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



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## A Poem on Love

If I could speak the languages of men,  
of angels too,  
And have no love,  
I am only a rattling pan or a clashing  
cymbal.  
If I should have the gift of prophecy,  
And know all secret truths, and knowledge  
in its every form,  
And have such perfect faith that I could  
move mountains,  
But have no love, I am nothing.  
If I should dole out everything I have  
for charity,  
And give my body up to torture in mere  
boasting pride,  
But have no love, I get from it no good at all.  
Love is so patient and so kind;  
Love never boils with jealousy;  
It never boasts, is never puffed with pride;  
It does not act with rudeness, or insist  
upon its rights;  
It never gets provoked, it never harbors  
evil thoughts;  
Is never glad when wrong is done,  
But always glad when truth prevails;  
It bears up under anything,  
It exercises faith in everything,  
It keeps up hope in everything,

It gives us power to endure in anything.  
Love never fails;  
If there are prophecies, they will be  
set aside;  
If now exist ecstatic speakings, they  
will cease;  
If there is knowledge, it will soon be  
set aside;  
For what we know is incomplete and what we  
prophesy is incomplete.  
But when perfection comes, what is imperfect  
will be set aside.  
When I was a child, I talked like a child,  
I thought like a child, I reasoned  
like a child.  
When I became a man, I laid aside my  
childish ways.  
For now we see a dim reflection in a  
looking-glass,  
But then we shall see face to face;  
Now what I know is imperfect,  
But then I shall know perfectly, as God  
knows me.  
And so these three, faith, hope, and love  
endure,  
But the greatest of them is love.

—1 Corinthians 13 (Charles B. Williams  
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# BATTLE FOR THE MIND



By Evangelist DAVID A. LEWIS

SATAN IS MAKING his last-ditch stand prior to the return of Christ for His Church and the onset of the "great sorrows." The arena of battle is crowded with satanic gladiators in the garb of political and religious false prophets. Earth prepares for the two beasts of Revelation 13 to make their grand entrance and seduce the nations politically and spiritually.

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

The National Association of Evangelicals reports more Christian martyrs under Communism than in all the previous history of the Church. Another source says that over 25 million Christians have died for their faith in Europe and Asia in this century alone!

Early in the Russian revolution of 1917, and later in China, crude methods of torture and extermination were used extensively. Today, however, much of the conflict is on the psychological level. The forces of good and evil are engaged in an all-out battle for the minds of men.

Riots and rebellion foment on every continent, led not by the ignorant but by a new intelligensia, skilled in techniques of mental control. For instance, the Mau Mau terrorists in Africa were not led by an ignorant man.

JoMo Kenyata, a man schooled in one of England's finest colleges and later in the University of Moscow, cannot plead ignorance as his excuse. Campus riots in our own and other countries demonstrate the rebellious spirit of our times.

In the religious world there is renewed interest in the supernatural works of God. We thank God for that which is real, but we must discern the difference between the genuine and the pseudosupernaturalism arising in some quarters. This is manifest in an interest in spiritism and psychic phenomena. Man is exalted and humanistic paranormal experiences are sought, as hearts are unwittingly prepared for the man of sin who will proclaim that he, a man, the final product of evolution, is god. He will find a welcome in an apostate church that proclaims, "I worship God through man. To know God is first to know man, and to know man is to worship the divinity in him. . . . Man is my best expression of deity, and so I bow reverently at this shrine." The "theologian" Feuerbach said, "Religion . . . in its essence believes in the divinity of man. Man has his God in himself."

From the mystic world of a "New Age" cult we hear that cosmic beings from outer space have come to earth in "flying saucers" to prevent man from destroying himself with atomic weapons. Soon they will raise up a human leader. Endowed with great powers, this leader will effect a confederation of nations, and wars will be stopped, bringing peace to a tortured earth. This is another group being psychologically prepared for "the king of fierce countenance" who shall "by peace destroy many" (Daniel 8:23, 25).

When the world dictator does emerge, he will be equipped to wage his war of deception on an almost unimaginable scale. His "coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9). He will sway the masses with mob psychology, and perhaps with other techniques yet unknown or now in the experimental stages.

Experiments are already being conducted in ESB, electronic stimulation of the brain. An electronic conductor is inserted into the brain, and behavior controlled through artificial stimulation. Subjects can be made to hate or love, to be happy or depressed, to be disturbed or tranquil. Dr. Curtis R. Schafer, speaking at a national electronics conference, said, "A child could be socketed a few months after birth, and the once-human being, thus controlled, would be the cheapest of machines to create and operate."

" . . . All the world wondered after the beast . . . and as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:3, 15). No one scoffs at the possibility of worldwide communications and control, now that communication satellites twinkle among the stars and intercontinental television systems are in operation. Even the means to check on those not complying with Antichrist's orders is already in use. A mobile antenna can now be pointed at a home to determine whether the television is in use and what channel is

being viewed. No wonder Antichrist is pictured in Revelation as having power to detect and slay a multitude of resisters in the tribulation period.

It is possible to bombard the subconscious mind with visual signals flashed on a television screen for such a short time that the conscious mind is not aware of them, but which have a hypnotic effect on the subconscious. Our FCC has banned the use of subliminal signals in television programming, but it is conceivable that these will be used by the Antichrist regime.

Thank God, true believers will not have to live under the dominion of the son of perdition! However, if Jesus tarries, the Church may have to suffer many things, for there are forerunners of the Antichrist in the world today.

An assemblies of God minister who visited behind the Iron Curtain reports that most full-gospel pastors there have been imprisoned and many subjected to mental assault through the diabolical scheme of brainwashing. Beria, the master psycho-politician of Russia, developed this technique by building on the findings of Pavlov. The theory is that the brain may be "washed" and new patterns of thinking implanted. Methods used in brainwashing would sound fantastic if we did not have proof of their use.

When an injection of lysergic acid diethylamine is administered, it induces a state of total loss of reality for several hours. After several such injections the subject

can hardly discern reality and becomes susceptible to brainwashing.

Beria is quoted as saying, "Among Pentecostal groups healing campaigns are conducted which, because of their results, win many to the cult of Christianity. . . . You must recruit. . . a smashing of all religious healing."

It is significant to note that according to authentic reports, they have never been able to brainwash one truly Spirit-filled child of God. As Jesus said, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Edward Hunter, author and foreign correspondent, stated that the factors he found in common in all who successfully resisted mental assault were "faith, prayer, and strong convictions."

A Lutheran pastor from behind the Iron Curtain stated at the 1958 World Conference of Pentecostal Churches that the only way the brethren could hold out in faith under these conditions was to be baptized in the Holy Spirit!

Satan attacks with new and unusual weapons in his battle for the minds of men today, but thank God, our armor and our Sword are as effective as ever against the principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this world.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. . . . And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always. . . ."

## The True Ecumenicity

By FRED SMOLCHUCK

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE for the Church of Jesus Christ to be one with those who refuse to acknowledge His divinity, His incarnation, His vicarious death, and His resurrection. How can there be a spiritual unity between true believers and those who deny the inspiration of the Scriptures and reduce God to an impersonal force?

A very impressive passage of Scripture that commands our attention is 1 John 2:18-23: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists: whereby we know that it is the last time. . . . I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father." (See also 1 John 4:1-5.)

Organizational unity at the expense of principle and conviction can only fail. Emphatically, this is not what Jesus meant when He prayed: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that

they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." The entire chapter of John 17 gives us a complete view of what Christ had in mind. It was not a world church organized at any price.

An alliance with those who reduce the gospel of Jesus Christ to a mere human philosophy and demote God to an impersonal nebulosity may lead to apostasy. An ecumenical move uniting all religions in a "common faith" may very well be a forerunner of the Antichrist and False Prophet described in the Book of Revelation.

The Assemblies of God has shown its readiness to support civic or other humanitarian projects to alleviate the pain and sufferings of our fellowman; but it cannot become a part of an organizational or spiritual union that would set convictions and principles of righteousness aside. Our loyalty to Christ and to His Word must remain uppermost.

The true ecumenicity of the Church is best described by the apostle John: "A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. . . . What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? . . . these are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9-14).

This is the true ecumenical movement, the kind that is brought about by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ—and not by compromise or the creation of a super interfaith organization.

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# Keeping in Love

This heading, "Keeping in Love," seems very appropriate on or near Valentine's Day. For it is one thing to fall in love and it is something else to stay there, year after year, through all the changing circumstances of life.

But this heading is not directed to sweethearts only. It is a reference to Jude 21, a verse in the Bible which applies to every relationship of life—including business as well as social affairs—including our love toward God and toward each other.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God," Jude wrote. In this same letter he warned of false teachers, mockers of godliness, murmurers who walk after their own evil lusts. "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit," he said. "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

The modern world puts a cheap price tag on "love." That is because the only kind of love they know is very shallow. As Dorothy Haskin points out in her article on page 18, the Greeks had four different words for "love" and the word used here by Jude is *agape*, the deepest kind, the kind that is eternal.

The same Greek word is used in 1 Corinthians 13. Although the King James Version of the Scriptures translates it "charity," it is more properly translated "love," as in the Williams translation which appears on the cover of this *Evangel*. "The greatest . . . is love," which is *agape*.

True love has its origin in God, and only by living in God can we possess and practice this love. Even Valentine's Day had its origin in Christian love, according to legend.

It is said that the valentine got its name from a young Christian who lived in ancient Rome. Like so many other early Christians, Valentine was imprisoned because of his faith. Often and longingly he thought of his loved ones, and wanted to assure them of his well-being, and of his love for them.

Outside his cell window, just within reach, a cluster of violets was growing. He picked some of the heart-shaped leaves and pierced them to spell the words, "Remember your Valentine"—then sent them off by a friendly dove. On the next day and the next he sent more messages that simply said, "I love you."

This, we are told, is how the valentine came into being. Whether the story is true we do not know, but wouldn't this be a happier world if people would express their love for each other more often—not only on Valentine's Day, but all through the year!

God loves us, and He sends us gifts to show His affection. Not once a year, but every day, He sends us many blessings—friends, health, seasons of sunshine, showers of rain. Best of all, He sent heaven's fairest Jewel down to earth to fill our hearts with the hope of eternal life. Let us accept this gift of love by receiving Christ as our personal Saviour—and let us love the Giver.

If we pray in the Holy Ghost, the love of God will be shed abroad in our hearts to such an extent that our entire lives will be permeated, saturated, motivated by divine love. How may we keep filled with love? By keeping filled with the Spirit. For the fruit of the Spirit is love, and this love manifests itself in joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance under all circumstances.

—R.C.C.

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**T**HE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN is *never* a victim of circumstances! The stories of men and women whose lives have contributed to the advance of the Church have one thing in common. They all point up that these people have been not victims, but *victors*! Whether buried under stones or put on thrones, they were in command! They were creators of climate!

#### AN ILLUSTRATION IN NATURE

The human body has an amazing ability to maintain an even temperature. Men may be exposed to dry heat (239 to 257 degrees Fahrenheit) without increasing body temperature above normal. On the hottest day or in the coldest weather, if we take our temperature we will probably find it still is 98.6 degrees. This is because we are warm-blooded.

Cold-blooded animals take on the temperature of their surroundings. The frog sinks into the mud and stays there with a feeble pulse until spring warms him up again. Warm-blooded animals maintain a fairly fixed high temperature, in spite of external cold. External environment does not immobilize them. In a similar way, the victorious Christian does not conform to the temperature of his surroundings. He is not spiritually cold though he be surrounded by cold. He does not require the heat of a revival meeting constantly to maintain spiritual warmth.

#### PAUL, AN EXAMPLE

A ship was going to pieces under him, and yet Paul stood and said, "Sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God" (Acts 27:25). Though he was a prisoner, he took charge and commanded a sinking ship and a sinking situation—and rescued all!

While writing to his spiritual son Timothy with the very shadow of the sword across his neck, the confines of the prison became to Paul a coronation room as he created his own climate! "I am now ready!" he triumphantly declared.

#### JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE

The Master created His own climate. On one occasion He was led to the brow of the hill to be cast down headlong. Did He fall to the ground crying out in desperation? No! "He passing through the midst of them went his way"—*His* way, not theirs! The startled crowd evidently fell back and let Him pass!

Even on the cross, Jesus created His own climate. He was in command! Heaven and earth listened as He spoke! To John, "Behold thy mother." To His Heavenly Father, "Forgive these benighted people." To the thief beside Him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In command! Conducting from the cross! Creating His own climate!

#### EXAMPLES IN OUR TIME

Missionary Floyd Woodworth, now serving in Bogota, Colombia, in relating his escape from Communist Cuba, said that each time the police came onto the Bible

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## CREATORS of CLIMATE

By EVERETT STENHOUSE

school grounds, he would say to his wife, "Well, this is it. Be ready!" Here was a man of God fully prepared to accept any eventuality. Whether in prison or out of prison, on one mission field or another—creating his own climate! In speaking with Missionary Woodworth a short time ago I observed tremendous inspiration and spiritual strength in this dedicated creator of climate—even though, only a few days before, he had buried his own father.

Missionary J. W. Tucker did not have to remain in the Congo after serious trouble had come to the land where he labored for 25 years. He chose to remain! He was an ambassador! He was on a mission! From prison he wrote, "It is wonderful to know that our times are in His hands!" A creator of climate, he was in command!

The Psalmist has described such people in beautiful language: "Happy are they who, nerved by thee, set out on a pilgrimage!... They are stronger as they go" (Psalm 84:5, 7—Moffatt). What's this? A people who draw their strength, not from friends, circumstances or surroundings, but from above. "Nerved by God," they get stronger as they go!

Creators of climate! Never a *victim* but always a *victor*! Does that describe you?

WHEN A PROPHET DIES, who takes his place? It has often been said that God's workmen die but His work goes on. History attests to that fact. God always has a man for the role of leadership, but how is he chosen? Who steps in to fill the shoes of the seemingly indispensable man?

Do men cast lots as they did in an attempt to replace Judas as one of the Twelve? Do we send to a seminary or Bible college to single out a fledgling who gives promise of great potential? Do we scan the field to find a minor prophet who can be promoted? The problem of finding a successor to a consecrated, capable, and colorful leader is not an easy one—and yet God always has such a man ready and waiting.

