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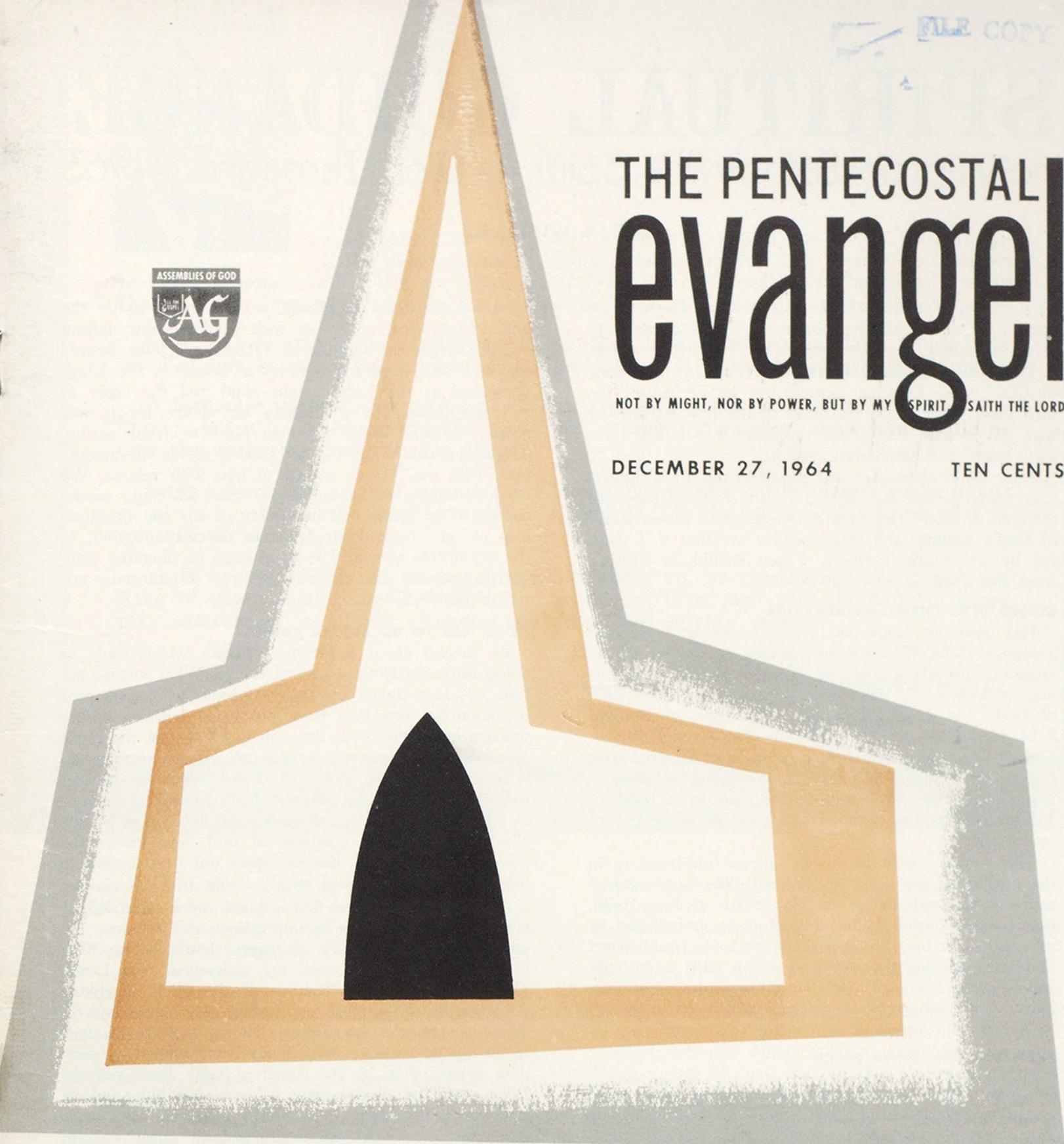


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# SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

How to be Led by the Spirit of God Throughout 1965

By E. S. WILLIAMS

FEW THINGS ARE OF GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN GUIDANCE, and almost all the people of God are eager to learn how they may be guided by His Holy Spirit.

To begin with, he who would be "led by the Spirit of God" must examine himself lest he be led of his own spirit. One of the warnings of the prophet Ezekiel was, "Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing."

After my conversion I was puzzled over the scripture, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). I heard others speak of God's leading, and it seemed to me that if I were led by the Spirit, certainly I too should be hearing from the Lord.

## GUIDED INTO CHRISTLIKE BEHAVIOR

Just when my heart was greatly troubled, I received a copy of John Wesley's commentary on the New Testament. Earnestly I went to its pages to see what this man of God would say about being "led by the Spirit of God." As I turned to his explanation of Romans 8:14, I read, ". . . led into all holy tempers and dispositions." What blessed relief came to my heart! I saw that divine guidance is more than receiving impressions—it is guidance into righteousness and true holiness. To be thus guided is better by far than to be guided by impulses.

The primary field of inward divine guidance is in the interest of the good of the soul. The Spirit guides to honesty, truthfulness, manifestations of love, faith, holiness, and peace. When any of these are marred or intruded upon by their opposites, the soul should detect that there are impulses at work which need to be subjected to the Spirit of God. They may spring from our inner nature or from suggestions which Satan brings to our mind.

## PRESERVING AN INNER PEACE

God works in an atmosphere of calm, not of excitement. Guidance from God permits the mind to work quietly and calmly. "He that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16). For example, a man may contemplate buying a home. If he is urged to excited haste, or finds impulses of pride and vanity, or a greed to secure the property before another can step in and take it, it would be well for him to take the matter to God, search his heart, and wait until the spirit is calmed and proper consideration can be given to all aspects of the situation. God says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

## FREE FROM SELFISH DESIRES

He who would be guided by the Spirit must be dedicated to the will of God. This is not always easy, especially for those of an ambitious nature, but there

must be a crucifixion of self, a willingness to do the will of God whether or not such would be our natural choice. When the mother of James and John desired that her sons be granted places of honor in the Kingdom, one at the Lord's right hand and the other at His left, Jesus did not satisfy her desire for it was entirely selfish. When the man came to Jesus saying, "Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me," Jesus turned to him with rebuke. We need to return to old-fashioned, heart-searching consecration. The Spirit will not guide us for the gratification of self. Instead He leads in the way of God, to the crucifixion of self. The mind must be liberated from selfish interests that it may be free to entertain unselfish desires.

## NEVER LED TO DO ABSURD THINGS

Be careful about following guidance which leads to doing unreasonable and absurd things. What unwise action has been taken by sincere people who, prompted by emotional impulses, have proceeded without proper thought and their deeds have operated against the cause of Christ. God does not usually ask His children to do unreasonable things. While the fleece which we lay before the Lord may be different from Gideon's, we have as much right to prove our goings step by step as he had (Judges 6:39). The goodness of God, who knows the sincerity of the heart, has led many out from impulsive behavior into a place of steady living in God.

And this reminds us that we are more often led of God unconsciously than by impressions and impulses. He who loves God with all his heart should believe that "the steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord" (Psalm 37:23). Some people talk too glibly of divine guidance, as if it were something very commonplace. These people who are always claiming to have leadings to do this or that are more likely being guided by their own desires than by the Spirit of God. Does not the Bible say, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"? (Proverbs 3:6). He who seeks guidance from God must "walk by faith" and "walk in faith." All the honest seeker after the will of God needs is to watch that his choices are free from self-interest, and that the will of God is his highest desire.

## COMPARING SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE

Test all impressions by the Word of God. God does not lead anyone to go against the Scriptures. It is important for us to know the tenor of the Word of God, and to keep it in mind rather than to seek guidance from isolated verses or portions of Scripture out of context. The enemy quoted scriptures to Jesus which, taken alone, would have indicated a course of action wholly out of harmony with God's plan. And he will try the



# A New Year's Greeting

In behalf of the executive presbytery and the entire staff in all the departments at headquarters, I extend our sincere best wishes to every *Evangel* reader. We are most grateful for your fellowship in the gospel during the year that is past. We praise God for your unswerving loyalty to His Church.

Many expressions of good will have come to us during these special days, which have warmed our hearts. Your understanding and prayerful support means much to us.

A new year stretches out before us. What joys or sorrows it may hold none of us knows; but it is our hearts' cry that our Lord, strong and mighty, shall lead all of us over the uncharted way that lies ahead.

Satan's forces are arrayed against the Church, but as our battle against sin is intensified the Lord of Hosts shall be with us. Therefore, "In the name of our Lord we will set up our banners."

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." May our hearts be "lifted up" that the King of glory may enter anew in all His splendor and glory and mighty power!

*Don. J. Zimmerman*  
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same thing with us. We need to compare scripture with scripture in determining God's will. When we hear people say, "But God told me to," as to something that is in violation of the Scriptures, we may be sure such persons were misdirected.

Also God usually works in harmony with the laws of the mind, and one of the faculties of the mind is judgment. The mind is led to deep, solemn searchings. The soul pauses, reflects, inquires, and studies the Word, then watches the providences of God. Impressions to be questioned are those which are hasty and violent. Such give no consideration to obstacles and how to meet them, nor to providences which open the way. They prompt the person impressed to rush blindly. Wrong impressions lead to disappointment which is likely to show itself in fretfulness and discontent rather than in that beautiful submission which says to God, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."

## CULTIVATING A SANCTIFIED INTELLECT

In closing I would quote from the writing of Dr. Upham. "Spirituality," he said, "has much to fear from not accurately distinguishing natural and Satanic impulses from true movings of the Holy Spirit upon the heart. Many, who ran well for a time, but who afterwards

yielded themselves to impulsive influences which were not from the Spirit of God, have wandered into perplexed and divergent paths, to the injury of the cause of holiness and of their own souls. And we would remark here, that the most interesting and satisfactory illustrations of holy living which have come under our notice are the cases of persons who endeavor constantly to put themselves under the direction of a sanctified intellect; who are willing to do anything and everything for the glory of God; but who feel that they need and must have wisdom. These persons can testify that they are guided by the Holy Spirit; but they can testify also that the Holy Spirit does not require them to do anything which an enlightened and sanctified intellect does not appreciate and approve. Hence their course is marked by consistency and sound discretion. They are not different men at different times, on whom no dependence can be placed. They are always at their posts; supporters of the ministry; pillars in the church; patient under opposition and rebuke; faithful in warning sinners; counselors in time of difficulty; mighty in the Scriptures; burning and shining lights in the world. It is such persons that truly sustain and honor the blessed doctrine of holiness, presenting before the world the mighty argument of consistent holy living, which unbelievers cannot confute." ◀◀

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## WEEK OF PRAYER

January 3 to 10, 1965

"Prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God" (Acts 12:5).

## Walking with the Word

Prayer and Bible reading; these daily practices in 1965 will insure every believer a victorious and happy new year.

It is hoped that every assembly in our fellowship will respond to the International Week of Prayer that has been proclaimed jointly by the Assemblies of God in the U.S. and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. The proclamation published two weeks ago calls on every member to seek God in repentance, humility, and deep heart-searching that there may be a deepening of spiritual life among us and broader involvement in aggressive evangelism.

Watch-night services next Thursday will lay the foundation for spiritual advance in 1965. In addition to the Week of Prayer, which will begin on Sunday, January 3, there will be emphasis upon a daily Bible-reading program which will continue throughout the year.

"Walking with the Word" is the slogan of the Bible-reading program which calls for the reading of the entire New Testament and Psalms. Five chapters of the New Testament and three Psalms are listed for each week in attractive bookmarks which have been printed by the Gospel Publishing House. The daily readings also will be listed in *The Pentecostal Evangel* each week.

The slogan implies not only that the Word will be read and followed in our daily walk, but also that it will be carried in pocket or purse to be used in personal evangelism. Empowered by prayer and armed with the Word of God, we can win the spiritual battles that lie ahead and succeed in leading souls to Christ in 1965.



In a presentation ceremony emphasizing the "Walking with the Word" Scripture-reading program for 1965 executive presbyters of the Assemblies of God received personalized copies of the New Testament from General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman (center). Standing with Brother Zimmerman in the picture are General Secretary Bartlett Peterson (left) and General Treasurer M. B. Netzel.



# What Christ Taught About Your Future

BY JAMES M. BRYAN

THE TEST PILOT WAS KILLED WHEN HIS PLANE FAILED to pull out of a dive at 500 miles per hour. The fellows were discussing the tragedy in the aircraft engineering office where I worked. "Where is he now?" "We can't know; no one knows what happens after death." The general opinion was that there is a life after death but we have no knowledge of what it is like.

The truth is that we *do* know what it is like because Jesus Christ has told us about it. He spoke factually of two men who died, and described their existence after death.

His account was a true story, not a parable. In no parable does Jesus Christ refer to people by specific names as He does in this incident (Luke 16:19-31). He said: "There was a certain rich man... and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus..." Abraham and Moses were present—these were real people. An examination of this passage of Scripture reveals four outstanding facts about your future life and mine.

*First*, it is apparent that we all go either to heaven or hell as soon as we die. There is no waiting. There is no intermediate state. The beggar died and awoke in "Abraham's bosom" which is another name for paradise. Then the rich man died. He awoke in hell. The idea of going immediately to the next realm of existence is indicated by other Scriptures as well. "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise," Jesus said to the repentant thief (Luke 23:43). Paul said that "to be absent from the body" and "to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

The martyr, Stephen, "full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." As the mob stoned him he called heavenward saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). It is only reasonable

to suppose that God, who granted Stephen this vision, fulfilled his dying request and at once received his spirit into paradise. Neither here nor in previous instances is there indication of an intermediate state.

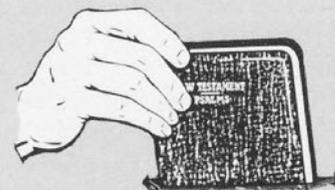
The *second* thing that this story tells us is that heaven is a place of comfort, and hell is a place of torment. This truth is constantly reiterated throughout the Scriptures. "In my Father's house are many mansions," Jesus taught—many dwelling places. "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). In the revelation given later to John, we learn that the place He is preparing for His followers is called the New Jerusalem. In vision John saw it coming down from God out of heaven, and was told that within its gates "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Revelation 21:4). This is consistent with what Abraham said of the departed Lazarus, "he is comforted."

But of the other man who died and went to hell, Abraham said, "thou art tormented." Not once but four times in these few verses the word tormented occurs. Allowing for any figures of speech you wish, this word conveys only one thought: distress and anguish in body or mind. Belief in hell as a place of torment is not a popular doctrine today. But Christ made reference to it no less than 37 times in the four Gospels, not to mention the writings of the apostles, or the references in the Book of Revelation to the lake of fire. We would do well to ponder His solemn words about punishment after death and make sure we avoid the rich man's fate.

