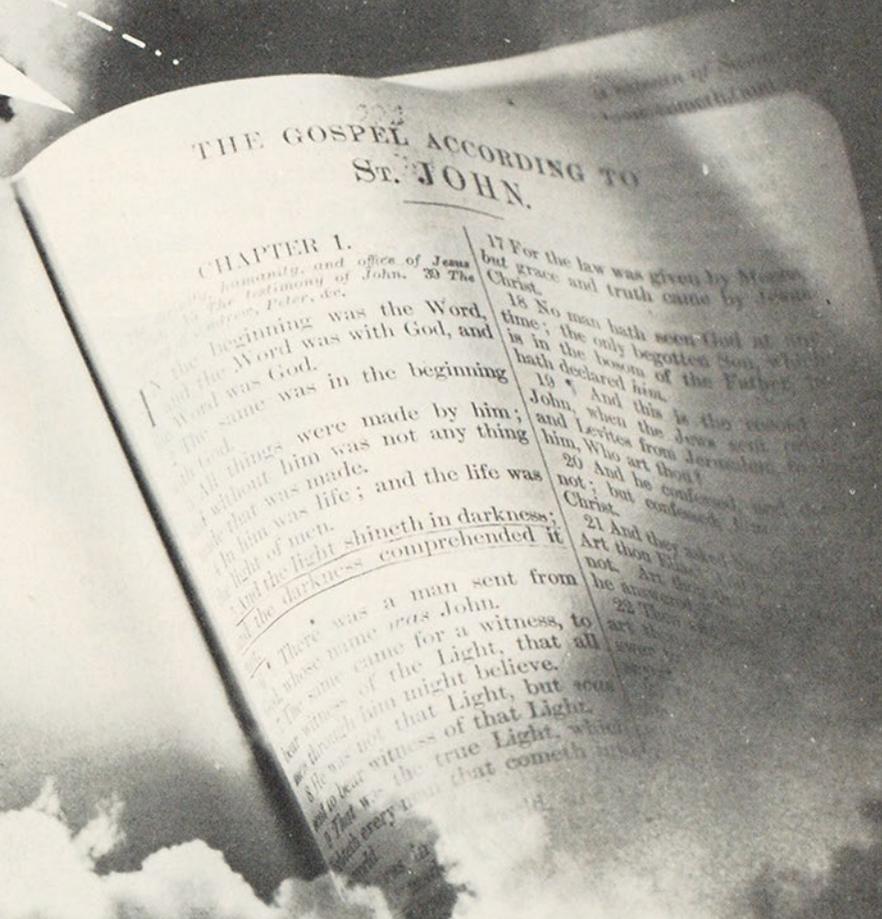


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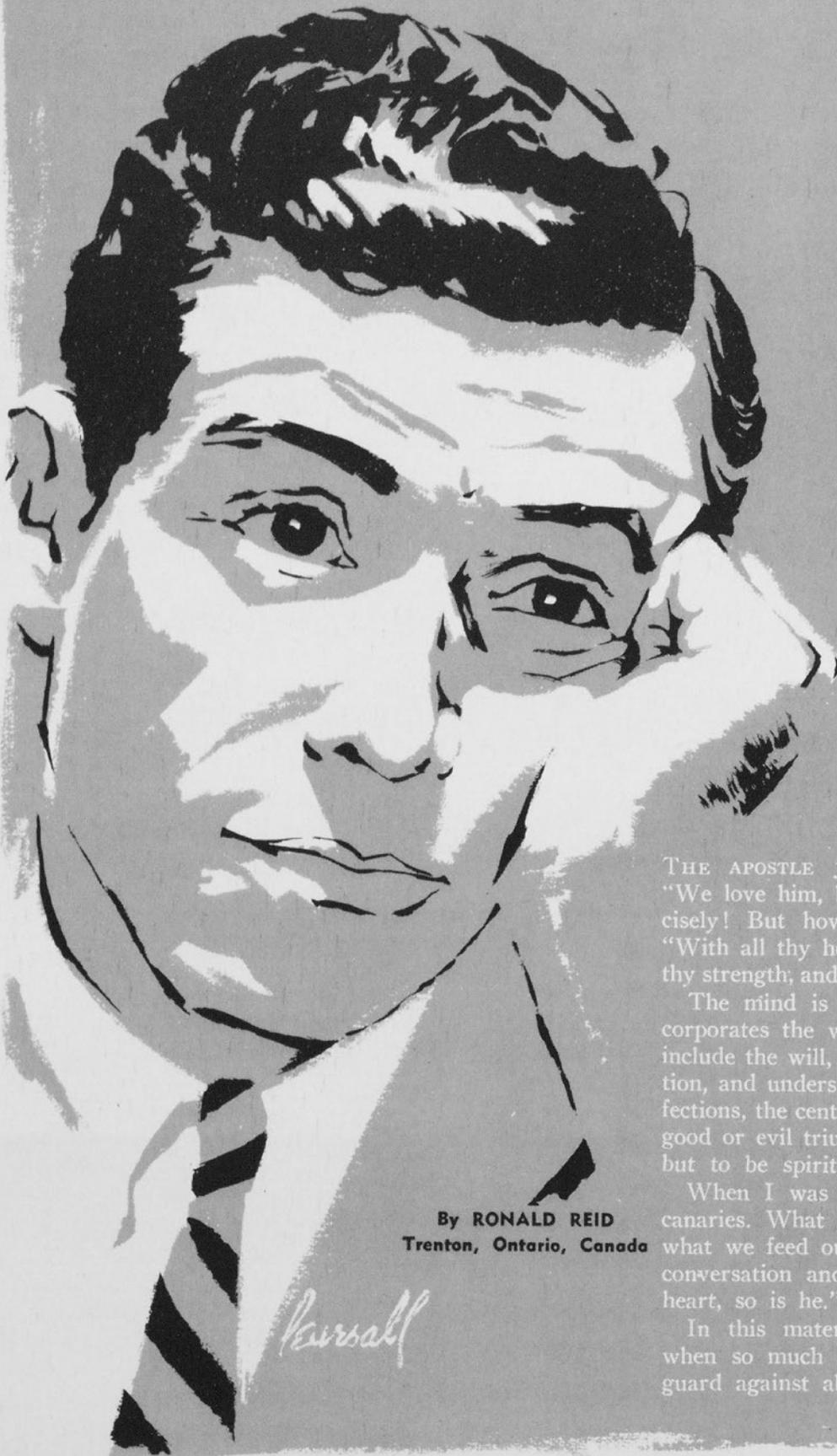
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It's the **MIND** that **MATTERS**



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THE APOSTLE JOHN, IN HIS FIRST EPISTLE, WROTE, “We love him, because he first loved us” (4:19). Precisely! But how shall we love God? Jesus told us: “With all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; and *with all thy mind.*”

The mind is the faculty by which we think. It incorporates the whole spiritual nature, for its properties include the will, judgment, memory, conscience, imagination, and understanding. The mind is the seat of our affections, the center of our understanding, the arena where good or evil triumphs. “To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

When I was a boy, my uncle had some “color-fed” canaries. What they ate showed in their feathers. And what we feed our minds undoubtedly will show in our conversation and conduct. “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

In this materialistic age of unparalleled prosperity, when so much of earth is within our reach, we must guard against absorbing so much of what we can see,

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hear, and handle, that the "color" of it shows in our lives and attitudes. If the latest Hit Parade songs come to our lips more readily than the songs of Zion, and the latest sports scores are better known to us than the local church schedule, it is obvious that we have been feeding far too much on carnal things and too little on the things of God. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

A tight rope walker must maintain a delicate balance; loss of balance can mean death to him. Many are losing their spiritual balance in these complex times, as the legitimate things of life bear upon the mind until the spiritual is crowded out. Business, social, and domestic activities tend to absorb all our time, attention, and energies, to the exclusion of "the better part."

Not every activity that is legitimate is necessary. Paul said, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient. . . . I will not be brought under the power of any." He kept his spiritual balance by giving priority to spiritual things.

William Law, in describing a certain aged and apparently brilliant and successful man, said, "He made a great figure in business. He had aimed at perfection in everything. The only thing that had not fallen under his improvement, nor received any benefit from his judicious mind, was his devotions."

The power of thought is a mighty force that affects the entire being. This is dramatically illustrated in the fact that God sent the Flood because every imagination of men's thoughts was "only evil continually."

What can be done about the mind? How does the mind show love to God? There is something positive we can do. Peter said, "Gird up the loins of your mind." Paul said, "Be renewed in the spirit of your minds. . . . Be not soon shaken in mind." And to the Philippians he wrote, "Whatsoever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report: if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things" (4:8).

The full potential of the mind is reached when all our mental activities are possessed and controlled by Christ. Then the mind is emancipated, liberated, made free from all that grieves the Spirit of God. "We have the mind of Christ."

Much of our nervous trouble, worry, and tension would vanish if only we could grasp the glorious truth of Isaiah 26:3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." Herein lies the secret of divine tranquility, but it can only come to the mind that is surrendered to Christ and centered in Him.

David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Sow bountifully the seed of God's Word in your mind, then let the rains of heaven water it and the sunshine of the divine presence warm the soil of your thinking. The crop of righteousness will grow to an abundant, satisfying harvest.

In the mind where the seeds of righteousness are not carefully sown, the ugly weeds of carnality take control, and the results are calamitous. If we are to love the Lord with all our minds, we must guard against carnal infiltration and domination. We must appropriate and possess our full inheritance in Christ.

The spiritual mind is one to which the Bible is something more than a reference volume, and to which the Lord's Day with its glorious opportunities for worship

and instruction and Christian fellowship does not bring a sense of drudgery. It is a mind that sees clearly and hears keenly the things of the Spirit; a mind to which the Saviour is a vital, living reality.

Let us then love the Lord our God with all our minds, and love one another with a pure heart fervently.

QUARTUS A BROTHER

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A LETTER IS BEING FINISHED. DIFFERENT ONES WHO labor with Paul are being remembered to the brethren at Rome. Timothy, a fellow worker; and Lucius; Jason and Sosipater, relatives of Paul; then Tertius who has done the tedious job of writing on the parchment.

Mention of Gaius indicates he had done his share by providing for God's servants. And Erastus, although he has an important job as city treasurer, is not ashamed to identify himself with the Lord's people and desires to greet the dear saints at Rome. Who else? Oh! Yes. There is Quartus. What can Paul say about him? "Quartus—a brother" (Romans 16:23).

I wonder if the writing didn't stop for a little while as Paul's mind drifted back to another day quite different from this, in a strange city. He had been blind for three days. No food or water had passed his lips. All his religious foundations had crumbled three days before in his encounter with Jesus Christ, just outside the city. Since then he had been praying, yet hardly knowing what to say or how to say it.

And then, into the room came one, sent by God, who said, "Brother Saul." Immediately two men were bound together in the love of Christ. Why? Because the greeting transcended race, color, wealth, or position. Such a short time before they had been deadly enemies, but now because of the transforming love of Christ they were brothers. At a time when spirits may have been at the lowest ebb, or despair had settled in, like a burst of sunshine through a cloud came this welcome salutation, "Brother Saul."

What a change had been wrought that day by this one word! Somebody cared. Yes, cared enough to extend to him this cherished relationship. Was it any wonder, then, that this day when a description of Quartus was needed this title was the only one that seemed adequate: "Quartus, a brother."

Today in our society some fraternal organizations want their members to call each other "brother." Yet how shallow and superficial this is in contrast to the depth of meaning the word has to born-again believers as they greet one another. In these days when suspicion, fear, hatred, and strife are rampant, there is this oasis of understanding and love which is shared only by members of the family of God. Only by those who are joint heirs with Jesus Christ, *our elder Brother*.

As born-again believers we have a fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ which the world knows nothing about. Titles can be earned or bestowed, but a *brother* has to be born! No greater title can one man bestow on another than the one Paul used when he said, "Quartus, a brother."

Moral Lepers

The recent scandal at the U. S. Air Force Academy has focused attention once again on America's sagging morals. The fact that scores of cadets, hand-picked from the cream of America's youth, have been dismissed for cheating on classroom exams in a school where personal integrity is so strongly emphasized, shows that something is basically wrong in our country.

The foundations of society are slipping. There is a revolt against the laws of God. There is ignorance of His Word in some places, and open rebellion against it in others. Legalized gambling is on the increase. Divorce is rising. Pornography is spreading. Sex crimes are multiplying. We are witnessing a moral breakdown in every sphere of life—private, business, professional, governmental, and educational.

Parents have sown the seeds of moral degeneracy which are bringing forth a hundredfold in the lives of the children. We are reaping a harvest of immorality. The communists say they only need a complete moral breakdown in one generation of American youth and the nation will fall into their hands like an overripe tomato. That day may not be far off unless Americans get right with God.

Immorality is the result of sin in the human heart. Sin is a spiritual disease. Sinful acts such as cheating, stealing, lying, etc., are not the disease itself but are only symptoms of the disease. Sin itself goes deeper and corrupts the inner nature of man.

America is experiencing an epidemic of degeneracy which may be described as moral leprosy.

Sin is sometimes compared to leprosy, better known today as Hansen's disease. In the time of Christ this disease was given the Greek name *lepra* which comes from a word meaning "to scale." We are told it is not uncommon for scales to appear on the skin of lepers. The scales, however, are not the disease; they are only the symptoms. The disease is deep in the tissues and cannot be cured by removing the scales or by cleansing the body outwardly. In fact, doctors say they have no positive cure for leprosy though they are able to "arrest" many cases. For these reasons leprosy is an apt illustration of sin, a deep-seated disease that only God can cure.

Education cannot change the inner life. Cultural advantages may improve the outward appearance. Personality development may bring a person into social acceptability but God looks within at the heart and if sin is there He finds the life corrupt and obnoxious. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores" (Isaiah 1:6).

In spite of all we might do to dress a person up, add social refinements, provide knowledge and skills, he goes wrong. We cannot cover the inner corruption. The Bible says that if we are sinners in God's sight we are still "as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

The disease called sin goes too deep to be cured by good works. Only by God's free grace can a man be saved. By His mercy he can be forgiven. By the redeeming blood of His Son he can be cleansed. By the regenerating power of His Spirit he can become a new person—a genuine, born-again Christian. This is the cure for our moral dilemma.

To all who are "lepers," the Bible contains good news. Christ can cure you. He healed lepers when He walked in Palestine long ago. He cleansed every leper who asked Him for cleansing. But there were many who did not ask Him, and so they remained lepers. This is the only requirement for being cleansed from sin. You must *ask* Him for cleansing.

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THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

"HOLD HIGH YOUR LIGHT!" IS THE COMMAND THAT will challenge individuals of congregations throughout the land on Sunday, February 28, when pastors, WMC's and Missionettes observe the 14th annual National WMC Day.

At later dates in the year many overseas groups will join in observing the anniversary. Some of them will say, "Tenez haut votre lumiere!" Others will express the theme in the words, "Manten en alto tu luz!" Whatever the language, whether English, French, Spanish, or another of the thousands of tongues of faraway places, the admonition is universal.

