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"YE SEEK JESUS OF NAZARETH, WHICH WAS CRUCIFIED: HE IS RISEN; HE IS NOT HERE: BEHOLD THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM" (Mark 16:6)

GUARANTEES OF HIS RESURRECTION



By A. A. WILSON

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST in many respects is the most important fact of Christian history. It is the Gibraltar of Christian evidences—the Waterloo of infidelity and rationalism. In the Early Church the mention of the Resurrection stood out like a mountain peak and served as an anchor of the soul to the believing child of God.

IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

The vast importance of this great event was seen in Peter's first post-Pentecostal sermon as recorded in Acts 2:25-36. Again we see the importance of the doctrine when we consider what Paul says in Romans 10:9: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

The true doctrine for salvation is found in the preaching of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15: "For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received; how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

The form is exemplified in water baptism, as we read in Romans 6: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

The devil, no doubt, felt sure that when Jesus was nailed to the cross he had wrecked the plan of salvation; but he must have forgotten that Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." The death of Christ was in the program of God. So on the third day that Christ was in the grave, the Holy Ghost

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began His quickening (life-giving) work, as we read in Romans 8:11: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

CERTAINTY OF THE RESURRECTION

This great truth of His resurrection is proved by the Book of Acts. "He was taken up, after he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen; to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

For 40 days He was with them. They heard Him, saw Him, and touched Him, as we read in 1 John: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

We have seen the certainty of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, but what is its significance? His resurrection guarantees certain great truths.

THE RESURRECTION AND INSPIRATION

First, it guarantees the inspiration of the Scriptures. It was the crowning fulfillment of a great series of prophecies. Every scriptural promise from Genesis 3:15 (that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head) to the first Christmas carol ("For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord") would have meant nothing without a risen Christ. It was a resurrected Christ who appeared to the two disciples on the Emmaus Road, and His voice to them was such that they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us by the way?" It was He who opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures. It was He who was raised from the dead.

*"Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose the Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"*

THE RESURRECTION AND CHRIST'S DEITY

Second, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees for us the deity of our Saviour. Before the resurrection, Christ repeatedly claimed equality with God. He said, "I came from the Father." He said His works were not His own, but were the works of Him that sent Him. He said, "I can do nothing of myself, but as My Father worketh, so I work." He attempted nothing without first praying to the Father. He said that He would die, that He would be buried, and that God would raise Him up. Had He been left in the tomb, all His claims of deity would have vanished. But He did not remain in the tomb, for we read in Romans 1:4 that He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

THE RESURRECTION AND THE SIN OFFERING

Third, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees that God has accepted the sin offering that Christ made for us on Calvary. It is one thing for an offering to be made and another thing for the offering to be accepted, for we read in Hebrews 10 that all the offerings of

animals could never take away sin. As John said, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, will cleanse us from every sin; and the fact that God raised Christ from the dead gave us the assurance of sins forgiven. It placed that big sign "WHOSOEVER WILL" before a lost world, assuring them that all may come and be saved.

THE RESURRECTION AND OUR JUSTIFICATION

Fourth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees our justification, for we read in Romans 4:25 that He "was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." Christ died under our sins—"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." Again in 2 Corinthians 5:21 we read, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." He was raised and is now at God's right hand: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." This is the token that our sins are gone, that His work for us has the divine approbation, and that we for whom He suffered are completely justified.

THE RESURRECTION AND VICTORY

Fifth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees to believers victory over the power of sin in their daily lives. Our union with Christ is complete. When He died on the cross, we who now believe in Him died with Him. When He was buried, we who now believe were buried with Him. When He was raised from the dead, we who now believe in Him were raised with Him, and our proper position today is in heavenly places in Christ. And this does not end it, for when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory. At this present moment we are living on resurrection ground, and therefore there is no need of any child of God living a defeated life. *Risen with Christ* should be the status of all Christians. If this is so, we have the assurance that we shall not be ashamed when we stand before Him at His appearing.

HIS RESURRECTION—AND OURS

Sixth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees a resurrection body to all who believe in Him. We read in 1 Corinthians 15:20: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." And also in 1 Thessalonians 4:14: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

When John was on the lonely Isle of Patmos, separated from all his brethren, he was visited by the Lord Jesus. When John saw Him, he said he fell at His feet as dead. In that moment Jesus laid His right hand upon John and said, "Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

So every child of God may exultantly say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" These have all been defeated, and we are assured of our title deed to a home in heaven. Thank God for the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

Strange Crapehangers

CERTAIN THEOLOGIANS ARE SAYING that secularism has killed God. They claim He has disappeared from human history.

"God is dead," they say. "It is a historical event: God has died in our time. He no longer speaks to man."

When these shocking statements first began to appear in the press a few months ago, we recalled a story that was related by Martin Luther. The great reformer told of a period of time when his spirits were very low. "I was sorely vexed and tried by my own sinfulness, by the wickedness of the world, and by the dangers that beset the church," he said.

Then his wife came in the room, and he noticed she was dressed in mourning. Surprised, he asked who had died. "Do you not know?" she replied. "God in heaven is dead."

"How can you talk such nonsense, Katie?" said Luther. "How can God die? Why, He is immortal, and will live through all eternity."

"Is that really true?" she asked.

"Of course," he answered. "How can you doubt it? As surely as there is a God in heaven, so sure is it that He can never die."

"And yet," she said, "though you do not doubt that, you are so hopeless and discouraged!"

Immediately he saw her point. God was alive, yet he, a preacher of the living God, was acting as though He were dead!

We are not shocked if atheists claim there is no God—nor are we surprised if sinners with a guilty conscience try to convince themselves there is no God—but who would ever expect theologians (who call themselves Christian ministers) to say that God is dead!

The strangest crapehangers of all, however, are the people who say they believe God is alive and yet act as though He were dead. Martin Luther was neither the first nor the last of this kind. There are many among us today.

At a Wesleyan College in Athens, Tennessee, the chaplain tried to put this very point across to the student body last month. The way He did it shocked some people, but it made them think. He had the curtains drawn, and the lights dimmed. The drums sounded the death march as the students filed into the chapel. Addressing the audience, he announced, "Brethren, God is dead." The black-robed choir responded by chanting, "God is dead." The doleful ritual dragged on for a time. It was like a funeral. But after a while the service took a different turn. The chaplain explained to the students that each should search his heart and decide whether God is dead or alive. If He is dead, some of them could go on living as they were. If He is alive, they should act as though they believed it. The fact is, he said: "God is dead for many of us."

Even at Easter, while our voices sing, "He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today," it is possible our lives are saying He is dead. He might as well be in the tomb, if we give in to moods of depression and discouragement. He might as well be dead, if we tolerate sin in our lives. Is Christ really alive? Then why need we be victims of bad habits? Why not trust Him for full victory over sin, over sickness, over spiritual weakness? The Son of God is alive from the dead, reigning with all power in heaven and in earth. He saves; He heals; He delivers; He baptizes with the Spirit. May our radiant, Spirit-filled lives testify to this.

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SAY, MRS. JONES, IT'S EASTER!
Yes, I know.

Well, what are you going to do about it?

Do? Oh, I haven't had time to give it much thought. But the usual, I suppose. I've noticed in the paper where the stores are running some sales. I've got to run down and get some new clothes for the kids. Oh, if only those three didn't grow so fast. And if clothes didn't keep getting more expensive. I tell you, it's a regular rat race trying to keep up with all this. I get so tired.

Oh, yes, new shoes too. Those kids can go through a pair of shoes like they were made of tissue paper. Have you ever felt the pain of seeing the toes of a brand new pair of shoes being scraped along in the gravel? These kids!

For me? I don't think I'll get a new hat this year. Hardly ever wear one anymore. But I do need a new outfit. Mr. Jones and I were talking that over the other day. All he did was mumble that a person can't even get the Christmas bills paid before Easter gets here. Said *he* wasn't going to get anything new. But I slave around this house all day long. I think I deserve something new once in a while.

Is that all, Mrs. Jones? Just new clothes? Is that Easter?

Oh, of course not. We'll fill some baskets for the kids. Lucky I kept those baskets we splurged on last year. That'll save some money—that is, if I can find them in that messy attic.

And that's Easter?

Well, the kids will dye some eggs, if that's what you mean. Don't get me wrong. They don't believe in that Easter bunny stuff. But they do like to have an Easter egg hunt in the backyard. Maybe we'll even invite some of the neighbor kids over. Nice to share things, you know. Mr. Jones ruled out egg hunts in the house, though. The kids didn't find one of the hardboiled eggs last year. It stayed hidden for weeks—and, well, you know what I mean.

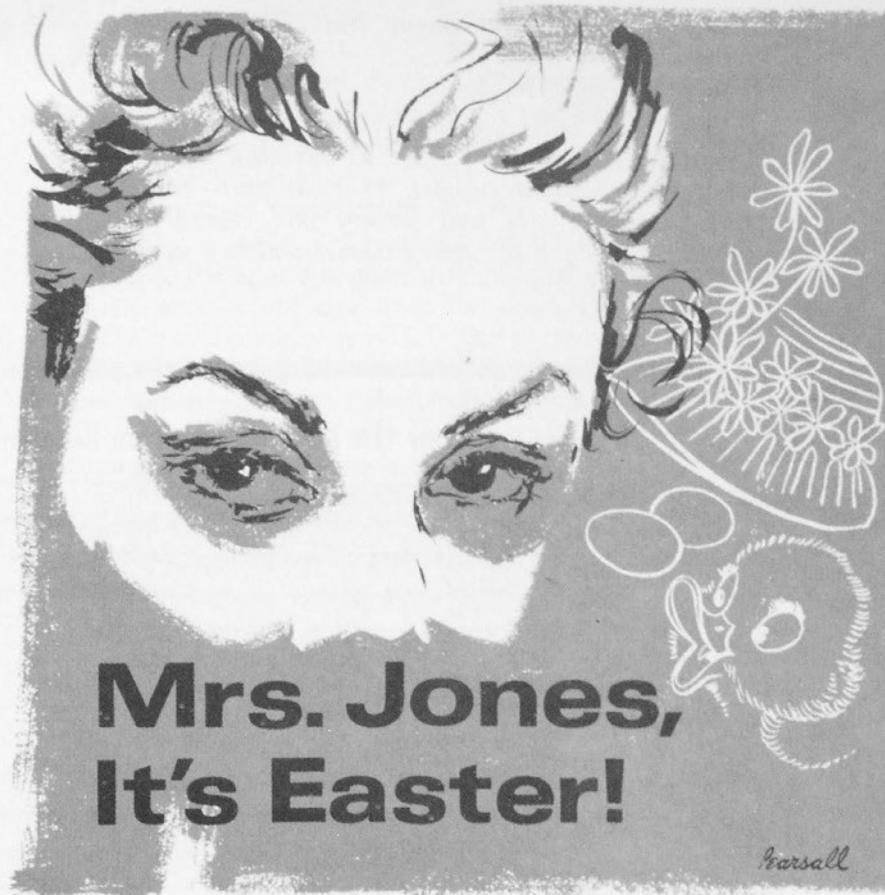
Come now, Mrs. Jones. Surely Easter is more than new clothes, and Easter baskets, and egg hunts. You're an educated woman, and...

Oh, you're talking about the religious part. Of course, we'll go to church. After all, that's some of the reason for the new clothes, you know. Not that we want to show off or anything. But everyone else will be doing it, and I want the kids to look nice. And I like to look nice. No sense in making everyone think we're part of the President's poverty program.

*You're getting closer, Mrs. Jones. Poverty is what Easter is about. It says in the Bible: "Do you remember the generosity of Jesus Christ, the Lord of us all? He was rich beyond our telling, yet He became poor for your sakes so that His poverty might make you rich."**

I do remember learning the Easter story in Sunday school when I was little. I remember thinking how cruel those people were to Jesus. And how thrilling was the news that He arose from the dead. Those picture cards

* 2 Corinthians 8:9, Phillips translation.



By R. G. CHAMPION

with the angel and the empty tomb—it was so exciting. Just like the happy ending of a fairy story.

But it isn't a fairy story, Mrs. Jones.

Oh, I know. I guess I've always known. I haven't wanted to admit it. Yes, that's it. I've known what Easter is about, but I haven't wanted to admit it. I know Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world—and for my sins. But who wants to admit he is a sinner? I know He arose from the dead. I know that unless I receive Him as my Saviour from sin I am doomed forever. Yes, I learned it as a child. I haven't forgotten it. I know what Easter is really about—it's about new life, eternal life.

Yes, Mrs. Jones, you do know. But knowing isn't enough. You're going to have to do something about it.

I know that too. But I haven't been willing to. I was afraid it would cramp my style of living. I was afraid it would cost more than I was willing to pay. I was afraid of what Mr. Jones and the family and the neighbors would say. I was afraid I wouldn't be able to be the kind of Christian I knew I ought to be.

Then one word—fear—would sum up your reasons for not doing what you know you ought to do. Right?

Right! And like I said, I'm so sick of this rat race. What's life all about, anyway? I'm tired of always fussing at the kids. Always fighting with Mr. Jones. Always being so unhappy and alone—even with all sorts of people around. I do need something.

Correction, Mrs. Jones. You need Someone. You need the Risen Christ—the One who met His followers with the words, "Fear not!" He'll take away your fears and your sins. He'll help you solve your problems. He'll

bring peace and contentment. But He's waiting for you to invite Him in.

Tell me how to do it.

His Word tells you how: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** Your part—confess your sins. His part—He will forgive and cleanse you. It's that simple. Then the Risen Christ will live in you. And

**1 John 1:9.

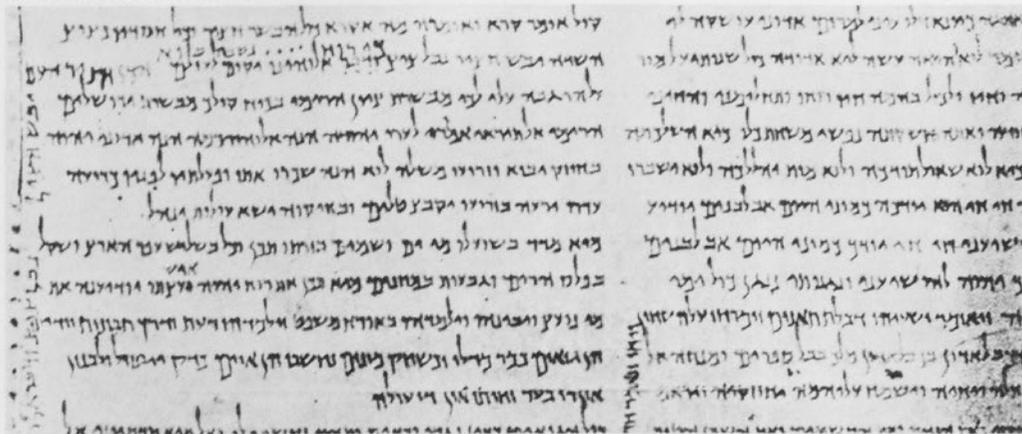
that, Mrs. Jones, is what Easter is all about.