A *third* truth that is obvious from this story is that there is no altering of one's destiny after death. "Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews of His day, "Ye shall... die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come" (John 8:21). Yet for those who believe on Him, He prayed, "Father, I will that they... be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory..." (John 17:24). Now, in this present life, we determine where we will spend eternity by our response to Jesus Christ.

There are other Scriptures that seriously confirm this, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door"—then it will be too late (Luke 13:24, 25). "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Also included in John's vision of the future was the knowledge that

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## Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READING FOR JANUARY 1-3

Friday, Psalm 1  
Saturday, Psalm 2

Sunday, Psalms 3  
and 4



(Top row) Neville  
(Bottom row) Norma

Errol  
John

Claudette  
Joan

Richard  
Claude

Alan  
Burton

# Meet the Graduates

By Lane Palsler, Missionary to British Guiana

"WELL, THIS IS IT," I THOUGHT AS I SETTLED INTO my chair and looked out over the audience. All the toil and planning of the past months and years had been for this. Soon the "Laborers," the first graduating class of the British Guiana Assemblies of God Bible School, began marching down the aisle of the Town Hall. As I watched, I couldn't help reminiscing a little.

Four years ago we came to British Guiana as missionaries. One of our assignments was to organize and open a Bible school in Georgetown. We planned the curriculum, ordered textbooks, desks, blackboards, chalk, and all the little things a school must have. In February, 1961, the first term began. We had 30 students. Missionaries David Guenther and Paul Palsler were the faculty. Later the Milton Kerstens replaced the Guenthers who returned home on furlough.

We had some problems. In 1962, a general strike left us without electricity or water for a few days. Later another strike forced us to ride bicycles to school because we could not buy gasoline. In spite of it all, classes continued. And we have had compensations too. It is a joy to see open hearts and eager minds receive God's Word.

Now our commencement speaker commanded my at-

ention. He was comparing some missionary achievements. In one South American country, another church's missionary program had been in operation for 100 years. They have a total of 20 national workers. He cited the Assemblies of God program in the same country. It has been operating there with a Bible school for 20 years and has 267 national workers. "Well," I thought, "there must be other contributing factors to the success in some fields besides establishing a Bible school, but it certainly is a strong point for schools."

I watched the 10 graduates receive their diplomas. The first was Neville Angoy. Four years ago he was a deacon; now he pastors a promising assembly at Eccles. Neville was the class valedictorian. Next in line were Errol and Claudette Bhola. They had fallen in love and married while in school. We had watched them progress in the work of the Lord until now they are pastoring an excellent church in New Amsterdam, our second largest city. Errol was the class speaker.

Then came Richard Griffith, pastor of Lodge Assembly, which runs 350 in the main and branch Sunday schools. And Alan Hendricks, who had crossed the Demerara River and pioneered a work while in school. Alan almost drowned one night when his boat upset.

I'm sure God spared his life for the work in British Guiana.

Others also pioneered new works. Norma Hinds, a woman of great zeal, started an outstation on the Demerara river. John Husbands rented a building just across the same river and put his Bible school training into practice by founding a new assembly. Joan Miller supervises the visitation program of Georgetown's Central Assembly.

Claude Ng-A-Kein, steady, faithful, retiring—the "silent" one of the class—had been serving as assistant to the Wortmanville Assembly pastor. Recently he surprised us all by riding his motorcycle 25 miles, crossing the river, and opening a new work in a remote and neglected area.

The last in the line was Burton Ross. He had been named tonight as the best all-round student of his class. Burton had been saved in the C. M. Ward campaign in Georgetown in 1960. In 1963 he was sent by the district as a home missionary to a very needy area on the West Coast.

A fresh tropical breeze drifted gently through the Town Hall, and my thoughts returned again to the immediate scene. This occasion was *not* what we had been working for at all. This service was only representative of the work that is being done. It is really just the beginning.

I thought of the night these students had chosen their class name. Not "Harvesters" or "Reapers," but "Laborers" because, as they said, the first class would do the beginning work. They will have a part in the planting, the watering, and—by God's grace—the reaping!

My eyes swept over the congregation of approximately 70 other students—the undergrads. Promising, faithful, eager, enthusiastic—this was indeed only a beginning. Should Jesus tarry and will it so, there would be other graduating classes, going out to evangelize British Guiana, feeding and nourishing the young converts and establishing churches.

Do Bible schools really pay? I've never once doubted that they are worth every effort and every cent expended upon them. I am a Bible school enthusiast! I believe them to be one of the greatest arms of the missionary program today. ◀◀

These eager students are part of the 1964 first-year class of British Guiana Assemblies of God Bible School.



# Congo Christians Need Prayer

*Following the tragic death of J. W. Tucker and the evacuation of our remaining missionaries, what is to become of the Assemblies of God mission work in Congo? What will happen to our 51 organized churches there, the national pastors and Bible women, the many believers, the Bible institute, 20 day schools, leprosarium, printshop, and bookstore?*

A 20,000-square-mile area in northeastern Congo is allotted to the Assemblies of God by inter-mission agreement, with government approval. We are responsible for the evangelization of the people and, to a large extent, for their education and health needs. More than 40 Assemblies of God missionaries have served there. Brother Tucker is the sixth missionary to lay down his life in that field in the past 25 years. What will be our future course?

J. P. Hogan, Executive Director of Foreign Missions, has issued a statement which answers these questions.

"This violent action closes, for the time being, a chapter on one of our oldest scenes of labor in Africa," he said. "But I am not intimating for one moment that this marks the finish of our work in Congo. We are committed there and have been for many years. We leave behind a thriving national church which, under the pressure of recent years, has matured in surprising fashion.

"In my judgment, the only thing that could keep us from returning to the Congo is a total disruption and continued collapse of civil order. In the meantime we need to pray desperately and earnestly for the national Christians. No one knows how many of these brethren have suffered or been martyred. Naturally we are especially aware of the cruel treatment and martyrdom of our beloved missionary, Brother Tucker. There have been perhaps scores of other equally violent and cruel deaths suffered by God's children. The full story may never be publicized but is recorded in heaven and will be revealed at the judgment seat of Jesus Christ."

# THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

"YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO . . . JERUSALEM - JUDAEA - SAMARIA - UTTERMOST"

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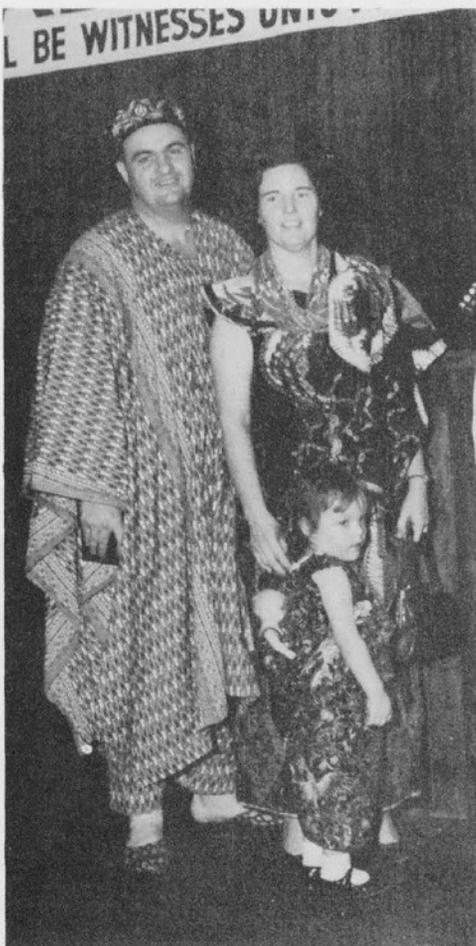
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Platform decoration, flags, and costumes add color to convention services.

## Faith Promises Exceed Goal

By Pastor Glen D. Miller, First Assembly of God, Panama City, Florida

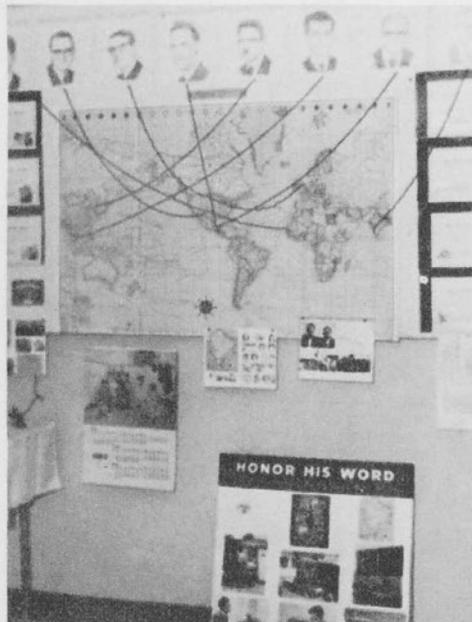


The William Lovicks, Togo, were members of the convention team.

IT IS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE THE WAY the faith promises came in this year. I stood back amazed as the records were broken. Our goal of \$11,000 seemed almost unreachable, but at present the promises total \$12,500.

Our folks give solidly and soundly. Their faith promises are not prompted by radical, emotional urges.

They are based on solid planning and budgeting. New people have stepped out this year to give to world outreach. Many, having seen the blessings of giving to missions the past two years, have increased their giving this year. In the convention one man whom God has prospered in business made a faith promise amounting to \$4,000.



World map pinpoints location of supported missionaries.



Maynard Ketcham, convention speaker, leads procession of young people dressed in foreign costumes typifying around-the-world interest.

# By His Spirit

By A. N. Trotter  
Missionary Evangelist

GOD IS MOVING ON THE MISSION fields. I saw this during a recent visit to West Africa. It was my privilege to minister in 13 Bible conferences for pastors and students in Ghana, Upper Volta, and Nigeria. People drank in the Word of God. As His Spirit moved in their hearts following the evening services, sounds of prayer and praise were heard late into the night.

How dependent we are on the Holy Spirit. Only He can work the miracle of the new birth, reveal Christ in His glory, and transform depraved human nature.

Missionary work is a battle—a battle against principalities and powers under the leadership of Satan. Only the Holy Spirit can vanquish them, and praise God, He does.

On one occasion when the church was filled with people hungry for God, a wild-eyed woman came in. She cried out that she was possessed of evil spirits and wanted deliverance. Hands were laid on her head and the demons were rebuked. The woman sank to the floor. In just a few moments she was heard glorifying God in other tongues. The blessed Holy Spirit had come in and filled her with new life and peace.

In one town the fetish priest stirred up the people to burn the Assemblies of God church. The police seemed unable to apprehend the offenders. The pastor was then notified that he had been chosen as the next sacrifice to the fetish. But committing himself to God, he stayed on and made plans to rebuild. Such devotion and faith reminds us of Daniel in the lions' den and the three Hebrew children in the furnace. It requires the hand of Daniel's God to deliver in such a case. A number of our African preachers are facing persecution, even going to jail, because of opposition of the fetish priests.

While I was guest at the home of

the missionaries two radiant young women came to visit, introducing themselves as twins. I inquired how it was that twins had been allowed to live. "Oh," one said, "if we had been born before the white man brought us the gospel one of us would have been buried alive in an anthill. But while my father insisted on burying me, the saints prayed and my mother who had been saved raised such strenuous objection that I was allowed to live. I was the sickly child who would have been chosen to die because I would never have children. But I have had three sets of twins and my sister who was the stronger of the two, has never had any children. I'm grateful for what the gospel has done for me." To see the glory of God on their faces was an inspiration.

Speaking in one of the Bible conferences, a national pastor said, "Before the gospel came to us, you will remember that when we offered our sacrifice to the fetish we always laid hold on the son of a stranger as a sacrifice, never one of our own children. But the Spirit just made me realize that when God saw the need of a sacrifice, He did not choose a son of Adam, but chose His own Son, and not only His own Son, but His *only* Son to die for the whole world." This, friends, is the work of the Holy Spirit, revealing the light of truth to those who for centuries have been bound in darkness.

Shall we not call on God for fresh outpourings of the Spirit on all our mission fields? ◀

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## CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### "THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER . . ."

WHILE TRAVELING RECENTLY IN WEST Africa, I learned that one of our most promising and dedicated young national workers was beguiled into the bush by representatives of a secret society. There he was brutally murdered, his body was dismembered, and pieces were sent by runner to various West African countries. The government made a thorough investigation and a number of people were hanged. However, such incidents are still far more commonplace than most of the enlightened communities of Africa want to admit.

A news note from the Far East reports that an airliner from Karachi, West Pakistan, carried as the most important part of its cargo a strand of Buddha's hair. This precious religious relic was being transported from a Buddhist holy place in Pakistan to a temple near Tokyo.

From such bits of information gained personally in foreign travel or received through the press, the impression becomes inescapably real to me that education and civilization are actually only a thin veneer superimposed upon the world's cultures.

The purveyors of liberal Christianity have told us education and enlightenment would be the leaven that would certainly change the world. Now, unable to deny statistics which indicate a total deterioration in society, they want us not to try to convert this new paganism, but simply to open dialogue in an endeavor to understand it.

It is still true that the simple news concerning the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ carries the power to penetrate every culture and also the life necessary to maintain itself in that culture and to grow.

We close this calendar year of the missionary program with renewed evidence that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. New centers in vast metropolitan areas abroad, are open and thriving—Dakar, Barcelona, Georgetown—and next year, if Jesus tarries, Beirut and Bombay.



# God in Creation

Sunday School Lesson for January 3, 1965

GENESIS 1:24-31; COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

"Where did I come from?" "Why am I here?" "Where am I going?" The Book of Genesis gives us the only authentic answer to the first of these three all-important questions and lays the foundation for the answers to the others.

## 1. THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

a. "In the beginning God"—these first four words strike the keynote of the Book of Genesis and of all the Bible! Here God is seen as the *ultimate reality*, the Source of all things. The Bible makes no attempt to explain His existence. Why? Because man could not comprehend such an explanation!

b. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Each word in this sublime declaration has far-reaching implications. The universe has not existed eternally. It began with God, its Creator. And only as man begins with God and places Him at the center of his life, can he live as he ought!

c. "God created." The activity of God—another key-

note of the entire Bible—is emphasized in the Genesis record. God is always moving toward man, taking the initiative in providing redemption. He is constantly engaged in creativity, always making something new—even making new men out of sinners, and transforming the lives of those who are saved!

d. "And the earth was without form and void." God's creative work in the soul is analogous to His creative work in the beginning. As the darkness and chaos of the original earth gave way to light and order, so man's sin-darkened and disordered heart is moved upon by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, and he becomes a new creation in Christ! (See 2 Corinthians 4:6; 5:17.)

During the first three creative days the heaven and the earth received their "form," and during the last three days there was the filling in of the "void," or emptiness. For example: On the first day God created light and on the fourth day He put "lights" (sun, moon, stars) in the heavens. On the second day He created air [atmosphere] and on the fifth day He filled the air with birds. On the third day He made the seas and on the fifth He filled them with fish.