Even if the symbol of the candle be transformed to a bamboo torch or an ancient oil lamp, the message still will fall upon the ears of all who will listen, and take root in the hearts of all who will heed that which they hear.

Light comes from God. There is no more profound passage in the Scriptures than Genesis 1:2, 3—"Darkness was upon the face of the deep...and God said,

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'HOLD HIGH YOUR LIGHT'

Let there be light: and there was light." That light which God spoke into existence at the dawn of creation fills the whole earth and shines upon every man, good or evil, with equal radiance (Matthew 5:45).

Centuries later on the first Christmas night God was pleased to take the Light of Heaven, make it incarnate in the person of the Christ Child, and leave it in Bethlehem's manger—a gift to illumine all the world. People who walked in darkness saw the Great Light and rejoiced. The "Sun of Righteousness" had dawned with healing in His rays. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

One day when darkness enshrouded the earth, God lifted the Incarnate Light and hung it high on Calvary's hill to guide wayfaring men to heaven's shore. After bleeding and dying, the Saviour, who was that light, was laid in the heart of the earth only to rise again holding high the light of victory over death, hell and the grave.

Today Christ would say to His followers, "*Hold High Your Light*, for I have set thee to be a light...for salvation unto the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). Every believer has been given the light of life, cautioned not to hide it under a bushel, and commissioned to let it so shine before men that onlookers may have cause to glorify the Father which is in heaven.

"*Hold High Your Light*" for it will dispel darkness. Darkness is not the absence of light but a positive element that is an enemy of light. There is darkness in loneliness, doubt and despair. A college senior felt himself growing very weary under the pressure of work and studies. Discouragement and despair crept into his soul. At the close of the day a classmate found his lifeless

body in the doorway of his room. The light of kind words and friendliness might have driven out darkness and have lighted the way for a troubled soul.

"*Hold High Your Light*" for it will relieve suffering. A Christian worker found Okpoon, a Korean girl of 19, weeping uncontrollably on her hospital bed. Penniless and without friend or relative, she faced the amputation of her right leg. Between sobs Okpoon explained her plight. She had been told that morning that there was no room for her to remain in the hospital. Patients who could pay were waiting for admittance. The missionary told her the story of Jesus, led her to the Lord, and promised to try to make a place for her at the mission if she would like to go.

Hospital officials agreed to let her stay in the "free ward" (hallway) for a few days. There she would have to provide her own food, but her new friend volunteered to take that responsibility. Daily the missionary visited Okpoon to tell her more of the story of Jesus. However, the condition of her leg worsened. The day for a hopeless operation approached. What would happen to her? No parents, crippled limbs, no money or home, no education, and now facing the loss of her right leg! The physical suffering and mental torture were almost unbearable. How the missionary prayed!

On the day following the operation the missionary found her young friend surprisingly cheerful and bright. Her leg was still there. God had answered prayer. Today Okpoon, though handicapped, is one of the faithful workers at the mission orphanage. The light of love made the difference between hopelessness and a fruitful life for God.

"*Hold High Your Light*" for it will help to find the

lost. The Scripture tells of a woman who, having lost one of her 10 pieces of silver, lighted a candle and swept the house, diligently seeking until she found it. The lost are not confined to the foreign mission field. Some may be discovered in shadowy recesses of the well-ordered home. Some may be overlooked in a ritualistic corner of the church. Thousands walk the streets of the local community waiting for the glowing light of compassion to pierce the gloom of their darkened hearts.

"Hold High Your Light" for it will spread the influence of a godly life. The candle of salvation may be lighted at an altar but the light of a Christian experience is intended to shine in classroom, shop, office and home. No one lives to himself. If the light of a life be only darkness, others who travel the same road will lose their way. If a life is filled with the light of Christ and he is lifted up, sin will be rebuked and others will be drawn closer to God.

Hanukkah, Feast of Lights, is a happy day celebrated by Jewish people in remembrance of a time when God miraculously supplied oil for the eight temple candles which stood in the window as a testimony to the people outside—eight shafts of light piercing the gloom of bigotry and intolerance that veil men's minds; eight candles, symbolic of joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, lighted by the taper of love, which, if allowed to burn unhindered, would dispel forever the blackness of evil and sin.

National WMC Day will find more than 100,000 WMC's and Missionettes at an altar of consecration to rededicate their lives and renew the glow of their light. Together they want to be 100,000 lights of testimony shining for Christ—100,000 lights on the highways and byways to brighten the path to eternal life.

May the observance of National WMC Day with its theme, "Hold High Your Light," set every heart in the church aglow with love engendered by communion and fellowship with God in Christ. May every member shine as a light in this dark world—a light to lead the lost to life eternal. ◀◀◀

WMC's Visit an Indian Reservation in Michigan

By AGNES BOYD

AS I LISTENED TO THE MISSIONARY WHO WAS SPEAKING about his work among the Potawatomi Indians of Upper Michigan, my heart was deeply touched. I had not known much about the American Indians in Michigan or our work among them. Now I felt a desire to participate in this great ministry.

The Carl Peppiatts, missionaries to the Indians in Michigan, were visitors at the Harvest Festival at Lakeside Assemblies of God in Muskegon, and Brother Peppiatt was the speaker. Following this meeting I contacted Sister Peppiatt and learned she was in need of Sunday school prizes and awards. I made a few and sent them. This was the beginning of a correspondence between us. Our Grand Rapids WMC members have shared my burden and we often pray for the needs of this work.

Feeling a responsibility to the Hannahville Indian reservation, we desired to visit this missionary field to learn more about it. Another WMC member, Mrs. Bessie Longcore, my son Ronnie and I were delegated to visit the Mission. We drove our station wagon to Bark River where the Peppiatts warmly welcomed us. We found them to be humble folk with a love for their people. We had brought clothing for distribution, personal gifts for the missionaries, and foods.

The first Saturday night on the reservation the Indian people met at the parsonage for a Singspiration and a social. How they can sing! They sang in both

New 'Breakthrough' Church in South Carolina

IN OCTOBER OF 1962 THE MARSHALL Turners began pioneer ministry in Mauldin, S. C. They conducted their first services in the Mauldin Elementary School on Sunday afternoons. Soon they were able to rent a store building. After a third move became

necessary, the little congregation worshiped in a private home.

Realizing their need of assistance in this venture, Brother Turner and interested friends contacted the South Carolina District officials. District officials decided Mauldin should be the site for a district *Breakthrough* church.

The church was organized on December 2, 1962, as Bethany Assembly of God. Construction on the first unit of the new building began in October of 1963. Inclement weather slowed progress. Shortly after the roof was completed, it was blown off during a storm; but with the help of the district the faithful congregation was able to complete the new church. The people prayed much for the project

and gave financially as they were able, besides donating much labor.

Bethany Assembly, a beautiful and comfortable structure, was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, October 18, 1964.



New Bethel Assembly in Mauldin, S. C.



Interior of Bethel Assembly, Mauldin, which was dedicated last October.



Wherever WMC's are found they are "holding high their light" ministering in their home churches or to the missionaries, whether home or foreign. Here some WMC's from Grand Rapids, Mich., are shown on a visit to an Indian reservation. The first photo shows Agnes Boyd, Bessie Longcore, and Opal Peppiatt unloading WMC supplies at Bark River. Center photo shows the Hannahville Indian Church where the Peppiatts conduct services. The picture at right shows Agnes Boyd with Indian children.

English and Ojibwa. (Their services are in both languages.)

The Sunday morning service deepened our love for these Indian people. It also made us aware of the love and respect the Indian people feel for their missionaries. Brother Peppiatt made several trips bringing people to church. At one time he had 27 in his Rambler station wagon but no one seemed to mind being crowded.

The Sunday school was divided in half, with Brother Peppiatt teaching the adults and Sister Peppiatt teaching all 22 children from three to 16 years of age.

On Sunday afternoon we drove through the reservation shocked to find such needs existed in Michigan. The greatest need, of course, was spiritual; but material needs were evident on every hand. As I looked about me I had difficulty believing I was not on foreign soil.

Upon entering the reservation you go back about 50 years. Where the reservation boundary begins the roads are dirt. Here there are no modern conveniences. The Indian people are living in the same fear and superstition as their forefathers. After traveling through much swamp land, we saw a few small buildings the Indians call *home*. Many of the people are addicted to drink, which causes much hardship and poverty. Many little ones have no security. However, they do have a good school.

Sister Peppiatt told us that because the Indian children who attend their Sunday school meet with persecution they try to supply their school needs and keep them dressed as well as their white playmates. They feel their work with the children—the Indian church of tomorrow—is an important facet of their ministry.

Other WMC's have since visited the reservation. We understand the Sunday school and church attendance is growing. The missionaries have organized Missionettes and Royal Rangers.

When we visited the reservation the Peppiatts were conducting night services in their home since the church

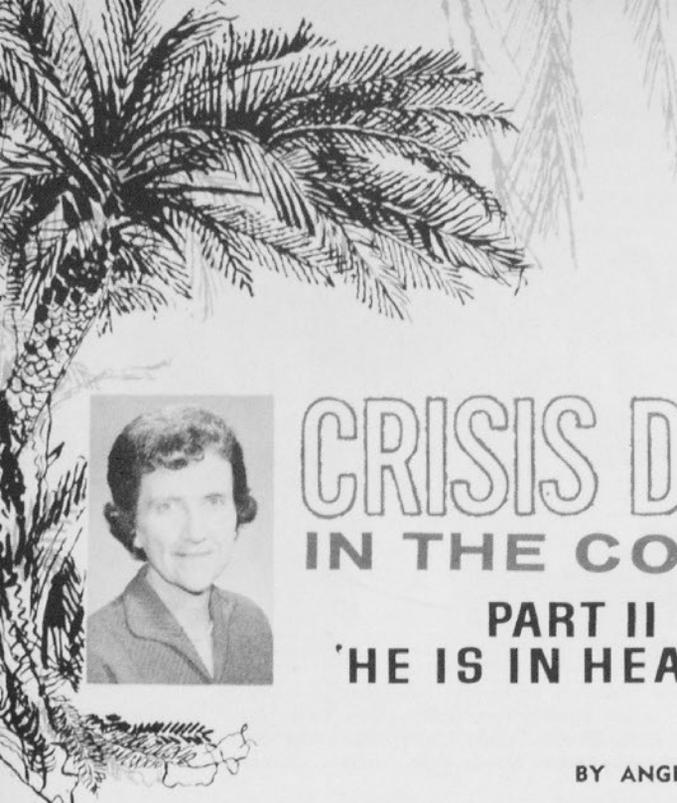
had no electricity. Since that time Bethel Church of Grand Rapids has made possible the installation of a generator in the Indian church.

The Peppiatts' car is worn out and they are driving a truck. It is imperative that the missionaries have adequate transportation to bring the people to services if they are to reach them while they are responding to the full gospel. The people are also being sought by Roman Catholic missionaries and cult members.

Our visit to this needy field of our own state has helped us give our WMC's a true picture of the situation and a greater burden to do more to help reap the Indian harvest. ◀◀◀



Missionary Carl Peppiatt brought 27 Indian children to Sunday school in one load in the Rambler station wagon.



CRISIS DAYS IN THE CONGO

PART II 'HE IS IN HEAVEN'

BY ANGELINE TUCKER

THE MORNING AFTER THEY PUT JAY IN PRISON, THE Belgian doctor and his wife came to see us. He also had been arrested the night before, but was released and allowed to get things for the prisoners.

Jay sent for his toothbrush, his Bible, his reading glasses, and a few other things. The next morning was his birthday, so this gave me an opportunity to send him a birthday card I had bought for him just before we left the States.

At first more than 70 men were placed in the Catholic mission, which was made to serve as a prison. But some were soon released and placed back under house arrest. That left about 33 confined. The Simbas said it was for their own protection, but of course we realized they were being kept as hostages.

We had stopped listening to our radio to avoid having it confiscated. But Gail and Lillian [fellow missionaries] used their radio right up to the last, and through the Voice of America and the BBC they were able to keep us up with the news. This is how we knew the rebels were using the prisoners as hostages.

PARATROOPERS DROP AT STANLEYVILLE

On Tuesday evening, November 24, about six o'clock, I telephoned the girls and they told me the news about the paratroop drop in Stanleyville. We were glad something was being done. Everything seemed to be very quiet in Paulis. At 8:30 one of the Sisters at the Catholic mission called. She said Jay had become concerned about us and wondered if developments at Stanleyville had caused us any trouble at the house. I assured her everything was calm, and she said everything at the mission was quiet too. So the children and I had prayer and we went to bed. I didn't go to sleep for quite a while.

The next morning about 8:30 I remembered there had not been any way to send a note to Jay the day before, as the doctor's wife had not come. She usually came once a day to get food or anything I had to send to Jay, and she would take my note to him and bring his back to me. I called her, and she said things were a bit tense. She didn't tell me anything else, but I learned later her husband had been arrested again. She hadn't wanted to tell me this over the telephone.

Then I called the mission and asked how things were going. The Mother Superior, I suppose it was, said, "Well, things are going along."

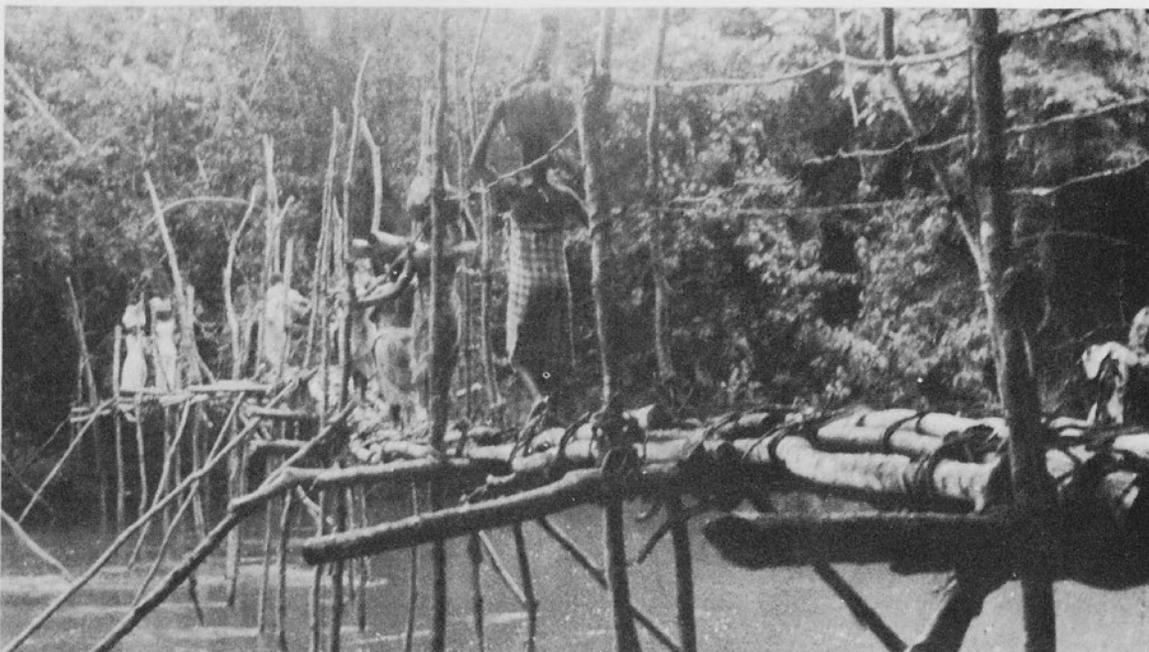
I said, "How is my husband?"

