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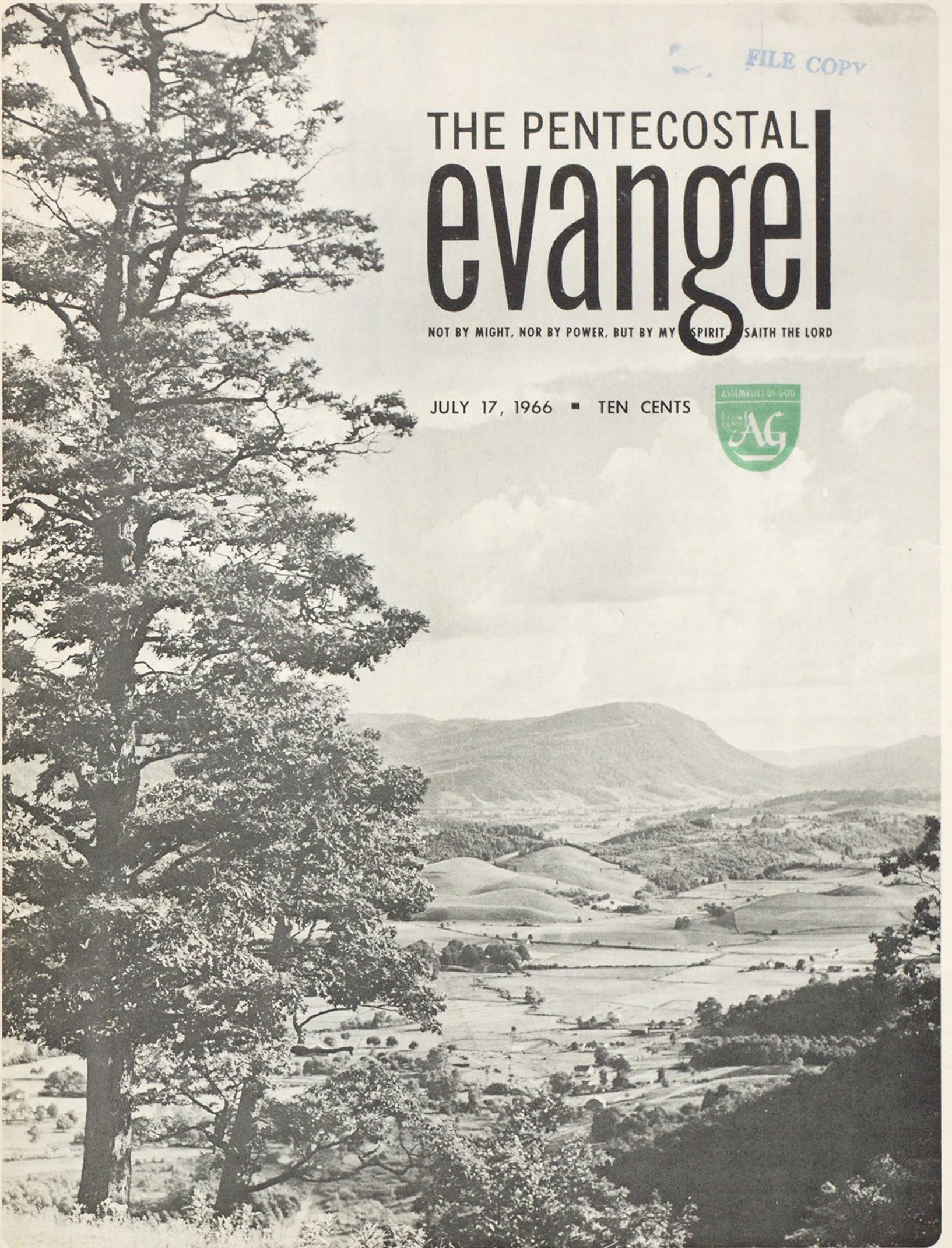


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# THE MEANEST MAN IN TOWN

ENNICE L. SURRATT clutched the cool metal handle of his .45 pistol. Through the weeds he could see three men coming. He knew they would come near where he was crouched because they would be coming after the barrel of whiskey that had disappeared from his still the night before.

When the men were only a few feet from the barrel, Ennice stepped out in front of the man who seemed to be leading the way.

"You're not taking this barrel," he said, keeping his right hand next to his gun. "You stole it last night, and we're going to settle it right here."

He drew his gun and aimed it at the thief.

"Shoot!" the thief yelled, as he whirled with his double-barreled shotgun.

An explosive charge sounded from the shotgun, and Ennice fell to the ground. Pain surged through his neck and chest, and the hot blood began to trickle from the wounds, but Ennice raised up on one knee and fired the pistol.

With a cry of anguish, the thief dropped the shotgun and fell into the weeds.

Ennice fell back again, and both men cursed and writhed with pain until they were taken into town for treatment. Ennice was filled with buckshot but was not hurt seriously. The other fellow, however, was in serious condition.

In the doctor's office, Ennice had his first conscious thought about God. "If You'll just let this other fellow live and keep me out of jail, I'll live for You," he promised God.

The other fellow lived, and Ennice didn't go to jail; but as soon as he got out of the doctor's office he forgot his promise.

He returned to his wicked ways. He gambled, and continued to operate his still; he even sold whiskey to notorious criminals, never revealing their hideouts to the law.

Ennice kept on getting into fights. Once he tried to kill a man at a dance, but Ennice's father grabbed him and held him until the other man got away.

His father told Ennice's brothers not to have anything to do with him because he was so mean he could ruin them.

That was in the summer of 1935. Although Ennice was only 25 years old, he earned the reputation of being the meanest man in town.

It was this reputation that caught the attention of two lady evangelists who started a brush-arbor revival on the edge of a cotton field near the home of Ennice and his wife in western Oklahoma.

The Surratts visited the revival shortly after it began. Ennice was interested in the service but later told his wife the evangelists were fanatics and their religion was of the devil.

Mrs. Surratt became gravely ill after attending the meeting. Already a sickly person, she began to lose weight and soon was only 80 pounds. She became helpless, and the doctor told her she was going to die.

Meanwhile the revival seemed to be making no progress. No one was getting saved; the evangelistic efforts seemed to be in vain.

The evangelists and several other Christians in the community—mostly women—decided that if the meanest



man in town would get saved, the revival would stir the entire community.

They agreed that Ennice Surratt was that man and united in prayer for his salvation.

As they prayed, Mrs. Surratt grew so hungry for God that she begged her husband to take her to the revival again.

"No," he said. "You're too weak."

She continued to plead. "Well, if I'm going to die anyhow," she said one day, "I want to go to the revival one more time before I do."

Finally he agreed. "It will probably kill you; but if that's what you want, I'll take you."

Ennice took blankets and built up the back seat of his Model T into a comfortable bed. He carried his wife out to the car and laid her on this.

He parked close enough to the brush arbor so Mrs. Surratt could hear the service from the car.

After preaching, the evangelist gave an altar call. No one responded.

The preacher then looked out toward the parked cars. "I feel like someone out in a car needs God. I can't see you," she said, "but God can. If you want to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, raise your hand in the car."

Ennice glanced toward the back seat. His wife's boney hand was lifted.

After the service, Ennice took his wife home and forgot what she had done.

But the next morning Mrs. Surratt said, "I want you to help me. I feel like sitting up for a while."

"You can't sit up," Ennice said. "It'll kill you."

"No," she said firmly, "God saved me and healed me last night. I'm not sick anymore. I want to sit up."

Ennice thought she was out of her head and getting her "last surge of strength" before she died. He hurriedly went to get his mother-in-law.

When they got back to the house, Mrs. Surratt was already up and sitting in a chair.

She saw their concern and told them she wasn't going to die. "I'm just a little weak," she explained. "Otherwise, I'm fine."

Her mother felt sure this was the end. "Since you're up, I'll change the linens on the bed," she said.

As she worked, the woman kept looking at her daughter to see if she were still alive.

Mrs. Surratt sat up about an hour after the linens were changed. She got up several times that day. From that time on, she continued to gain strength.

When it was apparent his wife was going to live,

Ennice got concerned about her religion. "I'm not going to have a fanatic for a wife," he said.

"There's nothing I can do about it," Mrs. Surratt said. "God has saved me and healed me, and I won't deny it."

Ennice continued to curse her religion. One evening he walked the floor and raved for several hours. About midnight he turned to his wife.

"All right," he snorted, "this is it! It's either me or your religion. I won't live with a woman who hangs around fanatics."

"You can do as you please," his wife stated firmly, "but I can't deny what God has done."

"All right," he snapped, "that's it!"

He was so angry he walked out, slamming the door behind him. He got about 100 yards from the house where a big elm tree leaned over the road, and something struck him on the side of the head. He fell sprawling in the middle of the road.

As he lay in the dirt in the cool moonlight, his heart pounding for fear, Ennice realized God had struck him down. He began to cry out for mercy. He asked God to forgive his sins.

"God," he prayed, "if You want me to be a fanatic, I'll be a fanatic."

After two hours of lying in the road praying, he was able to get up and go back to the house.

He stole into the house very quietly. His wife was in bed. Silently he got ready for bed and crawled in between the sheets.

But he felt so happy, he couldn't contain it. Finally he realized he couldn't wait until morning.

"Are you awake?" he whispered.

"Sure I'm awake."

"You want to know what happened to me?"

"I think I know, because I've been praying," she said excitedly, "but I'd like to hear you tell it."

After he told her what had happened, they both got up and had a praise-and-prayer meeting.

The next night Ennice, his wife, and two little boys were in church.

After this a revival erupted and swept that section of Oklahoma. A church, Midway Assembly of God, was established as a result of the revival.

Soon Ennice acknowledged a call to the ministry. He preached part time for a few years and went into full-time ministry in 1947. He has pastored several Assemblies of God churches and presently is serving on the evangelistic field.

All of his children are in the ministry. The eldest son, Norman, was three years old when his father was saved. Yet he can remember going to the bar with his dad before this and his dad buying a beer for him. Norman is now pastor of First Assembly of God in Collinsville, Illinois.

The youngest son, Hubert, was one year old when his father was saved. He is pastor of First Assembly of God in Lakewood, Colorado.

The only daughter, Donna, is the wife of James Brankel, pastor of First Assembly of God in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

God answered the prayers of a little group of women who were brave enough to pray for the "meanest man in town."

## HIS NEW BIRTH CAUSED A CHURCH TO BE BORN



# Watts—a Year Later

"THE TENSION is now greater in the Watts area of Los Angeles than it was a year ago," according to Inspector James Fisk of the Los Angeles Police Department. "The potential for riot is there."

The inspector, an active Christian layman, addressed 125 editors of evangelical magazines at Anaheim, California, on May 9 during the 18th annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association. His subject was, "Watts—a Year Later."

He said that law enforcement alone cannot create a better community. Community problems must be solved on a personal basis; the programs that have moved into Watts since the riots have not taken this fact into consideration, he declared.

"We must give these people with no moral responsibility a sense of importance and self-respect," he asserted. "This comes as a man is reconciled to God."

Unfortunately, he added, not one evangelical church work has begun in Watts since the riots. "There is no evidence that evangelicals are moving into the area," he said. "There are many other programs, but most of them have been disappointing."

There is also much drinking. In spite of the regrettable poverty conditions, there always seems to be money for liquor, and this was a factor in the trouble that broke out last summer. Two officers arrested a drunken driver. This set off the worst racial riot in American history. It is significant that "rioting and drunkenness" are linked together in the Scriptures.

(The newspapers reported that most of the rioters were liquor inflamed. They looted or destroyed 152 liquor outlets and passed out free liquor to persons of all ages, some as young as 12. There were 35 reported killed, and autopsies were performed on 28. Of these, over half were found to have been drinking; one third were "drunk"; one sixth were "dead drunk," the papers said.)

No one knows the trouble that is caused by liquor better than the police, but when the government permits it to be sold on every corner they have to stand back and helplessly watch the results. That is why Christian officers like Inspector Fisk recognize that the gospel is the only remedy for the situation. The gospel can change people's desires; it can give them both the determination and the power to follow a better way of life.

What is needed in Watts, in the inspector's opinion, is an evangelical church with white leadership. Negroes, he said, do not always respect Negro ministers. There are numerous Negro churches in Watts but most are ineffective.

He suggested that evangelicals could begin with educational and recreational programs, teaching English and arithmetic, and providing basketball facilities off the streets. They could reopen a closed church and staff it with whites who could develop Negro leadership. Throughout, he advised, "give them the gospel straight, without apology."

On the heels of Inspector Fisk's address came the word that evangelicals were going to do something in Watts, after all. Dr. Arthur Climenhaga, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, told a rally of Minneapolis evangelicals that the NAE is joining with the National Negro Evangelical Association in establishing a community center in the Watts area as a step toward preaching the gospel of Christ's redeeming love.

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**A** COURSE IN CALCULUS wasn't required. The disciples knew they faced an impossible situation. How could they feed 5,000 men, plus women and children, with only five loaves and two fish?

Defeat, despair, and disinterest gripped the hearts of Christ's followers. They were tired and weary. "Send the multitudes away!" they cried.

How different was Christ's reaction. The problem was the ideal setting for a miracle. Jesus told the people to be seated; He asked the blessing—and they were all fed.

Many followers of the Lord today truly want to serve God and build the Kingdom but they are overcome by their lack of talent or ability. For them, opportunities become calamities.

The demand is so great for consistent soul winners, dedicated Sunday school teachers, and enthusiastic youth leaders. Yet we do not seem to have what it takes. In front of us are the spiritually starving multitudes. But in our hands we clutch only five loaves and two small fish. We want to help those in need. But how?

If Christ could take five loaves and two small fish and multiply them to meet the hunger of the multitude, surely He can take the little we possess and multiply it too.

To perform this miracle, Christ took all the lad possessed—five loaves and two fish. Nothing was held back.

# GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE

By Evangelist **GENE BURGESS**

All was needed. So total surrender by this nameless youth was an essential ingredient.

Jesus gladly received the small offering. He didn't belittle the size of what was given. The important thing to Him was that the lad gave all.

Christ then blessed what had been given. Without His blessing there could not have been a miracle. The tendency in our day—when programming, planning, publicity, and promotion seem so important—is to forget how much we need His blessing and anointing. Talents can be stumbling blocks, abilities can become limitations, if we do not have Christ's power in our activities. What God has started by His Spirit cannot be finished in the flesh. Human dynamics and personality will never be substitutes for the power of God.

Next, Christ took the lad's lunch in His hands and broke it. Though the gift was appreciated, it was not usable as it was. Jesus took it, blessed it, and altered it so that it might meet the need of the hungry.

When the lad's gift was broken, the fragments were multiplied. So it is when we are broken in the loving



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hands of Jesus; our efforts, abilities, and talents are multiplied.

I'll never forget when the Lord used this process in my life. I had been traveling through Europe and the Middle East as a lay-evangelist and had just visited the Lillian Trasher Memorial Orphanage in Assiout, Egypt. It was 4:30 a.m. when the missionary's car halted in front of the train station. He and I stepped over human forms sleeping in the streets and the depot platform.