Dear God, be merciful to me a sinner. I'm sorry for the way I've neglected You. Forgive me. Take away all my sins. Come into my life and make me a new creature in Christ Jesus. Thank You, God, for hearing my prayer and for taking away my sins. Help me to live for You every day. Amen.

Mrs. Jones, it's Easter!

Yes, thank the Lord. And from now on, every day will be Easter for me! Easter is new life in Christ.

IT IS ONE OF THE BEST DOCUMENTED FACTS IN HISTORY. LET'S LOOK AT THE FACTS.



THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

By WILBUR M. SMITH

SOMETHING HAPPENED to the body of Jesus Christ when it was taken down from the cross. The New Testament testifies it was placed in a tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea. On Sunday morning, for one reason or another, that tomb was empty, as everyone admits—Christian, unbeliever, Jew, and Gentile. The reality of the resurrection of Christ is something we may judge as we do any other historical event. The criteria for determining what Caesar did at Gaul, or what happened at Waterloo, are the criteria by which we determine what happened on that first Easter Sunday.

Early in His ministry, our Lord said to the Jews at Jerusalem, "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up. . . . He spoke of the temple of His body" (John 2:19-21). If you or I should say to any group that we expected to die, but that, three days after death we would rise again, we would be quietly taken away by friends to an institution until our minds became sound again. Only a foolish man would go around talking about rising from the dead, only a foolish man, unless he knew this was going to take place. And no one in the world has ever known that about himself except One—Christ, the Son of God.

Faith in the resurrection of Christ gave the Early Church its power. Vast multitudes, in confessing their

faith, knew they were dooming themselves to torture and social ostracism. This conviction that Christ rose from the dead so penetrates the New Testament that if you lifted out every passage which refers to the Resurrection, you would have writings so mutilated that what remained could not be understood.

We know more about the burial of Jesus than any character in ancient history—king of Babylon, philosopher of Greece, or triumphant Caesar. We know the tomb in which this body was placed and the name of the man who owned it, Joseph of Arimathaea. We know that a stone was rolled against the tomb and that, by the wish of the Jews, Roman guards were set before the tomb to prevent the body being stolen.

How did the tomb become empty?

THE THEORY OF THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES

The first theory ever produced to explain away the phenomena of the empty tomb on Easter morning is in the Bible itself. We refer to Matthew 28:11-15, giving the report of the soldiers who had been assigned to watch the tomb by the Jewish authorities. The guards said the tomb was empty, and they would never have come back with such a story unless they were reporting actual occurrences. These soldiers were bribed to report a lie, a lie concocted by the same men who earlier had sought false witnesses by whose testimony they might condemn Jesus to death (Matthew 28:11-15). If you look carefully at the words they were paid to report, you notice a strange inconsistency. They were told to say that *while they were asleep* the disciples stole the body. If you were asleep some night when murder oc-

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curred in front of your home, your testimony in court would be absolutely worthless. These guards, if they were asleep, did not know what happened to the body of Jesus.

Further, the idea that the disciples stole the body is unbelievable for at least three reasons. (1) They were in no mood to face Roman soldiers, subdue the entire guard, and snatch the body. On Thursday night of that week Peter had proved himself such a coward, when a maid twitted him in the lower hall of the palace of the high priest and accused him of belonging to the condemned Nazarene, that, to save his own skin, he denied his Lord (Matthew 26:69-75).

(2) If they had undertaken such a task, it would only be to foist a lie upon the people. It is inconceivable that the Eleven, after having companioned with the Holy Son of God who exalted the truth, should all agree upon such a conspiracy.

(3) This resurrection truth transformed them from cowards to men of conviction. They boldly stood before thousands and frankly accused them of crucifying the Son of God. For this they were soon in prison, frequently beaten, and ultimately put to death.

THE THEORY INVOLVING JOSEPH

A few years ago, Dr. Joseph Klausner, one of the foremost authorities on Hebrew literature and history, suggested that the owner of the tomb had removed the body. But Klausner didn't give one single reference as evidence. Second, there was no reason for Joseph removing the body of the Lord. Jerusalem was seething with hatred for Christ; so when Joseph went to Pilate and begged that he might lay the body in his own tomb, he was practically taking his life in his hands. Why would Joseph later dishonor this same body, hiding it in some obscure and dishonorable plot of burial? Third, when the Roman soldiers were paid to watch that tomb, they were not told to make an exception of Joseph.

THE WRONG TOMB THEORY

Two scholars, Kirsopp Lake and Gardiner-Smith, have proposed that the women on Easter morning stopped by mistake at another tomb.¹ Would these women, or any other rational person, forget so quickly the place where their dearest loved one was laid to rest? Further, Peter and John also found the tomb empty. Is it to be argued that Peter and John also went to the wrong tomb? And an angel, sitting on a stone, said "Come see the place where the Lord lay." Did the angel make a mistake too? And this was not a public cemetery but a private burying ground; there was no other tomb there which would allow them to make such a mistake. Gardiner-Smith, in a later work, while still at a loss how to explain what happened on Easter morning, does not any longer hold the theory himself.

THE SWOON THEORY

Some say Christ came out of the tomb by His own strength after recovering from a swoon. Even David Strauss, however, who did not at all believe in the resurrection of Christ, repudiated such a fanciful idea: "It is impossible that one who had just come forth from the grave half dead, who crept about weak and ill, who stood in need of medical treatment, of bandaging, strengthening, and tender care, . . . could ever have given the disciples that impression that He was a conqueror over death and the grave. . . . Such a resuscitation could

only have weakened the impression which He had made upon them in life and death. . . ." There are also other objections to the theory, the main one being: if Christ did not die at this time, then when did He die, and under what circumstances?

THE CHRISTIAN CONVICTION

Writers of the New Testament and the Christian church proclaim the glorious fact that by divine power Jesus Christ actually did rise from the dead. He did so even as He had Himself many times predicted. As Professor J. Gresham Machen has said, "There is a tremendous presumption against the resurrection of any ordinary man; but when you come really to know Jesus as He is pictured to us in the Gospels, you will say that whereas it is unlikely that any ordinary man should rise from the dead, in His case the presumption is exactly reversed. . . . It is unlikely that *this* Man should not rise; it may be said of this Man that it was impossible that He should be holden of death."²

Of the four great religions of the world resting directly upon personalities rather than upon some philosophical system, the Christian religion is the only one that even talks about an empty tomb in relation to its founder. All the millions of Jews, Buddhists, and Muhammadans agree that their founders have never come up out of the dust of the earth in resurrection.

Now if Christ truly rose from the dead, what is the practical result of that historical event for us today? *If this prediction of His resurrection came to pass, then everything He ever said must also be true.* He was speaking truth when He said that His precious blood was to be shed for the remission of sins; that He was indeed the Son of God; that He would come again and receive us (believers) to Himself; and that He will, Himself, be the Judge of all mankind. We can never accept the resurrection of Christ and have any doubt about the truthfulness of any utterance from His lips.

Personally, I believe that there is no other single truth in the New Testament supported by such a mass of evidence for those who are looking for historical certainty. The Resurrection relates directly to the Person and work of the most remarkable Individual that ever walked on this earth; it contains within itself the hope of a life to come that satisfies the deepest longings of the human heart; to believe it is to be found in the company of many of the world's greatest thinkers and the truest saints.

To reject the resurrection is to go against every law of logic which man has discovered; to put out the one great light that can illuminate our future; to forfeit any right to kneel at the bedside of a dying man or woman and expect to bring them any comfort. To accept Christ's resurrection is to have in our hearts the key to the Incarnation, the reason for the phenomenal power and growth of the Early Church, peace in our souls because we are justified (declared righteous before God), and a joy that nothing can ever take away from us.

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The Essence of Christianity

By R. M. RIGGS

THERE ARE MANY RELIGIONS in the world, but Christianity outshines them all. For Christianity is more than a religion.

The pages of history tell of various philosophies of men and their standards of law and ethics. These must be considered externals, like the beautiful seamless garment that Christ wore. Christianity is more than a beautiful garment.

The heart and essence of Christianity is the very person of Christ, the Son of God, who is living and present here and now. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:18). "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). The Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the great "I am." He personally is the heart and essence of Christianity.

What made Paul a Christian? It was the presence of the living Christ. "Christ liveth in me," he said (Galatians 2:20). Indeed, he wrote, "For to me to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To the Colossians, Paul said, "Christ in you, the hope of glory," and, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 1:27; 3:3). As he preached to the Corinthians, he said, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). So he said of them later, "Know ye not your own selves,

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WE CHRISTIANS TAKE FOR GRANTED the comfort and assurance that comes when someone says, "I will pray for you." But there are millions who bear heavy burdens without this comfort and solace. To them these words would come as healing balm and as an effective witness for Christ.

My friend Ann, a schoolteacher, told me about another teacher whom I will call Mrs. Harrison. Ann was enjoying a quiet moment in her room during a recess one day when Mrs. Harrison came into the room in tears. She wanted Ann to pray for her son and his family.

"Of course I'll pray," Ann replied. "You pray too."

The woman confessed her inability then said, "I feel your prayers are answered. You remember seven years ago you told me you'd pray for my husband when everyone thought he was dying."

For seven years the memory of someone who had offered to pray had stayed with her, and now she was again asking for prayer! Ann invited her home for lunch and there she prayed fervently for the woman's

how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Since Christ Himself is the essence of Christianity, we may say there are three degrees in our relation to Him and possession of Him. We must *find* Him; we must *follow* Him; and we must *feed upon* Him.

Andrew reported to his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:41, 42). On the way to Damascus Saul heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He answered, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (Acts 9:4, 5). Thus these early church leaders first found Jesus; they met Him personally.

To Peter and the first disciples Jesus said, "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19). At the end of Peter's earthly contact with Jesus, His instructions to him still were simply, "Follow me" (John 21:19). "When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them" (John 10:4). To all His disciples Jesus says, "If any man serve me, let him follow me" (John 12:26). "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

But the deepest, most intimate relationship to Christ is symbolized by the Holy Communion. "Jesus took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you" (1 Corinthians 11:23, 24). "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye

I WILL PRAY FOR YOU

problem. She gave her some Christian literature which Mrs. Harrison literally grabbed in eagerness. Ann is determined to win this hungry heart to the Lord Jesus.

There are millions of people longing for, and even seeking, a spiritual friend. Many do not know where to turn.

If you are wondering where to begin to witness, why not begin by telling some friend, acquaintance, classmate, associate, or relative in need or in trouble, "I will pray for you." Then pray both for his immediate need and that he may be won to Christ.

We can find opportunities in chance meetings too if our hearts are responsive to another's need. On a bus to Cleveland a Christian lady sat beside a young woman

all of it" (Matthew 26:27). The bread and wine represented the essence of Christ's nature and His very life.

To the disciples and to us He says, "Take, eat; drink ye all of it." This means that His wonderful gift of Himself must be appropriated and partaken of. To eat and drink means simply that we must assimilate and absorb the very nature and life of our Lord. We partake each day (mostly three times a day) of natural food to sustain our physical bodies. Daniel and David prayed three times every day (Daniel 6:10; Psalm 55:17). By prayer and Bible study we become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

In the sixth chapter of John, Jesus expressed it this way: "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him" (John 6:53-56).

At the time of His miracle of feeding the 5,000 (where He took bread, and brake it, and multiplied it to feed the multitude) Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven" (John 6:51). This miracle was performed not only to feed many hungry people, but also to illustrate how He was able to take spiritual bread and feed the world. "And the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (verse 51).

Jesus said, "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me" (John 6:57). We live by feeding on Him constantly. Verily, "To live is Christ." Christian living is a constant, moment-by-moment business, as D. W. Whittle wrote:

*"Moment by moment I'm kept in His love,
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am thine."*

THIS is the essence of Christianity. 

with a small baby. The mother and child had been in an accident the day before and were returning home, leaving the husband and father in a hospital with a broken hip, and the car a total wreck.

The child was bruised and fretful. At last, out of compassion for the little one, the Christian woman took the baby's tiny hand in hers and quietly asked God to heal her. The baby went to sleep immediately.

The Christian gave the young mother a Gospel of John and told her she would pray for her and her family. The mother was deeply touched because her baby was resting comfortably, and indicated she would read the Gospel. It was only a brief meeting, but the Christian woman still prays for the little family.

The world is dying for a demonstration of Calvary love which God chooses to manifest through us. Pray that God will use you as a compassionate witness to His honor and glory. Take each opportunity He gives, thank Him for it, and ask to be used again.

—CLAUDIA M. HIGGINS



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What kind of bodies do you think we will have when we are resurrected?

I do not like to speculate as to the composition of our glorified bodies. Paul said concerning our immortal bodies, "God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him" (1 Corinthians 15:38). "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:44). It shall be "fashioned like unto his own glorious body" (Philippians 3:21). "We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Since our bodies shall be like His glorious body, the best description may be obtained from a study concerning the glorified body of Jesus as He appeared to the disciples after His resurrection.

In Matthew 27:5 we read that Judas cast down the pieces of silver in the temple. In Acts 1:18, it says, "This man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity." Can you harmonize these statements?

Yes. After Judas threw down the money in the temple, the money was considered polluted because it had bought the death of Jesus. "And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in" (Matthew 27:6, 7). In Acts 1:18 Peter speaks of Judas as buying the field because it was the money which Judas supplied that was used in the purchase.

Is it proper to speak of the auditorium in a Pentecostal church as the "sanctuary"?

The term "sanctuary" may sound rather formal to those who are not used to it, but the word simply designates a sacred place. To honor the place of assembly as the sanctuary might help develop a sense of reverence on the part of some who are careless in this regard. While it is God whom we worship, we should honor His house as "the place where his honor dwelleth."

Some are telling us that the outpourings of the Spirit as recorded in the Book of Acts were to continue only until the perfect was come, and that "that which is perfect" has come in the Holy Scriptures which are to guide us. This is confusing. Can you help us? The scripture they use is 1 Corinthians 13:8-10.

If "when that which is perfect is come" means that prophecy and tongues (which are signs of the Holy Spirit outpouring) shall cease, it also means that knowledge shall vanish away. Yet those who teach this claim knowledge whereby they can understand the Scriptures.

"When that which is perfect is come" refers to the eternal age that lies before us when "we shall know even as also we are known."

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



THE EASTER MESSAGE PENETRATES TO THE VERY HEART OF AFRICA

THE RESURRECTION OF A WITCH DOCTOR

By REX JACKSON • Foreign Missions Education Editor

DEEP IN THE HEART of Africa, a man made his way cautiously along a jungle trail. It was night, and he didn't like to be out at night. That was when witches turned themselves into leopards and hunted their victims! More than 20 people had been killed in recent weeks by a leopard. It could not be an ordinary leopard—it had to be a witch, for many hunters had tried to kill it without success. The government even sent a white hunter to the area. But he had not succeeded either.

Even stronger than the fear of witches and leopards was the hate that Okon had for the paramount chief of his village, a hate based on envy. Okon was a village councillor, but he wanted to be paramount chief. If the present chief could be removed there might be a chance. Okon had a certain amount of influence with other councillors.