She answered in French, "He is in heaven."

I just couldn't believe it. I remembered the experience I had the night of August 7 in Leopoldville when I asked the Lord about going back to Congo. That night we had received word that there was a plane going into Paulis and we could go. We decided tentatively to go ahead. Jay and the children had gone to sleep. I couldn't sleep. I thought, "Lord, it is all right for Jay and me to go back into that situation. We are adults and You have called us. We can make our own choice in these matters. But what about taking these children back into that unsettled area? How can I do it, Lord? I just don't know whether this is wise."

COMFORTED BY GOD'S PROMISE

That night in Leopoldville I went into the room where the children were sleeping. I stood over each bed and said, "Lord, what shall we do?" It seemed the Lord spoke to me that night and said, "I love your children more than you do."



Bridges in The Congo bush are crossed with care. A slip may mean a plunge into a crocodile-infested river.

But I said, "Lord, what about taking them into this area?"

He answered so clearly and said, "I promise to deliver these children, not from, but out of the den of lions." (At that time we did not know the rebels were called *Simbas*. *Simba* is the Swahili word for *lion*!)

A real peace came into my heart, but I still did not want to take the children back. It would have seemed so much easier to wait until things were settled. Yet deep in my heart I felt that the Lord did want us to go, and we went.

The first time the rebels arrived at our house in Paulis and started shouting, "Simba! Simba!" it was as if the Lord spoke to me again and said, "Remember, I promised to deliver the children out of the den of lions." I had just assumed that the promise was for Jay and me too. But as I look back now, I realize that each time the Lord brought that promise, it did not include Jay.

THE CONGO—TARGET OF PRAYER

Many of us felt that God had allowed this great host of missionaries to stay in rebel territory so that the whole world would be told. I am sure that if we had all left, our supporting friends and churches would have said, "Well, our missionaries are out," and they would not have prayed so much. But because we were there, people were concerned. We know that volumes of prayer have gone up for Congo, and we feel that somehow this will be the force that will turn the tide so that the Congo church will not be destroyed.

When the Sister told me the news about Jay, I just couldn't say anything at first. Then I said, "Are you sure?"

She answered, "Yes."

I asked her when it happened, and she tried to tell me, and then we lost the telephone connection. I hardly knew what to do, which way to turn. The children came in and said, "Mama, what is the matter?" I told them Daddy was gone, and they started to cry. Poor little Crickey [Melvin, age 11] was just screaming with anguish. I realized later that I should have waited until I had the whole story and broken the news to them more gently.

Finally I got another call through to the mission and the Mother Superior answered. She said it was "last night, sometime after nine o'clock."

REBELS KILL THE FIRST HOSTAGE

The doctor told me later he thought it was about 10 o'clock when the guards came in with a long list of names. The doctor's name was also on the list that night. He said that five times during the night they took him out to execute him, and then they would bring him back and lock him up again.

The first man they killed that night was an Italian priest. His was a very horrible death from what the doctor said.

Jay was the second one. They took Jay, not only because he was an American, but because he was a missionary. They said, "We want the missionary." I was told later that one of the group said, "We are going to kill all the missionaries tonight."

From what I have been able to learn, the execution was instigated by a Colonel Yenga. He had come back quite frustrated from fighting at Beni, near the eastern



Feeling called of God, Congolese young people study the Scriptures in Assemblies of God Bible school.



After completing their course of training, some enter a pastoral ministry. Here one young minister is seen making a pastoral call.



Other graduates become itinerant evangelists. A young colporteur is shown displaying Bibles and other Christian books in a village.

border, where the rebels had suffered terrible losses. They would send women and children in ahead of the troops. They had so few guns, and ammunition was so scarce, that many were armed only with sticks. The men had been cut and washed with a solution which the witch doctors said would protect them from being killed. If they had a stick, all they had to do was say, "Mai na Mulele," and they would be safe. Mulele was the leader, but he lost face as they suffered heavy losses. Later they were saying, "Mai na Lumumba."

They actually believed they could not be shot. But when they went into battle they began to suffer heavy losses and thousands were killed. Then the rebels would come back to the Paulis area and recruit truckloads of mere children. It just absolutely broke our hearts to see these youngsters, anywhere from 11 to 16 years old, being shipped out by the hundreds on these trucks. Many never came back. Truckloads of wounded were brought to the Paulis hospital; it was full of them. And when things went so badly for the Simbas they became more dangerous.

"HE WAS ALWAYS CALM AND PEACEFUL"

The Catholic Sister told me, "Your husband's life was such a witness all through those weeks of imprisonment. He exerted a marvelous influence upon all the prisoners because he was always calm and peaceful."

When the prisoners were allowed to go out of their rooms, then Jay would have the room to himself for hours at a time. At these times he just lived in the Word. There was one week when Captain Otto was sick and another officer was in charge. That week was pretty rough. I couldn't go to the prison and see Jay.

Even in this situation he had opportunities to witness to the Europeans and to the Catholic Sisters. One night when they were beating the Sisters and they came to beat the men, they said Jay kept so calm that the whole room was calm during that time.

When the Simbas took him out that night to kill him, the Belgian doctor heard him call out twice.

"Do you think he suffered very much?" I asked. He said they were beating him with such large sticks that

after the first or second blow he probably was unconscious and didn't know what was going on.

"WE ALL DESPAIRED OF OUR LIVES"

All day Wednesday, after I had heard that Jay was gone, I was more afraid than ever for Johnny [age 18]. I was afraid that since they had killed one American they might come and get him too. In fact, we all despaired of our lives that day.

When the little Simba guards at our house heard our children crying, they wanted to know what was wrong. The watchman from the house next door came over and told me that if the Simbas heard them crying, they might kill them too. That was the way it was. If one Congolese showed any grief for another who had been killed they would just turn and kill him too.

I tried to calm the children, and after a while they became just as quiet as could be. I marvelled at it.

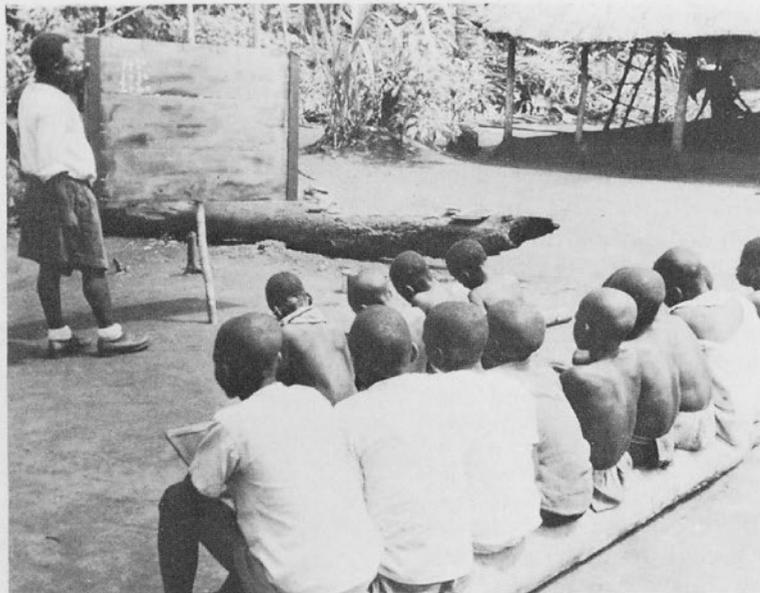
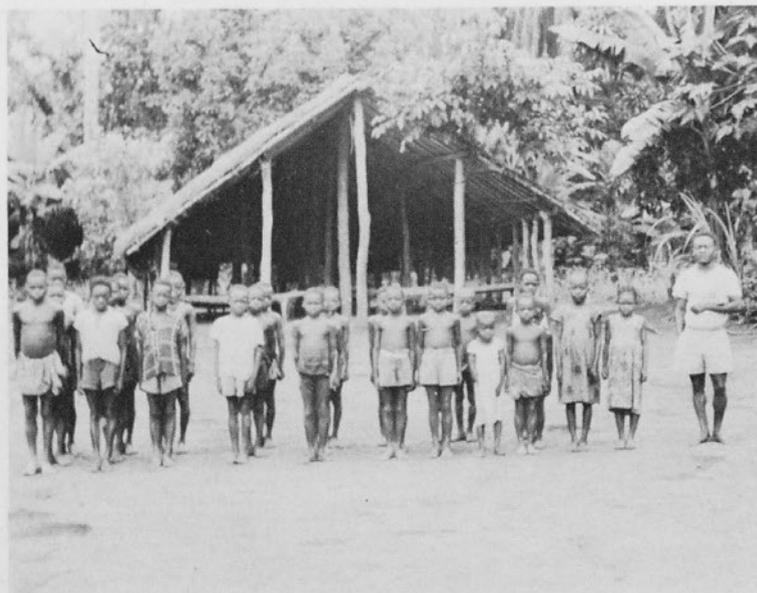
In my own desperation, I said, "Lord, why?" That was when He gave me John 12:24: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

I realize that Jay must have suffered some, but I know God did not let him suffer more than he was able to bear.

I said, "Lord, why did he have to go that way? Why couldn't it have been more gently?" Then the Lord impressed me to read the 11th chapter of Hebrews. I went into the bedroom by myself and sat down and read it slowly—verse after verse of deliverance and victory.

I thought that if the Lord had delivered him it would be so easy to understand. But He prompted me just to keep on reading, and I came down to verse 35 where it says, "And women received their dead raised to life again."

I said, "Lord, that is still deliverance." He told me to keep on reading. Then I came to that verse about some who were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And it seemed that the Lord spoke calm to my heart and said, "I chose him to die this way that he will have a better resurrection." And I felt comforted in my heart.



Assemblies of God missionaries opened scores of schools in The Congo and supervised them until they were forced to leave the country. Many of the schools met in shelters which had a roof but no walls... Some of the classes were conducted out-of-doors.



Congolese with physical ailments await their turn at the Assemblies of God dispensary....They come at all ages, like this little boy who is carrying his brother....Elementary treatment is given for all kinds of maladies, including leprosy.

JOINED BY FELLOW-MISSIONARIES

We went on through the day, and that afternoon David, an African whom we had known when he was a child, came to see us. Evidently he had witnessed the execution. He said many were not in favor of it, but nobody dared say anything against the one who seemed to have control at the time. Now he felt that the children and I should not be alone.

I told him we had no way to travel, and I was afraid to take the children out on the streets. David said he would see what he could do. I was sure if I could get to one of the friendly officers he would give us permission to move. But I didn't want to risk bringing Johnny to the attention of an unfriendly officer for fear he might be seized. I felt I couldn't do a thing.

In about 45 minutes I heard a knock at the door. We trembled every time we heard someone knock during those months. I went to the door and there was David and a Simba guard with Lillian and Gail. He had gone to their house and insisted they come and spend the night with us.

CONGOLESE CHRISTIAN BRINGS WEDDING RING

A little later a very dear Congolese friend of ours came, named Elias. He had grown up on one of the missions and had been in Paulis for many years. He was a fine Christian. A couple of years ago he had been in need of spiritual help and Jay had been a real encouragement to him at that time. He worked for the Hygiene Department of the government, and through all these months part of his work had been to sign the death certificates.

He said that at 11:30 the night Jay was killed, they had come and told him to take the bodies. (The Simbas didn't do much burying. They usually burned the bodies or threw them in a river.)

Elias said he cut the cords with which the bodies had been tied, and he was able to slip Jay's wedding ring from his finger, even though the Simbas were watching. Tears were rolling down his cheeks when he handed me the ring. He told me, "I don't know what

the custom is in your land, but I thought you might like to have this." He said he took the bodies in a truck about 25 miles and threw them in the Bomokandi River. When he came to the house he hadn't had a wink of sleep for two days.

I said, "Elias, we would love to have you here visiting with us, but I think you had better go. You are risking your life to be here now."



Leper receives treatment at Assemblies of God leprosarium in The Congo, and learns that there is a cure for his sin, too, through the precious blood of Christ.

But he said, "Before I go, I am going to pray." I wish you could have heard his prayer, in French. It was really beautiful. He spoke of Jay, "...Your servant, whom we all loved so very much, and whom You have taken to Yourself. Now watch over his wife and children, and if it please You, see that they get home safely." His prayer was answered.

THE LITTLE SIMBAS WEEP

Our big guard Andre had gone off and about eight o'clock the little guards came. I said, "What are you boys going to do tonight?" (By that time they had just become like any young boys; most of the time they were real nice.)

I told them, "I've got a big bowl of manioc greens. Would you like to have it?" The watchman had brought it over that morning and we had not been able to eat it.

They said, "White woman, how could we eat on a day like this?" They had tears in their eyes, those little rebel guards. They said they hadn't eaten a bite of food that day because their hearts were so broken over what had happened to the white man.

I asked where Andre was, and the little guards told me they had heard there was bad fighting at Buta and they had called in a lot of the big Simbas to send there. We thought it must have been God's provision that Andre was not there that night. We had reason to be uneasy about him.

It was wonderful to have Gail and Lillian there, because I had dreaded spending the night alone with the children. We prayed, "Lord, we belong to You, that's all," and went to bed. The Lord gave us rest that night.

PLANES ARRIVE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

When I awakened the next morning (Thanksgiving Day) I thought, "O Lord, how can we get up this morning and face another day of not knowing what is going to happen? This living in abject fear and dread—how are we going to do it?"

Then, in less than ten minutes, we heard the planes! [It was midnight in America. Congo time is six hours ahead of New York.]

After the first excitement over the prospect of rescue, we were even more afraid, because our house was completely surrounded by Simbas. I thought, "What if they come to the house now and shoot us at the last minute!"

About an hour and a half or two hours passed and we did not hear anything more. We began to wonder if the paratroopers had already gone and left us. Gail reminded me, "Angeline, the Lord promised to deliver the children out of the lion's den."

I said, "It is kind of hard to hold on to that promise with all that has happened." But she insisted the Lord would see us through these last minutes.

Pretty soon one of the children looked out and said, "Mama, white soldiers!" There were seven or eight paratroopers. They kept saying, "Hurry up! Hurry up!"

ALMOST LEFT BEHIND!

We had almost been left behind! The first group of planes had already left with 150 Belgian women and children before they got to us.

We walked several blocks; then they took us in a truck to the airport. Those paratroopers just couldn't do enough for us. They were all trying to get us to take their canteens, or give us something to eat. Then when they found out what happened to Jay, one of those big brusque paratroopers came and put his arms around me and said, "Just don't be afraid. The Americans will be here in a few minutes and take you out."

