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OF THE MOTHERLESS

By LON WOODRUM



the emphasis is placed upon the good mothers rather than upon the bad.

However, there is a phase of the theme of motherhood that may easily be overlooked. Our attention caught on this one day when a woman said, "Every year, on Mother's Day, I get a lonely and frustrated feeling. The memory of my mother is very bad. She was not a good woman. She died in prison while serving there for a crime when I was a child. While others grow misty-eyed over memories of their mothers, I weep within because I never knew such a person as others sing about. It makes me very sad."

We got to wondering about all the folk who never knew their mothers; and of those who never even knew who their mothers *were*. Many there must be to whom Mother's Day brings aching emptiness.

May we, on this Mother's Day, say a few words for them?

Indeed they have missed much who never knew a mother's love and care. They have missed something that earth cannot make up to them should they live for a thousand years. One wonders if those who have been fortunate enough to have proper mothers ever are grateful enough for the gifts they have received; or whether they can truly be touched with the feelings of those not so fortunate.

The persons most deprived have been those without *Christian* mothers. We heard an aged man sing a hymn which his mother had taught him as a child. There seemed something almost holy about the man as he sang. Sweet remembrances must have stirred in him as he called up the words a woman had taught him long ago.

But when he had finished the song a man said to us, "That fellow had something I never experienced. My mother died the day I was born. It must be wonderful to go back and hear your mother's voice in your mind, or to feel what she put in your heart!"

Indeed—it must be wonderful! But nothing can be done to change the situation. Such persons must accept their "empty place from the past" and carry on. Some things just have to be accepted.

A man told how his mother had forsaken him and his father when he was very young. She had gone off with a lover. His father took care of him until he died in an accident. Then the child went to an orphanage. He felt a vast dark rebellion against life until it nearly consumed him.

EDWIN ARNOLD ONCE WROTE, "God can't be everywhere, so He invented mothers." This, we feel, is overdrawn; still it reflects a sentiment that has long been held in the hearts of men.

We must agree with Edward Carpenter that "motherhood is, after all, woman's great and incomparable work." Among human beings perhaps there are few persons more holy than genuine Christian mothers.

But just being a mother doesn't make a woman holy. History has recorded some rather evil mothers. Even the Bible has reported some sinful ones. But in the Scriptures

When he was grown and gone from the orphanage, he turned to crime and wound up in jail. After he was released, he took to the streets, a derelict. One day he met a man he had known as a boy; the latter, now a Salvation Army officer, took the derelict to a meeting. There for the first time in his life God became a reality to him. He began to study the Bible. One day he discovered a text in Isaiah which became rooted in his mind. He found himself saying it over and over. The text altered his outlook on life. It led him to the place where God's grace changed his life. He became a new man.

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). That was the text the derelict discovered which brought him at last to redemption.

God of the motherless! Even the persons without earthly parents need not utterly despair. An almighty Father, who has the capacity to be a heavenly Mother, bends over the world as if it were a cradle. If you have looked on a woman's face as she held in her arms a sleeping child, you have been invited to interpret the heart that watches over Creation.

Years ago in Borger, Texas, an oil-boom town, a home

was filled with gas and exploded, bursting into flame as it fell. A woman was in the kitchen. The force of the explosion flung her into the yard. She was unhurt, save for a few bruises. But in a back room was her baby daughter, trapped in the raging fire. The mother did not hesitate; she plunged into the red death for her baby. However, she did not save the baby; and she herself was so badly burned that she died later.

Someone may ask: "Did she *have* to do that?" Yes; for she had a mother's heart. She had to go.

One might also ask: "Did God have to stoop to a sinful earth and suffer?" Yes; for His heart is like a mother's. Love sent Him into our burning ruins of a world to save us.

Let all motherless ones on this Mother's Day—even those embittered or hurt or frustrated by their loss—take heart! Only in an earthly sense need we be motherless. Heaven holds a love like a Mother's. We need not be forever orphans. The Highest stoops as a woman over a baby's bed. A heart responds to man's aching, ancient need for understanding arms.

"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you," God says. 

MOTHER STILL PRAYS FOR ME

By PAUL PALSER
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MY MOTHER'S UNWAVERING FAITH and constant prayers have brought healing, strength, and protection to her large family for many years. Emergencies in our farm home often became occasions for miracles to the glory of God because she prayed and taught us to believe God with her.

More than once we carried my father into the house from the field or yard, seemingly deathly ill, and each time my mother led the family in believing prayer. On one occasion, now almost 30 years ago, my father had been ill for several weeks. Death seemed near as his eyes glazed over. But my mother would not give up. She gathered her nine children together and led us in prayer. My father lived.

When I was a junior in high school I had frequent attacks of vomiting and severe pains in my stomach. My appendix would become so sore I would have to go to bed for two or three days at a time. One day when I had an attack, a service station attendant took me home in a truck. As he drove out of the yard, my parents bent over me in believing prayer.

I did not receive relief at once, and as the afternoon wore on, I became worse. My mother took Job's position that, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him," and so prayer was made without ceasing. Three times that night our pastor drove five miles from his home to ours to join my parents in prayer.

Some time during the night I became delirious and lost touch with reality. The pain was agony. My mother realized that unless God performed a miracle, I would die. At last I slept, and when I awoke the next morning I was better. The vomiting had stopped, and it was evident that a miracle had taken place. Soreness kept me

in bed several days, but that was the last time I suffered such an attack. That was over 20 years ago. My parents fully believed my appendix burst that night. Although I am not sure about that, I am sure of divine health.

My mother not only believed God for our healing, but she prayed for many other needs which arose in our family as well, and God honored her faith. Then as my brothers went into military service, Mother interceded for them, and they came back safely.

Mother's prayers have been a source of strength to me as I have served the Lord in the ministry. During my years of pastoral work I knew that each day she was sharing in that ministry through earnest prayer. Then in five years of ministry on the foreign field, sometimes under great tension from physical and spiritual pressures, I was borne along on the knowledge that every day my mother brought my name before the Heavenly Father in intercessory prayer.

I went back to the farm for a visit not long ago. Things are a little easier for Mother now that the children are grown. But the same faith by which she lovingly guided each of her children through the years still shines from her eyes.

While I was at the farm, one of my brothers came with his wife into the room where Mother sat in her easy chair. Their little daughter had just suffered a bad fall, so they brought her in and said, "Mother, pray for her."

I thought, "Not only her children, but also her grandchildren, shall rise up, and call her blessed." I thank God for a mother who still prays for us. No mother could do more for her family. 

Preschooler in Seminary

THE IDEA SEEMS preposterous. How can preschoolers attend a seminary! Only college graduates are admitted to regular seminaries.

But it occurred to me recently, while studying the life of Moses, that this great man of God received his seminary training while he was a very small boy—and the seminary professor was his own mother.

I am thinking, of course, of the original meaning of "seminary." The word (derived from the Latin *seminarium*) used to mean "seed-bed" or "nursery." According to Webster's dictionary, a seminary is "an environment in which something originates and from which it is propagated." In this sense, Moses received his seminary training at his mother's knee. It was then that the good seed of God's Word was planted in his heart and mind. It was in those tender years that deep impressions were made which directed the course of his future life and ministry as the leader of God's people.

If young people are going to dedicate their lives to God's service, their training needs to begin in infancy. "Train up a *child* in the way he should go," the Bible says. Do not wait until he is grown; do not leave it to the ungodly world to mould him; but begin training him in the tender years while he is impressionable.

Ask any group of pastors, evangelists, and missionaries at what age they heard God's call, and most of them will tell you it was while they were very young, possibly in early teens. Trace their experience back to childhood and in most cases you will find they had godly mothers who taught them the principles of living for Christ while they were still very small.

History abounds with stories of Christian workers who were prayed into God's service by their parents. John and Charles Wesley are classic examples. Someone asked Susanna Wesley what her objective in life would be. She replied, "I am going to devote my whole life to raising preachers of the gospel." Could anyone have a higher ambition? The Methodist revival bears testimony to the fact she achieved her ambition.

Look at the lives of Evangeline Booth, D. L. Moody, Mel Trotter, Billy Graham, and many other great soul winners. Their lives and ministries grew out of the training received at mothers' knees.

D'Aubigne, the historian, claims the Reformation was born in the early years of Martin Luther's childhood. Behind the monk who shook the world was the influence of a godly mother.

Jonathan Edwards, Henry Ward Beecher, T. DeWitt Talmadge, Phillips Brooks—look into the history of each of these great preachers and you will find their devotion to God and their zeal for preaching were reflections, to a great extent, of the zeal and devotion that the Lord put first in the hearts of their mothers.

I was reading the story of Dr. John Scudder and his wife, who were missionaries in India. All of their nine children became missionaries. Someone asked Dr. Scudder how this was accomplished. He replied: "The only explanation I can give is that the children were literally prayed into the Kingdom by their mother. She was accustomed to spending the birthday of each in all-day prayer for him; and God answered her prayers."

Mother, do you hope that God will call your son or daughter into full-time ministry? This is a most commendable hope. If this should be God's plan for your child, it is important that you lay the foundation in the first years of his life by planting the good seed of the Scriptures in his mind and heart.

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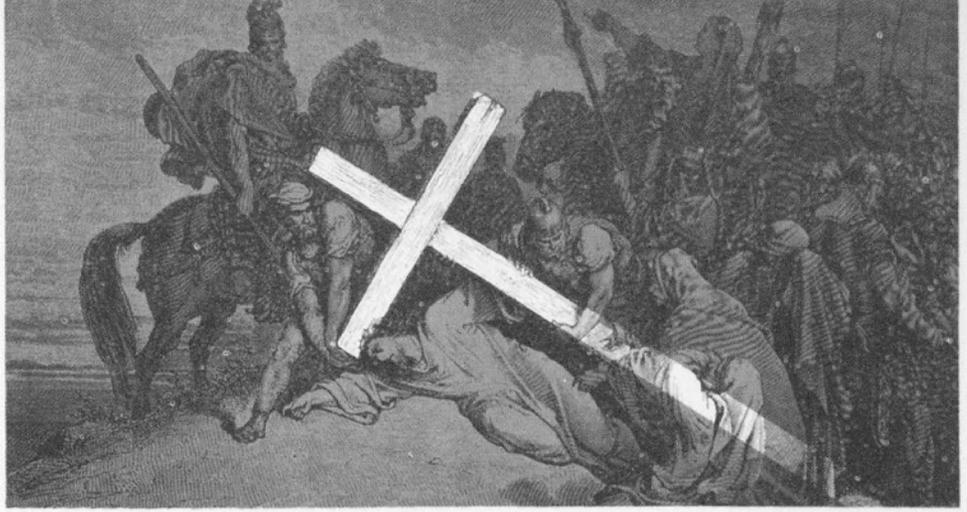
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A POWERFUL WORD SIGNIFIED
THE END OF THE OLD
CREATION AND
THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW.



THE LOGOS OF THE CROSS

By ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

FOR THE PREACHING (*logos*) of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Galatians 6:14).

Isaiah prophesied, "Behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (Isaiah 60:2). The Son of God came as a light into that darkness, but "the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:5). He was the Light of the world, but men rejected and crucified Him, loving darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. While He hung dying upon the cross, darkness flooded in upon Him. The light of the world went out.

The world we know began with darkness. "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep" (Genesis 1:2). The Spirit of the Almighty came as a brooding mother bird and hovered over the darkness. Then into the darkness came the command of the Almighty, "Let there be light." And "there was light." Such was the beginning of the old creation. The Spirit and the Word acted together.

The new creation began in like manner. The Son of Man, marred more than any other to the point that He was without form and emptied of His very lifeblood, represented man ruined and blinded. He was engulfed in darkness that had come from the depths where dwelt the hidden rulers of darkness. In the form of the first Adam and in his place, Christ became a curse (Galatians 3:13) and was made sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Then at the moment when darkness engulfed Him, at the moment when humanity's chaos and emptiness had reached its zenith, at that moment the *Logos*, the Holy Spirit-anointed Word of the Almighty, thundered out the word that signified the end of the old creation and the beginning of the new. That one word gathered into its annihilating embrace all the enemies of mankind and the powers of darkness and corruption that had defiled God's creation. That one word, hurled in triumph at the hosts of darkness, even as they bore their victim down into death and the grave, signified their utter destruction. That all-conquering word was *tetalestai*—finished! He who

calls the things that are not as though they are (for He is God) had spoken again. Shall He not make it good? This is the word that we preach—the *logos* of the Cross. By that word:

Finished was sin, for the *Logos* is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Of Him it is written that "now... hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26).

Finished was the wrath of God revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, for the *Logos* is He of whom it is written that "being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9).

Finished was condemnation, for "there is... now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

Finished was the curse, for it is written that He became a "curse for us... that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles" (Galatians 3:13, 14).

Finished was self, for we know that through the mighty word of the Cross "our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed" (Romans 6:6). Countless thousands have echoed and reechoed the testimony of Saul of Tarsus, "I am crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20).

Finished was the world, for it is written that the world was crucified upon the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, upon which we were crucified also (Galatians 6:14).

Finished was the flesh, for it is written, "In whom [Christ] also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" (Colossians 2:11). "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh" (Galatians 5:24).

Finished was the rule of the Law, for it is written, "Ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead" (Romans 7:4).

Finished were the walls of partition that separated man from his fellow, for it is written, "He... hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity... for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace" (Ephesians 2:14, 15).

Finished was death, for it is written that He "hath

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abolished death" (2 Timothy 1:10). And, "O, grave, I will be thy destruction" (Hosea 13:14). Again, "Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54).

Finished was the devil's power, for through death He destroyed "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14).

Finished was the power of principalities and forces of evil in the spirit realm, for "having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it [the Cross]" (Colossians 2:15).

But in preaching the message of the Cross, we have a positive word also. *Finished* means accomplished. Accomplished was the work that the Father sent Him to do. *Tetalestai* proclaims to those who dwell in darkness that a perfect redemption has been provided. Not only is this the announcement of the end of all our enemies, but it is the good tidings of great joy that the feast is now ready; the richest inheritance possible, an infinitely rich and glorious possession, is freely offered. It is the believer's for the taking.

