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THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

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

GOD SAID TO THE ISRAELITES, "I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

How often we have read these words without daring to take them for ourselves and without expecting that the Lord would fulfil them to us. We have seen in them the promise that the people of God would be exempted from the diseases inflicted upon the Egyptians, but we have thought that this promise applied only to the Old Testament, and that we who live in New Testament times cannot expect to be kept from sickness or healed by the direct intervention of the Lord.

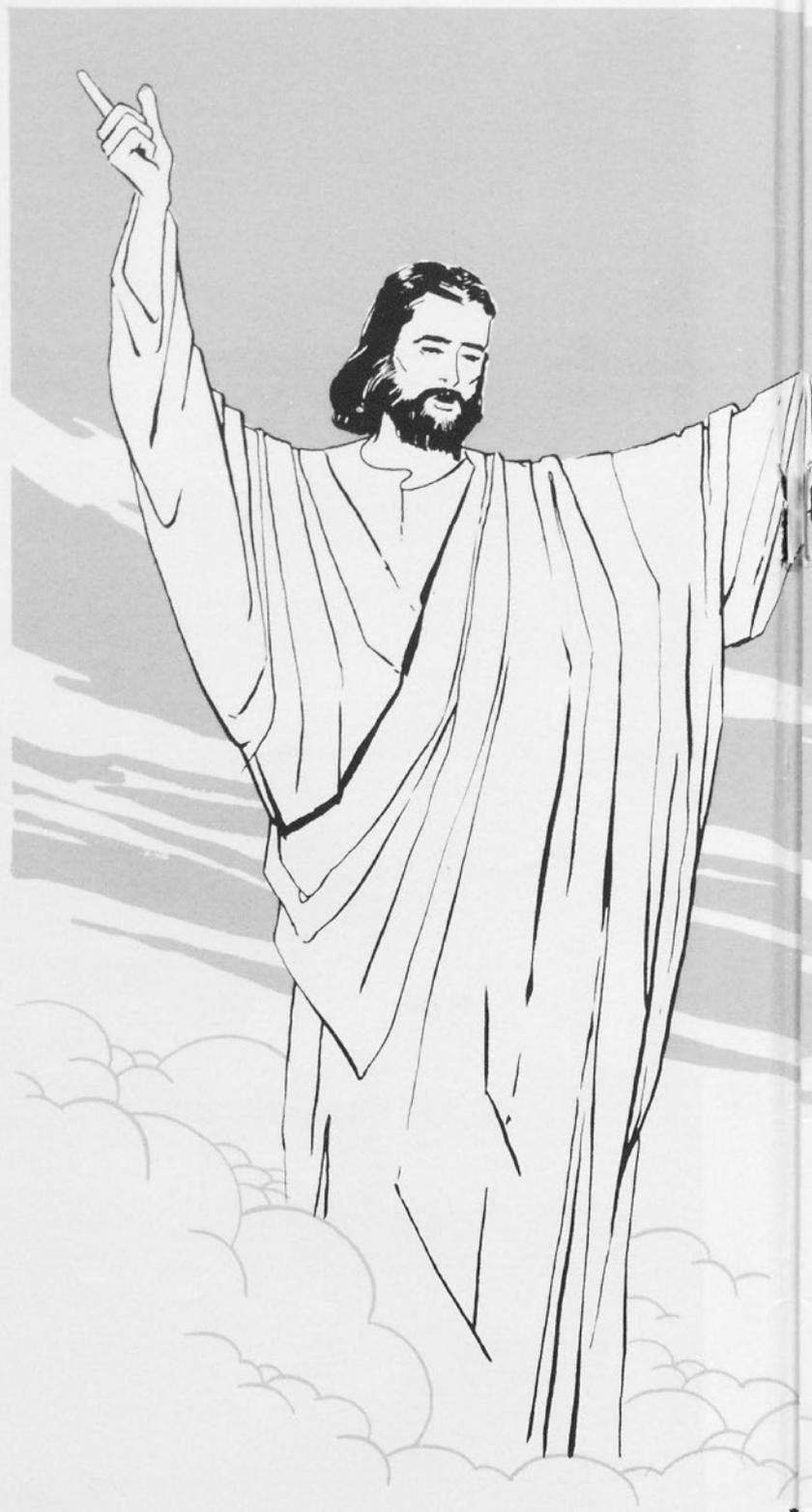
And yet we were obliged to recognize the superiority of the New Covenant—and so we have come, in our ignorance, to allege that sickness often brings great blessings, and that God had done well to withdraw what He had formerly promised, and to exempt us from the promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

But in our day we see the Church awakening and acknowledging her mistake. She sees that it is under the New Covenant that the Lord Jesus acquired the title of Healer by all His miraculous healings. She is beginning to see that in charging His Church to preach the gospel to every creature, He has promised to be with her "always, even unto the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20), and that, as proof of His presence, His disciples should have the power to lay hands on the sick and be assured that the sick should be healed (Mark 16:15-18).

She sees, moreover, that in the days of the apostles the miraculous pouring out of the Holy Spirit was accompanied by miraculous healings, which were evident proof of the blessings brought about by the power from on High (Acts 3:16; 5:12; 9:40).

There is nothing in the Bible to make her believe that the promise made to Israel has been retracted, and she hears from the apostle James this new promise, "The prayer of faith shall save [or heal] the sick" (James 5:14). She knows that at all times it has been unbelief which has limited (or restricted) the Holy One of Israel (Psalm 78:41), and she asks herself if it is not unbelief which presents the manifestation of the healing power of God in these days.

Who can doubt it? It is not God or His Word which are to blame here; it is our unbelief which prevents the Lord from healing as in past times. Let our faith awake; let it recognize and adore in Christ the omnipotence of Him who says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." It



**gets a new
heart in
answer
to prayer**

AFTER SUFFERING FOR EIGHT and a half years with serious heart trouble, I was completely healed by the power of God. It happened 14 months ago. It was a miracle.

From 1955 to 1964 I was under the care of a heart specialist and was in the hospital three times with heart attacks. It seemed I lived on pills. I tried to cut down on them, but if I took less than 25 pills a day I would suffer a seizure. My drug bill averaged \$75 a month during those eight and a half years.

In March 1964 Evangelist William Caldwell held a revival meeting in our church, Lewis Avenue Assembly of God in Tulsa, Okla. I asked him to pray that God

*a precious promise
to the sick—*



'I am the Lord that healeth thee'

By ANDREW MURRAY

would heal my heart. He told me how God had healed him of heart disease by giving him what he believed was a new heart. Then he prayed that God would give me a new heart too.

At that moment I did not feel anything unusual, but after I sat down I continued praising the Lord. About 15 minutes later my heart felt as if it turned over inside me, and then it really felt like new. I asked permission to testify, and tried to tell the people what had happened.

In the 14 months since then I have been doing hard work in the oil fields, sometimes 16 or more hours a day. I am so completely healed that when I meet people

is by the works of God that we can best understand what His Word tells us. The healings which are responding to the prayer of faith today confirm and illustrate the truth of His promise.

Let us see in the risen Jesus the Divine Healer, and let us receive Him as such. Now in order that I may recognize in Jesus my justification, my strength, and my wisdom, I must grasp by faith that He is really all this to me. Similarly, when the Bible tells me that Jesus is the sovereign Healer, I must personally appropriate this truth and say, "Yes, Lord, it is Thou who art my Healer."

And why may I hold Him as such? It is because He gives Himself to me and makes me "one plant with Him" (Romans 6:5, French version) so that, inseparably united to Him, I possess His healing strength. It is because His love is pleased to load His beloved with His favors, and to communicate Himself with all His heart to all who desire Him.

Let us believe that He is ready to extend the treasure of His blessing contained in the name Jehovah-Raphah, "The Lord that healeth," to all who know Him and who trust in this divine name. This is the treatment for the sick indicated by the law of His kingdom. When I bring my sickness to the Lord, I do not depend on what I see, or what I feel, or what I think, but on what He says. Even when everything appears to be contrary to the expected healing, and even if my healing should not take place at the time or in the way I had expected, and even when the symptoms seem only to be aggravated, my faith should cling immovably to this word which has gone out of the mouth of God, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

God is ever seeking to make us true believers. Healing and health are of little value if they do not glorify God, and do not serve to unite us more closely with Him. Thus in the matter of healing our faith must always be put to the test, and it may even be strengthened by waiting.

He who counts on the name of his God, and who can hear Jesus saying to him, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God?" (John 11:40) will have the joy of receiving from God Himself the healing of the body, and of seeing it take place in a manner worthy of God's power and in conformity with His promises.

When we read these words, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," let us not fear to answer eagerly, "Yes, Lord, Thou art the Lord that healeth me." 

who knew me when I was ill, they cannot believe it is I. They think I must be my brother.

Even my own sister was amazed when she saw me. And I have taken *no pills* since that time.

I have had five examinations since I was healed, given by four different doctors. They have even made electrocardiograms, but they can find nothing wrong.

The Bible says, "A new heart also will I give you" (Ezekiel 36:26), and I believe it. Praise the Lord, that is what He has given me, a new heart both spiritually and physically!—J. W. Farnan, Tulsa, Okla.

(Endorsed by V. O. Brassfield, pastor of Lewis Avenue Assembly of God, Tulsa, Okla.)

Better Than Medicare

We do not intend to debate the soundness of the Government's new program of medical care for the aged. Medicare is like an immense group insurance policy in which the Government is the insurer, the elderly are the insured, and the taxpayers pay the premiums. The way the life span is lengthening and people are running to the doctors today, the premiums are bound to be very high!

Medicare provides that if the aged need the services of doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes the Government will pay a major part of the bill. No one who pities the needy will begrudge this financial help; nor will they blame the sick for seeking medical help if they don't know any better place to go. But Medicare will not heal sick bodies. Only God can do that. And throughout the Bible it is made very clear that God desires to meet our physical needs, as well as our spiritual needs, if only we will come to Him and ask His help. The trouble is we sometimes seem to put more faith in doctors than in the Lord. We run to the doctors first and only take our need to God in prayer as a last resort!

Medicare provides money for medical expenses but the Lord heals without money and without price. Take just one passage of Scripture for an example. In Matthew 8:1-17 we read how the Lord Jesus dispensed His healing powers to a number of persons. First there is a man that is a leper. He is hopelessly afflicted in the tissue of his body. Jesus touches him, and the leprosy disappears. Second is the palsied man, so seriously affected in the nervous system that another must come to Jesus on his behalf. Jesus heals the palsied man without paying him a visit. Then there is Peter's mother-in-law who is laid up with a fever. Something has affected her blood stream. Since Jesus is a specialist in every kind of bodily disorder, He heals her too—just by touching her hand. The fever departs immediately so that she is able to get out of bed and serve her guests.

Finally, as twilight comes, a throng of people bring many poor sufferers to Jesus expecting that He who could heal a leper, cure a palsied man, and deliver a woman from fever, can also heal these poor folk. These sufferers are "possessed with devils." They are so under the influence of demonic power that they are affected in mind and spirit. Jesus casts out the evil spirits, and heals all these sick folk, that the prophecy of Isaiah 53:4 might be fulfilled—"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."

Even if it were possible, through Medicare, to obtain the services of the most skillful physician on earth, could he help the sick the way Jesus can? In these 17 verses of Matthew 8 we see Him dealing with four major types of physical attacks. These cover the entire realm of physical affliction: the tissue, the nervous system, the blood stream, and the mind or spirit. The Bible says Jesus "healed *all* that were sick."

Not only is the Lord *able*—He is also willing to heal the sick. He actually is *eager* to hear prayers offered for suffering humanity. He delights to heal to show that He cares. All He asks of anyone of us is that we will ask in earnest, sincere prayer, and that we will ask in faith. He loves to show His healing power in men and women, boys and girls, in the hope that they in return will love Him, thank Him, and advertise His gospel of grace wherever they go. —R.C.C.

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CHRIST SHOWED US THE WAY TO VICTORY WHEN HE TRIUMPHED IN THE WILDERNESS. HE FACED SATAN WITH THE WORD. HE DEFEATED TEMPTATION WITH A DECLARATION OF SCRIPTURE.

THE MINUTE YOU ADMIT failure you are defeated. When you talk of your lack of strength you reduce yourself to a place of weakness. Confess fear and you are shaken. Declare sin and you are plagued by Satan.

Many Christians fail to realize the power of confession. The confessions of the mouth are important. Solomon said in his writings, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth" (Proverbs 6:2). What you confess is what you become. The things that you say are the things that you will be.

When the word "confession" is mentioned we automatically think of confessing sin. This is fundamental and essential. We must not minimize it. However, it is only the negative side of the subject. Confession of sin is the prerequisite for confession of faith. A confession of guilt and a belief in the forgiveness of sin through the blood of Christ opens the door to a confession of faith and power in Christ. Acceptance of Christ through faith gives power as a son of God. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

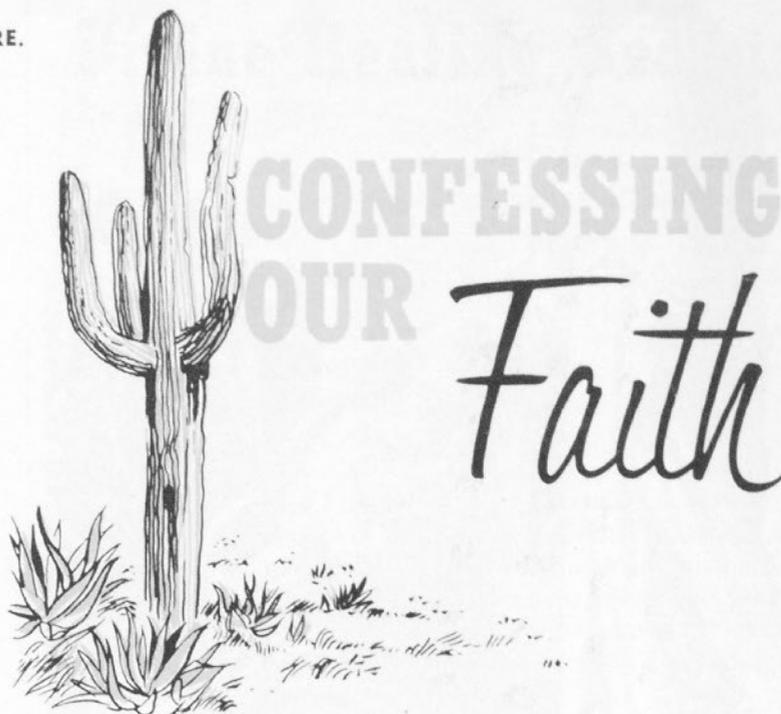
What then is a confession of faith? Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary gives this excellent definition for *confess*: "to acknowledge faith in; to profess or avow adhesion to." A confession of faith is an acknowledgment of faith in the Word... to avow adhesion to what God says. A confession of faith is speaking as the prophets spoke when they said, "Thus saith the Lord."

The Bible gives us what God says. It is a direct message from God to man. A confession of faith is a declaration of this message. It is speaking what God speaks; declaring what the Bible says. Christ did this when He was tempted of Satan in the wilderness. He faced Satan with the Word. He defeated temptation with a declaration of Scripture. He confessed faith in the Word with the statement, "It is written."

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). Faith comes from hearing the Word. A declaration of the Word is a confession of faith. The Bible builds our faith.

The confession of the mouth grows out of developments in the heart. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Proverbs 23:7). To confess faith, faith must blossom from within. This faith grows "inside" as we place the Word in the heart. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). God's Word is supremely important. It is the basis for our faith. It assures us of what God will do. The Christian must have God's Word in his heart to confess its promises of faith.

Sickness and sorrow are the results of sin. They are the products of Satan. Because sin entered into the world, sickness has plagued man. The Bible declares, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8).