We learned more details of the rescue operation while we waited. The way they had saved the hostages in Paulis was most remarkable. The minute he heard the planes, a Dutch man had jumped on a bicycle and gone right to the airport, in spite of all the Simbas. As soon as the first paratroopers were down he said he would lead them to the hostages. They got two trucks and dashed through town in these and in their jeeps which had also been parachuted.

They got to the Catholic Mission before the Simbas realized what was happening. Five or six Simba guards were killed. The paratroopers released the hostages from the prison, loaded them in the trucks, and got them back to the airport without losing a single one!



Young ladies in The Congo enjoy sewing as much as any, but the little ones find it isn't easy....When it's time to sweep, the Congolese girls use their own style of broom.

WHITE WOMAN KILLED IN PAULIS

One woman whose husband was in prison was killed by her Simba guard that morning as soon as he heard the planes. She was the only white woman killed in Paulis. We thanked God from the depths of our hearts that Andre hadn't been at our house that morning; he had recently been given a better gun, and might have used it.

Soon after we got to the airport, those mammoth American planes came in to land on that little runway. It was the most amazing thing you ever saw. They said that if the runway at Paulis had been six feet shorter they couldn't have landed!

After a few unavoidable delays, we were taken aboard. By one o'clock we were on our way to Leopoldville—free, sorrowful, but grateful.

(Continued next week)

SPECIAL AWARD GIVEN TO MELVIN TUCKER BY THE ROYAL RANGERS

MELVIN TUCKER, SON OF THE DECEASED MISSIONARY, J. W. Tucker, has received the Royal Rangers "Helmsman Award." He is the fifth boy to receive this high award which is given by the National Office of the Royal Rangers to boys who have made outstanding achievements or displayed unusual courage.



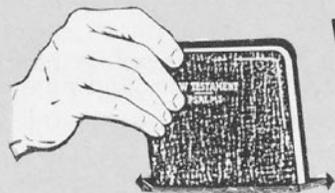
Melvin Tucker

In announcing the award, National Commander Johnnie Barnes said:

"You have been selected to receive the Helmsman Award. This award is presented by the National Office to Royal Rangers who have led the way in outstanding achievement or courage. We believe your courage and fortitude during the recent ordeal in The Congo deserves this special recognition. We will be praying that God will continue to give you strength and courage in the days ahead."

The award, to be pinned on the uniform, was accompanied by a certificate which said: "Royal Rangers hereby gives Special Recognition to Melvin Tucker of Little Rock, Arkansas, for outstanding courage. Signed—Johnnie Barnes, National Commander. December 11, 1964."

Melvin was a member of the Pioneer Outpost (Royal Rangers) at Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri, prior to his departure for The Congo with his parents.



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 21-28

Sunday—Psalms 23, 24
Monday—Mark 8
Tuesday—Mark 9
Wednesday—Mark 10

Thursday—Mark 11
Friday—Mark 12
Saturday—Psalm 25
Sunday—Psalm 26



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What does the Bible mean when it says of Leah that she was tender-eyed?" (Genesis 29:17).

Young's Concordance and Adam Clarke's Commentary agree that it means Leah had soft, delicate eyes. The Concordance also describes them as being timid eyes.

What position did the governor of the feast hold at the wedding at Cana? (John 2:8).

He was probably the steward, or manager, the one who was responsible for adequate supplies of food and drink, like a modern caterer.

Does Hebrews 8:7-13 refer to spiritual experiences in our day, or will it be fulfilled in the Millennium?

This verse tells us that under the new covenant God writes His laws in our hearts and minds. It is true that in the Millennium we will not have to encourage others to "know the Lord," but this is equally fulfilled among believers at present who believe in Jesus and live for Him. Compare Hebrews 8:7-13 with Jeremiah 31:31, 34.

Ought a pastor to call on the sick, visit people in their homes, etc., or should this ministry be left for the members to do?

Pastors who are alert will do all they can to win people to God and build up the church. It is also a great help if members of the congregation will do what they can to show a concern for the needs of others.

Pastors are often so busy ministering to individual needs of the people, however, that they neglect to spend proper time in prayer and meditation and study of the Word. These times of waiting on God are indispensable if the pastor is to have a profitable ministry. It is well for pastors to limit the amount of time they spend visiting among the people, in order to have proper periods set aside for study and prayer.

Would it be wrong for my husband and me, as Christians, to leave such property as we have to our unsaved children?

If you believe your children would wrongly use what you leave them, it might be better to leave the estate to the work of the Lord. If the children are prosperous and have no need, this would also be a reason for leaving your estate to the furtherance of the gospel. This is something you must decide. If the children are not prosperous and are willing to do right, you should remember them.

In Bible times, parents passed the inheritance down to their children, and Paul says, "For children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children" (2 Corinthians 12:14). I believe God will guide you as you look to Him.

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

MISSIONS and the FAMILY

BY JERRY SANDIDGE

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WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF LAYMEN TOWARD THE MISSIONARY AND THE MISSIONS CONVENTION? There is only one way to find out—ask them. So I did.

For my interview I selected a typical family of our church who faithfully attended our 10th annual World Missions Crusade.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coscia are members of First Assembly. John is a truck driver and is on the road a lot. His wife Josephine sings in the church choir and is a member of the teacher training class. The Coscias have been an Assemblies of God family for 30 years. They have two daughters and a son. Valerie works as a file

Each service finds Coscias intent listeners.



All five of the Coscia family have definite visions of missions.

clerk. Jackie, the youngest, is in the eighth grade. Chip, 16, is a junior in high school.

ATTITUDES

Maybe the Coscias' appreciation of missions is intensified by the fact that Mr. Coscia's grandmother was won to Christ in Italy by American missionaries, and if it were not for those missionaries two generations ago he and his family might not know the saving grace of Christ today.

He expressed his feelings about the value of a missionary crusade. "It is the cornerstone of the church to inspire people to give to missions. You meet missionaries and take a personal interest in missions."

Mrs. Coscia stated the importance of a missions convention very simply. "It is a 'filling station' for us and for the missionaries." Chip called it "our outlet to lost souls around the world."

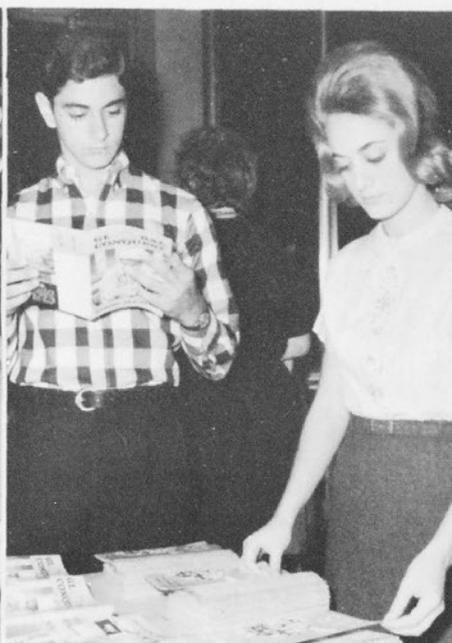
Chip expressed his view of a missionary as being "one in God's will doing his part in fulfilling the Great Commission." "Missionaries," said Chip, "are helping us here at home to reach beyond our country to the untold millions."

GIVING

This kind of attitude toward missionaries and missions assumes that the church should play a major role in world missions.

Chip mentioned that "missions must have priority in the church program. At least 50 per cent of all offerings should go to world missions. Money invested in souls is better than money invested in buildings."

Mrs. Coscia said, "The more you give to missions the more God blesses you." The Coscia family gives systematically to missions and has done so for years. How-



Guest speaker Charles Greenaway (left), Assemblies of God resident secretary, meets the Coscias. Chip and Valerie show interest in missions literature.

Mrs. Coscia and Jackie (center) chat with visiting missionaries, Mrs. Howard Osgood (left) and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe. Chip pinpoints on map the project his church has helped.

ever, they feel that each person and each church should increase its giving annually.

The missions convention at First Assembly has done much to impart a vision and interest in missions. The first missions crusade was held in 1954. "The main purpose of the conventions," says Pastor James E. Hamill, "has been to increase missionary vision, praying, and giving. . . . It better acquaints the people with the mission fields and the efforts that are being put forth by the Assemblies of God to reach them."

The 1964 crusade offerings totaled over \$5,600. There were 11 missionaries representing many countries. The closing service saw 1,000 in attendance with scores of young people dedicating their lives to God.

CHALLENGE

The Coscia family was deeply affected by the inspiration and information of the crusade. Mrs. Coscia confessed, "I'm not doing what I feel I should do." The crusade made her see that much needs to be done for God and that she must increase her own personal efforts.

Chip, realizing how short the time is to work for Christ, said, "We need to get into the battle and fight!"

Mr. Coscia indicated he was "inspired to do more for Christ than ever before."

FACTS

Valuable information was gained about the needs of mission fields and the plight of many nations.

Jackie, rather quietly yet sincerely, explained she was startled to learn from one missionary "that 90 per cent of all Christian workers are among the 9 per cent English-speaking world, and only 10 per cent of the Christian workers are laboring among 91 per cent of the world's non-English-speaking population." She never before realized how badly missionaries are needed.

Mrs. Coscia learned that "a billion dollars spent on literature could evangelize the world in 10 years."

Chip was shaken by the fact that "2,000 tribes are yet unreached with the gospel. They have no missionary and no Bible."

Mr. Coscia discovered there are "750 million Chinese people unreached with the gospel and no missionary can go to them today."

EFFECTS

The family is already looking forward to the 1965 convention. Personal goals are already being established. "I want to be a greater blessing to the guest missionaries. I hope to have them in my home," said Mrs. Coscia. The family is anxious to hear reports of the progress, needs, problems, and victories on the field.

Mr. Coscia pledged himself to pray more for the missionaries. The completeness of his dedication was expressed in these words: "No greater thrill could be mine than for God to call my son or daughters to the mission field. This would be even greater than the medical profession which Chip is now considering."

There is a definite impact made upon the man in the pew by an annual missionary convention. A greater burden for lost humanity, a determination to be a better Christian, a promise to give more to missions, an understanding of mission fields and missionaries, and the challenge to greater Christian service are all by-products.

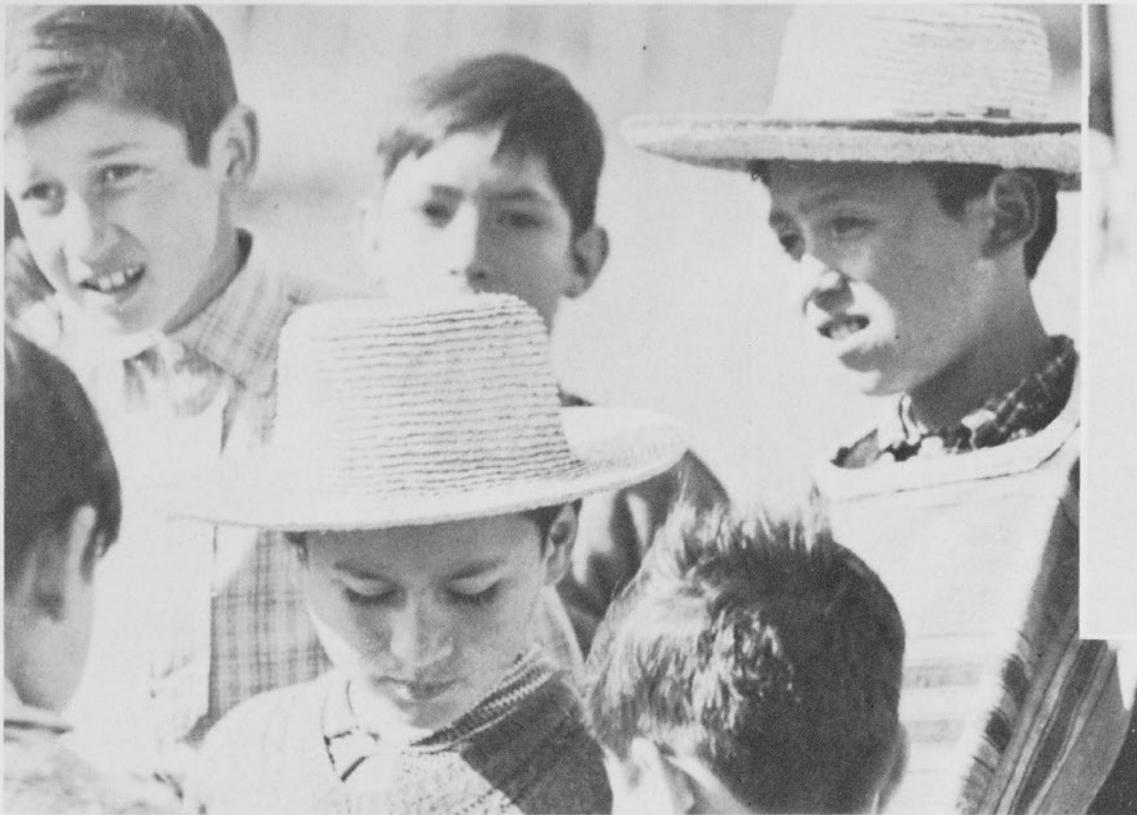
This was the effect made on the Coscia family. And they were only one family in hundreds attending the annual missions crusade at First Assembly in Memphis.

This Month's Clipsheet Omitted

In order to make room for Mrs. Angeline Tucker's report from The Congo, the monthly Clipsheet feature is omitted from this issue. The next in the series (Missions Vignettes, Number 5) will appear on March 21.—*Foreign Missions Editor*

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Missionary George Davis said, "People like these are our motive for going..."

Lima, Peru, was one of 17 convention sites.



Sunday School Enthusiasm

FROM ACROSS SOUTH AMERICA THERE are thrilling reports of upsurges in Sunday school attendance and rededication in the lives of hundreds of Sunday school teachers. This is the fruit of the recent Assemblies of God Sunday school convention tour through 10 major countries of South America.

The tour began in Santiago, Chile, on September 14, and ended in Caracas, Venezuela, on November 15. The convention team consisted of George Davis, Sunday school coordinator for Latin America; Juan Romero, Sunday school director of Latin America; and Larry Scott, son of missionary David Scott of Chile. They covered 20,000 miles in 60 days in a Cessna airplane, and ministered to more than 5,500 Sunday school workers. They reached every one of the convention cities on time in spite of mountains to cross, bad weather, minor problems with the plane, and the de-

lays of going through Customs at each border.

Though the conventions were geared to present better methods and organization in Christian education, more than 150 people came forward to make first-time decisions for Christ. The theme of the conventions was "Revival Through the Sunday School." Reports indicate that scores of Sunday school workers returned to their classes with a great desire to carry the flame of evangelism to the people they teach.

One Sunday school superintendent recorded the messages of Juan Romero, the convention speaker, and carried them home to his workers. As the tapes were played several persons accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Other Sunday school leaders have reported phenomenal increases in Sunday school attendance as workers began to realize their potential for evangelism.



