hundred sixty children enrolled for a six-day children's crusade conducted by Hervel Hensley and his dummy "Chuck" at First Assembly of God here. Many new contacts were made and at least 20 new members are enrolled in the Sunday school as a result of the crusade. Attendance has nearly doubled during the past year, due largely to the ministry of several visiting evangelists.

—Bennie R. Harris, Pastor

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—The Paul Olson Evangelistic Team of Minneapolis, Minn., recently concluded an evangelistic crusade at the Bethany Assembly of God here. The inspiring singing of the team and the anointed ministry of the Word stirred the church and community afresh. God blessed in an usual way with scores of souls seeking Christ about the church altars. There were dozens of first-time attendants during the two-week crusade.

—David W. Flower, Pastor

SALEM ASSEMBLY OF GOD PRAISES GOD FOR VICTORIES

SALEM, N. J.—Surrounded by three acres of land and estimated to be worth \$175,000, the new First Assembly of God and adjacent nine-room parsonage stand today as a tribute to the goodness of God and the untiring faith of a united congregation.

In October, 1961, the beautiful church on Highway 45 was only a dream and the building fund balance was \$50. But God was working. A revival lasting nine months with adults, college students and teen-agers being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost resulted in 35 new members being added to the church. (Evangelist Oren Paris ministered for three weeks during this period.) The C. A. group tripled in size. In two years' time the building fund grew to \$50,000.

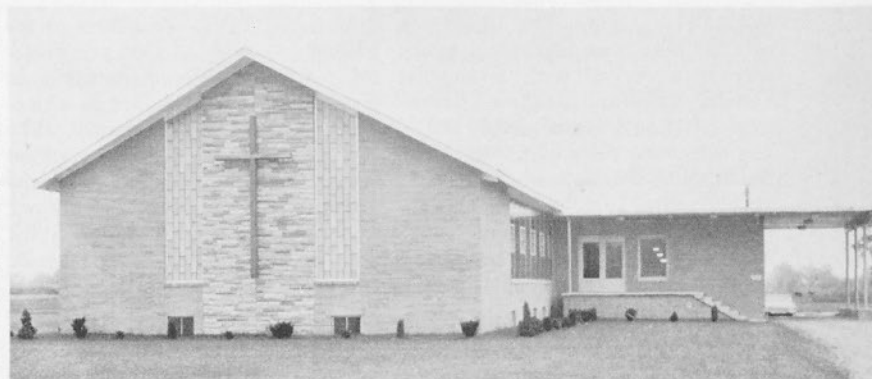
Robert J. Lundstrom was called to the Salem pulpit in 1958. Previous to this the congregation had been reduced several times. On two occasions large portions of the membership transferred to new churches in neighboring towns (Pennsville and Pennsgrove). Just prior to Brother Lundstrom's coming half the remaining members were led into a schismatic situation which left the church decimated and discouraged. For over two years Pastor Lundstrom and the small congregation carried on

without seeing any appreciable growth. Then God rewarded their faithfulness with the nine-month revival during which period there was a tripling of membership, Sunday school attendance, and income.

The 34-year-old church has been blessed with many fine pastors. The wooden frame building erected in 1938 continued to be the place of worship until 1963 when the new sanctuary was dedicated. The new building 80 by 40 feet has an auditorium with balcony to seat 350. The tan brick exterior has touches of stone and various colors of translucent fiberglass to add beauty by day, and a neon cross which makes it visible at night from a great distance. Thousands of hours of labor donated by the men of the church resulted in a current indebtedness of only \$40,000.

This church organized one of the first Men's Fellowship groups in the nation. The men organized the first Royal Ranger outpost in New Jersey. Pastor Lundstrom serves as District Commander of the boys' organization.

Richard J. Bergstrom, executive presbyter, was guest speaker at the church dedication. Frederick D. Eide, New Jersey district superintendent, voiced the dedicatory charge and prayer.





SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Pastor and Mrs. Philip H. Hawtin have completed 20 years of faithful ministry at Central Assembly of God here. As a tribute of love and gratefulness, keys for a new white Volkswagen were handed to them with other gifts when they were honored at a reception and dinner to commemorate the occasion.