By C. DAVID ALBRIGHT

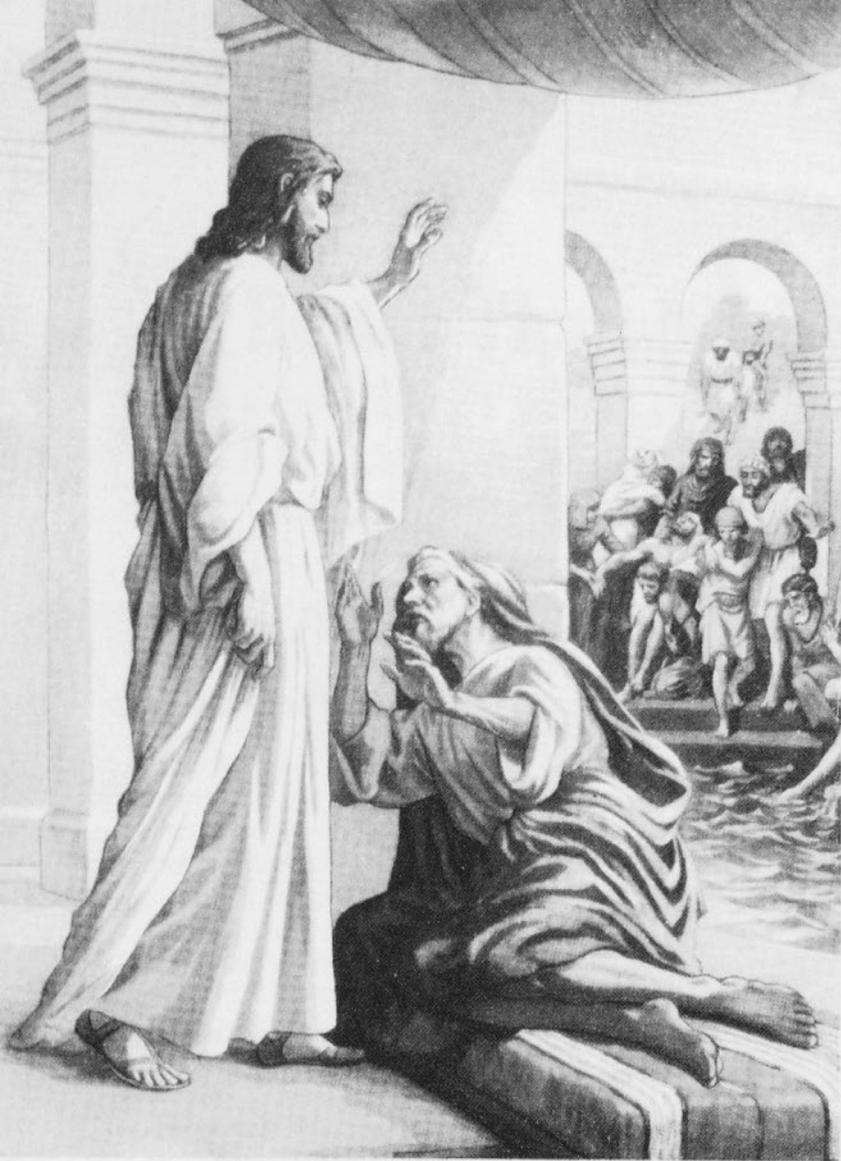
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"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). A confession of faith acknowledges that the Word is true and accepts Christ's finished work. Faith says *scripture, not circumstance*. It confesses *victory, not defeat*. A testimony of failure only glorifies Satan and acknowledges the "powers of darkness." A confession of faith asserts the power of Christ.

Sickness and failure result in death and destruction. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 15:15). "He that hath the Son hath life..." (1 John 5:12). How can the Christian claim life (abundant life) in Christ and manifest sin, sickness, and failure in his body? Can life and death coexist in one body? Can a man serve two masters? Christ has freed us from the bondage of sin and sickness. We are slaves of Satan no longer. The Christian has been redeemed. Sin, sickness, and failure do not glorify God with abundant life in the Son.

A confession of faith rebukes sin, sickness, and failure; it adheres to God's Word. Such a confession accosts Satan with, "Thus saith the Lord..." It denies doubt and testifies triumph. "With His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). "I can do all things through Christ..." (Philippians 4:13).

Confess faith! Quote the Word. Learn to stand on God's promises. Don't give Satan a victory by confessing defeat. Boldly make a confession of faith. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart... thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Saved spiritually, physically, and mentally! 



God's thought for the suffering is seen in Jesus' dealing with the man at Bethesda's pool

be known to man for something more than wisdom, power, judgment, and law; so Jesus came to complete and clarify that revelation of God to man.

That which Jesus came to reveal of God is suggested in a beautiful and tender expression, "the bosom of the Father," found in John 1:17, 18. He "declared"—brought forth in the sight of men that which was there—the grace and truth of God's concern for man's sin, sickness, and sorrow. And in the ministry of Jesus is shown the feeling in the "bosom of the Father" toward these three things.

I

Note *His attitude toward the sinner*. One day as Jesus was teaching, the crowd was suddenly pushed aside and a woman was dragged into their midst. Very indelicately the story was told—adultery, and caught in the very act! There was no question of her guilt; the question was, what should be done? Moses had prescribed death by stoning, but the Jews wanted to know the Teacher's opinion.

How carefully they had planned to trap Jesus by this question. To refuse stoning was to contradict the Law; to prescribe it was to involve Himself with Roman authority. "What sayest thou?" they urged. But to the accusers He replied: "He that is without sin [*literally*, 'born without sin, sinless by nature'] let him first cast a stone at her."

God Incarnate had declared that absolute sinlessness is the qualification for judging and punishing sin! Smiten by their own consciences, the men quickly departed. Then He turned to the woman and asked, "Where are thine accusers?" And she answered, "Lord, I have none."

"Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more"—never had more beautiful and compassionate words than these come to a sin-sick heart! The only person in the world who could rightfully condemn her to death for sin, had quickly dismissed her with a word of forgiveness! The load of sin lifted, the burden of guilt taken away—at her Lord's word she went her way to sin no more!

In spite of the fact that sin hurts and is most offensive to God, still He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Such is the revelation of the heart of God toward the sinner.

II

God's thought for the suffering is seen in Jesus' dealing with the man at Bethesda's pool. Passing by, Jesus saw the cripple who for many years had been there hoping to be healed when the angels troubled the waters. Seeking out the man, He asked, "Wilt thou [wouldst thou] be made whole?" The man protested that when the waters were troubled he had no one to help him into the pool.

Whereupon Jesus said: "Arise, take up thy bed, and walk." Immediately made whole, the man took up his bed and walked. Nevertheless, because it was the Sabbath day, the Jews condemned the fellow for carrying his bed.

Indeed, so angered were the Jews they sought to slay

Glimpses of God

By WILLIAM E. PETTRY

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ALTHOUGH MAN'S SALVATION was Jesus' supreme mission to the world, the Cross was not His sole purpose in coming. The only-begotten Son also came as an exegesis of God—to make God visible. By the Incarnation God revealed Himself to man more clearly and fully than ever before. He became the visible expression of the invisible God.

Man had observed the fury of the Flood and the plagues of Egypt. He was aware of the thunder of Sinai, the mercy of sacrifices, and the preaching of prophets. He had seen the beauty of nature, the glory of the heavens, and the wonder of life. But God would

Jesus for what He had done. But His answer, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," indicated God's regard for those who suffer sickness. For Jesus was saying that the relief of suffering was more important to the Father than the observance of their traditions. The "rest" of God had been interrupted by sin and sickness, and as long as there was a suffering soul God could not rest—He must be working in behalf of man.

Jesus indicated that both He and the Father were working together toward the relief of man's suffering. Never once were any turned away who came to Jesus for healing. "I will, be thou made whole," and, "I will come and heal him," are words that show the desire of God to relieve suffering and pain.

III

God's concern for the sorrowful is shown in the way Jesus dealt with Mary and Martha. In order to perform a greater miracle, Jesus had deliberately delayed in going to Lazarus, and Lazarus had died. Arriving at the home of the grieving sisters, Jesus met an odd mixture of faith, sorrow, and partial understanding.

"When Jesus therefore saw her [Mary] weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled." He was angered at the suffering and death which sin had brought upon mankind. However, another thing is said: "Jesus wept." While his troubled and groaning spirit indicated an anger against sin and its consequences, these words showed His concern for the bereaved.

He knew that shortly He would raise Lazarus from the dead; nevertheless He sympathized with the grieving loved ones. Oh, how graciously He entered into their suffering! He was truly "touched with the feeling of [their] infirmities." How marvelous it is to know the Heavenly Father is sharing in our sorrows, disappointments, and griefs! What a tender revelation of the heart of the Creator.

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Have you wondered just how God feels toward you and your need? Are you tempted to doubt that God cares? Accept these acts of Jesus as *visual-aid* lessons to you. They show the attitude of God toward your sin, your sickness, your sorrow.

Jesus came to provide salvation, healing, and comfort. His blood was shed for your sins; His body was broken for your healing; and He "was tempted in all points like as we are" to better comfort you. And He has shown that these things are yours from "the bosom of the Father."

Divine Healing Secrets

By MARY E. GAINSFORTH

"I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHEN, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

When we have thus presented our body to the Lord, it is no longer ours; it belongs to Him. We must get out of the shadow of disease. Then God will take disease out of us. One of the effects of sickness is to cling to the consciousness of it. The mind, the sense, is so occupied with it, that we can lay hold upon nothing else. We live in our afflictions, we eat them, we dream them, talk about them, and our entire life is colored by them until they become more real than the Lord or the promise of His Word.

We must get victory over this spiritual and mental condition. We must trust God to deliver us from the shadow and consciousness of sickness. We must recognize it as being handed over to Him, and then we must detach ourselves from it, rise out of it, ignore it, count it as if it were but something we have sloughed off as a serpent sheds its skin, or as a tree drops its leaves, or as if it were a corpse to be buried while we rise to a higher plane.

It is possible thus by faith to rise out of ourselves, to refuse to be our old self held down by the bonds and fetters of the flesh. "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity," was the Lord's message to one sufferer. We must count it as something which is no longer ours. When we thus go out of our sickness, God will take sickness out of us. The spiritual victory will lead to the physical realization of deliverance. That which we have reckoned by faith will become real in fact. We enter into covenant with God, claiming the Christ life to be manifested in and through our mortal bodies (2 Corinthians 10:2), looking forward to all known and unknown needs, claiming His strength for every passing moment.

Every morning let our first thought be a renewal of our covenant with God, taking our health and strength from Him, and quietly stepping out into His will. The Lord will preserve our going out and our coming in.

Keep your mind stayed on Him; keep the joy of the Lord in your heart. Refuse to have any care, fret or worry. All these are entering wedges of Satan. Live so close to Jesus that you hear His smallest whisper, and you will not need to be always running and getting on your knees to have Him become real and to get in contact with the Source of Life, for you will be living in the great Fountain of life all the time.

Just as a babe draws its nourishment from its mother, so we draw our very life from Him; and while we breathe in His life, just as we inhale the oxygen, He breathes into us His quickening power.



**Walking with
the WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING FOR JULY 18-25

Sunday—Psalms 82, 83	Thursday—1 Corinthians 11
Monday—1 Corinthians 8	Friday—1 Corinthians 12
Tuesday—1 Corinthians 9	Saturday—Psalm 84
Wednesday—1 Corinthians 10	Sunday—Psalms 85, 86

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

GOD SPARED OUR BABY

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET the 1965 National C. A. Day, for that was the day God spared our baby from what could have been serious injury or even death.

My husband brought me to church a few minutes early as I had some things to be used in the special service. I got our 17-months-old son Ronald out of the car and as I turned to get my purse and other articles, Ronald disappeared. I thought he had followed others into the church.

My husband Jim started to back the car and I heard a cry. I knew he had run over Ronald. Jim heard him cry too. Thinking the wheels were on Ronald, he drove forward, passing the wheels over him again.

When we reached Ronald he was lying face down and we could not tell where he had been injured.

Our church went to prayer as we rushed him to the hospital. On the way we prayed, and I thought of the illustrated sermon our pastor and C.A.'s were to give during the service, concerning the Passover and the theme, "When I See the Blood."

I thought of the precious blood of Jesus which cleanses us from sin, and how He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. At this point the Holy Spirit began to make intercession through me in an unknown tongue. I knew God heard and answered, and a deep peace of assurance settled over my soul. The Lord gave little Ronald a quiet spirit also.

When we arrived at the hospital emergency room our family doctor was called. He examined Ronald and could not believe he had actually been run over because there were no broken bones. We assured him that it had happened, and that God was intervening by healing him.

Since he couldn't determine which portion of his body the car had passed over, an X ray of the pelvic area was taken and showed no injuries. The next day bruises showed up very slightly on his legs from the knees to his feet, just enough to show his legs were run over by the car.

We were able to witness of God's power to the doctor, nurses, and one of my husband's fellow-workers and his son who were at the hospital. We returned to church in time for the illustrated sermon and had an opportunity to testify to God's loving care in that same service.

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

How great is our God!—Mrs. James M. Erdman, 1240 N. Main, Colville, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor Daniel Sinner, Assembly of God, Colville, Wash.)

HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS

I PRAISE GOD for His healing power. Several years ago I developed tuberculosis and was in a sanatorium for six months. I was given three months' leave of absence, but at home I followed the hospital routine. I was taking 26 pills a day.

As I studied God's Word and prayed, I was made to see that the Lord is our healer. I determined to go to church to be anointed with oil and prayed for according to God's Word. Praise the Lord, He healed me!

I stopped taking the medication; and when I went back for a checkup, I was given my discharge. I have had a health certificate and have been working for five years. To God I give all the glory and praise. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. C. Long, Opello, Ark.

(Endorsed by Odell Taylor, Perry, Ark., pastor of Opello Assembly of God.)

"OPERATION" PERFORMED—WITHOUT ANESTHESIA

I THANK GOD for the faithful Christians in our church who fasted and prayed for my healing. A miracle occurred last February in answer to their praying.

In May 1964 I began suffering severe back pains. A bone specialist told me that the crust around the disk at the lower end of my spine was cracked, causing the pain. He also said that the bones in my back were like those of a person 20 years older than I.

He ordered a steel brace to be made for my back and gave me a prescription for pain relief. I wore the brace for seven months, but did not take the medicine. In January 1965 I was still suffering much pain; nevertheless the doctor told me to remove the brace for a few weeks on a trial basis to determine whether an operation would be necessary.

Our pastor called for a day of prayer and fasting for my need. The faithful people of our church met on Friday, February 12, to pray for me. After prayer that day, I felt something like electricity going up and down my back and spine. This lasted from Friday afternoon until Monday.

On Monday of that week, all the pain was gone, and I give the Lord all the honor and glory for this healing. God performed an operation on my back in those three days—without anaesthesia!

On February 26 when the doctor examined me, he did not have to consider an operation. He was surprised to see what had happened and discharged me. Now I do not wear the brace, but feel fine.

I trust the Lord will use this testimony to inspire and encourage someone else for His glory. Truly, He is the Great Physician!—Mrs. Marion Cofone, 130 Kalos St., Philadelphia, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor L. Albanese of Roxborough Full Gospel Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa.)

"BEFORE AND AFTER" X RAYS CONFLICT WHEN GOD HEALS

THE LORD PERFORMED A MIRACLE for our son Rick—and there are X rays to prove it.

One Sunday evening last January, Rick was driving to First Assembly in Phoenix, when he struck a parked car. The impact was so great that both cars were demolished. Several young people were involved in the accident including Nina Jean Jackson, also from First Assembly. Miss Jackson's head struck the rear-view mirror and the impact of her body left a six-inch indentation in the dashboard. The mirror and both windshields were splintered, but the only injuries she received were a slight concussion and two cuts.

Both Miss Jackson and Rick were taken to the emergency room at Good Samaritan Hospital. X rays were taken of Rick's chest cage and left shoulder. Both of the shoulder X rays showed it broken in four places. The doctors pointed out the bone fragments on the X rays to my wife and me. He advised that an orthopedic surgeon should be called to operate immediately.