Elijah was probably the most majestic of all the prophets of Israel. He exercised a profound influence upon the entire nation and was a great force for righteousness. He was an intrepid and dauntless reformer. Without fear, he rebuked kings and those in authority. He was a mighty intercessor and a miracle worker. He exemplified a rare combination of the skillful, spiritual, and spectacular. Seldom has there been a leader like him. When his ministry terminated, it understandably left a great gap.

Who could fill the shoes of Elijah? Was there anyone who had the qualifications? There were many young men in that day who aspired to be prophets. Some were at Bethel and some at Jericho. No doubt they were in other cities too. They studied under Elijah, associated with him, and were called "sons of the prophets." They were on the scene at the time of the departure of Elijah (2 Kings 2:1-18)—and probably each one of them harbored a secret desire to be a successor to the illustrious prophet.

Would any one of these men be likely to step into the shoes of Elijah? If the only requirement was to be an understudy to a prophet, then any of them would

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Don Mallough, pastor of Faith Tabernacle in Tulsa, Oklahoma, delivered this sermon at Lake Geneva Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minnesota, last summer.

be eligible. But a close examination of their actions and reactions would disqualify them.

On the day of Elijah's departure their only contribution was to ask silly and inept questions. They not only failed to follow the prophet but tried to hinder the one who was determined to do so. When Elijah was performing his last miracle, a group of 50 of these students stood afar off. Could men so cautious and guarded suddenly take over the role of such a spiritual giant?

The real tip-off is the absurd theory they had after the translation of Elijah. Hearing that the prophet was caught up to heaven, their doubting minds could only envision that calamity had befallen him. They insisted on searching for his body in the hills and valleys of the nearby countryside. They couldn't rise above their natural reasoning—and by that showed great unbelief. Although wanting to be prophets, these men were sadly lacking.

The successor to Elijah happened to have a similar name, Elisha. He, too, was one of the sons of the prophets—but how different were his beliefs and actions.

*Elisha knew what he wanted and concentrated on it.* In the last day of his master's life on earth he determined to stay with him. He could not be deterred by the senseless questions of his associates, nor by the testings of his loyalty that came when Elijah urged him to stay behind. He purposed to do one thing, and exemplified a noble loyalty and determination.

*Elisha asked for a double portion of the spirit that had rested upon his master.* At first this sounds like a strange request, giving the impression he was covetous or greedy. A more thorough examination indicates it was not a prayer of ambition but one of humility. He was actually expressing a need for more power just to reach the level of the man of God whom he so greatly admired. In Israel the firstborn son received two portions of his father's inheritance while each other son received only one. He was laying claim to the portion of the firstborn.

The ascending Elijah dropping his mantle to the earth is a picture of the ascending Christ sending the Holy Spirit upon His waiting disciples. Elisha wanted that power of the Holy Spirit to enable him to work effectively for God—and that is one of the prime requirements for a spiritual leader.

*Elisha used the mantle correctly.* The mantle was a

# New Prophets for a New Generation

By DON MALLOWH

token of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Elisha recognized its true significance and used it, as did his master, to demonstrate the power of God. The mantle was not just a relic to be put on display for future generations. It was not something only to be talked about. It was far more than merely the cloak of his predecessor. He knew the power was in God rather than in the mantle, but still he used it in calling down divine power.

*Elisha declared his allegiance to God.* At the passing of a gallant mentor many persons would bewail only their loss. Not so with Elisha. He did not say, "Where

is Elijah? The miracle worker is gone. Things will never be the same again." Instead, he said, "Where is *the God of Elijah?*" Right then he demonstrated that Elijah's God was still alive and on the throne. He admired Elijah, but knew the power came from his God—and that God's power hadn't diminished.

*Elisha ventured for God.* The last miracle of Elijah was to smite the waters with his mantle. The Jordan parted so the two of them could walk to the eastern shore. Now he had been caught up to heaven, and Elisha had to return to the other side. How would he get  
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# 'BETWEEN THE FIELDS OF TOIL'

By JAMES E. ADAMS

SUNDAY IS LIKE a stile between the fields of toil, where we can kneel and pray, sit and meditate." Many people accept the first part of this observation by Longfellow, but miss the blessedness of the latter. Some men would conclude the statement with, "Where we can kneel and pull weeds, or sit behind the steering wheel." And many women consider it should end with, "Where we can kneel and dust the furniture, or sit and watch television."

Many people still remember the good old days when they dressed in their "Sunday best" and went to the house of God. But their children may not be storing up such memories. One little girl knows only that weekends are her daddy's time to be the handyman around the house. She is used to seeing him wearing a flannel shirt—which has seen better days—for his Sunday jobs. One evening she spotted the old shirt and observed, "There's Daddy's Sunday shirt."

Many mothers who work away from home during the week use Sunday as their day to catch up with housework. Others take the day for physical rest and various forms of recreation. In too few cases are church attendance and worship considered a form of refreshing and renewal of spiritual resources.

Perhaps because of the many laborsaving devices and the shorter work week, we do not so readily see the need of this "stile between the fields of toil" for spiritual refreshing and worship to God. For few people today are being hospitalized from overwork. But more than half the nation's hospital beds are filled by the mentally ill, many of whom have simply collapsed from nervous strain.

The heavy traffic to and from work, the dull monotony (yet split-second timing) of the assembly line, the unending effort to placate the unpleasant customer, the

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rush to get Johnny off to school, the baby crying, the phone ringing, and endless other small and large emergencies all add to the strain of our never-normal days. Radio and television keep us informed of the details of growing international tensions, the space race, and the disasters that befall too many who are losing out in their own personal form of today's "rat race."

Preston J. Moore, past national commander of the American Legion, has said, "Americans are beginning to find out that there is more human dignity in kneeling before God than in lying on a couch before a psychiatrist."

As never before, men and women need to take time to "kneel and pray, sit and meditate." It is balm to the soul to kneel in prayer after a hectic day, to find peace and renewal in God's presence. And there is strength and joy in attending God's house on Sundays to worship Him. There we take time to know that God is near, that He cares, and that His presence can be ours in the "fields of toil."

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, a retired surgeon and executive editor of *Christianity Today*, observes, "Psychologists and psychiatrists are discovering that humanity must be reconciled to God." Addressing a group on "Religion and Psychiatry," he affirmed his respect for current psychiatric methods, but said, "There are thousands of people in America who are looking for help whose problem is primarily spiritual, not physical or mental. In their hearts is a spiritual hunger which can never be satisfied by anything or any person other than Jesus Christ."

But it is difficult to convince some people that they have a spiritual need and that God is the great Supplier. Howard was an example. He was a fine, clean-living young fellow but he never attended church. After being invited a number of times to a certain church, he went. Soon he found Christ as his Saviour, and his testimony is that "the week isn't complete without times of worship in the house of God."

God rested on the seventh day of creation's week and sanctified it. He decreed—for the good of man—that one day in seven be set aside for rest. Jesus also said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath." And in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ on Sunday, the Early Church came together upon the first day of the week.

Sunday, the "stile between the fields of toil, where we can kneel and pray, sit and meditate," can bring the old week to a satisfying completion and can renew our physical, mental, and spiritual powers for the new.



Once a follower of witch doctors, today Juan Martinez is a follower of Christ.



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By JOHN FRANKLIN  
Missionary to Guatemala

SITTING AT the breakfast table at Panajachel the other day, I drew a card from the promise box, and on the reverse side it read:

*Christ the Son of God hath sent me  
To the midnight lands;  
Mine the mighty ordination  
Of the pierced hands.*

I began to think of the great things God is doing through the Mayan people that we are reaching with the gospel—people such as Juan Martinez, now the superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Guatemala. It was 27 years ago we preached in his previously unevangelized village.

Here is the personal testimony of this descendant of the ancient Mayan Indians on whom we have seen “the mighty ordination of the pierced hands.”

“In the town of Comapa where I lived,” Juan Martinez says, “I knew nothing of the gospel or that believers in the gospel existed at all. We were in darkness. I was very sick and had suffered since childhood from seizures of epilepsy. In my mind and spirit I suffered continually.

“We sought by all possible means to find a cure—with the doctors and with the witch doctors. One witch doctor told me that there was no remedy for me because the attacks I suffered were from evil spirits. He meant that I was demon-possessed. We prayed to the saints and went to all the doctors and witch doctors we could afford, but in vain.

“Then the missionary came to our town to preach in an old, ruined house—the only place available. My brother visited the meetings the first night, and I went the second night. When the missionary asked if anyone wanted a service in his house, we asked him to come to ours. There in our house 16 accepted Christ.

“I had never heard of the gospel before this, and it came to us at a very opportune time. Six months before the missionary came, my father was crucifying the Lord. (It is the custom in many of the Catholic churches in our land to raise up a cross with an image of Christ on it on Friday of Easter week.) While he was high up on a ladder to crucify



Like the heavy burden of this child, the Mayan people are burdened with sin and ignorance of the true gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Prayer candles burn before an ancient Indian idol and a Roman Catholic cross, indicating the confused religion of the Mayans.

Christ, my father lost his balance and fell 15 feet to the floor. He lay unconscious, and everyone thought he was dead. A doctor said the spinal column was broken and other bones as well.

"My father made a vow never to return to the temple. He said later, 'The dead god, the god made of wood, has caused my death, but the living God of heaven has given me back my life!' It was a miracle for all that saw it, because after three days he was able to sit up again and was well.

"When I believed the gospel for the pardon of my sins, peace came into my heart, but I continued to have seizures. Then in a very definite form of blessing the Lord baptized me in the Holy Spirit. Since that moment, I was completely healed.

"I had only known Christ for a year and a half when I studied at a three-week Bible course that Brother Franklin held at Asunción. At that time he asked me to take a church that had no pastor. I felt called to the ministry, but I had great fear and could not decide, nor would I have decided had it not been for the missionary's encouragement. He said, 'You have a ministry and you can preach Christ.' But I said that I couldn't. I didn't know what to do.

"Then I received a definite call to the ministry. I dreamed of multitudes accepting Christ when I preached; so

I dedicated myself to the Lord for the ministry. There were many trials, but I knew that the Lord had called me, and that was what established me.

"In the beginning of my ministry, when we went out to take our first church, my wife was very unwilling to go and hard of heart. After we had traveled a while down the steep mountain path, she sat right down and said, 'I'll not go a step farther!' Then I took our little baby daughter away from her, and, carrying the little girl in my arms on the saddle, I spurred the mule on. (She had been following on foot. It was not because she was walking that she didn't follow me, since she was accustomed to walking, but it was because she didn't want to go into the ministry with me.) I traveled on alone with the baby a good piece, and when I looked back she was still there, sitting where I left her.

"I went back and begged her to go with me. Reluctantly, she followed, and we covered the 25 miles in this fashion to our first church in the little village of Horcones. It was indeed a very hard place. It was an infant work, and sometimes only two or three persons besides my wife and me came to the services. But we began to work and finally we had the blessing of God.

"When I first went to study in Bible school, I had had three years in the ministry. I had to work two

days a week to pay expenses, but the Lord helped me. My wife had only five pounds of coffee when I left, and I did not see her for three months; but she roasted those five pounds of coffee, and ground them, and sold them, made a little profit, and then bought more coffee, and as she continued to buy and sell and work, her business prospered. She never ran out of coffee! Instead of me sending her money, she was sending me money to help pay my expenses in Bible school.

"Several years later, the national conference elected me superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Guatemala. We have seen a very special growth and a revival that is moving over our field. My heart is in the work; and I believe that if the Lord allows us more time, the future will bring much more growth. We have over 200 churches and 244 ministers in our national work, and there are 83 students in our two Bible schools."

Thank God for the story of Juan Martínez, a man with "the mighty ordination of the pierced hands."

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# AFTER THE SERVICE IS OVER

By ARTHUR H. GRAVES

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I AM ASKING YOU to pray for something that has already happened! I know you are praying for *next* Sunday's services—for the presence of God to be real among the people, for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be upon God's Word as it is preached. But I am urging you to pray for the services that are past.

This is not my own idea. In the parable of the Sower and the Seed, Jesus showed us that the results produced by the preaching of the Word are often governed, not by what happens at the time the message is preached, but by what happens after the service is over. And sometimes the things which really determine the results of gospel preaching were not in evidence at the time the Word went forth.

We know how preachers love to give forth the Word of life under the conscious anointing of the Spirit. We know how encouraged the saints are as they realize in the service that the way has been prepared by prayer and now, in this precious atmosphere, the truth is finding its way into receptive hearts. We rejoice to see the seed sown under ideal conditions.

But we must realize in the midst of such a blessed service that the results may be finally determined by things which may not even exist during that service. Jesus gave us the explanation.

Three times the parable of the Sower and the Seed is given us in the Gospels, and this is one of the few parables the Lord Himself interpreted for us. The story is found in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. It is so familiar that I shall not repeat it here. We are interested in the interpretation which tells us much that we need to know.

Jesus says almost nothing in the parable about conditions at the time of the sowing of the seed. But He tells us a great deal about the conditions which affected that seed *after* it was sown, for in many cases those

were the things that determined the harvest. The "spiritual weather" in which the seed of the Word is sown may be delightful, the atmosphere may be clear, the sowing may be done just as it ought to be. But as we go home from such a service we must remember that it is not the "sowing conditions" alone, but the "growing conditions" as well, which may govern the crop.

"Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts," said Jesus—and that was *after* it was sown. Even the seed that fell by the wayside reached the ground at which it was aimed. And while the sower was there at work, he would surely drive the birds away. But the sower did not stay in that spot—the service does not continue indefinitely. It was not until "then" that the devil came and took away the seed. The sower could see that the wayside ground was not as promising as some other places, but he was sowing broadcast and hoping for as large a harvest as possible.

The second case Jesus explained was one that might have fooled the sower and almost everyone else who saw it. As far as appearance went it was the most encouraging case mentioned. The results came fast, the response was immediate. When the revival closed and reports were sent in, everybody was happy. But then it happened!

