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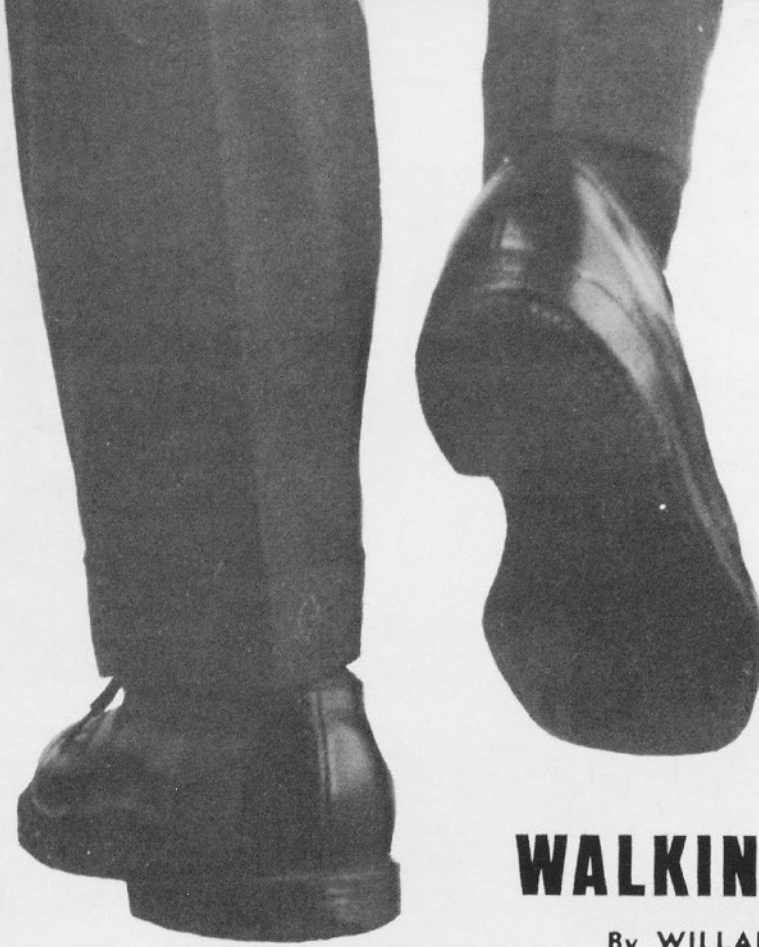
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WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

By WILLARD CANTELON

THERE ARE ABOUT 32,000 PROMISES in the Word of God, and these depend on man's meeting God's challenge to receive or retain the divine blessing. For example: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." "Draw nigh unto God... he will draw nigh unto you." "If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

God has laid down certain conditions for man to meet in receiving His blessings, and man also must meet God's conditions for retaining them.

To the Galatians, Paul wrote: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). It is one thing to be filled with the Spirit, and it is another thing to walk in the Spirit. The same apostle said: "But though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). The Corinthian believers had been filled with the Spirit but had failed to recognize the responsibility of walking in the Spirit. So the apostle asked a sad question: "Are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (1 Corinthians 3:3).

No matter how much a man may receive from God in spiritual gifts, nothing is really accomplished unless that man walks in the Spirit. For example, the Holy Spirit comes to guide the believer into all truth, but how can He accomplish this ministry in the life of one who will not study the Word of truth? The Holy Spirit comes to give us power to witness (Acts 1:8), but how can He empower the testimony of the man who neglects to witness? Again, the Holy Spirit offers His great ministry of assisting the believer in his prayer life, but how can He accomplish this if the baptized believer neglects to pray?

No better illustration could be given than to say the baptism in the Holy Spirit represents divine equipment placed at the disposal of the believer by the Lord. To

use this equipment according to the divine pattern is to produce the fruit of the Spirit. To neglect to use what God has given brings reproach, not only on the believer, but often (unjustly) upon the Holy Spirit. In all of Paul's correction of the Corinthian believers, there is no inference that they had received a shallow Baptism or gifts which were not genuine. Paul's entire correction is pointed at the character of the individual who failed to walk in the Spirit.

God's supreme purpose in giving the Holy Ghost is that He may produce the fruit of the Spirit in us. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). The gifts of God given in response to man's consecration are bestowed suddenly. Salvation comes the moment man believes. We read in Acts 2:2, 4: "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

Even the gifts of the Spirit may come in response to man's immediate surrender and receptive faith. *But the fruit of the Spirit is produced only as man walks in the Spirit*, daily keeping his body in subjection and appropriating the grace which God has given. Nothing could be more plain than Paul's statement: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [love], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity [love], I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1, 2).

Walking in the Spirit involves stewardship. It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful. Jesus said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall

be much required." God places more responsibility upon the shoulders of the man to whom He has entrusted more.

As salvation provides the believer with life eternal, so the baptism in the Holy Spirit provides him with power to win others. The Christian will never be judged for his sin—it has been confessed, forsaken and forgiven—but he will most certainly be judged for his service.

Although the gift of God is eternal life to every redeemed child, yet variations of reward are clearly indicated to the service rendered. In 1 Corinthians 3:8, Paul said that every man will receive his own reward according to his works. And in verses 13 to 15, he continued: "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." In 2 Corinthians 5:9, 10, the apostle again clearly stated: "Wherefore we labor, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom (Matthew 25). They all had lamps, but five neglected to bring extra oil. In the same chapter, Jesus told of three servants who were given talents by their master. Rewards were given to those who used their talents, and judgment was meted to the one who neglected to use what was entrusted to him.

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:1-3). These words were written primarily for the Christian. The more God entrusts to His child, the greater becomes the sin of neglect.

The apostle solemnly warned: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17).

It is God's will that every believer be baptized with the Holy Spirit and walk in the Spirit in order that he might produce the fruit of the Spirit. James wrote: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain" (James 5:7). John wrote: "Hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (1 John 2:3). The same Bible that declares, "Ye must be born again," also commands, "Be filled with the Spirit!"

"Walk in the Spirit!"

The foregoing is adapted from the book *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*, by Willard Cantelon. The 33-page paperback is available for 50¢ from the Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Springfield, Missouri 65802. Order number 2 EV 692.

WORLD WAR II was officially ended over 20 years ago, but this nation had a grim reminder of it during the summer of 1965.

Just off the North Carolina coast, a German torpedo, snagged in the fishing nets of an American ship, exploded and killed eight men.

"When will it stop?" people asked. "When will we stop paying for that war?"

But war isn't the only sin that keeps demanding payment as the years go by.

Ask the man who has committed a crime. When does his payment stop? When does his family stop paying?

Ask the mother of a child born out of wedlock. When will people forgive and forget?

Ask the parents who came to Christ too late to influence their own children during their formative years. Ask them what effect their words have when children have followed their own ungodly example and built their own homes on the wrong foundation.

Ask the businessman known for unscrupulous dealings. How long must he wait before the public forgets? How many lawsuits must he face, long after he has repented and God has forgiven his covetousness and his dishonesty?

When we repent, sin is forgiven, blotted out by the blood of Jesus. But God has never promised to set aside the law of the harvest completely. We keep on paying. All of us—everyone who comes to Christ—must realize that while all is forgiven, still the debts incurred must be settled. The seed of sin we have sown in our years without Christ may still grow into a fearful harvest in other lives, even though God forgives our sin.

But why talk about what seems to be a very negative subject? One reason is that those who think there is no penalty attached to "sowing wild oats," provided they repent before harvesttime, ought to be warned of the folly of that kind of reasoning.

We keep on paying

By DAN HARMAN

Another is that those who go on paying and keep on reaping should be encouraged to use their own experiences to warn others.

Think of how much good a certain German U-boat commander could have done at the close of the war if he had warned us to search for those unexploded torpedos in the area of the Carolina coast.

All of the sins of yesterday have a way of repeating themselves in the lives of succeeding generations. Yet we can learn from those who went before us, and our children can learn from us.

In the Sunday school, in the youth groups, in the home, those who have been redeemed and yet are paying for wrong decisions made in earlier years need to speak out. Our commission as witnesses not only involves telling what God has done for us, but also warning others of the price of sin.

Training for Service

A little girl was playing with some lettered blocks one day. Her mother showed her how to spell *good* and explained how important it is for children to be good.

After a while, as the mother was working in the kitchen, the little girl called to her and said, "Come and see the two nice words I made out of the word *good*." When her mother looked, she saw the words *go* and *do*.

Older people sometimes forget that to be good one must go and do. There is no virtue in being good merely for goodness' sake. How can a person be considered good if he is good for nothing? One who is truly good will "go" in obedience to Christ's command and will "do" that which will help his fellowman. In this way he will find the "good life" that is good indeed.

This is the kind of goodness Training Month is designed to produce in us. The theme for January is indicated by the title of the suggested training book—*So Send I You*.

Thousands of copies of the book have been sent to the churches and many are already being studied by church members. These training classes are not for Sunday school workers only. They are for every Christian believer, for soul winning is the business of the entire church. If everyone in the church will become involved in a program of witnessing and soul winning, there will be more additions to the church and less subtractions. Many backslide simply because they never are recruited for gospel service.

A strange letter came to our editorial office a few weeks ago. We usually are happy to receive mail but this letter made us unhappy, for it came from a man in California who formerly attended an Assemblies of God church but is now associated with a group which teaches false doctrine. He said:

"Not once at the Assemblies of God church were we instructed to go out and witness from door to door. All we did was go to Sunday school and church. . . . Now I have found a group of people who study the Word of God in earnest. When one of them is confronted, they always have a witness to the truth. That is more than I used to do. These people make you think they really are interested in seeing you come to the full knowledge of the truth. . . . Now when I witness I have some proof to back up what I say, rather than just say, 'I have been saved,' or, 'I feel it in my heart.'"

We are praying for this man, asking the Lord to open his eyes to the error of the teaching he is in—but isn't it a pity he had to go outside the Assemblies of God to become a serious Bible student and an active witness? We would like to think his is an isolated case, but perhaps it is not. Perhaps he is speaking for many who once attended our services but dropped out because no one put them to work at this job of witnessing.

The world needs our witness. Men and women are dying without Christ. They will awake in eternity to find themselves lost forever. How bitterly they will cry, "No man cared for my soul." Jesus said to His followers, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Then immediately He breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." This is the purpose for which God fills us with His Spirit. He does not fill us merely to make us happy; neither does He save us merely to make us "good." He says to us, "Go," and "Do." And in seeking to save others we will taste the true joy of our own salvation.

—R.C.C.

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A QUIET CHRISTIAN MAN who seldom missed a church service had a habit of taking his tithe to the church each payday. One day the secretary asked him why he made a special trip. Why not wait until Sunday?

"I have a bad heart," he said, "and I don't want to die with God's money in my pocket."

While we do not believe God would have held it against this man if he had died before he had opportunity to pay his weekly tithe, what about those who never tithe, or give only spasmodically?

"Will a man rob God?" This searching question is from God Himself. "Ye have robbed me," He continued, "in tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8).

If God's people would bring *all* their tithes into the storehouse, the work of God would leap instead of limp; it would expand rather than simply hold its own in some areas. The challenge of God through Malachi still holds: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... and prove me now herewith" (Malachi 3:10).

The institution of tithing provides a universally practical basis for Christian giving. As one has said, "Tithing is scriptural, simple, systematic, and successful."

Tithing is scriptural. Even before the Law was given, men recognized tithing as God's will. Abraham paid tithes of all he had to Melchizedek, priest of the most high God. Jacob vowed, "Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Genesis 28:22).

When God gave Moses the Law on Sinai, He included the law of tithing (Leviticus 27:30). Revival and tithing go hand in hand throughout the Old Testament. Nehemiah, seeing the lack of support of the Levites and the house of God forsaken, contended that the tithe should be brought in (Nehemiah 13:1-12).

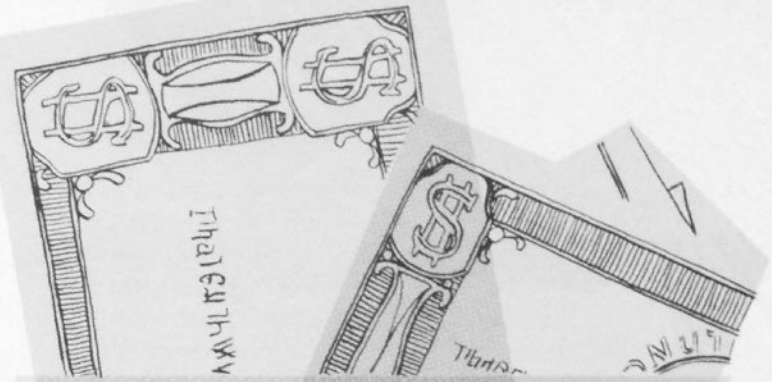
The passage in Malachi shows the importance God put on tithes and offerings right up to the close of Old Testament times.

This principle was carried over into New Testament teaching. Referring to acts of tithing, Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees, "These ought ye to have done..." Paul exhorted the Corinthian church concerning the collection, "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (1 Corinthians 16:2), an obvious reference to the tithe.

After Pentecost, liberality was the order of the day. Under Grace, the tithe continued to be the minimum of giving. Surely, if we who are under Grace do less than the Jew did under Law, it is a disgrace.

Tithing is simple. Our knowledge of fractions may be limited, but God in His wisdom gave the simplest method possible for computing the tithe. Whether we are figuring on a large or small amount, the simplest among us can move a decimal point to the left one point, and there it is—the tithe.

Tithing is systematic. It is not a haphazard method. It is simply giving a tenth of all our earnings to the Lord's work. We are not true tithers unless we consistently give a tenth, anymore than we are true Christians if we live for God only two or three days out of each week. The Bible teaches that tithing is the minimum.



IS GOD'S MONEY IN YOUR POCKET?

By MORRIS CHALFANT

The tenth is to be the starting point, and beyond that love decides the offering.