He tried to bolster his courage by reminding himself that, in a way, he belonged to the night. Was not his name Okon (meaning *night*)? His parents had given him this name because he was born at night.

His present business required secrecy. He dared not be seen for he was on his way to ask help from the most feared witch doctor in all the area. He was feared because he had been responsible for so many deaths.

Sometimes white people laughed at the witch doctors whom they regarded as ignorant, superstitious savages; but not Okon. In fact, he was deathly afraid even to go see this man. Yet his envy and covetousness overcame his fear.

When Okon reached the closed gate of the witch doctor's compound, he clapped his hands so that those inside would know he had come in peace. When someone shouted, "Who is it?" Okon identified himself and was told to come in.

Okon's business was urgent and he wanted to get home as soon as he could. But he had to go through the usual formalities of asking about the witch doctor's health, his family, and other matters entirely unrelated to his business. He had to wait until the witch doctor brought the *cola* and divided it, offering a piece to the visitor and eating a piece himself. Then business could proceed.

The African approach to any matter is always oblique, but Okon finally got to the point. How much would the witch doctor charge to get rid of the paramount chief?

This was indeed big business! The witch doctor had to go a round-about way in answering, but he finally got to the essential point. The sum he mentioned was equal to a year's salary for Okon.

The dickering began, for even in such evil business no African would ever pay the first price asked. Finally the witch doctor came down from the amount of his first demand, and Okon came up from his first offer until they arrived at a sum satisfactory to both.

"You must bring me the chief's head after he dies," the witch doctor demanded. Okon had been afraid this would be required. He knew there was a large wooden box back in a secret room of this man's compound—a box filled with human skulls. Only a few weeks before, he happened to be standing near the road when the missionary came along. The missionary had stopped to talk to him, and while they were talking a man came along the road, carrying this box of skulls on his head.

"What is that man doing with those skulls?" asked the missionary. And Okon had told him that the skulls belonged to the witch doctor. There was a native court case in the village, and a man accused of being a thief was to swear an oath that he was not guilty—an oath sworn not on the Bible but on the box of human skulls. The oath was that if the man was not telling the truth, the juju controlled by the witch doctor could kill him. And if he died within the next three days, the juju and the witch doctor

would get the credit for it. The family would have to give the victim's head to the witch doctor as a kind of testimonial.

Besides this method of collecting skulls, the witch doctor at times required those who asked for his services to bring the skull of the one who died from the curse he pronounced. Okon didn't know how he would manage. Perhaps he could wait a week or so after the burial and then secretly dig up the skull. He would worry about that when the time came. Right now he wanted to finish his business and go home. He paid the agreed-upon money and left.

Shortly after this there was great excitement in the village. An outdoor meeting was being held in the yard of the church. The missionary was coming every night. Formerly he had visited the church for day services, but this was something special. He had brought some strange equipment. During the afternoon he and the national pastor had worked to put up bamboo poles. Then they put wires between these poles—wires with glass bulbs at intervals.

The missionary had brought an engine in the back of his station wagon. This was unloaded and put out behind the pastor's house. When it was turned on, it caused those glass bulbs to light up.

The missionary had put up some big metal horns, and he had a small record player that caused loud music to come out of those horns. People ran from every compound until the church yard was packed.

The news of all this reached the witch doctor. He had no use for churches or missionaries. He had become a rich man through his practice. He took delight in being feared by everyone. Yet there had never been electric lights in that village before. The witch doctor's curiosity finally got the best of him. On the third night of the meeting the witch doctor went to see what was going on.

When the people drew back to give the witch doctor room, the pastor was frightened. Why had he come? Would

he cause a disturbance? Would he pronounce a curse to drive the people away?

The missionary preached, telling of the need all men had to be saved from their sins, and of God's love in sending Jesus Christ to die for sinners. The Holy Spirit sent a great conviction upon the witch doctor. Suddenly his riches did not seem so important. There was no question about his being a sinner—he had taken delight in being evil. But now he saw himself in the sight of God, and it was not a pleasant sight.

When the missionary gave an invitation for those who wanted to be saved to come forward, the witch doctor went up. The people could not believe he had gone to repent and be saved. But he had. To everyone's amazement this man got down on his knees and called out to God for mercy.

Here was a man who did not need revival—he needed resurrection. He was deep in sin, "dead in trespasses and sin," as the Bible says. But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Nothing less than resurrection life could ever have transformed that witch doctor.

The next Sunday the witch doctor—no, the *former* witch doctor—stood up in the church and made a public confession of Christ. He asked the Christians to follow him to his compound. There he brought out the jujus and witchcraft devices he had spent a fortune in obtaining. He also brought out the human skulls that were grisly testimonies of his evil past. The whole lot was stacked in the yard. Dried grass was brought in and added to the big stack. Then the converted witch doctor set fire to those things and stood back while the Christians sang songs of victory.

The news of this man's conversion spread far and wide. The Church of England bishop heard about it and came to talk to the pastor, asking what means had been used to get such an evil man to turn from his old ways. The pastor simply said, "It was the gospel, the good news that Jesus died and arose from the grave to deliver even the vilest sinner."

There would be no need for missionaries to go to Africa if there had never been a resurrection of the Saviour. There would be no need of a foreign missions program—or a home program either—if Christ had died,

and that had been the end. He died, yes. But the wonderful truth of the resurrection of Jesus thrills us anew at this Easter. Because we have a living Christ to proclaim to the multitudes still dead in their trespasses and sin, we can and do go forth to the uttermost parts of the earth with the glad news.

What is Easter to you? Just another spring holiday, an excuse for a new wardrobe? Or is it a challenge to share the resurrection life you have received with those who still slink along jungle paths seeking for witch doctors?

Okon got his money back. The witch doctor had not had time to complete his arrangements to bring death to the paramount chief. Okon still is not saved, but he was greatly impressed by the witch doctor's conversion. Here was something he could not deny. He knew the witch doctor, and he saw the change that took place in this man's life. The resurrection life that transformed the witch doctor may yet change Okon also. Pray for him. As missionaries continue to go out with the message, there will be countless repetitions of the miracle of the witch doctor's conversion. 

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PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"
(Psalm 119:105).



"TODAY THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO ARE READY TO LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE."

IN COMPLEX MODERN SOCIETY it is not uncommon for people to live side by side for years and not even know each other's name. The dictionary defines a *neighbor* as someone who lives nearby, but that definition does not require a person to know anything about his neighbor.

When Jesus was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" He told the parable of the Good Samaritan. This was a true neighbor who recognized another man's need and proceeded to help him, rather than do as others who "passed by on the other side."

OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH

Mexico is our nearest Latin American country—our next-door neighbor. With millions of Mexicans who have never heard the message of salvation through Jesus Christ, it becomes a direct challenge to every believer to show the qualities of true neighborliness as taught by the Lord: to recognize the need and do something definite to help.

THE MEXICAN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Although Mexico does not permit the same degree of liberty to missionaries that some other Latin American countries do, there is an open door to work through the national church.

The history of the Pentecostal movement in this land is thrilling. There are a number of Pentecostal organizations, but the Assemblies of God stands as one of the biggest and best organized in the republic. Its history goes back to some fine missionary efforts by the Assemblies of God in the early 1920's. For some years this labor was part of the Latin American Division of the Assemblies of

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OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR

By GORDON MARKER • Missionary to Mexico



Top photo: The Assemblies of God in Mexico has nearly 13,000 baptized members. There are five Bible schools and 714 national workers.

Left photo: Mexican Assemblies of God officials are (left to right) Superintendent Guillermo Fuentes, Vice-Superintendent Juan Orozco, and Secretary-Treasurer Rafael Ayala.

God in the United States. In 1928, however, the Mexican believers adopted their own official name and began to function under their own national leadership.

Today the Mexican Assemblies of God operates in a manner very similar to our own movement in the United States. National leaders are chosen by ballot at a general council every other year. At district conferences, leaders are also elected to oversee the work that now includes churches in the Federal District, in 28 of the 29 states of the country, and in two territories.

Over 700 ministers and Christian workers renew their credentials with the Mexican Assemblies of God each year. Every Sunday morning more than 20,000 people attend services in 525 affiliated churches and missions. Six Bible schools in strategic locations throughout the country and a correspondence school are busy training more than 200 enthusiastic young people who have expressed their desire to become ministers of the gospel or active Christian workers.

One of the biggest handicaps of the Mexican work is the poverty of the average believer. At present there is an urgent need for a national headquarters building at Mexico City and more dormitory space for the Bible schools.

THE LAND OF "MAÑANA" TODAY

Mexico today presents a tremendous challenge to foreign missions. It can no longer be properly called the land of *mañana*. This country of 42 million people is making rapid strides of

advancement in almost all phases of modern life.

Though once portrayed by a picture of an Indian wearing a big *sombrero* and sleeping under a cactus, Mexico today is becoming a land of ambitious programs and projects. As a youth feels new challenges in his increasing strength, so Mexico is responding to new advances in education, industry, and agriculture.

Mexico's beautiful National University (*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Ciudad de México*), with its 75,000 to 80,000 students, is considered the largest university in the world. Mexico City has a population of more than six million. As it prepares to host the 1968 Olympic Games, Mexico City has vast new projects underway with a determined confidence to show the entire world that Mexico is a land of progress.

THE CHALLENGE OF MEXICO

Unless the full-gospel witness keeps pace with this advancing stride of life in our neighboring land, it may well lose an opportunity that will never again be offered. Today the people of Mexico are ready to listen to the gospel message. Today they are ready to read about a better way of life in the Bible and other literature. Many young people are ready to prepare for the ministry and other Christian service.

Here is both a need and an opportunity that we must not pass by. Let us extend a helping hand so that it may be said of us, "They have been true neighbors to their friends next door." 

Both young and old in Mexico today are turning to the Lord Jesus Christ.



CALL TO ACTION

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THE RESURRECTION AND MISSIONS

THE ANCIENT LEADER of the Pharisees was entirely correct when he said, "Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this council or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it."

Twenty centuries have added eloquent proof to the truth of his observation. Today there are more Protestant missionaries serving abroad than ever before.

Gamaliel might have drawn his conclusion from a wise analysis of experience, or he might have drawn it from listening to Peter's preaching. Did you ever notice how quickly the early preachers of the immediate post-Pentecost era, no matter what their text, moved to the theme of the Resurrection?

In Acts 2:32 we hear Peter saying, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses." Or hear him in Acts 3:14 telling his listeners they had "killed the prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead, whereof we are all witnesses."

The story of the Cross was the message of the apostles; the power of the Cross was their motivation; and the fact and glory of the Resurrection was their inspiration and hope. The resurrection of Jesus Christ indicates, as Romans 1:4 states, that the high-water mark of God's redemptive purpose, as far as demonstration of power was concerned, was the release of His Son from the grave on that first Easter morning.

If God did not leave His Son in hell, He will not turn His back on the Church, which is the body of Christ. The born-again saints will come again from the east and west; the north and the south; from areas deep inside closed-off lands, from places where political barriers have forestalled contact from the outside. Yes, there will be Chinese, Russians, and Cubans among the redeemed on that glad resurrection morning!

By **KENNETH D. BARNEY**

THE SECOND PSALM has long been one of my favorite prophetic passages. It is a picture of God announcing to rebellious nations the enthronement of Christ, with a brief glimpse of the establishment of that Messianic kingdom.

But the main feature of the prophecy is the way it depicts the violent, organized resistance of fiercely lawless men who are determined not to be ruled by any decree but their own. What gives this passage such an impact is that it so vividly pictures the international scene before us today.

Never has there been such a snowballing anti-God revolution as there is right now. No one person is at the head, and yet there is a mysterious sense of organization in it.

Its adherents are not only rulers of nations, but even theologians. In the courts, in the schools, in the churches, in government circles, and in homes this lawless movement is gaining momentum. Essentially it is a revolt against divine authority, as this Psalm makes clear.

I

VERSES 1, 2: *"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed."*

This "raging" presents a mob scene—wild, disorderly, and hysterical. This is the spirit in which men resist the coming kingdom of Christ.

We have seen many such disorders in our streets in recent years, but *this* is a *worldwide* mob scene. Evil has a strange, magnetic power. Wicked causes can draw people more quickly than good ones. This is part of the reason the Bible speaks of the "mystery" of iniquity. The attraction of so many in our time to the battle against God is indeed a mystery to the sane and thinking person.

The "vain thing" these rebels imagine is that Christianity will succumb to their assaults—will fade, die out, and disappear.

Times like these are discouraging for Christians, for it sometimes appears the whole world is moving in

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the wrong direction. In our weak moments we might be tempted to wonder if the true gospel will survive. Never fear! God has a wonderful way of taking care of His cause and His work!

Do you remember how King Jehoiakim cut and burned the roll of Scripture written by Jeremiah because of its words of judgment? How foolish he was to think that fire could destroy the message. God's Word has a way of always coming back! It is like a prairie fire that may be stamped out in one place, only to break out in another.

In the case of Jehoiakim, the prophecies of doom were written on another scroll, with many additions. God's Word will always be back to speak its message again!

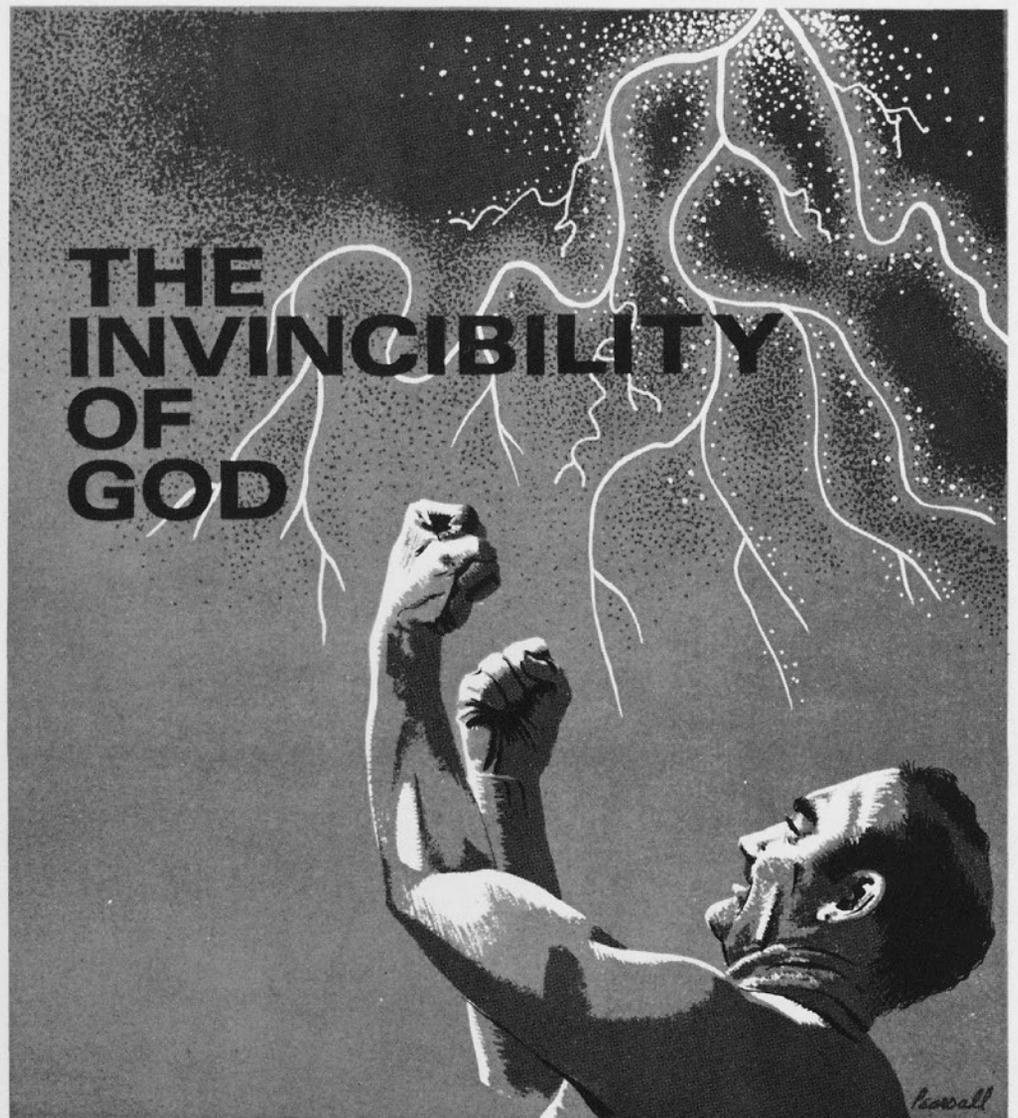
If we Christians are not careful, we will develop the kind of "minority complex" that gripped Elijah when he hid in the cave, thinking he was the only believer left. What a lesson God taught His discouraged servant.