Not only is the darkness finished, but the Light of the world has risen with healing in His rays.

Not only is sin finished, but righteousness, even of God, is made available to every one who believes (Romans 1:16, 17).

Not only is the wrath of God removed, but the highest possible favor is being shown to the sinner who believes and receives.

*He maketh the rebel a son, priest, and king.
He hath brought us and taught us this new song to sing:
Unto Him who hath loved us and loosed us from sin,
Unto Him be the glory forever. Amen!*

Not only is the curse lifted, but the blessing of Abraham is freely offered, and the Holy Spirit is received by faith (Galatians 3:14).

Not only is self disposed of, but we are made "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). Along with the death to the flesh is proclaimed the fullness of the spirit of life and the quickening of our mortal bodies (Romans 8:10, 11).

This *logos* of the Cross announces the end of our relationship to the world, sin, sickness, and death, the end of our relationship to the devil and to principalities and powers who led us captive according to their will. And it is also an emancipation proclamation giving us all the liberty, rights, and privileges of citizens of the kingdom of heaven, the real land of the free and the holy. It proclaims not only the end of our relationship to death but also the beginning of eternal life in which we are alive to God, alive to righteousness, alive to all that is highest and best, alive with abundant life!

God has spoken. Shall He not make it good? It is He who calls the things that are not as though they were. He called Abram the father of many nations when as yet he had no son, and He made His word good.

The word of the Cross is *finished*. It is our privilege to preach that word with the result that he who hears the *logos* of the Cross and believes it may go away singing:

*At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away;
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!*



THE BODY OF CHRIST

NOWHERE DOES THE INDIVIDUAL FIND GREATER FULFILLMENT THAN IN HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE BODY MINISTRY BY THE SPIRIT.

THERE IS NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING the true nature of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Some would seek to force an organizational unity void of spiritual life.

There is need for mature spiritual contribution and ministry in the Body today. There is a threat of spiritual anemia that can only be met as each member waits on God and receives a fresh supply of the Spirit. There is need for members who come "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

No higher privilege has been accorded mankind than to be a part of the Body of Christ! To be loved, wanted, and redeemed by Him—and then to be identified with Him as He continues to reach in redemption toward the world. This meets every need and satisfies every possible fulfillment man could have!

"The Church, which is His Body." No picture is filled with quite the meaning contained in this metaphor. It speaks of the close relationship that exists between Christ and His Church.

There are other metaphors: the Bride, the Vine, the Temple, etc. They all blend together and interweave in meaning to complement each other and provide a fuller understanding of this relationship. But the Body of Christ concept seems to sum it up.

The picture of the Church as the Body is of dominant concern in Christian circles today. Active ecumenicals are seeking feverishly to effect its literal organizational expression now. However, the Scriptures teach a unity in Spirit of the true Body!

It is significant that while this ecumenical move is on, men of the Spirit sense a need to stress the true scriptural teaching concerning the Body, its nature and function.

The origin of the Body-concept, the raw material of the metaphor, is in both the Old Testament and the Gospels. It was implicit in the statements of Jesus. For example, Jesus' prediction, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Writing with a post-Pentecost view John explained, "He spake of the temple of his body."

ITS TRUE MEANING

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With a spiritual view it requires no straining to bridge from this to the Pauline understanding of the Body of Christ set forth in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Colossians 1:24; 2:17-19; Ephesians 1:23; 4:12; and Romans 12:5.

There are lessons to be drawn from the Body-concept. But one should go no further in applying the principles than the Scriptures themselves do. In extending the doctrine to unwarranted conclusions, some have made the Church itself a "graven image" of a sort, setting aside the significant learnings of the Reformation. Indeed, they have sought to *force* an answer to Christ's prayer for unity (John 17:21). Some have claimed the Church as an extension of the Incarnation, with further result of claiming infallibility and participation in the atonement through the sacraments.

What then are the principles to be drawn from the Body-concept?

1. *The Principle of Headship.* Jesus Christ is Head of the Body (1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 1:22; 4:15; Colossians 1:18; 2:19). He possesses it; He directs it. He serves as its point of relationship to God. Indeed, He is the full expression of the Godhead to the Church. There is a common total dependence on Him and obedience to Him. All faith is placed in Him; all spiritual growth is toward Him. As ordained of God, He has the preeminence in all things!

As its Head, He identifies with the Church. This is shown in His revelation to Saul on the Damascus road, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (Acts 9:5).

As His Body, the Church identifies with Him in turn.

2. *The Principle of Birth, Growth, and Sustenance.* The Holy Spirit is God's means of effecting this life-giving relationship with Christ. He brings the Body into being and sustains it. Believers become members of the Body by a spiritual birth (John 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:13). They grow and mature by the effective inner working of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:15, 16). They are sustained in faith and life by the supply of the Spirit. In turn they contribute to the Body, edifying it in love as the Spirit enables and supplies (Ephesians 4:16; Colossians 2:19; Philippians 1:19).

Nowhere does the Old Testament truth—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit"—come into sharper focus than in the Body-concept. The Spirit gives birth, life, and growth to the Body and then equips and furnishes the Body, enabling its spiritual function.

3. *The Principle of Unity.* The Church is *one* Body, denominational disunity and racial differences notwithstanding. Paul successfully argued the point. He asserted there are many members but one body, and reminded us that all have been "baptized into one body" and all "have been made to drink into one spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). The membership is comprised of individual believers and the unity is a unity in Christ, a unity in the Spirit! It is a unity of faith, of common spiritual experience, of common life source, and of "unfeigned love" one for the other (1 Peter 1:22; John 13:35).

To the Ephesian church Paul addressed an appeal that they endeavor "to keep [this] unity of the Spirit." He based his appeal on the fact they were a part of one Body and implied the unity of the Body should be expressed in the Spirit. He further indicated this should be kept till "all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man" (Ephesians 4:3, 13). The responsibility to keep it was fixed. The results of a failure to do so were not even considered. Unity simply must remain.

4. *The Principle of Diversity and Individuality.* Members retain identity or individuality in the Spirit. In fact, diversity of ministry is needed.

Nowhere is the individual dignified more than in his relationship to Christ. All that God offers in Christ to the Church He offers to the individual believer! This is refreshing today in the face of the eclipsing of the individual for the sake of the masses. But by the same token, nowhere does the individual personality find greater fulfillment than in his participation in the Body ministry by the Spirit. Yet he does not lose his identity as a member of the Body.

Paul stated that principle simply: "For the body is . . . many" (1 Corinthians 12:14) and, "Ye are members in particular" (12:27). He indicates the Spirit works in the Body accordingly, having "diversities of gifts" and "dividing severally to every man as he will" (1 Corinthians 12:4, 11).

Happy is the church that recognizes and appreciates each member for what he is in the Spirit. Sad it is when the church demands that each member conform in the Spirit to some "norm" that has been established. The very strength of the Body is found in this individuality in the Spirit—as "every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part" (Ephesians 4:16). Let diversity in the Spirit remain!

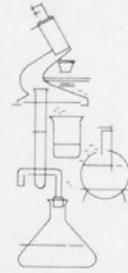
There is an infinite variety of ministry in the Spirit; but this does not deny the in-working unity of the Spirit. It only accentuates the fullness of heavenly provision for every need and through all who yield and obey.

5. *The Principle of Mutuality of Inter-dependence for Growth.* Each member can and must contribute in the Spirit, and each member needs the other members for full spiritual growth to occur! (1 Corinthians 12:21; Ephesians 4:15)

Paul placed much emphasis especially on the second

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GOD'S WORD IN A NEW AGE



By ROBERT T. TAYLOR

CAN THE LAST THREE-AND-A-HALF decades of the 20th century become a period of spiritual renewal and reform? Is the effort to make the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the American Bible Society in 1966 "The Year of the Bible" just a pious slogan, or can it be a vital force to redeem lives, reform society, and direct the course of history?

Renewal can come only as man becomes aware of the relevance of the Bible for this new age. Modern man desperately needs to grow up from arguing about the Bible to the spiritual maturity necessary to listen to what the Holy Spirit has to say to him through the pages of Holy Scriptures.

Few, if any, thoughtful Christians will argue with Walter Zimmerman's statement written from the East Zone of Germany: "The great epochs of Christianity—the first five centuries—the Reformation and the world missionary advance of the 19th century . . . have been the times of an almost explosion-like diffusion of the Scriptures."

As Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft said in *The Renewal of the Churches*, "Every true renewal of the Church is based on the hearing anew of the Word of God as it comes to us in the Bible. How can the new result from a return to the old? There have, therefore, been many who have sought the renewal of the Church by breaking away from the Bible or by adding to and improving upon the Bible. But we must maintain the simple truth that outside the Word of God there is in this world no true source of renewal. Why is that so? Because the Bible is the authentic record of the only radically new event that has ever taken place in the world." Later in the same chapter Dr. Visser't Hooft makes clear the kind of use of the Bible he means with, "The Bible is a dead letter if the Spirit does not make it the living Word of God for us."

Consider briefly the human climate in the U.S.A. which indicates that renewal and reform are possible.

READY FOR RENEWAL

If the Psalmist had been writing the 107th Psalm

Dr. Robert T. Taylor is general secretary of the American Bible Society. The accompanying article is part of the address he delivered at the meeting of the Society's Advisory Council recently. On May 11 there will be a commemorative service at New York's historic old City Hall, where the American Bible Society was formally constituted 150 years ago.

today, he might well have said, "They that explore the mysteries of outer space and do business with atomic energy; these see the works of the Lord and His wonders in space; for in their confusion they reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end; then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses."

In this new age man has truly been exploring the mystic depths of the universe and the human mind. Yesterday's bright and shining panaceas of universal brotherhood by application of the Golden Rule, elimination of war and crime by educating the masses, and spiritual renewal by keeping people busy in church buildings, have all become terribly tarnished. As aptly described by Joseph C. McLelland in *The Reformation and Its Significance Today*, ours is the age of the "beatnik" and the "neatnik."

The beatnik must go until he is beat. In the creed of the hipster, he must go from excess to excess—always, "Go, man, go, because it is fatal to stand still and you will never arrive." The neatnik on the other hand escapes into conformity. Here we witness "the evening return of the male to the dormitory community—in which the pressures of downtown business life are relieved in the task of completing the basement playroom and in the fight against crabgrass."

One can hardly pick up a magazine or newspaper without reading of both church and secular concern about moral decay and mounting crime.

Another large segment of our population lives righteously and is active in good works. Americans now give a billion dollars a year to health agencies. Each generation now dies a few years later from different diseases. Volunteers ring the doorbells of their neighbors, serve on committees and give generously of their technologically produced free time for good works. Yet all too often they are living in the afterglow of the light of the Biblical faith of their parents or grandparents. One doubts if any health or educational agency could raise its budget without the influence of lingering Biblical faith in the lives of its donors.

Recently a large midwestern church, with no time for participation in a community week of Bible study, had 200 women at a weekday morning session on the very worthy cause of muscular dystrophy. Is it any wonder that hosts of church members feel frustrated and confused?

Indeed, we are at our wits' end and the times are ripe for the Lord to save us from our distresses.

SIGNS OF RENEWAL

A second sign of our readiness for spiritual renewal and reform is the uneasy conscience of many within the church. Suddenly we have become aware of our sins. . . . Increasing numbers of people are taking seriously the Christ, of whom the only authentic record is in the Scriptures, and they are engaged in positive and often self-sacrificial actions to reform society.

A good case could be developed for the contention that we are even now in the beginning of a great awakening. The renewed interest in the Bible by Protestants and Roman Catholics, emphasis on Biblical theology, the various revisions and translations that have brought the Bible into man's realm of understanding, and the results of the Bible Society's use of all media of communication to turn people to Bible reading, may even now have started a wave of renewal and reform which we fail to recognize because it is not manifesting itself in traditional form.

PLANS FOR MASSIVE RENEWAL

There are three groups to be served if there is to be a massive Biblical renewal.

1. The first group is composed of those who are prevented from reading because they can't read or do not possess a Bible in the language they can read. A person can have the Bible and not read it; he can't read the Bible he does not have.

2. The second group is made up of those who have the Bible but do not read it.

3. The third are those who read the Bible but fail to discover God's redeeming and motivating Word for their lives.

Because the 150-year-old constitution of the American Bible Society states its single purpose as "the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment," it is often believed that supply alone is the province of the Bible Society, and encouragement of reading and application is the responsibility of the church. The simple fact is that the three can never be completely separated. Text, appearance, and method of circulation often de-

termine whether or not the Book is read and understood.

This is why the American Bible Society is the major source of support and leadership in a series of continuing studies on the use of the Bible. These studies and consultations throughout the world did much to clarify the previously suspected fact that supply and correct reading are virtually inseparable.

For generations the Bible Societies have known that the most effective witness comes when the man with the Book persuasively confronts the man without the Book. This encounter has often been assured by selling the Book at the price the purchaser could afford to pay. We must also remember, however, that such is the power of the Book that Bible Society files contain innumerable accounts of men who have found Christ, converted their neighbors, and reformed whole communities simply through the influence of a Bible or portion of a Bible that came into their hands by chance. So great is this weight of evidence that Bible distributors face the continual temptation to believe that all such chance encounters with the Bible will produce similar results.

These studies and dialogues have guided the American Bible Society in the development of a program of translation and revision, production and encouragement of use by effective distribution of such great magnitude and scope that the Society of the 1960's could easily be designated as the *new* American Bible Society.

THE WORLD PROGRAM

The Society is assisting in translation and revisions in more than 500 languages and dialects. An increasing amount of this work is being done by national speakers. Area Translators' Institutes of a month to six weeks duration are being held in various parts of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In at least five important languages, Bible Society translation committees include Roman Catholic scholars in an effort to develop a common text. Scriptures with African, Asian, and Latin American covers and illustrations are being produced. More and more of the actual printing is taking place in the land of use. Despite all this, the Society is only now, 25 years late, starting a pitifully small production of Scriptures at the reading level of new literates.