As I stood on the steps of the train leaving for Cairo, I thanked my friend for being so kind. But I remembered the outdated hospital and dispensary for the family of 1,600 at the orphanage. As a pharmacist, this concerned me. "When I get back to the States and tell some of my business friends about your work, I am sure some of them will help in this ministry," I told him.

But the missionary didn't say, "Thank you." He said, "We don't want your drugs! *What we really want is you!*"

Those words pierced my heart like a flaming arrow. My soul and emotions were so touched that I never replied. All the way to Cairo I could still hear those haunting words, "We want you!"

In a few weeks I was back in Memphis practicing pharmacy and teaching at the University of Tennessee. But I couldn't forget those challenging words: "We want you!"

I was a Christian with dedicated parents who served the Lord. I gave to missions and supported the church. I had given so many things to God. But had I forgotten something? Had I really placed my life in Christ's hands so He could break me?

I had so many plans—a business of my own, a comfortable home in the suburbs, financial security, professional prestige. How strange that I was getting what I wanted and yet I was so miserable. And I couldn't forget those piercing words, "We want you!"

At last I said yes to Christ. My will, my plans, and my ideas were broken so Jesus could make me what He wanted. I learned that being broken is often unpleasant and painful, for it is why I am in the ministry today. And the Lord has blessed me far more than I ever sacrificed.

In the final phase of this miracle Jesus gave the broken fragments to His yielded disciples. They were not the manufacturers of the food—only the distributors. They could give out only what they had received.

Jesus didn't try to feed the crowd Himself; He used obedient followers.

Multitudes around us today have much, yet they are starving for the Bread of life. "Give ye them to eat" (Matthew 14:16) is still the command of Jesus.

You may have only five loaves. But give what you have to Jesus to be blessed, broken, and multiplied—and the hungry *will* be fed.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE in rearing five children has helped me develop some suggestions to help every parent in the God-given responsibility of training their own.

# I

## THOU SHALT REAR A FAMILY ALTAR AND DAILY GATHER AROUND IT.

*"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:9, 11).*

The pastor and his wife were on vacation with their five. They were getting harder to handle day by day. "What on earth is the matter with them? They aren't this cross and quarrelsome at home," the mother exclaimed.

Then she remembered, and knew the cause. The family altar had been left at home in all the busyness and irregularity of schedule that goes with vacation. "We are expecting them to have healthy Christian lives without their daily spiritual nourishment," was her diagnosis.

# II

## THOU SHALT TAKE EVERY PROBLEM TO THE LORD.

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).*

Henry was exasperating. He disliked school, disliked chores, and constantly vented his dislikes on his younger sister. A root of bitterness was in his heart. Nothing availed until the matter became a prayer burden to his parents. Then the Lord showed them his need for more love and understanding, of encouragement and help in schoolwork, of private heart-to-heart talks over the Scripture, and times of prayer with Henry about the problem.

# III

## THOU SHALT TALK OF THY LORD WHEN IN THY HOUSE AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY.

*"And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 11:19).*

At the turn of the century there was a generation of Christians who knew God but held all spiritual things with such unnatural reverence as to delegate them to Sunday, for adults only, or consider them a personal matter not to be discussed. Walter grew up unacquainted with God, though having a formal introduction. His devout parents' faith sustained them through many a trial, but they did not know how to communicate this faith to Walter. What a contrast is George's home with its love and activity centered in Christ. His name often is on their lips.

# IV

## THOU SHALT GIVE EACH CHILD OF THY TIME.

*"Redeeming the time..." (Ephesians 5:16).*

Time to discuss his problems, time to hear him tell about his day at school, time to kneel together (just you and he) and pray, time to counsel when he meets with problems, time to express your love.

Peter was one of the most affectionate children you would ever meet; he would snuggle up to a grownup, his eyes bright and his interest keen. Yet his schoolwork was heartbreaking to his parents and teacher. After praying about it, his teacher discovered a little clue. Since Peter had been tiny, there had always been other little

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ones demanding the attention of mother and father. Their hands were so full that they left him, the oldest, much to his own devices. The teacher had noticed Peter looking enviously at others' lunches. She gave his parents a little hint: "Give Peter something special in his lunch."

One day Peter found a wonderful surprise in his usually mundane lunch: a big banana! He exclaimed to the other children with joy and astonishment, "Look what my mother got for me!" Following the teacher's counsel, his parents began giving Peter much more precious gifts: bits of their time and undivided attention.

# V

## THOU SHALT BE CONSISTENT.

*"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity" (1 Timothy 3:4).*

Gary's mother was dead, and Gary lived with his grandmother, who alternately petted and beat him. Sometimes he was allowed to bring the cat into the house; at other times she flew at the little fellow and struck him for doing so. It all depended on her mood. Gary was an extremely nervous child, confused as to what was expected of him.

Ann's mother often lavished affection on her. However, whenever Ann misbehaved, she was in disgrace. "Mother doesn't like little girls who do that," she was told emphatically and coldly. Mother had forgotten that God's way is to chasten and yet love, to love the sinner but not his sin.

Del knew he could do as he pleased when company came—and he took full advantage of it. His mother excused her laxness, "I don't believe in making a scene when I have visitors in the home."

# VI

## THOU SHALT NOT SPARE THE ROD.

*"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes"* (Proverbs 13:24).

The Christian child should expect and respect the use of the rod because it is God's command. However, small Louise was such a sensitive child that she screamed in terror even at the thought of a spanking. Was she an exception to the rule? Yes, for several years, words or other punishments were sufficient. As she grew older, she, too, needed the paddle, though with less force and less frequency than the ordinary child.

# FOR PARENTS

By MRS. MARIE LOSEY

# VII

## THOU SHALT NOT TALK ABOUT THY CHILD IN FRONT OF THY CHILD.

*"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth"* (James 3:5).

While Glenn stands listening, his mother vividly describes to her friends how he played a trick on a neighbor who left his car parked in front of the house. She laughs delightedly as she confides that he smeared the brand new car with the contents of a can of stale shortening he had found in the garbage can. Though Glenn is duly punished for his mischief, no one is surprised when later on he takes it upon himself to throw sand on a freshly waxed floor, or lets the brake off the family car so that it permanently flattens the petunias.

It is natural that Ellen has the reputation at school of being "stuck up" for her father is repeatedly bragging about her accomplishments in her presence.

# VIII

## THOU SHALT BE WHAT THOU WOULDST HAVE THY CHILD TO BE.

*"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also"* (2 Timothy 1:5).

Geneva's dad liked to put her in her place by saying, "Do as I say, not as I do." However, the child couldn't help but be formed by the actions of her parents as

much or more than by their words. Geneva was a loud, quarrelsome girl; Jill was quiet and happy-hearted. One half-hour in each of these two homes, when all the family was gathered, gave the clue for the girls' behavior. Jill's parents were in control to such an extent that all could relax and enjoy themselves. Geneva's parents yelled at each other and the children.

Putting Christ first, sacrificial giving, submission to God are taught by example. The woman who scoffs at the commandment, "Wives, obey your husbands," cannot expect her children to heed the commandment, "Children, obey your parents."

# IX

## THOU SHALT LEAD THY CHILDREN TO CHRIST.

*"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God"* (Mark 10:14).

When is the age of accountability, anxious parents ask. Others are just as anxious not to bring about a false decision which will later mean nothing. Surely the Lord can give wisdom to parents as He promises in James 1:5: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God."

Three things are sure. First of all, parents are responsible to teach the way of salvation. Second, they are to teach the child to obey. As one has put it, "A parent who has taught a child the truths of the Bible without teaching the child to do what he is told, has failed God." Third, the child must come of his own accord seeking Christ as Saviour and Lord. Alert parents can usually tell when hearts are ready.

Ralph was questioning mother as he sat by the kitchen stove one day. His questions revealed a seeking heart. Five-year-old John came to his mother as she was ironing. "Please, mother, I want to be saved." May made her decision in a meeting all unknown to others until she radiantly confided the news to her parents the next day.

# X

## THOU SHALT KEEP THY CHILD FROM EVIL.

*"Fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good"* (Philippians 4:8—Phillips).

Constantly lowering moral standards mark our times. How can Christian parents cope with this problem? I am thinking of two children. Of one her mother said, "I don't want Helen ever to feel she is any different from other children because she is from a Christian home.

The other child was restricted and taught that the Christian is to be separated from the world. Later, as a young man, he wrote his parents, "I'm thankful for your strict standards and teachings."

In this age of growing conformity our hope is in young people with convictions and stamina like a young fellow named Daniel, whose testimony made history in Babylon.

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# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Please explain the Parable of the Mustard Seed.*

There are those who believe the mustard tree, beginning with a very small seed, represents the Church. As the tree becomes a haven for birds, so the Church becomes a place of shelter for sinners who will be converted. Thus, finally, the world will be saved through the gospel.

But this teaching, beautiful though it seems, is contrary to the Bible. For example, "In the last days perilous times shall come." Men will have a "form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 2:1, 5). This, in my opinion, is a better interpretation concerning the birds of the air. Christendom, the sphere of Christian profession, will produce many who profess to be Christians who will bring their worldliness into the church, creating a formal religion, but "denying the power thereof."

*We are being taught that if you are living right and supporting the work of God as you should, God will prosper you, for God wants all His children to prosper. Good physical health is also included in the blessings of prosperity. Is this what the Bible teaches?*

We honor God when we look to Him to supply our needs, for the Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). But it is vain for a man to think his religion is going to make him rich. Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

If spirituality is to be judged by material blessings, what of the worthies of Hebrews 11 "who wandered about in sheep skins and goat skins"? James asks, "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith?" Jesus was poor, and it was the common people who heard Him gladly.

As to physical health, we do not yet have the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:22, 23). We thank God for the promise, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." But we must not develop, as some have, an accusing spirit, condemning any who may be sick.

*I found in a commentary that the prophet Isaiah was placed between two boards and sawn asunder. Where does the Bible speak of this?*

The Bible does not mention this, but tradition does and probably it is correct. The Bible does speak of some who were sawn asunder (Hebrews 11:32-38).

Tradition also tells how the apostles and others were tortured at their death, although in most cases the Bible is silent as to how they died. I believe they suffered martyrdom.

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



Mrs. Bill Hughart, C. A. president, and Pastor Edwin Burris hold plaques given to First Assembly, Van Buren, Ark., for STL giving. Bobby Brock, Arkansas D-CAP, stands at right. The photo below shows Brother Burris and Brother Brock with a group of C.A.'s who helped plan the fund-raising activities.

## FIRST ASSEMBLY LED THE NATION

# VAN BUREN YOUTH

By BOBBY BROCK, Arkansas District C. A. President



# I WAS THERE

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

## God Healed My Father

By A. M. ALBER

IT WAS IN THE SPRING OF 1914, a very pleasant time of year as far as weather was concerned. But it was not a happy time in our central Kansas home. My father, Jacob Alber, had been a very hard-working man. Now at 60 he was close to death with heart trouble and hardening of the arteries.

For months his condition had been critical, and now the doctors said he would not live another week. There were 12 of us children. Father called us all in and gave instructions as to how to carry on after his departure.

I was very disturbed about my father's illness and would often go into the field to pray earnestly that God would heal him. I was a sinner, but I prayed. Over and over again I would plead, "O God, heal my father, and I will serve You." I was in real agony at times, and the tears flowed freely.

Our family attended church regularly, so when a minister came from the hills of Tennessee to hold a revival in one of the two churches in our community, he soon learned of Father's illness. The minister, believing in

divine healing, came with some brethren of the community to visit my father and pray for him. Faith began to rise in Father's heart. The minister returned in a couple of days with brethren from both of the churches. These men gathered around Father's bed and prayed for his healing.

Watching from the dining room I was surprised to see my father get out of bed and kneel with the other brethren. After prayer he walked into the room where I was and sat down. He had taken no solid food for some time, yet he ate supper that evening. The next morning he was up early and called us boys to breakfast!

As the meetings continued, people came from far and near to see the man who had been so wonderfully healed. Attendance at the revival increased until they had to move into a large conference tent. Many were saved. Many were prostrated under the power of God. Some had visions. Two weeks after my father's healing I was saved, and many of my friends were also saved in that meeting.

The following year two brethren came from California bringing the message of the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I was among the number who opened their hearts to this message, and was filled with the Holy Spirit. These brethren moved on to other places, and that fall I was called upon to preach to the newly filled church.

What a joy it has been these 51 years to preach the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.

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A. M. Alber, former Nebraska District superintendent, now resides in Friend, Nebr. He writes: "I have been conducting some meetings of late that have been graciously anointed of God—some old-time meetings that remind us of early Pentecostal blessing."

## DID IT AGAIN!

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, 50 Christ's Ambassadors at First Assembly, Van Buren, Arkansas, have ranked first in the nation in giving to Speed-the-Light.

(Speed-the-Light is the youth missionary program of the Assemblies of God. It provides vehicles, radio and printing equipment for missionaries overseas and vehicles for home missionaries.)

To maintain their first rank, the Van Buren C.A.'s increased their giving by 53 percent from \$5,715 in 1964 to \$8,724 in 1965.

Recently I had the privilege of visiting this group to present them with two plaques in recognition of their outstanding achievement: one for leading the Arkansas District in giving, the other for leading the entire nation.

Pastor Edwin Burris and C. A. President Mrs. Bill Hughart directed the C.A.'s in various fund-raising activities. These included car washes, candy and bake sales,

and auctions. C.A.'s cleaned yards to raise money. They even collected empty pop bottles (\$65 worth in one day).

But beyond these activities came personal dedication and sacrifice.

Bill Hughart, husband of the C. A. president, testified how the Lord helped him pay his pledge of \$200 to Speed-the-Light. He hesitated before making the pledge, then did so by faith. Shortly after this he sold his old car to buy a newer one. The man who bought the old car insisted on paying him \$200 above the advertised price!

During the drive for Speed-the-Light dollars, the youth group experienced increased interest and involvement in all phases of the church's ministry. The whole group became busily and deeply involved in the work of God. The bond of comradeship among members increased.

How did the effort affect the rest of the church? Pastor Burris told me that the church experienced a marked and nearly unbelievable increase in both the general fund and total missions giving.

The Bible says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). The young people at First Assembly in Van Buren proved that this promise is true. 



## THE COST OF WITNESSING

By DAVID R. BRAUCLER - Missionary to Colombia

Gregorio Ibanez, owner, stands beside the damaged panel truck after the persecution in Turmeque.

**T**HE MORNING BROKE BRISK and clear in Bogotá, capital city of Colombia. At Central Bible Institute there was an expectant air of excitement. It was a national holiday, and there would be no classes that day.

Fifteen of the students were thrilled with the prospect of going to a town about three hours drive from Bogotá. They would spend the day evangelizing in Turmequé, where the gospel had never been openly preached.

When Gregorio Ibáñez, a deacon in Bogotá's North Church, drove up to the institute in his panel truck, the happy students quickly climbed in with their Bibles and armfuls of gospel literature. They were singing a chorus as they drove away; but how different would be their return.