## 2. THE CREATION OF MAN

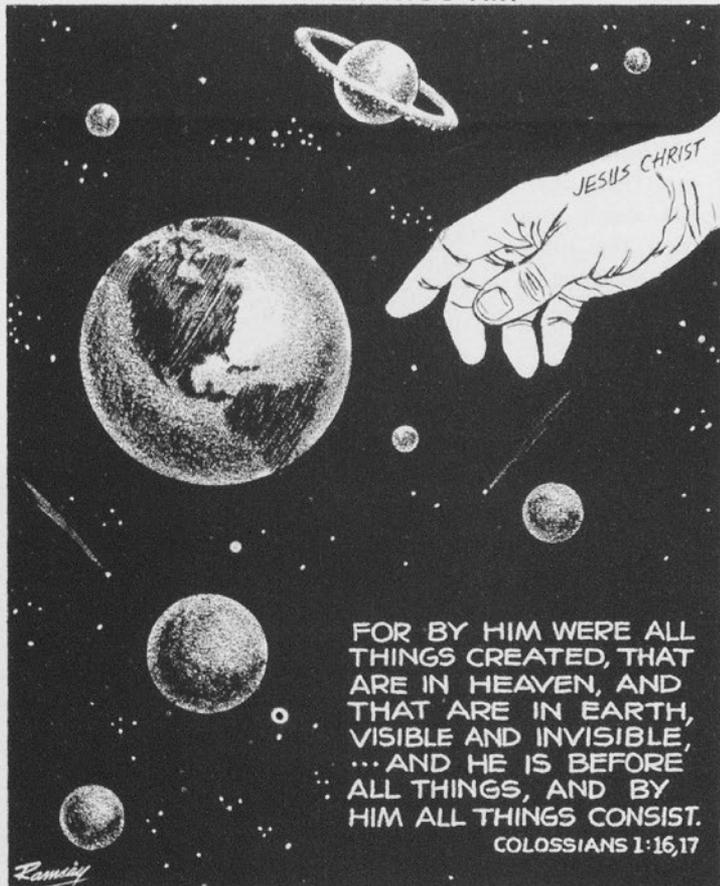
a. "And God said, Let us make man." The words, "And God said," occur nine times in the first chapter of Genesis. God spoke, and it came to pass. And His Word received with faith still has creative power!

What is the significance of the pronoun *us*? Though scholars differ, it would seem that the Trinity is implied in the record of Creation. The Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) is specifically mentioned. John's Gospel begins with the pre-existent *Christ* who was "in the beginning" with *God*! (See also John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:13-16; Proverbs 8:22-31.)

b. "So God created man." The Word *created* is used only of God, and used only three times (Genesis 1:1, 21, 27). The word does not necessarily mean to "create out of nothing"; yet here this is clearly implied. The use of the word would indicate that God wished to call our attention to the fact that there is a distant separation between the world of matter ("created" in 1:1), animal life ("created" in 1:21), and human life ("created" in 1:27), thus negating any theories of evolution and materialism.

c. "So God created man in his own image." What are we to understand by the statement that man is made in the "image" and "likeness" of God? (1) The statement asserts man's uniqueness among all created beings, and his superiority and dominion over them. (2) Man's likeness to God is not physical since "God is a Spirit" and has no physical body. (3) Man's likeness to God is a moral likeness. Man is like God in that he is a creative, rational, moral being. He was created to know God and endowed with a capacity for fellowship with God. Through the fall this image was marred. Man lost his knowledge of God by the state of death (Ephesians 2:1) which came to his spirit [that part of him which could know God]. Man's nature became sinful, thus making him sinful in his actions. Through the new birth the image is restored, for we are told that the *new man* is renewed in knowledge (Colossians 3:10) and that he is created in true holiness (Ephesians 4:24). ◀◀◀

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"



# Coordination and Advance (1925-1930)

By Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Director Emeritus



THE LATTER HALF OF THE 1920'S WAS A PERIOD WHEN missionary objectives became clarified. The "Missionary Department," as it was first designated, had two main purposes: (1) "to extend the knowledge of Christ throughout the world, by utilizing the services of the church, with a view to establishing of self-supporting native churches in each field, and (2) "to promote an interest in foreign missions by approved methods in the home churches."

In an official bylaw adopted by the 1925 General Council, "all of the missionary interests" of the General Council "were consigned to the care and management of the General Council Missionary Department." This meant moving away from somewhat unrelated efforts of individual missionaries in favor of a concentrated effort on the part of a united Assemblies of God fellowship working through its established channel, the Missionary Department, with the missionaries cooperating, to effect world evangelization.

The structure of the department was further outlined in 1927 when it was decided by the General Council in session that "the Missionary Department shall consist of the Missionary Secretary and four others appointed by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the General Presbytery, who together shall comprise the Missionary Committee."

A 1955 reunion in Houston, Texas, brought together charter members of the first Women's Missionary Council group of the Assemblies of God, organized in 1925.



### *Auxiliary Groups and Methods*

At this period (1925) the women of many assemblies in Texas began to develop Women's Missionary Councils. Some other sections of the fellowship were a little cautious about encouraging a development of this nature, fearing it might be a trend back to organized denominational activities. However, the Texas District Council took the initiative by inviting the WMC groups then developing in Texas to become an auxiliary of the district work. This was the beginning of the move among our Assemblies of God women which has become such a mighty force to advance the cause of Christ at home and abroad. The WMC now has representation in every district of the United States including Hawaii and Alaska. Many of the mission fields also have well-organized WMC groups in operation.

### *World Missions Plan Instituted*

A financial plan, started in North Central (now Minnesota) District, had as its objective eliminating separate offerings for home and foreign missions so all missionary offerings could be divided upon the basis of relative need. Under this "Busy Bee Plan" little wooden beehive banks were given to each individual in a church so all could "make honey" for God. The Missionary Department decided to adopt the basic idea but substituted the name of World Missions Plan. All offerings collected and sent in under this plan were divided so that 25 per cent went to home missions and 75 per cent to foreign missions, with 5 percent of each of these percentages being made available for office expense.

The World Missions Plan is in operation in a large number of our assemblies today. However, it has not eliminated designated offerings for home and foreign missions and missionaries. It seems the practice of giving to specific needs encourages response in our fellowship.

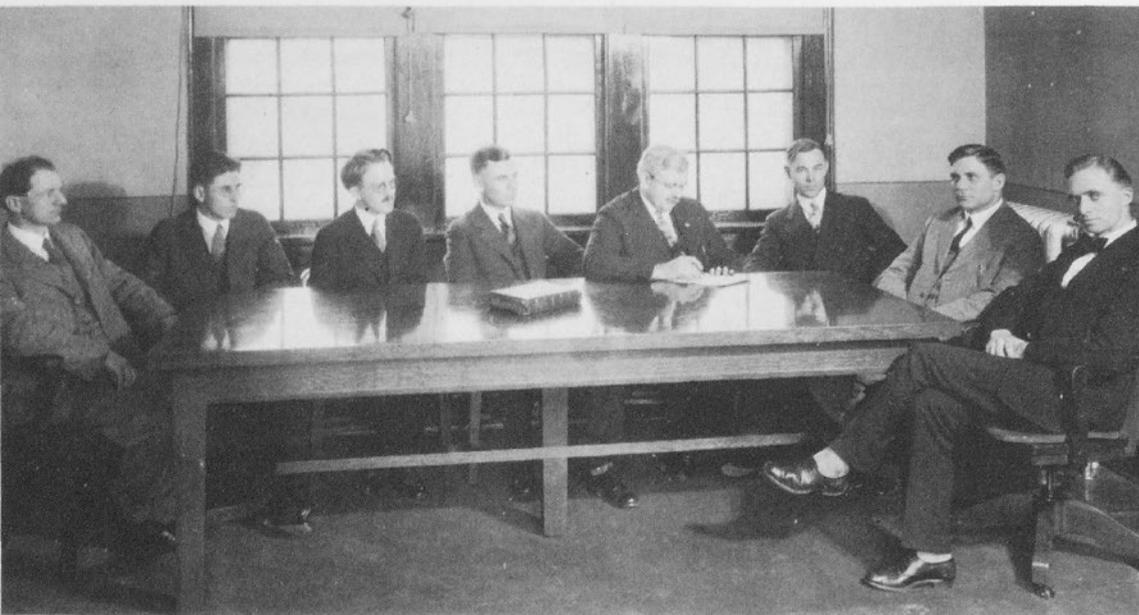
In 1929 it was reported at the General Council in Wichita that during the previous two years the total of missionary offerings had for the first time exceeded \$500,000.

### ADVANCES ON THE MISSION FIELD

#### *Iron Curtain Countries*

It may have been providential that such a manifest hunger for God became evident at this time among the people of Russia, Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, and other Eastern European countries. God, who knows the end from the beginning, knew of impending restrictions on gospel ministry and enabled some of our missionary

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A meeting of the Assemblies of God executive presbytery and management in 1928 was attended by (left to right) Stanley H. Frodsham, Arthur H. Graves, Harold Moss, J. Z. Kamerer, J. R. Evans, David McDowell, W. T. Gaston, and Noel Perkin.



E. S. Williams was elected General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in 1929 at the General Council held in Wichita, Kans.

pioneers who had a knowledge of the languages of these countries to go there with the Pentecostal message. Halls and homes were used for meetings and sometimes these were so packed with people that oil lamps became dim by the lack of oxygen in the air. By 1926, there were estimated to be some 250 Pentecostal Assemblies in Russia, while many were opened in Poland and adjoining countries. In 1927, it was conservatively estimated that through various gospel agencies over two million Russians had accepted Christ as Saviour.

#### *Latin American Work Coordinated*

The Spanish-speaking Pentecostal work in the U.S.A. and along the Mexican Border was spreading very rapidly and had its own publication, *La Luz Apostolica*, edited by H. C. Ball. In 1929 this work was organized as the Latin American District Council of the Assemblies of God. Later the foreign language groups in the United States became known as "branches" rather than "districts."

#### *Extension of the Work in China*

Of the 279 missionaries on the list in 1929 there were 64 under appointment to China, serving in 12 provinces. The state of unrest and warfare that prevailed, with consequent lawlessness, caused our missionaries many hardships. Frequently their lives and security were threatened. Ann Weber, who later married James Andrews, tells how, when she was in Southwest China, robbers attacked the town of Heipling. As a result five hundred people were rendered homeless, besides the many killed. Soldiers then attacked the robbers and either killed, captured, or drove them out of the town. Then the soldiers brought their captives and before all the people cut out their hearts and ate them. The missionaries witnessed these terrible sights. The dark places of the earth are indeed the "habitations of cruelty."

#### *Pentecostal Paper the First over the North Pole*

Commander Richard E. Byrd, who in 1926 made the first airplane flight to the North Pole, had with him as one of his crew a member of the Full Gospel Assembly

of Washington, D. C. This brother, Thomas Hewson, gave to Commander Byrd a copy of the Assemblies paper called *The Gospel Messenger*. He also told Commander Byrd that the Full Gospel Assembly in Washington was praying for him and he was sure the flight would be a success.

#### *Movings of God in Europe*

Not only from the Iron Curtain countries but also from Great Britain, Ireland, and Western Europe, came reports of outpourings of God's Spirit. In Holland during the year 1925 there was earnest prayer for revival. In Amsterdam, after a whole night of prayer on New Year's Eve, 1926, God began to baptize the people in the Holy Spirit. On January 15, the Spirit came in great power and the meetings had to be moved from one hall to another in order to accommodate the seekers. Entire households came into this new experience in God and many were healed of physical ills. It was estimated that more than 200 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in these meetings and spoke with other tongues "as the Spirit gave them utterance."

#### *Entry into the Philippines*

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Caudle went to the Philippines in 1925 as our first appointed missionaries there. Some of the national brethren from that field came to the United States for Bible training and on return to the Philippines gave great impetus to the Assemblies of God work. Today the Philippines is one of our most progressive mission fields.

#### *Leadership*

During the period 1925-29 there were several changes of leadership. In 1925, W. M. Faux was appointed missionary secretary-treasurer, serving with W. T. Gaston who was then chairman of the General Council and became its first General Superintendent in 1927. I was appointed to succeed Brother Faux as missionary secretary-treasurer in 1927. E. S. Williams was elected General Superintendent in 1929 and continued in that position for 20 years. ◀◀◀

# TRAINING -

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## A TOOL FOR SELF-IMPROVEMENT

HOW OFTEN WE QUOTE PROVERBS 22:6—"TRAIN UP A CHILD in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The children do need training, but trainers need training too. This is the fact that underlies the motto, "Train and Gain," which is being emphasized during teacher training month, January, 1965.

Genesis 14:14 contains a reference to training in connection with Abraham's servants who were trained to carry arms. Examples of training appear throughout the Scriptures. God trained Abraham in a life of faith by leading him through trying experiences. Elijah trained Elisha to make him a good spokesman for God. Jesus trained His disciples to continue the work of revealing God to men. The Holy Spirit is continually subjecting us to new experiences to train us to be better workers in God's kingdom.

Since training is so important, let's take a closer look at it. What is training supposed to do? We might say it strives to impart the ability to execute desired behavior. That is a very stiff way of saying that training helps a person do the right thing at the right time in the right way. Training helps a person live well and work efficiently. From our Christian viewpoint, training helps us be the kind of persons God wants us to be and to work for Him to the best of our ability.

Three distinct aspects emerge as we study training. They are: understanding, discipline, and skill development. It would be wonderful if we could learn to live for God in quick, simple, easy steps—one, two, three! But it does not work that way. We work on all three areas at the same time, and we must learn to see how important all three are.

I recall a statement made by a church history professor to the effect that we would soon forget many of the facts that he was telling us. (He was right; I have.) But he continued: "My goal in teaching is not just to drill facts into your memory. I want to give you information that you can sift, digest, reorganize, and as you do this you will sometimes say, 'Aha, so that's how it is.' Facts will become meaningful. You will gain an insight to the reasons behind the events of history. Then you will understand."

Here discipline was one of the first stages of training; we had to discipline ourselves to study the facts. We had to develop reading skills and research and analysis skills to sift the facts. We understood as the maze of facts cleared into sharp insight.

Training for Christian life and service involves understanding, discipline, and skill development. Perhaps God will need to lead us into experiences of discipline as the first step in our training. If so, let us welcome His plan. We never gain mature understanding, we never become skilled workmen for God, until we have learned discipline. But discipline alone is not enough; we must

develop skills that will help us work in His vineyard, and gain understanding so our work will be right.

Training assumes many forms. So far we have been talking about training in very broad terms. But as we begin to think more specifically, we find ourselves ready to consider the training opportunities available to the interested Christian.