First, there was a strong wind—a veritable tornado. Then came an earthquake, followed by a fire. But God did not speak through any of these. Instead He came at last in "a still, small voice," or as the marginal rendering puts it, "a sound of gentle stillness."

The Lord was telling Elijah that, although He is able to break rocks and shake mountains, He does not always work in such spectacular fashion but often does His mighty works in quietness.

And then He announced that while Elijah had been engaged in his brawls with the enemy, the Spirit of God—quietly and unnoticed—had laid His hand on 7,000 others who were still standing for the truth. In other words, Elijah had more on his side than he realized.

We see only a small section of the battlefield. It may be going hard for the cause of righteousness in the place where we fight. But we too have more standing with us than we are



aware of. Our place is at the post of duty, not in the cave of despair.

II

VERSE 3: "Saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Here is the essence of the whole rebellion, and it is the basis of the upheaval before us today. To a good man the laws of God are blessed, but to the wicked they are restraints that constantly chafe him. Hence, this vain attempt to break loose from them.

In 2 Peter 2:14 we read of those who have "an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children." The Greek word for exercised is one used to describe the training of an athlete. In fact, it is the one from which we get our English *gymnasium*.

Like an athlete preparing for a contest, these people have actually trained and equipped their minds and hearts to concentrate on lust and evil. They have deliberately fought with conscience until they have destroyed it. They have wrestled against God until they have cast the thought of Him out of their lives. They have consciously trained themselves to concentrate on forbidden things.

This is the spirit of the rebellious hordes described in the Second Psalm. It is the spirit hovering over the world today.

III

VERSE 4: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision."

At first, God does not move nor act. He simply stands back contemptuously and watches the wicked fling themselves against His immutable laws. His "laugh" is the laugh a giant would emit if attacked by a pygmy.

This is God's present position in the conflict. We may wonder why He does not go into action. But One who is invincible can afford to wait. He is not desperate. There is no need for Him to hurry. His time is coming. While He waits and laughs at the frustration of His enemies, we too must wait and keep our faith and confidence intact.

IV

VERSES 5, 6: "Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

At last the divine move comes. "Then" indicates "after a time"—

speaking of a delay. God has been simply watching the lawless ones in their vain efforts. But at last the hour arrives to speak, and speak He does! This will be at the coming of His Son whom He announces to the world as King.

Some of this "vexing" of the nations can already be seen in the hopeless attempts of men to bring peace and prosperity to the world without God. It can be witnessed in the constant failure of the United Nations to stop bloodshed. It can be seen in the eternal dashing of the hopes of the godless to have a millennium without Christ.

You will remember the angels who spoke to the disciples after Jesus ascended. The message which heaven was then so anxious to convey to the world concerning the ascended Christ was this: "The human race hasn't seen the last of Him! He'll be back!"

V

VERSES 7-9: "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

What a fate awaits those who join the anti-God rebellion! Instead of meeting them with a scepter of mercy when He comes, the Messiah will crush them with a rod of iron. The



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Rock falls on them and grinds them to powder. This it shall be with all who throw themselves against the self-executing laws of God's eternal kingdom.

In Jeremiah 43:9, 10 we have a picture that supplements the one in this Psalm. At the command of the Lord, Jeremiah buried several great stones in the ground at the entrance of Pharaoh's house and left them there—to be forgotten by nearly everyone. But as Jeremiah laid the stones, he was prophesying that the day would come when the Babylonians would conquer the land and their king would set his throne over the very place where the stones lay.

Those stones, hidden from view for a time, are like the prophetic Word—it is concealed from the eyes of carnal men and as yet unfulfilled, but as solid and immovable as great boulders. Jeremiah's stones did become the very foundation of the conqueror's palace, just as the Word of God against evildoers becomes a veritable foundation of judgment.

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VERSE 12: "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

Though this is a severe Psalm, it ends with blessing. It shows the happy state of those who have put their trust in God.

This is the Word of the Spirit to the children of the Lord today: "Rather than becoming carried away with depression and discouragement over the conditions of the world, keep your trust where it belongs!"

Mobs make a great deal of noise, but the horde of God-haters which surround us could more easily topple Pike's Peak with their bare hands than they can shake the foundations of the invincible Kingdom of which we are a part.

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CONSIDER THE LILIES

LET ME CONSIDER the lilies. They preach God's love and care. He weaves their petals with a fineness of fibre which no loom can match. He adorns them with tints which surpass the dyes of Tyre. And if He makes the grass of the field so beautiful, shall I not trust Him to do everything for me? The needs of my present life, the salvation of my soul, the progress of my faith and godliness—He charges Himself with them all.

Let me consider the lilies. They preach God's love of loveliness. Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of them. I think of the delicacy of their coloring, and the exquisiteness of their lines, of their variety and number. They tell me that mere life does not content my Lord. It must be life in its finest and most attractive guise. So let me be rid of a rudimentary faith, a broken hope, a limited love, an unwilling service, a halting devotion.

Let me consider the lilies. They preach God's evangel of eternity. They fade; they disappear; but soon they return. He crowns not one year but all the years with their pinks and purples, crimsons and scarlets. And there are blossoms more precious to Him than the wild flowers which light up the woods and wheatlands. Then is my immortality assured. Then I shall sleep to wake.

—ALEXANDER SMELLIE

THE ETERNAL "IS"

ON JANUARY 19, 1924, the Soviet Congress issued a public declaration at the death of Lenin. It stated: "His vision was colossal. His intelligence in organizing the masses was beyond belief. He was lord of the new humanity, and the savior of the world."

Yet the word *was* marked the fact that life had come to an end for Nikolai Lenin. His lifeless body could no longer lay claim to the titles, "supreme ruler," "lord," and "savior."

Almost 2,000 years ago, another Man was called "Lord," "Master," and "Saviour." But He did not relinquish these titles when He died. They were, in fact, underlined for eternity. Christ is still Lord, Master, and Saviour—and He will be for eternity.

Standing before the vacated tomb, the angel cried, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:5, 6).

All that Lenin promised was voided by his death. All that Christ promised is assured by His resurrection. The great "I AM" has not become the impotent "I WAS."

He *is* "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). He *is* the contemporary Christ—the eternal "IS." To us that means joy for the present and hope for the future—strength for today and immortality for tomorrow.

—SAMUEL FARINA

THE BIG "IF"

IT IS A JOY TO VISIT the Gospel Publishing House where modern high-speed presses turn out some 10 tons of gospel literature in a single day. To watch the huge rolls of blank paper transformed before our eyes into beautiful picture rolls, visual aids, and the many other publications and periodicals is indeed exciting.

But in fairness, this printing plant, along with the modern headquarters building of the Assemblies of God should be closed and sold, IF...

The hundreds of missionaries stationed around the world should be recalled, the Bible schools closed and students dismissed, IF...

The more than 10,000 ordained ministers in our fellowship should take steps immediately to find secular employment, IF...

The 8,000-plus churches should be put up for sale, IF...

IF WHAT? If there is no hope of life beyond the grave. For—

"If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not" (1 Corinthians 15:13-15).

"If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die" (v. 32).

But Paul did not cease preaching. He continued to preach, for he knew there is a resurrection. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, confident that for him there was a crown of life laid up, which the Lord, the righteous judge will give him at that day. "And not for me only," he said, "but for all those who love his appearing."

Oh, glorious truth! "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept... For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive! (1 Corinthians 15:20, 22).

God's Word tells us and our own hearts respond to the witness of the Holy Spirit that there is a resurrection. Jesus *is* coming to catch away the living saints and raise the dead.

Tell it out! Let the presses roll! Keep the church doors open! Jesus is alive!

—HALBERT E. ALLEN

THE EMPTY TOMB

IF THE RESURRECTION GOES, the supernatural goes; if the resurrection remains, the door is open for the miraculous. We hear all around us today, in all sorts of voices,

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the declaration that all miracle is impossible. There is one fact that stands on its own appropriate evidence, the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which shatters all such contention. That fact is the key of the position.

Like some great fortress standing at the mouth of the pass into the fertile country, as long as it holds out, the storm of war is rolled back in broken foam from its firm battlements; if it yields, all is surrendered.

Around the alleged fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ turns this whole controversy. More and more it will be manifest that any theory of the relations between God and man which is not able to find a place for the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is unable to hold the field.

All sorts of preposterous theories to account for the belief in it upon natural grounds spring up generation after generation; and generation after generation they are swept away into the dust-bin of forgotten absurdities. And the old message stands: *Jesus Christ is risen from the dead*

—ALEXANDER MACLAREN

IN CLOSE EMBRACE

*"They came and held Him by the feet,"
Loath, they, to let Him go—
They who had brought their spices sweet
At early morning's glow.*

*They held Him—yea, and worshiped Him,
Not as in olden days;
They praised anew the sinless Lamb—
Him, worthy of all praise.*

*For He, in resurrection clothed,
Grave garments left behind,
Had met them there with sweet "All hail!"—
Their Master, tender, kind.*

*"All hail!" and all within them bowed,
And adoration poured
From Mary's soul and Magdalene's
Unto their loving Lord.*

*Thou sovereign Christ, I too would fall
And worship at Thy feet;
Would hold Thee nearer, closer, Lord,
In adoration meet.*

*No more to part nor walk alone,
Nor e'er from Thee to stray;
Lord, I would keep Thee in my heart
And hold Thee fast away.*

—CLARA M. BROOKS

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

AN EASTER MESSAGE

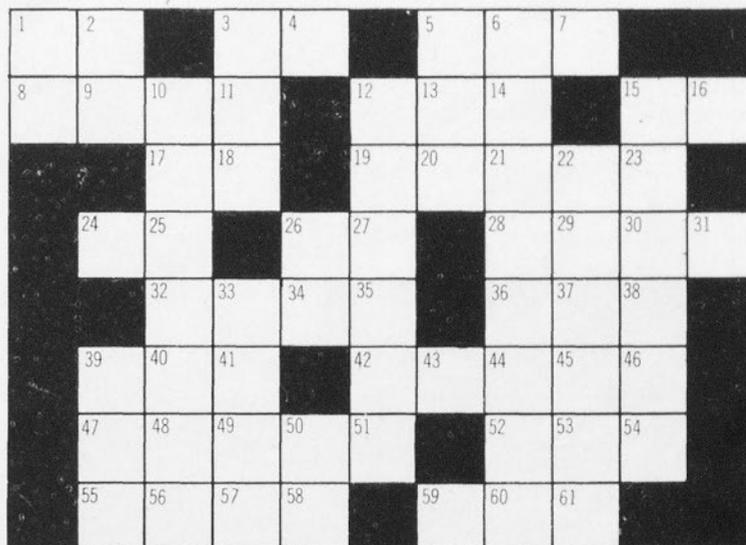
GUESS THE WORDS DEFINED BELOW and write them over the numbered dashes. Then transfer each letter to its matching square of the puzzle. For example, the "T" of the first word would go in square 52 of the puzzle.

Reading from left to right, the completed pattern will spell out a Bible quotation: Matthew 28:6. (All words read across only.)

- A. Crown of — — — — —
52 1 6 50 23 21
- B. Women brought — — — — — to the tomb.
4 42 3 32 35 18
- C. Easter flower — — — — —
55 30 59 61
- D. Masculine pronoun — — — — —
40 51
- E. Lifeless — — — — —
58 2 24 31
- F. A sound — — — — —
5 33 17 28 41
- G. Apprehension — — — — —
12 49 44 10
- H. To melt — — — — —
39 53 60 47

- I. Milk product — — — — —
45 26 11 9 36 16
- J. Ocean's edge — — — — —
25 15 56 57 22
- K. Spooky — — — — —
46 27 19 20 38
- L. Mary's relationship to
Christ — — — — —
34 13 7 8 37 14
- M. "Physician, — — — — — thyself."
48 54 29 43

—ROBERTA LASHLEY



GUIDANCE THROUGH OBEDIENCE

Sunday School Lesson for April 17, 1966
EXODUS 14:10-22

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

GOD HAD DELIVERED ISRAEL FROM EGYPT. Yet their redemption was not complete. They now needed to be delivered from the power of Pharaoh who would still enslave them if he could. And in this story we see typified the full deliverance of the Christian from the power of Satan.

PURSUED BY PHARAOH (Exodus 13:17 to 14:9)

1. *God's Purpose* (13:17, 18, 21). The paths of God's choosing are not always the easiest, but they are always the best. The shortest route would have been through Philistia; but by that route they might have encountered opposition from the Philistines. So they might know that God was leading them, He granted them supernatural guidance in the form of the pillar of cloud and fire.

2. *Israel's Predicament* (14:1-4). Israel was in a tight place! Mountains on either side, the Red Sea in front, and Pharaoh behind them. Pharaoh thought they were trapped—and so did God's people. God often allows His people to get into predicaments so they may prove His power to deliver!

IT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN!



3. *Pharaoh's Pursuit* (14:5, 8). Egypt is a type of this evil world out of which God calls His children. In his pursuit of Israel Pharaoh may well represent Satan who desires to entangle us again in the yoke of bondage. But we need not fear. If God allows us to be pursued by the enemy, He will also give victory over the enemy!

ENCOURAGED BY MOSES (Exodus 14:10-14)

1. *Israel's Complaint* (vv. 10, 11). Instead of trusting God—who so recently had demonstrated His mighty power in their behalf—Israel became panic-stricken and resentful toward Moses. Before we judge them, however, let us remember that it is even easy for us in an enlightened age to forget God's faithfulness in the past and to complain about our present situation.