The "God's Word for a New Age" program, launched in Tokyo in 1963, has a goal of lifting distribution from the 50,000,000 copies in 1962 to a minimum annual distribution of 150,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in 1966. Bible Societies on every continent are contributing and helping. Distribution of 69,852,377 copies in 1964 was close to target. The ultimate goal of the Bible Societies is:

- A Bible for every Christian home;
- A New Testament for every Christian;
- Some portion of the Bible for every new literate.

Even at the present accelerated rate of increase, none of these three goals can be reached in this century. This discouraging fact is a tragic evidence of the need for renewal. To date only a few denominations, and practically no big foundations or corporations, have taken concerned interest in the world's spiritual hunger and need for the printed Word of God. The Church of Jesus Christ must be concerned for physical hunger, but we must also remember that no secular or governmental agency will provide relief for world spiritual hunger. This is the job of the Church, and one proven method is to make it possible for a man to read the Holy



**GREAT CHAPTERS
DAILY READING
PROGRAM**

**GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE
WEEK OF MAY 8-15**

Sunday	Isaiah 40
Monday	Isaiah 53
Tuesday	Isaiah 55
Wednesday	Isaiah 61
Thursday	Jeremiah 1
Friday	Jeremiah 28
Saturday	Jeremiah 31
Sunday	Lamentations 3

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Scriptures for himself. Under the guidance of the Spirit, emerging peoples may develop a different and better Church than we have ever known.

PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES

In the United States, the Society is also developing appealing new editions to encourage Bible use. The New Testament with 581 pictures and 10 maps of the New Testament world is being published. There are special editions of the Scriptures which the Society gives for institutional use, to the blind, to migrants, and for the Society's historic program of Scripture donations to the Armed Forces through their chaplains.

Another new format is, "The Right Time," a translation of the Gospel of Mark in the English of today, intended for those who have English as a second language. It, however, is being used in great quantities by millions of Americans in all educational and social strata. In addition, there is "One Way for Modern Man," the J. B. Phillips translation of the Gospel of John, illustrated with photographs from contemporary life.

Last year in the U.S.A. the Society distributed 4,809,943 Christmas selections for Christmas Eve reading, 4,206,241 Easter Gospels, 1,542,967 Pentecost readings. An additional 214,786 of these three were distributed in Spanish. The use of personally marked New Testaments is providing increasing evidence of the power of the Word. At the request of the Dribergen Conference, new editions will soon appear, containing aids for the reader.

The church is ready for renewal. The world is hungry for spiritual truth. All renewal is based on new attention to the Bible. The Bible Societies have a well-planned program. The success of this program will be limited only by the vision of churches and individual Christians.

The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God is cooperating with the American Bible Society by raising funds for a special 150th Anniversary project. Details will be released soon. It is suggested that *Evangel* readers wishing to send offerings for the Bible Society should designate them for "American Bible Society Anniversary Project." World Ministries credit will be given. The offerings should be addressed to: Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

I WAS THERE

FIRST OF A SERIES OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EARLY PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL DAYS, WRITTEN BY VARIOUS PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

By A. A. WILSON

IN NOVEMBER 1930 when our work in Kansas City was in its infancy, God sent to our church a lady who was in great need. By His grace He met her need.

It was during a testimony service at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting that the lady came in and sat down near the back. She seemed so worried and dejected it was apparent she had a great need of some kind.

I was moved by her appearance, and when the service was turned back to me I asked if anyone else would like to say something or if any had a request for prayer.

The stranger rose and began to speak very timidly, pouring out her heart to us. She identified herself as Lydia Ferguson of Drumright, Oklahoma. She told us how she had gone from one cancer clinic to another, hoping to find help for breast cancer without surgery. She dreaded surgery for she was a backslider and feared she might die during the operation.

At this time she had just come from the cancer clinic at Savannah, Missouri, where she was told that the malignancy had spread to other parts of her body and that they could not help her. She had called her husband, and they had decided she should go directly to another clinic in California.

On the train from Savannah she had promised God she would find an Assemblies of God church in Kansas City and get right with Him. At Union Station she looked in the telephone directory for the address of a church and found ours was the nearest.

Cancer Healed Through UNITED PRAYER

"I don't have time to stay for the after service," she said. "My train leaves at nine o'clock. But will you remember to pray for me?"

I said, "We will have the after service for you now. Come forward."

She came, and everyone gathered around. As we anointed her with oil and prayed, many reached out to lay hands upon her. She came back to God that night, and He miraculously healed her body.

We had someone take her to the station to catch her train, but she decided not to go on to California. She went home to her husband and children instead.

Her own testimony of how God restored and healed her was published in *The Pentecostal Evangel* of March 7, 1931. Mrs. Wilson and I heard from her regularly for several years after that. The Lord blessed her with one or two more children after her healing, and she was able to nurse them.

I want to make it clear that Mrs. Ferguson could not point to any one person and say, "He prayed for me and I was healed." Just as when Peter was imprisoned it was the prayers of the church that brought deliverance, so she was healed through the united prayers of God's people.

Look up, children of God. There is nothing too hard for our Lord. He is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever."

HERE IS A SUMMER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
TOO GOOD TO MISS. TRY THE . . .

ADVANCED CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Practical—that is the word for describing A.C.T.S., a leadership training program sponsored by the National Sunday School Department. Now in its 13th year, A.C.T.S. offers Sunday school teachers, superintendents, pastors, and ministers of Christian education a unique opportunity for increasing their effectiveness.

A.C.T.S. is a week-long school. The student enrolls for five classes each day. Under the instruction of carefully selected, Spirit-filled teachers, he studies such courses as Local Church Evangelism, Attendance Building, School Efficiency, and Methods of Indoctrination. There are over 25 subjects from which students choose.

This year there will be three A.C.T.S. sessions, making it possible for persons in all parts of the United States to attend a school within easy driving distance.

The West Coast A.C.T.S. will convene June 6-10 on the campus of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.

The Eastern A.C.T.S.—the first one ever held in the East—will meet June 20-24 on the campus of Northeastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.

The Springfield A.C.T.S. meets August 22-26 on the campus of Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

In addition to the classes, A.C.T.S. provides many different workshops in the afternoons. The evenings are filled with a delightful combination of educational features and inspiring messages by the featured guest in each school. Other highlights include an opening fellowship banquet on the first night, and a daily devotional time—Morning Meditations. All the features of A.C.T.S. are



A.C.T.S. guest speakers are (left to right): West Coast—Leland R. Keys, pastor, San Jose, Calif.; Eastern—T. E. Gannon, executive director of the Sunday School Department; Springfield—Hardy W. Steinberg, national secretary, Department of Education.

Variety is part of A.C.T.S. Students enjoy humorous skits (right), panel discussions, and interviews with outstanding Christian education leaders. They receive help in planning Sunday school campaigns, hear of new literature aids, and enjoy the informal fellowship activities.



carefully planned to help the student accomplish more in his ministry at home.

Dormitory accommodations are used to house A.C.T.S. students and meals are provided in the school cafeteria. These arrangements make A.C.T.S. a real bargain. The cost for tuition, room, board, and insurance is only \$30 per person.

One couple, after attending A.C.T.S. for the first time last year, said, "It was just marvelous, the most wonderful experience of our Christian lives." That is an opinion shared by hundreds of Sunday school workers who have found A.C.T.S. just the help they were looking for.

If you are interested in further information about the A.C.T.S. near you, write to the A.C.T.S. Registrar, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Lower photo: Registrar Robert Myers (second from left) and "Sunday School Counselor" Editor Harris Jansen assist students as they enroll. Center photo: Instructor Stanley Horton displays visual of Solomon's temple. Right photo: Assistant General Superintendent C. W. H. Scott awards an A.C.T.S. certificate.



the cross is PLANTED

By CHARLES R. HEMBREE • Pastor, Hessville Assembly, Hammond, Indiana

THE PHONE LINES CRACKLED as the overseas operator put our call through to Missionary Jimmy Jones in Malaysia. Some 300 people in the audience waited anxiously for the voice of our missionary. We could hardly wait to tell him the joyful news that our church had just given \$3,500 for his great Malaysian *Miracle Project*.

This phone call was part of the program in our missions convention at Hessville Assembly of God, Hammond, Indiana, January 17-20. In these short four nights our people had caught the burden of this new country and had responded accordingly.

Ministering at the convention was Revivaltime Speaker C. M. Ward. His anointed messages sparked the fire in our people's hearts. Each of the four nights our auditorium was filled to capacity, and three of those nights a hundred extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the crowds. Other churches cooperated, and two closed their Wednesday evening services to join us in this great endeavor. The results were phenomenal.

As we were planning the convention, Missionary Jones wrote to sev-

Indiana District Missions Director Lonnie Calloway and Revivaltime Speaker C. M. Ward count the missionary offering.



Pastor Charles R. Hembree (left) poses with James Hiddle (center), director of Hammond's Union Gospel Mission, and Missionary Samuel Beckdahl at the annual missions convention.

eral churches in Indiana saying he had found a piece of property right in the heart of Kuala Lumpur where he could build a church. He said the Foreign Missions Department had authorized the purchase and half of the money had already been raised by Global Conquest. However, he still had to have \$11,500 within six months to get the property. Now he asked our help.

When the letter was received, it stirred our hearts. The deacon board was consulted, and we decided that, after the budget had been met, all money received in our convention should go for this project.

Then a miracle happened here at home. Our budget was \$500 because of heavy advertising and other commitments. The week before our convention began a man who had never been to our church before walked into my office and said he felt impressed to give us a check. When I looked at the check, I saw it was for \$500! This was a marvelous answer to prayer. We decided then that every penny received during the convention would be given to *Miracle Project*.

Our program was planned carefully

and prayerfully. Our theme was *Commissioned by Our King*—taken from David Livingstone's thought, "If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by the heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?"

Individual themes for the four nights were: *Commissioned to Serve*, *Commissioned to Send*, *Commissioned to Give*, and *Commissioned to Go*. Each service emphasized the importance for our church to serve, support, raise funds, and encourage youth to enter the missionary work.

Some of the features of the services included a film, "The Paul Carlson Story," which depicted the life of the martyred missionary in Congo; songs in four languages by our church choir; a slide and tape recording presentation from Missionary Jones. We had asked him two months before to

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prepare slides and a tape to present during the convention.

After seeing Malaysia in this manner and hearing the description by our own missionary, the people opened their hearts to this need. Two other tapes were received from other supported missionaries—Bill Ilnisky of Jamaica and Jack Garlit of Honduras. These tapes made tremendous impressions on our people.

Without a doubt one of the highlights was the speaking of Brother Ward. With warmth of spirit and wisdom from above he led the people in worship and giving. On the last night we had an offering in reverse. That is, we had received some coins from Missionary Jack Garlit and gave each person one of these for attending the convention.

Now the final night had come. The operator had finally made contact with Brother Jones. We had a special telephone hookup so that the entire congregation could hear the phone conversation. You cannot imagine the joy and shouting from our missionary in Malaysia when we told him of the \$3,500 that we had raised in four nights. A wave of praise rose from the audience as Missionary Jones, half-way around the world, worshiped God for this blessing.

After this call we had the privilege

of calling Brother J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department, and having him address our congregation by means of our special hookup. His words were inspiring and challenging to our hearts.

So our convention ended, but the response did not. Just today I received more money in the mail for this great *Miracle Project*. Needless to say, this is the greatest missionary convention I have ever been in. The effect on our church has been transforming.

It is transforming because the \$3,500 represents more missions giving than all of last year. Our people gave \$3,000 to missions during 1965, but in 1966 they exceeded that amount by \$500 in four days. This will be the greatest missionary year ever for Hessville Assembly of God.

Probably the most thrilling part was the letter I received yesterday from Missionary Jones. In part it read, "Man... what can I say! I am still walking on air after that phone call and the news that your people gave \$3,500 toward *Miracle Project*. This is the greatest miracle we have had thus far. As I mentioned on the phone, we are now within \$3,000 of our goal. I was so thrilled and surprised that I really didn't know what to say



One of the highlights of the missions convention was a special telephone hookup with Missionary Jimmy Jones in Malaysia.

on the phone. But I want you and your entire congregation to know that I deeply appreciate and am overwhelmed by your generous and magnificent response.

"God has been testing my faith. Our Chinese and Indian Christians have been praying earnestly that God would supply our needs. What you and your people have done is a miraculous answer to prayer."

The Cross of Christ has been planted in Malaysia. 

HAVE YOU NOTICED...

HOW MANY CHURCHES ARE HAVING MISSIONS CONVENTIONS THESE DAYS?

CHURCHES, BIG AND SMALL, all over the country are turning to the missions convention as an effective way of building a burden for missions in the hearts of their congregations.

And the most amazing things are happening!

A missions convention awakens latent interest in the local church. Many religious activities are done by habit or by a sense of responsibility, but foreign missions captures the imagination of Christian people. Missions-minded people usually become some of the most active people in the total life of the local church.

In the annual missions convention each family makes a faith promise to God of how much it plans to give monthly or even weekly in the missionary offerings for that year. Using such a faith promise plan, the church usually doubles, often triples, and sometimes quadruples its giving to foreign missions. With more missions funds to spend abroad, missionary zeal grows

and compounds the benefits to the local church.

The fantastic thing is that the whole church income increases along with its missions giving! Because missions-minded people become responsible people, they support their pastor better, stand behind the local church better, and give more time to religious activities.

The fact is that people today want more foreign missions emphasis. And they want it presented in an interesting and inspirational way. Today's missionaries generally are good convention speakers who do not come with a travelog or a hard-luck story, but with an exciting report of Assemblies of God victory overseas.

To help Assemblies of God churches with their missions emphasis, the Foreign Missions Department annually prepares convention materials, most of which are offered free for the asking.

Plan a missions convention in your church.

MOTHER'S DAY is always an impressive and important occasion. A mother enjoys the expression of love and appreciation from her family, and her family looks forward to showering her with the greatest affection possible.