"He that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it." How encouraged the preacher was to see the Word received with joy. How good it made him feel to hear how much they enjoyed the message. And some came into the church, too: "Immediately it sprang up." This is the way it looked when the meetings closed and the evangelist said good-bye. This is the way it looked when the reports went out, and the evangelist received more calls.

Now everything was sincere and genuine so far. But this was not the harvest—it was the sowing. “Afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake . . . they are offended.” In spite of all that looked so encouraging at the time the seed was sown on the stony ground, the results were governed by this “afterward.” This is a case where things turned out so different from the way they looked to begin with. The encouraging appearance when the seed sprang up and grew so readily was not false—it was the real seed really growing. But how long it would last was finally determined by what was not yet seen, by the shallowness of the soil.

Then there is also the case where results of gospel preaching are finally determined by things which do not even exist at the time the seed is sown. In the case above the results were affected by what was not seen for a time, though it was really there all the time. But in the case of the thorns which grew up and choked the word, they grew after the sowing and right along with the good seed. All the care the sower exercised to have things just right for the sowing did not decide this case. No doubt he prepared the ground and chose a favorable day on which to plant his seed. And nothing was in sight that day to show what the deciding factor in the harvest would be. The thorns grew up—they were not there at the sowing.

How true this picture is of our experience with the word of the gospel. No matter how wonderful the service was in which the Word was preached, it may be things that develop later that will really determine what the outcome will be. The growing up of the weeds was not a failure of the sowing, it was a failure of cultivation. If the results of special meetings do not all last, it may be no fault of the evangelist. And on the other hand, the results in a campaign may be largely the harvest of previous sowing, which was weeded and ripened under the cultivation received since then.

In the case of the harvest from the good ground, the conditions which were so favorable at the sowing were carried through to the harvest, and the results were what was desired. No later change of conditions interfered with the crop. The growing conditions were as good as the sowing conditions and the ground that was good on top proved to be deep enough to support full growth. While the harvest was not as great in all parts of the field as in some, yet it was in proportion to the capacity of the ground to produce.

So, while we are praying for the next service or campaign, we see the need of praying for the last one; for while we enjoy glorious sowing times when the Word goes forth under ideal conditions, it is the reaping that finally counts. And the lesson of the parable shows us how often the results of seed sowing are determined finally by things which happen afterward, or did not show until afterward, or perhaps did not come into existence until later. You remember the mingling together of the “tears of the sower and the songs of the reaper”? The reaper is happy because the harvest is as great as it is, but the sower may remember how much greater the harvest would have been if all the seed that was sown had brought forth fruit. The reaper sees how much there is that grew—the sower remembers how much more seed was sown. Please pray again for last Sunday’s services. 



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Can you explain what is meant concerning women’s clothing, in 1 Peter 3:3 and 1 Timothy 2:9?*

These passages teach that Christian women should dress modestly. It would be well to think of this in these days of immodest apparel. We are “not of the world,” therefore let us avoid seeking to “make a fair show in the flesh.” If we really desire to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits “which are God’s,” we will dress accordingly. If people seek to glorify God, He will lead them. It is not for me to make myself the designer of the fashion they must adopt.

*Will God hear any prayer of a sinner, other than a prayer of repentance?*

The complete answer to this question we must leave with the Lord. The Psalmist said, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me” (Psalm 66:18). It is difficult to receive answers to our prayers if we feel condemned for sins in our lives which remain unforgiven. On the other hand, God is gracious and the Scripture says “the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance” (Romans 2:4). Is it not possible that among the many persons whom Jesus healed when He was upon earth there were some who were sinners?

*What scriptures support capital punishment?*

When God instituted human government, He said: “Whoso sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man” (Genesis 9:6). In giving the Law to Moses, God named several crimes which were considered deserving of capital punishment.

The New Testament also teaches capital punishment, as shown by the apostle Paul in Romans 13:4.

We cannot decrease crime by softening the penalty. Criminals may be saved by the grace of God, but this does not free them from the just penalty imposed by lawful government.

*Can you tell me what the Bible says concerning inter-marriage?*

As a rule Israelites were not to marry people of other nations. “When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel” (Deuteronomy 32:8).

If God set the bounds, we should not disregard them. God “hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation” (Acts 17:26).

However, if people violate this plan of God and enter into racially mixed marriages, let them be true to the persons they have chosen as their lifelong companions.

*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.*



Mrs. Francisca Figueroa

## JOURNEY TO BOLIVIA

*A Dream  
Come True*

"FOR YEARS, it had been my dream to visit Bolivia, South America, in the interest of missions," says Mrs. Francisca Figueroa, Women's Missionary Council president of the Latin American Branch of the Assemblies of God. "Then the opportunity came in the form of an official invitation from Mrs. Betty Grams, national president of the WMC in that country, 'to come and help them.' The time was especially opportune since I would be able to attend the first congress of the national women's organization as well as to itinerate among the churches.

"My hosts, Missionaries Monroe and Betty Grams, together with Brother and Sister Bruno Frigoli, were waiting for me when my plane landed in La Paz. They took me for a picnic lunch and some sightseeing before I began my speaking engagements.

"From the very first I was moved with compassion

by the great need of the Bolivian people who live under very primitive conditions. In some areas they possess only the barest necessities of life. The spiritual need of the country is even more acute than the physical want.

"The number of missionaries laboring there is so small in proportion to the task before them. It seemed to me that each person carried the responsibility of several men. Every time I was alone, I prayed, 'God, let Christians in other lands feel more responsible to those who have never heard. Send more help to this country, Lord. Why not send me?'

"One hindrance to the spread of the gospel is the lack of transportation and hence communication among the people. Travel for the average Bolivian is difficult. Riding in the back of a truck over very rough roads is the usual mode. But many are too poor to afford even



Mrs. Betty Grams (above), national president of the Bolivian CMF. At right, Mrs. Grams and Mrs. Figueroa about to lunch with the delegation of ladies from La Paz, who attended the first National Congress of the "Concilio Misionero Femenil" in Santa Cruz.

this means of transit and have to walk many miles to the church services.

"With my friends I rode from Oruro to Cochabamba in a truck over a very dangerous route through the Andes mountains. So treacherous was every turn that we could easily have gone over the precipice. I felt like a real missionary in a different world. I sincerely prayed, 'Lord, if I ever come this way again, please let me fly.'

"For five days our meetings were among the Quechua Indians at Cochabamba. Each of these tribes has a distinctive dialect, but many understand the Spanish.

"From the cold climate of the highlands, we went to Santa Cruz in the lowlands. There sleep was difficult because of the great heat and insects. I had the singular privilege of ministering in sessions of the first National Training Congress of the *Concilio Misionero Femenil* (Women's Missionary Council) to be held in Bolivia. Seventy-three women attended the five-day meeting where they received training for their personal and family life besides spiritual instruction. This kind of meeting is a big step forward in the work among the women of Bolivia.

"Following the CMF congress, we made a tour of the churches in the jungles of the Santa Cruz region. There, with the aid of an interpreter, I spoke as many as three times a day to groups of Guarani Indians. Again the roads were very rough—almost impassable in places, and travel was exhausting. But all weariness vanished at the sight of crowds of people hungry for the Word of God. Many found relief from their burden of sin, others were filled with the Holy Spirit, and still others witnessed to definite experiences of healing.

"As I said, my trip was 'a dream come true,' but with the fulfillment of my dream has come an overwhelming concern for the people of Bolivia and for our missionaries who are expending themselves unreservedly. I am still speaking to the Lord of the harvest about more laborers and more funds for that primitive land."

Mrs. Betty Grams adds some interesting facts about the women of Bolivia. She says that a new day is dawning for the mountain women of this South American country. For centuries Aymara Indian women have been considered only for their capacity to labor in the fields, plowing, planting potatoes, or carrying heavy burdens. Many times the women have to stay home to care for the family's sheep and llamas while the men go to church.

"Recently we visited the rural Andes mountain churches and presented the value of the work the women can do in the church. We told how the *Concilio Misionero Femenil* can become a part of the life of these Indian churches. The men came to the meetings to hear about what the women could do. Senora Blanca de Guevara of La Paz, the sectional representative for this highland Andes mountain region, accompanied me. We had to push the Volkswagen up some of the steep inclines, but we were able to visit five mountain churches.

"Women came with their babies tied on their backs in colorful handmade blankets. They wore black derbies on their heads and rubber-tire sandals on their feet. They squatted on the floor along the side of the church so their husbands could occupy the benches made of planks mounted on mud bricks.

"The program presented the importance of their prayers and of communion. We spoke of their homelife and



Aymara Indian women knitting the wool they have carded and spun into a sweater to be "used for the Lord's work." In lower photo Mrs. Figueroa and Mrs. Grams watch a WMC group spinning raw Alpaca wool into yarn.

the work they could do. The response to our message given in Spanish through an interpreter was gratifying. They nodded their heads indicating that they understood. 'Yes,' they said, 'We all have llamas and sheep. We can cut the wool, card, spin, dye, and make it into sweaters and blankets to help the Lord's work.'

"One group of women showed us the balls of crude natural yarn they already had prepared. Another group had made a loom from poles and are now making a woolen rug with handmade bone shuttle. The warp is the natural alpaca wool.

"For one who does not live among these Indian people it is hard to realize the obstacles that must be overcome in a primitive agricultural society before the men and pastors will even consider allowing the women to begin meetings and to learn new things.

"For 13 years we have worked in this high mountain Andean region of La Paz, and only now are the women beginning to have an opportunity to serve God. 'A new day is dawning.'"



# Missionettes Feed Seeing-Eye Dog

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

THE MISSIONETTES OF Calvary Assembly, Norfolk, Va., probably have a unique ministry among more than 40,000 Missionettes around the world. Each time a girl attends a Missionettes meeting, she brings a can of dog food—besides any contribution she makes toward other projects.

These Missionettes are vitally interested in Mrs. Alice Turner, who is totally blind, and her Seeing-Eye dog, Nettie. Since Mrs. Turner lives on a very limited income, the food which Missionettes provide for her dog is a great help.

Mrs. Turner has had several heart attacks but each day she walks from 16 to 20 blocks with the aid of Nettie. She does her own housekeeping, has a garden, and is talented in handcraft.

Frank C. Mays, pastor of Calvary Assembly, reports that each Sunday Mrs. Turner and her beautiful dog

make their way to Sunday school. She uses the Braille lessons prepared under the auspices of the National Home Missions Department and is one of the most versed students in any department. She is an ardent Christian.

Mrs. Turner is not interested in human sympathy because she is blind. She feels her blindness is a blessing in disguise to help her win many people to Christ, and this she has been able to do through the years.

Thirty years ago Mrs. Turner found the Lord as Saviour and felt her calling was to work with children. She took as many as 30 to Sunday school each Sunday morning, often going into homes to help dress them and sometimes even taking them to her home for breakfast.

She has been given up to die several times, but each time the Lord intervened and spared her life. In 1952, she was stricken with cancer of the eyeball in her left eye. She underwent surgery, but the doctor held no hope for her recovery. Six months later the same trouble came in her right eye; but God did hear the many prayers of fellow Christians, and Mrs. Turner's life was spared.

She says, "God gave me double hearing, a talent to make articles with my hands, the ability to learn Braille, and a Seeing-Eye dog."

She adds, "The Missionettes are a fine group of girls; they are doing good work and I appreciate the way they supply my dog with food." The Missionettes, in turn, are inspired by Mrs. Turner's life. She has helped the girls in some of their projects.

Mrs. Turner's pastor writes, "Mrs. Turner has been a great inspiration to me. In a day when many people find excuses to miss church, how wonderful to know this dear woman with her physical handicap has received a vision far greater than any physical vision, and that is of Christ and His power to give victory. Mrs. Turner is indeed an example of Christian grace whose life grows sweeter as the days go by." 

Here are the Missionettes of Calvary Assembly, Norfolk, Va., with Mrs. Alice Turner and her Seeing-Eye dog, Nettie. Mrs. Dorothy Smith is Missionettes sponsor.



# HAPPINESS IS FREEDOM

A TERRIFIED HUMMINGBIRD shivered in the bottom of a quart jar while two blond "giants" showed him triumphantly to their mother. After all, it was no small feat to catch this tiny creature whose wings fluttered 70 times a second. But the wings were still now, and only the ruby throat quivered in fright, pleading silently for freedom.

The mother gave her children a quick lecture about kindness to birds and asked how they would like to be trapped in a glass cage with only a limited amount of air! That settled it. The joy of capturing a treasure fled. They hurried to the patio, jerked off the jar top, and the hummingbird soared straight into the sky.

Happiness for him was physical freedom. For us who are creatures of eternity, happiness is spiritual freedom, regardless of our physical limitations. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. . . . Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:1).

—BEVERLY V. GARBER



## IN GOD DO WE TRUST?

I GLANCED AT A CLOCK on the wall of the bus station and noted it was half an hour till the bus was due. I believed the clock and I trusted the schedule. So did everyone else there, apparently. Some read, some relaxed, some slept. No one asked the ticket agent if he was sure the bus would come at the appointed time. We believed it would be there, and we had no doubt that it would be sufficient in size and power to get us to our destination. All this we took for granted.

The money with which we had purchased our tickets said, "In God we trust." But—do we believe as surely in our God? Philippians 4:19 says, "My God shall supply all your needs," but when trials come, and physical and financial needs pile up, does our confidence in this promise hold up?

Staggering needs never stagger our God. Our problems never surprise Him. Some of our worry comes from our limited concepts of God's resources. Moses looked out on 600,000 people waiting for food and momentarily wondered whether God had enough fish in the sea or herbs in the field to feed such a multitude. But God fed them from an unexpected source—He used quail.

It is important to realize that God has more than one means of meeting our great needs. Let us accept and trust His promise and leave the means to Him.

—ROBERT L. HENDERSON

## DON'T CHANGE THE LABELS!

The late Dr. W. E. Sangster told of a certain conference he attended some years ago. It was a joint meeting of medical doctors, ministers of religion, and psychiatrists, convened to discuss ways in which they could work together.

In the discussion there were repeated references to what was termed "pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships."