Convention team sang as trio to introduce many new Sunday school choruses.



Mrs. George Davis joined the team for Bolivia and Chile conventions.

"These conventions have done more for the Assemblies of God work in this country in three days than a giant revival meeting could have done," reported one veteran missionary. "The years to come will be marked by the continuing fruit of this effort."

From Argentina, Missionary Louie Stokes writes: "In our annual Greater Buenos Aires convention, a large crowd at the Evangelistic Temple listened eagerly in a Sunday afternoon rally. That night some 800 attended the most enthusiastic Sunday school meeting ever held there. Fifteen were converted, and about 50 rededicated their lives for Christian service. Everyone exclaimed, '*Que simpaticos!*' (How wonderful!), for the Sunday school trio was most friendly, and their enthusiasm was contagious." ◀◀

Chile field superintendent David Scott moderated one of twelve workshops.



UNSCHEDULED LANDING . . .

. . . of Speed-the-Light airplane was forced by a partial loss of power over Peru. However, even this incident ended in blessing. The aircraft mechanic (left, in photo) responded to the gospel by giving his heart to the Lord. He made public confession of faith in the last night's service at Lima. Others in photo are George Davis (pilot) and Juan Romero.



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

MISSIONS—ALWAYS MOBILE

DR. CHARLES MALIK OF LEBANON, one-time president of the United Nations and himself an earnest Christian, has said: "There are three unpardonable sins today: to be flippant or superficial in the analysis of the world situation; to live and act as though halfhearted measures would prevail; and to lack the moral courage to rise to the historic situation."

Never before has the Church had such exciting opportunity of bringing the millions to Christ—an opportunity which may well be frighteningly short! Most of the leaders of Protestant world missions enterprise believe that the last six months have been particularly significant in the annals of missionary history. There is no doubt that we stand at the great divide of two eras. On us rests the responsibility under God of planning for total world witness in the space age—in the day when ancient traditions are disintegrating and old sanctities are losing their power. Complex crises like the one in The Congo might well make us feel overwhelmed were it not for the assurance, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

The picture darkens in some places but brightens in others. In at least two countries of Latin America recent political changes seem to preface enlarged opportunity. In British Guiana, which has known political foment and race hatred for the past several years, a new government is in control. There are new vistas of opportunity for evangelism and church planning. We have just dedicated a beautiful new structure in Georgetown, the capital city. Likewise Chile, in a new election, has decided to take a turn to the right. Currently there is extensive building for the Kingdom of God going on in this nation as well.

One thing is certain: the Church of Jesus Christ must accept the mobile nature of its responsibility today and be ready wherever world crisis suddenly throws open the gates. ◀◀

Abram and Lot

Sunday School Lesson for February 28, 1965

GENESIS 13:5-15; 14:14-16

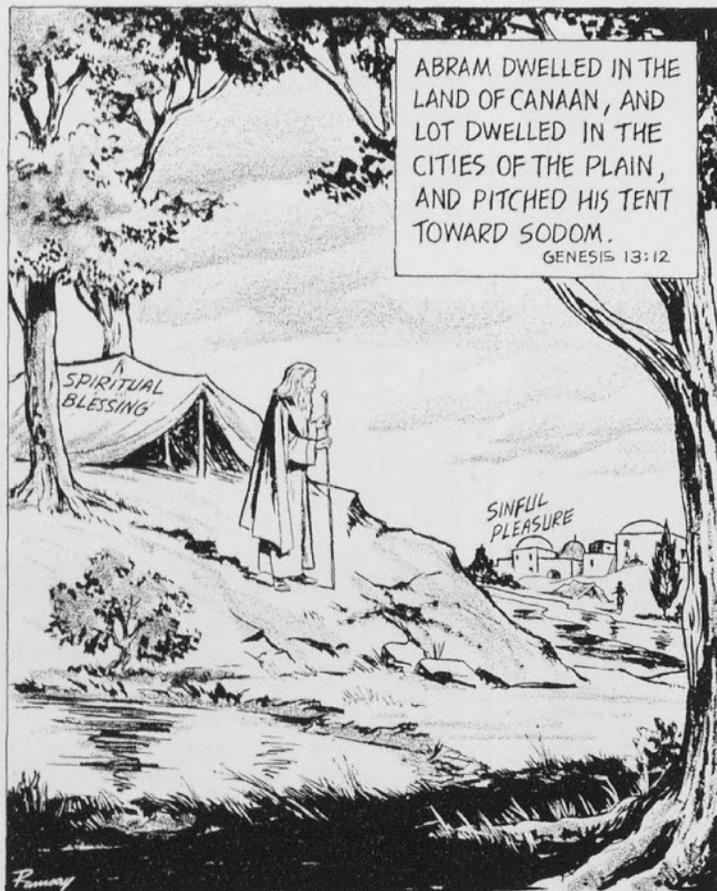
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

1. ABRAM YIELDS TO LOT

a. *The Problem* (Genesis 13:1-7). Both Abram and Lot had become wealthy. Both had great flocks and herds. Dwelling together was becoming exceedingly difficult, to the point where a quarrel had arisen between the servants of the two men. "And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled in the land." The heathen were beholding this quarrel among the followers of the true God! Abram was concerned about the matter and took the initiative.

b. *Abram's Generosity* (vv. 8, 9). Faithful Abram! Though the land had been promised to him, he generously offered Lot first choice of location. He could afford to be bighearted because God was real to him. It was not worth the loss of fellowship with God to contend for earthly rights. We may defend ourselves for the sake of earthly gain and find it has cost us eternal loss. The meek shall inherit the earth—not the contentious and self-vindicating!

WHERE ARE YOU DWELLING?



c. *Lot's Unwise Choice* (vv. 10-13). "And Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan... and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." Lot's choice was made with no thought of God's will, but only from the standpoint of personal gain. Like many today, he made his decision without weighing eternal values. He was a materialist.

d. *Abram's Reward* (vv. 14-17). What was it? A fresh revelation of God. When did it come? (1) After an act of separation and "putting to death" a desire of the flesh. (2) When Abram was in danger of the reaction of depression and doubt which often follows a great moral decision.

Note the aspects of this revelation: (1) *The prospect afforded*. Lot had "lifted up his eyes"; now God says to Abram, "Lift up thine eyes." (2) *The promise given* (vv. 15, 16). Here God renewed His covenant with Abram. (3) *Possession encouraged* (v. 17). "Arise, walk through the land." In other words, "Appropriate by faith." Are we doing it? (See Joshua 1:3.)

e. *Abram's Gratitude* (v. 18). Abram showed his gratitude by building an altar. His tent and altar speak of the pilgrimage and devotion of a Christian.

2. ABRAM RESCUES LOT (Genesis 14:1-16)

a. *The Occasion* (Genesis 14:1-11). Five kings of Palestine, who had been subject to Chedorlaomer, rebelled. In the battle which followed they were defeated. Among them were the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah.

b. *The Capture of Lot* (vv. 12, 13). How was it that Lot was taken captive? He who at first had only pitched his tent toward Sodom now dwelt in Sodom and shared in its downfall. Those who venture near the borderline of worldliness eventually become citizens of the land.

c. *Abram to the Rescue!* (vv. 14-16). In the previous chapter we saw Abram yielding; now we see him taking action. Let us spend our energy in a spiritual offensive rather than waste it defending ourselves and opposing our brethren. Lot's soul was in danger as well as his body. Abram, with a small army of servants, rescued his nephew and put to route the enemy!

Abram harbored no "root of bitterness." Divine love is always eager to help the fallen.

3. ABRAM MEETS TWO KINGS (Genesis 14:17-24)

Success, as well as adversity, is a good test of character. How a man behaves in the moment of spiritual exaltation often affords an insight into his character. This is illustrated in Abram's meetings with the kings.

a. *Melchizedek* (vv. 18-20). An air of mystery enshrouds this priest of the most high God who is a perfect type of Jesus. (See Hebrews 5:6; 6:20; 7:1-28.) Abram paid tithes to this king. Tithing is thus shown to be of grace, not of law, for the law was not yet given.

b. *The King of Sodom* (vv. 17, 21-24). Sodom's king went out to offer Abram a reward. But Abram received divine blessings before spiritual testing, which prepared him for the interview with the king. Abram would have none of Sodom's gifts. He said: "I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God."

Have we had such a revelation of Jesus that we can say an unequivocal "No" to the subtle offers of the world, the flesh, and the devil? ◀◀◀



SAY IT WITH THE *Evangel*

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

BY MRS. GARNET SKILES
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IF YOU CAN "SAY IT WITH FLOWERS," YOU CAN SAY IT better with *The Pentecostal Evangel*. This is a silent but effective messenger to thousands, including the ill and aged. Distributing portions of the *Evangel* is a soul-winning project which has been used successfully by the Missionette group in our church.

First our Missionettes collected backdated *Evangel*s as well as glue, scissors, staplers, construction paper and envelopes. Then we proceeded to clip the *Evangel*s.

Front covers can be made into scrapbooks or color books for children, if they are appropriate. The "Statement of Faith" can be clipped, pasted on colored construction paper, and given to Sunday school teachers to use with their classes. After the students are well acquainted with the "Statement," the teacher may use the material in a true-or-false contest. Questions about the "Statement" may be given orally or written out. The students enjoy this method of learning.

The section called "Your Questions" (answered by E. S. Williams) makes very informative booklets for new converts. Cut them from five or six issues of *The Evangel* and staple together at the top.

C. M. Ward's *Revivaltime* articles give convincing evidence of what God is doing by means of radio today. Find out where and when the *Revivaltime* broadcast is heard in your community and include a note containing this information with the articles being clipped. (Fold neatly and place in an envelope with the name of the shut-in who will receive it.)

Sunday school lessons in the *Evangel* are brief and suitable for giving to hospital patients. Brother Ramsay's unique cartoons add variety. Or you may staple just

the cartoons together to be given out. One hospital patient told me she preferred the pictures to the reading material. Many patients are not able to read and they do get a wonderful message through the cartoons.

Even the "fillers" are gratefully received by the aged and sick, as are short stories. Paste each "filler" on a piece of construction paper and insert in envelope. Sermons may be cut out and placed in envelopes. Write a note on the envelope saying, "Your Sunday Morning Sermon," to add a personal touch.

Paste individual poems on construction paper and insert ribbon at the top so they may be hung on a wall. These will be treasured by shut-ins.

Healing testimonies are especially beneficial. I can never forget the suffering middle-aged man who welcomed the *Evangel* offered him. He found good news there. He was saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit and became a great personal worker.

What child, sick or well, would not welcome the fascinating Bible games called "Musementments for Minors" that are designed to enlighten a child spiritually. These can be pasted on construction paper and placed in a pretty box to be delivered.

Articles on "The Christian Home" make invaluable reading material to be given singly to an unsaved or discouraged mother, who is so often at "wit's end corner." An entire family may be saved through this message of encouragement.

Ask God to direct you in distributing the material gleaned. Be sure the articles are appropriate for the patient. Give only literature that will uplift. The unsaved person should have the gospel of salvation presented to him in a loving and simple manner.

Only God will know the ultimate results of your efforts, but there *will* be good results as you pray over your work. Say it with the *Evangel*. It will work for you.



Mrs. Garnet Skiles, Missionette Sponsor at Calvary Assembly, Carthage, Ill., is shown with her Missionettes who participated in *The Pentecostal Evangel* project.

REVIVALTIME LIVE ORIGINATES LIVE

FROM BILLINGS, MONTANA

REVIVALTIME HAS MANY FRIENDS IN THE GREAT STATE of Montana. In nearly every area of the state the familiar strains of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" can be heard every Sunday. But December 13, 1964, was the first time Montana had ever been host to a "live" origination of the *Revivaltime* broadcast service.

When Pastor Walter Buck learned that *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward was to speak for the Montana District Ministers Institute, he immediately invited *Revivaltime* to originate from First Assembly of God in Billings. Although many obstacles had to be overcome, Lee Shultz, national secretary of radio, and Pastor Buck were determined to make it possible for the many friends in Montana to share in a broadcast service.

In December there is always the hazard of cold weather, snow, and blizzards in Montana. But as the *Revivaltime* team moved into Billings mild and beautiful weather prevailed. The warm, congenial spirit of hospitality that characterizes this northwestern state made the broadcast team feel even more welcome.

District Superintendent Earl Goodman and neighboring pastors and friends from the Billings area joined the congregation of First Assembly to participate in the service. Pastor Buck declared that having *Revivaltime* originate from First Assembly was one of the spiritual highlights in the history of the church.

Participating in the broadcast service (in addition to C. M. Ward and Lee Shultz) were Bartlett Peterson, executive director of the Radio Department and *Revivaltime* narrator, and Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director.

Special music was provided by the unusual teen choir of Billings First Assembly. Comprised of about 50 teen-



Bartlett Peterson, executive director of radio presents the *Revivaltime* Honor of Origination plaque to Walter Buck (right), pastor of First Assembly of God in Billings, Mont.

agers and led by Don Heinrich, director of music at the church, the choir has toured northern and west coast states in sacred concerts. Their jubilant, inspirational singing made a great contribution to the service.

During the meeting, prayer was made for those who had special requests. Results of that time of prayer are already reaching *Revivaltime*. Just a few days ago a woman in Billings wrote:

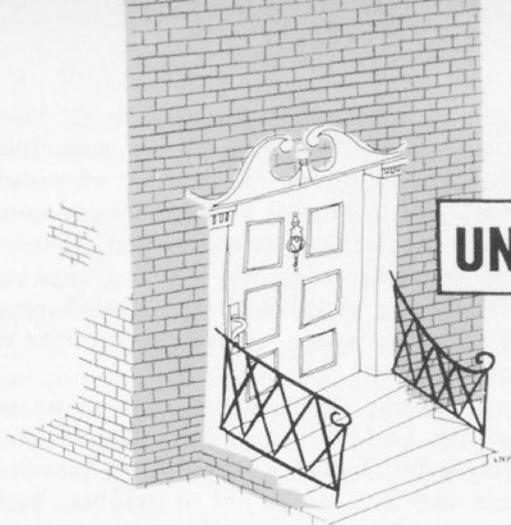
"I had you pray for my aged father. He was in the hospital and the doctors had no hope for him. They said they could do nothing more.

"I called my parents' home Sunday evening as I always do to find out how Dad was. Mom said he was home and doing fine. I even talked with him a few minutes over the phone. I am so thankful, and I surely praise the Lord."

The Billings *Revivaltime* origination service was a unique, unforgettable experience. God moved in a mighty way, and the team left the city confident that many souls had been influenced for Christ. ◀◀

Friends of *Revivaltime* in and around the Billings area crowd into the First Assembly to participate in the broadcast origination service. Excitement mounts as *Revivaltime* is about to begin. Bartlett Peterson, narrator, awaits the "on the air" signal from Lee Shultz (bottom right), producer of *Revivaltime* and national secretary of radio. Providing special music for the broadcast is the teen choir from Billings First Assembly, directed by Cyril McLellan of *Revivaltime*.





UNFURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT

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EVERY HUMAN SOUL DISPLAYS A "VACANCY" OR A "NO vacancy" sign which is easily seen and avidly read by the travelers of the unseen world.

Matthew's Gospel records these startling words spoken by Jesus, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation" (Matthew 12: 43-45).

You may not believe in evil spirits or demons but *Christ did!* Many people believe in the ministry of angels, but according to the Bible demons are just as real. In fact, the Scriptures have more to say about the activities of demons than of angels. Much of Christ's ministry was the casting out of evil spirits.

Some things become very evident from these words of Christ. Displaced demons seek a place of habitation. They are compelled to ceaseless activity. They are seeking rest. But Satan and his hosts are forever barred from the peace and rest which is found only in God. It is obvious that there is a *constant battle between two spiritual forces for the palace of the human heart!* Jesus showed the danger of a vacant soul. It is essential that the soul which has been freed from the devil be occupied by God.

Our generation is one of empty hearts and empty lives. Wealth, luxury and self-indulgence have voided us of purpose. We have become empty, aimless wanderers without goal or destiny. We exist but do not truly live. Science has emptied our hearts of much ignorance and superstition, and garnished it with information on a thousand subjects. But which is more dangerous, ignorance or intellectual pride? Is idolatry worse than atheistic materialism? Education and reformation have cast out many evils but they have left the heart empty. A club may discourage a man from drinking but the vice remains rooted in an ungodly nature. Medical reports may scare him from smoking with warnings of cancer and other deadly diseases, but the craving continues. men may undergo great changes for the better without being converted; or be trained in Christian truth and the heart still remain empty. Parents may expel lying, stealing, and a dozen other vices from the child but his heart will still be empty. Evil spirits are looking for empty hearts.

You will note that this text does not say that emissaries of evil will break down the door of the heart

and force their way inside. Rather, they find a vacuum and step inside. Here is the boast of the cast-out demon, "I will return unto *my* house from whence I came out." This is a lie! The human heart is not his. Man was created *by* God for fellowship *with* God. The human heart was intended to be a habitation of God. But as man has rejected the presence of God—refused to walk with Him—he has exposed his heart to the undesirable tenants of hell! "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man," Jesus said, "he walketh through dry places. . . ." Every place—except man's heart—is a dry place for Satan. But the wicked heart is the devil's paradise! Filled with oaths, lies, blasphemies, drunkenness, lusts, indecencies, vulgarities—it is a delightful place for the devil.

Not only is this scripture a grave warning against reformation without conversion, it is also a powerful plea against spiritual relapse after conversion. In the physical realm, a relapse is often more dangerous than the initial sickness. A spiritual relapse is decidedly more so. The Jewish nation had been cleansed from idolatry. They had learned their lesson the hard way—through national defeat, captivity and bondage. They had become garnished with religious externals. But, tragically, Israel had become possessed with the demon of hypocrisy which is even worse! An idolator may become convicted and accept Christ, but a hypocrite seldom does. A church may be delivered from worldliness, vanity, vice and sin of every sort and then become possessed with ease, lukewarmness, compromise and indifference. It is a true paradox that a modern, liberal church may be awakened by the preaching of the gospel and experience revival; while an orthodox, fundamental, self-righteous church is almost impossible to stir for God. An individual may be genuinely saved, delivered from the bondage of sin, redeemed through faith in the sacrifice of Christ; and then become careless, indifferent, unfaithful, rebellious, and sinful. According to the Bible, *his last condition is worse than the first!* The apostle Peter wrote, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again: and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Peter 2:20-22).

The sinner is more easily awakened than the backslider. It is dangerous to think one can go on extinguishing

and rekindling God's flame. A bar bends only so often—then it breaks! Men grow skeptical of reality when they play with truth. Satan and his host of demons are looking for a spiritual vacuum. The only defense is to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus and filled with the Spirit of God. John wrote, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Friend, make sure your heart is continually filled with Christ and His wonderful presence. May Satan never find an "Unfurnished House for Rent" sign over the door of your heart. ◀◀◀

INTERCESSION

a labor of love



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THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER HAS MANY FACETS, AND ONE of the most intriguing is the specific activity known as *intercession*. A distinct operation of the Holy Spirit, this presents a particular challenge to the Spirit-filled believer living in the momentous days of the present.

Unfortunately, although often mentioned, intercession in its purest form is not often understood, less frequently experienced, and completely unknown to multitudes of professing Christians. Hence some study of this "labor of love" and choice calling from the heart of God Himself is of value.

Defined, "intercession" means "to mediate between persons" or "to plead in behalf of another." An intercessor is a "mediator" or "go-between." Since the original Greek conveys the idea of conducting an interview, obviously a "five-minute" prayer session at the Sunday evening altar service does not qualify as a solemn *interview* with the Almighty! To truly plead or mediate for others may involve hours, sometimes days, or even weeks or months.

Appearing in all ages and dispensations, intercession

has been exercised by men and women of noble character and spiritual power. The Bible gives numerous examples: Abraham pleading for his nephew enmeshed in Sodom's deceitful lure; Moses, at Rephidim, raising his hands in token of Israel's strength and victory; Aaron waving his priestly censer and standing between the dead and the living; and Daniel, prostrated upon the floor of a Babylonian palace, confessing the sins of a wayward people.

History records others: John Knox, the reformer, claiming Scotland for God; "Praying" Hyde breathing out his life in prayer for India; Evan Roberts pleading for Wales. These are but a few of a mighty host.

The great Example of intercession is the Lord Jesus Christ. According to Hebrews 7:25 and Romans 8:34, He is *now* making intercession in the presence of God for His own. And a review of His earthly life clearly reveals a constant pleading for those with whom He walked and talked. Climaxed in His ascension to the throne of God with an offering of His own precious blood, His death was the acme of mediation!

For certain, intercession is never a perfunctory act of prayer; neither does ordinary weeping and praying fully describe it. Paul used the figure of *soul travail* to describe his prayers for the Galatian Christians. (See Galatians 4:19.) And can anyone fathom the depth and intensity of the Saviour's anguished cries? This magnificent ministry involves a divine, supernatural force playing upon the human vehicle. On occasion, mental and spiritual grief for others may be so keenly accentuated that within the inner recesses of the physical being actual pain is experienced.

Scripturally thinking, intercession has two objectives. One is prayer for "all men." This has the thought of making supplication for sinners and for mankind as a whole. (See 1 Timothy 2:1.) The other is "intercession for the saints" as noted in Romans 8:26, 27. Here, a particular demonstration of the Spirit is indicated when it is affirmed that human weakness in prayer can be lost in a moving of the Holy Spirit who manifests Himself in "groanings which cannot be uttered." This, of course, carries exciting implications to folk who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit—especially since some translators render *groanings* as "stammering lips."

Certainly, the possibilities of this remarkable ministry are unlimited. Blessed are the churches which have "mothers (or fathers) in Israel" who will lend themselves to a ministry of intercession! Souls will be saved, miracles wrought, and insurmountable difficulties overcome. We are reminded of a precious woman who volunteered for such a ministry. (In her devotion, she even went so far as to offer to bear the burden of the entire assembly!) Hour after hour, she could be found lying under the mighty hand of God and crying out in affliction and agony of soul. And how God did meet with her church and bless the people!

There is a broadness—a universality—in the work of intercession! It can be exercised by *any* believer who will unreservedly dedicate himself to prayer. Being spiritual in essence, it can reach around the globe to every creature. Through prayer in the Holy Spirit, those who have no *call* to be "go-missionaries" can be "co-missionaries"—they can actually minister to lands afar and to peoples whom they shall never see in person upon this

earth. Someday, as a reward for their faithfulness, the often-unknown prayer warriors will rejoice to hear their Master's "Well done" as they meet precious redeemed souls—the product of their soul travail!

Because of the importance of this ministry, there are necessary preparatory steps to be observed in order to engage therein. It *does* have a price!

First, there must be a sincere desire to obtain such a ministry, and a heart-moving sense of the need. Although many people do have an intellectual appreciation of the worth of a never-dying soul, intercession must go beyond the head and spring from the deep of the heart and soul.

Of necessity, it requires a willingness to dedicate not only time but one's entire being to the task—a complete consecration to the will of God. Only those wholly surrendered to the Holy Spirit can become channels through which He can effectively pray His precious will.

Such an attitude will lead to identification with the object of prayer. As the Saviour took upon Himself the frame of man, assuming our cause, so an intercessor must be vicariously translated in spirit into the sphere of those for whom he intercedes. Recall the intercession of Moses at Sinai—it changed the mind of God! Willing to suffer the fate of the sinning Israelites, he became so importunate in his pleadings that he asked for eternal death for himself if God could not forgive the people.

Any real prayer is work, and intercession is doubly so. It demands persistence in effort. A feature of Israel's wilderness march is a picture in this respect. The Ark of the Covenant which represented the abode of God was borne on the shoulders of selected men—"the sons of Kohath." Consider of what this load consisted—a fair-sized wooden box sheathed in gold veneer and containing, among other articles, two tablets of stone, and topped with a lid and two cherubic figures of solid gold, plus the large and heavy Tabernacle veil, and a complete covering of skins. It must have been a very heavy load.

To carry it, day after day, over hot desert sands and rugged terrain required strong determination and many an aching muscle. Often it must have been a severe test of endurance. Likewise, the ark of God's glory and power—the New Covenant in His blood—often rests heavily upon the *shoulders* of faithful intercessors as they engage in sacred ministry before Him. Surely, neither the fainthearted nor the weak need apply for such a service!

But, what a challenge! The sobs of numberless, anguished, hell-bound sinners rise from the ends of the earth, cry from the habitations of cruelty, and moan for an intercessor. Many a saint, standing on slippery, precarious ground and almost fainting in the battle, will miss the divine plan unless someone intercedes. The darkness of the world's night is descending like a thick, heavy pall—surely, the NEED is urgent. Intercession is imperative!

In a century long past, the prophet "wondered that there was no intercessor" (Isaiah 59:16); and New Testament revelation has added: "Praying *always* with *all* prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with *all* perseverance and supplication for *all* saints" (Ephesians 6:18). Friends, have you caught the message? ◀◀

Ministry of Prayer

All power, all love, all knowledge Thine;
What need hast Thou for prayer of mine?
We cannot tell we only know
We have Thy word that it is so.
Co-workers we with Thee, our King!
What songs of praise my heart will sing.

That prayer from me of little worth,
May win a soul may move the earth,
May haste the day of Thy return!
The fires which on Thine altars burn
My hands may tend until that day!
Teach me, Oh, teach me how to pray!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

ADD INSIGHT TO OUTSIGHT

If you want to see some wonderful sights, open the eyes of your heart. The Holy Bible is full of insights and outsights. The great men of the Scriptures had both. They observed with physical sense, and discerned with spiritual ability.

Take Moses, for example. When he came upon the burning bramble bush he said, "I will turn aside and see why the bush is not burned." First outsight, then insight. He turned aside to contemplate it, to fathom its meaning, to learn its lessons, to grasp its significance.

You, too, can add insight to outsight. Open the eyes of your heart; worship God; study the Bible; pray without ceasing. Then you will see some wonderful *sights*; the Word can change your life.

—ROBERT W. OLEWEILER, in *The Union Signal*

AN ABSENCE THAT IS GENUINE

Philosophic speculators have "examined" heaven and say there is no gold there. Theologians have "gone" to hell and discovered there are no flames there. Liberal theologians have "looked" at Jesus Christ and say there is no God there. And twenty centuries ago they attempted to seal a tomb and say there was no resurrection there.

One day, perhaps soon, they will make a discovery of an absence that is genuine. The prophetic words of the Son of God will burst out of the New Testament into the newspaper headlines: "Mill Worker Disappears from Beside Mate." "Wife Sees Husband Vanish from Bed." They are not there!

Some qualities of spirit escape the vulgar eye. It was the "Spirit of holiness" in Jesus Christ that raised Him from the dead. And it will be the very same Spirit in operation in the missing Christians who are mysteriously caught up "to meet the Lord in the air."

Translation that is followed by a genuine absence must be preceded by a genuine holiness. —MARY TREGENZA

NEEDED: 10 who are righteous

By CLAUDIA HIGGINS
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SOLOMON KNEW FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT SOME NATIONS seem never to learn, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

In our own nation, where the assassination of a president and the lawless murder of the assassin took place a little over a year ago, there are unmistakable signs of moral decay.

Even secular magazines ask the question, "What has happened to America's moral integrity?" An editorial in *The Sacramento Union* states, "The moral standards of our country have degenerated. By and large, the courage, willingness to sacrifice for beliefs, and the attitudes which marked the record of our founding fathers, have been sorely diminished."

Another editor recently wrote, "We mock the concepts of... honor, purity, and righteousness."

Every American must be concerned, yet each seems to wait for the other to make a move in the right direction. Moral integrity is an individual matter. It is only as individuals improve their standards that the nation improves, for Americans *are* America.

Jenkin L. Jones, editor of the *Tulsa Tribune*, asked in his now-famous 1961 speech to editors, "Who is tampering with the soul of America?" He added that nations do "have souls."

How do we begin to improve America's soul?

We begin with ourselves.

When the Lord told Abraham He was about to destroy Sodom, Abraham pleaded that the city be spared if 50 righteous people could be found in it. Then, fearful lest he had set the number too high, Abraham finally reduced the number to 10. God still promised to spare the city for the sake of 10 righteous people.

What were the sins of Sodom? Ezekiel tells us that Sodom's sins included "pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness... neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy" (Ezekiel 16:49). The sin of sodomy got its name also from this wicked city.

Do you recognize any of these symptoms in our nation today? How much surplus food do we have stored in warehouses, going to waste while millions eke out a marginal existence?

Idleness is a bane and a woe. One editor warns that the nation whose people seek wages without work is already "beginning to stagger." An increasing number of people are receiving direct aid through welfare agencies, with no effort being made to strengthen them so that they may become financially responsible. "Relief is gradually becoming an honorable career in America," said Jenkin L. Jones.

A 1962 inquiry into 92 welfare cases revealed that

more than half the families were "wrongfully getting aid for dependent children."

Recently there was a strike of 12,500 welfare employees in New York City. This brought out the fact that it takes an enormous army of paid workers just to dispense relief funds and commodities to the more than half a million on relief in that city alone.

Godliness and moral integrity are so rapidly eroding away from our nation that only "abject tragedy awaits us unless the downward trend is halted."

If history repeats itself, our nation may be expected to live approximately 200 years before it disintegrates from political corruption and moral degeneration. We are nearing the end of the 200 years. Yet... God was willing to spare Sodom for 10 righteous people.

The Lord spared Nineveh when her people heeded Jonah's warning and repented. What would happen if at least 10 people in every city, town, and hamlet throughout America went to their knees in prayer and rededication? If God spared Sodom and Nineveh, would He do less for us?