Tithing is successful. Tithing does more for a congregation than advance it financially. It is more than a budget-raising affair. It does something for the people spiritually. It enlarges their vision of spiritual things, develops character, and enriches all of life.

True Christian stewardship makes us partners with God, co-workers with Him. It links us up with God in a very definite way. It brings our lives into harmony and cooperation with the majestic plan of redemption. For when we bring our tithes and offerings into the storehouse of God, we are in a very practical way workers together with God.

Let us not withhold the tithe until God must say of us, "Ye have robbed me." God's tithe must never remain too long in our pockets, lest His work suffer and we lose the blessing of having His approval.



HOLY
BIBLE

I Held My Bible Last Night

By **RUSSELL R. WISEHART**
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I HELD MY BIBLE LAST NIGHT, and I shall never be the same. Oh yes, I've held it hundreds of times before, but last night was different.

I carefully turned it over and around in my hands. It looked ordinary enough. The black imitation leather cover has gold lettering, "Holy Bible," on the front. Down in the right-hand corner is my name in the same gold lettering—placed there when the Book was rebound a few months back. The new cover is a sharp contrast to the worn and frayed pages between.

I opened my Bible and noted the small clipping taped just inside the cover. It was written by John Wycliffe:

*"It shall greatly help thee to understand
Scripture, if thou mark
Not only what is spoken or written,
But! Of whom,
And to whom,
With what words,
At what time,
Where,
To what intent,
With what circumstances,
Considering what goeth before
And what followeth.*

After this was the presentation page: "Presented by

the Senior Sunday School Class, August 15, 1959." Just before I left for Bible school....

Yes, I held my Bible last night, and in the quietness of that midnight hour the thoughts came crowding fast: What am I holding here? Is it only a book? No. If it were, its life would have ended centuries ago. It is more than a book. It is 66 books of the most wonderful literature, for its true value lies in the history it presents—the history of a Person, of a plan, of a people chosen and guided by the Lord.

About 40 different writers wrote this Book over a period of some 15 centuries. They were from all walks of life: shepherds, kings, priests, prophets, farm laborers, fishermen, tax collectors, doctors, teachers. Many were unaware as they wrote that others were writing. Others were only partially aware—and yet there is such a unity throughout the whole Book that one senses a Master mind, a divine Planner, behind it all. Yes, it was more than a Book of words and deeds I held last night; it was the Book of life.

No other book has caused so much confusion and yet given so much comfort. No other book has been so berated and yet returned so much blessing. No other book has been so woefully treated and fought against and yet is so direly needed. This is the Book I held last night.

In my imagination I could see the people who made this divine history. People like you and me who found the true way to live life to its fullest measure—with the added promise of eternal rewards. I could see them living this life before men, testifying about it, and even dying for it.

I looked at the Book. What was there about it or in it to cause one to give his life rather than deny its teachings or the One it taught about? I knew it had happened countless times—by sword, by torture, on crosses, in Roman arenas, men died for it. They were burned at the stake, or boiled in oil. Thousands upon thousands have spilled their lifeblood because of this Book.

I thought of Roman rulers who sat in box seats at the arenas and loudly cheered as fierce beasts roared out of their cages to tear the life from those who dared believe the words of this Book. The Book I held had captured their hearts with what was said, and they gladly died for it.

I thought of other men who had made it possible for me to hold my Bible last night—men who did not quake at the voices of kings, nor cower at the threats of queens, nor quail in the face of death.

Martin Luther braved the wrath of the highest authority of the land for what he found in this Book.

William Tyndale began translating this Book into English but was burned at the stake because of his work. He gave his life for this Book, yet his work lives on.

John Huss and many others suffered a like fate for teaching from this Book. Each contributed his part, even though he underwent severe persecution and hard trial. Because of their faith and courage I was able to hold my Bible last night.

I then thought of the many missionaries who have

spent their lives to see that this Book was placed in the hands of people—and in their own language. The catalog of heroes is large—modern martyrs and “living sacrifices.” Sorrow and heartbreak, defeat and heartache were realities over and over again. But they had one passion—this Book must live on!

The panorama of the dead and the living passed through my mind as I held my Bible. Then I realized that, as I was sitting there with the Book in my hands, at that instant it was doing its work all over the world—in a pastor’s study, on a missionary’s pulpit, in a native’s hut, in a sickroom, on a child’s lap. Everywhere, silently but surely, it was doing its work.

And this Book still continues to do a work that no power or authority on earth can ever stop.

Where does such an influence come from? Not alone from the Book, but from the power behind the Book

—and the Person in it. It is a living Book; its voice is true; its precepts sure; its promises proved.

Yes, I held my Bible last night, and I do not believe I shall ever be the same. And as I thought of a world clamoring for more scientific progress, more educated students, more advanced philosophy, more beauty and art, more truth, one of Whittier’s poems drifted into memory. I am convinced it fits this present age:

*“We search the world for truth: we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all the flower fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.”*

SPIRIT-GIVEN WEAPONS FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

By ANNE SANDBERG

AMONG DAVID’S MIGHTY MEN was one named Sham-mah. Singlehandedly he saved a field of lentiles from the Philistines when Israel fled. Because he stood in the midst of the ground and defended it, “the Lord wrought a great victory.”

In this day of law and order, many of us may go through life without having to defend material possessions against any who would take them wrongfully. But we must defend our spiritual rights against Satan, to whom Jesus referred as a thief who comes “to steal” (John 10:10).

Divine healing is one of Satan’s favorite targets. An illness comes; we request prayer; we are healed. Joyfully we testify of this fact; and then, to our dismay, the old trouble may return. At this point many become discouraged. What can be done?

We must realize first of all that we have an adversary and that we must fight to overcome him. “We do not war after the flesh; (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds)” (2 Corinthians 10:4). “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). “Neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:26).

If we are willing to resist and to use spiritual weapons against the thief, God will grant us deliverance. Let’s

look at the arsenal of high-powered weapons God has provided for us to use in this spiritual warfare.

PRAYER

The Bible clearly promises that God will answer prayer. “Is any among you afflicted? let him pray... And the prayer of faith shall save the sick” (James 5:13, 15).

Have you received a healing through prayer, then seemingly lost it? Pray again. But suppose you have prayed repeatedly, yet the victory does not come. Then, “call for the elders of the church” (James 5:14). Even if they have prayed previously for you, they will be glad to pray again.

Our prayer group prayed for a young woman who suffered from chronic migraine headaches, and she was healed. Anticipating that Satan might contest the healing, we covenanted that should the sickness recur, the young woman would call us; we would pray at once. As a result of persistence against the thief, “the Lord wrought a great victory” which has remained.

THE NAME OF JESUS

Another potent weapon in resisting the enemy is the name of Jesus. One translation of Luke 10:17 says, “Master, even the demons submit unto us when we utter thy name.” How many saints have received great vic-

stories through repeating that name in faith and in the knowledge of all it stands for. "His name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong," Peter said (Acts 3:16).

PATIENCE

Too often we allow impatience to defeat us. But Hebrews 10:35, 36 says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

At one of our midweek services a lady asked prayer for healing of a chronic rash on her hands. While her condition did improve, she was not completely healed. We promised to pray for her in every service until the deliverance was complete. This we did, and God gave the victory.

"Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8, 9).

FAITH

In Hebrews 6:12 we are warned, "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Notice how this combines patience with faith. The importance of faith in our dealings with God cannot be overemphasized. "Without faith it is impossible to please him [God]" (Hebrews 11:6).

Prayer without faith can become vain repetition and fail to be effective against the enemy. Therefore, Jesus said, "When ye pray, believe" (Mark 11:24).

Faith is not sight. The evidence we need is not what

we see, but what we determine to believe. "I believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13). No matter how our situation looks, we must persist in believing for deliverance if we would have the victory.

GOD'S WORD

"Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). A Christian woman who had a cancer on her face believed God for her healing, using the potent weapon of the Word of God against the enemy. After some time, the cancer dropped off. The enemy could not stand before the living Word of God.

Some ministers who are used of God to encourage faith for divine healing have taught us invaluable lessons in this area. They suggest that we confess the Word aloud in three directions: To Satan we say, "God's Word declares that by His stripes we are healed." To God we affirm, "Lord, I believe Your Word which says You heal all our diseases." And we encourage ourselves in the Lord by quoting the Word until our hearts become saturated with it.

It is good to select some passage of Scripture which promises healing and stand upon it. But it is still better when the Holy Spirit Himself speaks the Word into your soul. For a particular battle, that part of God's Word becomes the Sword of the Spirit that brings the victory.

PRAISE

There is an illuminating passage in Psalm 149 concerning Christian warfare: "Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand." What higher praise can we offer than praise for God's Word which He has exalted above His name?

So we say, "I praise You, Jesus, because Your Word says..." Or, "I praise You, Lord, because You are faithful; Your Word is true." We thus use the two-edged sword of praise for the Word.

The mother of a friend of mine had been tormented by agonizing headaches for some time. They had prayed, but victory did not come. Finally, they began to use the combined weapons of praise and the Word. In simple faith they quoted the Word to each other, and together they praised God for the Word. One day the mother removed something from her nose that looked like an insect. It apparently had been lodged in the sinus area and had caused the headaches. She was delivered through persistent praise and faith.

When one emerges victorious from such a battle, he can say, "He brought me forth into a large place" (Psalm 18:19). Something wonderful happens in the soul that is of even greater value than the physical healing. The spiritual sinews are developed. Faith in the power of God is increased. We become far more useful to the Lord.

My friend and her mother have a great ministry of intercession. Because they have learned to fight the good fight of faith, these two can now help other struggling saints in battles against the enemy.

It is true that Satan the thief "cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." But as we resist the thief, we may experience the truth that Jesus came that we "might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly."

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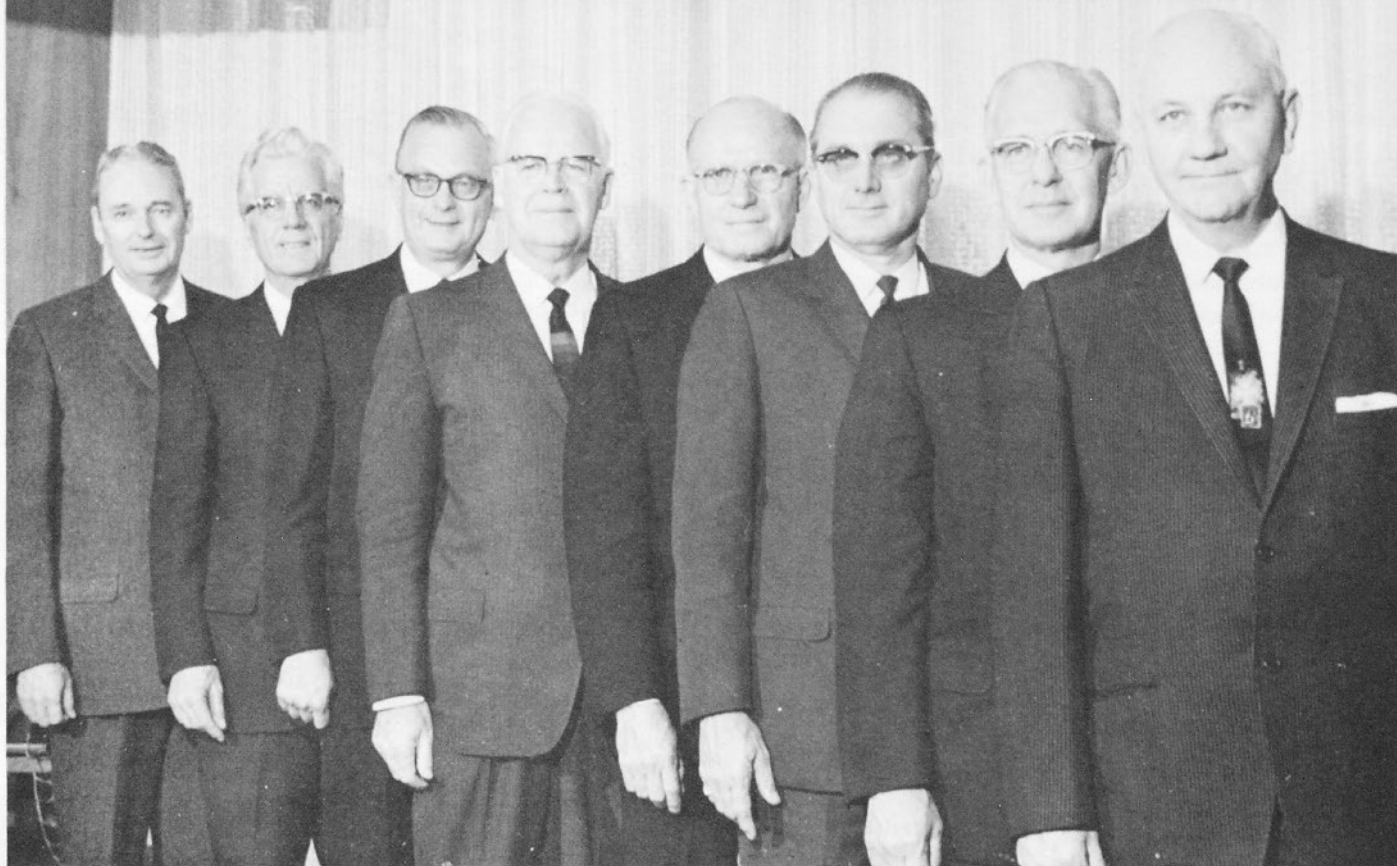
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INSTALLATION SERVICE FOLLOWS ASSIGNMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Howard S. Bush
Bartlett Peterson
Thomas F. Zimmerman
Charles W. H. Scott
Martin B. Netzel
J. Philip Hogan
Theodore E. Gannon
Bert Webb

ON DECEMBER 1, new portfolio assignments for the executive officers of the Assemblies of God were announced, and there was an impressive installation service.