Rick insisted that his shoulder did not hurt. Nor did the doctor's massaging bring any pain to the areas indicated as breaks in the X ray. The doctor said, "These are the wrong X rays; there has been a mistake"—and he left.

When I met the doctor in the hall half an hour later, he assured me that there had been no mistake—that Rick's name and number were on the X rays, and they would have to operate. I said to him, "Doctor, we prayed after those X rays were taken. We called our church, and they prayed too. We believe that God performs miracles today. Even though it was broken, He put it back together." He said it was beyond his understanding.

The doctor advised us to take Rick to our own doctor the next day. We did so. Our own doctor checked him, and he too had difficulty believing our testimony. He took his own X rays, and they did not even show the chips. We are so thankful that Jesus still heals today.—William J. Wind, Phoenix, Ariz.

(Endorsed by Pastor V. E. Shores, First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Ariz.)

HEALED OF HEPATITIS

IN JANUARY 1964 Evangelist Lillian Watters spoke at a Sunday night service at Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo., and invited the sick to come forward if they desired prayer for healing. Since I seemed to have a virus and was planning to go into the hospital for an annual checkup, I went forward with many others and special prayer was offered for me.

At the hospital the doctor found my liver was enlarged, which amazed me, as it had not given me any pain. He asked if he could perform exploratory surgery. This amazed me still more, but I agreed to it, as I trusted him as a competent surgeon. He was relieved afterward when he reported he found no malignancy, but he said he did find that I had had hepatitis. However, it had now "come under control," he explained.

I was then released from the hospital and told to go

home and get plenty of bed rest for the liver condition which was rapidly improving.

One day when I was meditating on God's goodness, I suddenly recalled Sister Watters' prayer for me. "Curse this thing, Lord," she had cried. In an instant I realized that God had cursed the hepatitis at that time.

I later testified in church to my healing. However, I have waited for over a year to write this testimony for publication. Now, after a recent checkup, I have a good report from the doctor. He says I am fine.

My husband and I saw many wonderful healings in our ministry, both in our home and in the church, but this was a new experience for me, as well as a miraculous one.—Mrs. Elfrida Berggren, Springfield, Mo.

(Endorsed by the Editor who has known Mrs. Berggren for many years. Prior to his Homegoing her husband was pastor in Danbury, Conn.)

HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH SAVED AND HEALED

GOD'S BLESSINGS NEVER CEASE! God not only saved James Price and brought his wife back to the Lord, but He also healed them both.

Some years ago while in the service, Brother Price fell out of a truck and severely injured his back. He had constant pain for 23 years. For a time he was given diathermic treatments, but they offered no help. He was forced to take seven or eight tranquilizers a night to get some relief from the pain.

Then in November, 1964, Mrs. Price fell, doubling her arm beneath her. This displaced her elbow and injured her nerves and muscles. Her arm was in a cast for several weeks, and it was absolutely useless when the cast was removed. She was given physical therapy but was still unable to use her arm.

The Lord began to deal with Mrs. Price regarding her spiritual condition. She opened the Bible one day to Psalm 107:32: "Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders." She felt she could not do this in the church she attended occasionally. Therefore, having previously known something about Pentecost, she called the pastor of the Assembly of God and decided to attend the Wednesday night service.

There was a mighty spirit of prayer there. When Mrs. Price went to the altar, her husband went with her. All of a sudden he felt a vibration through his back, and the pain left. He testified later that he was healed completely and had surrendered his life to God for the first time.

Mrs. Price also received healing. Gradually, the last three immobile fingers of her hand began to heal, and soon the hand was completely normal. The next Wednesday her arm was prayed for, and the bones and muscles began to loosen. She is now able to dress, comb her hair, and do household tasks which before had been impossible. She has reconsecrated her life to the Lord, and both she and her husband are attending church regularly.

(Endorsed by Pastor D. Ezzo, Assembly of God, Mechanicsburg, Pa.)



Southern California College students distribute literature.

Dominican Outreach

By WAYNE TURNBULL
 Missionary to the Dominican Republic

AS THE SUNBURNED young people piled into the dilapidated bus and began to sing, they made a familiar picture for me. They could have been en route to a youth camp, a Christ's Ambassadors rally, or a church outing. The conversation of this group, however, was especially enthusiastic

and was interspersed with Spanish words. They spoke of souls accepting the Lord, of people begging them to please come again, of praying for the sick and seeing them healed.

These American C.A.'s had come with a vision and a definite mission to accomplish. Sixteen of them came to work side by side with our Dominican young people in a special two-months' literature evangelism program.

What excitement! What thrills! And what results! The young people traveled by bus and truck to nine different cities for their crusades. Light-for-the-Lost, the Men's Fellowship missionary program, supplied \$2,000 for literature. We were able to purchase 200,000 tracts, 100,000 Gospel portions, and 100,000 special evangelism editions of *Poder*, the Spanish *Pentecostal Evangel*. Think of it—almost half a million pieces of gospel literature placed in Dominican hands!

How did these young Americans do it? First of all, by hard work. After an early breakfast and fervent prayer, they would divide into small groups and systematically go from door to door, testifying and giving out the Word. The results were outstanding. In one city alone approximately 240 people made decisions for Christ.

In the town of Hato Mayor, the zealous C.A.'s found they were able to reach the 8,000 population in only three days. To finish off the planned four-day campaign they decided to visit the country areas too. One group hiked 18 miles to a mountainous community where they found hundreds of people open to the message of salvation. One of the men said it was the first time any American had visited that area. It was a real thrill for these "Youth Missionaries" to sit down in



Young Dominicans treasure literature.

Youth team starts strenuous day of witnessing.



the man's home and explain how he could be born again.

To top each day's extensive door-to-door evangelism, the team gathered for an evening open-air rally. Their challenging testimonies and good music attracted large crowds in every city. What a joy it was to see hundreds respond to the invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Three pastors from the United States served as evangelists for these evening rallies: Elmer Bueno, of Hayward, Calif.; Alex Bazan, of Monterey, Calif.; and George Flattery, of Richardson, Tex.

During the two months the visiting young people were conducting the crusades, they repeatedly commented on how responsive the Dominicans are to the gospel. The Word of God reached thousands of homes. The seed has been sown and the harvest will continue as the Word is read. 

Street vendor listens to a young Christian.



Many school children read better than local adults and are eager for literature.



By TADAKO GOTO
Hiroshima, Japan

Why the gods didn't let me die

"WHY DIDN'T SHE DIE? Why? Why?" My brokenhearted parents often cried as they knelt before the Buddhist altar in our home. And then they would pray to gods as deaf as I, that they would open my ears. As I watched them daily pleading with gods who never listened, I decided that there was no god at all.

One day as a small child I was playing on the railroad tracks near our home. I looked up and saw someone waving frantically to me so I ran to him, thinking he had something to give to me. A speeding train missed me by only a few seconds. Many times after that I wondered why I hadn't been killed. But that was before I came to Christ.

I was born totally deaf into a happy, loving family where deafness was unknown. As I grew older and realized how much my parents suffered because of my handicap, I decided to take my life. Many times I made plans in detail, then became frightened because I wondered whether death would really be the end of everything. Would I be reborn as an animal, or perhaps with a worse handicap? How I longed to be delivered from this life of loneliness. Many times other children would dance around me screaming, "Deafmute! Deafmute!" until I would run sobbing into the house.

In high school with other deaf children I tried to stop my unpleasant thoughts by enjoying the pleasures of the world. My parents were not poor, and I could afford to go where I wanted to go and have almost anything I desired. Still I could not find peace or happiness.

One day I met a kind, happy person who invited me to go to a Christian church. I had never been to a church and didn't know what was taught there. Also I felt that becoming involved in religion would make me more miserable than ever. So I

refused. However, the life of this friend influenced me very much, and finally I went with her.

The first time I entered the Hiroshima Assemblies of God church, I felt such a calm, friendly atmosphere that I forgot about my handicap. Almost everyone there could speak freely to me with the sign language. I found myself anxiously waiting for each meeting and another message from God's Word. I never knew that all were sinners and needed a Saviour, but I knew I was sinful. I was especially interested in a message about life after death: this was what I had always wondered about.

I bought a Bible and began to read, but it was very difficult for me to understand. However, I kept reading and asking questions. One day while reading in John, chapter 9, the truth burst upon me in all its glorious meaning! This Jesus who healed the blind man and even forgave his sins was truly the Son of the living God! This God in mercy had let me live to serve Him! This was why I had not died!

From that time on I found it easy to believe the Bible. I especially cherish the promise, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."

Knowing that Christ really loves me has changed my life. I enjoy life so much now that I have no desire for the pleasures of the world. Suicide is out of the question, and my deafness has ceased to be a source of sorrow to me. My greatest desire is to show my love and gratitude to Christ by leading other deaf to Him and to eternal life. 

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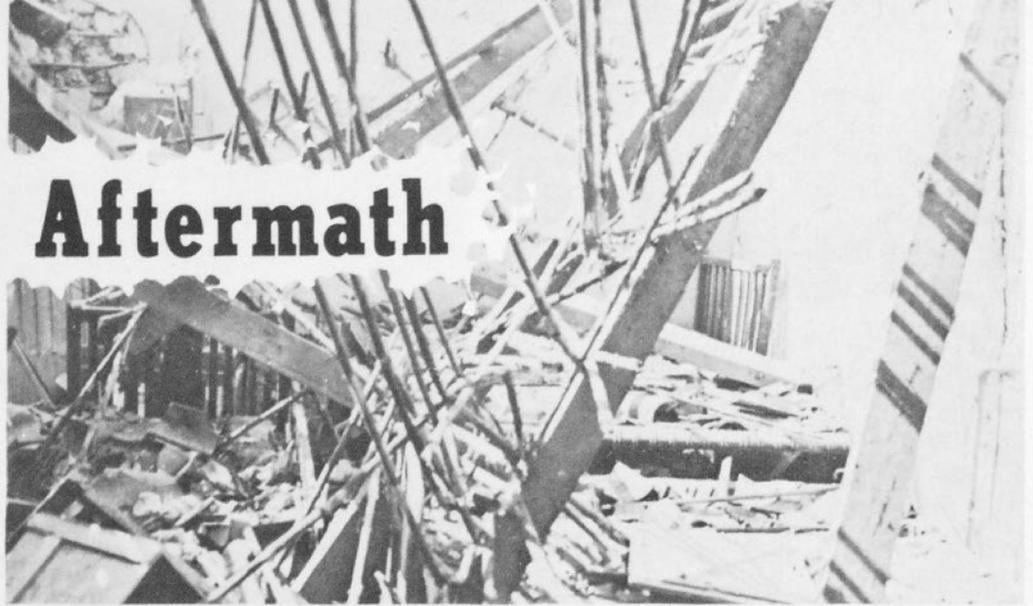
Earthquake's Aftermath

By **STERLING STEWART**
Missionary to El Salvador

I HAVE JUST COME from a session with the pastors of the Metropolitan area of San Salvador. Each was given an opportunity to describe the condition of his own church as a result of the recent earthquake. As I listened to their reports, I was impressed with their desire to try to keep contact with their members. This will not be easy—so many have scattered.

Eighteen of the 24 pastors present have suffered practically a total loss of churches and parsonages. Nine of the churches were in rented buildings, nine owned property. Every pastor seemed determined to rebuild. Many of their people have moved to other cities. Others have lost their homes and possessions and are without work. They do not know which way to go. For these our hearts cry to God.

Francisco Jimenez is a pastor in one of the suburbs. He and his wife and son were awakened by the quake but before they were able to leave their beds, the wall of the house fell on them. They feared the end had come, but they were still alive when



Wreckage buried Pastor Jimenez and his wife, but they survived.

the shaking stopped so they began digging out. Mrs. Jimenez was severely bruised and was taken to the hospital. Their son had to be dug out from beneath the adobe blocks and the ceiling beams, but God spared each one. Francisco says, "Now I feel more obligated than ever to serve the Lord."

At first he felt discouraged and was ready to flee; but after a time of prayer together with his family, he determined to return and build again. He says he hesitates even to visit his members. He knows they feel they must give him an offering and he just does not want to take it from them. He has already begun to build a lean-to shelter where his flock can meet.

On open lots all over town the people have built little shacks or tents of cardboard, bamboo, leaves, plastic, or cloth—anything to shelter themselves from the heavy tropical rains

which have just begun. An estimated 32,000 are homeless. Over 100 were killed, 500 hospitalized; however, none of our Assemblies of God members was killed.

Even though not many of our churches fell to the ground, the city authorities have condemned the buildings because of damage suffered. They were not expensive buildings, yet they represented many years of sacrifice on the part of these poor people.

Fear still grips the people. Strong tremors are felt almost every day and for that reason the city is demolishing the damaged buildings as a safety measure.

We feel we ought to help these people now. Five hundred to a thousand dollars would enable a church to get back on its feet with some type of building. If you would like to help meet this need, send your offering designated: *El Salvador field account, for church building.*

In the San Salvador area 12,000 homes were destroyed with an estimate of 32,000 homeless.



Pastor and Mrs. Victor Cortez survey the ruins of their parsonage.



Desolation struck 18 Assemblies of God churches in the San Salvador area.



By DEL TARR
Missionary to Upper Volta

Like a match to straw

SINCE COMING to this newly independent African nation in 1960, I have shared with my fellow missionaries a burden that more of our Assemblies of God believers might receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Until recently in some congregations only one in 10 professed the Pentecostal experience.

But this is changing fast. Even as I write, I can hear the wonderful sound of men and women speaking for the first time in heavenly languages as prompted by God's Spirit! Our mission house is about 100 yards from the chapel of the Mossiland Bible School, and students there have been praying 24 hours a day for the past three weeks. No one called them to prayer—they just cannot stay away.

The revival started in a primary school by the moving of the Spirit in the lives of two 14-year-old boys who became burdened for their classmates living in sin. These young fellows (I don't even know their names) are from the neighboring country of Ivory Coast. They came to Upper Volta to enroll in one of the schools operated by the national church in cooperation with missionaries from the French Assemblies of God. As the two boys persevered in prayer for the salvation of their classmates, God chose this time to fill them with His Spirit. Thus it began. Like a match touching dry straw, the flame spread quickly.

Among the 500 students attending our own primary and junior high school, there were 50 unsaved teenagers sent by the government to study in our mission school. These students were mostly Catholic and Muslim. They resisted all efforts to reach them and mocked at the religious emphasis in the school. But one night Holy Ghost conviction brought them to their knees with an overwhelming force. Such sorrow for sin I had read about but never seen before. All night long,

one after another, the boys were gripped with the dreadfulness of their sins—convinced they would die before morning unless they repented!

Most of these teen-agers were heard speaking in tongues five minutes after their conversion—with no prompting or explanation. Think of it—and some were Muslims.

Unrepented sin is certainly the reason we have not seen such a holy Ghost revival before. God has uncovered serious sins which I would not even have imagined existed among the Christian community. I have seen God's servants equipped with the gifts of the Spirit—prophecy, the word of wisdom and knowledge like the all-seeing eye in the church—exhorting, warning, accusing in love. The proof of reality is to see the guilty stand in the assembly and confess a hidden sin uncovered by the Spirit.

People are traveling on foot or bicycle to the places they were born and raised, or where they used to live, to make wrongs right. A double purpose is served as forgiveness is being administered and at the same time the spark of revival reaches a new locality.

At the French primary school over 200 have been filled with the Spirit. Here at the Bible school only three of our 58 students have yet to claim the promise. Many more in the area of the school have received. I would estimate conservatively that during the past six weeks between 400 and 500 in our movement have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

Today the Lord gave me a special treat. A senior student had sought the Baptism during his three years here at school but was one of the last to be filled during this revival. Today he glorified God in my language. English is not spoken in the country, nor is it taught in our school—and this fellow has never been more than 100 miles away from home. Yet he spoke English as the Spirit moved upon him. What a thundering witness to the reality of it all! Praise be to God!