2. *Moses' Courage* (vv. 13, 14). The same test that exposed the unbelief of the people brought into evidence the faith of Moses. Consider his words: (1) "Fear not." This is God's Word to His children under all circumstances. Israel was in God's will. And "if God be for us, who can be against us?" (See Romans 8:28-39.) (2) "Stand still." We too need this advice when we are under pressure and tempted to become frantic and run here and there. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). (3) "See the salvation of the Lord." How blessed to rest in faith instead of resorting to futile fleshly energy and methods. (4) "The Lord shall fight for you." How much energy we waste if we try to defend ourselves with carnal weapons. How much better to manifest the poise of committal which the Spirit imparts and leave matters in God's hands!

3. *God's Command* (vv. 15, 16). God's words here reveal that there is a time for prayer and also a time for acting in faith. Israel was to go forward. But the Red Sea was in front of them! "No matter," God said to Moses, "I will enable you to make a way." Moses' faith was tested by his being asked to do the impossible. And only as he obeyed did victory come.

DELIVERED BY GOD (Exodus 14:19-31)

1. *The Passage Through the Sea*. God made a way where there was no way by making supernatural use of a natural agency—the wind; and Israel passed through the sea on dry ground! (1) The passage represented Israel's national baptism. (See 1 Corinthians 10:1, 2.) Being baptized unto Moses meant that under his leadership Israel passed from the old life of bondage to a new life of freedom. (2) The passage through the sea typifies Christian baptism which signifies that we have passed from the old life of bondage to sin to a new life of victory over the guilt and power of sin—by virtue of our union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (See Romans 6:3-14.)

2. *The End of Pharaoh and the Egyptians* (14:30, 31). A life of victory over sin is the normal Christian life. On the far shores of the Red Sea, the Israelites saw the dead bodies of their foes. Similarly, it is on the other side of the Cross and the grave—where we have been crucified with Christ and buried with Him—that we find our victory. Let us dare to claim our rightful position! By faith we are to reckon that the old life is dead and buried with Christ. But more than that, we are to reckon that we ourselves are risen with Him, alive unto God, and partakers of His victory over Satan.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD BIBLE SCHOOLS

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"THE EMERGING NATIONAL CHURCH NEEDS A STEADY STREAM OF ADEQUATELY TRAINED LEADERS."



By **CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL**

WITH DISTINCTION the Assemblies of God leads the missionary world in the number of mission field training centers. Our 80 Bible schools are currently training 2,800 young people.

Bible schools occupy an extremely important position in the evangelism outreach of the Assemblies of God. Today the greatest contribution our missionaries can make is to train nationals for effective, continuous witnessing and thus ensure strong, indigenous churches.

Training centers are not a 20th-century innovation. Elijah directed the School of the Prophets at Gilgal. Under his successor, Elisha, the enrollment increased to 100. When the school outgrew its quarters the student prophets cut down trees to build new dormitories.

Jesus devoted a major part of His ministry to training the Twelve. The curriculum included not only instruction but practical assignments as well.

In our overseas program the first nationals to enter the ministry received their training from missionaries with whom they served—like a Paul-Timothy relationship.

One of our first organized training centers was Truth Bible Institute in Peking, China, opened in 1934. W. W. Simpson and B. T. Bard were two of the early instructors. This school continued in operation until missionaries were evacuated from China.

TODAY'S BIBLE SCHOOLS

Natingou, Pindamonhangaba, Koindu, and Petaling Jaya! Romantic sounding names, these and others—all of them places where the Assemblies of God is training national workers. Only a quick look at some of the schools is possible in this brief survey.

J. Philip Hogan, Assemblies of God foreign missions executive director, has said, "Some of our schools surround the Iron Curtain countries. They stand around the perimeter of the great land mass of Asia as focal points of powerful potential for revival. Their charter is the Book of Acts. Their curriculum—the whole Bible. Their staff—missionaries and nationals—a grand army of consecrated men and women dedicated to reproduce New Testament days through scores of different national languages."

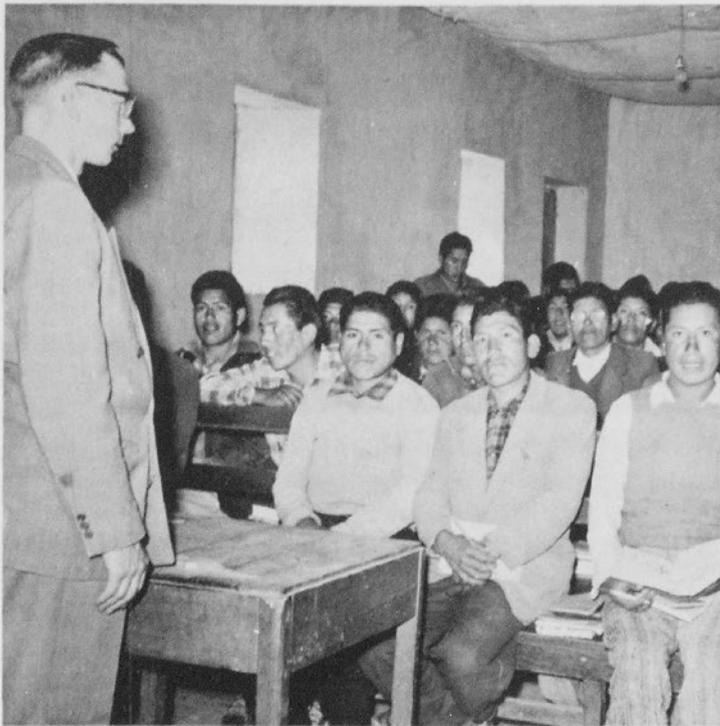
The purpose of our Bible schools is not primarily to encourage academic excellence, but rather to strongly emphasize holy living and an awareness of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Buildings vary from small, thatched-roof classrooms to modern structures, but in every school a Bible-centered curriculum is designed to produce workmen that need

(Continued on next page)



A good example of Assemblies of God Bible school graduates is Lebende Miningou, superintendent of the national work in Upper Volta, West Africa.



Monroe Grams speaks to a class at the Aymara Bible Institute, Bolivia.

“not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

The standard of living generally is not far removed from the community served by the school. Take the regional Bible school in General Pando, 60 miles from La Paz, Bolivia, and 13,400 feet above sea level, where 30 Aymara Indian men attend a three-month course of study each year. The school is held under primitive conditions. “It seems best,” says our missionaries, “not to uproot the men from the environment of their call and their future ministry.”

Lengths of semesters and daily schedules vary according to local conditions. In El Salvador four-month courses are alternated with eight-month periods of active ministry. The Bible school at Pleebo, Liberia, is adjacent to one of the Firestone rubber plantations where the students are employed. Classes therefore are conducted from 4 to 8 p.m.

Three of our training centers in Brazil are evening schools to accommodate those who desire systematic Bible study but whose family responsibilities prevent their attending day sessions. The appreciation for *Instituto Biblico Pentecostal* in Rio de Janeiro is expressed by one of the graduates: “Time spent sharpening the ax is well spent.”

To provide postgraduate studies for young men who have completed the three-year courses in our Far East Bible schools and who will serve their fields in administrative capacities, the Far East Advanced School of Theology (FEAST) has been established on the campus of Bethel Bible Institute in Manila.

THE STUDENTS

“All the students in our school have testimonies that would thrill you,” reported one of our missionaries in Central America. “For the most part they come from small towns or mountain villages. All have a yearning to preach the gospel to their own people. Some will minister in the hot, steamy lowlands, others in remote mountain villages. A number will serve in more populous

areas. But all will go with the same burning message.”

An American evangelist said, “I found myself coming away with a deep admiration for the devotion and consecration of the students in our overseas Bible schools.”

Speaking of dedication—there is the story of a young Nigerian, Moses, who refused a kingdom to become a Pentecostal preacher. His decision was made while he was a student at Nigeria’s Central Bible Institute. When village elders from Igedde informed him he had been chosen king and that they had come to escort him back for his coronation, he replied, “I would rather have Jesus than be king.” In Igedde today there are 24 churches, a tribute to his solid leadership. No missionaries have ever been stationed in Igedde. Moses serves as presbyter for the area.

Highest honors for courage go to the 1950 graduates of Ecclesia Bible Institute in Hong Kong. When they were given their choice of a place of ministry, 14 unhesitatingly volunteered to return to Red China to witness for Christ. Most of the students were never heard from again. One returned to Hong Kong after 14 years of ministry in China.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Students put into practice what they learn in the classroom through preaching, teaching Sunday school classes, house-to-house visitation, literature distribution, and personal witness. In other words, they engage in “on-the-job training.” Schools report hundreds of conversions through student ministries. One school reported 17 new churches opened by students who stayed on as pastors of the new congregations after the close of school. Students of Northern Ghana Bible School conduct religious education classes in 12 government schools.

Young people attending African Bible Training Institute in South Africa gain practical ministerial experience in neighboring towns, villages, and mining compounds. Many miners accept Christ and take the gospel back to their own people. Churches have been started by men who were saved under student ministry.

TRAINED LEADERS FOR THE TASK

The emerging national church needs now, and will need in years to come, a steady stream of adequately trained leaders. Today the distress of nations emphasizes the urgency of missions enterprises as never before. In the light of present world conditions the strategy of training nationals for church leadership is imperative.

Overseas Bible schools are not a doubtful experiment; they are a definite success. 

BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMARY 1965

FIELDS	SCHOOLS	STUDENTS
AFRICA	19	671
LATIN AMERICA AND WEST INDIES	32	1,238
FAR EAST	18	667
SOUTHERN ASIA	6	146
EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST	5	97
TOTALS	80	2,819

CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg
NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

REVIVAL AT SCC ALL-SCHOOL RETREAT

An all-school retreat in the San Bernardino mountains recently brought spiritual blessing to students and faculty of Southern California College, Costa Mesa, California. Speaker for the weekend was Ronald Cottle, chairman of the Department of Bible.

Each evening the services were blessed with the presence of the Lord. Testimonies, worship, and praise were spontaneous as students opened their hearts to God.

On Saturday night God worked in the lives of students in an unusual way. Confessions were made by some; others deepened their commitment to God; while still others received calls to the ministry. It was after 3 a.m. when the service of prayer and seeking God concluded.

There were lasting results from the meetings in the mountains. One girl had gone on crutches to the event. When she returned she was walking without them, healed by the power of God.

The revival spirit remains in the lives of the students as evidenced by greater interest in spiritual activities on the campus.

NORTH CENTRAL HOLDS WITNESS WEEK

February 14-18 was designated as Witness Week at North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Special services were held during morning chapel hours and each evening, Monday through Thursday.

Stanton E. Johnson, Iowa district superintendent, ministered in the services. Many were led to a deeper spiritual consecration through Brother Johnson's anointed ministry.



Members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Administration break ground for a new dormitory at Central Bible College which is to be completed by fall.



Stanton Johnson, Iowa district superintendent, speaks at NCBC during Witness Week.

To correlate classroom teaching with the actual witnessing, the Christian Service Department of the college organized groups of students to flood areas of Minneapolis with literature on Saturday evening, February 12. After meeting in the chapel, students spread into eight major areas of the city to distribute tracts. One group was stationed at a basketball game on the University of Minnesota campus. Others covered the busiest streets of the city.

Later that evening the students returned to the college bringing good reports of the results of the tract distribution.

GROUND BROKEN AT CBC

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$300,000 dormitory at Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, took place Thursday morning, February 17.

The new dormitory will be named for J. Roswell Flower, for many years general secretary of the Assemblies of God.

The service began with a short devotional message by Earl E. Blythe, Tennessee district superintendent. Reading from Exodus 3:1-6, he declared that the place where God reveals Himself is holy ground. He stated that the Lord has often revealed Himself to future ministers of the gospel on the campus of CBC.

Present for the occasion were members of the board of directors and administration of the college.

President Philip Crouch gave a brief explanation of the building, to be constructed east of the Bowie Hall residence. This was followed by a prayer of dedication by General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman.

Construction began March 1, and the dormitory will be ready for occupancy by September 1, 1966. Housing 128 students, the three-story, 27,000-square-foot building will have an L-shaped design featuring a suite arrangement of rooms.

The new facility will permit Central Bible College's enrollment to expand to almost 650 next fall. Present enrollment is 589. Costs for the structure will be underwritten through bonds maturing over a 15-year period beginning in 1967.

Children of ministers make up a large part of our Assemblies of God colleges. Of the 756 students attending Evangel College in Springfield, Mo., 118 are ministers' children—including 16 missionaries' children.

The group on the left are freshmen at Evangel College, and the group on the right are sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The parents of all students in both pictures are ministers.





ALL TRIBES INDIAN BIBLE SCHOOL IS GROWING



By DONALD R. RAMSEY, President

THE ALL TRIBES BIBLE SCHOOL in Phoenix, Arizona, has a capacity enrollment of 20 during the current semester.

Already we have more prospective students for next fall than we can accommodate with present facilities. We are not discouraging those who are interested; but if space is as limited then as it is now, we will be able to take only four or five more students. Utilities, space, and staff are taxed to the limit.

Some applications for admission for the present school year were turned down for lack of room. Even so, we have seven tribes and five states represented among the students.

We count among our blessings the generosity of the Illinois District in providing for a much-needed remodeling program. Students at Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Texas, pledged \$1,000 for equipment. By shopping carefully, we expect to be able to meet our immediate equipment needs with this amount.

Speed-the-Light funds have been allocated to purchase a bus for use in choir and other off-campus student ministries in outlying areas.

Students who came to us knowing little about the Word of God are increasing in Bible knowledge. This year we will graduate a consecrated blind Navaho brother from New Mexico. He is very intelligent and shows signs of becoming an evangelist used of God among the Navahos on the reservation. Two students have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during this school year, and others are seeking.

Students are expected to pay only \$40 a month for room, board, and tuition. Classes are held in the mornings so students can work at afternoon jobs. Evening trips to various churches are arranged, and of course we conduct daily chapel services. There is a growing feeling of spiritual comradeship among the students.

The Arizona WMC's and others have helped provide food for the school. Formerly the school received government surplus food, but this has been discontinued because of our educational status. This makes offerings for and of food imperative.

Our greatest immediate need is to purchase property on which we may provide proper facilities for needed expansion of the school.

We welcome referrals of Indian young people from missionaries and pastors, for the school's purpose is to prepare these young people to reach their own tribes with the gospel. God has given us a dedicated staff working together sacrificially for the school. Yet this institution cannot develop as it should until adequate facilities are provided. When these are made available, the influence of the school will be felt in greater measure in the evangelization of the American Indians on an indigenous basis.

The Assemblies of God leads other denominations in training nationals for indigenous church leadership on foreign fields. Let us be as concerned for an indigenous work among our more than half million American Indians in the United States. This must begin with an adequate Bible training program.

The school facilities are inadequate to accommodate all the students who wish to attend next year.



The students of the All Tribes Indian Bible School stand in front of the school.