L. E. Halvorson, superintendent of the Southern California District, spoke in the Sunday morning anniversary services and Evangelist Watson Argue was the evening speaker. During the tributes of the day, it was recalled that only 10 years ago Pastor Hawtin preached his first sermon in the beautiful sanctuary in the heart of this city overlooking the Pacific

Ocean. It is conservatively estimated that the present value of the property is between \$150,000 and \$175,000. In recent years Central Assembly has ranked among the top 10 Southern California churches in per capita giving for missions.

A three-tiered anniversary cake crested with a tiny church graced the reception held in the church's educational building. Congratulatory messages to Pastor and Mrs. Hawtin were received from many parts of the country.

On occasions such as this, marking the end of one era and the beginning of another, hearts are filled with thankfulness for what God hath wrought.

—Ruth Parker, Sec'y-Treas.

WINONA, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed in every way in a revival with Evangelist Delmar Blase and family of Staunton, Ill. Souls were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance, which was averaging 86, reached 117. Plans are being made to build a new church on Highway 19 in the city limits in the near future.

—D. E. Roderman, Pastor

DALLAS, TEX.—Members of the Lisbon Assembly of God are grateful for the anointed ministry of Evangelist Tommy Lance in a two-week revival here recently. The Holy Spirit was pleased to anoint both preaching and singing to the salvation of 18 souls. Twenty-one were filled with the Holy Spirit and 15 were baptized at a lakeside baptismal service at the close of the meeting.

—H. L. Hallmark, Pastor

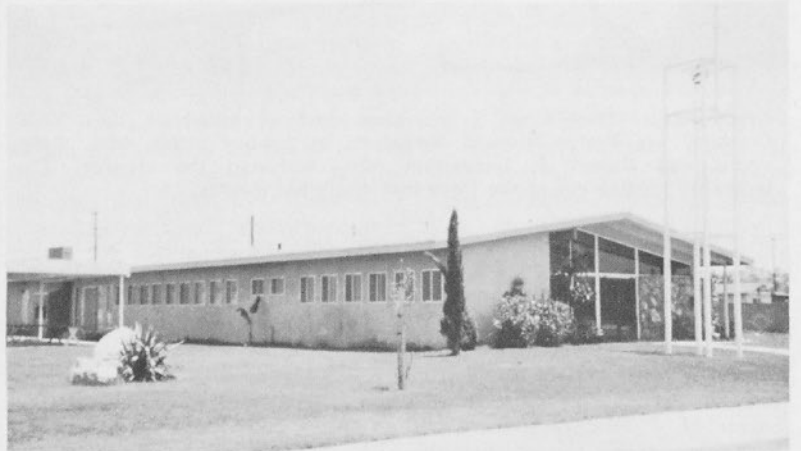
BETHANY CHAPEL DEDICATES ADDITION ON 7TH ANNIVERSARY

EL RIO, CALIF.—On June 7 Bethany Chapel (Assemblies of God) celebrated its seventh anniversary by dedicating an addition to its fine church building. Guest speakers were Dr. C. E. Britton, pastor in Alhambra, Calif., and T. C. Cunningham, assistant superintendent of the Southern California District.

Bethany Chapel was founded in June, 1957, by J. Charles McIn-

Continued increase in attendance made it necessary to build an addition to the church this year. Plans for the addition were designed and drawn by the pastor's son Richard, a junior architect who attends Ventura College. The new unit includes five classrooms, large all-purpose fellowship hall, covered patio, and outside baptistry.

Sunday school classes that had been meeting in a house trailer



tosh, who continues to serve as pastor. He recalls that seven people met that day after seven years of prayer, the pastor and his wife and five children.

By June, 1961, the congregation which originally met in a store building moved into its own beautiful chapel. Located on a 1½-acre site in the heart of beautiful Ventura County, the chapel was built from the Evangel plan designed by the church architectural planning division of the Home Missions Department.

Since the second month of its existence, Bethany Chapel has supported foreign missions and has contributed to several home missions projects. Already the second unit has been paid for with no additional indebtedness.



Pastor and Mrs. J. Charles McIntosh pictured beneath Bethany Chapel, El Rio, Calif.

have been moved into the building which now contains 4,900 square feet of floor space in both units.

The church property runs through from street to street, with



YAKIMA VALLEY, WASH.—Ideal weather and an unusual spiritual climate made this year's Yakima Valley camp meeting at the Central Washington Fairgrounds, July 22-August 5, one of the best camps ever held here. Evangelist Watson Argue spoke to crowds that increased nightly to overflow proportions. In one service alone 55 sought salvation.