As in the past, each executive officer will be responsible for directing one or more specific departments at the national headquarters, in addition to his other administrative duties. As members of the executive presbytery, all share the responsibility of overseeing the entire program of the General Council.

The appointments for the current biennium, as announced by General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman, are as follows:

HOWARD S. BUSH: executive director of Men's Fellowship Department; board chairman of Ministers Benefit Association; chairman of the Commission on Chaplains; director of General Services.

BARTLETT PETERSON: general secretary; executive director of Women's Missionary Council Department.

CHARLES W. H. SCOTT: executive director of Home Missions Department and Department of Benevolences.

MARTIN B. NETZEL: general treasurer; executive director of Finance, Stewardship, Purchasing, and Communications; chairman of Properties Committee.

J. PHILIP HOGAN: executive director of Foreign Missions Department.

THEODORE E. GANNON: executive director of Sunday School Department, Christ's Ambassadors Department, and Department of Education.

BERT WEBB: executive director of Publications Department (including Gospel Publishing House, *The Pentecostal Evangel*, Church School Literature) and Radio Department.

The former Executive Director of Home Missions and WMC Departments was Gayle F. Lewis, who recently retired. These portfolios have been assigned to Charles W. H. Scott and Bartlett Peterson.

The portfolios of Foreign Missions director, general secretary, and general treasurer were assigned to Brothers Hogan, Peterson, and Netzel by virtue of their election to these positions by the General Council in session. Other portfolios were assigned on the decision of the General Superintendent after consultation with the non-resident executive presbyters.

Three areas will remain under the direct supervision of the General Superintendent: Public Relations, Personnel, and the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission.

The installation service, at which the eight executives dedicated themselves to their appointed assignments for the current biennium, was directed by G. Raymond Carlson. The charge was read by Dwight H. McLaughlin. Other nonresident executive presbyters participating in the service, which was held in the Assemblies of God auditorium with the entire headquarters staff in attendance, were G. W. Hardcastle, Sr., Edgar W. Bethany, and Joseph R. Flower. The prayer of dedication was led by Gayle F. Lewis.

ON APRIL 9, 1906, the "latter rain" began to fall from heaven upon a little band of humble, hungry saints in the city of Los Angeles, California. Within five months about 150 people had received the gift of the Holy Ghost and the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

A paper called *The Apostolic Faith* was sent forth to tell to all the world the wonders God was performing in response to simple faith and earnest prayer. Through the kindness of friends we have obtained a few of the early issues of this paper, and we hope your heart will be stirred as ours was by the reading of the reports and testimonies therein.

The first issue is dated September, 1906. In large, bold letters the joyful news is told—"PENTECOST HAS COME. Los Angeles being visited by a revival of Bible salvation and Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts." The opening paragraph is graphic: "The power of God now has this city agitated as never before. The scenes that are daily enacted in the building on Azusa Street, and at missions and churches in other parts of the city, are beyond description."

It continues: "The meetings are held in an old Methodist Church (312 Azusa Street) that had been converted in part to a tenement house, leaving a large, unplastered, barnlike room on the ground floor. Here about a dozen congregated each day, holding cottage meetings in the evening at 214 Bonnie Brae Street.

"In a short time God began to manifest His power, and soon the building could not contain the people. Now the meetings continue all day, and far into the night, and the fire is kindling all over the city and surrounding towns. Proud, well-dressed preachers come in to 'investigate.' Soon their high looks are replaced with wonder; then conviction comes, and very often you will find them in a short time wallowing on the dirt floor, asking God to forgive them and make them as little children.

"It would be impossible to state how many have been converted, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. They have been and are going out daily to all points of the compass to spread this wonderful gospel."

The paper tells how the message had been brought to Los Angeles from Houston, Texas, by three workers (W. J. Seymour, J. A. Warren, and Lucy F. Farrow). On January 1, 1901, the "latter rain" had fallen at Topeka, Kansas. In the five intervening years since that date it had spread to many parts of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas. "Something like 13,000 people have received this gospel," it was stated. "It is spreading everywhere, until churches who do not believe backslide and lose the experience they have."

Brother Seymour, whom God was pleased to use as leader of the Azusa Street meetings in those early days, was a colored Holiness preacher. He had not himself received the Baptism but was convinced it was real. When God definitely led him to come to Los Angeles and tell the people about it, he knelt with the rest and sought the Lord with all his heart.

For a year or more the little group had been praying for more power with God for the salvation of lost and

suffering humanity. When Brother Seymour came and told them about the Pentecostal baptism, they began to fast and pray for it, and on April 9 the fire of God fell. Three days later Brother Seymour himself received the Baptism, "and," the paper adds, "the fire has been falling ever since. Hundreds of souls have received salvation and healing."

Marvelous miracles were wrought by God's wonderful power. A man was healed of asthma of 20 years' standing. A little girl, who walked with crutches and had tuberculosis of the bones, as the doctors declared, was healed, dropped the crutches, and began to skip about the yard. A young man was converted, filled with the Spirit, and healed within an hour and a half. He had



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had tuberculosis, but when he visited the doctor after the Lord had healed him, the doctor pronounced his lungs sound.

"Many have laid aside their glasses and had their eyesight perfectly restored," the paper says. "The deaf have had their hearing restored." Brother Campbell, a Nazarene brother 83 years of age who had been serving the Lord for 53 years, received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues in his own home. His son, a physician, was called and came to see if he was sick, but he found his father only happy in the Lord.

"Not only old men and old women, but boys and girls are receiving their Pentecost. Viola Price, a little orphan colored girl eight years of age, has received the gift of tongues."

A Nazarene brother who received the baptism in the Holy Ghost in his own home during family worship, in trying to tell about it, said: "It was a baptism of love. Such abounding love! Such compassion seemed to almost kill me with its sweetness! People do not know what they are doing when they stand out against it. The devil never gave me a sweet thing. He was always trying to get me to censure people. This baptism fills us with divine love."

Many spoke in known tongues as the Spirit gave

them utterance. A returned missionary from the interior of Africa was present in a meeting when a sister testified in an African tongue, which the brother interpreted to be, "The Lord is my husband."

Many prophecies were spoken in unknown tongues, and interpretation and many visions were given concerning the Lord's soon coming. It was impressed upon the people that the heathen must receive the gospel before Christ's return. One message was: "The time is short, and I am going to send out a large number in the Spirit of God to preach the full gospel in the power of the Spirit." So great was the burden for the heathen in the first weeks of the outpouring that, according to the paper, many hundreds of dollars were laid down

telling him things that had happened in his life 20 years ago, and on up to the present time, until he cried for mercy and fell on his knees seeking God."

The fire spread from Los Angeles to surrounding cities. A band of workers went to Oakland, and soon the report came back that hundreds had been at the altar. Many had been converted, many had been healed, and 30 had received their Pentecost, speaking in tongues.

A gentleman in Oakland came saying, "I have been afflicted with paralysis 18 years. If you can do anything, will you lay your hands on me?" Before he was prayed for, he called a physician to be a witness. The Lord relieved the man of his distress in the presence of the physician.

A minister in the same city was raised up after eight years of suffering. Another man who was deaf, and said he had not been able to hear for half his lifetime, was prayed for. "God instantly gave him his healing when he was anointed and prayed for. He was a practicing physician in Oakland. He weighed between three and four hundred pounds. The Lord dropped him on the floor and gave him his Pentecost."

A man who had been a spiritist medium came to the meetings in Azusa Street. He was so possessed with demons that he had no rest and was on the verge of committing suicide; but when the congregation prayed for him, he was instantly delivered from demon power. He then sought God for the pardon of his sins, and soon he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"Many have received the gift of singing, as well as speaking, by the inspiration of the Spirit. The Lord is giving new voices; He translates old songs into new tongues; He gives the music that is being sung by the angels, and has a heavenly choir all singing the same heavenly music in harmony. It is beautiful music; no instruments are needed in the meetings."

A significant paragraph reads, "The secular papers have been stirred and published reports against the movement, but it has only resulted in drawing hungry souls who understand that the devil would not fight a thing unless God was in it. So they have come and found it was indeed the power of God."

Another paragraph states: "Many churches have been praying for Pentecost; the Pentecost has come. The question is now, will they accept it? God has answered in a way they did not look for. He came in a humble way as of old, born in a manger."

It was said of the work in Los Angeles, that it was "born in a manger and resurrected in a barn." Many are praising God for the old barnlike building on Azusa Street, and the plain old plank beside which they knelt in the sawdust when God saved them and baptized them with the Holy Ghost. "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" "Come and see." This was the Nazareth of Los Angeles. Some came from long distances to this spot, directed of the Lord, and the humble always went away greatly blessed. It is to those with a humble, and contrite spirit that revival is promised. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15).

(Continued next week)

to send missionaries to the ends of the earth.

One article states that different nationalities were now hearing the gospel in their own tongue wherein they were born. "Sister Anna Hall spoke to the Russians in their church in Los Angeles in their own language as the Spirit gave utterance. They were so glad to hear the truth that they wept and even kissed her hands. They are a very simple, pure people, hungry for the full gospel. The other night, as a company of Russians were present in the meeting, Brother Lee, a converted Catholic, was permitted to speak their language. As he spoke and sang, one of the Russians came up and embraced him. It was a holy sight, and the Spirit fell upon the Russians, as well as on others, and they glorified God."

The same happened at other places. The paper told of an incident at Melrose, Kansas. "The power of the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested in the meetings by the speaking in unknown tongues. This was much criticized by the town and vicinity, so the principal physician, who was familiar with several different languages, was prevailed upon to go to the meetings in order to denounce the whole as a fake. Miss Tuthill, in a language unknown to herself, but known to him as Italian, spoke his full name, which no one in the town knew save himself,





CHRIST, MASTER OF SICKNESS

Sunday School Lesson for January 16, 1966

MARK 5:25-34; HEBREWS 4:14-16

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE MANY RECORDED INSTANCES of Christ's healing not only emphasize His power to heal the body—wonderful as that is—but also teach practical lessons on how to contact Him for all our material and spiritual needs too. In today's lesson we have:

The Picture of Hopelessness (vv. 25, 26). A woman had suffered 12 years from a disease for which she could find no cure. Worse yet, she had spent all she had, vainly seeking help from "many physicians," and had been reduced to poverty. It is not difficult to imagine the utter despair and discouragement of those who find themselves in a like predicament today. But human extremity is God's opportunity!

The Hearing of Faith (vv. 27, 28). "When she had heard of Jesus... she said [literally, she kept saying to herself], If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." Thousands of people had been hearing about Jesus; many had listened to Him preach; but only a few did as this woman who heard with the "hearing of faith."

THE BOLD GET THE BLESSING



Some scholars have accused this woman of having an ignorant, weak, or superstitious faith because she felt she could be healed by touching Jesus' clothes. But whether her faith was imperfect or not, she correctly reasoned—from what she had heard—that if she could contact Christ, there would be a resultant outflow of His mighty power! "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:1, 2; compare Galatians 3:5).

The Overcoming of Obstacles. Faith is more than a mere intellectual assent. It is not passive; it is active; it appropriates! To resolve is one thing; to act is quite another.

Between this woman and Christ there seemed to be an impassable barrier. How could a woman, weakened by a debilitating disease for so long, get through the thronging multitude and touch the Lord? "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force," declared Jesus (Matthew 11:12). And this weak woman with an *inward* violence—a violence born of a desire to have from Christ what she knew He could impart—somehow "came in the press behind, and touched his garment" (Mark 5:27).

It is at this point we often fail. Once we know something to be the will of God, we should exercise this "holy violence," and persistently press our way through. Jesus has said, "Ask... seek... knock... for everyone that asketh receiveth" (Luke 11:9, 10).

The Instantaneous Healing (vv. 29, 30). Just as the power of electricity is manifested at once when the contact of two wires completes a circuit, even so, when the believing suppliant touched Christ, His power flowed into her body and completely healed her.

The Greek word translated *virtue* is *dunamis*. Elsewhere it is translated *power*, and from it comes our word *dynamite*. And Jesus Christ—"the same yesterday, and today, and for ever"—still imparts His healing and saving power to those who through living faith come into vital contact with Him!

The Humble Confession (vv. 30-33). Jesus, sensing that power had gone out from His being, asked, "Who touched my clothes?" The woman apparently would have slipped away without any further contact with Christ, but He would not have it so. He wished to do more than heal her body. He would have her confess Him as Lord and Saviour. To this end He questioned her. Perhaps the woman was aware that, according to the Levitical code, she was unclean, and anyone she touched was ceremonially defiled. (See Leviticus 15:25-27.) She also may have felt guilty of stealing her blessing. Nevertheless, she fell down before Him in worship, adoration, and humble confession.

The Gracious Benediction (v. 34). "Daughter [how sweet the word must have sounded], thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague." Healing from the Great Physician is far more than a physical touch. Christ heals the body in order to bless the soul. He heals us to make us holy—whole in mind and soul, as well as body.

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY TO

THE VALUE OF WORKERS TRAINING

By JAMES E. ADAMS

"HE IS A JACK OF ALL TRADES and master of none." That is the way we describe an energetic man who knows something about many kinds of work but who excels in nothing because he has never trained for one specific occupation.

Sunday school teachers are likely to be "jacks of all trades and masters of none" unless they are willing to put their energy to work in developing their skill as teachers. Any effort put into training is worth it. The individual teacher never knows just how or when that training will come in handy.

In August, 1945, I left the United States Army with an honorable discharge and a feeling of emptiness and depression. For many months, my life had been orderly and planned. Now I had to face new decisions and problems, and my future was completely unplanned. Within a year I faltered on the brink of a nervous breakdown. For five years depression hovered over me.

A turning point came when my father-in-law, who was serving as a Sunday school superintendent, asked me to teach a class. I refused. Later, I relented and began assisting in classes from primaries to adults. This included several sessions with junior boys, and that was a memorable experience. The challenge of their young minds gripped me, and I volunteered to teach them regularly. Many Sunday afternoons I paced my study and wept, trying to find a way to reach these boys.