When they arrived at Turmequé, they drove to a believer's house; but they could not get the truck up the hillside to the house and had to park it at the bottom of the hill. The man of the house sent his young son to stand by the truck so the vehicle would not be unprotected.

The service began with hymns and choruses about our wonderful Lord. Many curious neighbors came and stood around the humble home to listen to the gospel for the first time.

So engrossed were the students in the service that they did not see the believer's son come running up the hill trembling with fear. A group of men had come up the trail carrying clubs and machetes and looking for the people who had come in the panel truck. At first the boy had hid in the bushes where he watched the men,

quite drunk and mean, as they tried in vain to get into the truck. In their anger the mob began beating on the truck with their sticks and broke every window. While one man tore off the license plates, another broke off the gas cap and tried to set fire to the gas tank. But God was there to thwart their efforts, for they used three small boxes of matches without being able to set the truck on fire.

The students and Brother Ibáñez had been giving the altar call while this destruction was taking place. The angry mob was breaking the headlights and taillights on the truck, but God was shedding abroad the glorious Light in the service as seven people gave their hearts to Him.

As quickly as possible after the service, the group went to see what destruction had been done to the truck. There at the sight of this wanton vandalism the students prayed and thanked God for preserving their transportation back to the city. They brushed the glass off the seats, climbed into the truck, and all prayed as Brother Ibáñez pressed the starter button. A great shout of gladness went up as the engine roared to life.

But the persecution had not ended. Just outside the town the men were waiting. When the truck approached, they jumped out into the roadway and forced the driver to stop. Brandishing their clubs and machetes, they threatened the lives of everyone in the group if any ever returned to Turmequé to preach.

When permitted to leave, they started back toward Bogotá, driving

very slowly because of the broken windshield. As it grew dark, they had to find a place to leave the truck because of the damaged lights. In a little town they found a service station and were able to contact the missionaries in the capital.

By the time Missionary Harvey Bantel and I were able to get headlights and taillights and return to the truck, it was very late. Gregorio Ibáñez had been able to send all but two of the students back to the institute by bus. It was two o'clock in the morning in the cold of the Andes Mountains before we had repaired the truck enough to get it home.

The incident became national news in Colombia when one of the Bogotá newspapers carried pictures and a big write-up in its morning edition. Even the governor of the state involved expressed his sorrow over the attack.

The damage to the truck amounted to more than \$150; yet the joy of the workers over the seven new converts was well worth the cost. God supplied the need, and the truck was repaired. It still can be seen going down the road filled with workers and literature on frequent journeys to other towns to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to more Colombians.

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THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED God's stepchildren. Their European fathers have "adopted" some of them and educated them as Europeans; but others have been left to grow up on the South African veldt with their African mothers.

These people have multiplied ever since the arrival of the Boers in South Africa. They are known as *Coloured* (half White and half Negro) and may not live in either the African or the European section. They must have their own special towns, which they keep up in as good a condition as some European areas.

God loves these people. He sent Jesus to redeem them just as He did for all Africans, Europeans, and Americans.

The Assemblies of God missionaries in South Africa have had a burden for them for some time. These missionaries have divided their time between their regular African work and reaching the Coloured, but this has not been fully satisfactory. Last year the Missionary Field Fellowship (a committee of all Assemblies of God missionaries in South Africa) decided to take a step of faith and organize the *International Assemblies of God, Coloured* and register it with the South African government. This gives them their own church constitution. We must now pray for church sites and for the release of missionaries to work among them.

Due to lack of personnel we have

had to take charge of the Coloured work in East London, South Africa. Our outstation is 451 miles from the Orange Free State, but each time we make a regular visit we feel more than repaid for the long journey. It is a time of spiritual refreshing, for the Coloured seem to give us more than we give them.

They have no church buildings, so they pack inside the front room, kitchen, and bedrooms of a house, where they sing until the walls nearly shake. Now they have their own pastor. A Bible school graduate named Robert Bosman and his young bride have gone to East London to minister.

Here is just one of the many thrilling testimonies we have heard from these people. It is Sally Jaubert's conversion experience:

"In 1950 I was admitted to the Freve Hospital in East London for a mastoidectomy. At that time the doctors found I was suffering from sugar diabetes to such an extent that it would not be wise to operate. Steadily I grew worse. They would release me from the hospital, only to have me return in two or three months. I couldn't live without daily insulin injections. In desperation my husband took me to the witch doctor, but that treatment only made me worse.

"I then went into a coma, and my husband sent me back to Freve Hospital. For four days I lived on fluids. The fifth day the doctor came to my bedside and ordered the nurse to stop

God to forgive my sins and touch my body. The nurses saw my lips moving and called the nurse in charge.

"When the doctor came the next day to examine me he could not believe I was still alive and that my sugar level had dropped. He advised me to stay two weeks longer until he was sure I was all right. However,



God's healing power has been a reality to Sally Jaubert.

I prayed that the Lord would allow me to be released the following day. I knew He had done something special for me. He answered my prayer, for this same doctor came the next day and told me I could go home. Hallelujah!

"I still continued my insulin injections daily, as the doctor had warned me I would die if I stopped taking them. However, in January, 1965, I was invited to the International Assemblies of God church which was meeting in a home. Brother Bosman prayed for me at the close of the service. God immediately healed me completely of sugar diabetes and the ear infection. God made me perfectly whole.

"I can't praise God enough for saving my soul. Soon after I was baptized in water, the Lord baptized me in the Holy Spirit.

"It is now 1966. God has kept me in perfect health this past year. Genesis 18:14 asks, 'Is there anything too hard for the Lord?' and Luke 1:37 tells us, 'For with God nothing shall be impossible.' God has promised that if we will only believe we shall see His glory."

We believe with Sally Jaubert that we shall see the glory of God manifested among the Coloured people. These "stepchildren" also will hear of Christ because He redeemed them.

# God's Stepchildren

By HAROLD and MARGARET JONES  
Missionaries to South Africa



the fluid and draw the curtains.

"When I realized they were giving me up, I begged God to help me. I then heard a voice speaking to me. The words came so plain, 'I died on the cross for your sins. I am your Saviour. There is hope for you if you will obey me. I can save you and heal your body.'

"I began to pray, earnestly asking

Though neglected by society, the Coloured are not neglected by the Assemblies of God.

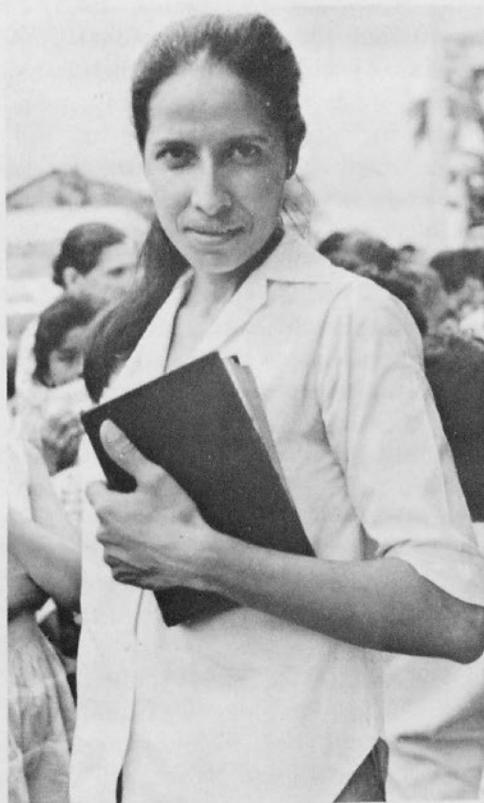
# evangelism in ECUADOR

By MRS. PAUL M. COOPER  
Missionary to Ecuador

IN JUNE, 1965, Missionary Arthur Lindvall challenged the members of our churches in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to hold branch Sunday schools in their homes, yards, or wherever they could. Nelly Mino, among others from the



Missionary Paul Cooper gives an invitation to accept Christ during an open-air service. Nelly Mino (lower photo) has sacrificed both time and money to take the gospel to Barrio Cuba.



Evangelistic Center, caught the vision and chose to start a branch Sunday school in *Barrio Cuba*—one of Guayaquil's suburban areas noted for its poverty and crime. Although she works hard six days a week to support herself and two little boys, and has very little of this world's goods, Nelly was impelled to sacrifice time, effort, and money to give the gospel to this needy area.

Sunday after Sunday she went faithfully to *Barrio Cuba* and was encouraged as the Sunday school grew and as conviction gripped the hearts of adults. Many have been saved, and one woman was healed and gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

On one Sunday afternoon, the parish priest visited the class. At first Nelly was nervous in his presence, but she later testified, "In my heart I prayed: 'O Lord, help me to witness to him.' Then the Lord gave me the words to say." Her boldness and knowledge of God's Word impressed the priest, and at the close he commented that he marveled at her wisdom. She told him, "No, the wisdom is not mine, but God's." She has only been saved three years! Praise God for the power of the Holy Spirit.

By faith, Nelly rented a small hall where regular services could be held. Two weeks ago, we made a concentrated effort there, handing out tracts and invitations to the open-air service that afternoon. Six adults were saved and three more that night.

Pray for this new Assemblies of God church, and for other branch Sunday schools that they, too, may grow into churches.

The Assemblies of God in Ecuador is on the move. In March the church in Quito was organized with 21 members and 13 more almost ready for membership. Brother and Sister Lowell Dowdy are working in Quito. A new group in Ambato is on fire for God and will soon be ready to be organized into a church. Even though this is the extremely hot, vacation season when many flee to the beaches and mountains, the Sunday school in the Evangelistic Center maintains an average of more than 200.

This week my husband and Eugene Willis will go to visit two nearby villages where we are told there are groups of believers calling for a pastor. Our Bible institute is in session now with 33 students. Pray that from this group will come the pastors and workers we need.



M. L. Ketcham offers prayer after the presentation of the plaque. At right J. Philip Hogan and M. L. Ketcham hold the plaque prepared for the Burma field.

**THE CHURCH IN  
BURMA HAS BEEN  
TURNED OVER FULLY  
TO THE NATIONAL  
BELIEVERS**

## A NEW DAY

"BY APRIL 30TH, 1966, all Christian missionaries must leave Burma." Thus screamed the headlines of *The Guardian*, Rangoon's English-language newspaper.

If this edict brought confusion and consternation in some circles, it was accepted with equanimity and assurance within the confines of the Burma Assemblies of God. For years every effort had been made by forward-looking missionaries to be fully pre-

Ray Trask, Glen Stafford, and M. L. Ketcham turn the work over to the nationals.





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## THE MIRACLE OF MISSIONS

THE GROWTH of the Assemblies of God is an amazing story. It seems unbelievable that a fellowship that began almost inconspicuously in 1914 should today—just 52 years later—claim a following of one person out of every thousand in the world.

If you would add up the number of people who attend the Assemblies of God in the United States, the 72 foreign lands where our missionaries are laboring, and our sister organizations in Canada, Great Britain, and Australia, you would find a total constituency of more than three million people.

Though it is true that the growth of this movement has been phenomenal, it is not good enough if we are to fulfill the Great Commission. It may seem successful to think of our constituency in terms of one out of every thousand, but that is a small proportion (only one-tenth of one percent) of the world's population.

Faced with the comparison of our numbers to the rest of the three billion people on this planet, we must say as Andrew said to Jesus just before the feeding of the five thousand, "What are they among so many?"

When Jesus fed the five thousand, He did not need a great amount of resources; He used the men and means at hand to accomplish His will. He told His disciples to organize the crowd; then He brought His miracle power to bear on the need of the multitude.

The human efforts were necessary, but they would have been most foolish without the miraculous provision of Christ. Our 920 foreign missionaries are so few in comparison with the gigantic dimensions of the need. But they are more than what they appear to be; they are the anointed servants of God bearing the miracle Bread of Life to the hungry multitudes of the world.

# DAWNS IN MISSIONS

By **MAYNARD L. KETCHAM** • Field Secretary for the Far East

pared for such an event. All that was necessary now was to put the plan into effect.

Burma was indeed ready to stand on its own feet. Here is the extent of that readiness:

1. Twelve to fifteen thousand solid, holy-living Christians.

2. A carefully devised and smoothly functioning organizational structure, with divisional heads over various tribal groups—Lisu, Rawong, Kanong, Maru, Burmese—and a central committee representing all groups.

3. A unique system of local church government with converts residing in Christian villages. Ethics, morals, education, and spiritual training are administered on theocratic principles by village elders.

4. A well-established Bible school in Myitkyina, supported by the whole field and led by a spiritual and able Burmese young man who was trained abroad.

On March 25, only a few days before the departure of our remaining missionaries, I was able to visit Rangoon. Church leaders gathered from all over Burma. In an impressive cere-

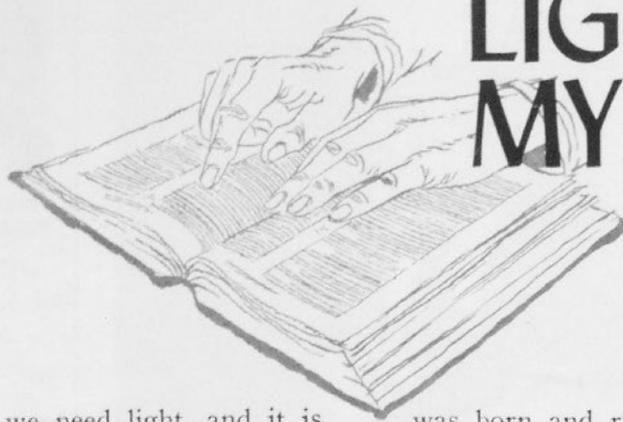
mony held in Rangoon's Central Church all equipment, responsibility, and authority were transferred into national hands. As the Assemblies of God field secretary for the Far East, I presented a suitably inscribed plaque to National Superintendent Moses Fish, and said, "Brother Fish, we now give the torch to you. Hold it high!"

Choked with emotion, Brother Fish replied, "Brother Ketcham, we will hold it high. We will show the world how rapidly a national church can grow, depending only on the Spirit of God."

Thus dawns a new day in missions. The old chapter is finished. There will be no more Adoniram Judsons in Burma. There will be no more pioneering, Spirit-filled, Assemblies of God missionaries. The achievements of the great veterans of the past are written large in tables of human hearts.

But the new chapter is still more arresting than the old. Here is a mature church, an autonomous church, a viable church, an exemplary church. This is missions as it should be.

# LIGHTS ON MY PATHWAY



By WILLIAM B. EERDMANS SR.

ON OUR EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE we need light, and it is well to focus our thoughts on the light which He who is the true Light reveals to us so that we "may be the children of light."

There is one beautiful ray of light which shone in the very early stages of my pathway and has remained with me all during the years. It goes back to the time when I was three or four years old. My parents sent me to a Christian school when I was five, but before that I attended a secular kindergarten. One day, in that school, I picked up a terrible word. Coming home I had a bit of a brawl with an older brother. In the fury of our baby-fight I mouthed that word at him, and by doing so, used the name of the Lord in vain.