Dr. Sangster, of course, fully understood the meaning

of such talk; but in the gathering was an old rural clergyman who seemed confused by the terms. He couldn't follow all of the discussion, and finally burst out: "Pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships? Do you mean fornication and adultery?"

Astonishment (and, maybe, confusion) broke upon many of the cultured members of that assembly as the old saint fired such blunt—but Biblical—words at them.

Said Dr. Sangster: "We like to gloss things over with less challenging names, and that is one of the ways in which we grease the path to SIN."

We tamper with poison labels at our grave peril!

—The Flame

## MY PROBLEM

I HAVE A PROBLEM. It is not that I find it hard to tell others of Christ. My problem is rather that it is hard to live among the lost and not be able to tell them all of Christ.

I need only to walk the streets for a few blocks to see the unhappiness in the faces of men. Each face represents a soul. And the little children so happy now, so naive. Will they ever come to know Jesus, or will they be misled by the very parents I also long to tell of His love?

It is too great and terrible to know Him, and not be able to share Him with the whole world. Those who are in fear, in sadness, in unbelief, in sorrow, in distress, each could know the relief of perfect peace that Jesus gives. I have found it. And the very discovery is the hard part—knowing that He is the answer, yet not being able to present Him to each one effectively.

There are the lonely in heart, the ones at Wit's End Corner, and the children.

*O God, give me children who are hungry and have not heard! Give me young people who will receive the challenge of living for Thee.*

I would tell the whole world the good news, but that is not given to me. So I pray for one sincere heart to come to know Him in all His reality and beauty, because I spoke and did not keep silent.

*I cannot for long stand idly by  
When I've heard the lost and dying cry.  
Where'er I go, their plea is heard.  
I long to offer the Living Word;  
I need to serve the Living Bread  
To hungry souls who must be fed.  
To highways and hills I need not go;  
I find the dead in the throngs below.  
One life on earth and then 'twill be  
My Jesus face to face I'll see.  
There in heaven I'll need not tell  
The love of Christ to save from hell;  
But each day while on earth I tread,  
May I give someone the living Bread!*

—DORIS WARREN



LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST PROVIDES HELP

# TRACT DISTRIBUTION

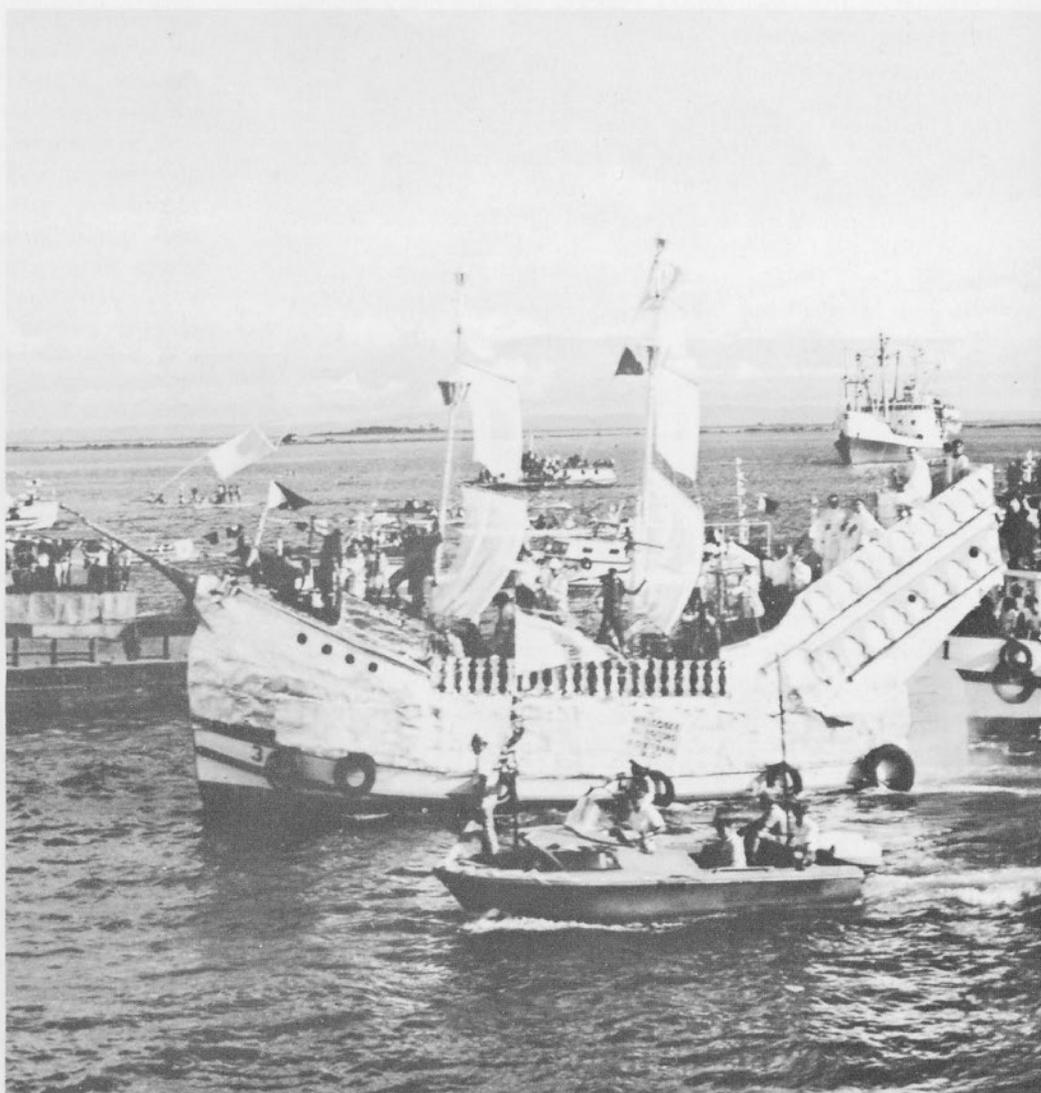
## Successful in Philippines Quadricentennial

THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 1965 found Cebu City, Philippines, in a flurry of excitement. It was the quadricentennial of the Christianization of the Philippines. Thousands of visitors from all over the world were expected.

Of course, we could think of only one thing: What a wonderful opportunity to reach people for the Lord! Literature was obviously the way to do this. Light-for-the-Lost answered the need by sending \$1,500 for tracts to be printed by our Evangel Press in Manila.

Excitement mounted as the days of the celebration approached. The crates of tracts arrived from Manila, and the students of Immanuel Bible Institute and our church people prepared to distribute this literature.

One of our tracts was entitled, *The Finding of the Image of the Santo Nino*. It was the story of the little image which played such an important role in the celebration. The tract was written with a spiritual application and an invitation to seek Christ. It was, to our happy surprise, well-received by Catholics. A priest was distributing them on a Jeepney and encouraging people to read them. A street vendor selling Santo Nino souvenirs begged for a supply to give out with each item she sold. (Her





Left photo: Preparation of tracts at Evangel Press in Manila for distribution at Centennial. Center: Missionary Calvin Zeissler on hand to meet ship when tracts arrive in Cebu. Right: Missionary Stanley Faulkner distributes tracts to men on the pier.



Top photo: Brother Faulkner and Pastor Lusica of Bethel Temple carry a box of tracts. Lower photo: Together they look over some of the tracts.



Top photo: James Boulware, visiting pastor from Aurora, Colo., ministers on a small island. Lower photo: Tract distribution in a small island service.

By STANLEY FAULKNER  
Missionary to Philippine Islands

request was granted.) Responses were received from people who read the tracts and wanted more information.

More than a million people gathered in Cebu City for what they considered a "highly successful" quadricentennial celebration. They were met everywhere by Christians faithfully distributing gospel literature.

The celebration is over but our literature distribution has not ended. During the recent All-Saints Day, when the devout went to the graveyards to pray for their departed loved ones, our Christ's Ambassadors distributed literature in the cemeteries.

Students from Immanuel Bible Institute take supplies of tracts with them every week as they go to their outstation posts. They also go to the airport, bus stations, and piers distributing literature.

We have a boat we use to reach small islands that are yet unevangelized—and literature plays a large part in this evangelization. The people are eager for reading material, and they are interested in the gospel message.

We thank the Lord for the Men's Fellowship program of Light-for-the-Lost and the worthwhile job it is doing in this part of the world.



Left photo: The reenactment of the arrival of Magellan in Cebu. Above: Part of the crowd of more than a million people who came from all over the world for the celebration.



A Filipino boat evangelist distributes Santo Nino tracts.

the **G**reeks had  
**F**our **W**ords  
 for **I**t

By DOROTHY C. HASKIN

**I**F YOUR MARRIAGE IS TURNING to ashes in your hand, why not try love? Love has rekindled many a smoldering marriage.

"But," you protest, "of course I love my husband or I wouldn't have married him. It's just that he's—oh, he's—"

No doubt you do love him. What, however, is the quality of your love? The Greeks had four different words for love.

One of these is *eros*, which was the name of the Greek god of love. The idea behind this god has come down to us in our conception of Cupid, whose name comes from the Latin word for *desire*. Therefore, we interpret *eros* as physical love or passion.

Some young couples marry on the basis of physical attraction. Their desire for each other is so intense they are unaware that their love should be deeper. Physical response between married couples is important. But passion is like a piece of burning paper; the flame is bright but also brief. Something more lasting is also needed.

I remember how, soon after I was married, I used to enjoy walking on the beach with the wind in my hair and my husband striding by my side. We talked freely. And we would laugh. At least, I laughed and he smiled a broad, dear smile. The best English word to express this feeling is *affection*. The Greeks called it *phileo*. Our English derivation is *filial*, the affection of a child for his father.

*Phileo* also implies the kind of love one has for a friend or brother. There is a sense in which you must feel toward your husband as you would toward a dear brother. You cannot spend all your life in an emotional upheaval. Mutual interests draw you together. Fortunately, most marriages include this kind of love. And you can increase it by planning for quiet times of discussion, by being alone together. Try shutting off the TV, fixing some popcorn, and talking with one another—but not about the children, or the budget! A walk, a game, a piece of music—these things will help you to become better acquainted with this ever-changing person whom you have married. Take time to appraise yourself, and him, and see if you both are still going in the same direction. If not, you may learn of a few

adjustments to make on both sides which will improve the marriage.

While physical love is like a burning paper, this type of love may be likened to a burning log. You put the log in the fireplace, light it, and watch the slow, lingering flame.

Then there is *stergo*, a Greek word which designates the quiet and abiding feeling within us, which, resting on an object near to us, recognizes that we are closely bound up with it and takes satisfaction in its recognition. It is a love that is a natural movement of the soul, something almost like gravitation. It is the love of parents for children, and children for parents; of husband for wife, and wife for husband. "It is love of obligatoriness," said Kenneth Wuest, "the term being used here not in its moral sense, but in a natural sense. It is a necessity under the circumstances. Men are said to be without this natural love, in Romans 1:31 and 2 Timothy 3:3."

There is, however, another dimension to love, one the ego objects to giving. Yet there are times when only this type of love will save a marriage. The Greeks' fourth word for love was *agape* which means selfless love. Too few of us have this type of love.

I know I didn't when I first married. My now deceased husband was an alcoholic, and I came to the time when I had either to separate from him, or be willing to sacrifice a hundred personal preferences in order to give him the feeling of confidence that he needed to keep from drinking. How many little things I did that my ego didn't want to do! In the end this love, like a constant flame, always there to warm him, gave him the feeling of security that he needed.

The best description of *agape* is found in the Holy Bible, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. (The following quotations are from The Berkeley Version.)

"*Love endures long and is kind.*" It is fairly easy to be shortsuffering. One achieves a certain feeling of virtue. But to be longsuffering takes a great deal out of a person. Though many a night I kissed my husband to check if he had been drinking, I said nothing to indicate that I had any doubt along that line. I had to show confidence that he would stay sober. Probably you do not have a husband who is an alcoholic. But your husband may have some other fault about which you can be patient. Does he spend money too freely? Or perhaps not freely enough? Is he careless or untidy? Does he have a hobby that seems to devour all his spare time? Whatever his fault is, you can be kind, not just once, but many times. Love endures long, and is kind all the way.

"*Love . . . is not jealous.*" How easy it is to be jealous of one's mate if he or she is the more outgoing. Yet this fourth kind of love, instead of being jealous because one's mate is friendly, is happy that he or she is appreciated and noticed. It takes death to the ego to maintain this attitude. The natural reaction is to scream, "Look at me!" But if you truly love him, you rejoice in his being accepted by others. And if you do this, the end result is your own happiness as well as his. If you are jealous, he will be annoyed at your pettiness; but if you rejoice with him, he'll count you as his favorite audience and best friend.

"*Love is not out for display.*" How often we see one

# HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES

IT WAS PAUL THE APOSTLE who wrote, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). These words, inspired by the Holy Spirit, indicate that God expects the husband to show more consideration to his wife than merely to pay the bills, and to buy her flowers and candy on Valentine Day.

The love Christ bestows upon the Church is a self-sacrificing love, a love that seeks the best interests of the one that is loved, without counting the cost to itself. Is the standard too high?

Husband and wife should be a team. One will not boss the other, if there is true love between them. The Bible states they are "heirs together of the grace of life," and says to the husband, "Give honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel...that your prayers be not hindered" (1 Peter 3:7).

It is true that the Scripture also says "the husband

is the head of the wife," but it adds, "even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). When the husband is Christlike as this verse indicates, it is not difficult for the wife to recognize his headship!

There is no license for the husband to be domineering and unkind. Couples who put the Lord first in all things will work things out together, working as partners, each assuming his share of the responsibility to make their marriage and their home a happy success for the glory of God and the eternal good of all concerned.

Matthew Henry's comment on Genesis 2:21, 22 is very appropriate. He wrote:

"The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved."

Therefore, "so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Ephesians 5:28). The more love he gives, the more he will receive in return. Happy is the man who learns this secret.

marriage partner pit himself against the other, belittling in order to prove his own superiority. Sometimes it is correcting the speech of the partner in public. (If he appreciates it, correct him privately, but not otherwise.) Or a man may belittle his wife because she knows so little about a car. What a petty spirit is displayed in the one who does it! How can a marriage be happy if one mate is constantly being downgraded to prop up the other's ego?