Although I have had no Bible college or formal theological training, I had taught Sunday school classes before going into the Army. I had participated in training sessions for teachers, and now that training was beginning to come back to me. Sleeping was often difficult, so I would read far into the night. I turned to the training books for help with my junior boys.

In Myer Pearlman's *Successful Sunday School Teaching* I read, "The Divine Teacher Himself explained truth from His listeners' viewpoint. . . . How did He make these truths clear to the simple, unlettered Galileans? By telling them that the kingdom of God was like some things they already understood." I began clipping and filing illustrations from newspapers, magazines, and religious publications—anything that might capture attention.

Soon the boys began to take notice. I was aware of their change in attitude and began to seek opportunities to lead them to Christ. Up to this time, I had never held a decision day in one of my classes. But in *Studying the Pupil*, Myer Pearlman said, "The Junior is plastic and capable of grasping the solemn things of life and is receptive to the gospel appeal. This, then, is the opportune time to prepare the child to make his decision for Christ."

One Sunday morning I knew the moment for decision had come. I grasped the opportunity and invited my pupils to accept Christ as Saviour. Ten of the boys did. This experience so inspired and encouraged me that

I was lifted out of my depression. Thank God, I had passed my nervous crisis.

What would have happened to me if I had not studied those training books that helped me reach the boys and lead them to Christ? The possibility is something I would not want to consider. Training made the difference in my time of crisis.

Recently, I realized anew how much my training meant to others. One of those junior boys, now grown and a father, told me of going through a very low time in his spiritual life. He stated that the teachings he received in his junior years helped him return to a wholesome relationship with God.

As I have continued my training through the years, I have been privileged to train other teachers for their task. Study habits have meant much in my life. I continue to reap the benefits of my training.

HOW ARE YOU AT INVESTING?

THE WORLD INTO WHICH WE ARE BORN is filled with opportunity; God has seen to that. He has given us the raw materials to make life worthwhile. How we use them is up to us.

A man in his mid-fifties was dying of cancer—and he knew it. To his pastor at his bedside, he said, "Ten years ago the church asked me to teach a class of nine-year-old boys in Sunday school. I told them I was too busy. And I was, with all the heavy demands on my time and energy. I was in the prime of life and rapidly rising in business affairs.

"And now 10 years later, here I am, dying, with the greatest regret of my life being that I did not accept that responsibility. I know I am saved, and I know that when I die I shall go to be with the Lord. But if 10 years ago I had taken time to teach that class of 10 boys, by now I would have invested in the lives of 100 boys. Many of them would be scattered throughout the world, growing in service and usefulness as fine Christian young men.

"I would have made an investment in time and in eternity through them. But now I must go empty-handed before the master. I can't take my money or my business with me. What a fool I have been."

God uses the man who is available. No special talents are needed—the run-of-the-mill man will do. But he must be committed to Jesus Christ. This is the important thing. God is looking for men who are willing to yield their lives to Him as channels. This is God's way. He wants to work through you.

Every investment of time and energy and talent pays off in everlasting dividends . . . plus the deepest satisfaction in this life.

Take the long look!

—M. P. HOBAN



WOMEN WITNESS WITH

By ANN AHLF



Mildred T. Smuland, National WMC President, prepared this pamphlet explaining how to use a marked New Testament. At left is a tract pack.

PERSONAL WITNESSING, defined as Spirit-filled living day by day, is a matter of prime importance to members of the Women's Missionary Council of the Assemblies of God.

At the 1963 General Council WMC workshops, the theme was, "You Are a Witness." The words made such an impact upon district WMC presidents that they decided to lead the women of their local groups into a more extensive ministry of personal evangelism. A bill-fold-size plastic case filled with tracts addressed especially to women was offered to aid those participating. Hundreds of WMC's made use of them.

In August, 1965, during the WMC workshops at General Council, further help was given to reinforce the continuing effort in personal witnessing. This time the emphasis was upon the Word of God itself. A new

pamphlet, *Women Witnessing with a Marked New Testament*, prepared by the National WMC Secretary, Mildred T. Smuland, was introduced. Its purpose was to encourage WMC members to purchase inexpensive copies of the New Testament, to mark in them passages concerning salvation and other vital truths of the Bible, and to have them ready for use in leading someone to Christ. Copies were first presented to members of the national WMC staff and district WMC presidents. These persons were challenged to lead other women in personal witnessing.

Early in November, Mrs. Smuland was leaving for the northeastern states where she was to speak to women about methods of personal witnessing. As she packed, she put several paperback New Testaments in her brief case. She had marked them with the theme of salvation

MARKED NEW TESTAMENTS

and numbered the references in succession so an interested person could easily follow the sequence. As Mrs. Smuland placed the briefcase by other pieces of luggage near her front door, she knelt beside it.

"O God," she prayed, "guide me this day to someone who needs to know Thy love and tender care."

An hour later Mrs. Smuland sat in the airport awaiting the announcement of her flight. A young woman took a chair next to her. The two fell into the usual waiting-room conversation.

Mrs. Smuland felt an inner impression: "This person will be your seat partner for the trip today."

When the passengers emplaned, Mrs. Smuland and this lady were the last to board. Only two seats were left so the two had to sit together.

"How far are you traveling?" the young woman asked.

"I am going to New York," Mrs. Smuland told her. "There I am to speak for a gathering of the women's missionary organization of our church. I will also be able to spend a few days with my children who live nearby."

"How nice! I have been spending a time with my mother. My husband travels and has been out of the States for two weeks, so I took advantage of the time to go home. He will meet me in New York tonight. Just what will you be doing at your special meeting?"

Mrs. Smuland explained her occupation and the purpose of the trip she was making. The young woman listened intently to the story of the WMC's, their work, and their interest in soul winning. Finally she spoke.

"This may seem strange to you," she said, "but I was once a Christian. I loved the Lord and spent much of my time doing things for the church. I was often called upon to speak for special meetings. I had the finest pastor. He and his wife were beloved by all the congregation. Their influence changed my life."

She added, with great feeling: "Those were happy days, but I suppose they are gone forever now."

"I must tell you, though, it has been most unusual meeting you today," she continued. "Last evening I came from the town where my mother lives and stayed at a motel in Springfield so I would be near the airport for this early flight. During the evening I was alone, of course. Suddenly all my past life came before me—all the things you are unconsciously calling to my memory as you talk. I reveled in them momentarily, but then came my sins. Scene after scene reminded me of my falling away from God. The panorama was frightening. Now today I meet you."

With this door open, Mrs. Smuland took the opportunity to encourage her to yield her life to the Lord again. But the woman felt this would be impossible. She couldn't believe the Lord would take her back after her willful venture into deep sin.

"Never had the story of the prodigal son and its application to a backslider been more real to me than it was that day," Mrs. Smuland later recalled. "I sensed

the Holy Spirit's using it to show this woman God's love for the one who has gone away from Him.

"After we had talked for sometime, she again expressed great wonder at the circumstances that made me her traveling companion that day. 'To think,' she marveled, 'that I would be sitting beside someone who is interested in me.' I told her then I always asked the Lord to use me to be a blessing to someone as I traveled, and that on that morning I had prayed definitely in this manner. This seemed to convince her that the Lord was reaching out to her personally.

"The fact that I had my New Testament marked and ready to trace the plan of salvation impressed her further. Together we read scripture after scripture. As we came to certain verses, she would say, 'Let's read that one again.'

"After almost two hours of searching the Word and finding that God will not reject anyone who comes to Him in repentance, I asked her if she felt ready to return to the Lord and accept Him as her personal Saviour. Without hesitation, she joined me in prayer. Then she told me she felt the work was done in her heart.

"After several minutes of silence, I began talking to her again. With a start she said, 'Oh, pardon me, I didn't hear you; I was praying.'

"When I offered her the New Testament from which we had been reading, she clasped it with both hands and thanked me again and again. Suddenly she exclaimed, 'I can't believe it! I am a chain smoker and I have had only one cigarette this morning. How much I owe to God for sending you with this little Book!'


"When, after the half-day's journey together, I bade her good-bye, she assured me she would find a spiritual church in her city and attend it. She felt confident her husband, though he was of another culture and religion, would go with her. I directed her to an Assembly of God and promised her a warm reception from pastor and congregation."

Not satisfied just to plant the seed of the gospel and leave it to chance development, Mrs. Smuland followed her personal contact with a friendly letter. In a few days she received a reply.

"I shall always treasure the time we had together on our flight," the writer said. "I was afraid to leave you lest I lose what I had experienced that day. But I haven't lost it. There are many obstacles before me, but I know now that God loves me and will see me through if I give Him the chance.

"I have found listed in the telephone directory the name of the pastor you recommended. Now if I can only find a way to communicate to my husband (he is not familiar with the truths of Christianity) the deep feelings of my heart so he may share my newfound joy, then together we can learn to serve the Lord. I want to help others as you have helped me."

Reflecting upon her experience, Mrs. Smuland says, "After reading the Scripture with one who repeatedly interrupted with 'Wait, let's read that verse again,' I am more firmly persuaded it is the Word of God that the Holy Spirit uses to move the soul."

All WMC members may become soul-winning witnesses by using the marked New Testament. The witness may be inexperienced, but with a marked New Testament any prayerful believer may lead a soul to Christ. 



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"WE CARE"—a philosophy simply stated, a ministry enveloped in two words. Four thousand Missionettes Clubs made up of girls 9 to 15 years of age worship, work, and live by this motto.

Because they care about God and His love for them, the girls worship. Because they care about themselves, they read the Bible, searching out God's pattern for their lives. Because they care about others, they earnestly engage in loving service to the needy and in personal witnessing to the truth of the gospel among their acquaintances.

Missionette sponsors go before the girls, setting an example for them to follow. Nancy, retiring in nature, had never taken any active part in Christian service until she was invited to serve as cosponsor of a Missionettes Club in her church. As she worked with the girls on the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program, she herself grew spiritually. God began to deal with her about witnessing the way she urged the girls to witness.

At church, Nancy was Missionettes leader, loved and respected. At work, Nancy was private secretary to a prosperous businessman—a deacon in the church he attended. This humble Christian lady began to let her light shine. She placed her Bible among other books on her desk. She showed genuine concern about her employer when he was ill, offering to request prayer for him, and later discussing her faith when he asked questions. Her polite invitation brought "the boss" to visit a Sunday evening service in her church.

(This is a true story. Only Nancy's name has been changed in this account of Spirit-filled witnessing.)



Missionettes of Gary, Ind., hold quilt for the Hillcrest Children's Home. This group takes small gifts to the aged on special days.

SAY, "WE CARE" We Serve"




By **CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH**
National Missionettes Coordinator

An interesting sequence followed. The businessman-deacon returned many times to the Assemblies of God services. After listening to preaching about the Holy Spirit and studying his Bible, he became convinced of the reality of the Pentecostal experience (Acts 2) and of his need of it.

At this deacon's suggestion, his minister invited Nancy's pastor and a singing group to conduct the midweek service at his church. During the meeting God touched the heart of the businessman's wife (who formerly had opposed her husband's Pentecostal interests) so that she believed and received the infilling of the Spirit before her husband. Soon after he followed her in a wonderful experience.

The businessman's pastor, a university graduate and former military chaplain, took the way of his deacon. He is now giving his people the teaching of the New Testament church and leading them into this satisfying experience. Many of his congregation have been born again and filled with the Holy Spirit.

From the businessman's church the revival has spread through a second congregation and into a nearby college, where more than 20 students have opened their hearts to the Pentecostal experience.

Nancy seems totally unaware that any credit might be due her in this succession of events. But who could deny that God, who sent a little maid with a message into the household of Naaman, has used the constancy of Christian living displayed in the life of this young Missionettes sponsor to accomplish His will in the lives of a deacon, two ministers, and their congregations, to say nothing of the girls she guides each day. 



Missionettes of First Assembly, Petersburg, Va., visit a nursing home to bring cheer and a small gift to each one.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Please explain, "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin" (1 Peter 4:1, 2).

Perhaps more than one explanation might be given. I believe it means that the reason those who accept suffering for righteousness as Jesus did (v. 1) is that they have ceased from living in sin. The willingness to suffer is evidence that they no longer live as the unsaved Gentiles "in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings ... and abominable idolatries" (v. 3). I do not believe sickness is an evidence of sinlessness, since many who are unsaved are sick.

Paul wrote, "Reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin." Is not this a commandment? Does it not mean that we are no longer sensitive nor can we be hurt? A dead person would say nothing even if mistreated, for he would not feel it.

Christ died to save us from our sins. Paul would have us see ourselves as sharing in this death to sin, and said, "Sin shall not have dominion over you." And again, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." We are to see ourselves as no longer in bondage to sin. Christ has overcome, and we overcome by faith in Him.

This does not mean we are no longer human. We can still feel insults and wrongs. But if we see our position in Christ as we ought, we do not retaliate. Instead of rendering "evil for evil," we show the spirit spoken of by Jesus: "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." We are not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good.

When innocent children of unsaved parents die, do they go to hell?