My mother heard it. She looked at me in consternation and said: "What did you say there?" I was going to repeat what I had said, but she stopped me by saying: "Oh, no! Please do not say it again, but come along with me."

She then took me to her bedroom and made me kneel before her chair. She tried to explain to my child's mind what I had done, and the sin I had committed, and asked me to repeat after her the following little prayer:

*"Dear Lord, it gives me inward pain  
That I have used Thy Name in vain.  
Help me to pray, Thy strength to gain,  
To never commit this sin again."*

The above is a free translation of the little Dutch prayer she taught me. I have never forgotten it; from that time on it has been indelibly inscribed upon my heart. This early incident helped me greatly on the pathway of life. It was a real light. What a blessing it is to be guided and guarded by the example, teaching, and admonition of a godly mother.

Another light on the pathway of my life was a visit to an old, godly woman on the heath of Friesland. I

was born and reared in Friesland, which is the north-western tip of the Netherlands. In the southeastern part of that province is a stretch of heather. One day, at the age of about 16, I was sent out by my father, who was in the wool and textile business, to this section to buy the season's shearings.

It was June and hot. Most of this section I had to travel by foot. Weary, hungry, and thirsty, one day at high noon I spied a lonely hut with mud walls and a thatched roof. I decided to ask for a drink of water. The door stood ajar, so I knocked, and a woman's voice bade me come in. I entered and there, by the table, I saw an old woman bent over an old book.

With a quick glance my eyes appraised the inventory of that lonely cottage on the heath. The furniture was old and very scant. The floor was hard mud, cleanly swept. In one corner, fenced in, I spied a small pig; while in another corner a few chickens were having a feast on a mixture of dry bread and seeds. Hanging on the wall, opposite from where the old mother sat, I saw a field of black velvet within an old frame; on it, in old-fashioned gold lettering, was the text: "He Is Our Peace."

When the old lady turned her face to me, I looked into the most beautiful eyes I believe I have ever seen. Her brow was pleated and furrowed with age and care. Her cheeks were interlaced with a thousand wrinkles. Her eyes sparkled with a spiritual beauty, reflecting the peace and the harmony of a beautiful soul. Smilingly she handed me a glass of water; then bade me sit down, and offered me a bowl of some concoction which was a mixture of buttermilk and flour.

Then she sat down before the open book. After I had refreshed myself, I asked her what she was reading. She replied that the book before her was the Bible, and that she was reading in John. I suggested that she read a chapter aloud. She protested and said that her reading would only be a stumbling stammering over the words. However, I insisted, and finally she consented to read the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John.

I believe I never heard a sermon which impressed me more than the reading of Jesus' high-priestly prayer by this old mother. She was unlettered. Her vocabulary consisted of probably 200 provincial and dialectical words. However, she had learned to read her Bible. I believe it took her half an hour to read the chapter. She used her gnarled forefinger as a pointer, slowly moving from word to word, and in her sweet, tremulous voice the words came forth like honey out of a rock.

In that cottage on the heath I witnessed one of the

William B. Eerdmans Sr., founder and chairman of the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., went to be forever with the Lord on April 12, 1966. This dedicated Christian layman greatly influenced religious publishing. The company he founded is known throughout evangelical circles for its good books.



most marvelous exhibitions of genuine, simple, childlike faith and trust in God I have ever seen. It reminded me of the words of the apostle Paul:

"...Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: *that no flesh should glory in his presence*" (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

Since that high noon in my life, the 17th chapter of John has always been one of my favorite Bible portions. It was my first introduction to the mystical union of all believers, of all those whom the Father has given the Son, of the ties which bind all the members of the whole family of God all over the earth—all nations, colors, and tongues.

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that

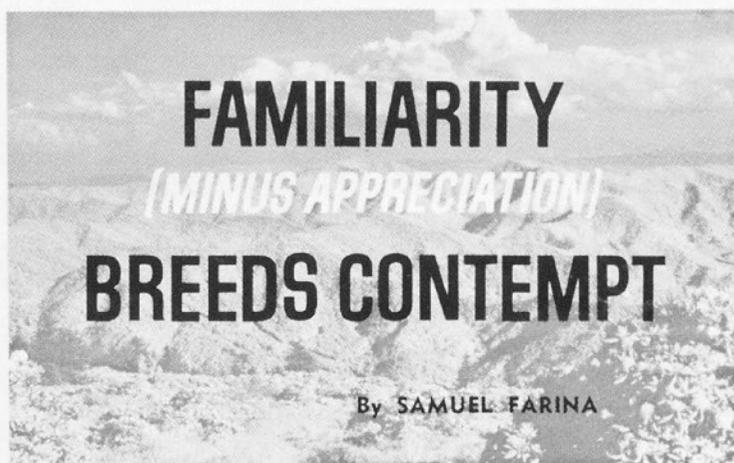
the world may believe that thou hath sent me" (John 17:21).

Before I left that sanctuary, I asked the old sister to pray. Oh, how she prayed. It was a blessing and a benediction descending upon me—those simple, childlike, trustful, faith-laden words. It was a paean of praise and thanksgiving and an incense of adoration sent up to her loving, Heavenly Father whom she had found as her greatest possession.

Tears filled her eyes when she came to the end of that beautiful prayer, when she confessed that the greatest miracle that ever happened was when the Father deemed her, greatest of all sinners, worthy to be called His child through Christ her Redeemer and Saviour, who had borne her griefs and had carried her sorrows; who was wounded for her transgressions and bruised for her iniquities, and with whose stripes she had been healed. It was an experience never to be forgotten.

These are lights that have never failed to brighten my pathway—once in reality, but now in golden memory.

—*Lighted Pathway*



THERE IS AN ADAGE, only partly true, that "familiarity breeds contempt." To state it more correctly, "Familiarity *minus appreciation* breeds contempt."

We learn to appreciate some people more every day. The more experiences we share, the more our appreciation of them grows. Take, for instance, a husband-and-wife relationship. If true love and appreciation reign in the home, contempt for each other can have no place.

But in the life and ministry of Jesus there is a striking example of familiarity without appreciation which resulted in open contempt. Judas Iscariot had been a follower of Jesus for some three years. He had been as close to Jesus as the other disciples. He had seen firsthand the miracle-working power of Jesus. However, he had never fully appreciated the aspects of sacrifice which were such a large part of the Master's life. He was absorbed with the prospects of an earthly kingdom in which he hoped to serve as treasurer. There was no cross on the horizon of his imagination.

Judas was very familiar with Christ, but he never fully appreciated Him or His purposes. It is no wonder that Judas could betray the Son of God for a few pieces of silver. When his hopes were dashed to pieces, Judas betrayed the Man he felt had betrayed *him*. To Judas, Jesus was only a means to an end—the end being a

place of prominence and esteem for himself. When Jesus could not accommodate him, he took the route of a betrayer.

The prophet Elisha had a similar experience with his servant Gehazi, thus proving that a close proximity to religion does not guarantee appreciation of it. Gehazi was close to the prophet but he never fully appreciated Elisha's dedication. When Naaman offered Elisha a few gifts, the prophet refused them. Seeing this, Gehazi's lack of appreciation for Elisha manifested itself in dishonesty. He followed Naaman to claim the gifts for himself. His contempt manifested itself in the obvious attitude of, "Let Elisha be a fool if he wants to be, but I can't see turning down a good offer like that." So Gehazi traded for a few garments the mantle of divine power that could have been his as Elisha's successor.

Jesus was quick to single out those who followed Him only for the loaves and the fishes. In searching the record we must come to the sad conclusion that a great number of people followed Him for that purpose; for on the day of the Crucifixion He had very few supporters. The unappreciative crowd screamed in contempt, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Often those who have been brought up around Christian people and in the shelter of the church fail to appreciate that with which they have become so familiar. Reverence is lost; the things of God become ordinary to them. If it is not checked, this lack of appreciation will result in contempt for spiritual things.

One solution to this obvious problem of familiarity with sacred things is found in Job 22:21: "Acquaint now thyself with him [God], and be at peace." The more we consider God's love and mercy, the humbler we will be in His presence. The more we realize His majesty and power, the more we will hold Him in awe and reverence. The better we know Him, the more we will appreciate Him for all He is.

Familiarity *with appreciation* of our Lord Jesus never breeds contempt. Rather it brings us low at His feet with an increasing sense of wonder that He could have loved us and given Himself so freely for us. 

## SAVED THROUGH AN ACCIDENT

I ONCE KNEW THE LORD but had wandered from Him. God saved my soul through an accident—and also spared my life.

On July 19, 1965, I was driving my truck from Dumas to Pine Bluff, Ark., about 40 miles away. Near the outskirts of Pine Bluff I had stopped to wait for a truck in front of me to make a left turn. In my mirror I suddenly saw a transport truck approaching from behind at a terrific speed. It gave no indication of slowing down, and I knew I would be hit.

I called on God to save me. Thank God, He heard my cry for mercy and forgave my sins. A great peace swept over me.

The transport crashed into my truck, rolling it from the tailgate to the front fenders. What was left of it lay hanging over the front wheels with me inside—but God was with me.

They took me to Jefferson Hospital in Pine Bluff. I had a broken leg, broken ribs, deep cuts on my legs, and internal injury with a two-inch split in my liver.

The doctors told my family there was no hope for me. I was losing blood fast, and they were certain I could not stand an operation. But the Lord brought me through. Even the doctor admitted the Lord had been on my side. I remained in the hospital seven weeks and had to wear a cast on my leg even after I went home.

But on Sunday, November 7, I walked into the church a whole person once again—a child of God. A month later He filled me with His Spirit. Today I am a living testimony to God's saving and keeping power.—Illa Faye Persons, Dumas, Ark.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Wallace Eddlemon, First Assembly, Dumas, Ark.)*

## SET FREE FROM CIGARETTES

I WAS A SLAVE TO CIGARETTES for over 20 years, but God took away every desire for them. How I praise the Lord for His great love, mercy, and patience with me.

As a teen-ager I knew the Lord but wandered from Him. About seven years ago, God's call came to me again through a tract some man handed me. (God bless him!) It was entitled, "If Jesus Should Come Today." I repented and turned to the Lord.

I had a real desire to do the thing pleasing to God, and knew cigarettes were harmful; but I had tried for years to quit smoking, and could not. Now I prayed about it, but I must confess my heart was filled with doubts.

One day, hearing a sermon on the text, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief," I looked up to Jesus and asked Him to help me. I believed—and He gave me the assurance that my smoking habit would be gone. My doubts were taken away, and in their place came sweet peace and blessed assurance.

Thank God, He set me free from my slavery to cigarettes. And He did not let me go through the struggle against the habit by myself. He sent me the Comforter—the Holy Ghost. Now He is my Teacher, my Strength, my Guide, my All in All.—Mrs. Mabel Fox, Minneota, Minn.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Thomas Byrtus, Assembly of God, Marshall, Minn.)*

# GOD ANSWERS

## TRAGEDY AVERTED THROUGH ACTING ON IMPULSE

THE OTHER DAY I SAW a newspaper report of a tragic accident. A child was playing in her front yard when suddenly an automobile jumped the curb, shot across the lawn, and struck her. It was a fatal accident, caused by the fact that the person at the wheel was just learning to drive. On rounding a corner he had become confused and stepped on the accelerator, instead of the brake!

It reminded me of an experience I had a number of years ago. Our daughter had come to visit us, bringing her two children. She then went shopping with my wife. My daughter's two children and our own son, then about eight years old, went outside to play in the driveway which ran along the front of our yard.

I went into the living room and knelt down by the sofa to pray. After a little while I felt a strange urge to tell the children to leave the front drive and go to the back of the house to play. At first I dismissed the thought and kept on praying. But soon I felt a much stronger impression that I should get up at once and tell the children to go to the back right away.

I decided the Lord was trying to show me something, so I went out at once and told the children to go to the backyard immediately and stay there until I should tell them to return. They looked at me in amazement, as though I were acting very strangely, but they obeyed. I returned to the living room to pray.

Soon I heard a commotion out in front. When I went out I saw that a car from the highway had jumped the ditch. Out of control, it had shot across the driveway and into the bushes, coming to rest on an old stump. It was driven by a boy learning to drive, accompanied by his father. The boy had stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake.

I shuddered to think what might have happened if I had not obeyed God that day.

—Charles W. Pearson, Elkton, Maryland

## GOD'S HELP ON THE HIGHWAY

IT WAS WEDNESDAY EVENING and we were on our way to midweek Bible study. Since my husband works evenings, I was alone in the front of the station wagon with our four children and a 12-year-old neighbor boy in the back. We sang, "Thank You, Lord," as we rode along the highway. I was thinking of a Psalm I had read that afternoon concerning the Lord's protection and deliverance.

Suddenly I glanced at the speedometer and noticed our speed was 65 mph. Before I had time to think about

# ED MY PRAYER

slowing down, the right front tire blew out. Thank the Lord, there was no other traffic, for I began using both sides of the road. I did my best to bring the car under control and stop it gradually.

This particular highway is very dangerous. There are drop-offs on both sides, and many curves. The car came to a halt at the very edge of a drop-off. It was very dark on that country road and I did not have a flashlight.

Before we could become too concerned, we saw a car pull off about 50 feet in front of us. Then a highway patrol car pulled in behind it. We thought at first their purpose in stopping was only to help us; but actually, the patrolman had stopped the other driver for speeding. The man happened to be an auto mechanic! Both he and the patrolman graciously helped us.

During our conversation the patrolman reminded me that we had a close call. He told us about an accident resulting from a blowout, just a few days earlier, a few miles away, in which three persons were killed.

We arrived at church only 10 minutes after service had started. I gave thanks to God for His love and mercy. How grateful I am that we serve the living God.

"Once you were less than nothing, now you are God's own. Once you knew very little of God's kindness, now your very lives have been changed by it" (1 Peter 2:10, *Living Letters*).—Sharon Osman, Chino, Calif.

(*Endorsed by Howard Graves, former pastor of First Assembly, Corona, Calif.*)

## SERVICEMAN EXPERIENCES GOD'S PROTECTION IN VIETNAM

WHILE STATIONED IN VIETNAM, Lt. Cmdr. Harold L. Christmann, Chaplains Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve, encountered many testimonies of the protective care of the Lord.

One such testimony was given by a young Marine named Jack at an evening service Brother Christmann was conducting when he was Protestant chaplain at a naval hospital in Da Nang.

Jack was out on patrol when his squad was attacked by the Viet Cong. The enemy had heavy firepower. All the patrol but Jack had made it to cover.

There he was, out in the open, a clear target. He fell to the ground emptying his rifle. As he was reloading, the magazine was shot out of his hand. Fear gripped his heart.

But he said that in the midst of heavy rifle fire, he heard a voice. It was quite clear and distinct, and a calmness came over him that he had not experienced before.

The voice said, "Roll to the right." He did.

Again the voice said, "Roll to the right." Again Jack obeyed. This time he found himself behind a gravestone. The bullets were landing so close that sand was being showered over his body.