But have you ever stopped to think of "children without a mother"? In some cases, the courts have been forced to take children away from a neglectful and unloving parent. These children have come from homes where storms of sin have severed the moorings of love and left them drifting on the sea of life—*children who cry in the night for a mother to love.*"

Have you heard the sobs of a brokenhearted boy whose mother and father were separated; whose mother had no time to listen to his school tales and, later, no time to be interested in him at all? Her life of sin had become only her passion. She had no time to bake cookies, play games, or put him to bed each night with a prayer and a kiss. He lived in a lonely world—unloved and unwanted.

With love and compassion, the Assemblies of God has opened its heart to provide for neglected children. Since 1946, Hillcrest Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, has grown until today there are 90 boys and girls living at the home. They come frustrated, from warped backgrounds, but they soon become happy, normal children. The love and understanding they need is provided in day-by-day care. At Hillcrest there is time to dry a tear, listen to a child's trouble, or read him a favorite story.

But even with all the tenderness and care a home of this kind can provide, it will never take the place of a mother's love. Nothing can equal a "home" they can call their own—a place that is private, with "a world of care shut out, a world of love shut in."

For a long time, many have wished for a child-care agency where they might be able to adopt children or take children into their own homes and raise them. For various reasons

these people have had difficulties with local agencies in obtaining children; often they were turned down because of religious affiliations.

God has now provided us a home for this very purpose. A beautiful three-story stone mansion in Kansas City, Missouri, was generously given to the Assemblies of God by Mrs. D. G. Danley of that city. It is called Highlands Children's Home after the name of that section of the city.

The Lord has also provided administrators for the home. Brother and Sister James W. Strayer, who will arrive shortly and take over administrative responsibilities, both are college trained specifically in the area of child-welfare service with degrees. For some time they have been super-

visors of child placement services at the Sheriffs Boys' Ranch in Live Oak, Florida.

March 20, 1966, was a red-letter day at Highlands Children's Home. Many months had been spent getting ready for "open house." A great deal had to be done to meet all state, city, and county health and welfare regulations. Safety features, fire detection devices, and many other such items were necessary.

Much credit for coordinating the

many details in preparing the home for occupancy goes to Paul Brewer, a presbyter of the Southern Missouri District and pastor of Central Assembly in Kansas City.

More than 1,200 friends visited the home during "open house." Representatives of the state and city welfare departments were on hand for the occasion. Local school officials and neighbors as well as members of the 72 Assemblies in the greater Kansas City area were present.

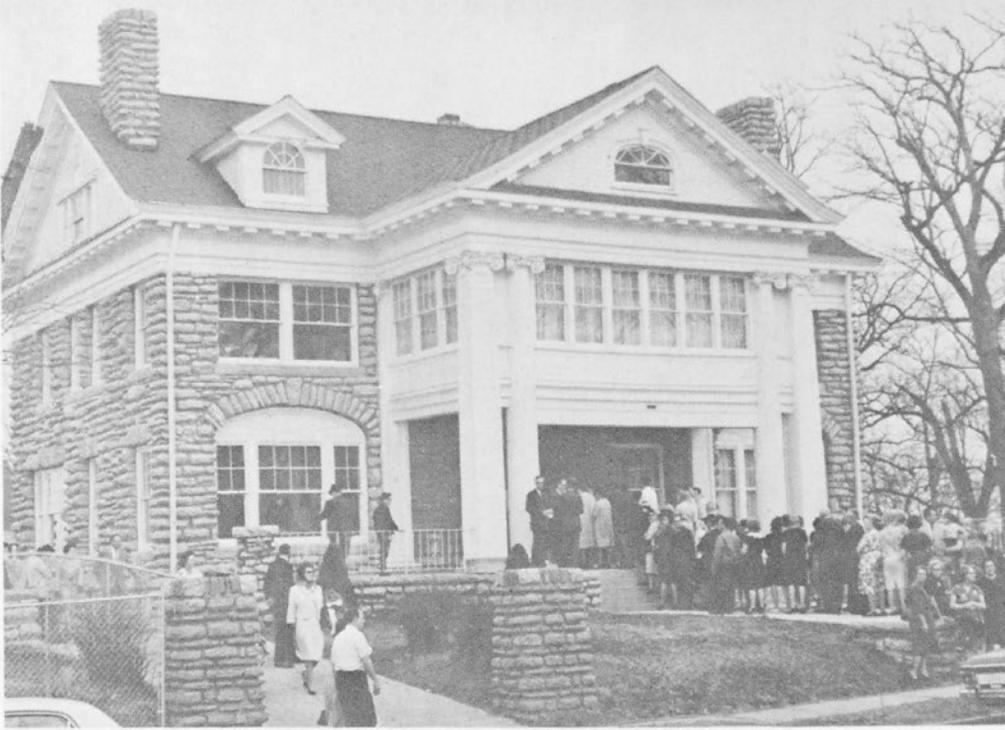


By **STANLEY V. MICHAEL**
National Secretary
Department of Benevolences

CHILDREN WITHOUT



Right photo: Stanley Michael reads Scripture at ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Highlands Children's Home in Kansas City, Mo. Standing with him are (left to right): Herbert Bruhn, N. Cleo Tapp, James Strayer, M. J. Groves, Chas. W. H. Scott, and Paul Brewer.
Center photo: Visitors going through the home during "open house."
Far right photo: Visitors viewing one of the bedrooms in the three-story home.



Left photo: Attending "open house" are (left to right): Stanley Michael; C. W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent; Teresa Vaughn, consultant, Institutions and Agencies for State of Missouri; James Strayer, executive administrator of the home. Right photo: Highlands Children's Home given by Mrs. D. G. Danley.

A MOTHER

Highlands Children's Home will house 30 to 35 children awaiting placement in a more permanent family. These will be boys and girls "looking for a mother." Although you may not be able to take one of these children into your home, we hope you will love them enough to care. You can share in this ministry of love by contributing toward the operating expenses or by giving a memorial gift. Gifts are needed now to help with refurbishing expenses. There will be

special days, such as birthdays, to be remembered.

"Children without a mother!" Several hundred thousand children in the United States become homeless each year, victims of broken homes. On this Mother's Day, may we not forget those who don't have a mother.

A brochure with further information is available by writing Highlands Children's Home, Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. 



PLEASE ... HELP THE HURT

Scarred—but not beyond repair. Six million homeless children in America cause an enormous problem, but they are not beyond your help. Their emotional and psychological wounds can be treated with tender Christian love while receiving competent care and guidance at HIGHLANDS CHILDREN'S HOME.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." In the name of the Lord, HIGHLANDS opens its doors and bids them come. But this cannot be continued without your help.

HIGHLANDS CHILDREN'S HOME needs your assistance now to help remove the hurt from tangled lives. The Word of God admonishes, "Be ye kind one to another." Christ's little ones await your response.

Please—help the hurt. Send your generous contribution to:

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What Missionettes Means in our Home

By JAN SYLVESTER

THE WORD "MISSIONETTES" has become synonymous with Christian living in our home. I am thrilled with the opportunity of serving as a Missionettes sponsor and grateful that three of the Missionettes in my group are my daughters. It is difficult to express what the Missionettes program has meant to our family.

Almost two years ago our three girls, who were then 9, 12, and 15 years of age, decided we needed a Missionettes Club in our home. We had just moved into the suburbs and were located about 12 miles from our church. We knew of no other girls within miles who attended our church or any who would be interested in attending such a club. My time was at a premium with church activities, caring for the needs of our six-month-old son, and general household activities.

Nevertheless, we organized a club. Each of our girls served as an officer, and they began working on the achievement program, *Stairway to the Stars*.

The girls were so enthusiastic about their club they couldn't wait for the bimonthly meetings but met together at least a half hour each day to study their Missionettes handbooks and quiz each other on the Scripture reading they had done.

The first achievement step, Susanna, emphasizes salvation and stewardship and requires the girls to read the Bible from Genesis through Ruth. It was during this

time our youngest daughter Kathy gave her heart and life to Christ.

Tithing became a privilege, and each girl tried to discover new ways of earning more money in order to give more to the Lord. Realizing that stewardship includes not only money but time and talents as well, each girl made a survey of her life and discovered new ways in which she could better serve the Lord.

For several months the girls prayed daily that they would be able to enlist others in their club. They invited everyone they met, but either the girls were not interested or the parents would not allow their children to attend a religious club. Then one day a family with a 12-year-old daughter moved into our neighborhood and Linda, our 12-year-old, invited her. Susan became our fourth member!

The second achievement step, Tabitha, proved a tremendous blessing to all of us. The girls studied questions and answers and memorized scriptures concerning divine healing. They learned the blessing of ministering to others as we visited several shut-ins and a nursing home. The girls presented a program of musical numbers and quoted Scripture passages they had learned, including 1 Corinthians 13.

One of the requirements of becoming a Tabitha is to learn the Statement of Faith which appears in each issue



Mrs. Leslie Sylvester and her daughters, Linda, Charlotte, and Kathy, display some of the handwork projects. Lower photo: Missionettes busily engaged in making awards to be given out by missionaries.



of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. This has proved beneficial many times when the girls have been questioned at school or by their friends about what they believe.

Foreign foods were prepared by each girl. This included everything from a main dish of *Bobotee* (meat timbales), a South African dish, to a snack of Hawaiian punch and Chinese cookies.

Bible reading continued as each girl was required to read through Psalm 75 in order to mount the step.

The third or Anna step was greeted with equal enthusiasm. We studied about the second coming of Christ, learned better methods of witnessing to others, reviewed the books of the Bible, and established the habit of reading the missionary pages of the *Evangel* each week, selecting one of the missionaries mentioned to be remembered during private devotions. Maps were drawn to locate the areas of service of 10 of our missionaries, and two missionary books were read.

At present all three of our girls are working on the fourth and last step, Ruth, and plan to complete it by August. They are studying about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and learning how to lead a soul to Christ. They will also complete the reading of the entire Bible at this time. Although each girl may work at her own speed, our three have seen to it that no one gets very far ahead of the others.

As I stated earlier, it is difficult to say how much the Missionettes program has meant to our family. I do know that for the past two years each of our girls has risen at 6 a.m. for a half hour of private devotions, and each is a sincere Christian who witnesses to others and desires God's leading in her life.

The Missionettes program has drawn our family close together, giving us common interests. We've cooked together, planned handwork projects, worked on socials and most important, prayed together.

During these months our two youngest daughters have been baptized in water, joined the church, and taken communion for the first time because it is now meaningful to them. Also each of the girls is earnestly seeking to be filled with the Spirit. I would not want to raise my daughters without having a Missionettes club.

Our club has grown. We now have nine girls who attend regularly. Two have just completed their first achievement step. Three of the new girls attend our church, one attends another fundamental church, and two come from unchurched families. (We have four Missionettes clubs in our church and three more are being organized. As coordinator I find it is a blessing and a thrill to work with all of these wonderful girls.)

May I add that no mother should consider herself too busy to sponsor a Missionettes club. The time required is about an hour and a half, twice a month, plus a little time for preparation—and, of course, prayer.

At present my husband and I serve jointly as superintendent of a fourth-grade department in Sunday school; we are active in the weekly church visitation program; and I am in charge of the 18 Women's Missionary Council circles of our church. If I felt it necessary to drop any part of this Christian service, Missionettes would be the last to go, for I would rather miss anything else than this opportunity of sharing these precious hours with my daughters and their friends. 

HONOR STAR NOW WORKS WITH MISSIONETTES

By NANCY MYERS



I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED every moment of my experience as a Missionette. I was a member of the group organized in July, 1960, at Glad Tidings Assembly, North Little Rock, Ark., and began working on the *Stairway to the Stars* achievement program in 1961. I was crowned a Missionette Honor Star on May 17, 1964. I am so thankful for the knowledge I gained while working on this program.

I now live in Danville, Ill., and assist with the Missionettes group at First Assembly. It is a privilege to work with Missionettes.

In the very near future the girls are going to begin work on the *Stairway to the Stars* program. It is a blessing to see other girls interested in learning more about God's work.

How I thank the Lord for permitting me to work with Missionettes. I find it very enjoyable and rewarding to help young girls find a place in God's service. My prayer is that God will continue to direct my life as He sees fit. 



Mrs. Harold Jones (front row, right), missionary to South Africa, is shown with the first Missionettes club to be organized in East London where she and her husband minister. Mrs. Jones says, "Teen-agers need something to do in Africa just as they do in America. These girls are very enthusiastic and are determined to get their school friends to join the club." Materials for the club were provided by WMC's of Denver, Colo.



By ANN AHLF

THREE WORDS "LORD, HELP ME." were all the woman of Canaan could find as she cast herself at the feet of Jesus. By tradition she had no right to approach the Master, but the helpless condition of her child urged her on, even in the face of crushing embarrassment and refusal.

Faith and love are powerful allies. Joined with the hopeful persistence of a mother's plea they broke the silence of the Lord: "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." At His instructions she went home to find just what He said—her child delivered from the evil spirit, and resting.

Mothers do not often have the same cause to pray for their children that the Syrophenician woman had. The Christian mother's first concern must be for her child to be saved and for him to find his place in life where he will best serve his Lord. What godly mother has not in her desperation cried, for the sake of her child, "Lord, help me!"

Mary Moore (a fictitious name) had no one to cry in her behalf, "Lord, help me with this child." At the age of nine days she was given away by her parents for adoption. "The years of my childhood," she says, "were a literal tug-of-war, a battle between environment and heredity. I always seemed to be a misfit, a rebel, and an outcast."

Seeking relief in a religious experience, at the age of 16 Mary took refuge in a convent. When upon her 18th birthday she learned she was an adopted child, she thought she understood the difference between herself and her foster parents, so she returned home. But she did not stay. The mother had become an alcoholic. The situation was so discouraging that, after a chain of distressing experiences, Mary joined a women's military unit and found a degree of satisfaction in being needed by her country.