"*Love... is not self-seeking.*" On this point, all of us are guilty at one time or another. We want our own way. For example, one sacrifice I made was to stop moving the furniture. I enjoy rearranging a room. To me, it gives a place a new look. But it disturbed my husband's sense of security. He couldn't stand to come home and find a piece of furniture moved. When I sensed how important this was to him, I stopped moving the furniture. Your husband might not mind if you moved it every day, but there may be some other way your will crosses his. By giving in on the point, you will gain much more than you lose. Your husband has to feel that he is on top some place, and feeling that way at home is the morale booster most men need.

"*Love... is not irritable.*" Sometimes, when you have been frustrated all day long at every turn, all you have left is irritability. So when the day arrives that you can't be civil—can't even smile at a dear little month-old baby—it's time to delay dinner, forget the phone, go take a bath with your best bath oil, put on a fresh dress and take extra time with your hair. Being pleasant for this man with whom you expect to spend the rest of your life is more important than meals, meetings, or whatever you may have to postpone in order to regain your poise.

"*Love... does not take account of a suffered wrong.*" Never did I permit myself to remind my husband, even in an angered moment, how much his alcoholism had cost us, the attractive things we might have had in our home. And though your husband is not an alcoholic, there are other "suffered wrongs" of which you will not

keep an account if your love is deep enough.

"*Love... takes no pleasure in injustice, but it sides happily with truth.*" It is a strange commentary on marriage that sometimes the bitterness between a couple can be so great that one rejoices when the other is hurt. If you find within yourself even the smallest satisfaction when something your husband does turns out wrong, *watch yourself*; you are allowing a root of bitterness to start which will grow and grow. Always look for the good in that man you married.

"*Love... covers up everything.*" Don't go around telling your neighbors or your parents his faults. Cover them up. It is so human to want pity, but afterwards you will be embarrassed because you have told his faults.

"*Love... has unquenchable faith.*" Life has its winters, but as Shelley said, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" No matter how dark your marriage may be, there is hope. True love always hopes for renewal as winter waits for spring. That which once drew you together cannot be totally gone. Nurture your faith in each other, and show it freely.

"*Love... hopes under all circumstances.*" To me, this included the night he worked on the election board and did not get home until after dawn. Do you worry when your husband is late? Why not try hope instead? There may be a good reason for his being late.

"*Love... endures without limit.*" I cannot say that I fully achieved this; but the day before he died, he put his arm around me and said, "You've been a good wife to me."

Probably you too will not achieve the high standard set before us in the Bible, but a man's reach must exceed his grasp. If you strive toward *agape*, you will make yourself and your husband happy.

The various words the Greeks had for love may never be said in your home, but try three simple English words that work wonders when said sincerely. Tell your husband with every word and action, and often literally, "I love you."

# FOLLOW TRUTH

By MEL J. DeVRIES  
National Representative, Sunday School Department

"Do YOU SUPPOSE I would betray a friend? No sir! I would die a thousand times first!"

These noble words were uttered by Samuel Davis, a 19-year-old Confederate scout, knowing he could save his own life by exposing the Union officer who had given him the campaign plans discovered on his person.

Two more opportunities were offered him before his execution, but each time he staunchly declared that never, even to save his own life, would he betray a friend.

This is probably the attitude you would take toward many of your friends. Has it occurred to you that one of your very best "friends" may be in the realm of basic scriptural principles—truth which has its foundation in the Bible? Surely our right attitude is as important toward this "friend" as it is toward other friends. Would you defend the doctrines of the Scripture (which give positive direction to your life) as forthrightly as you would defend a cherished human friend?

Faithfulness to the doctrines of the Scripture will be emphasized in Assemblies of God Sunday schools during the 1966 Loyalty Campaign. This annual campaign begins the Sunday after Easter and continues through Pentecost Sunday (April 17 to May 29). The theme of this spring campaign drawn up by the Sunday School Department is, "Follow Truth." It reminds us, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

The purpose of the Loyalty Campaign is to encourage all of us to reaffirm our convictions with regard to several of the great statements of truth for which our forefathers so courageously stood. These footprints from the past will lead us safely into the future. For the seven Sundays of the campaign we will highlight the following truths:

- APRIL 17—*The Bible Is Inspired*
- APRIL 24—*There Is One True God*
- MAY 1—*Christ Is the Only Saviour*
- MAY 8—*Healing Is God's Provision*
- MAY 15—*The Church Is the Body of Christ*
- MAY 22—*Christ Is Coming Again*
- MAY 29—*The Holy Spirit Empowers for Service*

A Scripture Pak will be given to each pupil. It will contain a memory verse relating to each truth. Having hidden the scriptural basis for each truth in our hearts, we will have these "friends" close by at all times.

Two basic planning tools for the campaign are: (1) *The Loyalty Plannerette*, contained in the March issue of *Advance* (the ministers' magazine) as a 12-page clip-

out section. It will give direction for advance planning and aids to be used during the campaign. (2) *The Superintendent's Planner*, which can be ordered on your next quarterly literature order blank from the Gospel Publishing House. It contains ideas for the opening assemblies of the seven Sundays of the campaign and beams its material to each of three groups: adults, youth, and children.

Besides these planning tools there will be a fine array of specially designed materials which will assist your school in achieving the objectives of the campaign. Many of these are in a sample packet of campaign materials available from the Gospel Publishing House for the nominal cost of 25 cents. Ask for the Loyalty Campaign Packet.

Loyalty to Bible doctrines means a practical application of them in day-by-day living. No one can doubt that this will lead to regular attendance in the house of God where they are faithfully proclaimed. 

## NEW NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED

MEL J. DeVRIES has been appointed national Sunday school representative. He replaces Harold Burris, who is now associate pastor at Bethel Temple, Dallas, Texas.

Brother DeVries comes to his national post with a rich background of ministry and experience in administrative work. He was ordained by the Minnesota District in 1955 and began his ministry as an assistant pastor at Spring Valley, Minnesota. He then pastored at Granite Falls, Minnesota, and at Lisbon, North Dakota.

Following these pastorates he served the North Dakota District as district Sunday school director, C. A. president, and men's fellowship director. For the past three years he was the district secretary-treasurer. Besides these duties he served as a general presbyter and was secretary of the board of directors for Hub City Bible Institute.

As national Sunday school representative, Brother DeVries will engage in field ministry much of the time. He is available as a speaker for district and sectional Sunday school functions, as well as for local churches. In the Springfield office he serves as program coordinator, which involves guiding the Enlargement and Loyalty Campaigns, and coordinating all the Sunday school calendar emphases. He also serves as consultant for Sunday school records, for the extension department, and for the junior age level.

Brother DeVries, his wife Harriet, and their six children (two girls and four boys) have already settled in Springfield. We are sure the Sunday schools of the nation will benefit from Brother DeVries' ministry.

## New Prophets for a New Generation

(Continued from page seven)

there? Ordinary men would have found a natural way, but Elisha chose to return as he had come. His first miracle was to be identical to the last one of his master. He tried it—and it worked.

Elisha put God to the test. He believed God, then acted, and the results of his faith were evident to all. Then and there the power of Elijah became the power of Elisha.

Once Elisha had been just one among the many sons of the prophets. He probably would not have been chosen by his classmates as the most likely to succeed. It is most unlikely that he would have been called a "preacher's preacher." Yet now, to the surprise of many, he came to the fore suddenly as the prophet of the new generation.

Elisha was different from the others. They chose the more "sophisticated" role, to ask senseless questions, to deter the spiritual pursuits of others, to stand afar off, to look askance at the miracles of God, and to propound weird theories and explanations for the supernatural. These are the rank-and-file of the would-be prophets, but Elisha stood head and shoulders above them.

The eyes of the Lord are searching out new prophets for a new generation. His call is for those who will dare to be different. Spiritual giants of the past have fallen in the fray. Shall we only lament, "How are the mighty fallen"? Or shall we call on their God to continue His work? God has an Elisha to pick up the mantle of every Elijah. He may be in the classroom or still behind the plow. He may be found in a metropolitan pulpit or in a little white church at a country crossroads. He may be laden with talents or the person counted least likely to succeed.

The qualifications for prophets today are the same as those in the day of Elisha. All other advantages take second place to a determination and purpose to follow the Lord, a yearning for the mantle of the Holy Spirit, a willingness to demonstrate the power of God, and a venturing to do exploits in His name. Who will dare leave the crowd behind and follow this lonely path? Who will believe for the same miracles, and even more? Who will rise above the cynicism and questioning of the majority? There is room at the top for the Elisha who will sell himself out for God.

There can and should be new prophets in a new generation. It is not enough to be in a church founded by an illustrious pioneer. We cannot be content to be in a movement that has been phenomenally blessed by God. There is no satisfaction in merely reading of dramatic faith exploits out of the past. Instead of reveling in the Elijah of the past we must become an Elisha of the present.

Where is the God of Elijah?

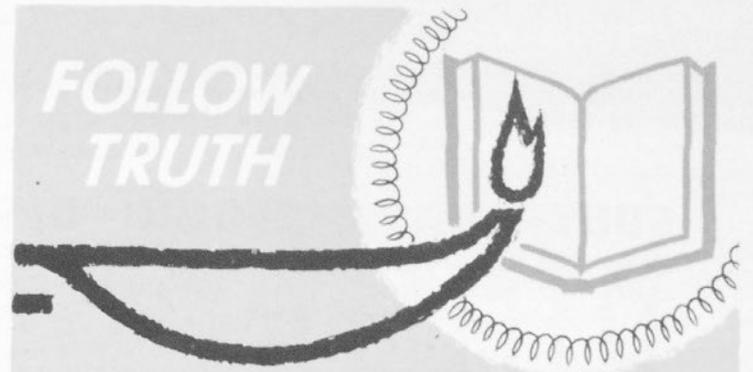
Where is the God of the Pentecostal pioneers?

Where is the God of great miracles?

The answer to these questions is simple. He is still on the Throne and ready to work.

One other question also demands an answer. Where are the prophets who shall arise to serve this generation?

FOLLOW  
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## PREVIEW THE 1966 LOYALTY CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

You can read about the unusual emphasis in the 1966 Loyalty Campaign elsewhere in this **Evangel**. Here we wish to urge you to order your sample packet of campaign materials. With the "Loyalty Plannerette" (from the March issue of **Advance**) and the sample packet at hand, you will be able to plan intelligently and effectively for an outstanding 1966 campaign. The sample packet contains a Scripture Pak, an Attendance Certificate, a Bible Lapel Clip, a Campaign Poster and Postcard, an Invitation Folder, and the tract, "How to Read Your Bible."

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In the Southern Missouri District, 22 new churches were opened in the 1963-64 biennium. The district ranks third in the nation for the five-year period (1960-64).

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT IS PIONEERING

By N. CLEO TAPP • Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District

SEVERAL YEARS AGO the Southern Missouri District took a long look at home missions. Various fine programs of the National Home Missions Department and those being used by us and other districts were reviewed; innovations were considered. From these we felt we could develop methods to establish new churches, methods which would be suitable to the particular areas and situations involved.

With the new decade opening be-

fore us, we set as our goal opening 100 new churches in 10 years. We are using a variety of methods to reach the goal so that no two churches are exactly alike in their beginnings. During the 1963-64 biennium, a total of 22 new works were opened.

Occasionally an independent Pentecostal group has asked for affiliation. In 1963, Connie Puckett began services in his home in Brandsville. He soon erected a 20- by 30-foot building to accommodate the growing congregation. Brother Puckett came into the Assemblies of God, and the church became affiliated.

Before long it was apparent that the new building would be too small, so the church bought ground for the new and larger edifice now being built. The West Plains Section, the Men's Fellowship of the section, and interested churches and individuals have aided this congregation in its program.

Other churches have come in a similar manner. They usually have needs for underwriting loans or for other assistance from the district or section.

Sometimes an assembly may almost fail but then will take on new life by moving to a more populous area. The work at Desloge, for example, was a basement church with a history of up-and-down success. Finally the work closed. Earl Cover felt the Lord led him to nearby Highley Heights in January, 1964. There he built a white brick church with five Sunday school rooms. It was dedicated in November, 1964.

After Brother Cover left the work, Joseph Fulton became pastor and has continued to lead the church to victory. The basement in Desloge has been sold and the money invested in the work at Highley Heights.

Pastor C. F. Hembree in Brentwood found it extremely difficult to hold attendance. Finally only a couple of families remained. So they sold the building and bought property in Ballwin to begin a new effort. Immediately, the work prospered.

The district has underwritten loans for these churches, but the work has otherwise carried on alone.

Sometimes a minister has asked permission to pioneer a church on his own. First Assembly in Spanish Lake began April 5, 1964, with Pastor S. G. Cunningham holding services in his home. Now the congregation averages over 40 and has property for a new building.

In 1963, J. Chaney rented a building in Odessa. The Kansas City Section helped him for some time. He



Odessa Assembly—J. Chaney, pastor.

Highley Heights Assembly—Joseph Fulton, pastor.



Susquehanna Assembly—James Odem, pastor.



left a year later, and Robert Mallory accepted the pastorate. This congregation bought a small church and now is ready to begin a building program.

In June, 1964, Elbert Mason left a prospering pastorate to begin services in House Springs in a rented building. A new 45- by 60-foot brick-veneer building was dedicated in November, 1965, with the Sunday school averaging 67.

Sometimes a church will "mother" a new effort. Sheffield Assembly in Kansas City, led by pastor C. W. Quattlebaum, went into Susquehanna, purchased land, and underwrote a loan to erect a beautiful building. On the very first Sunday an overflow crowd was in attendance, and the Sunday school began averaging over 100 in a few weeks under the pastoral leadership of James Odem.

Sometimes a section has surveyed a field, secured a pastor, and financed a program. Roby Assembly is a case in point. The West Plains Section backed Calvin Taylor who began meetings in a brush arbor July 5, 1964. Eight months later the district superintendent dedicated a new building appraised at \$20,000. Many have been saved and filled with the Spirit, and 60 have been baptized in water. The Sunday school has increased to an average of 116. W. O. Cox, sectional missionary secretary, and Presbyter G. A. Gaddis promoted the program.