How wise God is to prevent man from taking credit for such happenings. The young elementary school-teacher (a brilliant young man) who came to us here at the Bible school with the report of happenings in his school, said these words: "Let me be like a match to straw. The fire claims all—the match is burned up, the straw is consumed, and you see nothing but the fire!"



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

WHY A PLEDGED BUDGET?

THE QUESTION is often asked, "Why must missionaries obtain signed commitments totaling the full amount of their budgets before they are allowed to go to a foreign field?"

There are two main reasons. The first is that the General Council, through its Foreign Missions Department, must guarantee in writing to each foreign government the support, and if necessary the repatriation, of each missionary. In most cases such a guarantee must accompany the application for permission to reside in the foreign country.

Since we are essentially a faith mission, without financial reserves of any kind, we can only issue such a guarantee on the basis of the pledges and commitments made by local churches.

Secondly, if we are to send the missionaries forth with any sense of security, we must have some indication of the interest of churches and individuals who are standing behind them. Such a high proportion of the funds we receive is designated by the donors to specific persons or projects that we would be unwise to depend upon undesignated funds for missionaries' support.

To date, the Foreign Missions Department has been able to supply the personal budget of every appointed Assemblies of God missionary even when donors have failed to support him with designated offerings; and most missionaries do suffer the erosion of a certain percentage of their support during a given term. No Assemblies of God missionary has ever received a less-than-budget check for his living allowance even if friends at home forget to be faithful. However, to maintain this record and conserve undesignated funds for such emergency use, it is very important for us to see that each missionary begins his tour of duty abroad with his indicated budget fully pledged.

CHURCH GADABOUTS

EVERY CITY IS PLAGUED with a sizable number of church gadabouts. They run from church to church, testing sermons and holding a scrutinizing magnifying glass over every member and activity of the churches they visit. They are the modern "loaves-and-fishes" crowd, getting all they can from the church and making only a token contribution in return.

These hit-and-run Christians are seldom seen in prayer meeting (unless you have some sensational act, famous speaker, or nationally known musical group). They never attend the beginning days of revival when a faithful few are fasting and paying the price for victory. But you may look for them when the showers of blessing begin to fall!

Actually, these "church samplers" are running from responsibility. They know that if they settle down long enough, someone will ask them to do something for lost humanity. Since that does not suit their taste (which is geared to the sensational) and strikes at the root of their spiritual malady, they make a hasty exit before the pastor makes a "help wanted" plea.

These in-and-outers usually have eagle eyes and acid tongues. They quickly locate the flaws in any church and nose them abroad. A church is honored with their presence just long enough for them to stir up dissension and create suspicion. While they are looking for something better, their last victim is wrestling with the problems they created, often remaining in a quandary for months.

The prescription for church gadding is simple and readily accessible to all who wish to be delivered from this deadly disease: repent of your irresponsibility and get loaded down with a burden for souls. Quit looking for perfection and start seeking perfection of heart for yourself!

—DALTON ROBERTS in *Herald of Holiness*

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR PEW?

IN MOST CHURCHES there are pews that look very much alike but really are quite different.

There is the *critical* pew which watches the minister with an eagle eye. Even when he makes an impression on all other pews, this section remains silent. The choir knows it and grows nervous. To this pew the singing is too light or too heavy. The janitor comes in for his share of attention because the church is always too hot or too cold. Nothing escapes the critical pew except blessing.

Then there is the *irregular* pew which sometimes is full and sometimes empty. On special occasions you may safely count on its occupants, but when a special missionary effort is to be made or funds raised for a new church home, this pew's tenants are elsewhere. It enjoys very little blessing.

On the other side of the church is the *cordial* pew. It is radiant with sunshine, greets other pews with genuine warmth, extends a welcome to any visitors, and joyfully listens to the words of life. On the way out,

the cordial pew fairly beams: "Most inspiring sermon. The singing was fine." There is much blessing in the cordial pew.

But last there is the *prayerful* pew. It spends a moment or two with bowed head in silent prayer on entering. When it comes to worship, it brings the spirit of worship along. It sings heartily and hears the sermon prayerfully. When the minister rises to preach, he unconsciously turns toward the prayerful pew. Then his heart grows warm, his spirit is afire, and his voice rings out in clarion tones of victory.

In which of these pews will you be found as you worship in the Lord's house?

—VERGIL E. QUEEN in *Christian Advocate*

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE PAINT?

UNCLE JIM LIVED ALONGSIDE a steep-banked brook across which he had built a foot-bridge of logs and heavy timbers. But Aunt Hazel wouldn't set foot on "that unsafe structure," choosing rather to walk an extra two miles to see her sister Effie.

Then Uncle Jim had an inspiration—he whitewashed the handrails and the surface planking. From that day on Aunt Hazel used the footbridge with complete confidence.

An electric railway in the midwest had a similar experience. It had two kinds of cars—blue cars which were good and new, and old worn-out cars painted yellow. The conductor complained that the public would not ride in the yellow cars. "Then paint them blue!" ordered the superintendent. From then on they were in full use until discarded.

A paint company has a slogan which reads, "Save the surface and you save all." This makes sound woodwork but poor religion. Jesus made some very pointed remarks about this surface religion: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

Neither whitewash on a footbridge nor blue paint on passenger cars makes them safer nor changes their basic worth. Nor does saying "Lord! Lord!" necessarily make one a disciple. This truth is aptly and concisely expressed on an old stone slab in the Cathedral of Lubec in Germany:

Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord, to us:
Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and see me not;
Ye call me the Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
If I condemn you, blame me not!

—CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

TERRITORY IN TURMOIL

Survey of Southern Asia and the Middle East ■ By Christine Carmichael

SOUTHERN ASIA

THE VAST SUBCONTINENT of Southern Asia was formerly one political unit, the Indian Empire. When independence was achieved in 1947 the land was partitioned and two nations were born—India and Pakistan. Ceylon, a small island off the southern tip of India, became independent in 1948.

The total population of these countries is 657 million, or approximately one-fifth of the human race.

The first Pentecostal visitation of India in this century came in 1905 when 700 girls in Pandita Ramabai's orphanage at Mukti were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The revival spread, missionaries arrived, and congregations developed. These became the nucleus of the present Pentecostal constituency in India and Pakistan.

We have sponsored some institutions, such as orphanages and industrial schools, but evangelism has been foremost. In recent years our program has included evangelization of large population centers. Citywide evangelistic crusades and well-planned literature campaigns have brought the gospel to thousands. A large evangelistic center has been built in Calcutta. Similar centers are planned for other cities.

With the rise in literacy has come a thirst for reading matter. To help meet the need the Home Study Division of Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore offers correspondence courses in English and a number of Indian languages. The school has served more than 35,000 students. Thousands have completed the courses and many have reported that they accepted Christ as a result of their studies.

The entrance to new areas is sometimes calculated and at other times spontaneous. The latter was true in 1962 when the Holy Spirit moved in a most remarkable way in Assam, a state in northeast India. Hundreds were saved and filled with the Spirit. In response to an appeal for guidance and leadership, one of our missionaries from South India visited Assam. A short-term Bible school was provided and plans were made for a regular Bible school. A graduate of SABI in Bangalore now supervises this work in Assam "where revival is producing new congregations faster than pastors and buildings can be supplied."

This is a day of opportunity for the Assemblies of God in East Pakistan. There are 19 churches and outstations. A Bible school has been operated since 1950. Several groups of Pentecostal believers in West Pakistan recently affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

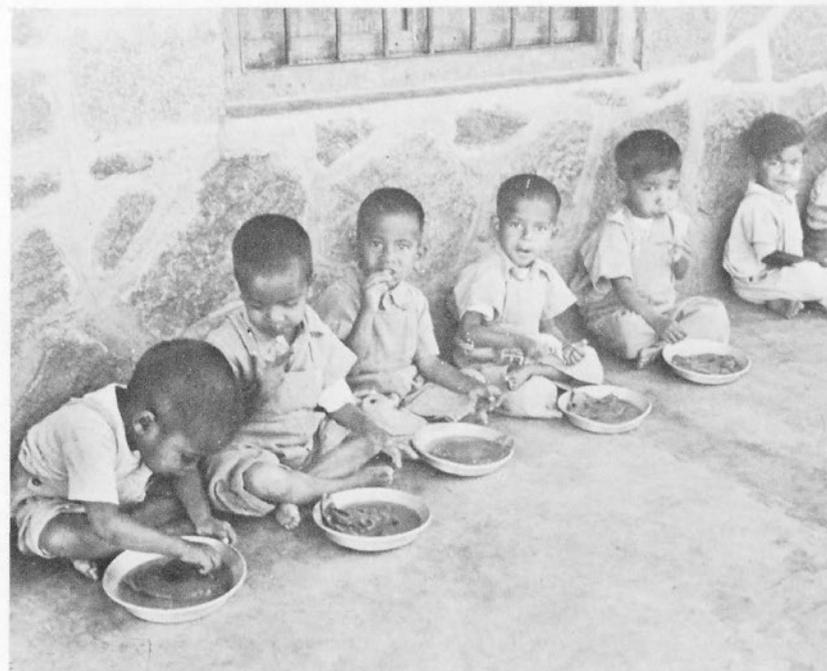
A rising tide of nationalism in Southern Asia is a serious threat to the continuation of missions activity. It has become increasingly difficult for missionaries to obtain visas. As the missionary staff decreases, the national church must assume greater responsibility for evangelism and church development. It was with keen spiritual insight that pioneer missionaries made the establishment of Bible schools their major project. Now eight schools are preparing tomorrow's leaders for the Southern Asia field. Southern Asia Bible Institute in Bangalore uses English as the medium of instruction and provides advanced training for graduates of the other schools.

The accomplishment in Southern Asia has not been the achievement of a few but represents the dedicated labor of many missionaries and national ministers, "workers together with Him." Challenged by William Carey's famous maxim they "expect great things from God" and "attempt great things for God."

THE MIDDLE EAST

A glance at a map reveals the strategic location of the Bible lands which comprise the Middle East. This region "where three continents meet" is the birthplace of three of the world's great religions—Judaism, Chris-

Orphanage boys in South India enjoy a meal.





Students at Hardoi, North India, like to sing and play Oriental instruments.



Arabian girl at Sidon, Lebanon, gets acquainted with Missionary David Matweiyw.

tianity, and Islam. Thousands of pilgrims and tourists converge on this area every year.

IRAN, long known to the world as Persia, once boasted a civilization that rivaled those of Egypt, Babylon, and Greece. Today nearly 22 million people inhabit this ancient land.

The Pentecostal message came to Iran in 1909 when a group of Assyrian Pentecostal brethren left Chicago and returned to their homes in Rezaiah in northwest Iran where they witnessed to friends and relatives. Hundreds were saved and filled with the Spirit.

There have been no American Assemblies of God missionaries stationed in Iran for nearly 25 years, but the work grows under national leadership. Indigenous churches thrive near the Soviet border. Several new buildings have been dedicated. When one of our missionaries visited Iran recently, 69 people were saved and filled with the Spirit.

HASHEMITE JORDAN includes the former Trans Jordan plus 4,000 square miles of territory west of the Jordan River. Amman, the capital, now a city of 400,000, was known as Rabbath Ammon in the time of David.

Assemblies of God work in the Holy Land began in 1908 when Elizabeth Brown established a church in Jerusalem which became a center of evangelism among the Arab population. Later, under the leadership of Laura Radford, a church was opened in Es Salt, Jordan. This now is the headquarters of our Arab work.

For the past 17 years the Pentecostal witness has continued in this Bible land under national leadership. Recently a missionary couple was appointed to help strengthen our work in Jordan.

New villages are being reached with the gospel. The steady distribution of Scripture portions is a significant trend. "No agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly, and influence so irresistibly as gospel literature."

Christ was born in Bethlehem. He was crucified on a hill outside the Old City wall of Jerusalem. Yet thousands of people living in the very shadow of landmarks reminiscent of His life and ministry are without a saving knowledge of the gospel. "I am come that they

might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," said Jesus.

LEBANON, a tiny but strikingly beautiful country, is often called the "Switzerland of the Middle East."

The Lebanese population is divided nearly equally between Moslems and Christians. There is complete religious freedom. Because of its high literacy rate Lebanon is a fruitful field for literature evangelism.

Two couples were recently appointed for service in Lebanon. Plans are in focus for an evangelistic center in Beirut, the capital.

EGYPT is nearly as well known to Bible students as Palestine. It has a population of 27 million, approximately 92 per cent of whom are Moslems.

Egyptians who were present in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost undoubtedly carried the news of the Spirit's outpouring back to their own people (Acts 2:10). The Pentecostal message was again taken to Egypt in 1908, this time by American missionaries responding to the call of Egyptians who had heard about the Pentecostal outpouring in the U.S. Churches were opened in Assiout, Cairo, and Alexandria. Pioneer missionaries laid an excellent foundation and their evangelistic ministry met with a response that is unique in Arabic-speaking lands.

There are today 125 organized churches and 8,600 active members. Some 4,000 are enrolled in the Sunday schools.

Assiout Orphanage, opened in 1911 by the late Lillian Trasher and directed by her for more than 50 years, continues its fine work under capable leadership. Since its beginning the orphanage has cared for 8,000 boys and girls.

The ultimate task of communicating the gospel to Egypt must rest upon Spirit-filled leaders and a strong indigenous church. In 1953, the Middle East Bible School was opened in Port Said to provide training for pastors and evangelists. A missionary was recently appointed to serve as director of the school.

Our representatives in the Middle East ask us to join them in prayer for another Pentecostal outpouring that "the wonderful works of God" will again be seen by the peoples of the Bible Lands. 

Salvation—Man's Need

Sunday School Lesson for July 25, 1965

ROMANS 3:7-26

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

MANY BIBLE SCHOLARS down through the centuries have regarded the Book of Romans as the greatest and richest of all apostolic writings. Of this Epistle, Martin Luther said, "It is the chief book of the New Testament, and the purest Gospel. It can never be too much read or studied; and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes."

The one grand theme of the Book is *the righteousness of God*. First, man's need of God's righteousness is established. Then follows the glorious unfolding of how God's righteousness is made available to man, is worked out in man, and is demonstrated by man.

Our lesson text may be outlined as follows:

MAN'S NEED OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

From the very first verse of the first chapter of Romans, Paul develops the fact that all men are hopelessly lost.

(1) *The Gentiles are lost.* Though the Gentiles did not have the Law, yet they were inexcusable because of the revelation of God in nature and because He placed in them a conscience which they willfully violated (Romans 1:19, 20; 2:14, 15). Rejecting the true God, they turned to idolatry. Then follows Paul's description of the course of man's rejection of God—a course which is ever downward, leading to complete depravity.

(2) *The Jews are lost.* Though the Jews possessed special privileges in belonging to the nation of Israel and though they were the custodians of the Law given by God to Moses, yet they were not saved by the Law. Even today there are those in evangelical circles who seem to think an Old Testament Israelite was saved by endeavoring to keep the Law. But this was as impossible then as it is today. No man can be saved by trying to live up to the teachings of the Bible.

The purpose of the Law was to provide Israel with a very high standard of conduct, to reveal the sinfulness of sin. The Law may be likened to a tape measure which will reveal the length of material but cannot change the length of the material. Again, the Law may be likened to scales which may tell a man how much he weighs but cannot change his weight. "The law," says Paul, "was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Galatians 3:24). That is, the Law points out man's sinfulness—shows him his need of a Saviour—and then points him to the Christ who can save him! But the Law itself cannot save.

(3) *The whole world is lost.* How conclusively Paul proves this! The Old Testament Scriptures declare it. Man's conduct confirms it (Romans 3:10-20): "There is none righteous, no, not one. . . . Every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight."



SUNDAY'S LESSON

GOD'S GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"But now . . ." In Romans 3:21 Paul indicates the tremendous contrast between law and grace. Men were hopelessly lost. Now, because of Christ's coming and His sacrificial death, all men may be gloriously saved. As sin is universal, so also is salvation.