When her military obligations were fulfilled, the now mature young woman found a friend she felt she could trust to help her make a good life. In due time they were married. Eventually four sons were born into the home.

Memories of her own restless childhood so haunted the young mother that she began to cry to God whose name she had heard, but whom she did not know, "Lord, help me." Just as Jesus heard the cry of the woman of Canaan, so He listened to Mary's plea. When the first two boys were only toddlers, the family sought out a church and became regular attendants. There Mary learned to love and serve the Lord.

One day while preparing a Sunday school lesson, Mary was deeply impressed with the story of a certain missionary's commitment to God of all she possessed. "I too made that commitment," she said, "relinquishing myself and my family to God, in life or in death. I wanted God to be first in our lives."

Soon after Mary had made this consecration, her small son met with an accident and lay in the hospital hovering between life and death. All night long Mary sat in



GOD ANSWERS WHEN A MOTHER PRAYS

LORD, HELP ME!

the corridor reading an old, torn Bible, thanking God that "things were no worse," and crying in her heart, "Lord, help me." That night the boy was healed of all effects of the wreck and of nephritis which had showed up in X rays.

John, eight years old and eldest of the four sons, was so impressed by this answer to prayer for his brother that he immediately gave his heart to the Lord. He began to pray for his father, who was saved soon after.

Throughout grade school and the four years of high school, John maintained a strong Christian testimony. Because of his godly life and high scholastic standing, he was awarded a scholarship for college.

"We felt deeply humble and grateful when John was selected as Mr. C.A. of our district," Mary said.

The young man is now in school preparing for the mission field.

When Mary was asked the secret of successful training of her boys, she replied, "If there is success, we owe it all to the Lord. He has taught us to put His will first in everything that concerns us whether it is a little matter or a big one. We practice 'togetherness' in worship, in work, and in play. We like being a family."

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Many other women can give similar testimonies. In the early 1900's, a godly mother became concerned about the religious needs of her eight children. The family lived

10 miles from the city. They had no transportation. Only upon special occasions did the neighbors stop to take them to church. The unsaved father saw no need of his family attending services regularly.

The mother prayed, then set out to remedy the situation. Each Sunday morning she directed the boys to arrange eight chairs in a semicircle in the big kitchen. A ninth was placed behind a small lamp table for the mother. From a well-worn hymnal they memorized hymns, and sang together as any other congregation. There was a Sunday school lesson, and finally a "sermon" in words they could understand. The mother became

teacher, preacher, altar worker, and friend. Her converts were members of her own household. From the "kitchen congregation" two went to the foreign field, and one became a pastor. Others are Christian businessmen and serve in official positions in their churches.

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Through the centuries, from Jochabed to Eunice, and from Lois to the godly mothers of today, mothers have found recourse to the throne of grace. Everyone who accompanies her prayers with joyful godly training and example may count on the answer to her cry, "Lord, help me!"

TO THE QUESTION, "What is the greatest need of France?" Napoleon is said to have replied, "Mothers."

Yet there is no magic in motherhood as such. It is not only mothers who are needed in America today, but mothers who know their God and will lead their children into a living relationship with Him.

Regardless of how parents may try to shift the responsibility for the spiritual training of their children, the task is primarily theirs. Particularly is this responsibility upon us as mothers, for normally we are with our children more hours in the day than are their fathers.

God said: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7).

Some Christian mothers have felt hindered in their service to the Lord because of their children. Yet the truth is that Christian motherhood is itself a high calling. Ours is the privilege of molding precious lives. Our influence, especially when they are young, can count for eternity.

Before we excuse ourselves from this serious responsibility because of our circumstances, let us look at the mothers of some great men of the past.

When asked to name the greatest book he had ever read, Abraham Lincoln answered simply, "My mother." What do our children read in us?

Thomas A. Edison was sent home from school by a teacher who thought he was "too stupid to learn." "My boy is not stupid," declared his mother. "I will teach him myself." This called for much patience, but the faith and hard work of that mother made life easier for us today. She found time to teach young Thomas, even though she had to scrub her family's clothes on a board. And we have automatic washers!

George Washington's father died when he was 12 years old. His mother managed her own plantation and brought up her children in the fear of God. She lived to see her son become our first President. Is it any wonder he knew how to kneel in prayer at Valley Forge?

The founders of Methodism had a mother of great zeal. Susanna Wesley was not an ordinary woman. Her

This is condensed from a sermon Mrs. Gribling preached at an Arizona District Women's Missionary Council Mother's Day Rally last year. Sister Gribling was returned to office for her 20th year as district WMC president at the Arizona WMC convention.

Mothers Have A Ministry



By LOIS GRIBLING
Arizona District WMC President

poetic husband was very uncooperative, and they were constantly burdened with debt; but she did not give in to the discouragement of poverty and hardship. This mother of 19 children was inspired by a determined zeal to bring about the salvation of her children. Not satisfied with the mere formation of flesh, bone, and sinew, she travailed *again*, in spirit, until her sons were saved and used of God in mighty ways.

Mel Trotter, a great American evangelist and mission worker, owed a great deal to his mother, Emily Jane Trotter. Her faith, prayers, and godly life gradually prevailed over the influence of her drinking, saloon-keeper husband, and guided her seven children to Christ. Her three sons went into the ministry. But it was not an easy victory. Mel Trotter himself said, "In my drunken and sinful days, all I had to cling to was the prayers my mother taught me as a little child, and those prayers often came to me in the darkest moments of my life."

Finally, we turn to the Scriptures themselves for the ultimate testimony of a mother's influence. The meager training Jochebed was able to give Moses as she brought him up for an Egyptian princess, formed in him a faith and love for God that all the adverse teachings of Egyptian culture could not erase, nor the promise of earthly glory supplant.

In this story we also see a beautiful example of a mother-daughter team. Miriam, influenced by her mother's godly example, courageously obeyed her. She did what she could, and God used what each did to fulfill His purposes in preserving the child who was eventually to lead His people out of bondage.

Jochebed had such a little time in which to teach



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

In the resurrection will we have the same elements which we have possessed in our present bodies?

When Jesus arose from the dead, He left none of the physical parts of the body in which He died; therefore, some believe the same will be true of our resurrection body. They assert that God will bring together all the elements which made up our mortal bodies and change them into spiritual bodies, as the body of Christ was changed.

Others believe it doubtful that our resurrection bodies shall consist of the elements they now contain. They quote from Paul: "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain... but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body" (1 Corinthians 15:37, 38).

Was Jesus the only child born of Mary?

The Bible says, "She brought forth her firstborn son" (Matthew 1:25; Luke 2:7). If Jesus were the "firstborn," there must have been other children later born to Mary. The following brothers of Jesus are mentioned: James, Joses, Simon, Judas. Sisters also are referred to (Matthew 13:55, 56; Mark 6:3).

Are people eternally damned who have never had opportunity to hear the gospel?

This we must leave with God, knowing that "the Judge of all the earth will do right." Romans 2:14-16 indicates that the heathen may be judged according to the law of conscience.

Please explain the meaning and manifestation of the unpardonable sin: "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men" (Matthew 12:31).

Jesus wrought miracles by the power and direction of the Holy Spirit. "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). These miracles were signs to Israel that Jesus was their Messiah. It was blasphemy against the Holy Spirit to attribute His works to Beelzebub.

We need to be very careful about accusing any of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Saul of Tarsus even caused believers to blaspheme, but he was saved. He explained that God forgave him "because I did it ignorantly in unbelief." We need to warn against apostasy, counting the blood of the covenant an unholy thing, and doing despite unto the Spirit of grace, by turning from Christ after having enjoyed the blessing of full salvation (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-29).

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.

Moses, but she did not waste that time. She knew that "Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:9, 10).

You may have only a few years too.

Timothy's extraordinary faith and love for God began in the hearts of his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. The influence extended from one generation to another.

Motherhood is not only a natural responsibility, but it is a charge from God and a challenge with eternal consequences. Every tiny life entrusted to us is an eternal soul which will bear the mark of our training—or lack of it—forever. Its imprint will be there when that soul stands before God.

Are you giving your best to this unparalleled ministry of motherhood? Is yours the spirit of a true, godly mother?

If Jesus carries, the world of tomorrow, the church of tomorrow, will be in the hands of men and women who are your children and mine today. It is the ministry and challenge of motherhood to prepare them for the task. 

THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Continued from page seven)

part of this principle (1 Corinthians 12:27). He gave several illustrations in comparing Christ's Body to the human body: the eye, hand, head, feet, less honorable members, etc. He wanted everyone to know they needed each other!

But underlying this need is the fact that each member can and must contribute in the Spirit. The responsibility to desire the gifts, to express the graces, to show the fruit for the edification of all is herein fixed. If one member matures in the Spirit, all are blessed. Thus there must be aggressive pursuit of spiritual growth and maturity on the part of each member. And there is no "clergy" and "laity" division here!

Personal contribution to the Body is rooted deeply in the knowledge of God which comes through His Word and in experience with Christ by the Spirit. Contribution starts with initial personal encounter with Christ and increases with a growing relationship with Him in the Spirit. There dare be no withdrawal or shrinking back. All must be willing to be used by the Spirit. Each must exercise faith (Romans 12:6); each must seek to edify the Body (Ephesians 4:16); and each must "speak the truth in love" so that Christlike spiritual maturity may develop (Ephesians 4:15, 25).

The essential nature of the Body of Christ is spirit. Its members contribute to it in the Spirit; and it ministers, in turn, corporately in the Spirit.

Let each member, therefore, find his personal spiritual service and let him perform it "according to the grace that is given" (Romans 12:7; Colossians 4:17). If he ministers, let him do so speaking the word "in truth... in the ability that God gives," in love that "seeks not her own," and for the edification of the Body. Let "the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, [increase] with the increase of God" (Colossians 2:19). 



PaBLO'S PESITOS

By ELZENA A. SCOTT

IT WAS FRIDAY, only two days before missionary Sunday, and Pablo was broke! This was not unusual—Pablo seldom had any money of his very own. His father gave him a few *pesitos* each Sunday to put into the offering basket but that didn't count. For this Sunday the primaries had promised to bring an offering of their very own for the big, wooden BGMC barrel on the platform.

Pablo lived in Chile, South America. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart and he was very proud of the *Templo Evangelico* where he went to church. It was a missionary church, and last year they had been first in missionary giving and had won a tiny bronze barrel as a prize. Pablo knew the money helped support several young pastors trying to open up new works in different parts of Chile.

But this Sunday's offering was extra special. It was going to a real Chilean missionary, Sister Dorcas, who was leaving soon to take the gospel to a tribe in the Peruvian jungle. And Sister Dorcas would need literature to give to the Peruvians.

Pablo bit his lips in thought. Then an annoyed expression crossed his dark face. His tongue had accidentally jiggled a loose tooth—and how he hated loose teeth. He would never allow one to be pulled. Eventually they dropped out by themselves.

There was only one nice thing about losing a tooth. Pablo always put it under his pillow, and during the night a fairy left a hundred peso bill (about two cents) in its place. Of course, Pablo knew that the fairy was really his mother, but it was fun to pretend.

Pablo wiggled the tooth again. It was ready to come out now. He didn't really have to wait until it dropped out. He could ask his father to pull it, and if there was any money under his pillow, it would be his missionary offering.

Pablo shivered from sheer fright. He could almost feel the hurt, just thinking about it. "Dear Jesus," he prayed. "Help me to be brave."

That evening when his father came home from work, Pablo ran to meet him. "Look, Papa. Loose tooth!" he called.

"What? Another one? Shall I pull it?" his father teased.

"Please do, Papa," begged Pablo. "Do it right now!"

"Well, well! Aren't we getting brave!" exclaimed his father. "Very well. Bring me some string."

Pablo's father fastened the string around the loose tooth. Pablo kept his mouth wide open and his eyes tightly shut. His father gave a little yank and held up a tiny, white tooth.

"Thank you, Papa," said Pablo happily. He wrapped the tooth in a paper napkin and that night he hid it under his pillow.

The next morning, instead of a hundred peso bill, Pablo found one *escudo* (about 20 cents) under his pillow. He had never had so much money before. "Look, Papa. So much money!" he exclaimed.

"I guess the fairy thought that bravery deserved a reward, Pablo," said his father with a smile. "Will you spend it on candy?"

"No, Papa. This is going to help Sister Dorcas go to Peru," said Pablo.

On Sunday morning, Pablo's offering was the biggest of all. And his gap-toothed smile was the widest. 

OUR BOYS

*O Lord, they are not really mine;
You only lent them for awhile;
I can't be selfish with them, Lord,
I'll only thank You now and smile.*

*And then, as mothers sometimes do,
I'll shed some tears, some quiet tears,
Some tears of joy and some of pain,
And some for guidance through the years.*

*My heart is grateful for them, Lord,
My boys, yes, and Your boys—our boys—
Now help me teach them about You,
Of all Your blessings and Your joys.*

*Help me to teach them by my life
And by my attitudes each day;
Then, as they grow to be young men,
Don't ever let them turn away.*

*You've loaned them to me; give me strength
To be a mother brave and true,
And, in return, with confidence
I'll leave my boys—our boys—with You.*

—CAROLYN HITTEBERGER

Ron and Carolyn Hittenberger are Assemblies of God missionaries to Haiti. Sister Hittenberger wrote this poem while pondering the responsibility of taking their two young sons to the mission field.



INSTRUCTION THROUGH THE LAW

Sunday School Lesson for May 15, 1966

EXODUS 20:1-17

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

"I AM THE LORD THY GOD, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (v. 2). Before discussing His requirements for their future, God reminded Israel of His goodness in the past. Before giving them the Law, He reminded them of His dealings with them in grace.

Was the Law intended to save the Israelites? Paul describes the Law as being our "schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ." (See Galatians 3:19-29.) The Law simply revealed to Israel the exceeding sinfulness of sin; it presented a standard of conduct, served as a means of spiritual and moral education and discipline, and—most important of all—made the Israelite conscious of his need of a divinely appointed atonement for sin. In other words, the Law simply drove the Israelites to the Tabernacle where they could find atonement through the shedding of innocent blood.