The Sedalia Section backed the beginning of the Tipton Assembly by Pastor Jack Moore. An interested lady donated acreage, and a lovely church was built with the help of the section and the district.

Sometimes the *Breakthrough Committee* of the district chooses a site, a pastor, and an opening date. In 1963, a county seat town of 5,000 was chosen. Charley Upchurch went to Jackson, Missouri, in September and began services in his home. In four months workers contacted over 800 homes. They purchased acreage and built a lovely church with a 30- by 50-foot auditorium and a 40- by 60-foot educational unit with living quarters. After dedicating the church, Brother Upchurch was asked to head another pioneer program, and W. V. Akins came to take the Jackson work. The church moved on! Plans for a new program for Kansas City in 1966 are underway.

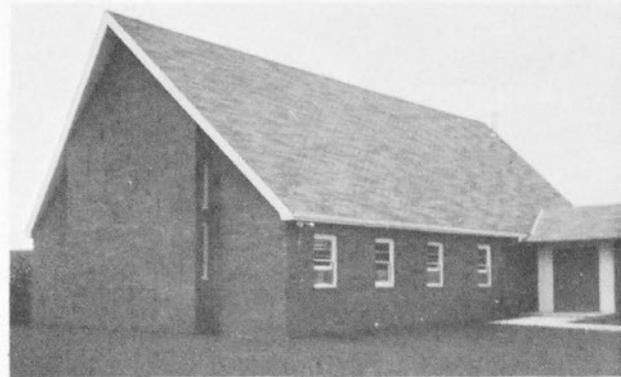
Whether new churches are established in one manner, or in another, we rejoice that the number is increasing. We do not feel it is important to follow a particular program to establish a new work. However, we do insist that each pioneer worker receive endorsement from the presbyter in the section where the proposed new work is to be started. This may be given personally, or through a vote of the ministers of the section. After such approval is secured, the worker has an equal right with any other approved work to ask for any aid the district may be able to give. Every problem of the pioneer effort thus becomes the problem of the district, and of the section, as well as of the pioneer pastor.

In four years 45 new churches have been opened in the district. This is almost half of the proposed 100 new churches we hope to begin during this decade.

**Jackson Assembly—W. V. Akins, pastor.**



**House Springs Assembly—Elbert Mason, pastor.**



**Tipton Assembly—Jack Moore, pastor.**

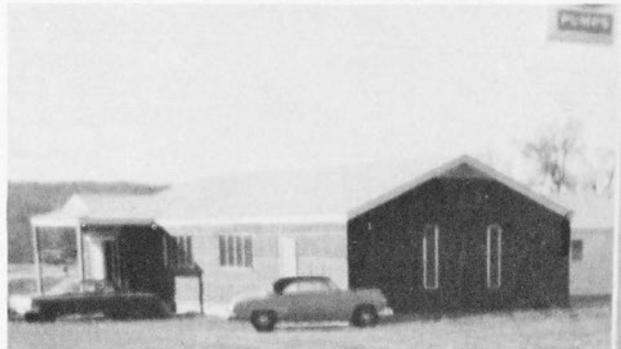


**Roby Assembly—Calvin Taylor, pastor.**



**Fenton Assembly was started in 1964 and services are held in this rented building. Raymond Rowden, pastor.**

**Pineville Assembly—C. C. Thompson, pastor. Educational unit opened for services in 1965.**





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This is part of the group of 40 ministers and their wives who were guests of Lester Searles, Arizona Revivaltime Representative, at a Phoenix-area Revivaltime banquet. Brother Searles is pastor of the Westwood Assembly in Phoenix. Guest speaker for the occasion was Stanley Michael (second from left, in photo at right). Standing with Brother Michael are J. K. Gressett, district superintendent, Lester Searles, and Howard Cummings, district secretary.

spiring messages. My radio is all that is left for me, and your broadcast has blessed me greatly."

A Coos Bay, Oreg., listener testifies: "I have really enjoyed *Revivaltime* since being confined to bed as a result of a hip operation. If it weren't for the broadcast service, Sunday would be a bleak day."

But perhaps the most appreciative letters come from friends in cities where the broadcast was taken off the air for a time.

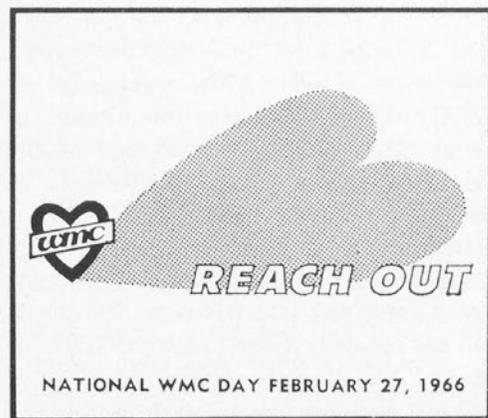
"My family always tuned in *Revivaltime* on Sunday mornings," a mother in Caruthersville, Mo., wrote. "But one day we discovered that our local station no longer carried the broadcast. We missed it so much for weeks; then one Sunday we were turning the radio dial and there it was—*Revivaltime!* How our hearts were lifted! Tears came to our eyes. Now our hearts can sing again. How wonderful is the Lord!"

Unfortunately, hundreds of potential listeners still cannot hear the broadcast service, for *Revivaltime* can reach only as far as its friends will send it.

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## GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13-20

Sunday .....	Joshua 9
Monday .....	Joshua 10
Tuesday .....	Joshua 24
Wednesday .....	Judges 4
Thursday .....	Judges 7
Friday .....	Judges 13
Saturday .....	Judges 14
Sunday .....	Judges 16

## PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

come more often! That's how I feel!"

Even friends who cannot hear the broadcast are anxious to further its outreach! A woman in Collinsville, Va., wrote:

"I am so thankful for the wonderful work you are doing. We do not receive the broadcast here, but I wish so much we did.

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## ARE HIS EYES ON YOU?

How many times have you passed by a young child and caught a wanting glance from his eyes? Perhaps you simply brushed aside any sense of responsibility and told yourself you have your own children to consider. Yet what about the thousands of neglected and dependent children that need someone to care? Maybe you?

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# THE MASTER'S PROVISION

Sunday School Lesson for February 20, 1966

MARK 6:30-44

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND is the only miracle recorded by all four Gospel writers. Why was it performed? There did not seem to be a physical necessity, as on the occasion of the feeding of the four thousand—that multitude had been three days without food (Mark 8:2). To miss one meal is not a matter of great importance! Evidently the miracle served as a symbol of the great teaching which followed it (John 6:22-71). Christ is the Bread of Life, and all true discipleship stems from a loving, obedient personal relationship with Him.

## THE GATHERING MULTITUDE (vv. 30, 31)

(1) *The disciples in seclusion.* "Come... apart... and rest a while" (v. 31). Christ's disciples had just returned from their mission of teaching, preaching, and healing. They needed rest for their bodies and for their

spirits. They needed the quiet inspiration of Christ's presence. They needed to be reminded that, after all, their successful ministry was the result of His power and not theirs.

(2) *The crowds gathering.* It proved impossible to escape the multitudes. The people had outrun the boat in which Christ traveled. John tells us that many followed Christ because of the miracles He had performed. The best way to get a crowd and audience for the gospel is for the miracle-working power of Christ actually to be evident. And the prayer of Acts 4:29, 30 cannot be prayed too often in our churches today!

(3) *The Compassion of Christ.* Christ's concern for the multitudes embraced both their spiritual and physical needs. They were like sheep without a shepherd. And nothing is more helpless than a sheep when it needs a sense of direction. Christ therefore gave the people divine truth as an antidote for the error they received from the teaching of the false shepherds, the scribes and Pharisees.

But Christ also ministered to their physical needs. It is a false spirituality which ignores or belittles the importance of bodily needs. There are times when a meal may be more urgent than a sermon, for the meal will condition people to hear the sermon.

## THE DISCIPLES' PERPLEXITY (vv. 35-38)

No amount of human ingenuity or cleverness could provide food for this crowd. Thus the disciples were bewildered at the idea of feeding 5,000 men with a meal sufficient only for one boy! However, we must never leave Christ out of our reckoning.

Little is much when Christ is in it! Christ asked the disciples for what food they had at hand. Then He said, "Give ye them to eat" (v. 37). There was indeed a glaring disproportion between available resources and current need. Yet that little when blessed of God was more than enough to feed the multitude! Instead of bemoaning talents and abilities which we do not possess, let us be quick to place at Christ's disposal whatever abilities and goods we do possess!

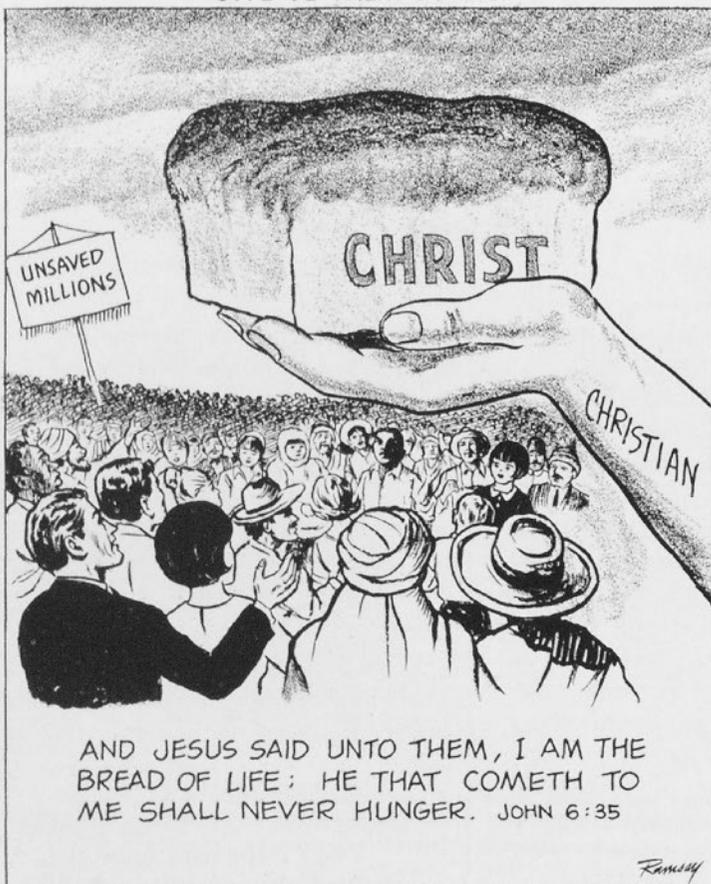
## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD (vv. 39-42)

"And he commanded them to make all sit down" (v. 39). People do not eat meals on the run. (At least, they cannot continue to do so and remain healthy.) These words remind us that in a world characterized by feverish haste, the Christian must take time to "sit down," to wait upon the Lord, to feed upon Christ and His Word. We cannot be spiritually strong, healthy, and useful if we try to get along on spiritual snacks hastily grabbed on the run.

The multitude was arranged in a systematic order. This was essential to such a task. Most assuredly we miss the blessing of the Lord if we become bound to set order, and rule out the spontaneous movings of the Spirit; yet order and system are essential if all are to be equally blessed. (See 1 Corinthians 14:6-20, 26-33.)

The miracle illustrates the privilege of discipleship. Christ enlisted the cooperation of His disciples. Similarly, though He might have arranged it otherwise, He needs Christians to preach the gospel. Christ said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Is it not equally true, in a sense, that He also says, "Without you I can do nothing"?

"GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"





# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER (Hebrews 13:8)**

## BROKEN LEG HEALED

THE HEALING of our two-year-old daughter Jeannette's broken leg two years ago was one of the most specific answers to prayer I have ever had. Each time I recall the experience, my soul is thrilled to realize in what detail God cares for us.

It was a strange accident. As Jeannette ran down the aisle to meet me after a church service, she twirled around suddenly, bumped into her brother directly behind her, and fell on the soft carpeting—her leg twisted behind her. No one ever suspected she had broken her leg until an X ray the next day revealed a very bad break just below the pelvis.

After Jeannette had been in the hospital two days with both legs in traction, the doctor suggested we bring her home, where Jeannette would be much happier, and we would save the hospital bill. So we brought her home to her own crib and strung both her legs straight up in the air with rented traction equipment. Our pastors, Brother and Sister Davis, called on us right away. As we gathered around the crib and prayed, I remembered how our daughter Mary's broken arm had been healed three years ago, and I thought to myself, "It makes no difference to God whether or not Jeannette's leg is in traction. He can heal her bones as easily as He healed Mary's." Then, speaking directly to the Lord, I whispered, "But Lord, if You do heal her, You are going to have to get her out of traction somehow; because no one else will know she has been healed."

Five strenuous weeks went by, in which the entire household revolved around Jeannette. Late one afternoon I suddenly noticed that the bandages wrapped around Jeannette's broken leg—to fasten it to the traction equipment—had come loose. I was surprised they had not come loose on her good leg, which she kicked around much more freely than the other. I phoned the doctor, feeling sure he would say he would be right over to examine the leg. And I fully expected that when he came, he would find the leg healed. Great was my disappointment when the doctor told me to take off all the bandages and retape the leg to the traction equipment.

I walked back to Jeannette's room, thinking God had let me down! But when I removed the bandages, I was

horrified to see the skin on Jeannette's broken leg raw and bleeding. It was unthinkable to rewrap the leg in adhesive tape.

I removed some of the bandages from the uninjured leg and looked at the skin. There seemed to be nothing wrong. I wondered what had caused the skin on the broken leg to be in such a condition. I phoned the doctor again. He directed me to wrap the leg in soft towels and pin it up temporarily to the traction, then to bring Jeannette to the hospital the next morning.

Early the next morning Jeannette was wheeled into the X-ray room. In a few minutes the doctor came out with Jeannette in his arm, his face beaming. "Here's your little girl!" he exclaimed. "Take her home. There's nothing wrong with her. Her leg is perfectly and completely healed! She doesn't even need crutches!"