No one expected him to get out alive, let alone unharmed. Jack testified of having canteens shot off his body, bullets being deflected by his helmet, and other instances of God's protection.

If there was any doubt in Jack's mind before, there is none now, that he belongs to God and that his life is not his own, but God's.

## THANK GOD FOR GWC

GROWING UP ON A MONTANA FARM, I learned to be alert to the deadly menace of poisonous snakes which were plentiful in that part of the country. This watchfulness grew into a terrible fear until even the smallest garden snake threw me into a panic.

As I grew older, I tried to reason my fear away. I watched my brothers kill a snake, thinking that might help, but it didn't. I prayed, but the fear still lurked like an invisible spider web waiting to ensnare me without warning.

After I was married, we moved to a small town, and I felt the Lord had taken away the phobia. Then we moved back to a farm, 640 acres of beautiful rolling land, covered with sagebrush, greasewood—and diamond-back rattlesnakes.

Our two-year-old son spent most of his mornings playing out on the hard-packed earth we called our front yard. It was shady there during the hot summer mornings, and I could watch him while I cleaned in the front part of the house.

One morning as I lifted the spread to smooth over the bed I had just finished making, I had a most urgent feeling to get the child quickly. It was almost like a voice. Instantly alert, I called loudly, "Forrest, come quickly."

Either he did not hear me or he wasn't interested, because he neither looked up nor moved.

I dropped the spread and ran to the door. It took only seconds to reach my son. Grabbing him up I rushed through the door. My voice was cross. "When Mama calls, Forrest, you must—"

I stopped and looked at the little fellow, his big brown eyes brimming with tears, and I wondered if I had taken leave of my senses.

Just then my ears caught the first terrifying sound of an angry rattlesnake with every rattle going full blast. I watched in horror as the huge snake slithered over the spot where my precious son had been sitting only moments before.

A tiny hand rubbed my face. "Why you crying, Mama?"

I hugged him close, knowing that God had answered my prayer and that I need never know fear of snakes again.

Was I psychic? Was it ESP—extra sensory perception? No. It was something far greater. It was GWC—God's wonderful care—that had warned me to save my son. Suddenly I knew the Lord would protect me from everything—even from snakes.

—Lucille Meyst, Riverside, California

## JOSHUA FACES FAILURE

Sunday School Lesson for July 24, 1966

JOSHUA 7:4-6, 10-12; JAMES 1:14, 15

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

IN OUR PREVIOUS LESSON we saw how glorious victories can be accomplished when God's people believe and obey Him. This lesson teaches that tragic defeat may come if God's people disobey Him and fail to move under His directions.

### GOD'S COMMAND

God gave specific directions for capturing Jericho. As the firstfruits of conquest, the spoil of Jericho was to be consecrated entirely to Jehovah. (See Joshua 6:17-19.) It was cursed or banned in that Jehovah had forbidden it for man's use.

God's command placed every Israelite on probation. It tested each Israelite's love for God, his obedience to God, and his freedom from loving that which God had forbidden.

### THERE'S SAFETY IN DISTANCE



### JOSHUA'S PERPLEXITY

Not knowing Achan had sinned, Joshua thought all was well. He proceeded to assault Ai but suffered bitter defeat. Consequently Joshua, in utter perplexity and bewilderment, prayed and inquired of the Lord. God's reply was, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned."

A number of practical lessons appear:

(1) *One man may hinder the victory of an entire congregation.* Achan may have thought that what he did was his own business, but his actions brought defeat to the entire nation.

(2) *It is better to pray before we take action than afterward.* Had Joshua inquired of the Lord *before* he proceeded against Ai, God might have revealed to him Achan's sin and Israel's unpreparedness for battle.

(3) *There is such a thing as untimely praying.* One hesitates to say anything which might be taken as an excuse to cut down prayer. However, action must sometimes precede prayer if prayer is to be effective. (See Matthew 5:24.) There is no use in praying for victory when we need to deal first with sin. As long as there are wrongs to be righted and clear duties to be performed, we need to hear God's voice saying, "Get thee up."

### GOD'S REVELATION

God revealed to Joshua the reason for Israel's defeat—one man's sin. Sin is the cause of many mysterious failures. When things in general go wrong, people are tempted to murmur against God and complain about the difficulty of their circumstances. Even Joshua in this instance complained to the Lord. But there was nothing wrong in heaven; the trouble was in Israel.

The story of Achan suggests important lessons concerning sin:

(1) *Sin is violation of God's commands and rebellion against God.*

(2) *Sin is deceitful.* "What harm will it do to take just a little wedge of gold out of all that mass of spoil? It seems such a pity to waste all that property." Such were some of the thoughts Achan may have entertained—and by which he was deceived into an act of sin.

(3) *Sin is often rooted in covetousness.* Note the progress in Achan's sin—"I saw," "I coveted," "I took." James said, "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." (See James 1:14, 15.)

(4) *Sin is usually shrouded in secrecy.* Achan did not wear the garment or exhibit the gold; he hid them in the ground. His action sprang from a sense of guilt and fear of detection. Already sin was inflicting its punishment upon him, and he was learning there can be no real enjoyment of ill-gotten gain.

Achan's confession reveals the utter futility of sin. It cannot be hidden from God, even if it is hidden from man.

Although Achan confessed his sin, he was stoned to death. He may have been forgiven by God (but even of that we cannot be positive), yet his sin, because of its seriousness, had to be punished in this manner. To have allowed him to resume his normal place would have made the sin seem less sinful in the eyes of the Israelites. Even today people, in insisting on full restoration to offenders, sometimes overlook this principle.

Let not sin rob us of the victories God intends us to have in our spiritual life!

# THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH IN AFRICA

**"THE ONLY SOURCE OF MANPOWER SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK OF EVANGELIZING A NATION IS THE PEOPLE OF THAT NATION."**



By **EVERETT L. PHILLIPS**  
Field Secretary for Africa



Bible school students often evangelize in the open marketplaces.

IN SIMPLEST TERMS the phrase "indigenous church" means that the national church in a given country is: (1) self-supporting, (2) self-propagating, and (3) self-governing. I would like to give you examples of how these principles work in Africa.

## A SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCH

Years ago most of our missionary work in Africa began on another basis. American missionaries directed the work, spread the gospel, and financed the whole operation with American dollars. Church buildings were built with American dollars; pastors were supported with American dollars; and in many cases members were fed with American dollars. School work, Bible schools, and clinics all were supported in this way. Any diminishing of American funds created a crisis. Early missionaries began to see the inherent weakness of this program, and drastic changes were made leading toward the establishing of a self-supporting work.

Sometimes we hear that Africans, being very poor, are unable to support their own pastors. However, it takes no more wage earners to support a pastor *on an African level* than it takes for Americans to support a pastor on our level in this country.

The same is true of a church building program. A congregation of 75 in Africa is as capable of building a church as a like congregation in America. The Africans build their churches according to the standards of their homes—mud walls with grass or leaf roofs. The exception to this is the city church where lots are expensive and building codes demanding.

I once visited a church in the interior of Africa and found a beautiful building replete with modern pews and stained-glass windows. Arriving after dark, I stepped from bright tropical moonlight into the dimly lit interior of the large church and waited in the doorway for my eyes to adjust to the change of light. All I could see in the congregation was the tops of heads, for the people were seated on the floor between the pews! These people, accustomed to sitting on the floor or on very low stools, found American church pews most uncomfortable. When the resident missionary went home on furlough, the people reverted to custom and sat on the floor. The extravagant church with all its modern amenities was really an accommodation for the missionary, not for the people.

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Today on my visits to Africa I see African treasurers handling large sums of money and being accountable for them. They are building their churches, paying their pastors, and conducting their Assemblies of God programs with their own funds.

#### **A SELF-PROPAGATING CHURCH**

Immediately after salvation there comes to Africans, as to all new converts, an inner compulsion to communicate the gospel to others. Our business as missionaries is to encourage and assist in channeling this flow of new energy.

It is a foregone conclusion that our skeleton staff of missionaries will never really saturate any country with the gospel. The only source of manpower sufficient to accomplish the task of evangelizing a nation is the people of that nation.

In many of our Bible schools overseas, the students go out and establish churches while still in school. By the time they graduate, they often have built up self-supporting churches. The lay members in Africa also have started hundreds of churches.

Common in some fields is a plan of evangelizing whole towns with all the members of the church cooperating. The strategy for these invasion programs is laid weeks in advance. Plans are made for literature, transportation, loud-speaking equipment, speakers—all this is cared for, and provision is made for some pastor to move into the town to carry on the work after the evangelistic thrust is ended.

It becomes the task of the missionaries in a given country to integrate their efforts and leadership with the people so as never to hinder or stultify the growing initiative of national pastors and leaders.

This brings up the question: Should a missionary pastor a church overseas on a permanent basis? There may be some local situation which makes it necessary for a missionary to pastor a church for a short period, but this procedure should never be considered permanent. It is a contradiction of the very heart of the indigenous principle. A normal Bible school training program will provide the ministry necessary to meet the needs for all the churches in a country.

#### **A SELF-GOVERNING CHURCH**

As churches have been formed in Africa, the need for a system of rules and regulations has arisen. The new converts are only one step removed from a heathen life and have no Christian background. Simple steps

must be outlined to assist them in living a Christian life in a heathen community.

These rules cannot be written by the missionary if they are to meet the needs of Africans. In America we leave many acts of obedience to the conscience of each believer; but the African wants these matters clearly settled and enforced.

Some of these rules are as follows: (1) The African church requires that a Christian's faith be evident in his life before water baptism. Until such a time baptism is denied. (2) Where Africans have their way, they will *require* all their members to pay tithes. (3) The national church insists on total abstinence from intoxicating beverages. (4) It is African thinking that every Christian, unless he is too old or too sick, should participate fully in all of the programs of the church, and that to allow any exceptions is to encourage weakness and sin. (5) In the minds of African leaders, church discipline is clearly necessary. They feel that any misconduct calls for corrective action.

Years ago it was my responsibility as the superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Nigeria to act as reviewing judge over all decisions made by churches relating to discipline. Some of the problems and their solutions were un-American, but the national church knew how to handle these matters effectively.

For instance, two lady members of a church got into an argument in the marketplace and called each other uncomplimentary names. These two women were brought before the church and "suspended" for 12 months. This meant they were required to sit at the back of the church, could not take communion, and were refused the privilege of participating in any activity of the church—even of paying their tithes. They had "spoiled the name of Christ" before unbelievers, and this was considered by the national church to be very serious.

Democratic processes do not operate in Africa as they do in our country. For centuries Africans have lived under the dictatorship of a usually benevolent chief. Freedom of expression was fully approved; but, when a vital decision had to be made, it was made by the chief. Following this African custom, our pastors have much more authority than is usual in America, and the national executive officers of the Assemblies of God have even more.

Whether this system is right or wrong in our thinking is beside the point—1,600 churches in Africa attest that there is merit in their way of governing their churches.

**If the masses of Africa are ever to be reached, they must be evangelized by well-trained African believers.**





# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## NORTH AMERICA

### United Presbyterians to Revamp Sunday Schools

The United Presbyterian Church plans to expand and reconstruct its Sunday school system by 1968. Instead of the one-hour session on Sundays, the classes will meet on weekdays in two separate sessions.

"This is to avoid the competition of parents worshipping while their children are in the school," stated Dr. William A. Morrison, general secretary of the denomination's Board of Christian Education.

### Churchgoers Support a Merger 2 to 1

According to a recent Gallup Poll, most churchgoers favor a giant Protestant merger which would form a united church of some 24 million members within the next 10 to 20 years. Among the churches involved in the merger the sampling revealed a 2-to-1 support for such a merger.

The report was released in May as the Consultation on Church Union, now representing eight denominations, met in Dallas, Tex., to consider further steps toward union.

### Teachers Would End Religious Education

A recent poll of Toronto (Canada) teachers indicated a majority would like to end religious education in public schools. Of the 456 male teachers surveyed, 67.7 percent wanted religious education abolished. Another 24.8 percent favored it, but felt the form and content should be changed.

The survey was presented to Ontario's Committee on Religious Education in the Public Schools, which is conducting hearings on the controversial subject. Since 1944, two half-hour periods of religious education a week are permitted, but not mandatory.

## WORLDWIDE

### Inter-Varsity Grows in Britain

Inter-Varsity Fellowship, a witness for Jesus Christ on college and university campuses, is making progress in spreading the gospel of Christ in England. In Bristol, the Inter-Varsity group has doubled in size. At certain colleges in England IVF gatherings are larger than any other campus society, Christian or otherwise. Attendance at regional and national IVF conferences also has increased.

### Saigon Crusade Held Despite War

Against the backdrop of the Vietnam war, Asian Christians recently conducted an evangelistic crusade in Saigon.

The crusade was sponsored by the Vietnamese Evangelical Church (which is the result of the laborers of

the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Vietnam) and the Asian Evangelistic Commission.

Attendance increased to over 6,000 until a curfew was imposed on the city. Services after that were started earlier and nearly 5,000 were present on the concluding night. According to *Evangelical Press*, over 500 people made decisions for Christ during the crusade.

### Baptists Gain 1.3 Million in 1965

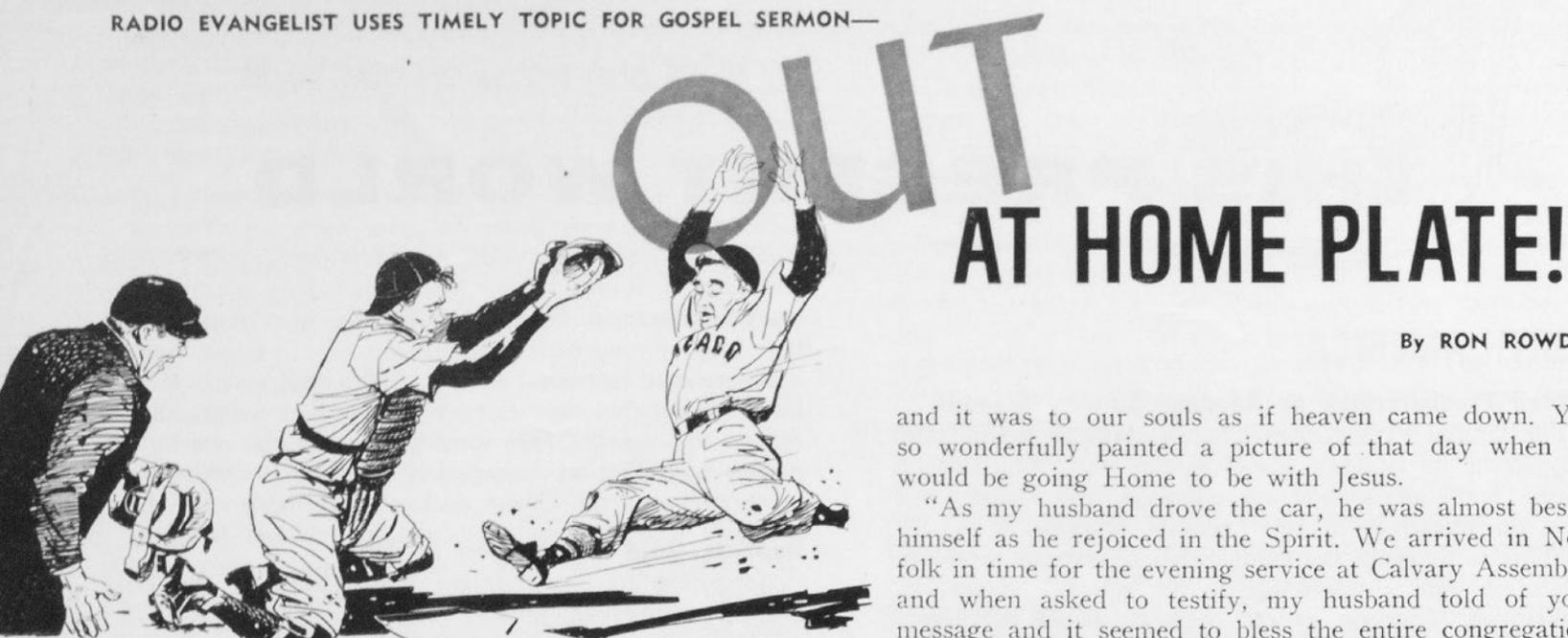
According to the Baptist World Alliance, the total Baptist membership around the world in 1965 was 27,127,983. This was an increase of 1.3 million members over 1964.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the BWA, pointed out that while the denomination registered losses as well as gains, there were notable gains through "expanded witness opportunities" in eastern Europe and "greater toleration for Baptists and other evangelicals in Spain."