Will you accept the challenge? Will you and your family pray earnestly for our nation's survival? Will you clean out everything that is unrighteous in your life and in your home?

Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon has said, "Prayer must cease to be a brassy noise resounding from the rafters, and become the deep-rooted desires of a soul longing and yearning for the reality of God."

Ask God to revive you and reveal anything that you do that is displeasing to Him. Don't feel that you are unimportant, that there is nothing you can do. Many Christians indwelt with the Holy Spirit fail to realize their potential influence in the world. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers that restrains the Antichrist. Paul told the Thessalonians, "For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only there is one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way" (2 Thessalonians 2:7, ARV).

The same God who told Solomon that "sin is a reproach to any people," also revealed to him the cure: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The life of our nation can hinge on your righteousness. Get everything right with God. Gather your family and pray together for the United States of America. Even 10 righteous, praying people can change the course of a nation. ◀◀◀

WASHINGTON, D.C.—When President Lyndon B. Johnson chose to begin his inaugural day ceremonies with a quiet, unprecedented interfaith religious service at the National Christian Church, a few blocks from the White House, Evangelist Billy Graham was honored with an invitation to speak. With godly respect to man and manly obedience to God, the evangelist took the podium and reminded his listeners of their accountability to a “mandate higher than the ballot box.”

“You have responsibilities not only to all the people of America and to the peoples of the world,” Billy said, “but you have also a great responsibility to the God of our fathers.” The church was filled with distinguished guests, including Congressmen, cabinet members, and other government leaders.

The evangelist referred to domestic and foreign problems facing his audience and challenged them to approach each crisis “in a spirit of prayer and humble dependence upon God.” Such an attitude, he said, “would bring a freshness of vision and purpose that could capture the imagination of the world.”

He went on to illustrate this godly dependence from historical experiences in the lives of Woodrow Wilson, Abraham Lincoln and others.

“History throbs with crisis,” he said, “but the gospel is that God is *for* man, and that, in the greatest crisis the world has ever known—when Jesus Christ went to the cross—God transformed that tragedy into triumph and brought redemption for those who trust in Him.”

Personalizing his message to the chief of state, Billy Graham referred to a framed yellowed letter he had seen on the wall of the President’s office in the White House. It is a letter to President Johnson’s Great-grandfather Baines, written by Sam Houston whom he led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The evangelist said this conversion transformed that troubled, rough hero of San Jacinto into a man of peace, happiness, and purpose. As Marquis James put it in his book, *The Raven*:

“The long quest for spiritual repose ended when

BILLY GRAHAM

Addresses Government Leaders

Emphasizes Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership
at Preinauguration Worship Service

Houston knelt before the altar and asked to be received into the Church, and on the 19th of November, 1858, the convert waded into the chilly waters of Rocky Creek and was baptized. A church publication at that time said, “The announcement of General Houston’s conversion has excited wonder and surprise of many who have supposed that he was past praying for.”

Billy Graham told his distinguished audience that someone said to Sam Houston, “Well, General, I hear all your sins were washed away.” “I hope so,” Sam Houston replied, “but if they were all washed away, the Lord help the fish down below.”

On the day Sam Houston was baptized, he offered to pay half the minister’s salary. When someone asked him about it, he said, “My pocketbook was baptized, too.”

Billy Graham pointed out that this newness of spiritual life that Sam Houston received is the same transforming faith we need in our nation today if we are to meet successfully our rendezvous with destiny.

“On this solemn occasion,” he said, “as a great nation goes forward under its newly chosen leaders, I find great comfort for the future, symbolized by a yellowed scrap of paper on a White House wall.”



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The special Pentecost Crusade issue of the *Evangel* has almost reached the 1,000,000 mark in circulation. Orders are still being filled for this remarkable issue and when the present supply is exhausted it will be the first issue of the *Evangel* ever to reach a million circulation.

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In this day when many denominations are inquiring concerning the Pentecostal experience, the Crusade issue is an ideal literature piece.

On March 14 this issue will be used in a citywide Literature Witness in Springfield, Mo. Upwards of 35,000 copies will be used by local churches and colleges in leaving a full-gospel literature witness at every door in the city.

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It consists in giving and in serving others. —H. Drummond

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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Jamaica

Convention a First

Jamaica, like a great jewel nestled in the bosom of the Caribbean, portrays great contrast—from humble thatch-roofed homes to the latest in architecture; from transportation by the lowly donkey to that of modern air-taxis; from lush tropical foliage to dry barren plains. A nation of many peoples, she celebrated her second year of independence on August 3, and on this memorable day we began our island's first national Sunday school emphasis—a series of six regional conferences held throughout the island.

Special guests from the United States at the convention were Paul W. Fenton, National Representative of the Sunday School Department, and David Colbert, former Sunday School Director of the Northern California-Nevada District.

These sessions were all well attended by Jamaican Sunday school

leaders and workers. Many traveled during the nights to attend, some on foot carrying lamps, others by trucks and buses singing and praising the Lord. In one small fishing village where we had record attendance, the believers (most of them from newly opened outstations) came through heavy rains. They arrived with burning zeal, eager to become better equipped for their work in the Sunday schools.

With paper and pencil in hand, workers carefully took notes while convention speakers presented new methods in memorization, fascinating ideas on the use of visual aid and song, and the National Sunday School Standard as a help in meeting the challenge of the hour.

The results were gratifying. Lay members realizing the importance of the Sunday school were stirred to action. The workers, broken in spirit before God, cried out to Him for an anointing equal to their task.

—Helen Rye

New Church Born

October 11 through 18, 1964, was the week of our annual missions convention at Faith Temple, Montego Bay. The Vandermerwes were our convention speakers, and we could have asked for none better. God gave us the greatest mis-

sions convention we have ever had. Faith Temple's missionary giving for last year exceeded \$3,100. With part of that money the church built the assembly in Lamb's River under a branch-church program. The new church was dedicated on October 11, the first Sunday afternoon of our convention.

—William N. Ivisky

Costa Rica

University Town Receptive

God has recently given us the opportunity of helping Missionaries David and Doris Godwin establish a new church in San Pedro, Costa Rica. San Pedro is a university center and this is its first touch of Pentecost. Our first convert, Antonio, is a university student—one of thousands of spiritually hungry young people who come here for an education.

A few weeks ago, it was my joy to start a choir with the youth of this new church. I wish you could have heard them singing their first song, *Para Mi El Vivir Es Cristo* (For Me to Live Is Christ).

Our services have been held in the Godwins' home but we are already crowded out and need property on which to build, immediately. Will you trust God with us for this miracle? —Ralph W. Hiatt

India

Blessings Unplanned

At long last the Home Study Division of the Southern Asia Bible Institute has stepped out into a ministry that we have had in mind for some years—the SOS Crusades for the Salvation of Souls.

The first Crusade was held recently in Tiruppur, a mill town of about 50,000. Our theme question, "Who is Jesus?" was stressed in tracts, Bible study courses, and messages. In preparation for the meetings the local pastor conducted a personal workers training course for members of his church. When the meetings began, 40,000 tracts and 20,000 handbills had been distributed door to door throughout residential Tiruppur and at factory and high school entrances.

We were pleased with the attendance, which averaged 500 with 1,000 coming for the final Sunday service. Everyone who attended

was given a Gospel of Luke together with several tracts. Certificates were awarded to 154 for completing the 13-lesson Bible course conducted during the crusade.

An unplanned phase of the Crusade was prayer for the sick. One woman's testimony brought greatly increased attendance.

Her trouble began several months before our meetings took place. She lost her appetite and refused to cook for her family. She was possessed with fear, had serious loss of memory, and wept whenever the family pastor visited her. Someone had to watch her constantly, for she tried several times to commit suicide by jumping into their well. Her husband even padlocked the doors at night so she could not get out.

This woman was in the first group I prayed for, and received complete healing. Since that night she has been doing her housework and seems very happy—a living witness in her neighborhood of God's power to heal. No wonder the prayer group grew larger night after night! —K. E. Weigel

Togo

Prayer Answered

As our family sat at breakfast, we ate the last piece of bread in the house. Under normal circumstances this would not have been a crisis but a large bridge on our main road had been impassable since May and trucks were unable to bring supplies into Bassari. As a result it was impossible to obtain flour. After the meal, as part of our daily devotions, we prayed the Lord's Prayer which asks so directly that the Lord, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Later that day I drove into the marketplace for provisions. I asked for flour in all the little stores but soon accepted the inevitable and started home. On my way I noticed a few pieces of bread for sale in front of one of the compounds. "Well," I mused, "I know they have *had* flour." So I stopped and walked up to the house, my hope mounting with each step, yet restrained for fear of disappointment. Inside I saw only one sack of flour. Many of these women spend much of their time baking bread and selling it, so one sack wasn't much at all.



Paul Fenton (left), and Dave Colbert were special guests at Jamaica Sunday school conference. A primary Sunday school class (below) meets under a breadfruit tree.



A little apprehensively, I asked for just a pan-full. For a moment I stood waiting for the answer. Then the owner of the flour replied calmly, "Yes, madam, I will sell half the sack."

I was so thankful. I went away rejoicing that God had heard our prayer. We could have lived without the flour, no doubt. But God is faithful to His promises. The half sack of flour was the answer to our morning prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."

—Mrs. Melton O. Hill

South Africa

God Gives Land

The activities of Assembly Press, established last year, continue to increase. It is a moving cycle of production, distribution and promotion as we endeavor to meet the great challenge to provide gospel literature in the many African languages. Tons of paper provided by gifts from BGMC (Boy's and Girl's Missionary Crusade) are fed into the feeder of our combination printing machine that prints (both sides), folds, trims and piles the completed papers ready for shipment. We are now completing 30,000 books and will begin the printing of two million papers in twelve languages within a few days.

This large quantity of literature is regularly being distributed by an army of Christian workers, located throughout Southern Africa. We are cooperating with the All-

Nations Gospel Publishers who undertake the vast distribution program. Tracts, Bible courses and Sunday school literature are going out in increased numbers.

We have realized for some time that the limited space we have for the printing plant and office would soon be overcrowded. In our search for a suitable site to build a press and literature center, we seemed directed to consider purchasing a five acre plot in northern Johannesburg. When we were offered the land at a price less than the value of one acre, we were definitely interested. Last week, to our great joy, we received a check from a total stranger for \$2,000, requesting that it be used to purchase the land. Praise the Lord!

—Merlin Lund

Chief Talks Organization

An African chief named Mangope who was saved two years ago is interested in the work our missionaries are doing. I took my Speed-the-Light car and drove over 200 miles to his village of Motswede which is at the edge of civilization. For two hours I talked with the chief. Our topic, believe it or not, was the organizational structure of the Assemblies of God. He feels a great need for his people and is keenly interested in our work. Please remember him and his people in prayer.

I was recently guest speaker at a special service commemorating



Ghana executive committee includes three missionaries (back row, left to right): Field Fellowship Chairman E. G. Ziemann, Superintendent H. S. Lehmann, and Secretary W. W. Anderson.

the coming of the gospel to the chief and his tribe. We praise God for His presence for 31 were saved in that meeting.

—Don Coleman

Brazil

Work Growing

We praise God for His help and blessings in our work. Recently, two groups of 10 candidates each, have been baptized in water here in Sao Paulo, and next month another group will be ready. Many have been saved at our regular meetings as well as on the street. Believers have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and healing through prayer.

God is raising up workers in the local churches, some of whom are attending night classes in our Bible school. Some of the young ladies are also attending Bible school in order to become better Sunday school teachers. We thank God for these Bible schools in Brazil.

—Gustav Bergstrom

Italy

Spiritual Hunger Shown

July 26 to August 3, 1964, were nine days of joy and blessing. Our evangelistic meetings began at Salerno and continued each successive night in a different town. Three sisters rode bicycles six miles each way to attend one of our services, and an elderly brother walked more than 12 miles to the final service. There is a great love and spiritual hunger in this area, particularly among those who live in small isolated towns and possess few of this world's goods.

September 30, 1964 marked another milestone in our ministry. With fear and trembling, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, I interpreted a sermon from English to Italian for the first time in a public service. Pray that the Holy Spirit shall help me to cultivate this ministry so I may be of service to the English-speaking brethren who visit our churches.

—Joseph L. Vitello

Ghana

National Council a Reality

For many years the missionaries in Ghana have looked forward to the day when the Assemblies of God in this country would be organized into a national body. We can now report that this is a reality.

About a year ago we decided to hold our first General Council in October, 1964. Months ahead of time we began praying. There were large barriers to hurdle such as language differences and various cultural differences, yet all were brought together to form one large organization. God was with us and on October 20, our meetings began. Africa Field Secretary Everett Phillips and his wife joined us for this all-important meeting. In it we accepted a constitution and bylaws, and elected officers. We closed with a wonderful season of prayer.

This is just the beginning; we bow our hearts in humble thanksgiving to God. Ghana needs revival now while there is yet time.

—Edwin G. Ziemann

Bolivia

Students Permeate Andes Area

We began the country Bible school among the Aymara men in June and finished September 14. At the closing exercises this group received certificates. Some, already pastors in Indian villages, are going back to their churches with new inspiration; others are going out into new work—riding a bike or walking on foot into remote areas of these Andes Mountains. They take the message that "only Jesus saves."

Many gathered from all the churches recently for a communion and special baptismal service. One group walked seven hours in a heavy, wet snowfall, guiding two donkeys laden with their blankets.

—Monroe and Betty Grams

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries recently returned to the United States are the **Lyle Phillipses** (Japan), Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Maser** (Honduras), the **Vernon Metz** family (Dahomey), the **John Hurston** family (Korea), the **Walter Clarks** (Japan), and **Katie Jean Jones** (Liberia).

Mr. and Mrs. **Paul Willisroft** have returned to Germany. The **Orville Carlsons**, who were formerly missionaries to Pakistan, have gone to Fiji. The **Finis Bradshaws** recently began their first missionary term in the Bahamas. The **Leonard Lanphears** have transferred from Malaysia to the Philippines.

Congratulations are in order to the **Paul Hutsells** (Paraguay)

on the birth of a son, **Loren Bradley**; and also the **Ronald Pecks** (Burma) who have a daughter, **Ronda Laviolet**.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Willisroft



The Orville Carlson family



The Finis Bradshaw family

HISTORIC FINDLAY ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

FINDLAY, OHIO—When the First Assembly of God here chose the 50th Anniversary year of the Assemblies of God to dedicate its new sanctuary at 124 Ash Street, it was in a very particular way keeping pace with the movement's progress and tradition. This church was one of the few churches called Assembly of God before the Hot Springs, Ark., council at which the movement was founded.

The Christian Evangel, forerunner of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, was also published here for a few months in 1914.

The new 55- by 115-foot sanctuary was erected under the leadership of Pastor Carl A. Malz, who recently resigned to accept missionary appointment to the Middle East. It is of brick construction, has generous areas of colorful cathedral glass, and includes a pastor's office, choir room, rest rooms, nursery, and a second-floor auditorium seating 100.