Your contribution to the expansion program of the Indian Bible School should be clearly designated for *All Tribes Indian Bible School* and sent to the National Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

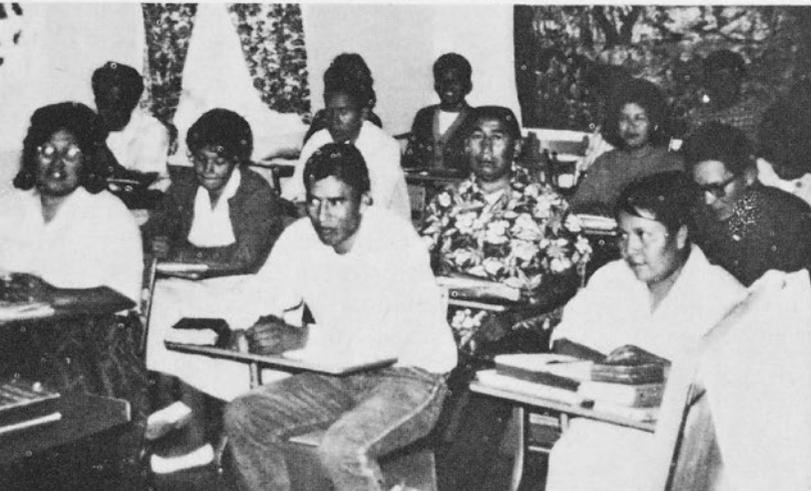


Joe Hanna is vice-president of the school as well as a teacher. Mrs. Joe Hanna (center) and Pauline Mastries are teachers.



Members of the school board are (seated left to right): T. C. Cunningham, Southern California assistant district superintendent; Raymond Hudson, New Mexico district superintendent; Charles W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions; J. K. Gressett, Arizona district superintendent; (standing) W. E. Cummings, Arizona district secretary-treasurer; O. W. Killingsworth, pastor, Assembly of God, Yuma, Ariz.; C. D. Holleman, pastor, Central Assembly, Phoenix; V. L. Hertweck, pastor, First Assembly, Mesa, Ariz. (V. E. Shores, Arizona assistant district superintendent, was not present for the picture.)

Indians from various tribes in classroom preparing themselves to take the gospel to their own people.



What's Happened to Tony?



By DWAYNE SUIT • Red Rock, Oklahoma

TONY ROMERO, an Otoe Indian lad, had come to church for three Sundays and had finally surrendered his heart to God. What a joy it was to see him run to the altar and experience genuine salvation as he wept before the Lord.

Tony once was one of the rough boys in town. His face showed the hard, defiant marks that only sin can place there. But when he gave his life to God, these were replaced with soft lines and a wonderful glow.

There were some habits in Tony's life he wanted to keep; but when he prayed, he felt impelled to lay them on the altar. Then God baptized him in the Holy Spirit. People noticed the difference and began to ask, "What's happened to Tony?"

The young convert began to knock on doors to tell people how God had saved him and filled him with the Holy Spirit. He would testify to those he met on the street. Never once while he was home did he miss a service at our church.

In September, 1965, Tony enrolled in the All Tribes Indian Bible School in Phoenix, Ariz. (He is the first Otoe Indian from our church to attend Bible school.) How happy we were to be able to take him to school in our Speed-the-Light station wagon.

When Tony came home for Christmas, our hearts rejoiced to note how he has grown in the Lord. Now in his second term at the school, he feels that God is calling him to preach the gospel.

We are praying and expecting God to save many more like Tony Romero on this Otoe reservation.

FOOD NEEDED FOR ALASKA CAMPS

ESKIMO AND INDIAN CAMP MEETINGS, planned for Alaska this summer, urgently need packaged and canned foods. These should be shipped by freight no later than April 30 so missionaries will get the shipment on the first boat in June.

Heavier parcels (40 to 70 pounds) can be shipped more cheaply by parcel post to Fort Yukon since it is a second-class post office.

Parcels should be sent to these missionaries: Patrick Donadio, Box 4, Fort Yukon, Alaska; or, E. D. McKenzie, % Assembly of God, Box 237, Barrow, Alaska.

Persons who prefer to make a cash contribution should send it to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802, designated, "Food for Alaska Camps."

Easter Greetings



Hallelujah, Christ Arose

At this Easter season may you receive in full measure the same peace and security you have given the destitute, thoughtfulness and generosity you have shown to others, love and happiness you have imparted to the lonely and the helpless.

On behalf of Hillcrest Children's Home, Highlands Children's Home, Bethany Retirement Home and Aged Ministers' Assistance—for those to whom you have so kindly contributed—we wish you God's richest blessings.

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REVIVALTIME ENCOURAGES FAITH FOR HEALING

By RON ROWDEN

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35).

HOW OFTEN WE HEAR PEOPLE SAY, "It must have been wonderful to see men and women healed just by touching Christ's garment as He walked by!" But His healing touch is still being felt today as surely as in that time when Christ walked the earth, for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). He still lives and heals!

Hundreds of letters received by *Revivaltime* testify that God is still anxious to deliver men and women from all afflictions and infirmities. How thrilling it is each day to read the letters of those who have felt the touch of the Master!

"Then saith he to the sick of the palsy, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" (Matthew 9:6).

Through fervent prayer, palsy can still be healed! A *Revivaltime* listener in Albany, Tex., testified: "Some time ago we wrote to *Revivaltime* requesting prayer for my 91-year-old mother. She had palsy that made her entire body quiver. It looked as if she were chewing her tongue all the time for she had no control over it. Since you prayed for her, she can now control her tongue. Thank God for this and thanks for your prayers!"

"The multitude wondered, when they saw . . . the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk" (Matthew 15:31).

"I am 51 years old," wrote a woman in Winthrop Harbor, Ill. "Not long ago I had a fall, and my left foot, leg, and hand were swollen and pained me quite severely. But I was determined to look to God for my healing.

"One Sunday morning as I was listening to *Revivaltime*, you said you would pray for the sick. When you started praying, all my soreness and pain left me, I was instantly healed!"

And from Pullman, Mich., another *Revivaltime* listener testified:

"I asked you to pray for a girl who had been in an auto accident. She already had one leg amputated, and they had operated on the other leg removing her ankle bone. Doctors said she would never be able to walk on that leg.

"I am happy to report that she has an artificial leg and has been walking on the other leg with the help of a walker. She has even taken steps and walked some without the walker.

"She is still taking therapy and is planning to walk up the aisle for her church wedding in June. Praise the Lord for answering prayer!"

"Behold, a woman of Canaan . . . cried unto him, saying, . . . my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. . . . Then Jesus answered . . . O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour" (Matthew 15:22, 28).

How inspiring was this letter from a mother in Ithaca, Mich.:

"My daughter had been a patient at the state mental hospital for nearly five years and was showing no signs of improvement. At the last *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting, I requested prayer that God would deliver her from that place with a clear mind. God heard and answered that prayer!

"Today she is home; she is healed! Oh, how marvelous, how wonderful is our God! Thank you so much for praying with me."

The *Revivaltime* staff will be happy to take your need before the Throne of Grace. Thousands of prayer partners join each week in praying for requests from listeners. Every request is given individual attention.

Let us share your burden today. Enclose your prayer request in your next letter of support to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

Jesus lives, and He is waiting to meet your need. Trust Him today!



REVIVALTIME NOW HEARD IN VIETNAM

THROUGH THE WORLDWIDE FACILITIES of the Far East Broadcasting Company, *Revivaltime* is now being beamed directly into Vietnam via the Manila, Philippines, DZAS 50,000-watt "hot-line." The broadcast is heard at 1 p.m. Thursdays, Saigon time, at 680 kilocycles.

Reaching some 300,000 servicemen in Vietnam, the release extends *Revivaltime's* outreach to a most appreciative audience.

President Johnson has said, concerning the Vietnam conflict, "It is going to be a long, hard battle." He promised: "Our pursuit of peace will be constant. We will continue to press at every door. But until there is a response—and until the aggression ends—we must do all that is necessary to support our allies and our own fighting forces in Vietnam."

For Armed Forces personnel, this decision means long months away from home, times of loneliness, continual discouragements. In times of crisis, men's hearts look to God for assurance and strength. *Revivaltime* provides that spiritual lift.

Airman Second Class, James A. Foote, testifies: "I am presently sta-

tioned at Phan Rang Air Base in Vietnam. I hear your broadcast every Thursday. When I was home in Atlanta, Kans., my mother and I always used to listen to *Revivaltime*. I have 11 more months to spend here, but the Lord willing I will go home again. Your wonderful radio service will make my time here much easier. Thank you so much for your ministry."

One mother wrote to *Revivaltime*, telling of her son's comments upon returning from duty in Vietnam. The young veteran said, "Never have I been in such an unbearably lonesome, desolate place. Every day you long to hear something from back home—just a few words of encouragement."

Now *Revivaltime* has the opportunity to minister to those who are serving in that weary, war-torn land. Through the broadcast service, correspondence, literature, and prayer, *Revivaltime* is prepared to minister to these young men and to stand by them for the duration.

However, we can maintain this outreach only through your regular support. Costs for the weekly broadcast are \$35—unbelievably inexpensive for a powerful 50,000-watt transmitting

station broadcasting on prime time.

Will you help us send the truth to Vietnam? Pledge your regular support to this vital ministry in your next letter to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

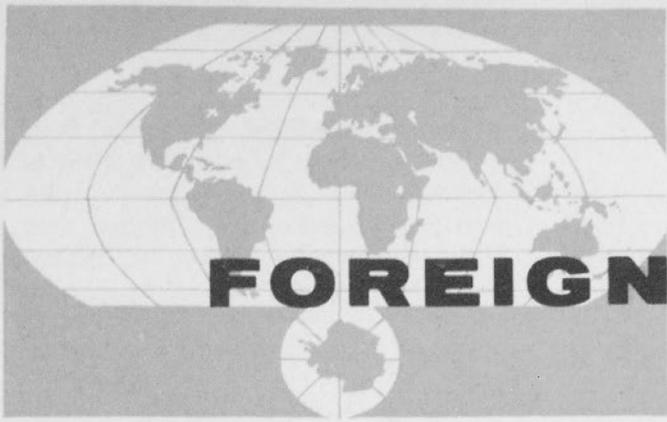
NEW STATIONS ADDED

DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1966, the following releases were added to *Revivaltime's* family of stations:

WYDE <i>Birmingham, Ala.</i> 850 kc	WAMD <i>Aberdeen, Md.</i> 970 kc
WOWL <i>Florence, Ala.</i> 1240 kc	KATE <i>Albert Lea, Minn.</i> 1450 kc
KATO <i>Safford, Ariz.</i> 1230 kc	KNLV <i>Ord, Nebr.</i> 1060 kc
KQCY <i>Quincy, Calif.</i> 1370 kc	WMNI <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> 920 kc
WTOR <i>Torrington, Conn.</i> 610 kc	KVLH <i>Pauls Valley, Okla.</i> 1470 kc
WWDC <i>Washington, D. C.</i> 1260 kc	KSPI <i>Stillwater, Okla.</i> 780 kc
WPNX <i>Columbus, Ga.</i> 1460 kc	WPBZ—AM & FM <i>Lock Haven, Pa.</i> 1230 kc and 92.1 mg
WTGA <i>Thomaston, Ga.</i> 1590 kc	WELP <i>Easley, S. C.</i> 1360 kc
WLOR <i>Thomasville, Ga.</i> 730 kc	WDXL <i>Lexington, Tenn.</i> 1490 kc
WSDR <i>Sterling, Ill.</i> 1240 kc	WGAP <i>Maryville, Tenn.</i> 1470 kc
WCTW <i>New Castle, Ind.</i> 1550 kc	KORA <i>Bryan, Tex.</i> 1240 kc
WPGW <i>Portland, Ind.</i> 1440 kc	WPRW—AM & FM <i>Manassas, Va.</i> 1460 kc and 106.7 mg
KOUR <i>Independence, Iowa</i> 1220 kc	KSEM <i>Moses Lake, Wash.</i> 1470 kc
KFLA <i>Scott City, Kans.</i> 1310 kc	KPQ <i>Wenatchee, Wash.</i> 560 kc

PRA-7 *Ribeirao Preto, Brazil*

Revivaltime is a faith ministry, depending solely upon freewill offerings for its support. There have been a few cancellations due to changes in station programming or lack of financial support. The broadcast service is currently heard over 469 stations, including 87 ABC outlets and 56 foreign stations.



DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Sierra Leone

At Home in Heaven

Yehnoh Kamara, saved eight years ago, was one of the many Christians in our Limba church in Freetown who really enjoyed salvation. It meant to her a complete cutting away from the old ways she had been taught since childhood.

She was a faithful child of God who almost never missed church. On December 31 she attended the watch night service. On New Year's Day she asked her nephew to check her death benefit book to see if the payments were up-to-date; then she put the book away, showing her relatives where she placed it. "Just in case you need it," she said.

She dressed as though she were going to church, singing and praising the Lord as she did so. When she was finished, she said, "I would like to go home."

Shortly afterward Yehnoh went

to her room. She laid down on her bed, smiled, and went home to be with the Lord.

Even some of her European friends said this would be the ideal way to die. Yehnoh Kamara had found the peace that many others find on the mission field today because the gospel has been taken to them.

—George and Helga Hemminger

Colombia

Annual Conference Held

Our annual conference was held the last part of January. Paul Finkenbinder, guest speaker, was a blessing to the people both in his evangelistic messages and in his talks to the workers. His last message helped one boy finally answer God's call on his life to go to the Llanos to pastor.

Six new churches have been organized. Eleven new workers received credentials, and 10 more are on the waiting list. (As soon as

a worker has a church ready to be organized, he can receive credentials with the national organization. This will spur workers to do their best and also will weed out those who do not have the call of God on their lives.)

The C. A. and W.M.C. departments were organized nationally this year, their constitutions being approved by the conference.

We are praying that next year there will be several who will meet the qualifications for ordination. This will help relieve the heavy strain on the missionaries.

—Floyd Woodworth

Ghana

"All Are Well"

A telegram was received February 25 from James Kessler, chairman of the Assemblies of God Missionary Fellowship of Ghana, saying, "All are well here."

The missionaries in Ghana need your continued prayers at this time of political unrest.

Far East

Summer Conferences in Key Cities

Four special conferences are planned for the Far East this summer. The first, in Manila at the end of June, will bring together workers and missionaries from Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, and Hong Kong. Part of the program will be to study ways of sending missionaries from these countries to preach the gospel in unreached areas of the Orient. Other matters under consideration will be an exchange of evangelistic teams between these countries. FEAST (Far East Advanced School of Theology) will also be promoted.

The second conference will take place in Tokyo early in July. This will be for the northern area of the Far East—Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Ryukus. Here again the national churches will be planning to send out their own missionaries. The Japan Assemblies of God has already sent missionaries to the Japanese of Brazil and probably will be sending more missionaries to South America.