At that very moment the doctor who had first X rayed Jeannette's broken leg came down the corridor. The two doctors exclaimed together how extraordinary it was that her leg should have healed so quickly.

I was speechless with joy—not only because Jeannette was so wonderfully healed, but because I saw how marvelously God had worked to get her leg out of traction in such a manner that it was impossible to put it back in. I just stood in the hospital corridor and said, "Praise the Lord!"—Edith Manchester, Santa Cruz, Calif.

*(Endorsed by J. Reuben Davis, formerly pastor of the Soquel [now Cabrillo] Assembly of God. Brother Davis is now pastoring in Crescent City, Calif.)*

## CANCER GONE

SEVEN YEARS AGO I HAD CANCER. I praise the Lord that today there is no trace of that awful disease.

I was at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring, Tex., in 1958 when my ailment was diagnosed as cancer in the worst stage. An operation followed, after which the doctor told my wife that I could never be cured, since the cancer was all through my system.

I suffered unbearable pain after the operation. I was a Christian, so I called upon God, and He heard my plea. The pain stopped and never did return.

In 1963, I was having treatment for diabetics at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore, Calif. Tests and X rays were taken again. These showed there was no trace of cancer in my system.

Praise the Lord, He heals today!—A. H. Simpkins, Newman, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Berent Knutsen, Assembly of God, Gustine, Calif.)*

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



## FORTUNETELLING- *Fact or Fable?*

By F. HELEN JARVIS

OH, LET'S SEE what today's horoscope says about us," laughed Sue as she picked up the newspaper.

"Yes, let's do," chorused the other young housewives who had gathered that morning for coffee.

Mary, a newcomer to the group and a genuine Christian, started to protest the foolishness of it, but the excitement and fun caught her in its current.

However, as she later crossed the street to her own home, a sense of condemnation weighed upon her heart. She remembered what she had heard at church and Sunday school about the dangers of "fortunetelling" and kindred subjects.

Modern society has a widespread interest in such activities. On our highways, in the midst of the glaring signs of roadhouses, taverns, and night clubs, one frequently reads, "Madam X, Readings in Palmistry." Our daily papers often carry a column on astrology, and thousands avidly read the horoscope. All kinds of literature dealing with the occult are obtainable on popular bookstands.

To most people it is just an amusing pastime. They doubt its reality. Skeptical minds ignore the entire field with grudging remarks of "humbug" and "fake." Others claim such phenomena can be fully explained by physical laws, scientific illusions, mental idiosyncrasies, metaphysics, and so on.

On the other hand, there are credulous ones who refuse to discard it as mere superstition. All of us know of extremists who refuse to make decisions or undertake projects without consulting their favorite fortune-telling agencies!

Although adventures in the occult and probes into the spirit world are often hailed as new scientific discoveries, it all dates back to very ancient times. The desire to know the unknown and to be as gods, scrutinizing the inscrutable and seeing the unseen, is deeply interwoven with the practices of ancient idolatry—the abominable soothsaying rites of the Canaanites, the infamous Egyptian and Babylonian mysticism, and the celebrated oracles of cultured Greece. Heathen practices—the hideous witchcraft and fetishes of the African jungles, the strange, puzzling feats of Indian fakirs, and the weird mysteries of Asia—also bear the same evil imprint.

The Bible contains very clear instructions to us concerning all practices of spiritism. The law of Moses explicitly condemned it with the death penalty. Deuteronomy 18:9-14 gives a detailed list of the various methods employed in ancient times to forecast the future. And each one of these has a modern counterpart—for instance, a consulter with a familiar spirit is now known as a spiritualistic medium; and a necromancer is one who professes to communicate with the dead.

One of Israel's greatest sins was forgetting Jehovah's instructions and seeking out fortunetellers and mediums. The following statement is in the obituary of one of her kings: "Saul died...also for...asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit [medium]" (1 Corinthians 10:13, 14). The prophets spoke in wrath against those who sought charmers, those who had familiar spirits, wizards that "peep and mutter," astrologers, stargazers, and monthly prognosticators. They scathingly warned the people against practicing enchantments and sorcery (Isaiah 8:19; 19:3; 47:12-14).

The terms *sorcery* and *soothsaying* appear in the New Testament. The former word is rather inclusive and involves various magical practices. The latter is an Old English term for fortunetelling. Peter spoke to Simon saying: "I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8:23). Paul called Elymas a "child of the devil" (Acts 13:10); and when he encountered the deluded slave girl of Philippi (Acts 16), he cast a demon out of her. Surely this shows what the apostles thought of fortunetelling!

Although sometimes we smile at these amusements, as Christians we should be deeply concerned and fervently cry to God for those who have been caught in these traps. So often people fail to recognize the link with satanic forces. Satan has a well-organized spiritual kingdom under his leadership and is doing everything in his power to oppose Christ and His followers (Ephesians 6:11-17; Colossians 1:13). In the midst of much human fakery, fraud, commercialism, and rank nonsense, there is sordid and terrifying reality.

Warnings against deceptive spirits in the "last days" are found in 1 Timothy 4:1 and 2 Timothy 3:13. In Christian lands in recent years spiritualistic societies have been organized, and prominent, well-educated persons have sponsored projects to explore on a scientific basis the occult and psychic fields.

The sad part is that such activities will be accelerated until, in the days of God's wrath, sorcery will be classed

with other rank sins and the statement is made that they "repented not" (Revelation 9:20). It is also interesting to note that in Revelation the Greek word for *sorcerer* has the meaning of "an enchanter with drugs." And what an end is described for these miserable, misguided souls—a place in the lake of fire with all liars, murderers, and evil-doers (Revelation 21:8; 22:15).

But the Lord has not left His trusting ones helpless, if they will heed the warnings of His Word. There is protection in the precious blood of Jesus, and many

have experienced its delivering power. In times of need, the Holy Spirit will raise up a standard against the enemy as God's people flaunt the shield of faith in Satan's face. There is power in the One who has risen above all principalities and powers (Ephesians 1:19-23).

If you do not know Christ as your Saviour, avoid anything that smacks of spiritism and do not play with danger. Instead, seek Him who has the true answer to every question. Your future will be safe in His tender, loving hands!

**NOT  
GOOD**

**IF  
DETACHED**

By MARY H. STREETER

ONE MORNING I FOUND that dogs had gathered in my garden during the night—with disastrous results to the plants. Vines were broken off, and small vegetables scattered about. Beet plants were uprooted, and corn stalks crushed.

This experience reminded me of the line on most bus tickets, which reads, "Not Good if Detached."

In my garden, detached vines and plants were already beginning to wilt by the time I discovered them. By night they were hardly recognizable as the same plants of the day before. Detached from the source of life they were lifeless and useless. We could only rake them up and discard them.

When our Lord wished to teach His disciples the valuable lesson of dependence on Him, He chose the figure of the vine and its branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

We need to guard against outside influences that would detach us from Christ. The jarring sound of radio and television, the noise of traffic, the cries of children, the thunder of planes, even the noise of modern conveniences—the washer, the dryer, the vacuum cleaner—can wear on one's nerves. We can become so conscious of these outside distractions that we lose our contact with Christ.

The rush of life and the extreme busy-ness of our days may cause tension, short tempers, and even ill health. The believer is not immune from these annoyances; they may cause him to become detached from Christ so gradually that the separation is almost imperceptible until something suddenly brings it into focus.

One of the saddest verses in the Bible is Judges 16:20. There we read that Samson, after Delilah had cut his hair, "wist not that the Lord was departed from him."

Detachment may come as a result of inner conflicts and neglect of private devotions. Vines which can withstand outside adversities may wilt and die of a disease which attacks from within. God's Word warns us of the inner dangers at least as much as of those without.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts... and defile the man" (Mark 7:21, 23).

Jesus pointed up the importance of forgiveness as a safeguard against detachment when He said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15).

Detachment may also come as a result of taking our blessings and relationship with Christ too much for granted. There is real joy in our lives when we first acknowledge Christ as our Lord and realize our relationship with Him. Tennyson expressed this feeling when he said to his niece, "God is walking with me now... as we walk together, just as truly as He walked on the way to Emmaus. To feel Him by my side now as much as you are, that is the very joy of my life."

A believer who has experienced such joy may lose it in the very routine of Christian habits—Bible reading, prayers, and church activities. It is possible for his good routine to become mechanical, and so he gradually loses vital connection with Christ. He becomes detached.

But God be praised, there is hope for us if we become detached. Unlike the detached branches and fruit for which there is no hope, it is possible for us to come back to God through Christ. For our souls' sake we must plan times of quiet waiting upon the Lord to renew our relationship with Him.

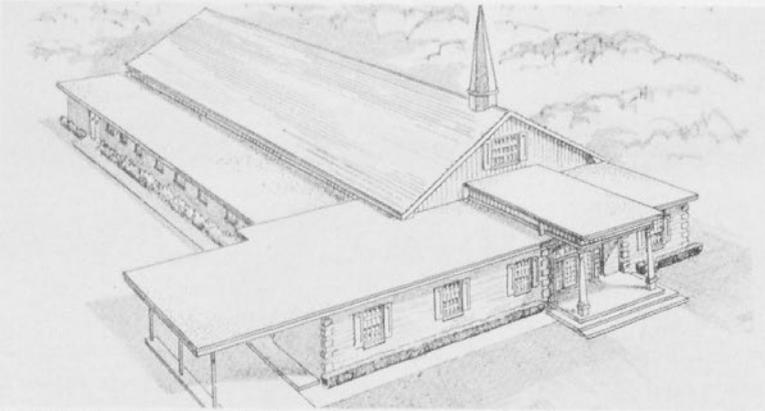
A busy Christian lawyer who found it hard to get alone with God solved the problem by keeping an early morning appointment with Him in his office. Each morning as he entered his office he dropped his handkerchief outside the door. Until he picked up the handkerchief, all knew he was keeping his "appointment with God."

Things happen when, instead of being detached, we abide in the Vine. Outward circumstances become unimportant when we are in touch with Him. From prison cells Paul wrote letters that endure to this day and inspire all of God's people, because he was in touch with the Vine. Because Martin Luther was abiding in the Vine, God used him to bring about a reformation. Our own spheres of influence may seem small, yet God wants to use us—and He will use us to the extent that we abide in the Vine.

"If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:6, 7).

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Architect's drawing of the new Grace Assembly in Dallas, Tex.

## CHURCH RELOCATES; DEDICATES \$150,000 BUILDING

DALLAS, TEX.—Grace Assembly here recently dedicated a new church plant. North Texas District Superintendent E. R. Anderson officiated at the combined dedication-homecoming service. Assistant Superintendent J. T. Davis also ministered to the congregation.

The 400-seat sanctuary has oak furnishings, exposed laminated beams, and accenting red carpet.

Two offices, four lounges, and 16 Sunday school rooms complete the edifice. There is also a large area to be used as a meeting hall or divided for more classrooms.

The building is on a two-acre tract just off a major thoroughfare, about four miles from the previous location. The plant is valued at \$150,000, but the indebtedness of the church is \$23,000.

Pastor Fred Davis is now in his 20th year of ministry at Grace Assembly. Don Davis is copastor of the church.

## 10 YEARS OF PROGRESS NOTED IN ARKANSAS CHURCH

LONOKE, ARK.—Brownsville Assembly here has made much progress in the past 10 years—and more is anticipated.

Past years have seen a steady increase in membership, consistent missionary giving, and a continual increase in financial support. For 10 consecutive years the church's Sunday school has received the

Gold Crown award signifying a progressive Sunday school program.

Recently added facilities are a new 300-seat sanctuary with a hand-painted picture in the baptistery, a new pulpit and pews, a piano, and an organ.

Improvements on the church structure include remodeling the

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO.—The Assembly of God here was revived and encouraged to draw closer to the Lord in recent services with Evangelist Glenna Byard. One was reclaimed, one reported healing, and two were refilled with the Spirit. Attendance for the week averaged 45.

—Paul E. Adams, pastor

WADSWORTH, OHIO—First Assembly here experienced one of its greatest revivals in three weeks of services with Evangelist Daena Cargnel. More than 10 were saved, and 20 received the Holy Spirit. Prayer meetings were held in the mornings, and God greatly blessed all the services. The spirit of revival continues.

—Charles S. Celetano, pastor

LOS BANOS, CALIF.—A renewal of faith in God and His Word, and new dedications to Jesus Christ, resulted from a week of services held at the Assembly here. Evangelist David A. Lewis, of North Hollywood, Calif., used audio-visual aids in presenting his teachings on Bible prophecy. Young and old received a better understanding of prophetic

scriptures and of the day in which we live.

—Leonard Couchman, pastor

SLIDELL, LA.—Bethel Assembly here, founded in 1964, witnessed a great spiritual move during two revival campaigns recently. Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Drumm of Chalmette, La., led the campaigns which saw a steady climb in attendance to a record 55. Several were saved, three were filled with the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and a number were healed.

—Ted Beyer, pastor

LAMPE, MO.—Highview Assembly here recently concluded revival services with Evangelist Martha E. Miller of Springfield, Mo. One found Christ, and six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A number reported outstanding healings. The entire church was blessed.

—Clinton Jackson, pastor

WINSLOW, ARIZ.—First Assembly here recently concluded a series of meetings with Evangelist Carl E. Reynolds of Shreveport, La. The congregation was made aware of the day in which we live by the evangelist's use of an 18-foot dispensational chart. The attendance increased nightly. The Holy Spirit was given place in each service, and the altars of the church bore the fruit of God's Word.

—Peter E. Podruchny, pastor

IRVING, TEX.—The kind of revival the folk at the Assembly of God Tabernacle have been praying for has come to the church here. A five-week evangelistic campaign conducted by Evangelists Tommy and Esther Lance of Mexia, Tex., was greatly blessed by God.

On Saturdays the teen-agers of the church would witness from door-to-door and distribute handbills advertising the services. As a result, many accepted Christ each night. Conviction and godly fear were evident in every service.

The congregation was greatly affected. The young people would pray before the meetings, and often prayer would continue late into the night. People began to travail in prayer for the lost.

Twice during the campaign the Sunday school attendance record

old building to accommodate eight Sunday school rooms, a C. A. (youth) hall, and a kitchen. The church is debt free and has a reserve fund.