There is a difference between discipline and *self-discipline*. In early training, we usually need discipline from sources outside ourselves. Our parents must correct us. Our teachers must require us to finish assignments. Traffic officers control our driving. Later we understand the values of this discipline, and we take the responsibility of study and safety to ourselves. Discipline becomes self-discipline. We now *want* to do the right thing in the right way at the right time.

Self-improvement becomes very important. In the progress from outside discipline to self-discipline, we see how much a desire for self-improvement can do for a person. It can be a powerful influence for good.

The desire for self-improvement has caused a boom in the adult education field. Now people who have been out of school for many years are finding their way back into classes to learn about new ideas, new opportunities, and the latest developments in the fields of their interests. Behind this surge of adult education is a determined "want" to improve oneself.

Christians rank high in this desire for self-improvement. We want to do our best for our Lord, who has done so much for us. As we become more skilled, self-disciplined, and filled with greater understanding—in other words, better trained—we will be able to serve God in a greater capacity.

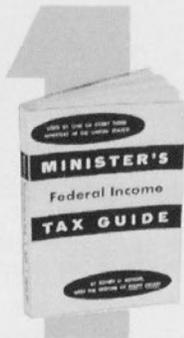
In response to this desire for training, and in recognition of the growing need for trained workers, the various arms of the church have developed training programs to provide a means of self-improvement. The National Sunday School Department established a Workers Training Division which has the primary responsibility of providing such a training program for all who are interested in the Sunday school.

The study program of the Workers Training Division centers around a system of diplomas, three in number. The first is the Standard Diploma which represents completion of a balanced training plan that marks a worker as qualified and approved to do a good job as a Sunday school teacher or worker.

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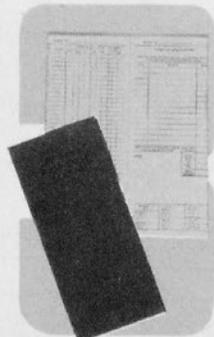
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the National Sunday School Department. It signifies completion of 36 books, selected to assure a thorough coverage of Bible content, doctrine, evangelism, Sunday school administration and teaching, pupil psychology, and subjects such as Bible geography and church history.

Training may be gained in group studies or through personal home study. For those who are interested in personal study, a Workers Training Booklist is maintained, and the staff will work with each individual on a personal basis in setting up and pursuing an effective training program, tailored to the needs of the individual.

For group study, annual workers training courses are promoted in all our churches, during which a training textbook serves as the basis of the course. Annually, about 50,000 Assemblies of God church members participate in these interesting and helpful training courses.

In January 1965 a textbook entitled, *Helping the Teacher*, by Findley B. Edge, will be the featured study for Training Month. Dealing with the practical problems of Sunday school teaching, *Helping the Teacher* will enable all who study it to take a big step up the ladder of effective service for God.

If you are like the thousands of Christians who feel a deep desire to serve God in a better way, consider the values and satisfaction you may receive from a training program that will help you fulfill that desire. Ask your pastor or Sunday school superintendent about the training plans for your church. Enroll in the group study your church provides. For information about personal home study, write to the Workers Training Division, National Sunday School Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri 65802.

## YOUR FUTURE

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after 1,000 years the beast and the false prophet were still in the lake of fire.

If we refuse to heed God's Word we thereby choose hell. This is the *fourth* and final truth made plain by this true story. Our attitude determines our destiny after death. Even miracles will not cause men to believe if God's Word does not do so. "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." The men who arrested Jesus witnessed the miracle of a soldier's severed ear being restored, but continued their evil designs against Christ. The two thieves crucified with Christ saw the sky darkened unnaturally, heard Him pray for God to forgive His enemies, observed the earthquake; but only one believed and confessed Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

Men may profess to know nothing about the life after death but they cannot excuse themselves on such grounds. The Bible holds them responsible. Mark Twain once admitted, "It's not the things I don't understand in the Bible that bother me; it's the things I do understand!" Are you as honest as he?

As you stand on the threshold of a new, uncertain year, pause in the presence of God for a moment of truth. If you meet His terms in that interview, He will not only remove your doubts about the future but will assure you of your destiny in the place He has gone to prepare for them that love Him. ◀◀

## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

WE, AT CHESTNUT ASSEMBLY, THANK GOD FOR HIS faithfulness! After all the up-to-date methods and mechanics fail to produce revival, we turn back to the time-proven, God-ordained method of PRAYER and find that it still works today.

We had been making very slow progress in our church for one and one-half years. The attendance was low and precious few were being saved or filled. Then, last February, God laid on my heart the need for sacrificial prayer—prayer that cost something. A daily 6 a.m. prayer service from Monday through Friday was begun.

We started the first of March and planned to pray until Easter Sunday. The people responded with enthusiasm until we were averaging over 20 each morning. The record attendance was 34. Things began to happen. The sprinkling of revival began to fall. Souls were saved, believers filled, and our attendance started to climb. Easter Sunday came and we decided to continue until Pentecost Sunday. By the time this date arrived we found the value of this daily sunrise prayer service was too precious to discontinue. We made it a regular part of our church calendar.

The results have been most gratifying. Our secretary reports that over 50 souls have been saved, 22 filled with the Holy Spirit, and we have been breaking our attendance records monthly. Our Sunday morning attendance which averaged between 45 and 60 now is well over the 100 mark. There were 124 last Sunday.

Formerly our average for the evening service was 40 to 50. It is now above 90. Last Sunday night we broke our record with 102 in attendance. Our Wednesday night Bible study and prayer service, which was below 30, now averages from 70 to 90. Last week we had 129 in attendance. (This was our family night service, which we hold the first Wednesday night of each month.) Our Sunday school is now pushing the 100 mark.

We have started a prayer clock (24 hours) with each one taking a 15-minute period. We publish a list of all prayer partners with their prayer time and telephone number. Anyone having a need at any hour of the day or night can call the person who is praying at the time, and they in turn will call the next 15-minute prayer partner, and so on around the clock until the prayer is answered. We call it our "24-hour watchdog prayer service."

With our praying we have also organized 10 teams of personal witnesses. Each team has three members and one captain. They are "seeding" the neighborhood with literature and preparing the homes for a personal visit. We are planning on reaping a harvest.

Since we started our sunrise prayer service, we have taken in 19 members and have more waiting to join. We are not "out of the woods" yet. We still don't have the revival we are looking for. We are still gleaning. But WE HAVE FOUND THE WAY. WE KNOW IT WORKS. And we are sure a real Holy Ghost revival is the only way.

—Pastor H. M. Snook, Chestnut Assembly of God, Vineland, New Jersey

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# BGMC DAY IS FEBRUARY 7, 1965

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## Missions Head Reports Africa Is Hungry

All offerings received on BGMC Day, February 7, will be used in literature work in Africa. The goal is \$36,000.



By EVERETT PHILLIPS  
Field Secretary for Africa

THERE IS A CERTAIN TIME OF THE year in some African countries called "the hungry time." This is the time of year preceding harvest when their food is scarce.

There is another hungry time that continues the year around—not a hunger for food, but a hunger for the truth of God's Word. There is an insatiable desire for things written and printed.

Fifteen hundred Spirit-filled pastors and 250 missionaries are daily preaching the Word in Africa, but what a pitifully weak voice this is to speak to 300 million people! But there is another witness which reaches where preachers and missionaries have never visited. A piece of paper can cross rivers, climb mountains, penetrate forests, regards no opposition or language barrier. Only the future will reveal the results of what literature has accomplished in Africa.

There are great and varied needs

on each mission field, but the one constant growing need is for more and higher-type literature. As the literacy standards are raised, new types of printed material are called for. As churches expand their ministry, new training programs are imperative. Each advance on a mission field calls for specific types of literature. At the time of this writing I am in Africa. I have been traveling from country to country for five months. Repeatedly new programs in literature have been laid before me and each program calls for at least partial BGMC assistance. Hungry hearts and minds must be given the Word of Life.

Jones Nkpa was a hungry man. He was a successful fisherman, but starving for the message of salvation. His wife was desperately ill. One day while on the shore with his nets and boats he found a dirty, sandy tract which told of Christ as Saviour and Healer. It had no Africa address, but

rather the address of the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A. How this piece of paper got in Africa, who dropped it, no one knows, but it started a chain of events which continues to this day after 14 years.

I met Jones Nkpa at the Pan Africa Conference in Nigeria, and learned from him that he is pastoring a church among his own people. His family are all Christians; his wife was healed years ago; and God is blessing his ministry as a faithful pastor. Jones Nkpa had his whole life revolutionized when he found a tract that introduced him to the Lord as Saviour and Healer.

BGMC Day (February 7) will be your opportunity to have part in providing literature for hungry men and women—hungry for the things of God. Will you avail yourself of this opportunity and obey the words of Christ, "Give ye them to eat"?



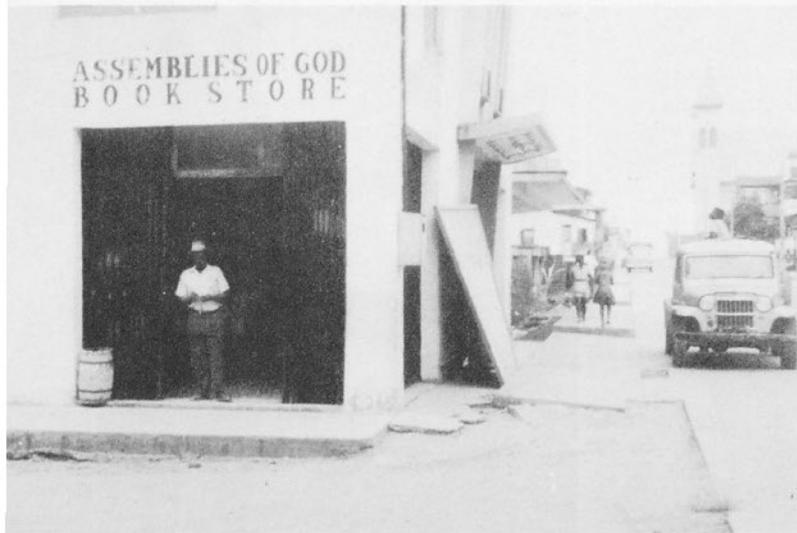
Mrs. James Anderson, Sr. (left), a clerk in a general store in Liberia, stands beside a display case for books and Bible stories. She receives *The Pentecostal Evangel* and enjoys reading it and passing it on to others. Her grandchildren (above) as well as many other boys and girls enjoy the Bible stories and pictures which BGMC provides.



Norma Johanson, missionary in Cape Palmas, Liberia, is in charge of literature work in that country. Here she is shown with Joy Hansel (left), a Canadian missionary, translating literature into the Grebo dialect. The Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Scripture verses, tracts, and 14 Psalms have been translated and dittoed. The Grebo songbook is being checked for printing. Funds are greatly needed for this project. The Assemblies of God bookstore shown below was opened in Cape Palmas last March with the help of BGMC.



This small shop is in Pleebo, the center for literature distribution in the area.



After the literature is translated and printed it must be given to the people, so colportage work is very important. Mary Jones (left) of Nyaake Webbo helps distribute the literature. At the right are two colporteurs ready to go into the villages to give the Word of Life to hungry Africans.



In the town of Cavalla where meetings are held out-of-doors the use of literature is most important. In the marketplaces literature is given out regularly. BGMC plays a vital part in helping to supply funds for the production of this literature.



These two rubber tappers work in the rubber plantation. They give out free gospel literature at the plantation, but there is never enough to meet the great need.

# CBI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



Edgar Lawrence, full-time instructor for deaf at CBI, uses the new overhead projector as one teaching aid. The course includes a wide scope of subjects to prepare the deaf for fruitful Christian service. Other part-time instructors also teach deaf classes.

William Terrell (left) chats with George Uhler. Brother Terrell pastors the Central Assembly deaf group in Springfield, Mo., in addition to his studies. In September Evangelist Uhler conducted revival services for the Springfield deaf group. Central Assembly is one of many churches across the nation that have made their facilities available for services for the deaf.

Deaf students, Gerald Patterson from Pennsylvania and Robert Smart from Michigan, study in their dormitory room. They enjoy discussing their studies. Although they participate with the hearing in some extracurricular activities, the deaf have their own class organization and often their own social gatherings.



Central Bible Institute President Philip Crouch presents Dorothy Hottinger of Riverside, Calif., with her certificate for completion of the specialized two-year Bible course for the deaf. She and three others were the first students to complete the course since the school was organized in the fall of 1962.



The Central Bible Institute deaf choir sings in the sign language for a hearing church. The course of study in the School for the Deaf includes rudiments of music.



## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Ministers to the deaf and well-trained deaf laymen are needed to take the gospel to the deaf who have not yet heard the message of salvation. Twenty-eight states are still without an Assemblies of God minister to the deaf. Ten deaf students are now studying for ministry. Other young people will be enabled to enter as funds are available. Offerings to help these students prepare for the ministry may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.





The charming new little log church at Minto, Alaska, boasts a bell.

## NOT OF GOLD

BY RALPH MILLER

Presbyter of the Northern Section, North Pole, Alaska

"AND I WILL FILL THE TEMPLE WITH my glory." So spoke the Lord to the builders of the second temple spoken of in Haggai 2. At the dedication of the first temple, according to the writer of First Kings, the glory of the Lord filled the temple so that the priests could not stand to minister. How we desire and pray that such a glory of the Lord will be outpoured upon us today.

The temples of the Old Testament were finished with pure gold, and reflected a splendor almost beyond description; yet not all the houses of God are thus adorned. How thankful we are that God's presence does not depend on the amount of gold in the temple.

On September 20 it was my privilege to be present at the dedication of the "temple" in the village of Minto, Alaska. This village is only 50 miles from Fairbanks, but there are no roads into it. Only airplanes and boats have access. Brother Wilson, district superintendent, and Sister Wilson, along with several others, flew to the village for a Sunday afternoon dedication service. This humble log

church was not covered with gold, but it gleams with almost the same color in its natural log finish. No blood sacrifices were offered, though possibly blood may have been shed during its construction; at least we know there was "sweat."

The Gordon Olsons have ministered in Minto for over 10 years. They left from the All-Alaska Convention in Fairbanks in 1954 very shortly after their wedding in Northway, and literally spent their honeymoon among the natives of Minto. Theirs has been a very faithful and fruitful ministry. How we rejoiced to see native people worshipping the Lord—people that may not have been saved without the ministry of this faithful couple.

God's cloud did not fill the church in Minto on Dedication Day, but His Spirit did; and it continues to do so.



The B. O. Wilsons (left) and the Gordon Olsons, pastors at Minto.

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## PERSPECTIVE



### GOD IS WAITING

BY R. L. BRANDT

National Secretary of Home Missions

GOD WILL NEVER BE MORE READY TO save souls than He is today. He is waiting for us. He is anxiously waiting to act, and He is ready to do so at the first opportunity.

When few are saved, when few new churches are opened, when the stream of spiritual blessing seems to have dried up, and when forward progress seems to have halted, we are prone to relegate the responsibility to God. We say, "When God's time comes He will move. It just isn't God's time now." But nothing could be further from the truth.