The Ten Commandments were unique from all other

HONORING MOTHER



FORSAKE NOT THE LAW OF THY MOTHER.
PROVERBS 1:8

words of divine inspiration in three ways: (1) They were spoken by God Himself in an audible voice heard by all the people. (2) They were written by the finger of God on tablets of stone. (3) They set forth the will of God for human life as He wrote it originally in the nature of man and in the universe itself.

The first four Commandments have to do with man's relationship to God; the next six with man's relationship to his fellowman. The order of the commandments is logical—the first four lead up to the second six.

MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD (vv. 3-11)

The First Commandment—God's Unity. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." God not only must be the supreme object of worship; He also must be the only object of worship. The gods of the heathen are creations of perverted imaginations, or of demons. (See 1 Corinthians 10:20.) Israel at times worshiped Moloch—a god of lust and cruelty; also Baal—a god of immorality; and Mammon—possessions.

The New Testament application of the first commandment is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." (See Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30; and Luke 10:27). America at large has three chief gods—money, sex, and self. How is it with you?

The Second Commandment—God's Spirituality. This commandment forbids worship of images—representations of false gods or of the true God; it also forbids worship of the true God in a wrong way. Images and pictures used as channels of worship invariably tend to corrupt pure religion. The New Testament application is found in John 4:24: "God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The Third Commandment—God's Holiness. This commandment may be broken in any of four ways: (1) by profanity; (2) by perjury; (3) by joking with the name of God or using it lightly, frivolously; (4) by untrue living. The man who honors God with his lips but not with his life is surely breaking this commandment. The present-day application is Matthew 7:21, 22.

The Fourth Commandment—God's Sovereignty. In recognizing one day in seven as the Lord's day, we are reminded that God is our Creator and Lord to whom we owe worship and service. For both physical and spiritual reasons, we need to set apart one day in seven as a day of rest and worship. If the Lord's day were done away with, soon worship of God would be given up entirely.

MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO MAN (vv. 12-17)

The Fifth Commandment—Filial Respect. Children should treat their parents with courtesy, obedience, and respect. When grown and beyond parental control, men and women are still solemnly obligated to honor their parents.

The Sixth Commandment—the Sanctity of Human Life. In connection with this commandment on the New Testament forbids murder even in the heart. (See 1 John 3:15; Matthew 5:21, 22.)

The Seventh Commandment—Sanctity of Marriage. Space does not permit a discussion of this important subject.

The Eighth Commandment—Honesty in Deed.

The Ninth Commandment—Honesty in Word.

The Tenth Commandment—Honesty in Thought.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY

By WALLACE A. ELY

THE EXPRESSION, "THE LORD'S DAY," appears in Revelation 1:10, where John wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day."

In this, John gave us a most appropriate term for the Christian Sabbath, or Sunday. The Jewish Sabbath reminded Israel that God rested after He created the heavens and the earth. The Jews observed this rest day by worshiping the Creator.

The Christian Sabbath commemorates Christ's resurrection from the dead. It was "on the first day of the week" that He completed the work of making sinful man a new creation by His life, death, and resurrection.

Observing a rest and worship day has its roots in the beginning of all things, and particularly in God's initial revelation of His will to man. Many references throughout the Bible are made to the obedience or disobedience of the commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Jesus assured us that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. However, no passage in the Bible implies that the observance of a rest and worship day is optional.

God knows that we need physical rest. Spiritually we need time to strengthen our knowledge of and fellowship with Him. The day that our Lord and Master Jesus Christ completed the provision for a new creation is a most appropriate time for rest and worship. The Hebrew word for *sabbath* means *rest*. We are to remember the rest day to keep it holy.

God does not leave us ignorant about what comprises the holy keeping of the rest day. The first four commandments give us the information concisely.

The first commandment tells us to worship God *only*. No other gods are to be considered.

In the second commandment we are told to worship God *directly*. Neither men nor idols can mediate for us.

The importance of *purity and sincerity* in worship is stressed in the third commandment. The Lord will not hold us guiltless if we take His name in vain. All of our dealing with His name must be divested of ulterior motives and selfishness. Above all, we must never be guilty of profane use of His holy name.

To be sure, Sunday is not the only day in which we should worship Him only, directly, and sincerely. Worship of God in spirit and in truth must be our way of life. The Lord's Day, however, provides a time to renew our vows and strengthen our relationship with our Lord.

When we observe a day of rest and worship, we are remembering the things of the past. The Sabbath was instituted before Moses delivered the Ten Commandments to the children of Israel. Moses pointed to the fact that God made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them in six days, and rested on the seventh. All that He created, including the day of rest, was for man's benefit.

On the Lord's Day we remember all this. Then we add to it the *new* creation. We are God's because He made us, and we observe a day of rest in which we worship Him for that. But more than that, we are His because He redeemed us, and we worship Him because He made us again, a new creation in Christ Jesus. Every Sunday then we celebrate His resurrection and all that it means to us.

When we remember that Sunday is the *Lord's Day*, we will not find it hard to make proper use of this day of rest and worship. It is a day on which we honor our Redeemer and there are spiritual, physical, and mental benefits for those who use it wisely. 

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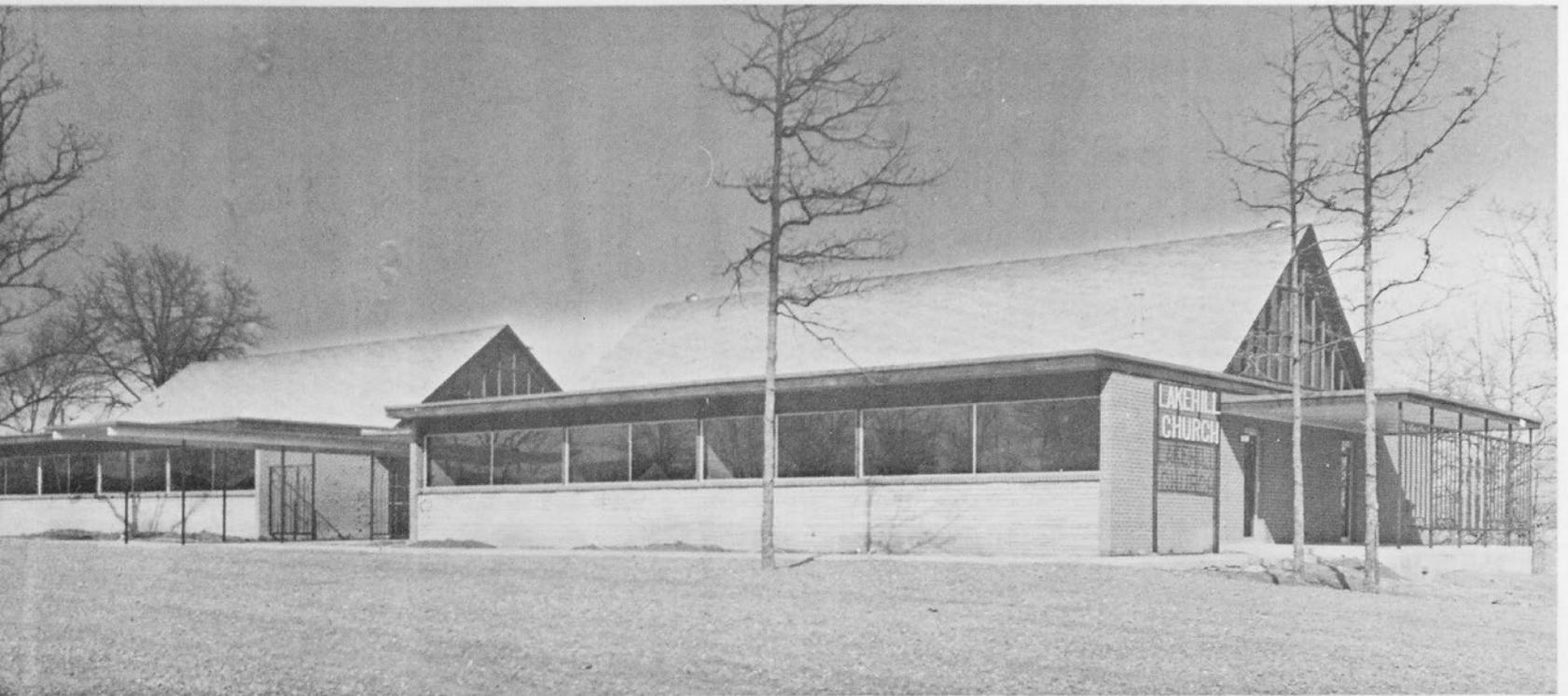
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THE CORNERSTONE of the Lakehill Church of the Assemblies of God in North Little Rock, Ark., bears the inscription, "THE CHURCH THAT FAITH BUILT"—and rightly so.

Our first services were held on May 26, 1963, in the new Pike View Elementary School, adjacent to the present church location. There were 46 persons present in Sunday school on that date, representing 15 families. The new congregation worshiped in the school building for three months while negotiating to purchase the beautiful three-and-one-half-acre hilltop site nearby.

Purchase price of the property was \$35,000, and the terms called for 10 percent down, with monthly payments

of \$350. Although the small congregation had no funds whatsoever, we made preparation by faith to purchase this site. A few days after our decision, a North Little Rock businessman gave a check for \$1,000 toward the purchase.

Next, a grant came from Speed-the-Light funds. This made it possible for us to move forward in purchasing the site. How grateful we are for this youth missionary arm of the Assemblies of God. It enables our movement to establish beachheads for Christ both at home and abroad. Speed-the-Light is being signally used of God to extend His kingdom in our times.

Then some adjoining property with a small dwelling



By RONALD W. HASTIE

THE CHURCH THAT FAITH BUILT



Top photo: The attractive new Lakehill Church is located in the fast-growing city of North Little Rock, Ark.

Left photo: The congregation is seated in the sanctuary which holds approximately 300. (The Ronald Hastie family is seated on the front row, extreme left.)

Right photo: The cornerstone of the Lakehill Church reminds all who read it that God honors faith and vision.

on it was offered to us for \$12,000, and we also purchased it. The building was remodeled into a small chapel, and we worshiped there from September 1963 until our new buildings were ready in March 1965.

The congregation raised \$90,000 capital through a bond program to clear the building site of all financial encumbrances and to erect two buildings.

The new buildings contain 7,000 square feet: one is the sanctuary seating nearly 300, and the other an educational unit containing 12 classrooms, two nurseries, church office, and pastor's study. The buildings were constructed at a cost of \$73,000 including furnishings. They are of rustic design to blend with the surroundings, a beautiful wooded site.

The church plans to erect a multipurpose building (fellowship hall, classrooms, etc.) in the coming year. Eventually, the Lord willing, we will build an 800-seat sanctuary.

In these nearly three years since the church began, the Lord has prospered this congregation which stepped out by faith. He has added to it many new families which have also strengthened the work. The Sunday school now averages about 120.

North Little Rock is growing fast. Present population is 63,000 and city officials predict it will be 100,000 in a few years. Seven Assemblies of God churches serve the city of North Little Rock, but as new subdivisions spring up almost overnight, the need for more churches increases.

We realize that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." For this reason, the official board of the church has gone on record as stating that

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besides our present outreach through missions, ours will become a mother church in the near future. We hope to sponsor another new Assemblies of God church in the Greater Little Rock area. Greater Little Rock has nearly a quarter of a million population. We believe that faith in God, which brought this church into existence will help us start other churches also.

A word of appreciation is due G. W. Hardcastle, Sr., our district superintendent, for his help during the time of the initiation and development of this work. Brother Hardcastle's encouragement and advice gave us a sense of direction in times of uncertainty, and his vision for home missions was a constant inspiration to us. 



The Raymond Keeswood family

They Searched for a Church

THEY ARRIVED in Cedar City, Utah, on Saturday, this fine Navaho Indian family—the parents, four girls, and four boys. The children ranged in ages from three to 17.

Their station wagon pulled up in front of a residence which had an Assemblies of God sign in the front yard. Pastor and Mrs. Norman Boss have a little chapel in their home which they are presently using for services.

The two older Navaho girls came to the door and inquired, "Is this the Assemblies of God church?" Upon being assured it was, they expressed delight, explaining that the family had been searching the towns of Southern Utah for three days for a church that would be *home* to them.

The Bosses invited the family, the Raymond Keeswoods, in. After a short visit, the Navaho family left for Toquerville, a small town 30 miles south where Mr. Keeswood is carpentering.

Early the next Sunday morning, several of us had gathered at the chapel when the Keeswood family arrived. They put us all to shame, for while we stood visiting they filed into a row of seats and all of them knelt in a short session of silent prayer.

My daughter and I were standing where we could observe them. The witness of the Spirit was so pronounced that we immediately lifted our hearts with them in prayer.

At the beginning of the morning worship service, the three older Keeswood children were asked to sing. They sang old familiar hymns in the Navaho language and then repeated some verses in English. It was apparent to all of us that it makes no difference to God what language we use to worship Him.

We have been reminded of 1 John 1:7: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." Our fellowship with the Keeswood family has been a blessing to all our congregation.

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I Called Her MOTHER

By MONTA MARIA HOUCK

MANY FINE TRIBUTES AND HONORS are given to mothers on Mother's Day, and rightly so. But I've often wondered why so little is said of the thousands of stepmothers who so justly deserve credit for filling a mother's place in a little child's life.

My mother died when I was two years old. When my father remarried, he gave me the finest second mother a child ever had. When her own little ones were born (she had seven), she taught each one to call me "Sister." To this day they call me that, and I'm "Aunt Sister" to all the nieces and nephews. She never allowed me to feel I was only a half-sister to the others.

In looking back over the past 60 years, I can see so many precious things she gave me. She taught me about God and His care for us. We were very poor, but we were also wealthy because we had so much happiness at home. She made the most of what we had, and sometimes that was very little, but we were never made to feel we were deprived of the good things in life just because we were poor.