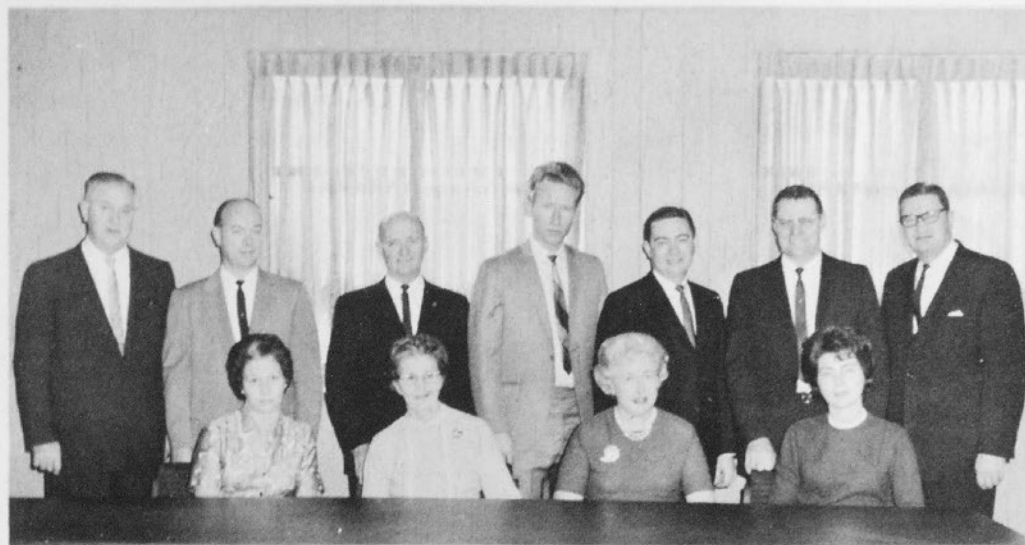
Some have taught that in the reckoning of God, all babies were in Adam when he sinned, therefore they are guilty of Adam's sin. As a consequence, if they die in infancy, they would go to hell.

Out of this belief developed the practice of infant baptism, the reasoning being that by baptism they are made children of the covenant, and thus go to heaven if they die.

However, Jesus indicated infants were free from guilt of sin when He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He then said to the adults, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The Bible says, "Sin is the transgression of the law," and, "Where there is no law there is no transgression." Surely babies have never consciously broken any law of God. Therefore I do not believe infants who die are lost.

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.



The missions board of Brightmoor Tabernacle is comprised of the pastor, the missions secretary, the missions treasurer, and the heads of the various departments of the church. This group plans a missions emphasis throughout the whole church program.

A New Testament Program of Missions

By REX JACKSON • Foreign Missions Education Editor

"MISSIONS IS A PART of our church life—our total church program. Consequently, the missions program cannot slacken unless the whole church program slackens." In this way Pastor Bond Bowman sums up the missions emphasis of Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan.

Pastor Bowman says that through studying the Scriptures he was led to a personal conviction that missions is a part of the whole church program, rather than a separate unit. The New Testament program of world evangelism, according to Acts 1:8, is: "Jerusalem," the home church; "Judea," the surrounding area; "Samaria," home missions; and "the uttermost part of the earth," foreign missions.

Brother Bowman believes the complete program of missions should be on a daily or weekly basis. This concept is taught in Brightmoor Tabernacle by having every

Sunday school pupil from beginners through adults give a missionary offering along with his regular offering every Sunday.

"And it works," he states.

To maintain this emphasis, the church engages in challenging missions projects in which each Christian can participate personally. Various groups in the church help particular missionary families and maintain correspondence with them. Excerpts from missionary letters are printed in the church bulletin, and the pastor draws from many of these letters in his preaching. Missionaries supported by the church are welcomed to the church when they are on furlough.

The annual missions convention contributes much to the program. Pastor Bowman says, "As Paul and Barnabas reported to Jerusalem the good success of their first

At least 75 percent of the total missions giving of Brightmoor Tabernacle comes from the giving of the Sunday school students. Here seventh and eighth graders present their offerings during assembly.





Pastor Bond P. Bowman and Missions Secretary Hazel Youngs demonstrate how much the Sunday school gives to missions.

missionary journey, so men and women who are positive in the presentation of their victories and successes on the field come to take part in our convention." Every member of the church is expected to make a commitment to missions during the convention. This is paid within the following year by weekly offerings, which develops a good habit of missions giving as an act of worship every Sunday.

The persons responsible to keep the program alive and spiritually vibrant at Brightmoor are the pastor, the missions board (comprised of all church department heads), and the Sunday school teachers. The pastor constantly emphasizes missions in his messages on evangelism; the missions board spreads missionary information through the departments; the Sunday school teachers present missions every Sunday along with their assigned lessons.

When you stop to think of it, missions certainly is not a once-a-month emphasis. Missions is the church; the church is missions. The church which includes missions in its regular program will certainly see encouraging results both on the foreign field and in the local assembly. And the church which emphasizes missions will find that its members are more effective in their role as Christ's witnesses to a lost world.

OFFERINGS FOR ANY OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY PROJECTS MENTIONED IN THIS MAGAZINE SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

1445 BOONVILLE AVE. SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65802

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD PASTORS HELD PRISONER IN CONGO

SIX ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORKERS are being held prisoners in the rebel-held zone of eastern Congo, according to word received by the Foreign Missions Department from a very reliable source.

In a letter dated November 7 and addressed to Mrs. Angeline Tucker (the former missionary to the Congo whose husband, J. W. Tucker, was martyred a year ago), the informant wrote that the pastors of the Betongwe area (about 100 miles southeast of Paulis) are in rebel hands. A Simba leader has announced that he will kill them and their families.

Those being held prisoner are all former students of the Assemblies of God Bible school at Andudu, Congo, and have been actively engaged in Christian work since leaving school. Our last information was that the city of Andudu, along with our Bible school buildings, is still under rebel control.

One of the prisoners, Stephen Babaya, is the pastor at Mungbere (85 miles east of Paulis) and has been in the ministry for many years. Thomas Ngbetima, Joseph Nabinia, and Nanzekomba are pastors of the village churches near Betongwe. The other two prisoners are women—Sara Anabote, the Bible woman mentioned in Angeline Tucker's book, *He Is in Heaven*, and her daughter, Honorina, an Assemblies of God schoolteacher from Betongwe. (This is not the first time Sara has been imprisoned for her Christian witness.)

The irony of this persecution is that the Simba leader threatening the lives of these Christian workers was himself an Assemblies of God pastor at one time. Sixteen years ago he was disciplined by the church for his acts of immorality. Rather than accept Christian moral behavior he refused to be corrected and left the ministry to go into political work. Today he threatens to put to death every Christian worker in his area of Congo.

Up-to-date correspondence with our Christian workers in the Congo reveals there are many still carrying on bravely in spite of threats and persecution. Hundreds meet for services regularly at the church in Paulis, and the bookshop is still open. The Bodi station reports that services are continuing in that area and even the dispensary for lepers is operating. The printing press, however, is temporarily closed for lack of missionary supervision.

J. Philip Hogan, executive director of foreign missions, recently stated there is an urgent need for missionary recruits for the Congo. The present missionary staff consists of two single women—Gail Winters and Lillian Hogan. They will go back to the Congo after a married couple has been established there.

WHEN I AM DEAD AND GONE, God's Word shall still live on." I have repeated that motto to myself many times as a reminder to use the eternal Word of God in reaching the hearts of men. Thus, as part of my evangelistic ministry at home and abroad, I have used multiplied thousands of tracts as witnesses to God's mercy and love.

I have seen the power of the printed page at work in men's lives. More often the tract distributor does not know the results of his work. Nevertheless we can always claim God's promise that His Word will not return to Him void.

Dr. Oswald Smith declared: "After travel and study in 56 countries, I have concluded that the only way we are going to be able to carry out the Great Commission will be by means of the printed page."

The night I accepted Christ as my Saviour, I thought, "If I were a preacher, I would want to be an evangelist." Almost from the day I was saved in a tent meeting in 1925, I have been handing out tracts for the Lord. I have always felt a personal responsibility to try to reach a lost soul for Christ. I have passed out tracts on streets, boats, trains, in restaurants, pool halls, jails, hospitals.

Recently Mrs. MacPherson and I went to Macao from Hong Kong. We had the privilege of passing out tracts and Gospel portions there. Undoubtedly many from communist China received the gospel—and who knows but that the message will meet some hungry heart behind the Bamboo Curtain.

In El Salvador, Missionary Sterling Stewart and I were driving along the highway. Brother Stewart said to me, "Sow the seed; we must sow the seed to win souls for Christ." So we began to throw tracts out along the highway.

Suddenly a motorcycle policeman pulled alongside the car. What did he want? He only smiled and asked, "May I have one of these too?"

In Delhi, India, people readily took the Gospel portions and went their way reading God's precious Word. What a thrill to have had a part in bringing God's message to them.

In Jamaica, my son-in-law and I were passing out tracts. People were holding up their hands begging for

the literature. "Please, I beg one, Mister; please, I beg one, Mister," they cried.

Our supply of tracts was soon exhausted, and we started back to our hotel. My son-in-law commented, "Hands, hands, hands. I have never seen so many hands begging for the gospel."

In America we have heard the gospel over and over. Generally speaking, we do not appreciate gospel literature as much as they do overseas. One preacher said, "In over 40 foreign countries I have never seen a person throw down a gospel tract. But I have seen them fight over tracts when there weren't enough to go around." I also have seen people almost mobbing me for a Gospel portion. In some cases I had to give the Gospels to my interpreter. He stood on the hood of the car as open hands reached up all around him for a copy of God's Word.

There are some countries where a person cannot pass out gospel literature. But doors are open in many lands for literature distribution. We need to enter these doors and pass out tracts, booklets, and Gospel portions by the millions before Jesus comes back. Time is running out. What we are going to do, we must do now. Doors are now open—but no one knows when open doors may be closed.

What about our own country? Some Christians say it isn't their duty or calling to pass out tracts. I feel it is the duty of every Christian to do all he can to win a soul by every possible means.

J. D. Courtney, superintendent of the Peninsular Florida District of the Assemblies of God, passes out thousands of tracts. One night I saw this busy man standing in front of a cafeteria handing out tracts.

A retired businessman in Tulsa, Oklahoma, prayed five hours a day and spent the same amount of time each day in tract distribution. He gave out over six million tracts during his lifetime.

Frederick Pfeifer, who died at 93 last year, was an active tract distributor all his life. He gave out over six million tracts in Sweden alone—and many more throughout the world.

While helping in a church in Tampa, Florida, I was asked to visit an insurance man and his family, inviting them to church. Just before getting out of the car, I asked the Lord to show me what tract would be the best to reach this family. In the dark I put my hand



I BELIEVE IN



By Evangelist
STANLEY P. MacPHERSON

TRACT DISTRIBUTION

into the bag where my tracts were. To my surprise the tract was about eternal life insurance. So when the man answered the door, I told him I was in the insurance business.

He was pleased and said, "I am too." He invited me in, and I was able to explain that my business is eternal life insurance. I invited the family to the church services. His wife later gave her heart to the Lord in one of the revival services at the church.

Example can be a powerful force in helping others enter the ministry of tract distribution.

LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST SHINES IN COSTA RICA

By DAVID GODWIN
Missionary to Costa Rica

DOES LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST really do the job? Is it worth all the time, effort, and money involved? From the missionaries, pastors, and churches of Costa Rica comes an emphatic *yes!* Approximately one year has passed since the crusade here, and we feel our churches are still reaping from that endeavor.

For months in advance the Costa Rican pastors in San Jose met at regular intervals to plan the campaign. The basic objectives and the best follow-up procedures were carefully analyzed.

Finally the plans began to take shape. First was the training of our people. Each church gave a course on personal evangelism. Every member had the opportunity to learn the value of literature and how to use it—literature the men at home had sacrificially made possible!

Next, each church sent its teams to the front lines for house-to-house visitation. For the first time many believers saw a real hunger for the gospel among their fellow-citizens. Through this crusade Christians discovered the joy of witnessing to total strangers!

The magazine used in the all-out effort was *Poder*, the Spanish equivalent to *The Pentecostal Evangel*. A card with a photograph of the pastors and addresses of the churches was inserted in each issue. Friends who desired spiritual help or more information were urged to write. An estimated 97 percent of the homes received the evangelical literature very kindly. Some expressed sincere gratitude.

In some homes our pastors were able to counsel and pray for the sick and the lost. Some of the people later attended our churches, and some made professions of faith as a direct result of the Light-for-the-Lost crusade!

For the finishing touch, our San Jose churches gathered together for a week of united services with Missionary John Bueno from El Salvador preaching. As Brother Bueno ministered under a wonderful anointing night after night, many knelt to accept Christ. The crowds

I remember such an instance when my wife and I were conducting a revival in West Los Angeles. We were waiting for a bus to take us to church. Suddenly a car shot to the curb, and a lady whom I didn't recognize asked if we wanted a ride. I thanked her for her kindness but told her we would wait for the bus which was coming.

At church that evening this lady got up and testified: "I suppose the MacPhersons didn't recognize me when I offered them a ride tonight." Then she continued:

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were excellent due to the work already done, and souls were saved in every service!

Contemplating the results of the Costa Rican Light-for-the-Lost crusade, we can only thank God for such a wonderful tool! And now that our brethren have seen what one such crusade can do, they are eagerly awaiting the next such venture in Costa Rica.



Pastor Vargas, San Jose Central Church, discusses the area for visitation with a deacon. Brother Atencio (lower photo) pastor of a new work in an outlying area, visits a neighbor who later accepted Christ as her Saviour.



Young people prepare materials for distribution in a door-to-door visitation program.



CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg

NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

CBC STUDENTS PLEDGE \$17,000 TO MISSIONS

Carrying out the theme, "Good News for All Nations," the 556 students plus the faculty of Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, recently pledged over \$17,000 to missions in the annual missions convention sponsored by Campus Missions Fellowship.

Among the many missions projects to which the money has been designated is the one presented by the keynote speaker of the convention, Missionary-evangelist Bob Hoskins. It involves helping to sponsor a series of television programs reaching six countries of the Muslim-Arab world. This is the first such opportunity to reach this area with the gospel.

Ralph Cimino, missionary to Nigeria, and Octavio Moreno, a national pastor from Bogota, Colombia, also spoke during the convention, challenging students with needs of their fields. Following the services on Thursday and Friday mornings, workshops were held in which students were shown practical aspects of missionary work.

The Friday night service climaxed the

convention, with the Spirit of God present in an unusual way. Pledges were received during this service. For many, this pledge was an act of faith and sacrifice.