The Brownsville church is located near the fast-growing industrial town of Lonoke, just 20 miles from Little Rock.

D. L. Johnson recently resigned as pastor, and the congregation elected his son, Bobby Louis Johnson, as pastor.

New 300-seat sanctuary of the Brownsville Assembly, showing educational building in the background.



# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

was broken, and all other phases of the church's ministry were strengthened.

Since the campaign the church has secured a permit to build a new 16,800-square-foot auditorium which will seat 1,100.

—E. L. Terry, pastor

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VIDOR, TEX.—Faith Assembly here just concluded two weeks of services with Evangelist Robert Threatt of Natural Dam, Ark. There were several saved, and many reconsecrated and refilled. The Sunday school attendance record was broken twice. The previous high of 91 was surpassed by 96 present the first Sunday and 101 present the second Sunday.

—J. B. Galloway, pastor

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PENSACOLA, FLA.—The congregation at Ferry Pass Assembly here is praying that God will continue to work in the church as He did recently in revival services with Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord. Souls found Christ as Saviour in the services. People from other denominations attended.

—John W. Sowell, pastor

## MANAGER WANTED

WANTED—manager for bookstore operated by Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District Council, Assemblies of God. Experience required. References necessary. Write: Darwin H. Heuser, District Superintendent, Box 309, Waupaca, Wis. 54981.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Feb. 18-20 at the Assembly of God in Carlton, Oreg. Speakers: R. E. Book, N. D. Davidson, David Godwin.—by G. L. Cowart, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

WALTER O. GORE, 69, Leedey, Okla., was called into the presence of the Lord on November 20, 1965, after a lingering illness. Brother Gore, an ordained minister in the Oklahoma District for 14 years, was affiliated with the Assemblies of God for over 30 years. He served as an evangelist and pastor. His pastorates included Cestos, Camargo, Dillon, Oakwood, Thomas, and Leedey, Okla. He is survived by his wife Grace and seven children.

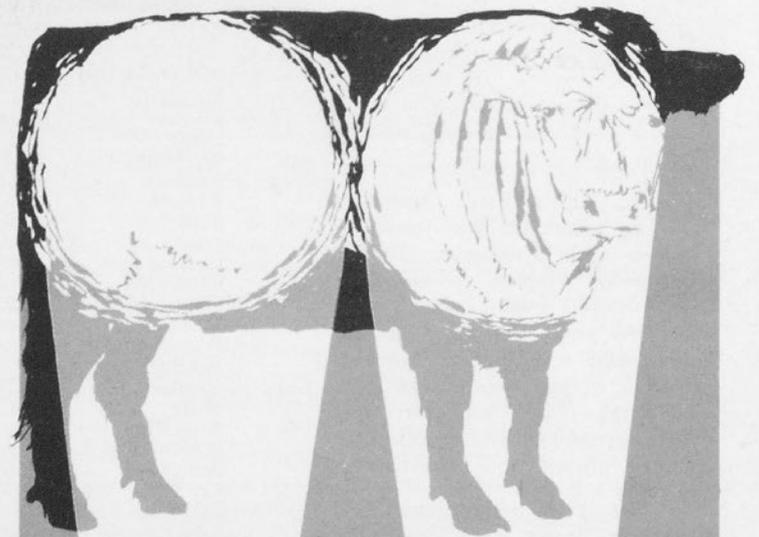
GRACE C. THOMSON, 81, of Los Angeles, Calif., went to be with the Lord October 28, 1965. Sister Thomson was an ordained minister of the Southern California District for 40 years. She served as an evangelist.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Phenix City	Girard	Feb. 16-27	Gene Burgess	Emory T. Andrews	
Ariz.	Tolleson	A/G	Feb. 15-27	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. W. Buchanan	
	Tucson	Southside	Feb. 13-27	Ralph Durham	Ed McClung	
	Yuma	First	Feb. 13-27	Ernie Rogers	O. W. Killingsworth	
Ark.	Blytheville	First	Feb. 16-27	Roland & Leanna Hastie	A. J. Frank	
	Calif.	Anaheim	Central	Feb. 15-27	Neville & Mrs. Carlson	Burl McAlister
		Burbank	First	Feb. 13-27	Doug Payne	H. P. Wilde, Jr.
	Calif.	Earlimart	*Sendero De La Cruz	Feb. 7-20	Thomas Hernandez	Lamberto Garza
		Fresno	Northeast	Feb. 22-Mar. 6	Jerry Knibbe	T. H. Fuller
		Hanford	Glad Tidings	Feb. 16-20	Jerry Knibbe	Bruce Yorke
		Hawthorne	Del Aire	Feb. 13-20	Bob Stewart	Don Bibler
		Oceanside	First	Feb. 13-27	O. E. (Gene) Vaale	James Ming
		Torrance	Evangel Temple	Feb. 20-27	Bob Stewart	Gene May
		Westwood	**A/G	Feb. 20-27	Charles Sennechal	Guy H. Hardin
		Whittier	First	Feb. 13-20	Lee Paino	Ronald Prinzing
		Colo.	Greeley	La Hermosa	Feb. 20-Mar. 6	D. Bazan, Sr.
Holly			A/G	Feb. 13-27	Chas. McKnight	Roger Rounsaville
Fla.	Avon Park	First	Feb. 15-27	Freddy Clark	E. B. Boykin	
	Daytona Beach	First	Feb. 16-27	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Ralph C. Francis	
	Hollywood	First	Feb. 15-20	Stanley & Mrs. MacPherson	Mary E. Johnson	
	Key West	First	Feb. 16-27	B. R. Minton	Harold L. Tukes	
	Lake City	Everybody's Tab.	Feb. 16-27	C. M. Hicks	Rodney Dykes	
	Lake City	First	Feb. 15-27	Ralph E. Leslie	J. T. Denham	
	Tampa	Sulphur Springs	Feb. 22-Mar. 6	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Joseph R. Hardt	
Ga.	Tifton	First	Feb. 16-27	Keetah Jones	O. L. Stokes	
	Warner Robins	First	Feb. 15—	Nettie Parham	Henry N. Price	
Ind.	Indianapolis	West Side Gos. Tab.	Feb. 11-20	Tommy Barnett	T. Paino-H. Duncan	
Kans.	Pittsburg	First	Feb. 16-27	Ken Broadus	Oscar Bolen	
	Topeka	Glad Tidings	Feb. 16-27	Knott-Olson Team	Charles Gibson	
La.	Downsville	Point	Feb. 9—	B. P. Carroll	B. F. Middleton	
	Oakdale	Calvary	Feb. 13—	DeGreef-Cooper Team	Joel Upton	
La.	Shreveport	Glad Tidings	Feb. 14-27	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	J. M. Cason	
	Detroit	Berea Tab.	Feb. 9-15	Desmond T. Evans	Ken Norcross	
Mich.	Ecorse	Metropolitan	Feb. 15-27	Arthur & Anna Berg	Jack E. Carrier	
	Kalamazoo	First	Feb. 15-27	Duane M. Wessman	Carl Ausbury	
	Niles	First	Feb. 22-Mar. 6	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Burdette Faulk	
	Sturgis	A/G	Feb. 15-27	Joel Palmer	Donald Matthews	
	Wayne	A/G	Feb. 16-27	Don & Sharon Parker	Edward Raimier	
Minn.	St. Paul	Summit	Feb. 20—	The Tanner Team	Richard Dresselhaus	
Mo.	Farmington	First	Feb. 15-27	Lloyd Middleton	J. W. Allen	
	Grandview	A/G	Feb. 15-27	Doyle H. Thompson	Burrell R. White	
	Springfield	Central	Feb. 20-27	J. G. Hall	E. E. Krogstad	
	Springfield	Westport	Feb. 20-Mar. 13	Lula M. Ware	E. I. Moore	
	Steelville	First	Feb. 20-Mar. 6	Maxine Willis & Singers	Joe Massey	
Nebr.	Chappell	A/G	Feb. 15-27	I. D. Rayborn	F. D. Cullens	
N. J.	Livingston	**Full Gospel Church	Feb. 20-25	David & Patricia Johnson	Adam G. Bernhardt	
N. Mex.	Clovis	Bethel	Feb. 9-20	E. R. Winter	J. W. Pinkston	
	Port Jervis	**First	Feb. 13-18	David & Patricia Johnson	Cosimo Leuzze	
Ohio	Euclid	Calvary	Feb. 13-27	Joel J. & Mrs. Williams	Robert Crabtree	
	Findlay	First	Feb. 15-27	Eddie Wilson	Howard E. Spriggs	
	Lancaster	Trinity	Feb. 8—	J. B. Woolums	Harvey Yeager	
	Ardmore	Lighthouse	Feb. 8-20	Ray & Elaine Leonard	H. H. Davis	
	Jay	A/G	Feb. 21-Mar. 6	Chas. & Barbara Hudspeth	John Vanley	
Okla.	Nashoba	Nolia	Feb. 13-27	Hazel Burns	Eddie Brown	
	Oklahoma City	Britton	Feb. 20-Mar. 6	Mathers-Pharr Team	W. C. Drain	
	Poteau	First	Feb. 14-27	Charles Ogdon	J. A. Hobson	
	Stillwater	First	Feb. 13—	Jimmy Phillips	Joe Stumbaugh	
	Medford	Bethel	Feb. 9-20	Arthur S. Arnold	Lawrence Krause	
Oreg.	Springfield	First	Feb. 16-20	Fisher-Cheek Team	Samuel Sanders	
	Sweet Home	A/G	Feb. 8-20	D. L. Nultemeier	R. J. Jeffers	
	Bentleyville	A/G	Feb. 15-27	Frank J. DePolo	Ray S. Armstrong	
	Chambersburg	Bethel Pentecostal	Feb. 22-Mar. 6	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Willis I. Murray	
	Philadelphia	Calvary Temple	Feb. 6-27	Paul Olson Party	Anthony Calvanico	
S. C.	Greenwood	First	Feb. 8-20	Geo. & Nadine Van Riper	Robert M. Couch	
	Knoxville	Woodlawn	Feb. 20—	J. B. Woolums	J. L. Schaffer	
	Memphis	Raleigh	Feb. 15-27	Ed Eaton	J. D. Middlebrook	
	Nashville	First	Feb. 8-20	Musical VanderPloegs	D. O. Norcross	
	Union City	First	Feb. 15-27	Bill & Naomi Hayes	E. C. Davis	
Tex.	Dallas	Second Avenue	Feb. 9-20	Tommy & Esther Lance	H. L. Summers	
	Ft. Worth	Northside	Feb. 16—	Jimmy Swaggart	James Singleton	
	Garland	Bethany	Feb. 16-27	Tommy & Esther Lance	Ralph Ward	
	Houston	Calvary Chapel	Feb. 23—	Gene Thompson	Joe Neely	
	Mt. Vernon	First	Feb. 20-Mar. 6	Buddy Hicks	Billy D. Pirtle	
	Odessa	Sherwood	Feb. 21—	E. R. Winter	Joe Bradley	
	Texarkana	A/G	Feb. 13-25	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Victor Dial	
	Newport News	First	Feb. 15-27	John Higginbotham	Marvin Boyce	
	Wytheville	First	Feb. 15-27	David A. Lewis	James R. Ailles	
	Bellevue	Neighborhood Church	Feb. 13-27	H. Syvelle Phillips	E. James Hance	
Wash.	Renton	First	Feb. 15-27	Norman & Evelyn Hays	O. E. Marr	
	Kenosha	A/G	Feb. 20-27	Bobby Black	John Wilkerson	
Canada	Cobourg, Ont.	Glad Tidings Tab.	Feb. 15-27	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Earl Young	
	Victoria, B. C.	Glad Tidings	Feb. 20-27	Wallace S. Bragg	Eric Hornby	

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\*\*Children's Revival

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"IT NEVER WILL HAPPEN TO ME," SHE THOUGHT. BUT—

**T**HE HEADLIGHTS OF THE CAR illuminated a huge whiteface bull walking slowly across the highway. "You had better look out," I said matter-of-factly to my husband. He touched the brakes. Then he shoved down hard. The tires screeched.

Suddenly the animal seemed to be coming at us. We could not stop the car soon enough. We hit the bull broadside, crumpling the hood and putting our lights out.

My son had the wind knocked out of him, and at first I panicked, thinking he was seriously hurt. My mother-in-law could not walk. Her knee cap was broken.

It happened so fast! I had often feared being in an automobile accident, but I never really thought I would. Like many other things I never thought would happen, it *did* happen.

When I was a child I used to lie awake at night and think: "The man I will marry is alive right now. I wish I could know who he is!" Not many years later I found who he was and married him. During the nights I used to dream about it, marriage seemed so far away. *But it happened.*

When I first became interested in writing, I thought it would be fun to be a newspaper reporter. When I applied for my first job as a staff reporter, I was scared. I really did not believe they would hire me. But they did.

Then I pessimistically told myself I never would write a really important story. It was not long, however, before I covered a press conference and speech of Bryan (Whizzer) White. Mr. White was deputy attorney general of the United States and a former professional football player for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Lions. The day after the interview, he was appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court. My story appeared on the front page of a newspaper in a city of about 100,000. My byline stood out in bold-faced type under the headline. *It happened.*

Death is another thing I unconsciously think will not happen. Though common sense tells me it is inevitable, I mentally put it far into the future. That is why I was not prepared when a woman came to my door and said, "Your mother has had a stroke and is not ex-

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pected to live." A few hours later, death struck. *It happened.*

I never thought a President would be assassinated in my lifetime, either. The day John F. Kennedy was shot, life was going on as usual. But suddenly everything was disrupted. The entire nation was shaken. *It happened.*

That is the way it will be when the Lord Jesus Christ comes for His Church. Everything will be going on as usual, when suddenly it will happen. It will take place in a moment, in less time than it takes to blink an eye. Those who have surrendered their lives to Christ will be "caught up . . . to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). Those who have rejected or ignored Christ will be left. The sinners who laughed at the doctrine of Christ's return to earth will be sobered. In bewilderment and despair they will cry out, "It happened!"

But it will be too late.