**RELIVES TORTURE**—Richard Wurmbbrand, an Evangelical refugee minister, relives tortures he underwent while a prisoner of Romanian secret police, as he appears before the U. S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He showed the committee 18 scars that had been inflicted by the Communists during his imprisonment. Mr. Wurmbbrand, 56, was in jail from 1948 to 1956, rearrested in 1959, and kept in an underground cell until 1964. Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish clergymen were in jail with him. He is seeking asylum in this country.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO



By RON ROWDEN

*"The bases are loaded . . . here's the wind-up . . . the pitch . . . and it's a sharply hit ground ball! . . . The shortstop fades, scoops it up, and fires it to home plate! . . . It will be a close one—it's up to the umpire-in-chief behind the plate. . . . The runner slides! . . . The umpire's right arm jerks up! . . . Well, there you have it, folks; the runner's out, and the game is over."*

Familiar words?

Baseball takes over large segments of radio and television during this season every year. Whether you are a baseball enthusiast or not, you know this sport is called America's national pastime. It is the subject of countless conversations every summer.

Some alert soul winners have learned how to smoothly switch from talking about the game of baseball to talking about the game of life.

In his sermon, "Out at Home Plate," *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward utilized this theme.

The similarities are readily seen. Like baseball, life has excitement, dull moments, heroism, rhubarbs, and a final score—win or lose.

Sometimes an unexpected storm cancels a game after a few innings. Usually games run nine innings, but occasionally longer. So with life.

*But each game ends.* And everything depends upon crossing home plate safely. It is a one-way circuit from first to second, to third, to home. We are always heading toward the man who starts us off—the umpire-in-chief.

Listeners everywhere responded to Brother Ward's baseball sermon. Hundreds of copies were mailed to those who wrote to *Revivaltime*, and many testimonies of appreciation and special blessing were received.

An unusually touching letter was received from Mrs. Thomas Barnette, Buxton, N. C. She wrote:

"We were driving down to Norfolk, Va., and had been turning the radio dial in search of a good, Spirit-filled message. Suddenly, we tuned in on *Revivaltime*,

and it was to our souls as if heaven came down. You so wonderfully painted a picture of that day when we would be going Home to be with Jesus.

"As my husband drove the car, he was almost beside himself as he rejoiced in the Spirit. We arrived in Norfolk in time for the evening service at Calvary Assembly; and when asked to testify, my husband told of your message and it seemed to bless the entire congregation.

"Never did we think this would be his last time to witness for Christ. The next day, God spoke to him and said, 'My son, come home. It's all waiting for you.'"

Thomas Barnette crossed home plate victoriously. And his last credit on life's scoreboard blessed an entire congregation.

What was it that so inspired this faithful servant of God? Here are a few excerpts from Brother Ward's stirring sermon, "Out at Home Plate":

"Home plate is the nerve center. Great decisions are made there. Dominating the entire scene is the umpire-in-chief. His authority is final. He decides what is right and what is wrong; what can be counted for or against; what is safe and what is out.

"Other lesser judges are stationed behind first, second, and third bases. But his word is supreme. He is in complete charge. Without his presence the contest of skill, the scramble for victory, the spectacle that unfolds are meaningless.

"The run you make for it, sir, is up for decision. You will live that moment of 'safe' or 'out.' Near is not enough.

"We all get an opportunity. What we do with it must go into the records. 'For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil' (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

"You will be there. You will stand at home plate. It will be your supreme moment. The trump of God shall sound! The dead shall be raised! The stands will be full!

"There is not a chance you can beat the decision, sinner. You will have a long time to think about it—*eternity*.

"I want to cross home plate a victor. I want to hear God, the judge of all, say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' I want to hear that one word, 'Safe!'

"It will be worth it all. All the striving, all the pushing ahead can never change the decision of the Umpire-in-chief, who can call for all to hear in that day, 'You're out!'"

Yes, Thomas Barnette reached home safely. His efforts met with the Umpire-in-chief's approval. But today may be your last opportunity to make your name count on that final scoreboard. You can't steal home in the game of life!

## MESSAGE FROM A TOMBSTONE

A PASTOR ASKED ME to take a little trip with him one afternoon. I was surprised when he turned into the gate of a large cemetery. One of the greatest messages I have ever read was on a tombstone in that cemetery in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

As we slowly wound our way through the restful place, I saw many tall monuments. We stopped before a large one that bore the familiar name of a world-known man who built a great circus. There were other famous people buried nearby.

But just 20 steps across the road was the real object of our search. It was not a massive memorial; as a matter of fact, it was only a little flat granite marker with the simple inscription, "Aunt Fanny," and these words chiseled into the stone: "*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*"

My thoughts immediately went to the little blind lady whose ministry lives on through the songs she wrote. Fanny Crosby's music went far beyond the rest home where she lived. Her great hymns will endure not because they are chiseled into stone, but because they are etched into the memory of eternal beings and may be sung on the streets of glory in the ages to come.

How hard it is for the world to judge who really are the greatest among us!

—BURTON W. PIERCE

## NO REGRETS

*I have wept in the night  
For the shortness of sight,  
That to somebody's need made me blind;  
But I never have yet,  
Felt a twinge of regret  
For being a little too kind.*

## UNRUFFLED

ONE RAW COLD DAY in early spring we stood on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean where hundreds of sea gulls rested near the water's edge. Everyone faced the same way, directly into the biting wind. These wise ocean birds know if they turn about their feathers will ruffle miserably, and they prefer them smooth and sleek. It's warmer that way too.

When we are disturbed by difficult situations people sometimes caution, "Now don't get your feathers ruffled." They ruffle more easily when we run away than when we stand firm and trust God in the face of difficulty. In His Word God says very little that would lead us to believe He wants us to run from our trouble. Rather, He calls us to spiritual poise in the face of the fiercest storm.

When Israel would have panicked on the shores of the Red Sea, Moses calmed them by saying, "Stand still, and see the salvation of our God." Paul gives the same word of wisdom in another situation: "Having done all to stand, stand therefore..."

—IDA F. KILLIAN

JULY 17, 1966



## PREACHING THE WORD

DR. ARCHIBALD BROWN, a co-worker of Spurgeon, gave this advice to young preachers:

The gospel is a fact; therefore tell it simply.

It is a joyful fact; therefore tell it cheerfully.

It is an entrusted fact; therefore tell it faithfully.

It is a fact of infinite moment; therefore tell it earnestly.

It is a fact of infinite love; therefore tell it feelingly.

It is a fact of difficult comprehension to many; therefore tell it with illustration.

It is a fact about a Person; therefore preach Christ.

—JAMES A. STEWART

## STOP, DONT LOSE YOUR FAITH!

A SMALL BOY, new to the Sunday school, was greatly pleased with the picture card he was given and its text, "Have faith in God." On the way home, however, the precious possession slipped from his fingers and fluttered from the street car. Immediately his cry of distress arose: "Oh, I've lost my 'Faith in God'! Stop the car! Please stop the car!"

The good-natured conductor signaled, and the card was recovered. One of the smiling passengers said something about the "blessed innocence of childhood." But a more thoughtful voice said, "Many of us older folk would have happier and better lives if only we were wise enough to call a halt when we find we are in danger of leaving our faith in God behind."

—AL BRYANT, in *The Sunday School Times*

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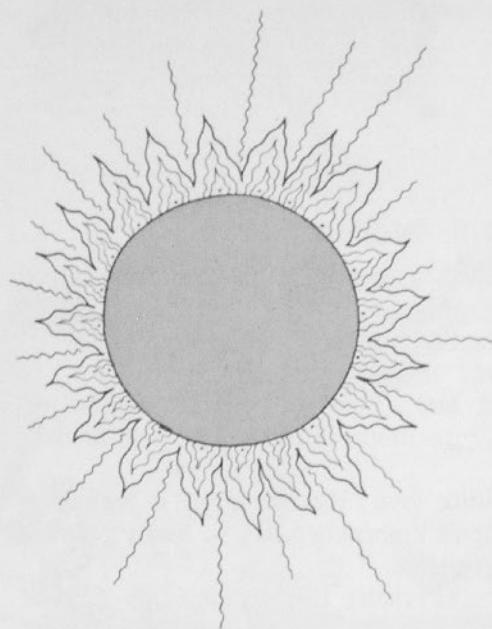
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# MILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS vs. THE POWER OF GOD

By DON HALL

Director of Southern California Teen Challenge  
Los Angeles, California

DRUG ADDICTION, ALCOHOLISM, and crime are costing the American people millions of dollars each year. This amount is constantly increasing and is of major concern to every thinking American.

Millions of dollars have already been spent by federal, state, and local governments to find cures. Private institutions and foundations have also undertaken massive projects to help the drug addict. The results have not been favorable.

Law enforcement officers and society as a whole have come to view askance all efforts to cure the addict. They say, "Once a drug addict always a drug addict!" According to narcotics experts less than three percent of confirmed drug addicts are cured.

Teen Challenge, operating in large metropolitan areas, has developed a program of *spiritual* therapy. It is based on the teachings of the Bible. It treats drug addiction as a spiritual sickness, and the addict as a slave to sin. It holds that the deep-rooted emotional hungers which cause dependence upon narcotics can be satisfied only by true faith in Christ.

More than 60 percent of the drug addicts who come to Teen Challenge Centers for help and go through the rehabilitation program have found a positive cure and are now *clean* from narcotics! This has been accomplished *without* millions of tax dollars and without professional psychiatrists and doctors. Credit for these miracles must be given to the power of God and His transforming grace.

The Teen Challenge ministry among teen gangs and in jails and prisons has witnessed many miracles, as hundreds have forsaken their old ways and come to a new life in Jesus Christ. Society has paid thousands of dollars each year to keep these people in jail. Teen Challenge is working to release them from their problems and diseases.

We are not preoccupied with the psychological schools of thought or with huge budgets. We are interested only in the cure of sick people. And by the power of the Holy Spirit cures are being realized daily in cases society has called "impossible." Judges, prison officials, policemen, probation officers, friends, and relatives are shaking their heads in wonder.

Teen Challenge has a list of hundreds who are waiting, crying out for help. It has a Christ-centered program that is able to help them. However, it also has a lack of adequate facilities in many cases to care for these people.

Qualified and dedicated staff workers must also be added. Will you help to halt the evils of drug-addiction, alcoholism and delinquency and involve yourself in a program that works? God offers glorious opportunities to all who will respond to the call of the Holy Spirit.

## NEW JEWISH TRACT AVAILABLE

A NEW TRACT, "How a Jew May Have Peace with God," is now available from the Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. The tract was written by Ernest Kalapathy, a staff member of our Hebrew Center in Chicago, Ill. Prices for the tract are: 25 for 30c, 100 for \$1.10, 500 for \$4.75, 1,000 for \$9.25, and 5,000 for \$44.85 (Tract No. 34-4394).

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These people attended the groundbreaking service for the new First Assembly being built in Bay St. Louis, Miss. The William Hasslers, pastors, hold the shovel.

## 'Sites for Souls' PROJECT IN MISSISSIPPI

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES for the new First Assembly in Bay St. Louis, Miss., were conducted last April on their two-acre property purchased with the assistance of *Sites for Souls*. The land, though worth much more, cost the church only \$5,000. Of this amount \$3,500 was provided by *Sites for Souls*, a home missions program which helps provide land for new churches.

The site is located on a paved street and in an expanding area. The population of the growing communities which the church reaches is already approximately 30,000. Bay St. Louis is predominantly Catholic.

The brick church under construction will have an auditorium with a capacity of 200, eight Sunday school classrooms, and will be air-conditioned. A three-bedroom parsonage will adjoin

the classrooms and be converted to Sunday school rooms at a later date.

First Assembly members, under the leadership of Pastor William Hassler, held their first services in October, 1964, renting a small church building formerly used by Presbyterians. Attendance in Sunday school averages 45 and has reached 57. A number have found Christ as Saviour and have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

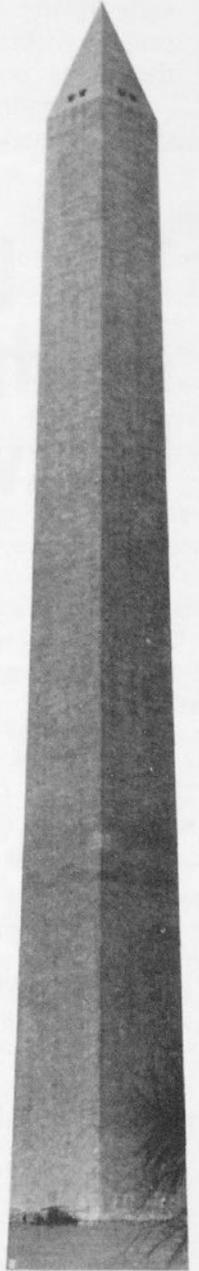
The Tuesday night service each week is devoted to prayer for the sick and unsaved, and God is moving in answer to prayer.

Brother Hassler and his congregation are thankful for the assistance they have received from the *Sites for Souls* program. This has now made it possible for them to build the new church they so urgently need. 

Present for the groundbreaking in Bay St. Louis, Miss., were (left to right): Paul Raynaud; William L. Hassler, pastor; W. Grady Mizelle, presbyter; D. Sterling Chapman, sectional secretary; Eugene Hassler, assistant presbyter; F. L. Langley, Mississippi District superintendent; Joe Graham; Bert Estapa; and A. L. Wolfe.