One CBC student testified, "During the Friday night service the Lord spoke to me to pledge a certain amount. For the first time I took a step of faith and pledged, not knowing where the money would come from."

"The following week I received a dollar in the mail. The next week another one arrived, this time containing a note along with a dollar. An individual had been impressed to send me a dollar a week to use for the glory of God. The Lord spoke to my heart and said, 'This is how I am sending in your missions pledge.' The money has continued to come each week, sometimes in a greater amount than a dollar."

One of the greatest results of the convention was the large number of students who renewed their commitment to God and the ministry. Approximately 80 students testified to receiving a missionary call in the past or during the convention.

A. A. WILSON MINISTERS AT BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

A. A. Wilson, veteran Assemblies of God leader and pastor, was speaker for the fall Spiritual Emphasis Week at Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California. The services resulted in a new spiritual fervor among the students.



Ministering twice a day for a week at the college chapel, Brother Wilson exerted a tremendous influence on the lives of Bethany students. Drawing on his many years of service in the Pentecostal ministry, Brother Wilson inspired students to dedications reminiscent of early days in the Assemblies of God.

Brother Wilson, who for 27 years served as an executive presbyter of the Assemblies of God, said, "I feel God wants to do something extraordinary to us, for us, and through us." And that is what happened as he preached powerful sermons anointed by the Holy Spirit. By the end of the week, almost all students had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many young people reported a new zeal and burden for the unconverted as a result of the services.

NCBC HAS EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Wesley F. Morton, well-known Assemblies of God Bible teacher, was guest speaker at North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, during the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week. Services were held in the college chapel twice each day.



Students and faculty alike were stirred to a deeper walk with Christ through the preaching of the Word of God. A burden for the lost, and especially for the unsaved in the families of the students was apparent. Young people spent hours in heart-searching and prayer.

Many testimonies were received of answers to these prayers. A number of students reported that members of their families were saved in home churches during this time. Others reported healings that occurred. Perhaps the most outstanding aspect of the revival was the sense of call and commitment that came to many students.



Octavio Moreno (kneeling), Bogota, Colombia, was one of the speakers at the Central Bible College missions convention. Standing with him are Sarah Cole, India; Raymond Ng, New York; and Thomas Jacob, South India; foreign students attending CBC.

1966 Year of the Bible

GREAT CHAPTERS
DAILY READING
PROGRAM



GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9-16

Sunday	Genesis 18
Monday	Genesis 22
Tuesday	Genesis 24
Wednesday	Genesis 25
Thursday	Genesis 27
Friday	Genesis 28
Saturday	Genesis 32
Sunday	Genesis 37

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Genesis 28:15).



T. C. Cunningham, missionary secretary for the Southern California District Council, reads the pledges made by students during the missions convention at Southern California College, Costa Mesa, Calif.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

Students received missionary calls, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and all recognized the great spiritual need of the world as a result of the missionary convention recently conducted at Southern California College, Costa Mesa. Over \$11,200 was pledged toward missionary support by the 441 students during the four-day missionary emphasis.

The annual convention featured speakers from widely separated countries. Wayne Turnbull, missionary from the revolution-torn Dominican Republic, delivered the morning addresses. He related his narrow escape from a rebel-infested area, adding valuable insight to the account of fighting.

Richard Hammersla, missionary from Malaysia, developed a theme of prayer on the behalf of the mission field. Recounting personal experiences, Brother Hammersla presented the effects of intercessory prayer so forcibly that the large evening crowd remained in prayer for over 30 minutes following his message.

Missionary Oliver Swaim of Ghana startled the students with his report of the scarcity of missionary personnel in his field. The students, many of whom are

planning to enter the ministry, were challenged by this great need for more workers and the increased spiritual interest shown by the Ghanaians.

Following a kick-off dinner at which the convention speakers were introduced, a vivid missionary film, "Dead Men on Furlough," was shown. Emphasizing Christian martyrdom in the path of communist advance in Korea, the film prepared students for the series of timely sermons.

The series of meetings followed the theme, "The World Shall Know that Christ Is King... Through You."

The climax of the convention was a service of dedication on Thursday morning when classes were set aside to accommodate the work of the Spirit in the students.

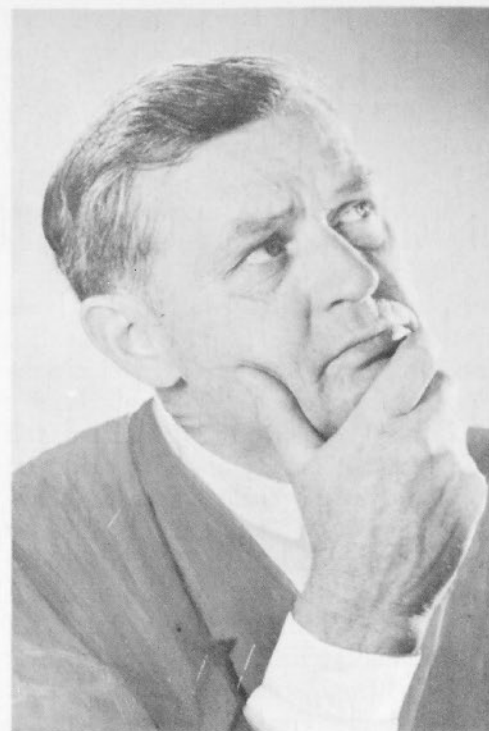
FRIENDS OF EDUCATION CONSIDER IMPORTANCE OF EVANGELISM

Christian educators and others interested in Christian education met in Des Moines, Iowa, during the General Council.

The theme of this "Friends of Education" luncheon was "Evangelism in Assemblies of God Education." Almost 100 educators met to analyze the contribution of Assemblies of God education to evangelism and to consider ways in which the schools can reach more souls for Christ.

The theme of the luncheon was carried out by three speakers. G. Raymond Carlson, president of North Central Bible College, spoke on "The Bible College and Evangelism." "The Liberal Arts College and Evangelism" was discussed by J. R. Ashcroft, president of Evangel College, and Pastor Watson Argue, Jr., spoke about "The Christian Day School and Evangelism."

While the total number of conversions through the ministry of the Christian elementary and secondary schools is unknown, during the 1964-65 school year approximately 1,990 persons were saved and 294 received the Holy Spirit during services in which students of Assemblies of God colleges ministered. Three new churches and one Sunday school were started by these college students. The 3,613 students enrolled in Assemblies of God colleges that year gave \$62,272.75 to missions.



NOW LET ME THINK... I RESOLVE...

With the beginning of a new year we often think in terms of New Year's resolutions. Our minds turn to objects of grandeur. We are determined to accomplish our goals to benefit family and self.

But wait a minute! Let's pause to consider the thoughts of our retired ministers. It is doubtful they are thinking of their own comfort and convenience. In all probability these spirited pioneers are still concerned with the needs of others. They still have a passion for the lost. Long ago they learned to trust God for their daily bread.

However, the Lord depends on us to see that these dear ones do not suffer want. Their many years of faithful service—with little regard for personal gratification—should not be willfully disregarded. Let us hereby resolve to remember them by including Aged Ministers' Assistance in our church budget and personal giving.

Resolve to support our pioneers in 1966. Designate your contributions to:

AGED MINISTERS' ASSISTANCE
Department of Benevolences
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802

Assemblies of God educators and others interested in education met in Des Moines, Iowa, to consider ways in which the schools can become more effective in evangelism.



ECHOES FROM OUR FOREIGN-LANGUAGE BRANCHES

By RUTH LYON

IN HIS ARTICLE, "New York's Spanish Protestants," in *The Christian Century*, Frederick L. Witham wrote: "One of the most important developments in evangelical religion in New York has been the rapid growth of Spanish-speaking Pentecostal Congregations. In 1937, there were about 25 such churches in the city. By 1960, the number had increased to around 240, with a total membership of 18,500 and a constituency well above that number."

In 1963, there were nearly 14,500,000 foreign-speaking people in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. With the steady influx of Cuban refugees, this number has increased considerably.

In Puerto Rico, part of the Home

Missions Department's area of ministry, the Assemblies of God has 33 churches and eight missions.

The Assemblies of God can be thankful for its six foreign-language branches which operate as separate districts under the supervision of the Home Missions Department. (They are the German, Greek, Italian, Spanish Eastern, Latin American, and Ukrainian.) Through their 600 churches and worldwide literature outreach, thousands of people, who might not otherwise hear, have heard or read the gospel.

Besides this great contribution, two of the branches supervise the work of five main Bible schools. (The New York school has several branches.) One school is in Puerto Rico. During the last two years, 260 graduates of these schools have joined many former graduates in active ministry to their own people in the United States and abroad.

Our Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami, Fla., has regular chapel services in connection with its relief work. Their contacts have been many, and souls have been saved.

During the last two years, approximately 6,700 were saved, 800 were filled with the Spirit, and over 1,600 were baptized in water in our foreign-language groups.

The foreign-language branches reported 43 new churches opened during 1963-64. Of these, the Spanish Eastern District opened 23; and the Latin American District opened 19.

The Latin American Branch, largest of the six, has approximately 20,000 members, and the Spanish Eastern Branch has nearly 17,000.

La Luz Apostolica (Apostolic Light), the official monthly organ of the Latin American Branch, has 5,000 subscribers. It reaches Spanish-speaking people in the United States, Peru, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Chile, Puerto Rico, and Brazil. Subscription price is \$1 a year and orders should be addressed to: *La Luz Apostolica*, H. C. Ball, Editor, 230 Meadow Lane, San Antonio, Tex.

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The Ukrainian Branch has published its official organ, *Evanhelski Palomnyk* (The Pilgrim Evangel), for 25 years. This 20-page, bimonthly magazine, with a subscription list of 2,000, contains articles, sermons and other informative material, as well as reports from Ukrainian churches and missionaries. The periodical has helped evangelize Ukrainian people in Europe, South America, Australia, Canada, and other parts of the world. Free samples of the magazine are available by writing to: Ukrainian Branch, 9 E. Seventh St., New York, N. Y. 10003. Subscription price is \$3 a year. This branch also has supplied tracts and *Personal Work*, a book by R. A. Torrey. It has a part in sending tracts, Scriptures, and other books in the Ukrainian language to all parts of the world.

The German Branch has a monthly publication, *Licht and Leben* (Light and Life), and a Sunday school quarterly in German. Nearly 1,500 copies of the magazine are distributed in the United States, Canada, South America, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. The branch prints 2,000 copies of the German quarterly. The lessons correspond with those published by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

Subscription price of the magazine is \$1.50 a year; the quarterly is 25c a copy. Address all orders to: German Branch Publishing House, 2226 West 91st St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Sunday school quarterlies printed in Italy are available from the Italian Assemblies of God in the U.S.A., Sunday School Department, 310 S. 22nd St., Bellwood, Ill.

Addresses of other branches are as follows: Greek Assemblies of God District Council, Nick A. Tounger, superintendent, 1871 15th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.; Spanish Eastern District Council, Augusto Castillo, superintendent, 687 Prospect Ave., Bronx, N. Y. 10455.

You may know people in your community who speak these languages but are not yet being reached by our six branches. May we help you and your church extend your ministry to these people? Write the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802, or any of the branches for copies of their publications and other helps.



The heart of home missions is sharing—sharing the Word of Life with our neighbors, with unchurched areas, with special groups of people unreached by normal evangelistic means. The home missions rally in your vicinity will give you the opportunity to learn more of these ministries. Remember, as you share in the outreach, you share in the blessing. Most areas will have home missions rallies in February. Watch for the date of the one near you.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPT.
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



AS YOU STUDY THE WORKERS TRAINING TEXTBOOK, "SO SEND I YOU,"
HERE IS AN IDEA FOR PUTTING WHAT YOU LEARN INTO PRACTICE.

THE SPANISH AMONG US

By ARTHUR LINDVALL

HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS of brave Cubans have recently risked their lives in small boats to leave their island. Even during heavy tropical storms they have ventured all in order to reach a land where they hope to be free.

Already over 300,000 have come, and most of them have been resettled in 2,000 communities in all parts of the country. Among them are former lawyers, doctors, government officials, and business and professional men now earning their living at work far below their capacity. Some probably live in your community.

Nearly two million Spanish-speaking people have come from Puerto Rico in the last few years. Over 700,000 of them are reported to be in the New York City area alone. Thousands of others are living in industrial areas over most of the eastern part of the United States.

Located in most of the central and western parts of our country are scattered communities or colonies of Mexican-Americans. In fact, there are several million of these people who are different from the rest of us only because they continue to speak Spanish, as well as English.

Many of the folk from Cuba and



During a missionary convention in Fort Madison, Iowa, these men volunteered to distribute "Poder" to the Spanish-speaking people in their city. In the photo David Womack, Foreign Missions editor, gives the literature to the workers.

Puerto Rico already have heard of the Assemblies of God. Some have even attended services in our churches in their island communities. Others were among the tens of thousands who participated in the big open-air campaigns 10 or 15 years ago. Now they live among us, trying to find a new life in a strange land.

There are 500 Spanish-speaking Assemblies of God churches in the continental United States. All are actively trying to reach these people for the Lord. In fact, the Spanish Eastern and Latin American Districts are two of the fastest growing parts of our movement today.

Even so there are hundreds of cities where isolated families and small colonies of Spanish-speaking people have no gospel witness in their own language. If they are to be reached, it must be through those of us who, though we may not speak their language, can show the love of Christ through our contact with them.

Last November, during a missionary convention with the two churches in Fort Madison, Iowa, a group of eight volunteers spent a Saturday morning visiting the homes of the Spanish-speaking colony there. Under

the direction of the two missionary speakers, David Womack (formerly from Colombia) and myself (from El Salvador), they presented a copy of *Poder*, the Spanish *Evangel*, to each Spanish home. Although the workers were not able to converse too well, they saw the eager expressions on the faces of those visited as they began to read the good news in their own language. The volunteer workers were thrilled with the kind reception and have determined to continue visiting the Spanish homes and presenting the magazine each month.