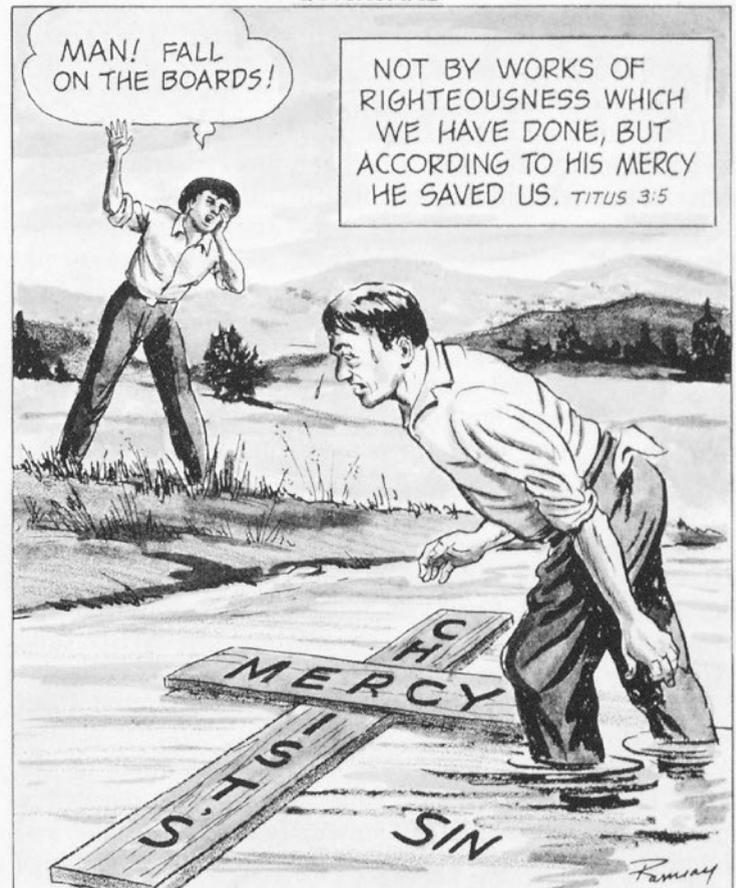
(1) *What is the nature of this righteousness?* The word *righteousness* used in these chapters certainly refers at times to something which is in God; it may also mean that a man who has accepted Christ through faith is declared to be righteous or *right* in the sight of God; but it also refers to something God actually imparts to man—His own righteousness!

(2) *How is God's righteousness received?* The answer is clear. Man cannot earn it, work for it, nor deserve it. It is a gift he receives by faith in Christ.

Paul speaks of "faith in his blood." Why did he speak specifically of the blood of Christ? Because he was speaking to men who had been taught in God's Word that the way to God was through the shedding of the blood of an animal sacrifice. Christ forever ended the need for shedding of blood when He died for man's sin, took man's place on the Cross, paid the penalty for his sins. When Christ shed His blood, He satisfied God's righteousness and made it possible for Him to be just and yet to justify and save the lost and the guilty!

What a wonderful pathway of salvation God has provided for us! "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

QUICKSAND





I was an alcoholic

By MRS. LONITA LINDSEY

As told to Pastor James Farmer,
Keeler Heights Assembly of God, Borger, Texas

I KNOW I HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN for all the sins in my past, and cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. For this I am very thankful. Why then should I rehearse my tale of trouble?

One reason for telling my story is to let others know they can escape all these things by turning to Jesus in their youth. "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not. . . ." My second reason is to tell those who already are bound in sin that God is able to set them free.

At the age of 17 I was married to a fine man. We were married for 25 years, and were blessed with three wonderful children. Our home was happy and well provided for, but we did not honor the God who gave us these blessings. After 23 years of marriage, Satan began to lead me down the road of shame through alcohol, and destroyed every good thing that I possessed.

My husband did everything in his power to keep our home together for the last two years of our marriage, but sin took its toll and we were divorced. I was pronounced an unfit mother, and my children were taken away by court order.

I was married again, this time to an alcoholic like myself. This relationship lasted for four miserable years. After continual drinking and fighting, it ended in divorce.

Several years passed before I met my present husband. He tried to help me, but I was too far gone to be helped by man. I developed cancer of the liver and doctors said I could not live long. They warned that continued use of alcohol would bring death sooner. By now the devil had complete control and I made life miserable for my husband and all my loved ones. The children that had been taken from me were now grown and had lost all respect for me.

At this point the devil put suicide into my mind and I made several attempts on my life. I tried heavier drinking but this did not kill me. At various times I drank a bottle of Lysol, or turned on the gas, took an overdose of sleeping pills, or slashed my wrists, and even ate rat poison. But after each of these attempts I would be found by someone and given treatment before death could come.

As a last resort my family had me admitted to the State Hospital in Wichita Falls, Tex. I was released a month later, but in my resentment I felt more alone and lost than ever before. I started drinking again, and things went from bad to worse.

While my family was preparing to send me back to the State Hospital, I remembered a letter that told me what God could do for me. I couldn't believe that God or anyone else was really concerned about me, but I was desperate, so I dug out that letter.

On October 16, 1964, I left Borger to go to Corsicana and talk to the person from whom I had received the letter. I knew I was in no condition to make the trip, but I prayed that if there was a God in heaven He would get me there, and if not, then I was willing to die on the highway.

I lined my whiskey bottles up in the front seat of the car and started out, with \$5 cash, and my little dog for company. I tried at different times to take my life on the highway, but each time I would see a vision of Jesus. His face was so beautiful; He looked so pure and clean.

By a miracle God helped me to get to Corsicana without hurting myself or anyone else, and without being picked up by the authorities. God had to guide me there, for there was very little I could remember; everything was blurred.

But there is a God in heaven, and He did get me there. Furthermore, He made Himself so real to me that I could never deny Him again. He saved my soul, delivered me from alcohol, and when I poured all my whiskey out that Thursday morning I could not even smell the scent. God even spared me the suffering of withdrawal and completely set me free.

I have not been to a doctor since that time, so cannot give a medical opinion as to whether the cancer of the liver is gone or not. But I do know that since that day of my deliverance I have not taken any medicine and I have not suffered at all, or had any other symptoms of the disease, for which I am thankful. My only regret is that I wasted so many years of my life, for I am now 52 years old.

I came back to Borger, to a church that had prayed for me many times. On Sunday morning, November 15, 1964, I gave my testimony at Keeler Heights Assembly of God. That night I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I intend to give the remainder of my life to the Lord.

My husband also has been saved and is seeking the Baptism. We have joined the Keeler Heights Assembly and are grateful to God for His marvelous grace.

GOD HEALS A VETERAN

THREE YEARS AGO A MAN AND WOMAN, outside of Christ, walked with fear in their hearts through the doors of Fort Harrison Veterans' Hospital, near Helena, Mont. What strange disease had fastened itself upon the man while in the Southern California desert? Could it be cured? What did the future hold?

The wife saw her husband put to bed where he was expected to remain for nine months. After a month his disease, which affected the lungs and caused a progressive weakness, was diagnosed as a fungus of the glands. He must have complete bed rest—and even then there was little hope.

Worried and discouraged, he began to think back over his life. Some of his childhood teachings from the Bible came back to him. Realizing then how much Satan had taken hold of his life, he began to seek God for help and for an answer to his need.

God answered prayer, and he began to recover quite rapidly. He was released from the hospital, but then he and his wife started taking things for granted. They became careless in spiritual matters. Once again everything seemed to go wrong. He went back to Fort Harrison and was put to bed for several more weeks. They realized then it does not pay to trifle with God.

One night his wife told him about the revival meetings in their church. How they prayed that they would be able to attend them! The doctors said it would do more harm than good for him to go and did not permit it.

Tuesday night the wife received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The next morning she went to the hospital and told her husband that if God would baptize her, He would surely heal him. The doctors said he could go to the revival if he wanted to sign himself out of the hospital for 90 days.

Thank the Lord, He guided him well. They were late for the healing meeting, but not too late for God to work. Hands were laid upon him, people prayed, and the power of God fell. He believed and accepted his healing.

A week later the doctor called him to come back for tests. He said they would reconsider and let him back in the hospital. He went, but not to stay. He was healed. When the tests were completed, the doctor said, "Tudor, you may as well go home. There is no need hanging around here."

Since that day the Lord's guiding and comforting hand has been upon this couple. Through the trials and temptations of life He has kept them close to His side.

How do I know this is true? The man and woman are my husband and I.—Mrs. David Tudor, Bozeman, Mont.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. A. Redmond, First Assembly of God, Bozeman, Mont., who writes: "I can as their pastor say that this experience has brought them to a place in the Lord that they never knew before. They were unsaved, though David has had good teaching—his parents have been in this church for years. Mrs. Tudor's faith was high after she confessed Christ and then was filled with the Holy Spirit. It no doubt saved her husband's life and soul.")



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What is meant by, "Agree with thine adversary quickly"? (Matthew 5:25)

It means, "Do not let misunderstandings grow and fester." The lesson for us is that we should seek settlement of difficulties as soon as possible, not permitting them to pile up. Seek peace, even if you feel you have not received fair treatment.

How many times were the children of Israel made captives?

They were first captives in Egypt, although they were not led into that land as captives, but were brought into bondage while living there. After 400 years they were led out by Moses.

Later they were subjected by other powers in their own land before going into captivity. The ten tribes were then taken captive by Assyria. Later Judah and Benjamin were taken into captivity in Babylon. (See 2 Kings 15:29; 17:6; 18:11; 2 Kings 24:1, 2; 25:1-11.) I do not recall other captivities which took them away from their land until the time when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem.

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven"? (Matthew 5:19)

In verse 20 we read that righteousness was not properly fulfilled by the scribes and Pharisees. They were inclined to gloss over the commandments of God by their traditions. Jesus wanted them to return to the moral righteousness of the Law. The truths of the Law were to take the place of vain tradition. The lesson for us is that we should walk as true and honest Christians, not making excuses for any misdeeds. We are to serve God, not carnal self.

In Genesis 10:25 we read that in the days of Peleg the earth was divided. Are there any maps which show this division, or is there knowledge as to how it was brought about?

The account in Genesis 10 refers to portions of the earth being divided among the sons of Noah. In Genesis 10:5, in relation to the descendants of Japheth, we read: "By these were the isles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations." Verse 32 states that a part of the earth was divided to the descendants of Shem. Thus, "By these [divisions] were the nations divided in the earth after the flood."

Some have advanced the opinion that the earth was physically divided in the days of Peleg. As a result, allowing for erosion over a long period of time, the coast of America would fit the coast of Europe. But I do not believe this is what Genesis 10 teaches.

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.

FIRST 'KANSAS' ADVANCE PROJECT LAUNCHED

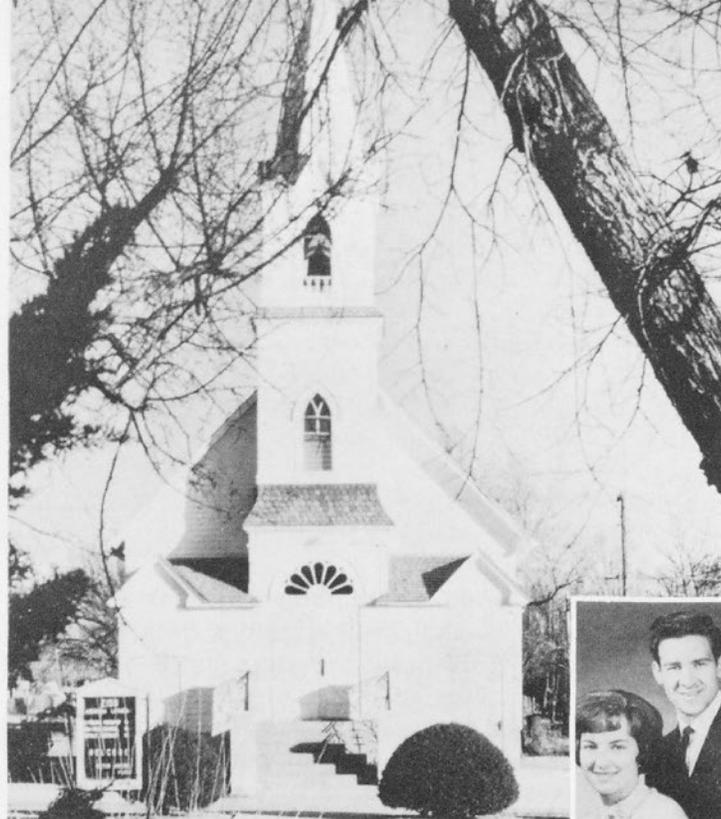
PHILLIPSBURG, A CITY of four thousand, has been selected as the site for the first *Kansas Advance* project. Under the guidance of District Superintendent Paul Lowenberg, the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God has purchased a vacated church property and called the Steve Rexroats to pastor the new church.

Brother Rexroat has had a sound background in the ministry as the son of an Assemblies of God minister, as a widely traveled evangelist (in Canada and 24 States, including Hawaii), as an assistant pastor, and as a missionary intern. He graduated with a B. A. degree from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.

In less than two months' time the church is averaging in the 30's and on Easter Sunday afternoon some 70 attended the worship service. A story hour is conducted on Sunday mornings.

A youth choir has been organized and the C. A. group is very aggressive. They took home the second-place attendance trophy from the first sectional rally they attended.

A budget of twenty dollars per month has been approved for missions. In June the church began supporting a weekly broadcast called *Parson to Person*. Since the beginning, the local congregation has fully sup-



This vacated church property in Phillipsburg, Kans., was purchased by the Kansas District as its first "Advance" project. Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Rexroat, inset.

ported the pastor and all the operating expenses of the church.

God is honoring the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Rexroat and the door of opportunity is wide open in Phillipsburg, Kans. 

Encouraging Reports From Teen Challenge Centers

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD has seven Teen Challenge Centers located in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston, and Detroit. Following are recent progress reports from two of them.

DETROIT

Reported by **EVERETT D. COOLEY**
Superintendent of the Michigan District

Progress has been made in the purchase of a Teen Challenge Center in the heart of the Detroit area. A 38-room mansion, originally costing \$650,000, is being obtained for \$26,500. Dave Wilkerson, director of Teen Challenge in New York, was in the district for a series of five Teen Challenge rallies in May.

J. Herbert Meppelink will serve as director of the Detroit work.

LOS ANGELES

Reported by **DON HALL, Director**

Many new doors of evangelism have been opened in the past few months through our threefold program of evangelism, rehabilitation and follow-up. Thousands of young people have been reached with the gospel through street meetings, personal evangelism, literature distribution, youth rallies, jail visitation, Bible studies and counseling. Many have responded to the gospel and have been

wonderfully saved. A continual flow of destitute young drug addicts, gang members, alcoholics and other troubled youth has passed through our Center. They are given a place to sleep, food and clothing, but above all they are given the answer to their spiritual needs—Jesus Christ.

All "junkies" have a negative attitude expressed by the slogan *No Hope Without Dope*. They have become lost in the dream world of drug addiction. All efforts for a "cure" have failed. They have been trapped, as one addict said, "by the eternal habit." But today through divine intervention there is new hope! Scores of young addicts are finding a positive cure for narcotic addiction at the Teen Challenge Center. Eight of these young men, trophies of God's infinite grace and power, now live at the Center.

A new dimension of service has recently been opened to us. The state has approved Teen Challenge as a referral agency to which inmates from California prisons and jails may be paroled.

God continues to bless our evangelistic teams as they speak to churches, youth groups, schools and clubs. A spiritual awakening is being witnessed wherever they go.

An important part of the Center's rehabilitation program is providing jobs for those who have proved themselves over a period of time. The Center needs the help of interested Christians in finding employment for these young people. 

ONE DAY AS I SAT LISTENING to a tape recording of the Book of Mark, I asked the Lord to help me to receive His message for me. In response, the Holy Spirit began to amplify the story of the blind man (Mark 8: 22-25) to my heart.