In August there will be two conferences in Honolulu. The first will be a Pacific Area Conference to consolidate the gains and plan a more widespread evangelistic attack. We expect people from Tahiti, New Caledonia, Tonga, Rarotonga, Fiji, Samoa, Guam, the Cook Islands, the Caroline Islands, the Marshalls, and a lot of atolls which don't even have names! A similar conference four years ago sparked a revival throughout Pacific Oceania.

The other event in Honolulu will be the Constitutional Conference at which time Hawaii will cease to be considered a "foreign" field and will be set in order as the Hawaii District of the Assemblies of God.

Please remember these summer conferences in prayer.

—Maynard L. Ketcham
FIELD SECRETARY FOR
THE FAR EAST

Netherlands

STL Funds Arrive

Last December Speed-the-Light funds arrived to buy a bookmobile for northern Holland and printing equipment for the office here.

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES IN NIGERIA

Victory is our testimony as we reach the climax of the Good News literature and evangelism program. Evangelist Watson Arge is now conducting Global Conquest meetings in 10 cities, following the Light-for-the-Lost literature saturation program. In the

first three meetings 1,600 people made decisions to follow Christ.

As we opened the Good News Crusade in Aba, over 2,000 people responded to the call for salvation. We met in an open field about a block from the church. Those wanting to make decisions

for Christ were sent to the church for prayer and counseling. The benches were filled! The place was packed! People were sitting around the edge of the platform, crowding in the doorways and windows, wanting to find Christ as their Saviour. What a thrill to share with them the good news and see many of them weep their way through to a real experience with God.

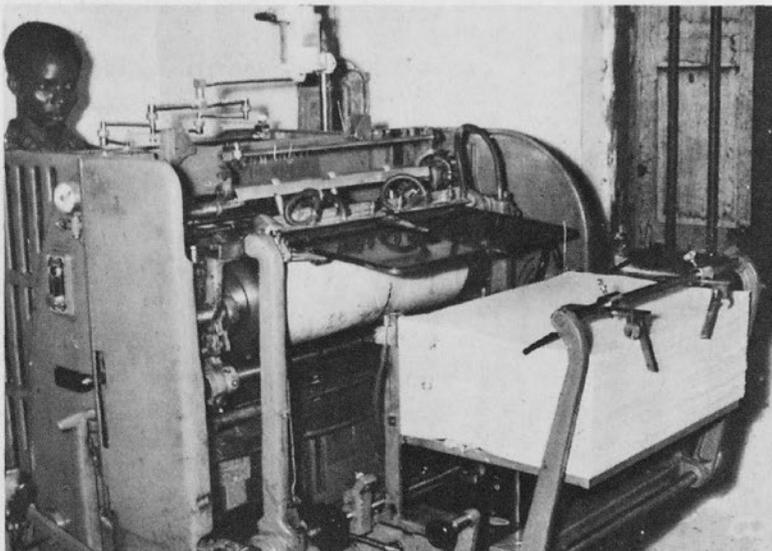
Crowds of 3,000 to 5,000 have gathered each night. The seed had been sown through literature distribution and personal witnessing. Now the harvest is ripe and the grain is being gathered for Christ.

One young man who gave his heart to Christ came to one of our missionaries and told how he had been stealing, cheating, and robbing his brother. He wanted the missionary to witness his confession to his brother. They walked to the back of the crowd, and the new convert confessed and made things right. This was only one of many experiences that show the genuine work being accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

These evangelistic meetings are continuing through Easter Sunday. We pray that thousands more will make decisions for Christ.

—G. L. Falley

Nearly a million and a half pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature have been printed and distributed in Nigeria in the last few months.



Thanks to the Kansas C.A.'s for the STL bookmobile and to the Nebraska C.A.'s for the STL printing equipment. These will greatly help in spreading the Pentecostal message in this land.

During Christmas and New Year holidays I ministered in a German-Dutch Bible Conference in northern Germany.

Although the Pentecostal doctrine is quite new in this area, the people are very receptive. Join us in special prayer for Holland missions in 1966.

—Roscoe Leach

Speed-the-Light

Goals Set for 1966

Loren O. Triplett, missionary to Managua, Nicaragua, was invited to Springfield by the National C. A. Department to speak at a Speed-the-Light banquet on February 24. District youth directors from across the nation attend-



Missionary Loren O. Triplett of Nicaragua spoke at the STL banquet in Springfield, Mo.

ing the banquet also set high goals for 1966.

Brother Triplett spoke of the "birthquake explosion" and "the tremendous demand for change" as the chief problems in Latin America.

"No matter how fast we improve our ministerial methods, we cannot reach all who need to be reached," he said.

Along with the increased population, Brother Triplett mentioned the fact that half of the wealth in Latin America is controlled by two percent of the population.

He also pointed out that the larger portion of the population in Latin America is under the age of 20.

Brother Triplett said missionaries need equipment for mass communication to reach the people and stop the growing communistic influence.

He told of a step he has taken

to prevent communism's advance among new converts. He has made available at the Bible school in Managua a course which deals with "why Christians cannot become Communists."

A Speed-the-Light goal of \$653,767 was set for 1966 by the C. A. directors, an increase of \$49,000 over last year.

Dominican Republic

53 Students Enrolled

The Bible institute, now co-educational, has 53 students enrolled.

We have been amazed at the progress of our third-year class. Some we considered poor risks when they began their first year are now among our top students. Those who pastored during the long vacation have a greater sense of their need for God's help in their work.

The false cults and communism are making vast inroads in these countries. We look to our graduates to work with God to raise up a standard against this error.

We are now experimenting with a night Bible school at the Evangelistic Center. Although we purposely did not advertise much, we have about 80 students. All are hungry for sound Bible teaching. We have ordered 500 sets of the new elementary Bible course which the Foreign Missions Department prepared for Latin America. These will be sold through our bookstore.

The congregation in San Juan de la Maguana has sold its building to buy a lot in a choice location. It is renting from the new owner until it can complete the new church which will have a good-sized auditorium and six classrooms for Sunday school and day school use.

God has been working in exciting ways of late. Pray with us for the work in Dominican Republic.

—Einar Peterson

Communications

Radio Output Increasing

"It is astounding to note that the combined total of missionary broadcasts each week actually exceeds the weekly output of Communist propaganda in air time, if not in power. And the recent expansion of two outstanding Christian stations can do much to close the power gap," writes Robert E. Burt in *United Evangelical Action's* communications issue (January, 1966).

"Missionary broadcasting employs more than 80 transmitters to send out 4,500 hours of programming each week. Every month an average of 50,000 letters are received from these broadcasts."

—Missionary News Service



Missionaries Steve and Charline Norman have begun a new church in the city of Bilboa, Spain. Mrs. Norman (front row, second from right) is shown with a group of the young people.

Spain

New Congregation in Bilboa

On Saturday, January 1, we loaded our recently received Speed-the-Light car (purchased by the South Texas Christ's Ambassadors) and left Ronda for the city of Bilboa. God had spoken to our hearts about Bilboa, possibly the second most important industrial city of Spain.

There are about 800,000 people in the greater Bilboa area. Yet when we arrived we found only one Protestant church which, sad to say, does not believe in a person's seeking God for salvation.

God had marvelously prepared the way for us. Four or five years before in the city of Gijon, God had saved a spiritually hungry

man named Carlos Primo. Later, Carlos was filled with the Holy Spirit. Feeling that God was leading him, he quit his job in Gijon and came to Bilboa to open a mattress shop. Carlos had been a great help to us as we have started a new church in our fifth-floor apartment.

Because of Carlos' efforts, two were saved. After this, others accepted the Lord as their Saviour, until in our sixth service we had 20 people attending, some sitting in the hall for lack of space in the living room.

We are planning to conduct public services in a rented warehouse which we are converting into a church.

—Steve Norman

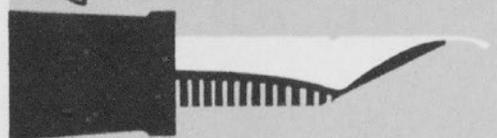
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TRUTH



NEXT SUNDAY
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LOYALTY
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See you in Sunday School.

QUOTES



EVANGEL READERS WRITE

Your card or letter will be most welcome. We cannot give space to all correspondence but will publish excerpts from our mail from time to time. Address: "Evangel Editor," 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

A Reader for 37 Years

I've been reading the *Evangel* ever since I was converted nearly 37 years ago. This wonderful magazine has come to mean a great deal to me.

Many times when my devotion and fervor toward God was cooling, I've picked up *The Pentecostal Evangel* and read some of the Spirit-inspired messages and my soul would rejoice in a new consecration. Many times this heaven-sent magazine has made the tears flow and the Holy Spirit has moved me to a closer walk with God.

MRS. C. J. HUTCHINS
Wasola, Missouri

Wants Healing Emphasized

I love the *Evangel* very much. Only one thing I think is lacking: we don't emphasize healing enough. I am convinced that God is moving by His Spirit today in a greater way than ever before in the history of the New Testament Church and we need to expect more healings in our meetings.

I have much to praise God for. My blood pressure is better than it has been for 20 years. I'm trusting the Lord for good health, even though I'm approaching 80 years of age.

TOM C. GRAGG
Milford, Nebraska

Protected from Armed Bandits

I have been a Spirit-filled Christian for years, and God has done many miracles for me. May I tell of one occasion when we experienced His protection in an unusual way?

On our way home from church we stopped at a drive-in grocery to purchase some ice cream. I went in, leaving my family in the car. Since we had little money for such luxuries I spent some time deciding what to get. I made several trips around the ice cream counter before selecting a carton. Then I reached in my pocket, pulled out the exact change, and paid the cashier.

I noticed two men who were standing near the counter, one right beside me. Both had rather a "hoodlum" appearance but I paid little attention to them.

The following day we learned the store had been robbed just after I made my purchase, and one of the bandits had been killed by an intervening detective. I praised God that I had missed the gunplay; but not until two weeks later did I learn how close I came to being involved. The cashier told me that even as I was deliberating

which ice cream to buy, the man beside me was holding a gun on the cashier, apparently waiting for me to leave. One more trip around the ice cream counter, he said, and I would have been put in the cold locker; or failure to have the exact change would have caused the tense situation to erupt while I was there.

I give thanks to God for protecting me and also my family waiting in the car.

KELLY HALLUM
Pasadena, Texas

"God Is Dead" Movement

In the February 20, 1966, edition (page 14) you stated: "Several young theology professors and teachers of religion are denying the existence and eternity of God. These Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopal professors insist God has died in our time."

Would you please provide me with the names and positions held of any Baptists who are implicated. I am not aware of any Baptist professor or teacher giving any sympathy to the "God Is Dead" movement.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MINISTER
Rogersville, Tennessee

Ed. Note: According to Louis Cassels, columnist for United Press International, the three self-styled "Christian Radicals" who are promoting the "Death of God" theory are:

—William Hamilton, 41, a professor of theology at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, an American Baptist institution at Rochester, N. Y.

—Thomas J. J. Altizer, 38, associate professor of religion at Emory University, a Methodist institution at Atlanta, Ga.

—Paul Van Buren, 41, an Episcopal minister who is associate professor of religion at Temple University, Philadelphia.

For these unbelievers to call themselves "Christian," while teaching there is no living God, is to blaspheme the name of our Lord and Saviour. Happily we do not know of any Southern Baptist brethren who are promoting this heresy.

A Reader for 10 Years

While I am writing, I want to thank you for the *Evangel*. If I could have only one magazine, I would choose it. Haven't missed one for 10 years. It's one magazine you don't have to be afraid to give to others, for everything in it is truth.

MRS. CHARLES EMERY
Vernfield, Pa.

In Defense of His Namesake

As a member of the Oconto Assembly of God, I feel I should take exception to your editorial about Patrick ("Green for Go") published March 13.

The article was a mass of rationalized statements and misinformation. Are you so afraid of Patrick that you must deny everything he did? Patrick was a great man of God, and whether you like it or not, he was a Catholic. The Roman Catholic Church of his day was still in its infancy, and many of the doctrinal beliefs extant today were not practiced then. The attempt to label Patrick the son of a Protestant minister is shameful indeed.

Due largely to the herculean efforts of Patrick, Ireland became known as the "Isle of Saints and Scholars" when, in the Dark

Ages, all the rest of Europe forsook God. Many of our Christian writings, and certainly a spark of faith, were kept alive and glowing in the heart of the tiny Emerald Isle.

To Christ be the glory.

PATRICK A. O'DONAHUE
Oconto, Wisconsin

Thin Issue Once a Month

We certainly enjoy the *Evangel*. Every issue is filled with good things. But frequently it is thinner than usual. It seems we've had a great many thin issues during the past year; we hope this does not represent a trend to reduce the thickness permanently.

READER IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Ed. Note: The only issues which are less than 32 pages are the International Edition, published the first Sunday of each month. This particular issue is offered to persons outside the U.S.A. on a monthly subscription basis (\$1.00 a year, for 12 issues). Since foreign postage is so expensive, the International Edition is reduced to 16 pages. However, all local news, advertisements, and promotional articles are omitted from the International Edition to compensate. In addition, it is printed in two colors; and many readers have told us that of all our issues they like the International Edition the best.

Likes Experience Articles

I always look through the *Evangel* for people's experiences—how people were called of God, or healed, or had other spiritual experiences. These are always of great blessing and interest to me.

MRS. CLYDE WATSON
Huntsville, Ark.

Enjoying "Your Questions" Column

Not long ago I happened to be at a laundromat when I was led to pick up a copy of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. I took it home with me and enjoyed reading it through—especially the column of "Your Questions."

READER IN ST. JOSEPH, MO.

I would like to tell you how I admire the writings of Brother E. S. Williams and how I enjoy "Your Questions." This is the first thing that I read in the *Evangel* each week.

MRS. VIRGINIA SPARROW
Ypsilanti, Michigan

They Do Get Read

We appreciate the *Evangel* here in Adrian. It appears weekly in many public institutions.

May I suggest that laundromats are excellent locations for placing the copies? People have time on their hands while their laundry is in the washers or driers, and often they search the building for something to read. We have designated individuals to put *Evangel*s there. They do get read.

Just a tip.

ARTHUR G. CLAY
Pastor, Bethany Assembly of God
Adrian, Michigan



Two views of the beautiful new Bethel Assembly in Arlington, Tex. (Pastor Charles E. Savage, inset.)

TEXAS CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

ARLINGTON, TEX.—Another step in the progress of Bethel Assembly here was the dedication of a new church building.

The modern brick-and-stone structure has approximately 15,000 square feet of floor space and is completely air-conditioned. The sanctuary seats 500, and the fellowship hall seats 150. Included in the structure are the pastor's study, three offices, a nursery, youth chapel, kitchen, and 8 Sunday school departments.

The church and a new 3-bedroom parsonage are located on a 4-acre tract. Total value of the properties is estimated to be \$225,000.

Charles E. Savage has pastored Bethel Assembly since it was or-

ganized in December, 1958. Attendance has grown from 43 to an average of 225 for January, 1966.

The Sunday school has achieved the highest award, the Gold Crown, for each of the 7 years of its existence. The church has received honor awards the last 3 years for leading the North Texas District in Speed-the-Light giving.