It was almost natural for Israel to possess such attitudes. Not a few times did she seek to write off to God's account her low tides, her poor crops, her destructions. She seemed seldom able to realize her own responsibility in these matters.

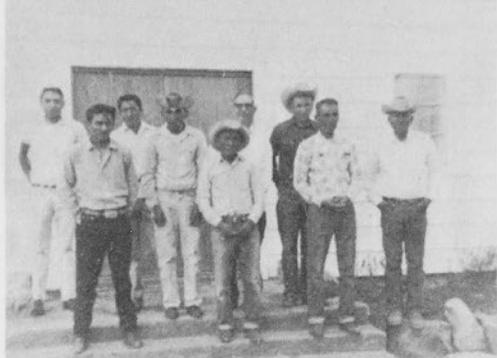
But God spoke to her: "For I am the Lord, I change not. . . . Return unto me, and I will return unto you. . . ." (Malachi 3:6, 7). God was patiently waiting. He was as ready as ever. He desired to pour out such a blessing that they could not contain it. But He could not. Only the proper action on Israel's part could free Him to act.

Nor has God changed. The burden of responsibility rests not upon God, but upon each of His children. The New Testament plea is almost identical to that of the Old Testament: "Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you" (James 4:8).

The fact is, God is ready to save, ready to prosper our efforts, ready to deluge us with His blessings, but He cannot. We have built an iron curtain. We have erected a wall and He cannot pass over.

God is waiting for us. Never forget it. The moment we meet the conditions, He will come forth. Your acts and mine determine His acts. Return. Draw nigh. Keep Him waiting no longer.

We die by living to ourselves—we live by dying to ourselves.



Some of the MF group in the Indian church in Canyon Day, Ariz. A number of the men were away for the yearly roundup.



MF group in the Navajo Assembly of God in Shiprock, N. Mex. Pastor Charles Lee is second from the right, back row.



Members of the MF group at Gallup, N. Mex., appear in this picture. Several others were away at the time.

# MF Active on Indian Reservations

BY RUTH LYON



Part of the MF group in the Indian church at Cedar Creek, Ariz., starts digging the ditch to run the butane line to the Sunday school building from the large tank back of the garage.

HOME MISSIONARIES TO AMERICAN INDIANS HAVE A right to be proud of their Men's Fellowship groups. Once Indian men give their hearts to the Lord they are eager to serve in any way they can. Motivated by love for God, these men contribute much to the spiritual life of the church. In addition, they either assist with or take full responsibility for church maintenance—often paying for repairs. The missionaries seek to give the men opportunities for Christian service to challenge and train them. The MF groups feel privileged to be able to serve the Lord in these ways.

The Assemblies of God has six active MF groups on Indian reservations with emphasis on spiritual life, with prayer and Bible studies, and endeavoring to win other men. Missionaries are thankful for the inspiring leadership of the Men's Fellowship Department at headquarters.

On the Apache reservation at *Cedar Creek, Ariz.*, the men have always taken an active part. Their work has been varied. They cut posts to fence in the property; they painted the church two times; and last fall they lowered the water pipes leading from the well to the parsonage in order to keep them from freezing. For nearly four years they have faithfully given a monthly "Light for the Lost" offering, for they are burdened for the distribution of our gospel literature in other countries.

The men find much pleasure in meeting with other MF groups on the reservation. Each year they look

forward to the annual MF breakfast in Phoenix. This is their fifth year to win the plaque awarded to the largest group present. Several times theirs was the largest offering given at that time.

In the beginning of the work in the winter of 1953, only one of the men in the church had a full-time job. They did much work on the building program in those days. Now God has blessed every man in the MF group with a full-time job most of the time.

Today these men tithe and give generous offerings. They have paid almost all the money on the last two new station vehicles for the work at Cedar Creek. They say, "The Lord was good to send us wonderful friends to give and to pray for us. Now we get a blessing in doing things to carry on God's cause in our own home church."

Recently the president of the MF group volunteered to help the pastors in arranging for more Sunday school rooms in the annex. The men also voted to put in Butane heat so each class could be comfortable.

The Apache men at *Canyon Day, Ariz.*, organized their own MF group with 21 members. They also have worked industriously to improve the Mission church building and grounds. They planted trees all around the Mission property, decorated the interior of the auditorium, built a new altar and platform, and put matching plywood on the walls. The ladies then varnished all the seats to match. At the present the men are building Sunday school rooms in the annex. When this is completed they plan to build tables and benches in the Sunday school classrooms.

Occasionally the men conduct the Sunday evening service and minister the Word. Seven MF members are on the Sunday school staff and two others serve as vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the C.A.'s.

The MF of the *Shiprock, N. Mex.*, Navaho Assembly has been an active group for about three years. It was the burden of the pastor, Charles Lee, to have the men in his church become not only workers but leaders as well. This burden quickly caught fire as they began to take their place in the church. From the very beginning the MF has taken the responsibility of church maintenance. The men also serve as ushers, participate as song and testimony leaders, and serve as Sunday school teachers.

The MF (with the help of their wives) bought two church buses and have repaired them when needed. Now they are raising money to buy another bus to replace the old ones.

One of the main outreaches of this enthusiastic group is the Sunday afternoon jail service. Many of the men had occupied cells in the jail before their conversion, so now they can testify to the saving grace of the Lord. Quite a number of prisoners have been saved. Twice the men have planned revivals at the Cove outstation and have driven 50 miles nightly to preach, testify and sing for the believers in that area.

At Gallup, N. Mex., a number of men have been saved and the MF is on the move for God. Several are now Sunday school teachers. Although most of the men have rather small incomes, they are beginning to tithe. One MF member and his wife are helping the Caleb Smiths, missionary-pastors, with their released-time classes for children at the boarding schools. Some Indian men helped with a religious service November 8. Others help with the radio broadcast of

the ministerial alliance in which the church cooperates.

As a result of the organization of an MF group in the Willard's Chapel Indian Church at Lumberton, N. C., in January, 1963, five men were saved and one was filled with the Spirit. Working with the WMC, the MF group helped to give the church a "new look" and also contributed funds for the project. They are now landscaping the grounds. These men are active in church activities and help considerably with finances.

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The MF program helps the men to stand for God on the reservations in spite of persecution and temptation. It helps them learn patience and perseverance, and the spiritual emphasis of their meetings is a source of power for their daily lives.

Pastor Charles Lee voiced the feeling of other home missionaries when he said of his men: "As the bony framework gives support to the body, so the MF has held together and strengthened this church. Muscle, blood, sinew and bone, made alive by the Spirit, all working together for the glory of God." ◀◀

# The Lord Spared My Life for Service

The testimony of Joe Burnette, Indian MF president at Canyon Day, Arizona, as told to Mrs. Leo Gilman, our missionary there.

I'M HAPPY SOMEBODY TOLD ME ABOUT JESUS. ON JANUARY 1, 1922, I was born a full-blooded Apache Indian on the Fort Apache reservation in Canyon Day, Ariz., and grew up with the traditions and customs of my ancestors drilled into me.



I learned a new kind of life when I entered training with the 65th Division at Camp Shelby, Miss. While overseas I was with the 116th Infantry, Company G, 19th Division. I was the only Apache Indian; all the others were white soldiers, so they called me "Chief."

I served in France and Germany during World War II. Once we were pinned down by tracer bullets. I saw one coming straight toward me; but just before it got to me it turned and went the other way. I know God spared my life even though I didn't know Jesus.

I was wounded in Brest, France, and eventually received an honorable discharge. Then I returned to my own Indian village. I served the devil until I was 35 years old.

The first time I saw Brother Gilman (our missionary) I was drinking. He talked to me about Jesus. The Lord led me to the church in November 1957

and saved me. He took away the drinking and tobacco habits and I had no more longing for them or my former life. My wife and my children are all Christians.

My youngest daughter was born on Pearl Harbor day so we called her Pearlita. The doctors told us she was born with no hip socket and wanted to send her to the hospital in Tucson for six months for surgery. My wife and I talked it over and decided we didn't want her to go. Instead we went to church Sunday morning and asked the missionaries to pray for her. The next day when we took her back to the hospital the doctors examined her. The new X rays showed she was no longer crippled. Today Pearlita is five years old and walks and runs without a limp.



Pearlita

Brother Gilman asked me to help him build the church and the house. I didn't have work at the time so I helped him and he taught me a lot. He gave me some tools—a saw, a hammer, a hatchet, a level, etc. I learned how to build a house for my own family. We were living in a wickiup (Apache bear grass shelter) at that time. Now I have a little house. I build houses for other Apache people since I know how. And the Lord helps me.

When something comes up I do not understand, the Lord shows me. He showed me how to cut rafters on one house. Nobody was there to help me so I prayed and the Lord showed me how.

I want to help with God's work in any way possible so I build the fires in the church. I go on living for Jesus. Now the men have voted me to be their president of the Men's Fellowship.

The finest thing we try to do is to win some more men for the Lord. Now we have 21 men.

I am writing this to help somebody to know Jesus, because He helped me and He can help anybody.

In retrospect . . .

# 1964 - YEAR OF RELIGIOUS

AS 1964 CONGEALS INTO HISTORY THE LORD'S PRAYER IS being rewritten in Paris, open-air preaching is being banned in historic Jordan, Madalyn Murray continues plotting against our American religious freedoms in Hawaii, federal funds are being employed in a study of *glossalalia*, and news from the Congo of the brutal slaying of Assemblies of God missionary J. W. Tucker is still horribly fresh in all our minds.

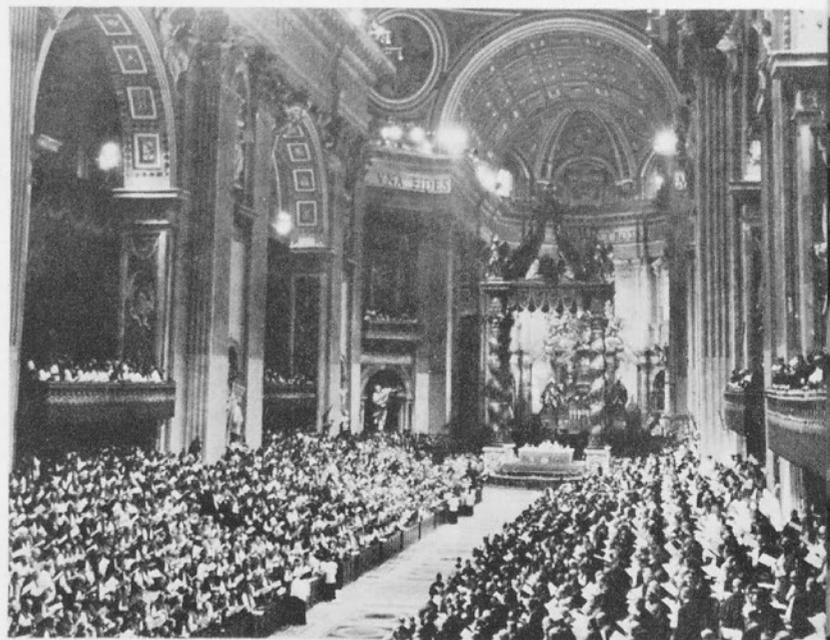
Not only is each of these current news items highly significant in itself, but each is representative of the strongly religious flavor that has persisted in national and international news all during 1964. Daily news summaries have often been amplifications of signs prelude to Christ's coming mentioned in Matthew 24.

The revision of the Lord's Prayer by Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox theologians in Paris (to make it more acceptable for joint recitation at ecumenical gatherings) is an expression at the periphery as a result of the Christian Unity schema approved by the second Vatican Council. The Council, by vote of 1,875 to 292, laid down the general principle that Catholics may pray jointly with non-Catholics for Christian unity under certain conditions.

No doubt history was made by the 1964 session of the Vatican Council, although the news coverage it received seemed far out of proportion to what it really accomplished. Never have so many newspapers given so much space to so few achievements. The Roman Curia let the bishops talk very freely about religious liberty but did not actually budge a bit. And yet the ecumenical spirit was spreading. During his Boston Crusade this year, Billy Graham paid a 45-minute visit to Cardinal Cushing; and in a press conference which followed, the Cardinal said: "I have never known of a religious crusade that was more effective than Dr. Graham's. I have never heard of the slightest criticism of anything he has ever said from any Catholic source. . . . Dr. Graham is sowing a seed which will blossom forth in the future and will result in a new era of identifying God with daily life. . . . I'm 100 per cent for Dr. Graham. . . . The hand of God must be upon him."

On March 27, 1964, a force estimated to be one million times as great as the atomic explosion at Hiroshima tore at the Alaska coast. In the eerie, uncertain darkness at 5:36 p.m. on Easter Friday many Alaskans thought of God. Radio stations welcomed clergymen of all faiths to come to the studios to offer prayers of thanksgiving. Survivors gave thanks for blessings they never thought of before. Tragically, L. Duane Carriker, 33, Assemblies of God missionary to Alaska, was among the dead.

Two days later in Springfield, Mo., J. Z. Kamerer slipped into the presence of the Lord at the age of 82. Brother Kamerer was general manager of the Gospel Publishing House 1927-1952. Alan Swift went to be with the Lord on February 13. S. S. Scull, 101-year-old veteran minister, also passed away during the year.



Religious leaders assembled in Rome for the third session of the Second Vatican Council surrounded by the finest display of material wealth, ornate architecture, and esthetic ritual this world can offer.

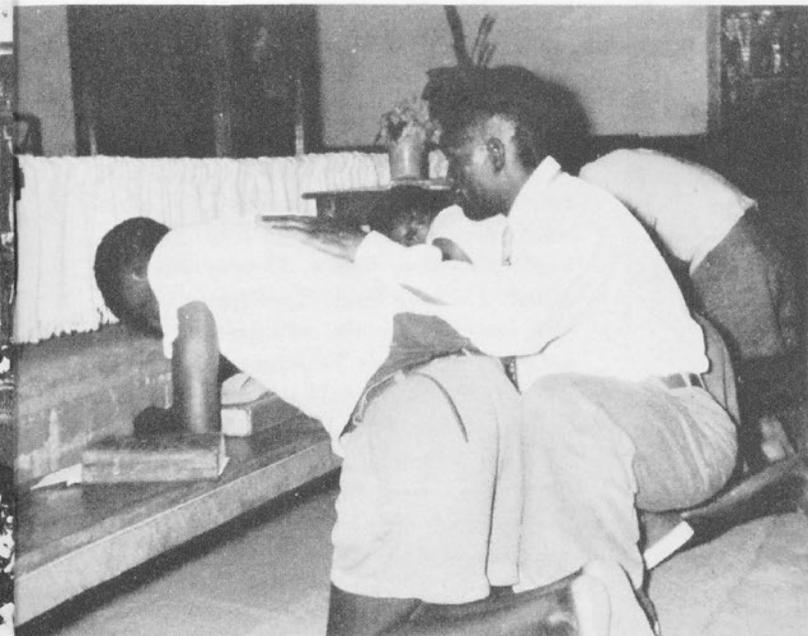
J. W. Tucker, whose vital missionary career was terminated by death on November 24 at the hands of Congolese rebels, was one of a number of such casualties in the Congo in 1964. Paul Carlson, Phyllis Rine, Wm. Scholten, and other American missionaries became part of this list of gallant heroes of the faith.