The glory of God flooded my soul and He assured me He was leading me, even in my blindness. Then, as on a screen, all of God's dealings with me began to pass before my mind's eye. I realized then that if it had not been for my diseased eyes probably I never would have known Jesus as my personal Saviour.

I had been blind in my right eye from birth, and iritis developed in the left eye in 1949. Gradually my sight became more blurred, and the dark cloud of blindness loomed heavily on the horizon. It was at this time that God began to deal firmly and lovingly with my heart.

On Easter Sunday in 1950 we attended services at the Dawson, Ga., Assembly of God, expecting to ask prayer for my healing. But there I realized my spiritual need was greater than my need for perfect sight. Both my wife and I were saved that night. Although there was no notable change in my eyes, we began to help in a home missions work in our home town of Shellman, Ga. During this time God wonderfully baptized me in the Holy Spirit.

But again tragedy struck as my left arm was severed in an automobile accident. Even as we were being driven to the hospital, the Spirit brought comfort and faith and this carried us through, although my arm had to be amputated four inches below the shoulder.

In 1954 I felt a definite call of God into the ministry, and with the help of my pastor, Robert J. Elliott, we began a work in Cordray's community near Shellman. We served there for five years, during which time my vision became progressively worse.

By the end of 1960 reading was possible only by the strongest magnification. I had been ordained and was a presbyter and pastor at Dexter, Ga., but I became depressed as I realized I could no longer read the Word of God. Physical weakness and emotional weariness forced my decision to resign as presbyter and pastor—and though not spoken, deep down inside of me I resigned from the ministry itself.

Although I found much reading material for the blind, none of it satisfied my hunger for full-gospel literature. Then I learned that Fred and Edna Sweeney, a blind couple living in Janesville, Wis., recorded *The Pentecostal Evangel* on magnetic tape for the blind. I got in touch with them and on receiving my first tape I gave thanks to God that our Assemblies of God fellowship had not forgotten the blind.

The Sweeneys also sent other Pentecostal sermons and materials on tape. I cannot express in words what their ministry of recorded full-gospel messages has meant to me, but I shall be eternally grateful for the fruit it has produced in my life and the light it has brought into my darkness. I have regained confidence, and new revelations of God's love flow into my mind and heart each day.

And so it was that God would not accept my resignation from the ministry, but instead sent me the encouragement and help I needed. I am again serving as a presbyter and pastor. Though now I am almost totally blind, Mark

God Refused My Resignation

By BRADLEY M. SHAW



Bradley M. Shaw receives spiritual blessing and help from gospel tapes produced for the blind.

8 has given me new faith, confidence, and courage. Each day I hold fast to the hope that I will see the faces of my family before night.

I know that when I leave this life and stand before my Saviour, I shall see Him as He is, "whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another..." (Job 19:27).

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Editor's Note: Gospel tapes are available free (on a loan basis) to all blind persons. Names and addresses of blind persons who desire tapes should be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.) Sighted persons who have tape recorders are urged to loan them to blind persons.

The Fred Sweeneys produce the tapes and operate the lending library for the department. One tape, which can be used again and again, costs the department approximately four dollars (\$4). Offerings to help provide tapes for the blind should be sent direct to the department, clearly designated *gospel tapes*. 

The young man in British Guiana testifies:
 "Brother Ward, while you were praying, I felt an electric current pass through me. At that moment, all my wicked thoughts left me. I felt a great change in my heart.

"The next day, I went to a Pentecostal prayer meeting and there God came and filled me with His Holy Spirit. Now I am living for Jesus and Jesus alone."

CHRISTIAN RECONSECRATES LIFE

"Sunday, as I listened to *Revivaltime*, the message being about the record we are making, I was brought low," confessed the Nova Scotian listener. "Although a professing Christian, I realized the record I was making was a poor one. When the message ended, I knew what needed to be done.

"I went to church that evening and humbled myself at the mercy seat, and there I found God ready to refresh my soul and fill me with His Spirit. It was because of your service I realized my need of God. Thank you so much."

These three friends are typical of the thousands of persons throughout the world who have found a new hope through the radio ministry of *Revivaltime*. Utilizing the vast potential of its many releases, the broadcast service influences hundreds of persons for Christ each week.

Not only through the radio service itself, but also through more than 5,000,000 pieces of printed gospel literature, through prayer, through counseling, and through the recorded music of the radio choir, *Revivaltime* is breaking past all of sin's barriers to present Christ as the only answer to man's dilemma.

"I heard your radio broadcast for the first time Sunday morning," relates a mother in Lexington, N. Carolina, "and I would like to say I got a great blessing from it. My husband and I had not been going to church, but we did go Sunday morning, and I'm happy to say we were both saved.

"Our three girls attend church regularly, but now we can all go as a family and worship."

Another listener in Portland, Oreg., wrote: "I have just recently accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and I wish to thank you for the part *Revivaltime* played in my salvation. I listen to your broadcast at every opportunity, and learn more about God's love and the Christian life. Your work is such a help to those who have just found Christ."

"I am a regular listener to your broadcast and enjoy it very much," testified a young woman in Trinidad, West Indies. "It has brought blessing to my soul. Through *Revivaltime* I have accepted Christ as my Saviour, and I pray that what it has done for me it will do for many others."

Through the support of friends around the world, *Revivaltime* is reaching behind closed doors with the gospel message. The broadcast service is now heard over more than 450 stations, including 59 key foreign outlets.

But only through your continued, regular support can we maintain this vast outreach. Help us today by praying earnestly for the broadcast ministry, and by sending a sacrificial offering to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo., 65801.



REVIVALTIME REACHES AROUND THE WORLD TO PRESENT CHRIST AS SAVIOUR
 By RON ROWDEN

FRIGHTENED AND ALONE, the young girl from Oneida, Wis., lay in the stifling atmosphere of a metropolitan hospital, her leg encased in a heavy plaster cast. Trying to forget the accident which had occurred a few hours earlier, she turned and flicked on the radio near her bed.

Thousands of miles away in Demerara, British Guiana, a Hindu youth left his place of worship discouraged and heavyhearted. His time of prayer to Rama, the Hindu deity, had failed to bring the peace of mind he needed so desperately. Driving home, he turned on the car radio, looking for something to settle his nerves.

In Weymouth, Nova Scotia, a faithful Canadian church member leaned back in his favorite easy chair, relaxed after a delicious Sunday dinner. He opened his paper and flipped on the small radio at his side.

Though many miles apart, all of these persons had one thing in common—they were about to have their lives completely transformed. They listen to the same message: "It's *Revivaltime*—across the nation and around the world!"

SAVED THROUGH BROADCAST

"I was saved that day in the hospital through your radio broadcast service," writes the girl from Oneida, Wis. "Now I listen to *Revivaltime* every Sunday, and it has great importance in my life."

THE GRACE OF GOD

By R. J. CARLSON
Northwest District Superintendent

THE GRACE OF GOD is that wonderful spiritual attribute by which mankind ceases to be carnal and instead becomes like God. It is through and by the grace of God that the Lord becomes real in the lives of believers. Paul recognized this and therefore wrote, "By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

In ourselves we are nothing; in ourselves we can accomplish nothing; but the grace of God is that spiritual, heavenly attribute that provides for us what we cannot provide for ourselves.

The grace of God is a positive force. It helps us do things. Ofttimes tasks appear to be disagreeable but God's grace helps us to overcome. Our own personal feelings are pushed aside and we are glad to serve the Lord in the way that He would have us. Human considerations are swept away and the spiritual takes their place. This is why Paul wrote as he did. Many an assignment has been undertaken for the kingdom of God that never could have been accomplished without His grace and strength.

The grace of God also is a preventative force. In addition to helping us do things, it also enables us to refrain under other circumstances. Many times there are things we would do and say but the intervention of God's grace saves us from the same. God's grace will help us to be silent when our own natures would respond with vehement denunciation. It will encourage us to be strong in silence when it would be much easier to respond carnally. The grace of God therefore is a force that excites us to reactions both positive and negative.

The greatest operation of the grace of God, however, is not found necessarily in the things that we as believers do. The greatest work of God's grace is what He did for us at Calvary. By the grace of God we have been cleansed. We have been recreated. We have been made anew. We who previously were dead in trespasses and sin, are alive in Him. Because of the operation of God's grace we have been divorced from our carnal selves and have been brought into the new birth experience.

God had sufficient grace to provide for us everlasting salvation instead of condemning us for our wrongs. When Paul said, "By the grace of God I am what I am, he simply meant that this grace flowing from the heart of God to man had brought eternal and everlasting redemption and had thus enabled Paul, the believer, to act like God. He was empowered to do the things that by nature he could not have done. He was also enabled by God's grace to refrain from doing things that otherwise he would have done.

Thank God for His grace, that is bestowed so freely on all who believe. Each of us can join with Paul in saying, "By the grace of God I am what I am." 



Eternal Life... Can It Be Lost?

Fifteen years before King Hezekiah died a messenger from God told him to "... set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live" (2 Kings 20:1). The shocking news stirred the King and Isaiah records he turned his face to the wall, sought God, and "wept sore."

Later, Isaiah brought a more encouraging message to the King. God had heard his prayer and extended his life fifteen years. Think how foolish the King would have been to have said, "Now I am death-proof. I cannot die until fifteen years is up. I can walk into the ocean, go through fiery furnaces, or run a dagger through my heart—but nothing will kill me."

The foolishness of such statements should be immediately obvious. Yet some people teach a similar spiritual doctrine. Many believe that after accepting Christ they can do anything they please without affecting their eternal destiny. 2 Peter 1: 5-11, dealing with virtues needed in the Christian life, states in verse 10, "... For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

Is salvation conditional? Don't take a chance if you are not sure about your present relationship to God. Write for information on the subject of eternal security.

FREE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Public Relations Department
Springfield, Missouri 65802

- Please send me information on eternal security. (502)
- I would be interested in special study courses.

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NEW AD SERIES HELPS CHURCH'S OUTREACH

A new series of ads, aimed at people outside of Assemblies of God churches, has just been released. Two newspaper columns wide and eight inches deep, the ads are available to any pastor planning to publish them in a local newspaper.

The other six ads in this series are titled:

- Comfort In Time of Sorrow
- Eternity Saved or Lost?
- Healing Will God Answer?
- Investigate Before You Divorce
- The End Is It Near?
- The Tongues Movement Real or Fake?

Men's Fellowship groups may wish to sponsor the ads locally. For further information, contact the Public Relations Office, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

ON BEING A BLESSING

By F. HELEN JARVIS

A YOUNG MOTHER WAS ASKED if she were praying for her infant son to become a preacher. "No, I am not praying that he will be a preacher," she replied. "I'm praying that he will be a blessing."

Later she explained her remark by saying that to be a minister of the gospel in the plan and will of God would be a blessing; but if God had some other calling or work for her son, he would be more of a blessing in that. This mother had recognized something very basic in the purpose of God: that no matter what may be our position in life, our highest goal in human relationships must be that of blessing—blessing others.

What do we mean by *being a blessing*? It is recorded in God's promise to Abram, "Thou shalt be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). Laban, in Genesis 30:27, declared that because of the presence of Jacob, he had been blessed. Genesis 39:5 states that God blessed the household of Potiphar for Joseph's sake.

From such statements as these, we may conclude that out of the lives of God's chosen ones an enrichment overflows, encircling others with its blessing.

In the case of Jacob and Joseph, the benefits were material, for God prospered those who showed them favor. Likewise, the natural blessings and influence which Abram brought, even to his ungodly neighbors, were extensive; but more than this, down through the centuries, this man of unstaggering faith has been spiritual benefactor to countless thousands. His example has strengthened the trust of many in their God and inspired them to great conquests through faith.

There is a simplicity in being a blessing—we need not await some grand opportunity for doing a great deed. Take a lesson from such remarks as, "It is good to be around that person—he encourages me." And, "That person brought me nearer God." A brief, hopeful word, a sincere, "God bless you"; a friendly clasp of the hand; or the knowledge that someone was praying has brought blessing to many in a crucial hour!

To be truly a blessing, we must be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. There is a warmth and unction in genuine Christian helpfulness that comes only from the indwelling Holy Spirit. His presence brings anointing upon our efforts in behalf of others. How often, when our own personal interests would rule, He says, "Help that one."

Only His heaven-sent grace can make us the blessing we ought to be, and only in the manifestation of the precious fruit of the Holy Spirit will the needy find true sustenance and uplifting. Many persons have a natural beneficence of spirit—an honest desire to be kind and helpful—but this is not enough to bring the greatest blessing. Divine mercy and compassion enthroned in our hearts will make the blessing complete. This is an impartation of the Holy Spirit which far transcends natural impulse, making it possible for us to be a blessing to

the repulsive, unlovable, and even our enemies and those who would spitefully use us!

What a need there is for us to envision the possibilities in being a blessing. All of us want to be a blessing, but many fail to realize that in blessing others we also bless ourselves. If we really desire to be blessed, we must be willing to empty ourselves in behalf of others, and what a return is ours! "Good measure, pressed down, . . . and running over."

The unhappiness and multiplied misery in the world about us should send us to our knees, crying: "Lord, help us to help someone else along life's way!" There are lonely lives that crave even the smallest touch of friendliness; tired bodies that cry for relief from the burden; wavering spirits that yearn for moral strengthening; needs that call for material aid.

Even among the household of faith, many precious children of God are in need of the helping hands of their fellow Christians—through prayer, encouraging words, exercise of faith, works of patience and love. Oh, how the body of Christ would prosper if each member were seeking another's benefit!

The preacher, a blessing? Yes! The humblest saint a blessing too? Certainly! It is a privilege denied to none and open to all! Let our daily prayer be, "Lord, make me a blessing to someone today!"

"LET GO OF THAT CORNER!"

GOD TAUGHT ME A VALUABLE LESSON while I was lying helpless in bed with a broken hip. My illness was only one of several problems my aged husband and I were facing. We had a bundle of them, and I found myself alternating between trust and worry.

One sleepless night the problems overwhelmed me. Financial needs, my illness, God's seeming delay in answering—all were magnified in the darkness.

Toward morning I turned my face to the wall and cried aloud for God's help. And then I felt His presence. He reminded me of the many times I had bundled clothes into a sheet for the laundry, carefully tying all four corners so nothing would be lost. Now, He pointed out to me gently, I was handing Him a bundle of burdens, but I was holding one corner. It was as if I had been saying, "Lord, if you'll do this much, we can manage the rest."

His answer was, "Let go of that corner!"

As I yielded every burden to Him, I fell into a deep sleep. Four hours later my husband awakened me with the news that our needs had been met!

We rejoiced, not only in the immediate answer to prayer, but in the simple lesson of full surrender God had taught us that day.

—Beulah Bell

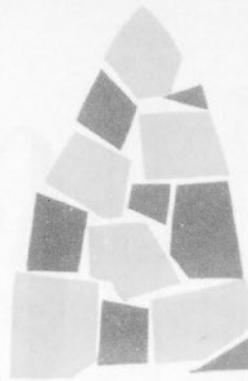
A BEAUTIFUL STAINED-GLASS WINDOW in a cathedral had been shattered by lightning. A visitor, viewing the wreckage, was permitted to take the broken pieces with him.

Months later, the cathedral office was called and the officials were invited to the studio of a famous artist. There the officials were shown a beautiful window made from the broken pieces of glass. The window was more beautiful than the original.

This is a picture of what Christ does to broken lives. This thought was pictured by the apostle Paul when he wrote: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Norman Cousins (in his book, *Dr. Schweitzer of Lambarene*, published 1960 by Harper and Row, N. Y.) relates an experience he had while visiting Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his jungle hospital in Lambarene, Africa. Upon entering the dining room one evening Mr. Cousins noticed a piano, which he described as "broken and old, warped and bolted." He forgot about the piano until after the meal when the old doctor made his way toward it to play. Cousins thought in that moment: "Here was one of history's greatest interpreters of Bach, a man who could fill any concert hall in the world. The best grand piano ever made would be none too good for him. But he was now about to play a dilapidated upright virtually beyond repair."