# YOUR WILL CAN BE A MONUMENT



*Monument:* A lasting evidence or reminder of someone or something notable.

*Will:* A written instrument legally executed by which a man makes disposition of his estate to take effect after his death.

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IT WAS AUTUMN. The milkweed had ripened, and its pods, full to bursting, were ready for the scattering. How prolific! Thousands of little brown seeds, each attached to its own silken parachute, and all packed within a pod!

We couldn't resist taking the plant home. Throughout the winter it graced the sideboard, a fantasy in silver-gray, a symphony of stalks and pods and seeds and little silken parachutes. Most of the pods had burst by early spring and the parachutes had spilled, only to be caught within the web of the plant, for in our house there was no wind to take them away.

What evidence this one plant gives of the loving Mind that designed and made all things! And what evidence,

## The Lesson of the Milkweed Pod



By E. LESLIE THOMAS

too, of the prodigality of creation, preserving the species by means of abundant propagation! This evidence runs through all of creation, well-nigh eliminating the possibilities of extinction.

This truth should stimulate us to be more lavish in sowing the good seed which is the Word of God. To be Godlike is to be given to generosity, to great liberality. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Paul reminded Timothy in his letter that the "grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." This principle determines whether the harvest will be meager or bountiful, for "he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

To sow bountifully is to scatter the seed everywhere without hesitation. Only God knows the heart of a man—whether it is a "wayside," or "good ground," whether "stony" or choked with thorns and thistles. So the evangelist sows the Word to the multitude. This is the outreach of God's saving love to all.

What a need there is among Christians for the love of God to be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost so we may have that largeness of heart, that breadth of vision, that outreach that will take the precious seed to all men!

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This is the watering that ought to accompany

the sowing. Is it possible that there is too much dry sowing, and that for lack of moisture the seed does not germinate?

Tears have a great deal to do with that germination, for they are a sign of the brokenness and humility and love for souls that mark the true sower. What is our motive in witnessing? Is it truly to reach precious souls for Jesus? Paul sowed with tears. "Remember," he said, "that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Timothy did also, for Paul said he was "mindful of [Timothy's] tears." Perhaps this was a mark of a true apostle. And perhaps it is still one of the signs that we are true representatives of the Lord Jesus. Is it not true that when we are really given to prayer for the lost and intercession before God the tears still flow?

And even as it is the wind that carries the little parachute of the milkweed, so it is the wind of the Spirit that conveys the Word of God to the receptive heart. How essential that those who stand in pulpits, and those who witness to individuals, be so graced with the Spirit that the Word shall wing its way to "the thing whereto I sent it," and "accomplish that which I please."

*Without the Spirit, how we labor!* But *with the Spirit* how "very swiftly his word runneth" (Psalm 147:15). Only the Spirit can give wings to the Word. When the Church is in the doldrums, with no wind of the Spirit to fill our sails, the Word is not *sent*. There is no lively sense of God at work in preacher or people.

It is significant that on the Day of Pentecost when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost," the house where they sat was filled with "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind."

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine.*

Here then are three principles governing the effective preaching of the Word of God and every individual witness. We are to sow bountifully. We are to sow in tears. And we are to sow with the Spirit. 

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## It's Nice Inside

By MRS. MAX JOHNSON

"IT'S RAINED THREE DAYS out of every week since we came here, and I'm sick of this weather," said one.

Another wrote: "The sun has shone four days out of every week, and we're having a wonderful time."

These remarks appeared in letters from people who were vacationing in the same part of the country. The first writer allowed the weather to limit the extent of his happiness. The other let the days of sunshine so fill his life that he was content with indoor comforts when the weather was inclement. If it rained outside, at least it was nice inside.

It is a fleeting happiness that depends on whether or not we get what we want. True joy and satisfaction will not be found in the changing circumstances around us but within our own hearts. Hebrews 13:5 tells us, "Be

content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

A poor widow supported herself by knitting and sewing, and lived in a very old house. When it was cold, she stayed in a single room to save fuel. Even there she dared not have a fire if it was very windy, for the chimney had crumbled so it was unsafe. Yet she did not complain.

"How favored I am!" she would say, "When it is coldest, the wind does not blow much, or else there is snow on the roof and I can have fire without danger."

When asked if she got lonely, she replied: "Oh, no, I get along very well. Throughout the day my Bible is always lying open on the table, to comfort me, and at night I see the neighbor's lights. I have heard so much about sick people this winter. It makes me think how favored I am for I can go to bed and sleep all night in health."

Some years later rheumatism disabled her feet, but she continued sewing, always with one swollen limb raised on a cushion. "How favored I am!" she still exclaimed. "When my daughter was alive, I lost the use of both my feet for a time, but she was here to take care of me. Now that she is gone, the Lord has partially restored one leg so I can get about by moving my foot upon a chair. I can't help thinking, What if it had been my hands that had been disabled? Oh, how favored I am!"

Yes, she was favored because she had learned to look at the bright side of every situation. She believed in the goodness of God.

Sorrow, trials, tests, and sickness come to all. It is how we take them that counts. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

The storms of life cannot hurt us if we do not allow them to enter our souls. When they threaten entry, let us turn to our Lord who is "as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isaiah 32:2). Sheltered in God, our hearts are filled with His love, and we are happy regardless of external conditions. Let the winds blow! It's nice inside!

# SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS ONE

by AARON LINFORD

SOME SAY THERE ARE TWO KINDS of speaking with tongues: one that is articulate language, and one that is "unintelligible sounds uttered in spiritual ecstasy." I question this.

It cannot be denied that the speaking in tongues on the Day of Pentecost was true language; many hundreds recognized their own dialect. Would it have altered the character of these tongues if they had not been recognized?

Many have misunderstood the purpose of this phenomenon that occurred at Pentecost. They assume the utterances in tongues were for the benefit of the people, but a closer scrutiny of the passage shows this was not so. The noise of 120 men and women vociferating loudly (for that is the meaning of *utter*) gathered the festal crowds; but by the time they had detected many of the languages, the wonder ceased. Then Peter addressed them in a language they all understood.

The New Testament gives no hint that tongues ever changed character. The same terms are used both in the Acts and in the Epistles. Peter affirmed that what happened in Cornelius' household was identical with what happened on the Day of Pentecost. He calls it "the like gift." The fact that interpretation was necessary in Corinth was not that the tongues were inarticulate babblings; just the opposite, they were proper language.

Listen to the testimony of observers. "Saintly Thomas Erskin, writing of the speaking with tongues of the Irvingites, which he personally investigated, states: 'The languages are distinct, well-inflected, well-compacted languages; they are not random collections of sounds. They are composed of words of various length, with the natural variety, and yet possessing that commonness of character which makes them to be one distinct language.'"

A special commission appointed by the bishop of Chicago to investigate an outbreak of glossolalia reported: "They noticed that the practice consisted of two phases: (1) a rapid, unintelligible series of utterances, eyes closed, voice quiet, body relaxed—sounding like true language in its inflections and pauses and intonations, seeming very close to various tongues which might be heard any day in the United Nations, and (2) an 'interpretation' done in the same manner except in English."

We conclude that speaking with tongues is, as the term implies, articulate expressions in languages extant or extinct, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God.

—Redemption Tidings

## Hear of the Bible



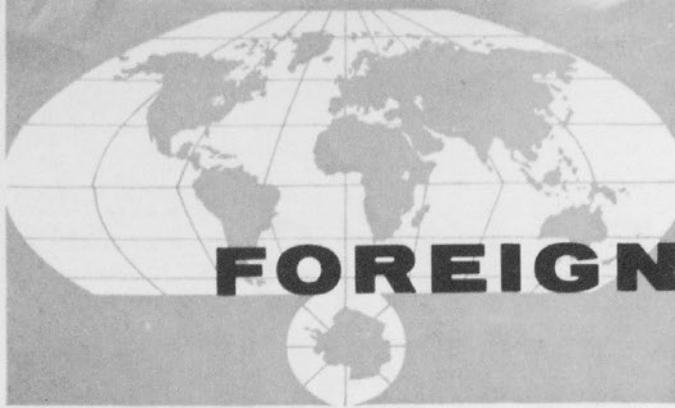
GREAT CHAPTERS DAILY READING PROGRAM

### GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17-24

Sunday .....	Luke 7
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### PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).



DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## EGYPT

### Staff Members Added

Rejoice with us that a fine young Egyptian man and his wife have recently come to work in the orphanage. He is Tewfik George and is director of all sports, recreation, and social activities. He has conducted many youth conferences during the summertime and is an excellent lay speaker who is interested in the development of character and spiritual life of the children. His abundant energy, initiative, and love for the children are a source of new inspiration to all of us. We thank God for them, but there is still a need for additional help on our staff.

—B. W. Corpany

## SOUTH INDIA

### The Outgrowth of Revival

During the last year I have had meetings in all of the 28 churches in our district of 50,000 square miles. In Valpari we held four days of meetings and on the last day baptized 13 people.

We have been having a wonderful revival at our industrial school.



On their own initiative, the students started a prayer chain, and we could hear them praying all hours of the night.

Street meetings were one outgrowth of the revival. Students who could not testify before, were now out on the street telling others of their experiences with God. Nineteen were baptized in water, and nine were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

A 10-day VBS was conducted with an attendance of 174. Also our students are conducting 14 outside Sunday schools.

God has blessed, and we are expecting greater things.

—Doris Edwards

## COLOMBIA

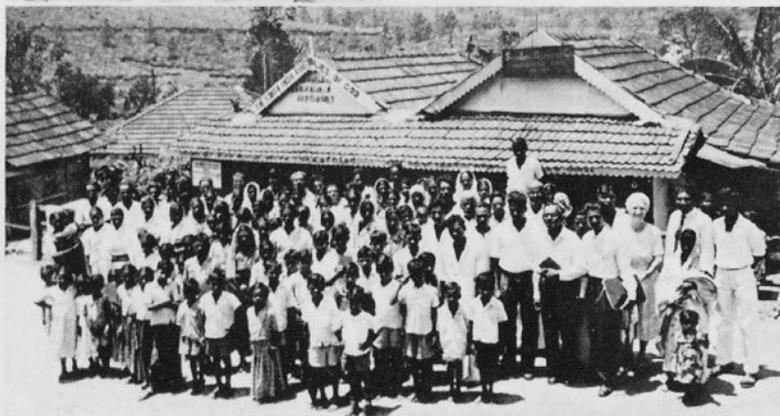
### Ninety Percent Increase

We had a 90 percent increase in church attendance in 1965. There was a 45 percent increase in Sunday school attendance, 30 percent in membership, and 120 percent in Bible school enrollment. This is another indication that the Assemblies of God is growing in Colombia.

In our minds we must stop and realize that each person represents a tremendous investment and a glorious victory. Through the horrible years of civil war and persecution of Christians, many Colombians and missionaries suffered. Now with more freedom we are beginning to see the fruits of their struggles.

—Floyd Woodworth

**Four boys from the industrial school in South India conduct 14 Sunday schools. Congregation at Valpari where 13 were baptized in water recently.**



## SPAIN

### Pearls Par Excellence

Mallorca, an island off the eastern coast of Spain, is often called the "Pearl of the Mediterranean." The manufacture of beautiful artificial pearls is one of the island's main industries.

There are other pearls in Spain—32 million of them. The pearls of Barcelona, numbering almost two million, are found everywhere: on the streets, in the shopping areas, in train and bus stations, colleges, and homes. The people of Spain are precious in the Lord's sight, and He can make them pearls par excellence.

A *Good News Crusade* with Hal Herman is planned for Barcelona this summer. *Light-for-the-Lost* will be supplying literature for this campaign, and *Global Conquest* will help with the other expenses.

Currently we are itinerating to raise the necessary funds to return to the field.

—Kenneth McIntyre

## EUROPE

### Wanted: Used Tents

There is a desperate need for good, used tents for holding evangelistic campaigns in Europe. Melvin E. Jorgenson, Assemblies of God representative for Belgium, has written that he has received several requests for tents for revival campaigns in Europe this summer, but he cannot supply them.

He says that the size most practical would be about 20 by 40 feet. If you have a tent in good condition that you would like to put into evangelism in Europe,

please contact the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

## PERU

### Campaign Held in Bull Ring

In October a three-week healing campaign was held in Trujillo's bull ring. Raimundo Jiménez of New York City was the evangelist.

Crowds grew until at the final service on Sunday afternoon over 13,000 were present.

God worked graciously in many hearts. Some who had never heard the gospel before came as a result of hearing over the radio that God was healing the sick.

This was the greatest wedge ever made for the gospel in this city. Now we are praying for a continuing revival with conviction of sin and change of life.

NOTE: We need Primary Picture Rolls! Please send several in a roll with something firm inside the roll so it will not be crushed in the mail.

—Arthur Bauer

## NIGERIA

### Students Receive Baptism

All of our 152 students plan to be pastors, evangelists, or missionaries. God has blessed them from the very first day of school. When Evangelist Watson Argue visited Nigeria for the *Good News Crusades*, he spoke in our chapel services every morning while he was in our area. During that time, five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many renewed their consecration to the Lord.

—Donald E. Phillips

Students and staff of the Bible school in Nigeria.



## URUGUAY

### C. A. Rally and Retreat

The presbyters of the Assemblies of God of Uruguay invited me to speak at their spiritual retreat in Durazno, a city of 50,000.

The first day was the Christ's Ambassadors rally, and I had the pleasant surprise of speaking to over 800 people. The superintendent, Samuel Balius, preached in the afternoon, and then at night we began the three-day spiritual retreat for the ministers.

The rally was a manifestation of the enthusiasm and potential of the Assemblies of God in that country of three million people. It was directed by the national C. A. president, Brother Sergio, and there were representatives of 24 of our 26 churches in Uruguay.

The young people recited poetry, sang, and presented gospel dramas. An offering was raised to send their national C. A. president to the International C. A. Conference in Asunción, Paraguay.

—Louie W. Stokes

## JAMAICA

### The Press Is Running

At first sight of the new press, Clive McKenzie said, "Pastor Ihnisky, this must cost a lot of money. Where did this money come from?"

Gratefully I told him, "Thanks to the vision of the Christ's Ambassadors of the Tennessee and Arizona Districts, another dream has been realized through Speed-the-Light."

Two nationals, Clive and Norman, have been trained to run the press.

What a tremendous potential this equipment provides in spreading the gospel through literature written especially for Jamaica.

—William Ihnisky

## ITALY

The beautiful Bay of Naples is home port not only for many U. S. Navy men assigned to ships in the Mediterranean, but also to U. S. Air Force and U. S. Army personnel.

All Americans visiting this area, whether military or tourists, may now enjoy Assemblies of God Sunday school and church services.

The servicemen's center is located at 180 Via Epomeo, Parco Del Pino (Soccovo), Naples, Italy. The center, sponsored by the Assemblies of God Servicemen's Division in Europe, will be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Ramsey, USN CS 2, Troop Mess, AFSOUTH. Telephone, AFSOUTH extension 2376.