She showed us there was beauty all around us, but that it was most important to have it within. Her hands were not beautiful as some would count beauty; they were rough, toil-worn hands. But they had a special beauty all their own for us.

One year we wanted valentines for our valentine box at school. Not having money to buy them was no problem for us. Our mother *made* them. She cut pretty shapes from white cardboard, scalloped the edges (and not with pinking shears either!), and wrote little verses on them. Then she took the tiny red flowers from her one and only summer hat and some-

how wove them through the cardboard. We gave the prettiest valentines of all, and even the teacher wanted to know where our mother learned to do that. I was so proud of her!

Our clothes were all handmade because she had no sewing machine. When she bought material for our school dresses, she always let me choose the piece I wanted first.

She it was who pointed out to me the beauty of the stars and the lovely colors in nature, even to those in old Mr. Wooly Worm's fuzzy coat. She taught me there was beauty in storms, and through her I learned to love them. She enjoyed working with bits of clay, and I have an Indian head she molded from red clay. I have had it for 55 years, and shall keep it until it crumbles to dust. It is lovely: her dear hands made it.

She was never too busy to stop and look at a leaf or stone or feather we would bring to her. Usually she could tell us something interesting about it.

I remember a family who moved near us. They were very poor and always seemed to be so "alone." No one paid much attention to them. When their little baby died, Mother felt so sorry for them she made a wreath of her garden flowers and ferns. I took it to their house, and it was all they had. Somehow I had the feeling that that mother understood and was comforted a little. I know our mother put all the prayers and love and sympathy possible from one mother to another into it. It was her quiet, gentle way of showing that someone cared.

She taught us about God and read His precious Word to us. Every day we looked for a miracle, for something beautiful—and found it. Because she taught us that God *expected* us to see Him in every day of our lives. Early morning was her favorite time of day. It held so much promise; it was so new.

When she left us at Easter time she was 83 years old. We laid her to rest beside our father in an early morning service. God had washed the world the night before; everything was new and clean, and for her an eternal day had dawned.

She is gone, but she has left me some very precious memories. One thing she believed in—God has a "David" for every "Goliath" we will ever have to face in this life. What more could a mother leave to a child?

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VETERAN MINISTER DEPARTS TO BE WITH CHRIST

FRANK GRAY, A VETERAN MINISTER of the Assemblies of God and one of the founders of the Northwest District Council, went to his eternal reward March 26, 1966. He was 82 years of age.

No one loved the Assemblies of God fellowship more than Brother Gray, or was more highly esteemed by his brethren. He received his ordination certificate in February 1918 shortly after the Lord baptized him with the Holy Spirit. Formerly he was pastor of a rural Baptist church.

At that time there was but a handful of Assemblies ministers in the Northwest. Feeling the need of closer cooperation and stronger ties of fellowship, Brother Gray and J. S. Secrist, pastor in Olympia, Wash., invited J. W. Welch to come and assist in forming the Northwest District Council.

Brother Welch came in June 1919 and with 11 ministers in attendance the District Council was formed. Frank Gray, then pastor in Tacoma, Wash., was named district chairman.

He filled this position until 1929, when the district chairmanship or superintendency became a full-time office. Brother Gray continued as pastor in Tacoma until 1938. At this time he gave up the pastorate to resume the office of district superintendent, which he held until 1951. He then became pastor at Tonasket, Wash.

In 1956, at the age of 73, he retired from full-time ministry. Since that time he has resided in Tacoma. For several years he taught the Men's Bible Class at First Assembly there, continuing to do so until three weeks before his death.

Brother Gray was an active member of the General Presbytery 1919-1951, and honorary member 1952-1966.

One who served as pastor in the Northwest District for many years under his leadership wrote the following tribute:

"It was with deep sorrow of heart I heard that my precious and beloved friend had passed away. He was to

me the very ideal of a friend, a perfect gentleman of noble character, and a faithful follower of the Lord. I never heard him say a discourteous word in private or in public.

"To him, truthfulness was adamant and hypocrisy was distasteful. He was fearless to preach righteousness and untiring in his efforts to fulfill his obligations to his Lord and Saviour. There were times when he was sorely persecuted and maligned, but I never heard him retaliate in an ugly mood. He was a born leader with ample understanding; and although in a position of power, yet he carried his executive responsibilities in the love of Christ.

"It was through his gracious approach that I came into the great fellowship of our Pentecostal ministers. He invited me to attend an Assemblies of God convention quite a distance away. Knowing my financial state, he sent me a personal gift to make possible such a trip. So he lived and so he conducted his labors for Jesus among the people he served.

"As a pastor he spared not himself in caring for the flock of God. As a superintendent he was without reproach, and it was his high ideals that sometimes produced the antagonism of those who would lower the standards of Bible holiness."

The foregoing words, written by Percy S. Jones (father of Gwen Jones, editor of *Advance*) no doubt express the high regard in which Brother Gray was held by many hundreds of people who knew and loved him.

On March 3, about three weeks before his Homegoing, Brother Gray wrote a most inspiring letter to the editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, in response to a request that he contribute a testimonial article for a new series which begins in the *Evangel* this week under the title, "I Was There." Though Brother Gray said he had not been feeling well, he recalled some of his experiences in the early days.

"I lived in a sparsely settled community in Spokane County, Wash., where there were two rural churches," he said. "One was a Baptist church, of which I was the pastor. The other was Methodist, and C. C. Douglas, who later became an Assemblies of God minister, was its pastor.

"A Pentecostal missionary visited our neighborhood in 1917 and told us of being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the accompaniment of speaking in tongues.

"In December of that year, Brother Douglas and I invited a Pentecostal evangelist to come to us for a joint meeting. Services were planned for four nights, sponsored by the Baptist and Methodist churches, but the revival continued without interruption for over two months, resulting in the conversion of more than 50 people. Over 40 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, with terrific repercussions in the entire neighborhood."

(How terrific those repercussions were is indicated by the fact that a mob came to Brother Gray's house one night, seized him, took him outside and literally covered his body with tar and feathers. There was a price to pay for being Pentecostal in those days; but a very strong and determined group of Spirit-filled believers was established. Both Brother Gray and Brother Douglas were expelled from their denominations.)

"Almost everyone in the community was openly on one side or the other," Brother Gray said. "Entire families were transformed. Young people who had seemed so irreligious and hardened were gloriously saved and filled with the Spirit. As a result, the devil was stirred and opposition became so strong it was almost impossible to continue public services there.

"Threats of bodily harm were made repeatedly, especially against the leaders. As a result, many Spirit-filled people moved to Spokane and became instrumental in establishing a strong Assemblies of God church. The scattering of the saints resulted in a vast spreading of the message so that many souls were reached for the kingdom of God.

"In February 1919 I felt led to accept an invitation from a small group to establish a church in Tacoma. There were a number of Spirit-filled folk but no English-speaking Pentecostal group in the main part of the city."

Brother Gray, upon receiving the light of the full gospel, walked in the

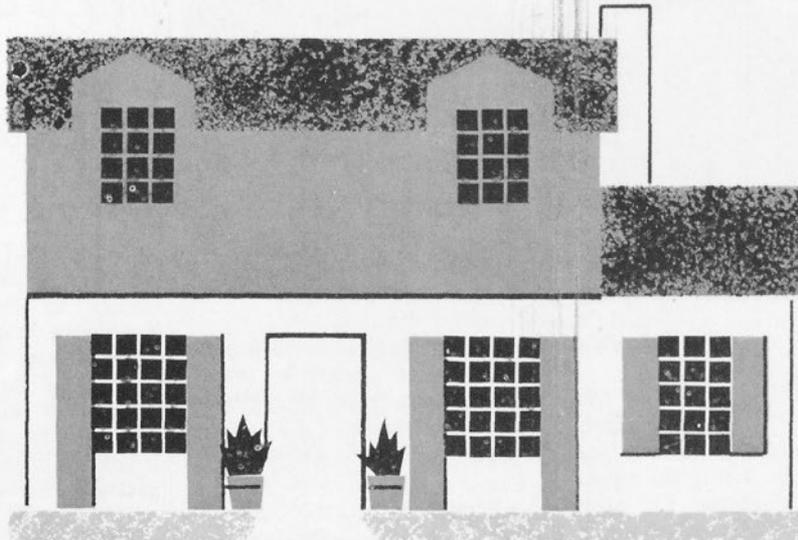
light and was used of God to build up a great church in Tacoma, and he lived to see hundreds of Pentecostal assemblies established in the Northwest.

But the community that rejected the light was left in spiritual darkness. "At the time of the revival, this community had four fairly successful churches. Within a very short time, they were all closed. Within a few

years, all of the buildings were torn down and none of them was ever re-activated." What a solemn reminder of the words of Jesus: "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you!" (John 12:35)

Survivors of Brother Gray include his wife, Annie L.; two sons, Harold F. and Paul A.; one daughter, Carolyn Ann (Mrs. Larry Hawes); and five grandchildren.

REVIVALTIME'S MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION



RESTORING BROKEN HOMES

By **RON ROWDEN**

MINISTERING TO COUPLES whose marriages are breaking up, whose homes are in jeopardy, is a vital aspect of *Revivaltime's* worldwide outreach.

Marital difficulties are one of the greatest social problems in the world today. At the Radio Department's office, letter after letter is received requesting prayer for loved ones on the brink of marital disaster, and many distraught couples themselves write seeking help and counsel.

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have broken homes, 'Come, and lay your hands on the radio.' I did it, and I bowed my head in prayer with you. God answered your prayers, and now my home is mended!"

Often, letters from wives are messages of desperation, asking prayer for their marriage. This note from a listener in Windsor, Mo., typifies their requests: "My husband is backslidden, and has been trying to get me to agree to a divorce. I didn't believe it was

God's will, but now he has left home and applied for the divorce himself. Please pray for us."

How wonderful it was, a couple of months later, to receive this testimony from that same radio friend:

"God works in mysterious ways! After three weeks my husband came home and dismissed the divorce proceedings. Now he says he is home to stay until death do us part. Praise the Lord! We are so thankful to have him back."

And from Nashville, Mich., comes a similar thrilling testimony: "Your prayers have been answered! I asked you to pray that my husband would return to us, and in several days he came back."

Many times through prayer and counseling *Revivaltime* has prevented the breaking up of unhappy homes. A Fresno, Calif., housewife wrote: "I requested prayer for our home. My husband and I were having marital problems. Thank you so much for praying and counseling with us. Since then, God has done wonders! There is a bond between us now that was never there before in all our 21 years of marriage."

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A listener in St. Petersburg, Fla., testified: "I want to thank you all for standing by me in prayer, and for the encouraging letters and tracts you sent me during the past 11 months. God has answered our prayers, and my husband has finally returned home."

And a husband in Hartford, Ala., says: "I wrote to you right after my wife left me, asking you to pray for us. You sent me a copy of your sermon, 'Divorce Is Not the Answer.' I sent the sermon to her, and soon she returned home. Thank God, He still answers prayer!"

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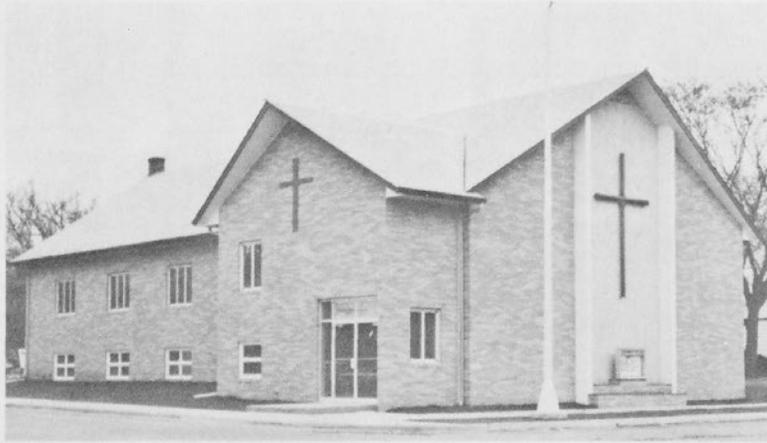
ALEXANDRIA, MINN.—The congregation of the Assembly here recently dedicated a new addition and a completely remodeled church.

Dedication speaker was Minnesota District Superintendent Herman Rohde.

The auditorium seats 275. It has a new blue-green carpet and new pews. A pastor's office, nursery, and foyer were added to the front of the church.

The building is valued at \$85,000. Much of the labor was donated by members and friends of the congregation.

—*Sherman Buschow, pastor*



DALLAS, TEX.—Piedmont Assembly here recently enjoyed a most gracious and unusual revival. Evangelists J. Don George and Quentin Edwards joined together to lead Christians in revival and sinners to Christ.

Many pastors and friends from the area visited the revival meetings. Some came as far as 160 miles to attend the services.

—*Jack Pruitt, pastor*

ONALASKA, WASH.—A new Christ's Ambassadors group was one of the results of a week of special meetings at the Assembly of God here. Teen-agers in the

church became hungry for God and started the C. A. group.

Many were saved during the services with E. G. Rasmussen and family. Over 65 visitors attended the church during the week. The church is praying for even greater things from the Lord.

—*A. J. Rasmussen, pastor*

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—First Assembly here has just concluded two wonderful weeks of services with Evangelist Wm. A. Caldwell. More than 30 received the Lord Jesus as Saviour, and a number of believers were filled with the Holy Spirit.

A number of deaf received their healing. Eyes were touched, nerves were calmed, and other definite healings were witnessed. One young man with a very stiff neck from whiplash in an automobile

accident, instantly received full use of his neck in answer to prayer.

The church was strengthened by these meetings.

—*J. D. Piper, pastor*

CROCKER, MO.—The Assembly here recently enjoyed a fine series of meetings with Evangelist Sherman Cox. Five were saved and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Attendance was excellent, and many new people were reached. The church is continuing to reap the harvest.

—*L. Lyall Parsons, pastor*

HIGHLAND, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a wonderful time of revival with Evangelist Ellen Gelene Jeffers of Glendora, Calif. A number of people were saved, filled with

the Spirit, or healed. The entire church was blessed by the meetings.