Dr. Schweitzer sat at the keyboard and thrilled his listeners with his touch. Later, Mr. Cousins wrote of that



THE CURE FOR POVERTY

By C. NEIL STRAIT

moment: ". . . The old piano seemed to lose its poverty in his hands."

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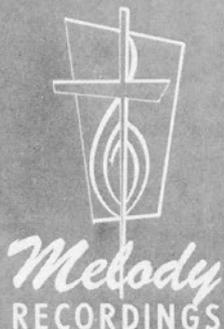
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GIVES MOWER TO NCAG

KIRKLAND, WASH.—The Men's Fellowship of the First Assembly of God of Milwaukie, Oregon, recently took on a project in behalf of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God resulting in the purchase of a new piece of lawn-mowing equipment. It is a twin-blade, riding-type 7.5 h.p. gasoline-powered mower which will cut a 36-inch swath.

The MF group first learned of the need for lawn equipment when a team from Northwest College presented the work and program of the college to the men last April. They were so impressed with the outreach and ministry of the college that they enthusiastically supported the suggestion of the MF president, Tom Williamson, to take on some project for the school. The college business manager, H. W. Crowder, indicated a need for equipment to help take care of the 150,000 square feet of fine lawn. (The campus also includes 25 acres of rough lawn.)

JOURNALISM STUDENTS AT SCC BREAK INTO PRINT

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—A number of students in journalism classes at Southern California College have recently been successful in achieving publication in Christian magazines of national circulation. During the spring semester of 1965, six students were notified by editors that their manuscripts had been accepted.

When a member of the class produces an editorial letter of acceptance, Dr. Albert L. Hoy, the class instructor, provides a cake and a candle to commemorate the event. The newly published writer is called upon to cut the cake, slices are distributed to all present, and (between mouthfuls)



hearty wishes are expressed for "many happy returns."

Cakes were cut this year for Earl Goodman, Joyce Nelson, Shirley Radar, Ruth Ragains, Rosaline Raman, and Wallace Weber.

Some of the magazines which have accepted contributions from student writers at SCC are *The Pentecostal Evangel*, *Live*, *Junior Trails*, *Pulpit*, *The Educator*, *Sunday School Counselor*, *C. A. Herald*, *Christian Life*, *Christianity Today*, and David C. Cook Publications.

A former journalism student, Donald Tanner, recently won the second-place award at the California Intercollegiate Press Conference held in San Francisco.

CITYWIDE CAMPAIGN NETS \$6,000 FOR EC LIBRARY

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Over \$6,000 was raised for Evangel College in a citywide campaign here in May.

Chairman of the fund drive was Dr. Urban J. Busiek, a Springfield physician. Members of the advisory committee included Mayor E. L. Anderson; Postmaster C. Arch Bay; Don C. Dailey, president of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce; Willard J. Graff, superintendent of schools; Elmer W. Paul, administrator of Burge-Protestant Hospital; C. W. Johnson, managing editor of the *Springfield Leader and Press*; and 26 other prominent citizens.

Business and professional men and women



Left to right: Dr. Busiek, President Ashcroft, Mayor Anderson.

of many faiths served as volunteer solicitors in the campaign. Businesses rather than individuals were contacted for gifts.

Friday, May 7, was proclaimed Evangel College Day by Mayor Anderson in connection with the campaign. The *Leader and Press*, two television stations, and four radio stations cooperated in publicizing the drive.

Money raised through the fund drive was used for purchase of additional books for the Evangel College library. The library now has over 37,000 volumes, with a current goal of 50,000.

MF President Tom Williamson rides mower presented to Northwest College by the Men's Fellowship of First Assembly, Milwaukie, Ore. Dr. Albert L. Hoy (left) and journalism students celebrate publication of a class member's article.





ADVANCE in ILLINOIS

By E. M. CLARK
Illinois District Superintendent

Pastor Maurice Burgund (left), Lennis Blackburn, chairman of the Illinois District finance committee, and Pastor Bobby Ray stand beside Illinois advance map.

"THE ANSWER TO THE SUPPORT of a district program has to be percentage giving by our churches." This revolutionary statement was made by Pastor Maurice Burgund of Cottage Hills, Ill., in conversation with the Illinois district superintendent last fall.

Pastor Burgund talked this over with his church board and they too decided that this was the answer. They immediately started a plan of percentage giving to the Illinois district program.

Two months later the district finance committee (made up of Lennis Blackburn and M. C. Johnson, Cochairmen, Bobby Ray, George Mandel, and Boyd Wolverton) was meeting at the district office.

Without knowing what had been done at Cottage Hills, Bobby Ray, pastor of First Assembly in Peoria, stated in this meeting, "Gentlemen, there is only one true, Biblical answer to the support of a district program and that is percentage giving by our churches." He further stated that God had blessed First Assembly financially in direct proportion as they had supported the Illinois district.

The finance committee felt that God was leading them in this direction. They presented the plan to the board of presbyters and suggested that leadership banquets be held section by section to acquaint the churches with it. The program was approved unanimously by the presbytery.

First Assembly in Peoria and First Assembly in Springfield (G. E. Mandel, pastor) immediately started sending in 2% of their general fund income to the district.

Leadership banquets were set up in each of the 10 sections of the district. The pastors, church board members and their wives were invited. Approximately 1,200 people attended these banquets. The district superintendent spoke in these banquets concerning pastor-board relationships and especially on the importance of the pastor in the growth of the church. He also pinpointed the MBA retirement program.

Len Blackburn, chairman of the finance committee, spoke on the district program—past, present and future. He then presented the Illinois district Advance program which included the churches giving 2% of their tithe fund to the district to match the ministers in their support. Brother Blackburn was assisted by Bobby Ray, George Mandel, Boyd Wolverton and F. H. Toliver.

Much to the delight and surprise of the finance committee over 90% of all churches represented in the banquets voluntarily agreed to adopt this program right at the banquets. To date 112 churches have adopted the Advance program and others are coming in one by one. These churches represent about 65% of the church membership of the district.

Since March of this year when this program was presented there have been many, many testimonies from pastors telling us that since adopting this plan the tithe income has increased much more than enough to pay the 2% to the district. It looks as though God is pleased with the plan of percentage giving to the district.

The funds from the Advance program are being used to help meet the land payments on district property. The district property is used for security to back local church loans. The district has guaranteed a total of \$500,000 in smaller loans made by churches at various lending institutions. The district can only guarantee up to 50% of its net worth. As the net worth increases, additional loans can be guaranteed.

This enables the churches to get direct financing, taking advantage of lower interest rates in their own locality, and saves the added cost of a bond program. It also makes long-term financing available.

In a recent meeting of the presbyters it was agreed that the district go on this plan and send in 2% of the ministers' tithe fund to the General Council administrative fund.

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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Hong Kong

Children and Parents Reached

Sheung Shui Chapel is situated right next to Red China's border. The school in connection with it, with an enrollment of 200, recently held a graduation exercise. It was sweet to hear the children recite Bible verses and sing our hymns of worship. As a result of these children attending our school, several of their parents have believed and now go to church.

—Harland Park

North India

Man Sacrifices to Learn

We have begun our Bible school classes here with the blessing of the Lord. One man told us, "This is an experience I have wanted for many years. Now God has fulfilled my desire to learn the Word and thus serve Him better." He is a hard-working man with a family to support, but he makes time daily to come and learn. He is even giving up opportunities to earn extra money through overtime work. This is a real sacrifice.

—Anne R. Eberhardt

Sunday School Helps Mother

We had 757 attending our Sunday school last week!

Only 10 days ago we faced a sad experience in one of our Sunday school families. The mother of four lovely children, feeling dejected, discouraged, and sick of the worries of life, attempted suicide.

When I heard what had happened, I immediately went to the hospital and found the mother weeping bitterly. Now 10 days later, she is on her feet again and has given her heart to the Lord. The four little children are in school. Thus another home has been helped, thanks to Sunday school.

—Mark Buntain

Girl Remains Faithful

Our new school year began with 104 girls in the boarding section and 18 day students.

Lilawati, one of the girls who graduated last December, came from a Hindu home. During her time with us she found the Lord and is now serving Him.

Lilawati has received much persecution from her mother because

she will not worship the idols in the home. Pray that the Lord will keep her true to Him and continue to make her life a testimony of His love.

Another mother brought her two girls and asked us to make them Christians. We told her that would be up to the girls as they have to make their own choice.

—Rosslyn Robinson

South India

Meeting "First of Kind"

Evangelist Eddie Wilson recently held campaigns in Tiruvannamali, Dindigal, and Kovilpatty—three major cities of our Tamil field. In each place we rented an open lot from the municipality, erected a small platform, placed electric lights all over the lot, and set up a loudspeaker. Each night thousands of people heard the gospel, and hundreds decided for Christ.

One night an old Hindu man came to the platform seeking prayer. He walked with a stick but also needed the help of another man. After prayer, he threw the stick away, walked without help, and shouted praise to God for his healing.

A prominent high school teacher testified he had been an asthma sufferer and could not stay out at night in the dewy season. But he testified he was now attending the meetings every night without suffering—God had healed him.

Brother Wilson won the hearts of the Indians by his preaching. During his ministry hundreds were healed and many accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. The pastors of each place in which we conducted meetings say that church and Sunday school attendance increased as a result of the campaigns. Both in Dindigal and Kovilpatty people said this was the first Christian meeting of its kind in the history of their cities.

—Doris Edwards

Senegal

Villagers Build Churches

We now have three churches under construction. These are in villages to which we take our young people every Sunday afternoon for a service.

Requests for buildings came from the villagers themselves. They are gathering the material and doing all the work. The



Five subjects were offered in the two-week leadership training course in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Argentina

Course Sparks Enthusiasm

Intense enthusiasm marked the two-week Leadership Training Course in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The lovely campus and facilities of our Bible school housed both students and teachers during the course.

The following subjects were in the series of studies: Leadership, Work of the Holy Spirit, Prin-

ciples of Teaching, Stewardship, and Pastoral Theology.

Among the dedicated students were pastors and their wives, a district presbyter, and enthusiastic young people from the capital city as well as from the interior provinces of Argentina. All realized more than ever that in the training of able leadership lies the future of the Assemblies of God in Latin America.

churches will have no permanent pastors, however, until we can provide Bible school graduates to fill these posts. And since our field and Bible school are new, it will be some time before we will have qualified personnel. We desire your prayers for the school and also for our outstation work.

—Talmage Butler

Togo

Chauffeur Enters Ministry

We have just spent several days in southern Togo attending our national convention. We lived right in the compound with the Togolese, amid the noises, flies, and rats.

The only water available was 10 miles away. However, we had brought a barrel in the pickup, so on the way, we filled it with well water from the mission station at Lome. Needless to say, we took no baths and settled for a little washpan sponging. How thankful we were for our Speed-the-Light pickup with the screened

canopy which we used for a bedroom.

The blessings of the Lord were upon the entire convention. One of our preachers was ordained; we praise the Lord for this move forward.

For a year and a half we have prayed for one of our workers who has been called to preach. After counting the cost he decided he did not want to be a minister, so he began a chauffeur apprenticeship. But the Lord made him miserable. Yesterday he came here, beaming, to tell us he wanted to go to Bible school.

—Melton Hill

Upper Volta

Hunger Brings Outpouring

It all began when two young men at our French day school in Ouagadougou got so hungry for the baptism in the Holy Spirit that they began seeking together. God not only answered their prayers but filled some 200 others besides.

At about the same time, the young men in our Bible school were also hungry to be filled. When they wrote their prayer requests on the blackboard one evening, one student's request read, "Pray that I be baptized," followed by his name. At three in the morning the Lord gloriously answered that prayer—and about 60 more were subsequently filled with the Holy Spirit.

These newly filled students went to other places testifying, and the Holy Spirit went with them. As many as 30 received the Baptism in one place. The pastor there, who had been seeking an infilling of the Holy Spirit for 30 years, was among the recipients.

—Herman Engelgau

Burma

Full-Term School Planned

Since the Assemblies of God came to Burma, our missionaries have conducted short-term Bible schools in villages throughout the country. This plan has established our indigenous church of over 10,000 Christians. But the short-term schools now seem inadequate to supply pastors for the new churches coming into existence.

Many of our young men have expressed a desire to study for more than the brief time each year. In response to this need, our last General Council session decided to purchase property and establish a long-term Bible school. The new school will provide advanced training for those who wish to become full-time ministers.

In August, 1964, we bought an excellent lot, and the first building is now under construction. This building will house the chapel, three classrooms, offices, a teachers room, and a library. Though we are committed to a full-term school, we plan to continue the short-term sessions in the local areas for lay workers and Sunday school teachers.

—Ray Trask

Paraguay

We Walked Away

Leonard Emory and I recently went to Encarnacion to hold services and supervise construction of the new church building. We flew there by the only means available, one of the military DC3's which also served as the local airways.

Upon takeoff we both felt a little uneasy but committed ourselves to the Lord. The flight was rough, and many of the 32 passengers became sick.

Other than the international airport at Asuncion, all the landing fields are either grass or gravel. When we came in for the landing at San Juan on a grass strip, it seemed the pilot was going down

much too fast. I said to Brother Emory, "This is it; we're going to crash." But with a couple of bounces the plane came to a stop.

Our takeoff from there was rough. Then an hour later as we prepared to land at Encarnacion, our plane came in with the nose down. The propellers dug into the turf throwing the plane back into the air and down again on its nose. The second blow tore off both props and the cowling. As we bounced into the air again one of the props slashed under the belly of the plane, tearing off a section and neatly slicing off the tail. When the plane finally came to a halt, we walked away without a scratch.

As we were observing the wreckage and giving thanks to the Lord that no one had been hurt, someone remarked, "Those two evangelical pastors are the reason no one was killed." We are aware of God's care each day. Many are the times we have been made to feel the faithful prayers of our brethren.

—Paul Hutsell

Germany

God Filled the Church

During the month of February I felt led to conduct a meeting at the Hannover Assembly especially for those seeking a Pentecostal experience. This proved a time of spiritual refreshing. Seldom have I seen people giving themselves so wholeheartedly to the Lord.

We moved under the cloud of God's glory as He baptized about one quarter of the entire congregation with the Holy Spirit. We had purposely avoided all advertising and invited only Christians. Yet God filled the church, and at the time of the meeting Pastor Rolf Cilwik declared there were more people saved during this time of Holy Ghost outpouring than during two summer tent campaigns. Truly, God's ways are past finding out!

Attendance at the Berlin Evangelistic Center continues to increase. God is anointing and honoring the ministry of young Volhard Spitzer who will pastor the center while I am absent for campaigns in other parts of Europe.

—Harold (Hal) Herman

Korea

Literature Aids Radio

The correspondence school has proved very fruitful. Approximately 2,600 have enrolled thus far. Through the regenerating power of God's Word, Christ has been revealed to the hearts of many as they have studied the course.

This work is coordinated with the radio broadcasts. The two ministries complement each other.

Letters both of encouragement

and of need come to us continually. For example:

"Thanks so much for your Full-Gospel Hour which I hear every evening over the station in Kwang Ju. Your inspiring message anointed with the Holy Spirit reminds me of John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. We have been hungry many years for such full-gospel sermons."—Kang Nam Sik, Kwang Ju.

"A few days ago someone gave me a gospel tract which at the end was marked 'Assemblies of God.' While I was reading it, I came to recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Please show me how can I become a faithful Christian."—Chung So Kwan, Pusan.

—Louis Richards

Jamaica

Radio School Expanding

During the past year God's blessing has indeed rested upon our broadcasts. Right now more than 550 students are enrolled in

our radio correspondence course, and we feel assured God will make it possible for us to extend this opportunity to many more. Through His help we have been able to supply every student with the seven books needed for this course without charge. Communist literature is found everywhere—God help us to do our part in reaching the youth of this land for Christ.