Max and Sylvia Walker, now missionaries in Acapulco, Mexico, opened their home for a branch Sunday school while they were still studying Spanish. It was not always easy to make themselves understood, but the Spanish literature helped get the story to the children in the class. And the message went home to the parents in a language they could understand.

Maybe you could do the same in your city. Most of these children speak English, since they attend the same public schools our children do. You can teach the classes in English and send the Spanish magazine *Poder* home for the parents to read. In that way you can help reach the Spanish among us.

Are there Spanish people in your community? Do you have Spanish friends? Are your young people studying Spanish? If so, then *Poder*, the Spanish *Evangel*, is the magazine for you!

Poder has news from all of Latin America. Your Spanish friends will find articles and stories on salvation, divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Christian life.



Max and Sylvia Walker, while studying Spanish in San Jose, Costa Rica, opened their home for a branch Sunday school.

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ANNUAL WORLD PRAYER MEETING FOLLOWS "LIVE" ORIGATION FROM GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

WORLD PRAYER MEETING

By LEE SHULTZ • Secretary of Radio



C. M. Ward (left) was welcomed by Mayor Edward Weist. In the lower left photo Bartlett Peterson presented the Honor of Origination plaque to the host pastor, Gene Hogan, as Lee Shultz (right) looks on. He also presented an appreciation plaque to the crusade steering committee shown in lower right photo (Larry Haege, Jean Allen, Gene Hogan, Daniel Roehl, and James Bugg.)

"AND HE PRAYED AGAIN"—was the challenging theme around the world to unite in intercessory prayer during the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting, Sunday, November 21. Men's Fellowship groups, Women's Missionary Councils, entire church congregations, special prayer groups, and thousands of individuals accepted the responsibility of interceding for the requests relayed to them by the Radio Department.

The words found in Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," took on new dimensions for those attending the anchor Prayermeeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan. A table in front of the pulpit was stacked high with letters sent to *Revivaltime* containing

prayer requests. Letters were post-marked from all parts of the world—India, Trinidad, Africa, Costa Rica, England, Germany, Canada, Central and South America, and thousands of United States cities large and small.

Each person attending was also given a list of requests as he came into the service. *Revivaltime* Speaker C. M. Ward conducted the anchor prayer service at the conclusion of the broadcast origination.

Brother Ward held in his hand numerous requests that were telephoned long distance at the last moment, and special delivery letters containing urgent needs. Gathered around the table of requests were Everett D. Cooley, Michigan district superintendent; Bartlett Peterson, executive director





of Radio; Lee Shultz, secretary of Radio; and Gene Hogan, host pastor. Representing the Men's Fellowship and Women's Missionary Council who cosponsor the Prayermeeting with *Revivaltime* were the Michigan M.F. Director, Charles Magner, and the Sectional W.M.C. Director, Mrs. Gene Hogan.

As the requests were held up before the Lord in prayer, a spirit of compassion settled upon the congregation. Each seemed to feel the urgency of the needs—broken homes, unsaved and backslidden loved ones, sicknesses of every sort, desperate material and financial needs, fear and torment, broken spirits, and dark valleys. This anchor service was only the catalyst which set off similar prayer meetings around the world.


The World Prayermeeting was preceded by a *Revivaltime* crusade at First Assembly of God, Grand Rapids. Pastor Gene Hogan was host pastor and chairman for the crusade. Other pastors (Dan Roehl, Woodmere Gardens Tabernacle; James Bugg, Faith Assembly; Charles Fairfield, Bethel Assembly; and Jean Allen, Calvary Assembly at Rockford) served as the crusade committee.

They carefully planned and prayed that the *Revivaltime* crusade would

be a soul-winning venture. They were not disappointed! In nearly every service souls found room at the cross to have their lives miraculously changed. Pastor Hogan said: "We were pleased to see souls saved, but the results in conversions did not tell the whole story. The work of the Assemblies of God in this area was lifted to a new and higher plane of public appreciation. The crusade was a great success."

Pastors and congregations from the surrounding area attended the broad-

cast service and participated in the World Prayermeeting. The *Revivaltime* choir was composed of members from the Assemblies of God churches in Grand Rapids.

"And the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." That is the completion of the theme, "And he prayed again" (James 5:18). We are seeing the rain and fruit. Already letters are bearing testimonies of answered prayer from the World Prayermeeting. Faith and prayer are honored. It pays to PRAY AGAIN. 

At World Prayermeeting people lift written requests toward heaven as they pray.



THREE-DIMENSIONAL LIVING FOR 1966

By JOHN W. EVERETT

Pastor, Assembly of God, Worthington, Minnesota

THE THIRD DIMENSION has revolutionized photography. Before this, cameras could capture only the horizontal and vertical. Pictures were flat, and there was no way to transmit depth. But by adding another "eye" to the camera, a new dimension was possible.

As we face this new year, is it not possible for us to enter into a greater depth of spiritual living? Paul the apostle wrote to the Corinthian believers: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18). This depth can be illustrated by three experiences, each of which has three dimensions to its fullness.

1. SALVATION

Salvation has been described as a threefold experience. We *have been saved* from the guilt and penalty of sin. This was a free gift of God. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). This is a definite experience. "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" (Ephesians 2:5).

We are also in a process of *being saved* from the dominion of sin. Paul wrote: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). To the Corinthians he said: "But we all...are changed into the same image from glory to glory."

Looking to the future, the Bible assures us that we *shall be saved*. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

2. HEALING

We *have been healed*. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). The provision for our healing was completed when Christ fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah by allowing the whip to be laid to His back before He climbed Golgotha's hill to be crucified.

In the present tense, we *are being healed*. Isaiah de-

clared: "But he was wounded for our transgressions...and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Healing is available now! May God help us to add this dimension to our lives throughout 1966.

And we *shall be healed*. Sickness will never be eradicated on this earth by medical means. Our souls are redeemed, but our bodies still await full redemption. "And...ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23). As long as we are mortals living on this earth, we shall be subject to the attacks of sickness; but there is coming a day when we shall be complete strangers to pain! "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

3. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Millions now alive can say with assurance, "We *have been filled* with the Holy Spirit." This, too, is a definite experience. It was always so in Bible days. They knew when the Spirit came upon their lives. If you do not know, you are not yet Spirit-filled.

And just as surely we can say, "We *are being filled*," for this is scriptural. The apostle Paul admonished the Ephesian church (which had already experienced a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit) to "be filled with the Spirit." We need constant renewing, fresh anointings of the Holy Spirit—and we can have them in this new year.

But the best is yet ahead. For we *shall be filled* in a measure that is incomprehensible to us now. Paul wrote that God, at the present, "hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 5:5). "In whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:13, 14). The "earnest" is but a pledge, a token payment to bind a bargain. Heaven will be a continuing revelation of the depth of the Holy Spirit's revelation of Christ. "And hath raised us up together...in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6, 7).

Christian, in the weeks ahead let us grow in God. With His help we can add new dimensions to our lives that will give height, width, and depth to our Christian experience. Let us have a three-dimensional life in God.

I BELIEVE IN TRACT DISTRIBUTION

(Continued from page twenty-one)

"I have been thinking seriously about what the evangelist has said about giving out tracts. But I just couldn't seem to get started. This evening as I stopped to ask if they wanted a ride, although I was in a hurry and stopped only for seconds, Brother MacPherson pushed a tract into the car before I left. I thought that if he were that interested in winning souls by means of literature, surely I should be too. So I am starting to give out tracts."

In a service in Santa Ana, California, a young man heard me tell of tract distribution overseas and of the hands outstretched for the gospel. That night while this young man was prostrate under God's power at the altar he had a vision. When I saw him on the street the next day he told me, "Brother MacPherson, I too have

seen those hands reaching out. What can I do to get the gospel to those in the regions beyond?"

That young man was obedient to the heavenly vision, and through his initiative, and his encouragement, millions of Gospel portions and tracts have been distributed throughout the world. The young man's name? Sam Cochran. The program that grew out of his vision is now known as Light-for-the-Lost, the literature distribution program of Assemblies of God men.

How can you become involved in literature distribution? First, catch the vision—as Brother Cochran did. Determine to get busy—and then do it. You will receive more than you put into this ministry, for Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

"Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee" (1 Corinthians 22:16).

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HEALING TESTIMONIES

SOFT BONES STRENGTHENED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

IN 1964 I HAD A LOW SUPPLY OF CALCIUM in my body which caused my bones to be soft and break easily. But I praise God that He delivered me from this condition.

For several weeks last year I was confined to bed. I was taken to the hospital in Sanford, Fla., where I was put in traction for a cracked spine. Many of God's people prayed for my recovery. Within a week's time my condition had greatly improved. After two weeks' rest at home, I returned to the doctor for an examination. He remarked I had made an improvement that would have taken months for most people.

Then, one day as I sat down on my bed, the bones in my lower back cracked. I was taken to the State University Hospital in Gainesville, Fla., for X rays. The doctors discovered I had a low supply of calcium and that my bones were so soft they could break easily. After making satisfactory improvement by rest and prayer, I prepared to go back home.

The day before I left the hospital, my feet started to swell. Later the swelling rose to my hips.

The doctor in Sanford found more cracked bones. As a result, I left the hospital with a brace on my back which I wore for six weeks.

Although my spine seemed to improve, I had intense pain in my abdomen constantly. One night as I was praying I decided it was the brace which was causing my suffering. I said, "Lord if you want me to wear the brace, you make a way for me to wear it." Much to my surprise, He said to me so clearly, "Leave the brace off, and I will do what the brace is supposed to do." I praised Him for telling me what to do—I knew His voice.

In a week's time my back was much improved but I continued to suffer in my abdomen. Then I went to a midweek service and asked my pastor, Brother Wilder, to pray for me. He anointed me with oil and prayer

for the relief of my pain. When I reached home, I noticed there was no swelling or soreness in my abdomen. I started rejoicing and praising the Lord for deliverance.

I returned to my doctor—after going without my brace for one month. He examined my back and said I seemed to be doing nicely. Ever since, I have lived a normal life without the brace, and am able to do all my work and make a living for myself. I am so glad to be serving a living Saviour who heals all our diseases.—Mrs. Myrtle Matheny, Sanford, Florida.

(Endorsed by Pastor Hubert M. Wilder, Pinecrest Assembly of God, Sanford, Fla., who says, "Mrs. Matheny has a good testimony, for the Lord has certainly healed her. She is a former employee of the Gospel Publishing House.")

MIRACULOUSLY HEALED OF ARTHRITIS

ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO a blood test revealed I had rheumatoid arthritis.

I was in constant pain during the last three years before God healed me. Every joint in my body was sore. Some days I didn't feel well enough to do my housework. I never felt like going anywhere. The doctor told me I would have to live with the pain. I took pain-killing drugs regularly.

Last February our church was in a revival with Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. Brother McCutchen and our pastor, Brother Eller, put their hands on me and prayed. The people in our church were praying too. God was so good to me that night. He healed my body.

In March, 1965—one month after I was prayed for—I had another blood test which came back negative. There was no trace of arthritis.

Now I am working every day and, praise God, I no longer have to live with pain; for He has taken it away.—Mrs. Lucille Valora, Manchester, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor John Eller, First Assembly of God Church, Valley Park, Mo.)

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

OZARK, ALA.—A two-week campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge was extended to three weeks as God's Spirit moved at First Assembly here. At least 18 were saved or reclaimed, and 12 received the Holy Spirit. The entire church was strengthened by the ministry of these evangelists.

—Luther Tadlock, pastor

YORK, PA.—Daily prayer meetings brought a time of refreshing to the congregation of Faith Temple here during revival services conducted by Evangelist Freddy Clark. The prayer emphasis, the ministry of the Word, and the ministry of music brought a live response from the church.

—E. C. Schmid, pastor

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO—First Assembly here recently concluded one of the most successful revival campaigns in its history. About 35 knelt at the altar for salvation. The church responded to the preaching of the Word in consecration each night.

Evangelists for the meeting were "The Musical Vans" (Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg). The ministry of music was out-

standing. The evangelists' passion for the lost was reflected in the response from the church. The crowds exceeded anything the church had ever experienced.

—Arthur H. Parsons, pastor

SANDUSKY, OHIO—Faith Memorial Assembly here witnessed a powerful move of the Holy Spirit in an eight-day revival campaign with Evangelist John Mastro of Nutter Fort, W. Va.

Seven young people came to the altar for salvation, and 24 received the Holy Spirit (including Lutherans and Baptists). One lady was reclaimed and refilled.

Brother Mastro's sound Bible preaching, altar work, and wise approach to those not familiar with Pentecostal blessings were appreciated by the entire church.

—A. L. Garlock, pastor

ADA, OKLA.—First Assembly here enjoyed revival services recently with Evangelist and Mrs. C. M. Hicks from Macon, Ga. Several were saved and received the Holy Spirit. The last meeting included a water baptismal service.

—Frank M. Jones, pastor

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Southside Assembly here recently concluded a two-week revival effort with Missionary-Evangelist Quentin Edwards. God gave the church a wonderful campaign. Several were saved or healed, and some received the Holy Spirit.

The past four years have marked much progress for the church: membership and finances have increased 300 percent, and missionary giving 500 percent. The Sunday school has grown from 158 to an average of 315. Property and equipment improvements exceed \$75,000 with most of this paid. The church thanks and glorifies God for His many blessings.

—J. B. Davis, pastor

ELVINS, MO.—On November 7 the Davis Crossing Assembly here concluded a revival campaign with Evangelist Glenna Byard. God's presence was very real as Sister Byard ministered the Word. The saints were edified, and her ministry was a real blessing to the church. Two were saved, and one received the Holy Spirit.