R. J. Carlson and C. E. Butterfield ministered in the afternoon services and ministers institute. The contribution of many Northwest District missionaries was colorful and challenging. The camp budget was amply met.

—C. L. Hobson, camp chairman

plenty of parking area and easy access from both streets. The main entrance faces a modern elementary school.

A spirit of revival prevails in all the church activities. Visitors remark on the sweetness of the Lord's presence among the believers and the warmth of fellowship they find.

Pastor McIntosh says, "We thank God for a truly Pentecostal church."

—J. Charles McIntosh, Pastor

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PORTSMOUTH, VA.—The power of the Holy Spirit moved in every service of a two-week meeting with the Clark-Peterson Party of York, Pa. Eight or more were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints "lifted up into heavenly places." There were some definite healings, including two cases of deafness, each in one ear.

—Homer Peterson, Jr., Pastor

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PETERSBURG, W. VA.—The Lord has been blessing the people at Faith Assembly of God here. Recently in a three-week revival



Clark-Peterson Evangelistic Party of York, Pa.

with Evangelists Dave and Mona Lewis, a number sought salvation and many new contacts were made. The services were well attended. The Sunday school record of 177 was broken with an attendance of 251. About five years ago, while pastoring a nearby church, the evangelist pioneered this work. Since then it has progressed and is now in an extensive building



Pastor Smith and Evangelist Lewis in front of unique rear projection screen used by evangelist.

program to enlarge the present auditorium and to provide an educational wing.

—R. D. Smith, Pastor

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LEWISTOWN, MONT.—Souls sought God at the altars and Christians were challenged to

spread the news of salvation to this needy area during a four-week revival with Evangelists Walter and Ruth Lascelle at the Assembly of God here.

—Thomas F. Johnston, Pastor

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RIPON, CALIF.—Good Tidings Assembly here recently enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist Dorothy Foster. Several were saved and some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, including a lady 78 years of age. Two outstanding healings took place.

—Grover Birmingham, Pastor

WITH CHRIST

ALVIN L. GILPIN, 59, of Ola, Ark., was called into the presence of the Lord September 12, 1964. Brother Gilpin served as an evangelist in Arkansas, establishing churches and Sunday schools in that state before moving to Oklahoma in 1940. He was ordained by the Oklahoma District in 1944 and moved back to Arkansas in 1956. Places where he pastored included Howe and Panama, Okla., and Plainview, Ola, and Casa, Ark. He is survived by his wife, Vay, three children and two grandchildren.

C. W. SAWYER, 68, of Westville, Fla., went to his eternal reward September 20. Brother Sawyer was licensed with the West Florida District in 1938. He held pastorates in Samson, Alabama; Cedar Springs, Reedy, Whitewater, Liberty, Westville, and Bruce, Florida. He is survived by his wife Viola.

KONSTANTIN PIESCECKI, 63, of Los Angeles, Calif., was called into the presence of the Lord September 26. Brother Piescecki was ordained by the Southern California District last February. He is survived by his wife Maria.

GLENDIA MAY PRICE, 46, of Hessler, Ky., went to her eternal reward September 4. Sister Price was ordained by the Kentucky District in 1962. She was a faithful pastor's wife and also served as copastor and evangelist. Survivors include her husband, Pastor D. M. Price, and four children, including Nathan who is assisting in missionary work on the Apache Indian Reservation in White River, Ariz., and Mrs. Marna Hillard, also a missionary in White River.