Since May, 1964, three new church buildings have been dedicated in Jamaica. *Lamb's River Church* was built through the efforts of our Montego Bay Assembly, with help from at least one other assembly in the Island as well as friends in the United States. *Treasure Beach Church* was the project of our Kingston Assembly and friends in Jamaica and abroad, though *Treasure Beach Assembly* itself provided a considerable portion of the required money. *Bushy Park Church* was built almost entirely by the pastor and his assembly.

—Cyril Darrel-Huckerby

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries returning to the United States are **John Verberendse** and family (Surinam), **George Davis** and family (Chile), **Oliver Swaim** and family (Ghana), **Kenneth Weigel** and family (India), **Paul Palser** and family (British Guiana), **Robert Hymes** and family (Japan), **Charles Lee** and family (Nigeria), and **Norma Johanson** (Liberia).

Returning to their respective

fields are the **Loren Triplett** family (Nicaragua), the **Bryan Mock** family (Venezuela), and Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Marin** (Italy). **Roscoe Leach** and family (Holland), and **Ed Malmin** and family (Brazil) are new missionaries who have recently gone to their appointed fields.

David Brauchler and family have transferred from Costa Rica to Colombia.



Bryan Mock family



Loren Triplett family



Ed Malmin family



Roscoe Leach family

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



120 RELATIVES ATTEND ONE REVIVAL

THESE 120 RELATIVES—brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.—gathered in the town hall in Jansen, Saskatchewan, Canada, for a recent Crusade for Christ conducted by Evangelist Watson Argue. Six evangelical churches from surrounding towns

cooperated. The name of the main "tree" of the family is Schindel. This was the second largest group of relatives ever gathered in one of Brother Argue's crusades. Nearly 30 years ago 140 relatives gathered in a meeting in South Dakota.

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.—The ministry in word and music of The Musical Lambertsons was enjoyed by the Assembly of God here during a recent revival. Some were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were several definite healings, and needs were met in the lives of many Christians.

—Darrell Meyer, pastor

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SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—First Assembly here had a successful campaign with The Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. Many were saved or reclaimed, and the entire congregation was uplifted. Attendance was exceptionally good with many visitors of other denominations present.

—Louis H. Hauff, pastor

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JETMORE, KANS.—Young and old alike sought God at the revival conducted by the Knouse-Stovall team at the Assembly of God here. Several young people were saved, and the church experienced a real spiritual awakening.

—A. V. Schneider, pastor

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Evangelist Leslie Smith of Springfield, Mo., recently conducted a one-week meeting at Bethany Assembly here. The ministry of the Word stirred hearts and encouraged faith. The church was edified as the people sought God nightly at the altar.

—D. W. Flower, pastor

Some were delivered from evil habits. Attendance reached an all-time high during the meetings.

—William Eaves, pastor

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EUREKA, CALIF.—Henderson Center Assembly here was blessed by a successful evangelistic crusade with Thomas Hernandez, missionary evangelist and assistant national Sunday school director of the Latin American District. During Easter week the Hernandez family ministered in testimony and song. The Sunday school attendance record was broken during the meeting.

—Lorin W. Short, Pastor

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JAMESBURG, N. J.—There were three saved, one reclaimed, and one filled with the Holy Spirit during the revival with Evangelist Bruno Malara at the Assembly of God here. Two were healed when prayed for, and two others received healing without special prayer.

—Frank P. Marcucci, pastor

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SAO PAULO, BRAZIL—Evangelists Johnny Barton and Mike Lasky of Granite City, Ill., recently held services here. Pastor Cicero de Lima and the congrega-

tion were thrilled with the singing, instrumental numbers, and preaching of the evangelists.

—Antonette Olivia Johnson, missionary

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BREMERTON, WASH.—Both young and old were refreshed and inspired during the revival with the Ceylonese evangelist, Lloyd Perera, at Evangel Temple here. Several were at the altar for salvation and others were reclaimed. Visitors swelled the attendance each service, and the Sunday school reached a new high.

—Lincoln D. Wyman, pastor

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EVENING SHADE, ARK.—Evangelist Lois Crittenden of Kansas City, Mo., conducted a revival at the Assembly of God here in which one was reclaimed and two refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—John Bullard, pastor

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ELVINS, MO.—In a recent revival at the Davis Crossing Assembly of God here, conducted by Evangelist Billy Don Heady of Fredericktown, Mo., six were saved, three filled with the Holy Spirit, backsliders reclaimed, and the entire church revived.

—R. J. Foreman, pastor

RUSSELL COX REPLACES OWEN CARR AS NATIONAL C. A. SECRETARY

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Russell J. Cox, Assemblies of God college youth representative since May, 1964, has been appointed national secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors (youth) department of the Assemblies of God. The appointment is effective July 6.

Replacing Owen C. Carr, who has resigned to become pastor of First Assembly of God in Beaumont, Tex., Brother Cox will oversee ministries among servicemen and college students, a missionary program, two monthly magazines, a quarterly leadership manual, and assist 45 district youth presidents through a monthly bulletin.

He graduated in 1950 from Colorado University with a bachelor of science degree in business and studied through the Northern Baptist Correspondence School.

Ordained by the Rocky Mountain District in 1954, he has held

pastorates in Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Tempe, Ariz.

Brother Cox served two years as sectional youth representative and five years as the Rocky Mountain district C. A. president. He also served as district Men's Fellowship director in Arizona for two years.

As college youth representative,

he worked with more than 12,000 Assemblies of God youth enrolled in secular colleges. Other major duties included establishment of Chi Alpha chapters on U. S. college campuses and editing *Campus Ambassador*.

Brother Cox is married, has three daughters, and resides in Springfield, Mo.



Owen C. Carr



Russell J. Cox

**FAY HUTCHINSON
SUCCEEDS
G. W. HARDCASTLE
AS ARKANSAS DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT**

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—After 14 years of service as Arkansas district superintendent, G. W. Hardcastle has resigned to take up another type of ministry. He will be engaged as speaker for camp meetings, ministers institutes, and revivals.

The new superintendent will be Fay Hutchinson, pastor of First Assembly of God in Paris, Ark., who currently is serving as assistant superintendent. He will succeed Brother Hardcastle on August 1.

Merle Harris, a former youth director of the state and pastor of New Bethel Assembly in Fort Smith, was chosen as assistant superintendent.

Officers who were re-elected are Henry W. Culbreth, district secretary-treasurer; B. Owen Oslin and D. A. Hastie of Fort Smith, G. E. Chambers of Hot Springs, and R. A. Thompson of Little Rock, presbyters.

New presbyters are Erling Saxelid of El Dorado and Phinis A. Lewis of North Little Rock.

Bobby C. Brock and Charles Northcutt were renamed as youth and Sunday school director respectively. Mattie Patillo remains as state Women's Missionary Council president.

Elected in 1951, Brother Hardcastle led the Arkansas district in progress along many lines. New church construction has had a phenomenal increase. The indebtedness has been lifted off the campground at Hot Springs and a new dormitory erected.

During his administration the district headquarters was moved from Hot Springs to Little Rock and a new office building erected.

Five parsonages have been secured for the full-time officers of the district.

Under Brother Hardcastle's leadership Arkansas has become a leading district in foreign missionary endeavors. Since 1958 five couples have answered the call of God to missionary service and have been outfitted and supported by Arkansas churches.

He not only served his church but has been active in other religious circles. He was among those who organized the Christian Civic Foundation and continues to serve on its executive board. He is also a member of the executive board of Churches United Against Gambling.

In 1963 Brother Hardcastle was chosen as a member of the executive presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. He continues to hold this position and has been nominated by the Arkansas District as its candidate for re-election to this office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL—July 28-30 at Ukrainian Branch Campgrounds, Lanesville, N. Y. Business sessions 9:40 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Evening services at 7:30 with Nick Siblock. For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch, 9 E. 7th St., New York, N. Y. 10003—by *Joseph J. Matolina, superintendent.*

2ND ANNIVERSARY of Bethel Assembly of God, Chambersburg, Pa., July 25. Wilbur Hoak, former pastor, guest speaker.—by *Willis I. Murray, pastor.*

WITH CHRIST

MATTIE MYERS EITING, 89, of Dallas, Tex., was called to be with the Lord on May 9. Sister Eiting, ordained in 1914, was a pioneer minister in the Assemblies of God. She was a well-known evangelist in her maiden days and founded the Sunday school out of which First Assembly in Dallas was organized.

In 1917 she married Fred G. Eiting and together they did evangelistic work in the Southwest, Illinois, and Missouri. They pastored in McAlister and Pawhuska, Okla., and also in Dallas and Houston, Tex. Brother Eiting served as district superintendent in Oklahoma in 1921. He also served as general presbyter and secretary in the old Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona District.

Sister Eiting was superannuated in 1947 and Brother Eiting in 1953. She was a shut-in the last six years, lovingly attended by her husband, who continues to reside in Dallas.



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Fayetteville	Central	July 25-Aug. 1	Ed Eaton	James Cheshier
	Morrilton	First	July 19-Aug. 1	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	L. C. Miller
	Fort Smith	Evangel Temple	July 21-Aug. 1	Keetah Jones	B. Owen Oslin
Calif.	Stuttgart	First	July 19-25	Robert Bowden	John D. Craig
	Anaheim	Town Church	July 19-24	Christian Hild	Dorman Buttram
	El Cajon	Central	July 20-Aug. 8	William Caldwell	R. L. Davis
	Los Banos	A/G	July 25-30	Loretta Kaupanger	L. Couchman
	Moorpark	A/G	July 20-Aug. 1	Neville & Beulah Carlson	John S. Milton
	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	July 18-25	Jerry D. Aleorn	Clyde A. Henson
Colo.	San Jose	Alum Rock	July 25	J. Barton-M. Lasky	Philip Lindvall
	Lamar	A/G	July 23-25	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Glen A. Colton
	Milliken	A/G	July 19	Bob Wilson	John Utz
Fla.	Jacksonville	Riverview	July 18-Aug. 1	John & Faith Stallings	J. M. Stallings
	Plant City	Turkey Creek	July 26-Aug. 1	Musical Wellards	Henry Thomas
Idaho	Aberdeen	Gospel Tab.	July 19-23	Orville Phillips	
Ind.	Edinburg	A/G	July 20-Aug. 1	J. E. Friend	G. Badger
	Gary	*Black Oak	July 19-23	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Jimmy R. Johnson
Md.	Barclay	Full Gospel	July 25-Aug. 1	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	James C. Walton, Jr.
	Chestertown	Trinity	July 20-25	Frank J. DePolo	Kenneth Bruce
Minn.	Mound	Minnetonka	July 20-25	The Tanner Team	David L. Nelson
Miss.	Corinth	First	July 25-Aug. 1	H. Syvelle Phillips	C. V. Thomas
	Caledonia	A/G	July 19-Aug. 1	Glenna Byard	J. R. Ivie
Mo.	Ellisville	A/G	July 20-Aug. 1	Loyd Middleton	James Dunn
	Puxico	A/G	July 18	M. Willis-L. Morrison	C. M. Roberts
	Silex	A/G	July 20	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	William Hill
	St. Louis	Calvary Tab.	July 23-25	Gene & Heather Burgess	C. F. Hembree
	Anaconda	A/G	July 22-25	Vera Rutherford	W. L. Roset
Mont.	Burlington	A/G	July 25-30	E. T. Quanabush	Joseph Sutera
	Mount Holly	*A/G	July 25-30	James & Mrs. Occhipinti	James Occhipinti
	Toms River	***First	July 20-Aug. 1	The Grabans	Don Richardson
N. Y.	Geneva	*A/G	July 18-24	David & Patricia Johnson	Robert Rainbow
	Albermarle	Calvary	July 14-25	Don & Sharon Parker	R. F. Parker
N. Dak.	Fargo	First	July 21-Aug. 2	Ernie Eskelin	O. W. Apple
Ohio	Perrysburg	Bethel	July 21-Aug. 1	James H. Black	William E. Helton
	Arkoma	A/G	July 18-Aug. 1	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	Ed Williamson
Okla.	Marlow	A/G	July 18	Al Davis	Clyde Ventris
	Oklahoma City	Glad Tidings	July 18-Aug. 1	Leonard Negrin	R. L. Steger
Pa.	Ambridge	**A/G	July 20-Aug. 1	Victor Etienne	Eugene Petroski
	Central City	**Pentecostal Tab.	July 25-Aug. 1	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Stanley E. Cosner
	Scranton	E. Scranton	July 20-Aug. 1	Werner & Edna Johnson	Oran A. Catterson
Tenn.	Maynardville	A/G	July 18-30	Knott-Olson Team	James Long
	Memphis	Raleigh	July 20-Aug. 1	B. R. Minton	T. E. Scruggs
Tex.	Beaumont	Central	July 19-Aug. 1	James & LaVerne Sartor	James Thomas
	Carrollton	First	July 20	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	D. W. Kyser
	Ft. Worth	Liberty Tab.	July 18-Aug. 6	Buddy Hicks	Coyce Pollard
	Garland	Bethany	July 19-25	Tommy & Esther Lance	Ralph Ward
Wash.	Maple Valley	Tahoma	July 18	Lloyd Perera	Glen Cole
W. Va.	Ripley	**First	July 11-23	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Chester Tennant
Canada	Portage laPrairie	Pentecostal Church	July 21	Bob Ludwig	P. C. Thompson
Mexico	Old Santa Ana	***	July 20-Aug. 15	Paul Clark Team	S. Cox, Ch.

*Children's Revival

**Youth Revival

***Tent Revival

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the nature of angels: but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Hebrews 2:16). It was as a man that He was tempted by Satan and abused by men—yet He overcame. As a man He was mocked, betrayed, reviled, beaten, and finally crucified.

But He was more than a man! He was also divine, born of a virgin, begotten of the Holy Ghost. John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:1, 14).

This Man combined the glory of God with the frailty of flesh. This Man showed how low Divinity could reach; how perfectly Divinity could love; how infinitely Divinity could redeem.

This Man was the Son of God, and He gave men the greatest manifestation of God the world ever witnessed.

Yes, this Man does receive sinners. The Pharisees and scribes were shocked that Jesus preferred the hospitality of sinners above their own irreproachable manners. But they were in error when they implied that His followers consisted of sinners only and that He loved the company of sinners for its own sake. Jesus does not receive sinners that they may remain so. He receives them that they may be forgiven, cleansed, justified, and adopted into the family of God.

The sinners that came to Christ during His earthly ministry were representative of all sections of humanity; Joseph, the rich man; Luke, the physician; Zacchaeus, the extortioner; Mary Magdalene, the unclean; and so many others. They came as fishermen and lepers and thieves and harlots and beggars—and He received them all. They came in many ways. One came secretly by night; another was lowered into His presence on a bed; one clambered self-consciously out of a tree; one hung alongside Him on the cross; but they had one thing in common: they needed forgiveness. This Man received them all.

Jesus is approachable. It is easy to get His attention, for His ear is open to the cry for help. He heard blind Bartimaeus' cry above the roar of the crowd. He felt the woman's touch on the hem of His garment despite a thousand jostlings. The sincere prayer, the unuttered plea, the questing heart will bring one into His presence.

Satan receives sinners too—into slavery and wretchedness. After he has extracted from them every worthwhile virtue he discards them, leaves them broken and lost alongside the road of life. But when Satan and society have reduced men to hopeless rejects, Jesus stands by to redeem the devil's castaways. Some of the most glistening white paper is made from cast-off rags!

Sinner friend, Jesus waits to receive you and to transform you if you will but come to Him. He will forgive your sin, heal your heartache, set you free, and clothe you in His own righteousness, accepting you into the family of heaven. Yes, this Man receives sinners, and transforms them into children of the living God. 

This Man Receives Sinners!



MANY A TRUE WORD has been spoken in slander. One of the greatest tributes ever paid Jesus was hurled at Him in condemnation by His enemies. "The Pharisees and scribes murmured saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them" (Luke 15:2).

This *man!* Thank God He was a man! The writer to the Hebrews declared, "For verily he took not on him