—*Robert Turner, pastor*

LAMPASAS, TEX.—Seven were saved, some filled with the Holy Spirit and several healed under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Elderidge of Bakersfield, Calif., at First Assembly here.

The church felt a real move of the Spirit and is still reaping the benefits of the revival meetings after several months.

—*J. S. Haynes, pastor*

ROCK FALLS, ILL.—The Assembly of God here was greatly blessed in recent services with Evangelist William A. Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. Several received the baptism of the Spirit, and others received a spiritual renewing in their hearts. The evangelist challenged Christians to a life of greater achievement in the Spirit.

—*H. W. Lutz, pastor*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—January 3-7 was set aside as a week of prayer at North Central Bible College here. Meetings were held in the college chapel in the mornings and evenings.

Donald R. Tanner, an evangelist for 10 years and faculty member at NCBC, was the speaker for this week of prayer emphasis.

Students and faculty felt the presence of God in the services. Several received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the week, and two guests brought in by the students were saved.

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	Mesa	First	May 8-22	Keetah Jones	V. L. Hertweck
Ark.	Bentonville	First	May 11-22	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Orval Wyrick
	Mulberry	A/G	May 1-15	Charles McKnight	C. Don Dorsey
Calif.	Antioch	First	Apr. 27-May 8	Stewart B. Douglass	R. M. Catlett
	Atwater	A/G	May 10-22	Neville & Mrs. Carlson	Carl W. Oney
	Sacramento	Capitol	May 11-22	James H. Black	Milton A. Newman
	Salinas	Alisal	May 8-22	Thomas Ming Sr.	Joe Wright
Colo.	Shafter	A/G	May 4-15	Fisher-Chek Team	A. B. Farmer
	Colorado Spgs.	First	May 8-13	S. Scott-R. Pratt Tm.	Lloyd Christiansen
	Colorado Spgs.	Nob Hill	May 8—	Bob Wilson	D. L. Bennett
Fla.	Englewood	A/G	May 6-8	Jeremiah Hingley	D. Paul Perry
	Clewiston	A/G	May 11-22	Bob Swaim	Bernard Browne
	Hialeah	Faith Tab.	May 15-22	Frank J. DePolo	Paul Alessi Jr.
	Lake Worth	Bethel Temple	May 11-22	Gene Burgess	Ernest Zilch
	Naples	First	May 11-15	Michael & Peggy Lord	W. K. Richwine
	Orlando	First	May 1-15	C. M. Hicks	Crawford Railey

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Fla.	Panama City	Dirego Park	May 10-22	Joel Palmer	James H. Shelley
Ca.	Macon	Houston Ave.	May 10-22	William R. Blair	Earl A. Crawford
Ill.	Chicago	Good Shepherd	May 13-22	R. S. Peterson	A. I. Siczko
	Cottage Hills	Forrest Mission	May 15-29	Matschulat Party	Louis Estes
	Harvey	Calvary Temple	May 15—	Bob Ludwig	William J. Sawyers
	Pawnee	First	May 16-22	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Bernon D. Graves
	Staunton	First	May 10-22	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	N. G. Mathenia
	West Frankfort	Bethesda Tab.	May 4-8	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	R. Smith Williams
Ind.	Beech Grove	Faith	May 17-29	Singing Lunsfords	J. P. Monson
	Gary	Black Oak	May 10-15	Harry V. Vibbert	Jimmie R. Johnson
Iowa	Dubuque	First	May 3-8	Bill & Naomi Hayes	John Langrehr
	Muscatine	First	May 8-22	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Donald Crawford
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	Wichita	Glad Tidings	May 10-22	I. D. Rayborn	David Richards
Ky.	Lexington	Bethel Temple	May 10-22	J. E. Friend	LaVern Snyder
La.	Lafayette	First	May 11—	Gene Thompson	R. S. King
Md.	Cedarville	Full Gospel	May 11-22	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Worth M. Johnson
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	St. Louis	A/G	May 8-15	Charles Meppelink	Thomas E. Pace
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	Doe Run	First	May 1-15	Othel & Mildred Nall	Homer L. Smith
	Excelsior Spgs.	First	May 9-22	Maxine Willis	Arnold Brown
	Fulton	A/G	Apr. 25-May 8	Maxine Willis	C. L. Parsons
	Kirksville	First	Apr. 26-May 8	James & Beulah Pepper	Harold Scott
	Lamar	A/G	May 17-22	Stanley P. MacPherson	L. R. Sturgis
	Moberly	First	May 4—	Bob Ludwig	Abraham Solomon
	St. Joseph	Central	May 10-22	Loyd Middleton	Donald Ladd
Nebr.	Chadron	A/G	May 17-29	Doyle H. Thompson	James H. Holden
	Nebraska City	First	May 10—	James & Beulah Pepper Tm.	Kenneth Krivohlavek
Nev.	Reno	A/G	May 15-20	Charles Senechal	H. Wayne Crawford
N. J.	Elizabeth	First	May 15-22	Dave Tonn	Perley R. Hersey
N. Mex.	Belen	First	May 15-29	L. T. & Mrs. Bates	Willis Deerman
	Las Cruces	Central	May 3-15	Lee Paino	R. L. Franks
	Roswell	Grace	May 11-22	Tommy & Esther Lance	A. O. Simmons
N. Y.	White Plains	A/G	May 10-15	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Winston Schmock
N. C.	Burlington	**A/G	May 15-20	David & Patricia Johnson	Charles V. Elliott
N. Dak.	Minot	A/G	May 3-15	Doyle Thompson	B. C. Heinze
Ohio	Akron	Evangel Temple	May 8-22	Musical Vanns	R. D. Dobbins
	Cincinnati	Deer Park Christian	May 11-22	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Earl E. Hart
	Salem	First	May 15—	The Tanner Team	Paul C. Taylor
	Springfield	Abundant Life	May 11-15	F. D. McClellan	Ron Riley
Okla.	Coyle	A/G	May 15-29	Hale & Turner Team	Cleo Jackson
	Enid	Spaulding	May 15—	Hazel Burns	Howard Snell
	Oklahoma City	Northeast	May 3-15	John & Robert Stephens	B. E. Lacy
	Webbers Falls	**A/G	May 15—	Noma Mansell	N. B. Rayburn
Oreg.	Forest Grove	A/G	May 10-15	Ray & Elaine Leonard	Thurman R. Yaws
	Reedsport	A/G	May 10-22	Marlon Jannuzzi	Dale O. Johnson
Pa.	Ambridge	A/G	May 10-22	David Hannon	Eugene Petroski
	Bedford	Bedford Valley	Apr. 25-May 8	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	E. W. Mason Sr.
	Hazelton	Faith	May 11-29	George Butrin	A. R. Hontz
	Honesdale	A/G	May 17-29	John Higginbotham	F. Eber Reitzel
	Kantner	A/G	May 10-22	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Charles Decker
	Monroeville	Turtle Creek	May 16-22	David Dean	Howard A. Sproull
	New Cumberland	Faith	May 13-22	Charles S. Morris	C. C. Sanderson
S. Dak.	Clark	A/G	May 11-13	Lowell Lundstrom	Jack L. Glass
Tenn.	Knoxville	Skyline Drive	May 11-22	Don & Sharon Parker	Esker Turner
	Memphis	Central	May 11-22	Don & Dixie Cox	R. D. Loy
Tex.	Dallas	Casa Linda	May 8-15	Melvin Boatright	Everitt Fjordbak
	Ft. Worth	Boulevard	Apr. 24—	Jack Pruitt	Carl Stewart
	Ft. Worth	Rosen Heights	May 4—	Glenn Shinn	O. B. Braune
	Garland	South Side	May 11-22	Winferd Mack	V. E. Tipton
	Stamford	First	May 15-29	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Broad Hood
	Sunray	First	May 1-15	G. W. Hathcock	Ervin Asiatico
	Tyler	Calvary	Apr. 24-May 8	F. D. Davis	J. Curtis Carlin
Utah	Salt Lake City	A/G Tab.	May 15-29	Marvin Schmidt	Peter Pilot
Va.	Staunton	Calvary	May 10-22	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Gordon Hensley
Wash.	Centralia	**First	May 15-20	Christian Hild	Raymond R. Wiley
W. Va.	Morgantown	A/G	May 11-22	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	J. B. Goggin
Wis.	La Crosse	First	May 10-22	Roland & Leanna Hastie	R. Francis Jones
	Madison	First	May 10-22	Ed Eaton	Guilford Mandigo
	Marinette	Calvary Tab.	May 8-22	William Grams	Daniel B. Spina
Wyo.	Rock Springs	First	May 3—	D. W. Grant & Family	H. Carl Swink
Canada	Guelph, Ont.	Speedvale Pent. Tab.	May 10-23	Joseph Perrello	Victor Hillis
	Windsor, Ont.	Bethel Pentecostal	May 1-15	David Dean	Willie Fitch

*Youth Crusade

**Children's Crusade

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ANNOUNCEMENT

59TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION—May 1-15 at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325 W. 33rd St. (opposite General Post Office), New York City. Speakers: R. S. Peterson, David McDowell, Wesley Hurst, Darrel M. Mitchell. Sunday services at 11 a.m., 3:15 and 7 p.m. Nightly (except Monday) at 7:30; Thursday afternoon at 3. Special music by choir under director Dino Kartsonakis.—by Marie E. Brown and R. Stanley Berg, pastors.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.—baccalaureate, May 27; commencement, May 28.

Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.—baccalaureate, May 25; commencement, May 26.

Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.—baccalaureate, May 25; commencement, May 26.

North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn.—baccalaureate, May 22; commencement, May 24.

Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.—baccalaureate, May 29; commencement, May 30.

Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash.—baccalaureate, June 3; commencement, June 5.

South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.—baccalaureate, May 25; commencement, May 26.

Southern California College, Costa Mesa, Calif.—baccalaureate, May 22; commencement, May 28.

Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex.—baccalaureate, May 24; commencement, May 25.

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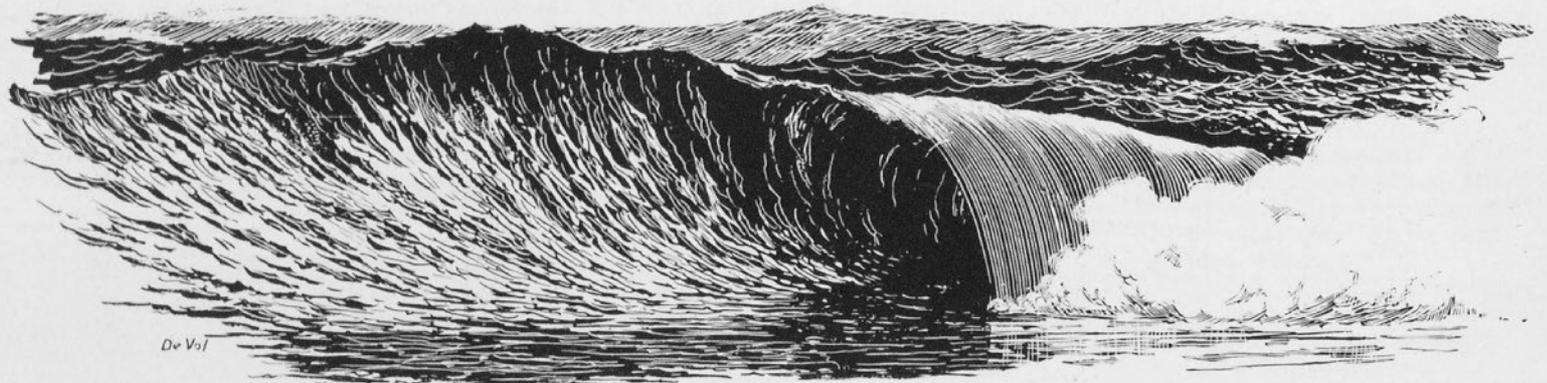
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REST for the RESTLESS



FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA, and from Minnesota to Florida, our nation has become one big playground. Millions, who are not so tired from work as they are bored with life, are looking for rest where it cannot be found. One might as well look for heat in an iceberg as for peace and satisfaction in the things of this world.

I have watched the ocean breakers and have thought of that Bible verse: "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt" (Isaiah 57:20). There is that constant churning of the waters, and the stirring up of the dirt and sand, as the waves dash in to shore. God said that is the way with the wicked—they have no rest, but are always driven and tossed, always seeking but never finding something to satisfy.

Men dope themselves with the sedatives of sin and get drunk on the stimulants of Satan, but they awake more wretched than ever. Many quit before the bell rings and take the back-door exit from life by jumping from a tall building, or putting a bullet in their brain. They

think they can die and forget it all, but the truth is they die and face it all.

I have visited the skid rows of a great city and seen men living in incredible degradation. I saw them living like rats, drunk in the street; yet every one of them at one time was an innocent babe, loved and appreciated. Some grew up in homes of wealth. Some were successful businessmen or skilled professional men. But something went wrong. Worldly success failed to satisfy. They tried to find relief and rest in liquor, but it led to the gutter. Thousands hit skid row trying to escape from the reality of life.

If only they would seek God and accept the invitation of Christ, they would find peace, for He said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

How is it with you? Do you enjoy life? Can you face every new day with God's love in your heart and peace of mind? As you face life's problems do you have a deep assurance that God is with you and that He will give you strength and wisdom in each hour of need?

By A. LAY TODD

You may live in a comfortable home; you may have a beautiful family, a good business, a fine car, but yet be very unhappy and troubled about a lot of things. You may be haunted by worry and fear: fear of the past, or fear of the future.

Don't expect *things* to bring peace and happiness. "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). A man in a hut with God in his soul can be happier than a man with a mansion full of servants.

If you are troubled, tossed, and driven like the waves of the sea and you don't know which way to turn, let me suggest that you turn to God. He is interested in you—interested so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die for you at Calvary. And that same Saviour who said, "Come unto me . . . I will give you rest," also promised, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Accept His invitation today; tomorrow may be too late. In Him there is rest for the restless; there is rest for you. 