But terrorism and temporary reverses must not hide the significant advances the Church has made on African soil. J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department, on his return home in September from the Pan-African Conference, concurred with the observation that the 19th century was the white man's century in Africa, but the 20th century is the African's. Brother Hogan felt that "the very name of the conference indicated the depth of the revolutionary time in which we live." Two hundred Assemblies of God missionaries and national workers conferred on the University of Nigeria campus at the history-making event. Some of the nationals who led meetings and chaired committees were only a generation removed from paganism.

Everett L. Phillips, field secretary for Africa, stated upon his return from a six-month tour of 13 African countries, "The new sense of independence has caused the membership of the national church to assume greater responsibilities." Referring to their self-financed church construction he said: "Many of the small-to-medium-sized Assemblies of God churches in the U.S. would be proud to have what the Africans are building."

India's Prime Minister Nehru died at 74. An avowed agnostic when he took office, Christian hymns followed

# REPERCUSSION



In crude Congo churches the real work of Christ went forward in the power of the Holy Spirit in spite of poverty, persecutions, and privations suffered by gospel workers and their converts.

his funeral. Russia's head of state replacement was by ejection. Nikita Khrushchev who urged African nationals to oust missionaries was himself ousted. In this country, two distinguished Americans were honored with state funerals. An old soldier, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, did indeed fade away. And former president Herbert Hoover's long public career came to an end.

1964 has been a year of religious repercussion on every continent. The execution of the Supreme Court's decision threatening public school devotional acts gave artificial strength to irreligious minority groups everywhere in the nation. Mrs. Madalyn Murray who successfully raised the objection promises to proceed toward several similar objectives. Religious broadcasting and the Armed Forces chaplaincy are among her targets. The "in God we trust" and "one nation under God" affirmations so integral a part of American philosophy were often a matter of judicial debate during the year. Christians in America found themselves on opposite sides of the Civil Rights Bill passed later in the year.

The year will also be remembered for the loss of American lives in South Vietnam; for the successful testing of an atomic bomb in Red China; the orbiting of a three-man space ship by Russia; the gyrating, noise-some Beatles; and the satellite relay that brought the Olympic games at Tokyo into American living rooms by live television.

It was the 50th Anniversary Year for the Assemblies of God whose young people gave their three millionth *Speed-the-Light* dollar and whose 8,892 Sunday schools

went over the million mark in enrollment. Southern California College was accredited to membership in the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Bible College achieved full membership in the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges; and *Revivaltime* received the Award of Merit for distinguished leadership in the field of religious broadcasting from the International Christian Broadcasters.

Other spiritual advances of the Jubilee Year included the establishment of a Commission on Spiritual Life and Evangelism. Its aim, according to General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman, "is to place evangelism at the heart of our headquarters operation. We have lifted it from a departmental status and made it the primary ministry of all our efforts." D. V. Hurst was named coordinator. A Servicemen's Retreat for Armed Forces stationed in Europe was especially blessed. The doctrines and ministries of the Assemblies of God were introduced to an ever-widening audience through a World's Fair exhibit.

Springfield, Mo., was host city to the unforgettable 50th Anniversary Convention in April, simultaneous Music, C. A. and A.C.T.S. Conventions in August, and the 17th annual Pentecostal Fellowship of North America convention in October. A new venture, a West Coast A.C.T.S., was enthusiastically received on the campus of Bethany College, Santa Cruz, Calif. During all Springfield conventions the splendid facilities of the new headquarters building were used to excellent advantage. Warren Straton's impressive mural on the Second Coming of Christ was dedicated. Approximately 10,000 visitors toured the building during the year.

Figures released at the outset of 1964 showed 543,000 Assemblies of God members and 10,000 ordained ministers. Economic prosperity was reflected in mounting contributions to churches. According to the National Council of Churches, the average per member giving in all Protestant churches across the land reached \$69.87 for the year and total Protestant giving was \$2.8 billion.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit continued to spread among the denominations. It reached such proportions that feature articles on the "charismatic revival" appeared in numerous mass-circulation magazines. Several books on "speaking in tongues" made their appearance. Authored by Episcopians, they uphold the Pentecostal doctrines.

In a recent sermon preached at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, the Anglican Archbishop of York called for the inclusion of Pentecostal Christian groups in church unity plans. He stated that the roots of the Pentecostal element "are in the New Testament even if some of its fruits are, to our thinking, not always in strict accord. . . ."

The seventh Pentecostal World Conference at Helsinki registered 3,200. For the first time a single strong point was in focus—world evangelization.

Because of the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in denominational settings resulting in what religious writers have labeled neo-Pentecostalism, the Assemblies of God in its 50th year of blessing has been termed, for clarification, "traditional Pentecost." Poised as we are in a world of national and religious conflict, looking always for our Lord's return, God grant that we shall dignify the title by zealously guarding every tradition of New Testament Pentecost, translating each for our own generation with relevance and with power.

—Mary Tregenza



This semester's student body enjoys chapel at North Central Bible College.

# North Central Bible College Becomes Fully Accredited

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — North Central Bible College is now fully accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. In a letter to the Assemblies of God college on November 5, 1964, the executive secre-

Formerly the college had associate status. Out of approximately 250 Bible schools in the country 55 are members of AABC. These 55 schools represent about 14,000 students.

NCBC, with a current enrollment of 348, is now one of the 43 fully-accredited schools in the Accrediting Association which was organized in 1947.

Since its organization in 1930 well over 5,000 young people have studied at NCBC. More than 100 of its graduates are serving as missionaries in all parts of the world. Hundreds of pastors and evangelists throughout the nation call North Central their Alma Mater. Over 100 of the Assemblies of God churches in Minnesota are served by North Central graduates.

The school was organized in 1930 under the name of North Central Bible Institute. Like most other Bible institutes of that day, it offered a three-year program with a general Bible curriculum leading to a diploma. Frank J. Lindquist was the first principal. Classes were conducted at the

Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle until 1937 when the school moved into a large five-story building at 910 Elliot Avenue which formerly housed a hospital. In this fine building the school expanded rapidly.

In 1955 a degree program was introduced with a four-year curriculum. Two years later the school name was changed to North Central Bible College. The attainment recently of full accreditation with the Accrediting Association is an achievement toward which the school has been moving steadily for several years.

When, in 1961, Frank J. Lindquist retired as President of NCBC, G. Raymond Carlson became the second President in the school's 34-year history. North Central Bible College is owned and operated by the Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin-Northern Michigan Districts. It is fully endorsed by the Education Department of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Five new members were added to the faculty this year. Students currently enrolled come from 26 states and three foreign countries. ◀◀

## CRIPPLE DISCARDS CRUTCHES

AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SUFFERING, I came to Jesus for healing and He met my need on May 22, 1964.

I was born with a spinal curvature, and in my teens had polio. As a result, I was hospitalized 34 times for operations and various treatments, including long periods in traction. Sometimes braces were prescribed, and for about seven years before my healing I had been using crutches.

The last operation was in January 1964, and further surgery was planned. But in May I visited a friend who invited me to attend a revival meeting at the Assembly of God in St. Thomas, Pa. In the service that night, when those who needed healing were called forward for prayer, my friend went. She asked me to go forward with her, but because of my crutches I did not want to go.

After the service the evangelist spoke to me, saying, "Sister, you have a



G. Raymond Carlson  
President, North Central Bible College

tary of AABC, Dr. John Mostert, wrote:

"It is my pleasure to give you official word that the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges took action in its fall meeting to receive North Central Bible College into accredited membership. We congratulate you on having obtained this recognition."

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need." Even then I was in pain, and when he asked if I believed God could heal me, I replied that I did. "So do I," he said, and he prayed for me.

The pain left and I realized I could walk! I had not walked down steps for years without my crutches or someone to help me. Now I do not need either crutches or braces. I can shop, go to church, and do all kinds of housework without pain. My curvature is becoming less and less, and my left hip, which had been much higher than the right, has returned to normal position.

I give God all the praise and glory for my healing!—Mrs. Orveta Stuller, Bolivar, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Gary D. Tryon, Assembly of God, St. Thomas, Pa., who says: "I was there when Mrs. Stuller was healed, and also the next night when she walked unassisted up onto the platform to give her testimony.")

### Every Moment Is a Beginning

A new year for new beginnings? Yes, but so is each new sunrise a time for beginning again.

The ringing of a church bell is a call to renew faith. Gospel hymns are songs repeating over and over the perpetuity of mercy, love—the chance to begin again.

The tick of a clock is a sound of hope—another minute, another hour to turn from disappointment and try again.

How many times may I begin again? As often as I feel a pulse beat. As often as I ask in faith. As often as I forgive others their wrongs to me, God will forgive me and I may begin again.

This is a new year. Today is a new day. "Now" is my time to renew—to forget things that are behind and to press forward.

How many times may I begin again? Until "now" blends with eternity—until tomorrow becomes "today" without end.

—MARGARET MUSE ODEN  
in *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*

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# Denominational Ministers Blessed by Revivaltime

By RON ROWDEN

"I PRAISE THE LORD FOR YOUR BOLDNESS, your courage, and your spiritual power. Thousands are being blessed by your great ministry, I am sure."

These words from a Baptist minister in Florida exemplify the attitude of respect and admiration denominations throughout the world display for the radio ministry of *Revivaltime*.

Pastors have written from a large number of the major denominations in the United States expressing their appreciation of *Revivaltime's* broadcast service, requesting copies of C. M. Ward's sermons, seeking advice, asking for prayer, and wanting to know more about the Pentecostal experience and the Assemblies of God. A Navy chaplain from Millington, Tenn., wrote:

"I listen to your broadcast every Sunday morning as I am making preparations to go to the naval air station to conduct services. You have no idea what inspiration I receive from the singing of those good gospel hymns and from your timely messages. How I thank God for your evangelistic work!"

Assemblies of God pastors whose churches sponsor *Revivaltime* are witnessing the powerful efforts of the broadcast service upon their communities. A minister in Idaho testified:

"Our church is happy to sponsor the release of *Revivaltime* because the radio ministry reaches God's people who are faithful to attend other churches, but are hungry for the Pentecostal experience.

"God has been moving in the lives of many persons who are affiliated with non-Pentecostal denominations. Several Idaho pastors representing denominations such as the Conservative Baptist, Mennonite, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Disciples of Christ, and Episcopalian have recently been filled with the Holy Spirit, and oth-

ers are actively seeking the fullness of the Spirit.

"*Revivaltime* has the privilege of serving as a vital link with these persons who choose to remain within their own church organizations. It is my firm conviction that God wants to fill each born-again Christian with the Holy Spirit, regardless of denominational connections."

Many of the letters which have been sent to *Revivaltime* from more than 50 denominations are requests for sermons and books. C. M. Ward is a recognized authority on the relationship between present-day world conditions and the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. The timeliness, accuracy, and inspiration of his writings and sermons encourage concerned pastors across the nation to write him.

"Please rush me the sermon on the prophecy of Daniel (Escape)," wrote a pastor of a mission church in St. Louis, Mo.

The fact-filled books written by C. M. Ward are used by many ministers as counseling guides and for personal ministry. Such works as *Drunkards, Heaven, and My Personal Worker's Guide* have proven most valuable.

"I listen to your broadcast every Sunday evening," testifies a Nazarene minister in California, "and as a minister myself I find it very inspirational, informative and helpful. I am praying that many more lost souls will be saved because of your efforts and the combined concern of your church."

From a Methodist minister in New York came this letter thanking God for *Revivaltime's* ministry:

"I trust you can read this as I am writing from my hospital bed. I want to tell you how much I enjoy your program. We get it over WMSA in Massena, N. Y., and it is a real lift and encouragement to us as we eat breakfast and get ready for church.

"Last night while lying here praying

and counting my blessings, I felt impressed to write and ask you to pray with me. It is the desire of my heart to see an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival sweep the country here. We will be praying that God will bless you and your broadcast service richly."

Hundreds of letters from denominational pastors indicate that *Revivaltime* is making inroads among the liberals. More and more ministers realize that they have not received the fullness of God in their lives. They thirst after the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

*Revivaltime* is revealing something to them which they have never experienced. And as these pastors receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, members of their congregations are sharing in the blessings also.

Help us continue to present the glorious message of Pentecost. Help us as we endeavor to lift up and exalt the name of Jesus Christ, and strive to tell Christian and sinner alike of His matchless saving grace. Send your letters and offerings to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

## "FIRE!"

Years ago my grandfather's house caught fire while the family was away at church. A passerby saw the flames and instead of stopping, rode into town and to the church. Slipping quietly into the building he tiptoed up the aisle and whispered to my grandfather, "Your house is on fire." Of course by the time grandfather could act, the house with all its contents was destroyed.

That man's lack of a sense of urgency cost my grandfather a great deal. But does it not parallel the casualness with which some Christians go through life—knowing that without the Saviour men are lost yet failing even to whisper the message of salvation?

While we profess to believe that there is a place "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched," we show an appalling indifference to the host of men who are going there unless they accept the Saviour. Let us ask our God to so fill us with the fire of His Spirit that we will be able to convince men of their need of Christ, lest we be guilty of even greater negligence than the man who whispered, "Fire."