ANNOUNCEMENT

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT Christ's Ambassadors Convention will convene in Marianna, Fla., November 25, 26. Convention speaker is Evangelist Ernie Eskelin.—Houston Miles, district C. A. president.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Phoenix	Alonza	Nov. 25	Quentin Edwards	E. E. Franks
Ark.	McCrory	Pumpkin Bend	Nov. 23-Dec. 6	Leonard Negrin	John W. Hiron
Calif.	Artesia	A/G	Nov. 17-29	E. T. Quanabush	Raymond DeVito
	Colton	A/G	Nov. 22	Tommy & Darlene Beard	Oscar Capers
	Maywood	Evangel	Nov. 22-29	Doug Payne	Ronald Lev
	San Luis Obispo	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 13	Gary Archer	E. L. Kopper
	Sonora	A/G	Nov. 24-29	Stanley MacPherson	Donald Throne
	South Gate	** Bethany Chapel	Nov. 27-29	Gene Burgess	Watson Argue Jr.
	Woodland	Full Gospel	Nov. 17-29	W. Price Rutledge	R. A. Wilson Jr.
Fla.	Eagle Lake	First	Nov. 27-Dec. 13	H. Syvelle Phillips	Carnell Bruce
	Tampa	Egypt Lake	Nov. 22-29	Gladys Voight	M. E. Dilly
Hawaii	Honolulu	First	Nov. 27	Tommy Barnett	Eldon Vincent
Idaho	Shoshone	A/G	Nov. 24	Ted & Hazel Silva	John E. Shaw
Ind.	Anderson	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 6	Bob McCutchen	Robert R. Bayless
	Michigan City	A/G	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Arthur & Anna Berg	Stewart H. Robinson
	Shelburn	Shiloh	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Ralph & Faith Leslie	William A. VanWinkle
Iowa	Clinton	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Bill & Naomi Hayes	C. E. Thompson
Ky.	Owensburg	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	I. D. Rayborn	Raymond Clark
Md.	Havre de Grace	First	Nov. 25-Dec. 6	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	John Pittam
Mich.	East Tawas	A/G	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Duane M. Wessman	George Krish
Mo.	Cape Girardeau	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 6	Musical Vanderploegs	George Westlake
Mont.	Bozeman	First	Nov. 22-27	Roy & Arlene Brewer	W. A. Redmond
	Shelby	A/G	Nov. 24—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	E. M. Trygg
Nebr.	Walthill	A/G	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Oren & Inez Paris	Henry F. Stiles
Okla.	Graham	A/G	Nov. 22	Al Davis	Hirshel Baker
Ohio	Ashtabula	First	Nov. 22	Chester Freede	E. L. Hughes
Oreg.	Salem	Southside	Nov. 22	John Irish Smith	J. R. Deal
Pa.	Connellsville	Calvary	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	William Caldwell	E. J. Hatchner
	Punxsutawney	Pent. Tab.	Nov. 24-29	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	L. W. Wiley
Tenn.	Covington	First	Nov. 22-Dec. 6	Wilburn H. Fisher	Howard H. Jones
Tex.	Dallas	Piedmont	Nov. 22	Don R. Logan	Jack Pruitt
Va.	Richmond	Evangel	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Puffer & Harden Team	S. Blair Hall
	Tazewell	Four-way	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Stan & Marilyn Morris	H. D. Hampton
Wis.	Stevens Point	A/G	Nov. 24-Dec. 6	Darryl & Kathy Olson	M. E. Schroeder
Wyo.	Powell	Glad Tidings	Nov. 22	T. L. Brooks	Larry Savage
Man.	Winnipeg	Calvary Temple	Nov. 22-Dec. 13	W. Clifford Nelson	H. H. Barber
Ont.	Fort Erie	Bethel Tab.	Nov. 22-Dec. 6	A. Kudra Team	G. B. Richmond
	Toronto	Evangel Temple	Nov. 22-Dec. 6	Eddie Wilson	L. Price, H. Smith
	Toronto	Christian Mission	Nov. 22	Ernest & Lolita Varner	M. W. Derkatch

** Youth Revival

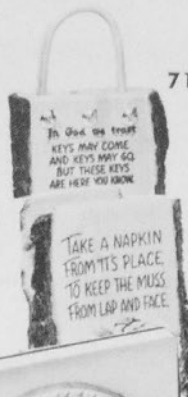
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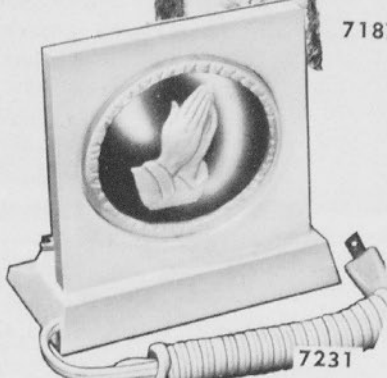


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Glistening white plastic frame and sparkling clear plastic bubble with "Head of Christ" and "Praying Hands" on either side. The molded figures are attractively displayed against a rich blue background. Pen is also white. 17 EV 7220 \$1.95

MAGNETIC RULER WITH PEN.