In August a youth meeting was conducted by Sister Vern Stoughton of St. Louis in which 24 chil-

dren sought the Lord as Saviour, seven were filled with the Holy Spirit, and six were baptized in water.

The parsonage was recently enlarged, and the church indebtedness has been paid off.

—R. J. Foreman, pastor

MEIGS, GA.—Zion Grove Assembly here conducted a four-week revival campaign with Evangelist Garry Smith of Fort Worth, Tex. God moved in a wonderful way. Souls found Christ, and the entire church was stirred.

—Young J. Bolin, pastor

VIDOR, TEX.—Sunday school attendance averages 77 at Faith Assembly here. Everyone in the young church is praying and working hard to break the record of 91.

The C.A.'s are a growing band of young people on fire for God. They sponsor and help produce a weekly radio broadcast on station KAYC, Beaumont, Tex.

Only eight were present at the first service held here a short time ago. God prospered the church, and the need arose for larger facilities. In answer to prayer, arrangements were made

OHIO CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Highway Tabernacle Assembly, Youngstown, Ohio, held dedicatory services for its new church in November. The \$300,000 church

stands on a seven-acre corner lot. The 500-seat auditorium is furnished with birch pulpit and pews. The chancel is carpeted and oak-

paneled. There are 20 Sunday school rooms, and the entire building is air-conditioned.

The exterior, finished with pink colonial sand brick is set off by a 38-foot steeple. There are parking facilities for 300 cars.

The church was born from re-

vival services in 1932. The membership is now 200 and Sunday school attendance is about 320. The church gives \$10,000 yearly to missions. E. J. Schlossmacher is the pastor.

Former pastors returning for the dedication ceremonies were O. R. Keener and T. E. Hollingsworth.

The new Highway Tabernacle Assembly in Youngstown, Ohio, is situated on a 7½-acre corner lot. The exterior is constructed of pink colonial sand brick. The sanctuary seats 500.



to purchase a church building seating at least 150 with another building for Sunday school classrooms. The buildings are located on one and one-half acres with room for future expansion and a new church.

W. S. Graham, superintendent of the South Texas district, officiated at dedication services last year. —J. B. Galloway, pastor

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CARUTHERS, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly here enjoyed a gracious visitation from God during revival services held recently with Evangelists John and Robert Stephens of Waxahachie, Tex. Extra chairs had to be acquired to accommodate the crowds.

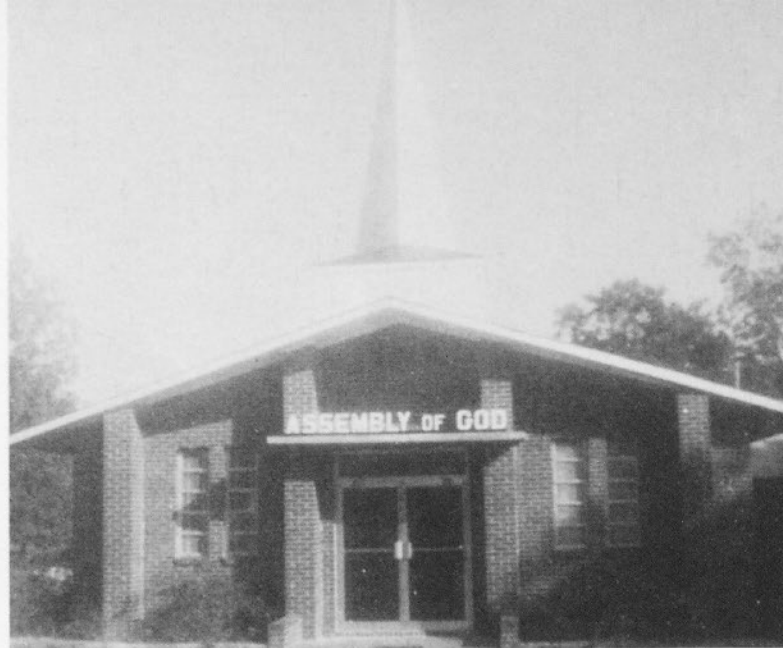
—Cecil O. Branson, pastor

25TH ANNIVERSARY

DEXTER, GA.—Glad Tidings Assembly recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a homecoming and mortgage-burning service. The congregation had to raise the final \$1,800 in less than two months to burn the mortgage on homecoming day. Georgia District Superintendent Jesse E. Smith officiated at the morning service.

A week of revival services followed the homecoming celebration. Several were saved, others were reclaimed, and some received the Holy Spirit. The entire church felt the impact of these services with Bradley Shaw.

—Lamar Taylor, pastor



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Mesa	First	Jan. 16-30	Joe Neely	V. L. Hertweck
	Phoenix	Westwood	Jan. 2-9	Bob Stewart	L. G. Searles
Ark.	Marianna	First	Jan. 9-14	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Donald Nye
Calif.	Bakersfield	Evangel	Jan. 2-16	James H. Black	Jim Foreman
	Bell Gardens	First	Jan. 2-16	Ernie Rogers	O. H. Mitchell
	Lamont	First	Jan. 2—	Marvin Schmidt	Roy Lee
	Napa	First	Jan. 11-16	Bob Stewart	Ralph Gaither
	Ojai	A/G	Jan. 9-14	Harry J. Steil	Ellis Robertson
Colo.	Keenesburg	Prospect Valley CC	Jan. 11-23	Wesley F. Morton	Roy Denny
Fla.	Bartow	First	Jan. 12-23	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	D. N. Asbury, Jr.
	Jacksonville	Bethel Temple	Jan. 16-30	Grover Dunn	Clyde B. Wasdin
	Jacksonville	Riverside	Dec. 31-Jan. 9	Dave & Jan Olshevski	John Briner
	Miami	*Central	Jan. 11-16	Paul Hild	Rex M. Ansbaugh
	Orlando	Pine Hill	Jan. 11-23	Dave & Jan Olshevski	J. E. Winstead
Ga.	Newton	Baker County	Jan. 14-23	Michael & Peggy Lord	Lucille Killingsworth
Ill.	Cahokia	Emmanuel	Jan. 17—	Singing Stephensons	Charles Lance
	Carthage	A/G	Jan. 9-16	Bob Watters	D. E. Skiles
	Rock Falls	A/G	Jan. 11-23	Wm. Caldwell	Harry Lutz
Ind.	Anderson	Northside	Jan. 11-23	J. E. Friend	John H. Cox, Jr.
	Indianapolis	Lighthouse Tab.	Jan. 16-30	The Singing Lunsfords	William Totman
	Patricksburg	A/G	Jan. 16-23	Richard Lythberg	Stanley Davis
Kans.	Caney	A/G	Jan. 2—	Lolita Varner Tm.	Ray F. Hollis
	Wichita	Evangel	Jan. 11-14	Warren Litzman	Daniel E. Johnson
La.	Downsville	Pleasant Valley	Jan. 9-16	Joe J. & Mrs. Williams	Jackie V. Nichols
	Kenner	First	Jan. 12-23	Gene Thompson	L. O. Waldon
	Sterlington	First	Jan. 9-16	Robert Rogers	J. E. Barton
Mo.	Kansas City	Central	Jan. 11-23	Odis H. & Mrs. Virgin	Paul Brewer
	Kansas City	Sheffield	Jan. 2—	Leroy Morgan Party	C. W. Quattlebaum
	Neosho	First	Jan. 16-23	Clarence E. Lambert	Daniel Branham
	Springfield	Central	Jan. 9-16	Arthur & Anna Berg	E. E. Krogstad
N. J.	Trenton	Capitol	Jan. 16-23	Sara M. Bergstrom	John Cairns
N. C.	Durham	Bible Revival Cntr.	Jan. 2-23	G. W. Hathcock	Louie Shultz
Ohio	Dayton	Gospel Temple	Jan. 5-16	Musical Vanderploegs	Keith Hume
	Fairfield	Tri-County	Jan. 11-16	Stanley P. MacPherson	Hugh H. Rosenberg
Okla.	Cleveland	A/G	Jan. 10-17	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Perry A. Sanders
	Inola	A/G	Jan. 10-23	Chas. & Barbara Hudspeth	Wm. N. Chapman
	Weleetka	First	Jan. 5-12	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	W. J. Ellington
Oreg.	Salem	Keizer	Jan. 2-9	D. L. Nultemeier	Kenneth C. Grant
Pa.	Mercersburg	First Pentecostal	Jan. 13-23	Chas. S. Morris	Paul Baughman
	Shillington	The Missionary Church	Jan. 11—	Peiffer-Harden Team	H. W. Groves
S. C.	Hartsville	First	Jan. 16-30	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	J. L. Dutton
S. Dak.	Aberdeen	A/G	Jan. 16-30	Paul Olson Party	D. W. Wartenbee
Tenn.	Memphis	Sherwood	Jan. 2-9	Gene Burgess	Paul S. Brendiar
	Nashville	Belmont	Jan. 12-16	Gene Burgess	W. C. Langford
	Oak Ridge	First	Jan. 16-28	Knott-Olson Team	Claude Snodderly
Tex.	Cleveland	Highway Tab.	Jan. 9-16	Fisher-Cheek Tm.	H. Travis Freeman
	Cleveland	Plum Grove	Jan. 16-30	Chas. McKnight	R. A. Gilbert
	Dallas	Urban Park	Jan. 17-30	Don & Dixie Cox	R. W. Brashear
	Hereford	First	Jan. 5-16	Tommy & Esther Lance	V. W. Marcontell
	Irving	Union Bower	Jan. 2-16	Albert Calaway	Derrell D. High
	Lake Dallas	A/G	Jan. 10-23	Samuel V. Calk	E. J. Johnson
	Odessa	First	Jan. 2-16	Charles Ogdon	M. D. Williams
	Spearman	First	Jan. 2—	Bob & Alvena Wilson	T. J. Taylor, Jr.
Wash.	Colfax	A/G	Jan. 16-21	Paul Clark Family	Stanley Jacobsen
	Yakima	Central	Jan. 4-9	Paul Clark Family	Leland V. Gross
W. Va.	Dorothy	First	Jan. 15—	Koonce-Blackwell Team	Victor Gillam
Wis.	Milwaukee	Lakeside	Jan. 12—	Bob Ludwig	Donald Skaggs
Wyo.	Rawlins	Trinity	Jan. 9-23	Doyle H. Thompson	David Griffin
Canada	Oshawa, Ont.	Simcoe St. Pentecostal	Jan. 17-30	David E. Dean	George Smith
	Owen Sound, Ont.	Pentecostal Tab.	Jan. 4-16	David E. Dean	Jack Counsell

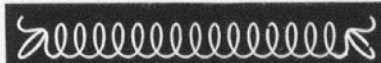
*Children's Crusade

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN HAWAII

According to information just received, there are some excellent job opportunities available on the Island of Kauai in Hawaii. These include 38 teaching and school-related positions as well as hospital and pharmaceutical-related positions. Also needed is a head accountant.

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ever posed was asked by Thomas, one of the disciples of our Lord: "How can we know the way?" (John 14:5).

And the best answer to that question—the only correct answer—was given by Jesus Himself. "I am the way," He said (verse 6).

We can think of at least five ways by which men try to reach heaven, but only one is the right way.

1. THE CHURCH

There are millions who believe the church can save them, so they entrust the salvation of their souls to the church.

But why, I ask, didn't Jesus say so if the church can save? The truth is that no church, no religion, no clergyman, no sacrament or ceremony can save your soul. You may join the church, be faithful to it, give liberally to it, and still be lost. The church cannot save.

2. MORALITY

"Be good, treat your neighbors as you would have them treat you, keep the law, obey the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, do the best you can, and all will be well." Such is the advice we get from thousands of others.

Man aspires to be his own savior. He tries to live such a good life that he will be worthy of heaven. But if this were possible, wouldn't Jesus have told us? Why didn't He tell Thomas that morality would earn him the right to everlasting life?

My friend, if I could be my own savior, I would not need Jesus Christ. As a matter of fact, the death of Christ was the greatest atrocity in history if man can save himself. But one might as well try to rocket himself to the moon with a dime's worth of gunpowder as to try to be his own savior.

3. CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

When Thomas questioned Him, Christ did not point to His teachings. These tell us how to be saved, and they tell us how to live after we are saved—but they cannot save us. The apostles never preached Christ merely as a Teacher. They preached Him as a Saviour. What a

drowning man needs is to be saved; he can learn to swim later.

4. CHRIST'S EXAMPLE

Some would tell us that if we always ask the question, "What would Jesus do?" and act accordingly, we shall be saved. This seems so plausible but it is entirely impractical, for sinners do not have the power to change their ways and follow Christ's example. If you are unsaved, you are afflicted with a deadly cancer—the cancer of sin. Until the Great Physician removes that cancer from your life you simply cannot follow in the footsteps of Christ.

5. CHRIST HIMSELF

"I am the way, the truth, and the life," said Jesus; "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." He is the only Saviour. We cannot be saved by the church, or by our good works, or by subscribing to His teachings, or by following His example. Christ Himself is the only way to everlasting life.

Many roads lead to God, we are told, but Jesus didn't say so. The roads go in different directions. If you take the wrong road, you will reach the wrong destination. Only one road leads to heaven, and that road is Christ. "I am *the* way," He said—not "a" way but "the" way. Jesus is the Son of God, and the Bible says, "He that hath not the Son hath not life."

Jesus is not the Way-shower. He is the Way itself. Others may show you the way to Christ. The church may show you the way. The minister may show you the way. The Bible may show you the way. But until you take that way by accepting Christ Himself as your personal Saviour, you are not saved.

Water baptism will not save you. Partaking of the Lord's Supper will not save you. Church membership will not save you. There is only one way to be saved and that is by putting all your trust in the Saviour who shed His blood on the Cross to wash away your sins.

He atoned for your sins when He died on the cross; then He arose from the dead, and now He lives to save all who will ask Him for salvation. Accept Him today as your Saviour, for He is the Way—the only way. Trust in Him alone, and do it *now*.