—F. Helen Jarvis

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Tucson	Indian	Dec. 27-Jan 3	Ted Miller	Virgil Zeigler
Ark.	Ft. Smith	Faith	Jan. 3-17	Arthur & Anna Berg	David Hastie
	Texarkana	First	Jan. 5-17	Tommy Wilson	Bobby J. Smith
Calif.	Corning	First	Jan. 3-17	C. G. Roberts	Jim Logan
	El Centro	First	Jan. 3-17	Tommy & Darlene Beard	Claude White
	Eureka	Bethel	Jan. 3-8	Charles Senechal	Gene Riggs
	Freedom	New Hope Chap.	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Charles Coffey
	Garden Grove	First	Dec. 31	Colman McDuff	R. G. Markey
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	Dec. 29-Jan. 10	Gene & Mrs. Schachterle	Donald E. Bibler
	Inglewood	Calvary Full Gos.	Dec. 27	Watson Argue	Marcus Gaston
	National City	Paradise Tab.	Jan. 5-17	David A. Lewis	F. D. Reed
	Patterson	A/G	Jan. 3-17	Orville Painter	Merel G. Thornton
	Reedley	Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 3-17	The Quanabush Team	Paul C. Long
	San Fernando	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Gary Archer	O. R. Ball
	San Francisco	Glad Tidings	Jan. 3-10	Bob Watters	Floyd W. Thomas
	Taft	First	Jan. 3-14	Watson Argue	Leonard Palmer
	Westminster	First	Jan. 3-10	Marvin Schmidt	F. E. Westbrook
Fla.	Bartow	A/G	Jan. 5-17	Ralph & Faith Leslie	D. N. Asbury
	Hialeah	Bethel	Dec. 30-Jan. 12	Diehl Family	Leonard P. Otts
	Key West	Glad Tidings Tab.	Jan. 3-17	Frank J. DePolo	Harold Tyus
	Merritt Island	A/G	Jan. 5-17	Wm. H. Kautz	Tom Shumate
	Orlando	A/G	Jan. 3	John Higginbotham	Harvey Stocker
	Palatka	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	John & Faith Stallings	Norman McCutchin
	Pinellas Park	First	Jan. 6-11	Ernie Eskelin	Troy Helms
	Punto Gorda	Beacon Chapel	Jan. 5-17	R. S. Peterson	L. R. Clevenger
	Tampa	Bethel	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Percy T. King
Ga.	Atlanta	Bethel	Jan. 3-17	B. R. Minton	Grover Langston
	Wrightsville	First	Jan. 3	Russell Peavy	John David Wetzel
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 3	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	C. L. Gruver
	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	Jan. 3-17	The Tanner Team	Richard W. Bishop
	Collinsville	A/G	Jan. 6-17	Roland & Leanna Hastie	Norman Surratt
	Skokie	North Shore	Dec. 29-Jan. 3	William Caldwell	Wallace Pearson
Ind.	Covington	A/G	Dec. 29	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	Edgar Allen
	Ft. Wayne	A/G	Jan. 3-7	Wesley F. Morton	Fred Leader
	Indianapolis	Lighthouse	Dec. 27	Wilburn H. Fisher	William Totman
	Linton	A/G	Jan. 3-17	J. E. Friend	Leonard Nowell
	South Bend	Calvary Temple	Jan. 3-Feb. 14	Sunshine Party	Roy H. Wead
Iowa	Oskaloosa	A/G	Jan. 3-10	K. E. Matschulat	C. Max Johnson
Kans.	Hutchinson	* First	Jan. 4-10	Steve Rexroat	Russell Rexroat
	Morland	A/G	Jan. 3-17	I. D. Rayborn	Allen Musbach
La.	Des Allemands	A/G	Dec. 29-Jan. 10	Oren & Inez Paris	Cecil Janway
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Pent. Tab.	Jan. 3-17	Daniel Summa	Daniel Hare
	Havre de Grace	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Ralph A. Creider	John Pittam
Mich.	Adrian	Bethany	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Musical Vanderploegs	Arthur Clay
	Dearborn Hghts.	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Jack Carrier
	Lansing	Mount Hope	Dec. 29-Jan. 10	Stan & Marilyn Morris	C. F. Graves
Minn.	Minneapolis	Peoples Church	Jan. 3	M. McKnight	Douglas Henderson
Mo.	Maryville	A/G	Jan. 3	John W. Smith	James Gilbert
	St. Louis	First	Dec. 27-31	Wesley F. Morton	Aubrey Grindstaff, Jr.
N. J.	Hammonton	A/G	Dec. 27	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	Leland Paris
	Woodbury	Full Gospel	Dec. 27-Jan. 10	Philip Barnard	George M. Dashiell
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	Central	Jan. 3	Tommy G. Crider	R. L. Franks
N. Y.	Buffalo	Riverside	Dec. 31-Jan. 3	Perrello Brothers	George Hubbard
	Hempstead	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	George Butrin	H. Daniel Cornelius
Ohio	Celina	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	C. E. Dewlen
	Toledo	First	Dec. 28	John French	G. G. Martin
Okla.	Anadarko	First	Jan. 3	Al Davis	Claud E. Sherrod
	Cushing	First	Jan. 3—	Glen & Faith Shinn	Keith Belknap
	Fairview	Midway	Jan. 3—	Bob Wilson	J. P. McCamey
	Hartshorne	A/G	Dec. 29-Jan. 10	Tommy & Esther Lance	Burl Rogers
	Oklahoma City	Faith Tabernacle	Jan. 3—	J. Nathan Phillips	S. J. Scott
	Wewoka	First	Jan. 3-17	James & Beulah Pepper	C. A. Snodgrass
Oreg.	Canby	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	H. L. Hensley	Jed Minton
	Lowell	Fall Creek	Jan. 3-8	Carl Johnson, Jr.	Chester Mardock
	Lyons	Santiam Chapel	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	Earnest A. Welk	Douglas Mentze
	Reedsport	A/G	Jan. 5	Jesse Berry	Dale Johnson
	Salem	First	Dec. 31	W. Price Rutledge	Austin Barton
	Springfield	Jasper	Jan. 10-24	Carl Johnson, Jr.	Waldo Kelly
	Sweet Home	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Raymond Miller	Mel Steward
Pa.	Central City	Pentecostal Tab.	Jan. 1-10	Curtis Sample	Stanley Cosner
	Tyrone	First	Jan. 3-10	Duane Wessman	David Blattner
Tex.	Baytown	Trinity Tab.	Jan. 1-10	Bruce Walker	Wylie T. Davis
	Dallas	Lakewood	Jan. 3-10	Sara E. Sharp	E. M. Fjordbak
	Dallas	Oak Cliff	Dec. 27	J. G. Hall	H. C. Noah
	Dallas	Second Ave.	Jan. 3	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	H. L. Summers
	Dallas	Urban Park	Jan. 3-17	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	R. Wayne Brashear
	El Paso	First	Dec. 30-Jan. 10	Louis & Mari Neely	William Hageman
	Frankston	A/G	Dec. 27	Samuel Calk	J. A. Griffin
	Greenville	First	Jan. 3-10	J. G. Hall	J. K. Bridges
	Houston	Eastex	Jan. 1-10	Chas. & Mrs. McKnight	Harry S. Coons
	Post	First	Jan. 3-17	Franklin & Mrs. Burns	H. E. Bamard
	Waco	Morrow Ave.	Jan. 3	J. Nathan Phillips	A. C. Lane
Va.	Hampton	Bethel	Jan. 1-17	Harry J. Steil	Howard S. Ryan
W. Va.	Carolina	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 10	Don & Sharon Parker	Olan Knotts
	Dorothy	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	Max Linkous	Victor Gillam
Wis.	Fond du Lac	A/G	Jan. 5-17	William Caldwell	W. L. Williams
	Lake Geneva	Calvary	Jan. 3-17	Darryl & Kathy Olson	Gene Myers
Wyo.	Cheyenne	Calvary Temple	Dec. 31-Jan. 17	John & Patty Booher	H. W. Thiemann
Germany	Frankfurt/M	Servicemen's Ctr.	Jan. 3-10	Bob & Jeri Winford	R. C. Fulmer
India	Madras	(Open Air)	Jan. 2-10	Eddie Wilson	D. N. Edwards
Phil.	Manila	Bethel Temple	Jan. 5-10	Tommy Barnett	Lester Sumrall

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## PIONEER MINISTER CELEBRATES 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Brother and Sister R. W. Hicks of Birmingham will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 28. "Pa" Hicks, as he is affectionately known in the Alabama District, was saved and began his ministry in 1924. He affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1926 and served many churches in Georgia and Alabama as pastor and evangelist. At 81 he enjoys good health and is a supply preacher at churches in the Birmingham section where he has served as presbyter and sectional secretary for many years. "Ma" Hicks at 75 is also still active in church activities and has served the WMC's of the section in various capacities.

Brother and Sister Hicks are the parents of four children. The youngest son, H. E. Hicks, is an Assemblies of God minister, pastoring the church in Sheffield, Ala.

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# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## Congo

### God Guides Evacuation

The recent advance of rebels was so swift that our home at Andudu was soon behind the rebel lines. But God led us in miraculous ways through their lines and on ahead of them to a border post. From there we finally were able to get permits and make our way across the border.

The Lord led us through many difficult and dangerous places. The promise He gave us as we traveled was Psalm 41:1, 2. Read it and rejoice with us that He was faithful and true to His Word.

God also gave me the promise Paul received in his journey to Rome. He let us know that "there shall be no loss of any man's life, but of the ship." We were able to keep our "ship" until we got to the border post; then our car was commandeered by government soldiers and the next day (after we had crossed the border)



The Melvin Jorgenson family

we learned that they had wrecked it badly.

Besides the loss of our car, we have lost all our equipment, clothing, and food supplies. We were able to take three suitcases out with us, but nothing else.

The trouble broke out just as I was to leave for the Pan-African conference in Nigeria,

and I had to cancel the trip. All plane service was cut off except for evacuation flights, and soon they were halted as well. Even though we spent such a short time in Congo, we feel that the Lord used us in furthering His cause and that He had a purpose in it all.

—Melvin Jorgenson

## Senegal

### School Open in Dakar

The first year of the Senegal Bible Institute opened October 12. We have 12 students, the fruit of two short-term Bible schools held earlier this year. Our entire missionary staff is working to see the school become a success.

For this first year the school will be conducted here at the Dakar Evangelistic Center because of the available facilities. Brother and Sister Lasley and my wife and I will be teaching the courses and Brother Lasley will serve as principal.

—David Wakefield

## Upper Volta

### One More Won

From my window I can see the stalks of corn and grain with ears beginning to fill out and I think of Jesus' words, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

And it is true! The corn and grain may not be ripe for two and one-half months yet, but the men and women, boys and girls passing by our door are a part of an ever-ripe harvest awaiting the

reaper. To reap and to conserve this harvest is our task.

In view of the magnitude of this harvest it seems so insignificant to say that last night during our regular village service near Kaya another young man was saved. Yet, when I stop and consider, that is how most of the other 11,000 or more Christians here in Upper Volta were saved—by ones and twos and threes, and these in turn sharing and spreading the Good News to others.

Therefore I pray, "Lord, share with us Thine, own compassion for the few as well as for the many, and help us to win as many as we can." —Hubert Boese

## Togo

### Men Work, Women Vote

A new group has been added to our church, "The Men's Fellowship of Bassari." These men are going to cultivate a field to raise money for improving the church, which needs paint and new doors. Later they will witness in neighboring villages. Many men are responding to this endeavor. We believe God will use them for His glory.

Our women's group is also going forward. Last week we elected officers. Our way of voting is rather

over 500,000. It is the principal city in southern Honshu, the main island of Japan.

No Assemblies of God missionary has ever resided in Hiroshima. The church was established eight years ago when Paul Berg held a tent campaign. A Japanese Bible school graduate stayed on to pastor the little flock.

Our Assemblies of God church, the only Pentecostal church in the city, is located in a small rented house down a back alley, hidden from the view of those who pass by on the main street barely 25 to 30 yards away. At most, only 40 to 50 people can be packed in on Sunday mornings by crowding together on the straw-mat floor.

Hiroshima is a burden on the hearts of the missionary family in Japan. Please pray that God will supply a larger building.

—Bill Sakwitz

## Indonesia

### Prayer Launches School Term

The Minahasa Bible School opened a new year on August 24 with a week of prayer. The theme of the meetings was, "Seeking the Lord." Each morning visiting missionary Ray Busby preached, and the student body sought the Lord in prayer. This proved to be a fruitful week in the spiritual lives of the students.

At Wasian a fine wooden church with cement floor was recently dedicated to the work of the Lord. This building was built with funds raised locally and gifts from the

## Japan

### More Room Needed

Today the rebuilt city of Hiroshima is a thriving metropolis of



1964 Sunday school convention brings together pastors and other workers in the Minahasa area of Indonesia. The Ray Busbys, our missionaries, are standing at the rear.

## WITH THE LORD

On October 9, 1964, at Ossining, New York, Mattie Personeus, a former missionary to India, died



of a heart attack at the age of 73.

She first went to India in 1915 and served until 1958. Maynard L. Ketcham, Assemblies of God Field Secretary for the Far East (formerly associated with the Indian field) has made the following statement—a fitting tribute to her life and work:

"Sister Mattie Personeus was one of the most gracious missionaries to carry Assemblies of God appointment. She served in India for many years and was dearly beloved by fellow missionaries and nationals. During the latter part of her missionary career she was at Rupaidiha. She had a vital part in the orphanage work, in farm and industrial work, and in general evangelism."

large Djakarta Assembly, and Missionary Morris Devin.

—Harry L. Leid

## Venezuela

### We Build Bridges

Two national tragedies have struck Venezuela in the past year, each involving a bridge.

The first was when an oil tanker struck a piling of the bridge spanning Lake Maracaibo and removed two sections. Several cars drove through the gap before the bridge could be closed, taking their passengers to their death in the dark, oily waters of the lake.

Last week came the second tragedy. A group of schoolteachers on a sightseeing trip were

crossing a foot bridge over the Caroni River Falls. A cable snapped and they were plunged to their death in the turbulent river. The latest count: 39 dead.

The greatest tragedy of all is that undoubtedly many of the dead had never crossed the bridge that leads to eternal life—the bridge between God and man—the Lord Jesus Christ! This is why we are in Venezuela—to point the way to the bridge of eternal salvation.

Our youth at the Evangelistic Center won first prize in the competition sponsored by Evangelism in Depth, competing with all the evangelical youth throughout the country in soul winning and tract distribution. In three months our young people had 89 street and community meetings with 562 professions of faith and 17,600 tracts distributed!

—Roy and Doris Nylin

## Philippines

### Clapping Wins Jose

Jose Ababat was raised a Roman Catholic, and as a boy he had a strong desire to become a priest. However, his father died and Jose could not afford to go to seminary. He eventually became an auto mechanic to support himself and his mother.

Three weeks ago, he happened to pass our church on a Sunday morning and heard people singing and clapping their hands. Because he was curious as to why people clapped their hands in church, he came in and sat on the back bench. I saw him come in, his dark face looking very unhappy and perhaps a bit frightened. However, at the close of the message Jose bowed his head and asked Jesus to be his Lord and Saviour.

In his joy, he says, he felt the old desire to be a priest—but not for the Roman church. Now he would become a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jose's face looks different now. There is shin-

The Russell Schirmans are now in the United States after a term in British Honduras.

Florence Metcalf and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pennington recently returned to Nigeria.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pennington

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams have returned to Venezuela. The Charlie Hinsons, after completing language study in Costa Rica, have gone to their field of service in Guatemala.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams



Florence Metcalf



The Charlie Hinson family

ing joy and peace reflected in his smile. He is enrolled in Bible school, and we're told that even though he still works full time he is one of the best students in the school. —Stanley Faulkner

## Peru

### Young Aymara Receives Power

Rejoice with us that Mariano Ruelas has been filled with the Holy Spirit. Mariano is the young Aymara Indian whose story we featured in our pictures while we were in the United States.