Finely textured genuine walnut wood ruler has a beautiful satin finish with brass edges. The top quality ball pen attaches to the face of the ruler with a concealed magnet. Gift boxed. 17 EV 7224 \$1.25

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Handy mechanical pencil, topped with a phosphorescent dialing piece which glows in the dark, is attached to metal clip holder by 18" gold metal "kinkless" chain. 17 EV 7463 \$1.00

"GOLDEN RULE" DESK MEMO HOLDER.

Attractive, useful accessory for the desk made of black plastic. Holds 100 sheets of 3" x 5" memo paper. Golden Rule printed in black on gold-tone plaque. Complete with paper. Boxed. 17 EV 7223 \$.59

MAGNETIC DESK CROSS.

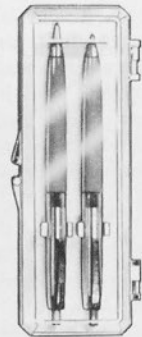
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BALL POINT PEN AND PENCIL SET.

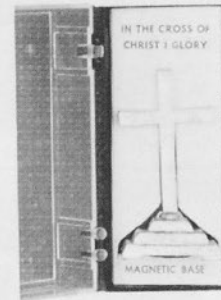
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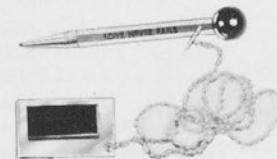
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TIE BAR AND CUFF LINK SET.

This beautiful three-piece set, each gold-finish piece bearing a cross engraved within a circle, makes an ideal gift. Complete with handsome plastic case. 15 EV 7038 \$1.95

"Praying Hands" TIE BAR & CUFF LINK SET.

An attractive set made of exquisite high-fashion rhodium (silver) finish. Individually boxed in plastic gift box. 15 EV 7047 \$1.95

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Another attractive gift idea in the popular "Praying Hands" design. It is ¾" high and packaged in plastic box. 15 EV 6980 \$.75



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"PRAYING HANDS" TIE BAR.

A ¾-inch alligator grip tie bar just right for men and boys. Also silver finish. Plastic gift box. 15 EV 6939 \$.75

"PRAYING HANDS" PIN.

Same size and design as Tie Tac, but with safety clasp pin. 15 EV 6981 \$.75

"Christ My King" TIE BAR & CUFF LINK SET.

A handsome gold set, each piece with the imprint of a crown. Packaged in plastic box. 15 EV 6969 \$1.25

"JESUS SAVES" PIN.

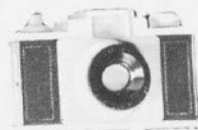
This exquisitely fashioned gold finish pin with safety catch makes a splendid gift. Gift boxed. 15 EV 7012 \$.50

Gift Ideas

Season mean much more



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"QUIKOIN" COIN HOLDER.

Easy-to-use, convenient coin holder made of soft, rubber-like plastic. Opens easily with one hand. Head of Christ and Scripture text in white on back.

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Look through the viewer! Click the button! See 8 full-color paintings from the Nativity through the Flight into Egypt. Two-color plastic television set. 2 15/16 x 1 11/16 inches.

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Fascinating gift for children. They see 18 different pictures on the "Birth of Jesus"—all in full color. Sturdy plastic viewer, 2 x 1 1/4 inches.

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Excellent for small gifts and awards to help keep Christ in the child's Christmas. Made of lightweight plastic with colorful figures attached. Boxed. Size: 3 1/2 x 1 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches.

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ANIMATED TEN COMMANDMENTS BOOKMARK.

An unusual bookmark with text and a beautiful full-color illustration on each link that are alternately visible by tilting the bookmark from side to side. Gold colored, 10 1/2 inches long, boxed.

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Each of these gold finished metal discs is stamped with copy from the poem "What God Hath Promised."

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"BOOKS OF THE BIBLE" BOOKMARK.

Attractive scroll-shaped gold plated medallions linked together with a clip at the top for fastening to the book. Length—9 3/8 inches.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS BOOKMARK.

Ten shiny gold-plated disks, each one stamped with one of the Commandments. Clip at top for fastening to the book.