The main auditorium is beautified by laminated arches and purplins in natural wood finish, and an ornamental screen block wall in gold tones centered behind the platform. A feature of the audi-

torium, which normally seats 400 but can be increased to 500, is an under-seat public address system.

The original Assembly of God in Findlay, established in 1907, worshiped in a converted saloon. This two-story building was purchased with the financial support of Jacob Grose and E. G. Nuemeister by its founder and first pastor, Thos. L. Leonard. Brother Leonard received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in Findlay during services conducted by the late C. A. McKinney of Akron in 1906.

Shortly after opening the church, Pastor Leonard started a Bible training school. This was in operation until 1928. From it many young people went out to serve God as pastors, evangelists, and foreign missionaries. Brother Leonard continued his pastoral ministry until 1941 at which time, due to his advanced age, he retired from active ministry. Succeeding pastors were B. B. Compton, F. Pepper, G. M. Babcock, W. J. Domm, and Carl A. Malz.

Howard E. Spriggs became pastor in January, 1965.

Interior and exterior views of the new sanctuary, First Assembly of God, Findlay, Ohio. This church was established in 1907. Carl A. Malz (inset) was pastor until recently.



Royal Ranger Ronnie Toliver hears Defense Depot Tracy's microbiologist, Dudley P. Robertson, explain how to make and handle microscopic slides. William B. Toliver, adult Royal Ranger leader, looks on.

MANTECA ROYAL RANGERS TOUR DEFENSE DEPOT

TRACY, CALIF.—Twenty-seven Royal Rangers and their leaders from First Assembly of God at Manteca, Calif., toured Defense Depot Tracy recently and were welcomed by the depot commander, Army Colonel W. L. Tate.

The boys were luncheon guests at the depot restaurant, and following this were escorted on a tour of the facilities consisting of 22 modern warehouses with over 4 million square feet of covered storage space. One of the tour directors was William B. Toliver,

Defense Depot employee who is also a leader in the Royal Rangers.

Depot Tracy, employing 1,150 civilians, receives, stores and issues supplies for military activities in 11 western states and Army and Air Force activities in Western Canada, Alaska, and the Pacific area. Of special interest to the boys was the laboratory and also the modern electronic data processing equipment which receives and dispatches incoming orders.

THEODORE KESSEL WITH THE LORD

Theodore A. (Ted) Kessel, 57, was summoned from a life of dedicated service into the presence of the Lord on January 22, 1965. Until a few days before his death he was an active faculty member at Central Bible Institute. His sudden death was caused by a heart condition weakened by pneumonia.

Dr. Kessel was ordained by the Assemblies of God in 1931. While most of his life was engaged in religious education, he also spent 18 years as principal and superintendent of several public school systems in Illinois. In addition, he served four years as district youth director and eight years as district secretary-treasurer of the Illinois District of the Assemblies of God.

Widely respected for his devotion to the ministry of teaching and his love for youth, Dr. Kessel was associated with no less than four Assemblies of God Bible colleges. At Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Ill., he served as teacher, dean and president. He also served on the staff of Southern California College (now in Costa Mesa) and Bethany Bible College (now in Santa Cruz, Calif.). He joined the faculty of Central Bible Institute in 1954



Dr. Theodore Kessel

and was academic dean for nine years.

Brother Kessel took his undergraduate training at Southern Illinois University and received the master of religious education degree from the University of Indiana. In 1952 he received the Ph.D. degree from San Gabriel College.

An active civic worker, Dr. Kessel's special interests were the American Red Cross and the United Fund. He taught First Aid courses and was a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America.

Surviving are his wife Bernice;

two sons, James of Rochester, N. Y., and Robert, of Kansas City; two daughters, Naomi, of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and Sharon, of the home; two brothers, Enos and Sylvester, both of Ava, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Anna Rittenhouse of Chester, Ill.; and one grandson, Brian.

Dr. Kessel's memorial service at Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo., was widely attended. Alfred Cawston was the speaker. Robert Cooley, Dean of C.B.I. and E. Elsworth Krogstad, pastor of Central Assembly, also participated. The singing of the *Revivaltime* choir and soloist Denise Power struck a triumphant note consistent with the Homegoing of a servant of Christ.

In 1959 the C.B.I. annual, *The Cup*, was dedicated to Brother Kessel. Excerpts from the dedi-

cation page were read at his funeral, including the following:

"As a valiant warrior who imparts his years of skill in battle to younger and less experienced soldiers, so you, Theodore Kessel, have imparted your knowledge, gathered through a lifetime of active warfare against the forces of evil, to us...preparing us to march on to great victories...to be true soldiers of the cross."

Dean Cooley accompanied the family and the body of Brother Kessel to his hometown, Ava, Ill., and funeral services were held in the Assembly of God there. Again a host of fellow ministers and friends were in attendance. Pastor G. Edward Mandel, Jr., of Springfield, Ill., spoke at this service in which Brother Cooley and Philip Crouch, president of C.B.I., also had a part. Interment was at Ava.



Directional sign pointing the way to St. Andrews Assembly of God, Panama City, Fla., was dedicated during Ernie Eskelin campaign. In foreground are Evangelist and Mrs. Eskelin (left) and Pastor and Mrs. Howard Ridings.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Mesa	Desert	Feb. 21-28	Floyd E. Heady	James D. Bell
	Tucson	First	Feb. 23—	Neville & Beulah Carlson	Leon G. Gilmore
Ark.	N. Little Rock	Lakehill	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Ed Eaton	Ronald W. Hastie
Calif.	Anaheim	Town Church	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Bob Lundstrom	Dorman Buttram
	Avenal	A/G	Feb. 28 (a.m.)	Lloyd Perera	Kenneth George
	Bakersfield	Full Gospel	Feb. 28-Mar. 7	Wesley F. Morton	D. H. McLaughlin
	Coalinga	A/G	Feb. 28 (p.m.)	Lloyd Perera	Charles Schelhouse
	El Centro	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Marvin Schmidt	Claude White
	Farmersville	A/G	Feb. 24	Lloyd Perera	Paul Epler
	Fresno	Bethel Temple	Feb. 21	Lloyd Perera	Thomas Hollingsworth
	Ivanhoe	Full Gospel	Feb. 25	Lloyd Perera	Delbert Jackson
	Lodi	First	Feb. 21	Eddie & Ruth Washington	Gene Forrest
	Roseville	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Dave Tonn	R. W. Pirtle
Colo.	Greeley	Evangel Temple	Feb. 28-Mar. 14	Steve & Pat Rexroat	R. Blair
Conn.	Norwalk	*Parkway	Feb. 21-26	David & Patricia Johnson	Harvey J. Meppelink
Fla.	Pt. Myers	First	Feb. 21-Mar. 7	Jimmy & Carol Snow	E. R. Schulz
	Tampa	Oak Park	Feb. 21—	Gladys Voight	J. R. Purvis
	Vero Beach	First	Feb. 21	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Norfleet Jones
Ga.	Decatur	East Lake	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	A. G. & Mrs. Caloway	A. V. Hendrick
	Smyrna	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	H. Svyelle Phillips	T. C. Harty, Jr.
Idaho	Idaho Falls	Central Bible	Feb. 21-Mar. 7	Sheldon Slagel	Erick Kaiser
	Lake Fork	A/G	Feb. 16-28	Jesse Berry	Donald D. Shover
Ind.	Evansville	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Arnold & Anita Segesman	D. Norcross
	Lebanon	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 14	Wilburn Fisher	John M. Washler
Kans.	Topeka	Faith	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	I. D. Rayborn	O. W. Hollis
	Wichita	Bethel	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Roland & Leanna Hastie	Rodney Stanbro
Mo.	Ellisville	A/G	Feb. 28	Maxine Willis-T. Morrison	James Dunn
Mont.	Plains	A/G	Feb. 23-28	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Robert Bryant
N. C.	Windsor	Bethel	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Jim & Tammy Bakker	R. O. Denton
N. Dak.	Kulm	A/G	Feb. 28	Paul R. Sandgren	Marlin S. Kallevig
N. J.	Paterson	*Broadway Tab.	Feb. 28-Mar. 5	David & Patricia Johnson	Philip D'Angelo
N. Mex.	Roswell	Southside	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Tommy & Esther Lance	A. O. Simmons
Okla.	Ada	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Lindy Lummer	Frank M. Jones
	Chickasha	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 14	R. L. Courtney	Bob Campbell
	Elk City	First	Feb. 16-28	B. R. Minton	Joe Calabrese
	Tulsa	Bruner	Feb. 21—	Bud Orf	P. H. Wooten
	Tulsa	N. Cincinnati	Feb. 28-Mar. 14	Dwight & Mrs. Edwards	D. G. Hale
Oreg.	Klammath Falls	A/G	Feb. 23-28	Raymond Miller	Lloyd Fosner
	Milwaukie	A/G	Feb. 22 & 23	Bennie P. Birkeland	Bennie R. Harris
	Salem	Keizer	Feb. 21-28	H. L. Hensley	Kenneth Grant
	Tigard	A/G	Feb. 23-28	Winferd Mack	Melvin Arn
Pa.	New Castle	First Pent.	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Duane M. Wessman	Richard G. Mohrman
	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 23	Bob Ludwig	Asa Martin
	Philadelphia	Northeast	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	Bob & Jeri Winford	David O. Dippold
S. C.	Rock Hill	First	Feb. 21-Mar. 7	John & Faith Stallings	Lyman Richardson
S. Dak.	Mitchell	A/G	Feb. 28-Mar. 14	D. L. Nultemeier	Richard Tuffe
Tenn.	Knoxville	Woodlawn	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Don & Dixie Cox	J. L. Schaffer
Tex.	Dallas	Christian Temp.	Feb. 28-Mar. 7	Jimmy Phillips	Bill Sharp
	Fort Worth	Bethel	Feb. 21-Mar. 7	Raymond Grimes	Victor Ostrom
	Pampa	First	Feb. 24-28	Glen & Faith Shinn	J. S. McMullen
	Port Arthur	First	Feb. 17	Gene Thompson	M. J. Dickson
Vt.	Burlington	A/G	Feb. 17-28	Paul Hild	Oliver W. Johnson
Va.	Hampton	Bethel	Feb. 24-Mar. 7	William Caldwell	H. S. Ryan
Canada	Kelowna, B. C.	Pent. Tab.	Feb. 23-Mar. 7	Forseth Party	Einar Domeij

*Children's Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* five weeks in advance.

ESKELINS IN FLORIDA

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Every night for two weeks Evangelist Ernie Eskelin ministered to full congregations at the St. Andrews Assembly of God in one of the most successful evangelistic crusades ever conducted here. There were 40 decisions for Christ on the closing Sunday. The final service was held in the Panama City auditorium with 1,300 in attendance.

The local Baptist church turned its regular radio program over to Brother Eskelin for six days during the meeting. His TV appearances also attracted many viewers.

Not only was the Sunday school record broken, but hundreds of new contacts were made during the crusade. A large directional sign erected on the new property owned by the church was dedicated.

—Howard J. Ridings, Pastor

COLLEGE TOUR SET FOR EASTERN DISTRICT

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Russell Cox, College Youth Representative for the Assemblies of God, will tour the Eastern District March 7-15, visiting college campuses and speaking at C. A. rallies. An objective of the tour is to establish, wherever possible, Chi Alpha Chapters for Pentecostal youth who attend colleges.

Eastern D-CAP Robert Clayton states, "We'd appreciate it, if people who have youth attending college in Pennsylvania and Delaware would tell us where we might contact them." Mail the information to: Eastern District Council, Assemblies of God, 19th and Chestnut Streets, Camp Hill, Pa.



By DAVID A. WOMACK • Missionary to Colombia

NEVER, UNTIL RECENTLY, HAD I BEEN ABLE TO CATCH the full meaning of what Isaiah meant when he said: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace..." (Isaiah 52:7). It was not the latter part of the verse that bothered me, for the Bible is very clear about the need of preaching the gospel. My problem was reconciling the beauty of preaching with the questionable beauty of feet.

Perhaps it was because I always used to stand behind a pulpit to preach before I became a foreign missionary. During the preaching of a Sunday morning sermon the pastor's feet are farthest from the minds of the congregation.

Several years on the mission field have radically changed my concept and appreciation of the part that feet play in spreading the gospel. When I used to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord . . ." I had no idea that one day I would be walking alone on a jungle trail east of the Andes. In that musical moment of missionary consecration I could not have foreseen that one day I would have to change my too-heavy missionary boots for a pair of native sandals to walk alone for six hours through the jungle.

I remember thinking to myself, "I'll have to bring some lighter boots from the States next time." But next time was still two years away, if the Lord should tarry, and right then the boots were too heavy and too hot for the jungle. The native *cotizas* were much more practical.

I left the boots at the last town. Starting out through the jungle with a heavy pack on my back, I had a *machete* at my side and light sandals on my feet. I followed the narrow trail for hours, pressing on through the green jungle, crossing streams, wading through muddy swamps, wending my way onward toward a distant point where a group of believers waited.

Strange thoughts come to a missionary on such a trek. I thought, "I wonder if anyone is praying for me today?" It was Monday afternoon I tried to think of some of my pastor friends who might be praying, but then I remembered that Monday is usually the pastor's day off. My little girls used to end their evening prayer with, "Lord, help all the missionaries, in Jesus' name.

Amen." Perhaps I would get the benefit of one of those prayers at someone's lunchtime.

I couldn't think of a single Women's Missionary Council group that met on Monday, and I knew that most of the people who had promised to pray were probably on their jobs. Somewhere, I thought, the Lord will remind someone to pray. I decided I would pray for the folk at home. As I walked up to my knees in mud I prayed for my home church and the churches that I formerly pastored.

I came to the Arauca River that runs near the frontier between Colombia and Venezuela and paid a couple of local fellows to take me to the other side in their long dugout canoe. It was restful to sit in the bottom of the canoe and watch the other bank come nearer.

For the next hour I walked over old riverbeds of rounded rocks and bars of deep sand. The sand rubbed like sandpaper between the sandals and the soles of my feet. There were blisters on my feet by then, and my feet were swollen from countless insect bites. It was almost a relief when I could enter the jungle again and trade the sand for mud.

I was wading in knee-deep mud as the darkness fell, following the trail by the dim light of the stars that filtered through jungle foliage. In an especially deep mud hole I lost first one sandal, then the other, and went on barefooted through the darkness.

Finally a light became visible, so dim at first that I wondered if it were a house light or the luminous tail of a jungle firefly. As I got nearer and crossed another stream, I saw it was the light of a single candle in the hut of one of our believers. The people cried when they saw me and said, "Oh, we were praying that you would come!"

The Lord had somebody praying, after all!

My feet were not very beautiful then. Blistered, swollen, and covered with jungle mud, they were far from what a preacher's feet should be. Yet these were the feet that Isaiah had told about when he said, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings..." I knew then that the really beautiful feet are those that go wherever the gospel must be preached, whether on the sidewalk of a city, or over the sand of a desert, or in the deep mud of a South American jungle. ◀◀◀