Just the other night after a

long blessed prayer meeting at the church, Mariano walked home with another young man. As they talked of the Holy Spirit and what it could mean in a life, Mariano became so hungry that he awakened his wife and they began to pray. At one o'clock in the morning God filled him. His wife was so shaken under the power that she ran outside to see if there had been an earthquake.

I wish you could have seen his face as he sat in our parlor the next morning reliving his experience. At present he is preaching to his countrymen in the high Andes. —Henry Mock

## Korea

### Seoul Assembly Grows

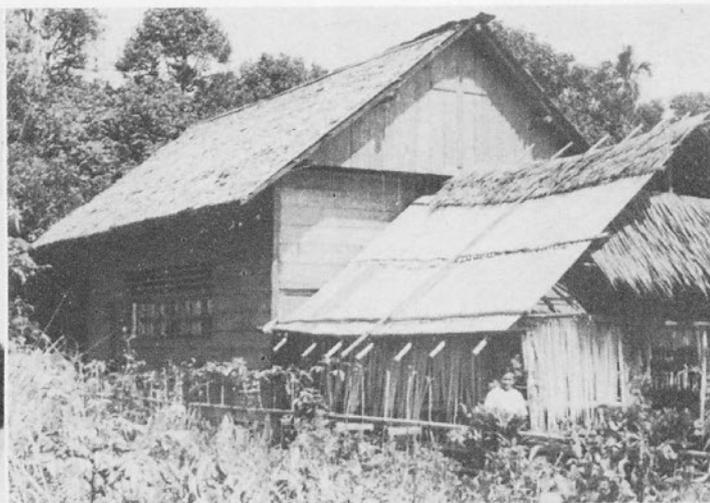
Of the 32 million people in South Korea, 94 per cent are heathen. Many have become so disappointed in Buddhism that they are left with no faith in any god. This is an aftermath of the bitter Korean war when in suffering and despair they cried out to Buddha for help, but did not receive it.

In Seoul, the Assemblies of God is making a great effort to bring to the Koreans the God who will answer. A three-story front and a balcony are now being added to the Revival Center so the building will seat 3,000 people. The adult membership has already reached 2,500 and new believers are daily being added to the church.

—Leslie E. Bedell



Indonesian pastor R. H. Wowling officiates at dedication of new church which is decorated with flowers and streamers.



New cement-floored wooden church in local style is supplemented by temporary shelter (front section) during the dedication ceremonies at Wasian.

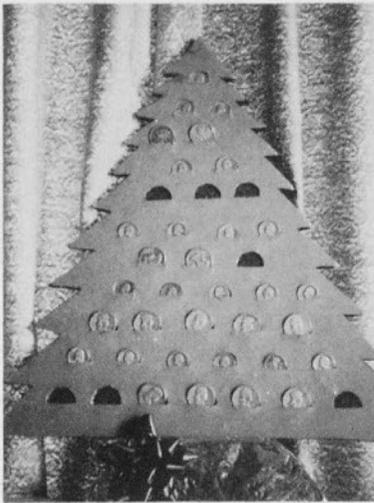


# Homefront Highlights

## DEAF MINISTRY

### Norwalk, California

Christmas activities began early this year at the Norwalk Assembly of God. Deaf members joined hearing members in a Christmas party for missionaries on November 4. At this party they placed gifts for the missionaries under a large tree. The hearing and deaf WMC groups met on November 5 to prepare the gifts for mailing. The deaf group also gave a spe-



The Assembly of God deaf group in Norwalk, Calif., gave a special Christmas missionary offering. Members regularly placed money in slots of a cardboard Christmas tree throughout the year.

cial Christmas missionary offering from money which had been regularly placed for several weeks in the slots of a cardboard Christmas tree.

### Rockford, Illinois

Lloyd and Monika Couch have accepted the pastorate for the deaf at the First Assembly of God, Rockford, Ill. For the past five years the Couches have ministered to the deaf in St. Louis, Mo. During their time of ministry there they also helped to establish groups in Sikeston and Fulton, Mo., Granite City, Ill., and Terre Haute, Ind.

### St. Louis, Missouri

Harry and Joyce Brotzman, formerly of Elgin, N. Dak., are the new ministers to the deaf at Berea Temple in St. Louis. In addition to his pastoral duties in Elgin, Brother Brotzman served as the North Dakota D-CAP. The Brotzmans have also been producing and will continue to produce "Signs of Life," 8mm films for the deaf who do not have the opportunity to attend church services.

### Fort Wayne, Indiana

Betty Williams and Gwen Burry, ministers to the deaf at the First Assembly of God in Ft. Wayne, Ind., interpreted the services of the city-wide evangelistic crusade conducted in October in the Memorial Colosseum in Ft. Wayne.

### Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma City Fellowship Assembly of God deaf group celebrated its second anniversary with special services on Sunday, September 20. June and Elmo Pierce minister to the deaf there. Eugene and Mary Meador, ministers to the hearing, are also very adept in the sign language.

## JEWISH MINISTRY

### San Francisco, California

The Jewish Christian Shalom Center in San Francisco is not a branch of the Chicago Shalom Center, as previously stated.

### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Monty Garfield writes that most of the Jewish population has left the area in which his Mission is located. He is anxious to relocate in northeast Philadelphia where many Jewish people reside. He is acquainted with a number of them.

## ALASKA MINISTRY

### Kodiak

As soon as William Cummins was able to complete the baptistry in the Kodiak church, he baptized five people in water. He also recently built a steeple for the building. Attendance is picking up.

### Stevens Village

From Stevens Village comes another report of victory. The new church is completed. B. P. Wilson, district superintendent, flew up for the dedication service September 22.

### Point Barrow

Dwain and Betty McKenzie are returning to Barrow to pastor the church there on a permanent basis.

### Aniak

God answered prayer for the Otis Lichlyters who report the village of Aniak now has a Christian schoolteacher and his wife who are helping them in the church. The Lichlyters have been building a new house and have worked hard to get it closed in before

the cold weather. Lawrence Burton from Stebbins helped them.

### Juneau

The Roy Davidsons are pleased with the progress of their work. Recently they exceeded their attendance goal of 300 with 308 present.

### Fairbanks

November 1 was a red-letter day for the Fairbanks Assembly. They held their first Sunday school and morning worship services in the new church. It was not finished, and building materials were stacked in piles in the auditorium, but they were at least warm and comfortable. More than 90 attended Sunday school. The outside of the church will not be finished until spring, but work can proceed inside.

The Oscar Butterfields, pastors at Fairbanks, plan to leave Fairbanks December 4 for California where they will rest for a time and then itinerate until June.

## AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Lander, Wyoming

The Wind River Indian Mission at Lander recently installed some new pews purchased by the district. Attendance is between 50 and 60. The Lord is working among the Indian people here.

### Tucson, Arizona

Pauline Mastries conducted a 10-night training course for the Tucson Indian Church where the Virgil Zeiglers pastor. The church plans to take in charter members soon and organize. On September



Betty Williams, one of the ministers to the deaf at First Assembly in Ft. Wayne, Ind., interprets the service during the city-wide crusade.



The deaf choir of the Fellowship Assembly of God in Oklahoma City, Okla., enjoys singing in the sign language for the hearing congregation.



Charles Gibson, pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly in Topeka, Kans., and Carl Wales stand beside the campers supplied by Martin D. Lewis for home missionaries.

27 Brother Zeigler baptized 14 people of his congregation.

Sister Zeigler was recently hospitalized for several days with a sudden illness, but she is at home now.

#### Topeka, Kansas

Martin D. Lewis, Topeka, has supplied campers for three home missionaries who are working among the American Indians. Mr. Lewis makes these campers. Realizing that some of the missionaries have to stay out on the reservations overnight as they seek the unreached in their ministry, Mr. Lewis wished to make these trips more convenient for them by providing the campers. The missionaries are most grateful for his generosity and concern. Carl Wales delivered the campers to the missionaries.

#### Stanfield, Arizona

Several have been saved at Stanfield lately. The A. M. Cranstons and other workers have distributed 1,000 to 1,500 tracts wrapped around pieces of candy to people in labor camps and on the reservation. In addition, they distributed that many or more at a booth during the rodeo in Sells, Ariz. Several churches work together

on these projects. Revival services with Sisters Tidwell and Waldrop were a blessing to the church. Most of the girls who attended sought the Lord at the altar.

#### Guadalupe, Arizona

C.A.'s of the Guadalupe Indian Mission actively engage in hospital ministry, witnessing to patients, and distributing Spanish and English tracts. Either Brother or Sister Booher always accompanies the group. The group is seeing results from this faithful ministry.

#### Tohatchi, New Mexico

Dedication day for the new church at Newcomb was Thanksgiving. Raymond Hudson, district superintendent, was guest speaker.

#### Albuquerque, New Mexico

Paul Evans, missionary-pastor at Albuquerque, spent two weeks in the hospital in October. He is better, but still needs prayer for complete recovery. Brother Evans baptized five adults and one teenager in September.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

#### Massachusetts

Joseph Gitta, Gypsy evangelist on the East Coast, has contacted many Gypsies in Massachusetts.



This group from Guadalupe Indian Mission in Arizona regularly visits the Indian hospital. Left to right, back row: Mary Jane Guerra, youth worker and university student, Augustine Rubio, Sebastino Sanchez. Front row: Aurelia, Amilio, and Francisca Sanchez.

Sunday after Sunday he drives many miles to make these contacts and always finds hungry hearts. The Gypsy language helps him to inspire confidence among the Gypsies.

Brother Gitta says: "Many of these Gypsies have never heard about Jesus Christ. One woman wanted to tell my fortune but I said, 'I know my future. Jesus saved me and wants to save many more Gypsies. Without Jesus there is only death, but with Jesus we have everlasting life.' So instead of her telling my fortune, I told hers in explaining the way of salvation. I am always invited back again to visit my Gypsy friends."

#### South Dakota

Fred Mason, Gypsy evangelist in the Midwestern states, has been conducting missionary services for Gypsies in South Dakota. He has been working with his brother James and also a German-speaking Gypsy, Bradley Swartz, who is a guitarist and singer. Brother Swartz has composed a number of Christian songs since his conversion in 1960. Jack and Richard Mason, both qualified Bible teachers, are joining their brother Fred in his evangelistic work now.

#### San Francisco, California

Lula Baird has been expanding her ministry to include Chinese women at several garment factories. She is now beginning to see results from her consistent ministry. Several of the women and their children are now attending the mission services and several have been saved. The owner of one factory and her daughter were among those who prayed the sinner's prayer at one service. The father and the mother of two of the Chinese children who at-

tend the Center have accepted the Lord through hearing their children discuss what they had learned about the Bible at the Chinese Center.

#### Wisconsin

Elmer and Leonard Mason are working among the Gypsies in Wisconsin and plan revival meetings in the Northern states. They write that they meet many Gypsies who have known what it means to be saved but have fallen away because of the lack of Christian fellowship with their own people.

### TWO COUPLES RECEIVE MISSIONS APPOINTMENT

THE HOME MISSIONARY FAMILY continues to grow. The recent appointment of two young couples has increased the total of appointed home missionaries to 373.

Roland and Alma Peretti of Seattle, Wash., have received appointment to Alaska. Brother Peretti, ordained with the Northwest District, is a graduate of Northwest Bible College, Kirkland, Wash. He is a pianist. The Perettis have four children.

Patrick and Ruth Donadio of Schenectady, N. Y., have been appointed for home missions service. They are interested in Alaska. Brother Donadio attended Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., and is a graduate of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. Licensed with the Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God, he has had experience in evangelistic ministry, Sunday school and Teen Challenge work, and supplying for pastors. Sister Donadio has been active in C. A. and other church work, including house-to-house and Tuberculosis Sanatorium visitation. She enjoys working with children and is a pianist and an organist.



The Roland Peretti family



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donadio



In some of the Chinese factories where Lula Baird ministers, the women must work while she speaks, but they listen attentively.

# NEW VBS

## THEME

# INTRODUCED FOR 1965

By RUTHANNE GARLOCK



Gary Leggett, editor of VBS materials, and Billy Reeves, child evangelism supervisor, examine some of the new VBS materials which portray the 1965 theme, "Living for God in the Space Age."

"LIVING FOR GOD IN THE SPACE AGE" IS THE VBS theme introduced by the Gospel Publishing House to be featured in 1965. Materials for the VBS course will carry the space age theme with a rocket motif, according to Gary Leggett, editor of the VBS materials.

The basic three-year curriculum for each age level will remain the same as far as content is concerned, but in the future a sparkling new all-school theme will be introduced each year. The space age theme is the first of these new themes to be introduced. Emphasized in publicity materials, an attendance contest, opening services, and the commencement program, the theme will add interest and develop enthusiasm for the Vacation Bible School.

The VBS curriculum includes studies of portions of the Bible and Bible-related subjects which usually have not been taught in Sunday school. Thus the VBS lessons supplement the curriculum of the Sunday school, and provide a well-rounded program of Christian development and training for the students.

This year's VBS studies for the junior-high age level emphasize salvation and spiritual growth. The juniors will study the basic doctrines of the Bible, and the primaries Bible truths of Christian conduct. The beginners' VBS lessons will stress giving.

In addition to introducing a brand-new theme, the 1965 VBS course also features a number of new items never offered before.

The *Race to the Moon* contest is an attendance-building feature which will be produced in full color. It will include a large chart (26 by 38 inches) and nine space stations for the nine days of VBS after the opening day. A spaceship and pennant for each competing side and complete contest instructions will also be included.

An *Opening Services Packet* is a new feature which will be welcomed by VBS principals. It contains 10 complete opening services, with 16 pages of visual aids in full color, and a visual aid instruction sheet. Some of the stories are illustrated with the visual aids; others are illustrated with object lessons. This packet may be used in the VBS opening assembly, or in individual departmental assemblies in the larger schools.

The *VBS Planbook* is being provided to each church as a free item; it formerly sold for 60 cents. All VBS materials will be pictured and described in the Planbook. A special 16-page insert will be included for the principal to provide guidelines for organizing a Vacation Bible School program.

Other materials being offered as new items in 1965 are a publicity-decorations packet, a handcraft idea book, a recreation handbook, crepe paper for platform decorations, a church bulletin cover, and a letter printed on VBS letterhead inviting parents to enroll their children in VBS. A hymnbook band will be available for promoting VBS in the adult services. The band will include an enrollment card for one child, and a volunteer card for workers.

Other standard items such as lapel buttons, tags, posters, post cards, balloons, headbands, and VBS certificates will be offered for the 1965 course. An introductory kit will be available so that VBS workers can become familiar with the new materials.

The *VBS Planbook* will be mailed to each church during the latter part of January. Begin now to lay groundwork for your 1965 Vacation Bible School so the children of your church may learn the value of "Living for God in the Space Age." ◀◀