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"PRAYING HANDS" BOOKMARK.

A 1-inch diameter gold medallion with gold-embossed "Praying Hands" in the center of rich looking simulated pearl disc attached to clip with gold metal links. Boxed.

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C. A. PIN.

A neat oval pin with the official C. A. emblem in blue, white and gold. Pin has safety clasp.

15 EV 6995 \$1.25

C. A. TIE CLASP.

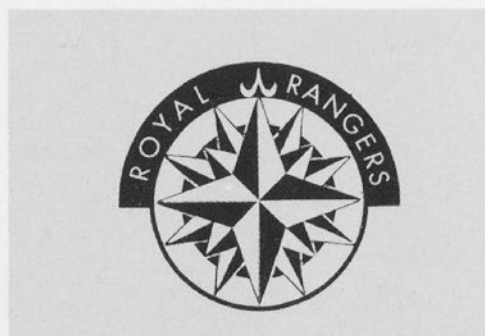
This distinctive gold-plated clasp, with C. A. emblem in blue, white and gold, makes an ideal gift for young men in C.A.s.

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C. A. CUFF LINKS.

Official C. A. emblem on beautiful gold-plated cuff links designed to match C. A. Tie Clasp. Excellent gift for C. A. leader.

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ROYAL RANGER CUFF LINKS.

Distinctive gold finish cuff links with blue, red, white, and gold R.R. emblem.

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Smart gold alligator grip tie bar with official MF emblem in red and gold.

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Thanksgiving is Appropriation

By Hong C. Sit



LET'S TAKE A TIP FROM ANCIENT CHINESE CUSTOM. Observe Mr. Wong taking leave of Elder Lee.

The elder proffers a neatly wrapped gift once again. "This is such a small thing, indeed, a disgrace to present. . . ."

"I am not worthy."

"You must give face to your elder and please accept."

"But, sir, you need not do this."

"Do favor me with your gracious acceptance!"

"You are most kind. Thank you, thank you!"

Finally, without so much as a side glance at the gift for fear of any appearance of vulgar covetousness, Mr. Wong bows his leave with the embattled treasure in hand.

Years of experience in human relations have taught the Oriental to avoid embarrassing situations. If Elder Lee was merely offering the gift out of a feeling of social necessity, his friend gave him every opportunity to withdraw with good grace. Again, if Mr. Wong really desired the gift, he could accept without embarrassment. But the result of such niceties is that neither the giver nor the recipient is sure whether the transaction is concluded—until the latter says, "Thank you!"

"Thank you"—words so commonly bantered that they almost lose their significance—are the key words of *appropriation*.

Too many of us are standing on ceremonial politeness with God. The gifts and promises of God appear too good to be true. Or could it be that we are not sure God is sincerely offering something?

God is not a man that He should lie. In Christ, the promises of God are "Yea" and "Amen." God is no miser. He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

Yes, "all things are yours" (1 Corinthians 3:21). But

it is one thing to hold the title only, and another to claim possession. To claim a gift is simply to take it from the giver and seal the transaction with an irrevocable "Thank you!"

Are you uncertain of your soul's salvation? Then just take God at His Word and say, "Thank You, Lord, for giving me everlasting life through Your Son. I take it on Your *bona fide* offer that 'whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

Are you burdened by multitudes of troubles or material needs? Appropriate His all-sufficient grace which He has promised: "Thank You, Lord, Your grace is sufficient for me. I cast my cares upon You, and thank You for the rest you offer those who come to You according to Matthew 11:28."

Does your body need healing? By faith, thank Him for His healing grace and power: "Lord, I thank You that Jesus Christ is 'the same, yesterday, and today, and forever!'" And as with the 10 lepers who received healing while on the way to show themselves to the priest and to make their offerings, you may find that God has done a healing work in you according to your faith—faith demonstrated by your offering of thanksgiving.

So with the numerous other wonderful promises in God's Word. To give thanks can be more than an expression of gratitude. It should be the victorious fulfillment of the promises of God.

One other lesson we can learn from Mr. Wong. It is a breach of Chinese etiquette for one to open a gift or admire it immediately in the presence of the giver. Neither must we, despite the magnitude of God's gifts, allow them to distract us from the Giver. It is not the blessing but the Blessor we adore.

Christ gave Himself for us, and He is all we need. "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