Speaker for the dedication service was Assistant General Superintendent J. Philip Hogan. Other guests present for the service were E. R. Anderson, North Texas district superintendent; Joe Adams, North Texas district secretary-treasurer; G. C. McGlothlin, presbyter of the South Fort Worth Section; and Mr. Buchanan, Arlington's mayor pro tem.

CARUTHERS, CALIF.—A personal witnessing campaign conducted in the community by Evangelist Jerry Knibbe of Upland, Calif., and members of Full Gospel Assembly here resulted in a record attendance of 204 at Sunday school. A number were saved and others reclaimed.

Overflow crowds filled the auditorium every night to hear the preaching of the Word of God

and to see the oil paintings presented by the evangelist.

—Cecil O. Branson, pastor



Pastor Branson and Evangelist Jerry Knibbe hold Sunday school board showing record attendance.



HOW TO GIVE AWAY A DAUGHTER (OR A SON)

One thing is sure these days: when youngsters get to be teen-agers, parents no longer own them! But who does? In a thousand ways, from birth on, we are in the process of giving away our youngsters. The sum of these acts, performed prayerfully and carefully through the years, should be the presentation to the church and community of young men and women who belong wholly to Christ.

This concept of complete ownership by the Master is the theme of C. A. Day. You can help assure that your young people—and those coming up—will submit to this divine possessive by supporting our Christ's Ambassadors Department with your financial gifts and prayer.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

LONACONING, MD.—First Assembly here recently enjoyed three weeks of revival meetings.

Evangelist A. E. Shuttlesworth of Mt. Morris, Pa., conducted meetings for two weeks and the entire church was blessed.

Meetings continued for another week with Evangelist Elias Zarro of Indianapolis, Ind. A highlight was Brother Zarro's testimony of his family's conversion from Roman Catholicism.

God moved each night of the meetings. The gifts of the Spirit were in operation. Several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the whole church was revived.

—Charles E. Fussell, pastor

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Ten believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit and several backsliders returned to God recently in two weeks of services at Elwood Assembly here. Evangelist Bill Rhoades and family of this city conducted the meetings. Men and women were broken under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual tide is continuing to rise.

—Harry Freeman, pastor

WRAY, COLO.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist I. D. Rayborn. The prophetic messages stirred the people to seek God. A number of visitors attended the services and one young man from another church was filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Dale Wheeler, pastor

WILLMAR, MINN.—At least 15 were saved or reclaimed on the closing night of evangelistic meetings with the Tanner Team at the Assembly of God here. God moved upon the young people the first night, and they lingered at the altar until 11 p.m. Many visitors attended the services.

—R. E. Orchard, pastor

'67 GENERAL COUNCIL SITE, DATES ANNOUNCED

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The 32nd General Council of the Assemblies of God will be held in Long Beach, Calif., August 24-29, 1967. This is the biennial business convention for the fellowship.

A site selection committee, composed of regional officials from most areas of the nation, reached the decision on site and dates on March 3.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The Slavic Mission here was edified by the ministry of Dimitri Kiritch, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada missionary-evangelist to South America. Unsaved people attended the services and heard the Word of God.

This Mission came into the Assemblies of God Fellowship in May, 1965. Sunday school classes have been started, and the attendance has improved. Pray that God will provide a suitable building.

—Walter I. Daciuk, pastor

People who attended the Slavic Mission in Los Angeles, Calif., during the meeting with Dimitri Kiritch.



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Anniston	First	Apr. 13-24	Joel Palmer	O. M. Dykes
	Ashford	First	Apr. 11-24	G. W. Hathcock	J. W. Wooldridge
Alaska	Juneau	Bethel	Apr. 12—	B. R. Minton	Roy J. Davidson
Ariz.	Cottonwood	A/G	Apr. 3-17	L. T. Bates	Joseph Dube
	Mesa	Calvary	Apr. 18-May 1	L. T. Bates	J. D. Lowder
	Phoenix	First	Apr. 13-24	Tommy Barnett	Ernest V. Shores
Ark.	Camden	Cullendale	Apr. 12-24	The Singing Lunsfords	Jerry A. King
	Ft. Smith	New Bethel	Apr. 11-17	Clarence E. Lambert	R. A. Thompson
Calif.	Bakersfield	Full Gosp. Tab.	Apr. 17-22	J. G. Hall	Otis Keener
	Bell Gardens	First	Apr. 10-24	S. B. Douglass	O. H. Mitchell
	Exeter	First	Apr. 19-May 1	Thomas Ming, Sr.	Norman Jones
	Fullerton	*First	Apr. 17-22	Christian Hild	Lloyd Cagle
	Lodi	*First	Apr. 17-May 1	Arne Vick	Gene Forrest
	Redlands	First	Apr. 19-May 1	Linfield Crowder	Lloyd Reece
	Salida	*A/G	Apr. 17-22	Charles Senechal	Hugo Williams
	San Diego	E. San Diego	Apr. 6-17	Edward Willis	Joe A. Higins
Fla.	Apopka	First	Apr. 17-29	Colen & Carol Lassiter	W. L. Spann
	Cocoa	First	Apr. 13-24	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	A. Howard Salter
	Eagle Lake	First	Apr. 13-24	John & Faith Stallings	Carnell Bruce
	Medella	First	Mar. 27-Apr. 10	Colen & Carol Lassiter	Bobby G. Jackson
	Palatka	First	Apr. 13-24	Frank J. DePolo	Norman McCutchen
	Tallahassee	Ivan	Apr. 6-10	Michael & Peggy Lord	H. C. Cooksey
	Tallahassee	Southside	Apr. 13-17	Michael & Peggy Lord	Alford Sands
	Winter Haven	First	Apr. 5-17	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	Emerson Jones
Idaho	Kendrick	A/G	Apr. 10—	Charles H. Cass	James Pearson
Ill.	Abingdon	First	Apr. 13-24	Roland & Leanna Hastie	J. H. Cusic
	Augusta	A/G	Apr. 10—	DeGreef & Cooper Team	Mary E. Roberts
	E. Moline	First	Apr. 19-May 1	Bill & Naomi Hayes	N. L. Buntentbach
	O'Fallon	A/G	Apr. 17-May 1	Melvin Boatright	Richard White
	Skokie	North Shore	Apr. 13-17	Robert Cummings	Wallace Pearson
Ind.	Evansville	*Westside	Apr. 12-17	Paul Hild	Robert Wilkes
	Gary	West Gary	Apr. 17-May 1	Jerry Stegall	John D. Neese
	Portland	First	Apr. 12-24	J. E. Friend	Paul E. Hamon
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	First	Apr. 13-24	Dale Helle	Fred R. Gottwald
	Sioux City	First	Apr. 19-24	Doyle H. Thompson	Kenneth Baker
Kans.	Arkansas City	A/G	Apr. 12-24	I. D. Rayborn	C. L. Barnes
	Chanute	First	Apr. 19-May 1	John & Robert Stephens	Raymond Owen
	Edna	A/G	Apr. 12-24	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Roy D. Pick
	Olathe	A/G	Apr. 3-17	Roy H. Tregenza	E. E. Henley
	Wichita	Douglas Ave.	Apr. 10-17	Glenn A. Reed	Robert Mackish
Ky.	Jeffersonville	A/G	Apr. 12-24	J. B. Woolums	Fred R. Carrington
La.	Allemands	Bayou Gauche	Apr. 10-24	Reuben & Jeanette Welch	John M. Parker
Md.	Baltimore	Trinity	Apr. 17-29	Harry J. Steil	Alex Clattenburg
	Frederick	Calvary	Apr. 10-May 1	L. K. Dodge	T. J. Kerfoot
Mich.	Lincoln Park	Bethel	Apr. 10-22	Doug Payne	Seth Balmer
	Owosso	A/G	Apr. 5-17	Ralph E. Leslie	Roscoe Bethume
	Rogers City	Faith	Apr. 5-17	John & Mrs. Wibley	Robert Cilke
Minn.	Wadena	A/G	Apr. 16-24	Paul Anderson	Lloyd Stormoen
Miss.	Indianola	A/G	Mar. 27-Apr. 10	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Marshall Lee Dodd
	Louisville	Vernon	Apr. 8-17	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	R. H. Broadhead
Mo.	Ellisville	A/G	Apr. 10-24	Floyd E. Heady	James Dunn



The First Assembly of God in Wilmington, Del., where the golden anniversary of the Eastern District will be held.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

24TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS—Apr. 19-21 at Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colo. For further information write NAE office, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill. 60188.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION to be held at First Assembly, Spokane, Wash., April 25-28—by B. P. Birkeland, pastor.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 9-12 at Hotel President, Atlantic City, N. J. Guest speaker, Victor Trimmer. Evening services open to the public.—by John K. Cairns, secretary.

YOUTH MEETINGS—Apr. 17-24 at Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Washington, D. C.—by J. Renton Hunter, pastor.

HOMECOMING AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION—April 24-27 at First Assembly, Brookhaven, Miss. Guest speak-

ers: Samuel H. Balias, missionary to Uruguay, and F. L. Langley, Mississippi district superintendent.—by Jimmy D. Whitney, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

HOWARD E. HARDT, 74, of York, Pa., went to be with Christ February 12, 1966. He had suffered a circulatory ailment for about four months.

Brother Hardt, well known throughout the U.S. and Canada as evangelist, was an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God for over 36 years. He was saved at the age of 31 in



Pastor Ralph Jeffrey's church in Hagerstown, Md., during an evangelistic crusade conducted by George Bowie. Soon afterward he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during a prayer meeting in his home.

Although he was a successful fruitgrower, he immediately felt the call of God upon his life and built a Pentecostal church on his property in Marlowe, W. Va., which he pastored for two years. He also pioneered nine churches in Pennsylvania. He pastored churches in Vine-land, N. J., Ashland, Shamokin, and York, Pa. In 1951, he purchased a large tent in which he conducted salvation-healing campaigns for some years. Many were saved and healed in his meetings.

Brother Hardt is survived by his wife Lucy, five children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION SLATED

50TH ANNUAL EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 9-12 at First Assembly of God, Wilmington, Del. Guest speaker, T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent; host pastor, Jacob Heinrich.—by C. Eugene Bell, district secretary-treasurer.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
	Independence	Central	Apr. 17-May 1	Milo Harmon	John R. Waldron
	Kansas City	Calvary	Apr. 12-24	Loyd Middleton	Leonard Carpenter
	Kansas City	Friendly	Apr. 12-24	O. H. & Mrs. Virgin	William Cambers
	St. Louis	Central	Apr. 3-17	Keetah Jones	R. M. Crenshaw
	Salem	Grace Temple	Apr. 3-17	Darryl & Kathy Olson	Marvin Ivie
Mont.	Sanford	A/G	Apr. 19-May 2	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Norman Walker
N. J.	Paterson	*Broadway Tab.	Apr. 10-15	David & Patricia Johnson	Philip D'Angelo
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	First	Apr. 19-May 1	Eddie Hundley	Ken George
Ohio	Bedford	A/G	Apr. 13-24	Bobby & Sharon Jones	D. L. Jolley
	Springfield	First	Apr. 14—	Bob Ludwig	Arthur Parsons
	Youngstown	Highway Tab.	Apr. 12-17	Oren Paris	E. J. Schlossmacher
Okla.	Beggs	A/G	Apr. 10-24	Hale-Turner Team	Bill J. Meyer
	Grandfield	First	Apr. 18-May 1	E. Mathers-T. Pharr Tm.	J. W. Elliot
	Midwest City	Soldier Creek	Apr. 4-17	Leonard Negrin	J. C. Girkin
	Oklahoma City	Grand Blvd.	Apr. 10—	Tom E. Ogdon	E. D. Bagwell
	Ponca City	First	Apr. 17-24	Bob Watters	Leo Swicegood
	Tulsa	Capitol Hill	Apr. 10-24	Marcus Alexander	M. D. Hartz
	Tulsa	East 11th St.	Apr. 10—	Bob McGuire & Quartet	Guy Phillips
	Wista	First	Apr. 18—	Tom F. Ogdon	Waymond H. Jones
Oreg.	Waldport	A/G	Apr. 5-17	Marlon Jannuzzi	Wm. Gallaher
	Winston	First	Apr. 3-17	Fisher-Check Team	W. A. Garner
Pa.	Boyertown	Calvary Tab.	Apr. 12-17	Oren Paris	Barry R. Reichard
	Dover	Rohlers	Apr. 13-24	William Caldwell	William Farrell
	Lancaster	First	Apr. 10-24	Bobby Black	Ira Stanphill
	Landisburg	A/G	Apr. 12-24	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Gerald Olshevski
	Philadelphia	Calvary	Apr. 12-24	D. M. Wessman	James Griep
	Stroudsburg	First	Apr. 13-24	John Mastro	Nate Killian
Tenn.	Madison	First	Apr. 13-24	Don & Dixie Cox	Jay Alford
	Memphis	Calvary	Apr. 18-24	Clarence E. Lambert	H. M. Yandell
	Memphis	Sherwood	Mar. 27-Apr. 10	G. W. Hathcock	Paul Brendiar
	Nashville	First	Apr. 12-24	Musical Segesmans	David O. Norcross
Tex.	Abilene	First	Apr. 5-17	John & Robert Stephens	Raymond Schaeffer
	Ballinger	First	Apr. 3-17	G. L. McKinney	O. T. Killion
	Childress	First	Apr. 3-24	D. A. Watson Family	Moody Hicks
	Cleburne	First	Apr. 11-17	J. O. Savell	W. F. Mercer
	Grand Prairie	East Side	Apr. 5-10	Tommy & Esther Lance	Bob Skipper
	Lamesa	First	Apr. 6—	Charles L. Ogdon	C. L. Fuller
	Lancaster	First	Apr. 13-24	Winferd Mack	H. L. Corpany
	Lufkin	Oak Grove	Apr. 10-24	Charles McKnight	Harold Ward
	Mesquite	Balch Springs First	Apr. 6-10	Tommy Wilson	Curtis J. Owens
	Nacogdoches	First	Apr. 13-26	Buddy Hicks	Ben J. Mikulek
	Sherman	Calvary	Apr. 10-24	B. P. Carroll	M. R. James
Va.	Bristol	First	Apr. 11-21	Bob McCutchen	L. Elwood Rakes
	Warrenton	A/G	Apr. 12-May 1	John Higginbotham	Richard Baggs
Wash.	Seattle	**Calvary Temple	Apr. 17-22	David L. Grant	Marcus Gaston
	Tacoma	So. Tacoma	Apr. 17-May 1	Neale Sheneman	Dale Harmon
W. Va.	Cabins	A/G	Apr. 12-24	Stan & Marilyn Morris	J. D. Eversole
	Wheeling	First	Apr. 19-May 1	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Ed Meekins
Wis.	Chippewa Falls	First	Apr. 5-17	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Donald R. Filbeck
	Ricelake	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 12-24	Paul Clark Family	B. E. Stroud
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First	Apr. 6-17	A. N. Trotter	W. F. Heaston
Canada	Fort Erie, Ont.	Bethel Gospel Tab.	Apr. 12-17	Joseph Perrello	G. B. Richmond

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