For further information concerning other bases in Europe, contact Richard Fulmer, Robert-Mayer Strasse 27, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

# MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries returning to the United States on furlough are: **May Garner**, the **Robert Webbs**, **Martha Underwood**, the **Walter Kornelens**, and the **Ralph Cobbs**, (Nigeria); the **John Richards** (Bechuanaland); the **William Stepps** (Venezuela); the **John Buenos** (El Salvador); the **Lowell Dowdys** (Ecuador); the **Larry Cederbloms** (Dominican Republic); **Inez Kreiss** (India); the **Joseph Browns** (Egypt); the **Victor Greisens** (Belgium); the **Richard Fulmers** (Germany); the **James Vignas** (Taiwan); the

**Elbert Browns** and the **Morris Devins** (Indonesia); Mr. and Mrs. **R. B. Cavaness** and the **David Nyiens** (Singapore); the **A. Walker Halls** and **Sarah Johnston** (Hong Kong); and the **Earl Taylors** (Japan).

**Gail Winters** and **Lillian Hogan** have returned to the United States from Haiti and will soon return to Congo. **Loren Triplett** has returned from Nicaragua to become the new coordinator of the Spanish Literature Division.

Returning to their fields are: the **Franklin McCorkles** and the

**Oliver Swaims** (Ghana); and the **Russell Kensingers** (Nicaragua).

Newly appointed missionaries going to their respective fields are: the **Billy Wheelers** (Malawi); the **Glen I. Davenports** (El Salvador) and the **L. B. Howards** (Nicaragua) to language school in Mexico; the **James P. Grams** (Brazil); the **David Cliffords** (Indonesia); and the **Warren Flatterys** (Jordan). The **Alfred McGrews** have transferred from Indonesia to Nigeria, and the **James Longs** have transferred from Pakistan to the Philippines. **Beth Handy** is traveling in Latin America representing the Spanish Literature Division.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kensinger



Franklin McCorkle family



Mr. and Mrs. James P. Grams



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Glen I. Davenport family

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## INDIANA ASSEMBLY GROWS; DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

GARY, IND.—The congregation of Faith Temple here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord.

The building has been appraised at \$180,000. The main sanctuary seats 800 people and there is an educational department in the basement.

The history of the church goes back to 1952 when Pastor Floyd Petrucci started a new work in a school building in Gary.

The congregation grew and soon a church building was erected. In the next 11 years the congregation grew from 71 to 422.

Another new building was desperately needed. Land was pur-

chased, construction begun, and the new Faith Temple came into existence.

Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent, gave the dedicatory address. William Van Winkle, Indiana district superintendent, dedicated the church.

Also present for the dedication service were Denver Baker, sectional presbyter, and A. Martin Katz, mayor of Gary.

**Front view of Faith Temple, Gary, Ind., showing carport. (The construction was not quite completed at time of dedication.)**



YORK, PA.—Last fall First Assembly here again took advantage of the large Interstate Fair to set up a booth to distribute thousands of *Pentecostal Evangel*s, Gospel portions, and tracts.

In five days about 60,000 people passed by the booth which was attractively arranged with eye-catching testimonies magnifying the Lord and His Word. More than 40,000 pieces of literature, including 15,000 *Evangel*s, were taken by observers.

Shortly after the fair, a victory revival was begun in the church with a family emphasis, including

special outreach for teen-agers and children.

Evangelist Paul Hild of Minneapolis, Minn., presented the Word of God nightly.

The lives of many were transformed. Their testimonies thrilled the prayer partners who had banded together to pray for the campaign, as well as everyone in the services.

One man became very angry and left the meeting. But he repented of his sins at home and came back three days later, a changed man.

Another man renewed a prom-

ise he had made to God during World War II.

The blessing of the Lord is still continuing at First Assembly. Several have been saved in the past few weeks. Others have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

—S. W. Brewer, pastor

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CLIO, ALA.—Blue Springs Assembly here recently enjoyed a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit during the "God Save America Crusade" with Evangelists Michael and Peggy Lord and Ruble Enlow.

About seven were saved. Chris-

tians were revived, and the Sunday school attendance showed a good increase.

Attendance in the evening services was good as neighboring Assemblies cooperated.

—Clarence Hagler, pastor

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SNOHOMISH, WASH.—Many people were saved during a week of meetings with Evangelist Lee Paino of Indianapolis, Ind., at the Assembly of God here.

Teen-agers and adults were blessed by the anointed singing and preaching of the Word of God.

A special Sunday school emphasis sparked a tremendous growth as the all-time record of 160 was shattered with 203 in attendance.

—J. J. Wagner, pastor

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REDLANDS, CALIF.—First Assembly here recently set a new record attendance with 351 in Sunday school on Easter Sunday. In 1963 the average attendance was 120.

This growth demands new facilities. The foundation for a new building seating over 600 has already been completed.

—Lloyd Reece, pastor

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PORT DE GRAVE, NEW-FOUNDLAND—The Pentecostal Tabernacle here recently experienced great revival.

The Spirit fell on the youth of the church on what was to be the closing night of evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Frank D. Christie of Buffalo, N. Y. Many people gathered around the altar

## AREA-WIDE CRUSADE REACHES MANY YOUTH

Twenty-five Arkansas churches recently combined for a special area-wide Youth Crusade.

Bobby Brock, district Christ's Ambassadors president, spoke on

such subjects as narcotics, immorality, courtship and marriage, and the home. Many decisions for Christ were made during the five nights of services.



Crowd attending one of the area-wide youth crusades.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

confessing their sins and crying to God for mercy and forgiveness.

Backslidden and unsaved young people from town began to gather in the church. Four were saved, and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit. People stayed in the presence of the Lord at the church until 5 a.m.

Brother Christi cancelled his plans for the next week and stayed in Port De Grave. God moved in every service. Some were saved and the needs of many were met.

The last Saturday night of the services many young people sought God and did not leave the church until 4 a.m. Young people in this town are under conviction.

The young people in the church sparked this revival from God. As a result the entire church has been blessed.

—*Wilfred G. Ball, pastor*  
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**KNOXVILLE, TENN.**—Island Home Assembly here was blessed during special services with Evangelist Freddy Clark.

Seven were saved, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many members received a refilling of the Spirit.

A large number of first-time visitors attended the services.

—*J. W. Jordan, pastor*  
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**IRONTON, MO.**—The Assembly of God here has enjoyed two weeks of special services with Evangelist June Huffman Baker. The evangelist's messages were an inspiration, and the whole church felt a deeper hunger for God.

—*Powhattan and Dollie Huffman, pastors*  
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**MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.**—Three people were saved in the two weeks following a revival campaign at Trinity Assembly here with Evangelist Leon Morrow.

Five accepted Christ as Saviour during the meeting, and 14 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

A spirit of revival continues in the church.

—*Peter Pignaloso, pastor*  
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**TRYONVILLE, PA.**—Three received the Holy Spirit and a number of people were definitely healed during a two-week crusade with Evangelist Patrick McLane of Shrewsbury, N. J., at Moss Grove Assembly here.

The entire church was lifted up to a new plane of prayer and dedication.

—*Wm. J. Bradney, pastor*  
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**APPLETON CITY, MO.**—There were four saved and three filled with the Holy Spirit during special services at Pleasant Gap Assembly here with evangelists Dorothy Knott and Sharon Olson. These meetings were a great inspiration to the church.

—*Walter Admire, pastor*

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	Temple	July 24-31	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Harold White
	Cullman	First	July 26-31	The Michael Lord Party	M. H. Holmes
	Prichard	A/G	July 20-Aug. 1	Ernie Eskelin	James Kofahl
Ark.	Crossett	Beulah Land	July 17-22	Gayle D. Erwin	Lloyd L. McGuire
	Fayetteville	Calvary	July 10—	Branham-Steele Team	J. W. Walker
	Harrison	Liberty	July 24-29	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Eugene Braswell
	Paragould	First	July 26-Aug. 7	Ed Eaton	Hugh A. Still
	Prescott	*A/G	July 24-29	Billy & Kathy Long	W. S. Bishop
	Salem	A/G	July 26-Aug. 7	Leon Morrow	T. H. Newton
Calif.	Carlsbad	*Gospel Tab.	July 24-29	Christian Hild	Phillip Zimmerman
Conn.	Naugatuck	*Full Gospel Tab.	July 24-29	Gary & Annesse Chapin	Edwin Antin
Fla.	Pensacola	First	July 13-24	H. Syvelle Phillips	A. E. Spence
Ill.	Decatur	Glad Tidings	July 31-Aug. 5	Bob Watters	J. H. Crouch
Ind.	Elwood	A/G	July 26-Aug. 7	J. E. Friend	Basil Stephens
Iowa	Perry	*A/G	July 26-31	Paul Hild & Family	Lamar Kyle
Kans.	Wichita	**Central	July 20-24	Tommy Barnett	Mel Brewer
Ky.	Bowling Green	First	July 26-31	Harry Vibbert	Clyde Kite
Maine	Madison	*Calvary Pentecostal	July 24-29	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Earl D. French
Md.	Havre de Grace	Calvary	July 20-31	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	John Pittam
Mich.	Bad Axe	A/G	July 19-31	Ralph E. Leslie	David Flynn
	Flint	*Bethel	July 25-29	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Forrest Anderson
	Flint	Hungarian Full Gospel	July 24-31	John Higginbotham	Charles Szabo
Miss.	Three Rivers	*First	July 25-31	Carl E. Gammel	H. C. Mulvaney
	Aberdeen	First	July 17-31	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	E. A. Bane
	Belzoni	Trinity	July 3-22	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Robert Allen
Mo.	Carthage	A/G	July 19-31	I. D. Rayborn	G. Dean Reid
	Chillicothe	First	July 10-24	Maxine Willis-L. Morrison	Orville Grace
	East Prairie	A/G	July 24-31	Glenna Byard	T. Dale Pollard
Ohio	Springfield	**Glenstone & Trafficway	July 24-Aug. 14	Duard Baldwin Party	James Radford, Chmn.
	Martins Ferry	Trinity	July 24-Aug. 7	Musical VanderPloegs	A. J. Jensen
Okla.	Tulsa	Rolling Hills	July 19—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	C. C. Pontious
Oreg.	Portland	Evangel Temple	July 24—	The Diehl Evangelists	Joseph Dunets
Pa.	York	Taxville Full Gospel	July 19-31	Don & Sharon Parker	Homer Peterson
Tenn.	Humboldt	Gregory's Chapel	July 17-31	Clarence E. Lambert	Elizabeth Walters
	Kingsport	First	July 25-31	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Eddie Roush
Tex.	Austin	Central	July 27-Aug. 7	Dwight Edwards	J. Paul Joyner
	Floydada	A/G	July 20-31	D. A. Watson Family	Ralph A. Staggs
	Lockney	Cedar Hill	July 25—	Donnell-Holler Team	Robert G. Slaton
	Whitehouse	First	July 13-24	Samuel & Patricia Calk	B. J. Manley

\*Children's Crusade

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

**DOROTHY, W. VA.**—For nine weeks earlier this year the Koonce-Blackwell Team held services at Dorothy Assembly here. God moved and there were 25 saved, 18 baptized in the Spirit, and many healed.

Blizzard conditions prevailed during part of this time, but a good attendance was maintained throughout the meetings.

The revival is continuing. Many are being saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed.

Everyone is looking forward to open-air evangelism this summer.

—*Victor Gillam, pastor*

## WITH CHRIST

**JOHN ROSADO**, 68, of Miami, Fla., went to his eternal reward May 13, 1966. Brother Rosado served as an evangelist. Licensed to preach by the Peninsular Florida District in 1946, he was a member of the Southern California District when he passed away. He is survived by his wife Julia.

**IRVIN A. SHANK**, 81, of Trotwood, Ohio, died May 4, 1966, while attending the Ohio District Council in Akron. Brother Shank was ordained in 1928. He held pastorates in Piqua, Alliance, Wil-

loughby, Youngstown, Conneaut, Cuyahoga Falls, and Dayton, Ohio; and engaged in evangelistic ministry throughout the state at intervals. He is survived by his wife Virginia, one daughter, and two grandchildren.

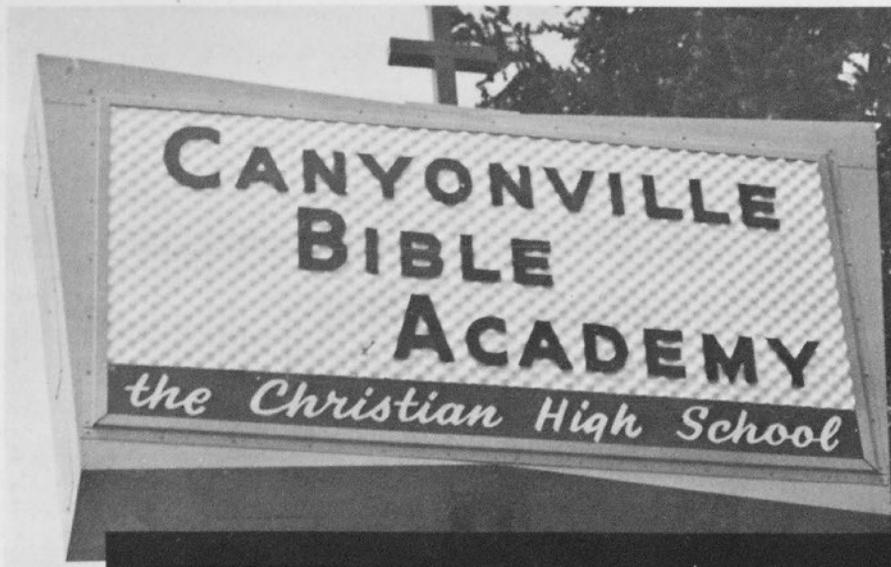
**WILLIAM H. SHANDS**, 82, of Searcy, Ark., went to be with the Lord May 22, 1966. Brother Shands, ordained by the Arkansas District in 1918, served as an evangelist and held pastorates in Letona, Searcy, Hoxie, Des Arc, Morganton, Tupelo, Heber Springs, Monette, Bald Knob, Lake City, Blytheville, and Dripping Springs, Ark. Brother Shands pioneered several of these churches. In spite of his advanced age he remained active in the ministry until two years ago.

**RAYMOND L. CASSELMAN**, 81, of Brooks, Oreg., went to be with the Lord he served, May 21, 1966. Brother Casselman was ordained in 1947 by the Oregon District. He pastored in Ione, Sunset Valley, Toledo, and Sweet Home, Oreg. In 1952 he became caretaker of Bethel Park campgrounds. He is survived by his wife Alice, two children, three stepchildren, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**LOUIS DeCOLA**, 74, of Los Angeles, Calif., went to be with the Lord May 16, 1966. Ordained in 1934, he was a member of the Southern California District. Brother DeCola served as an evangelist and held pastorates in Los Angeles, Min Canyon, and Saugus, Calif. He is survived by his wife Mildred.

**DONNIE L. BRACKNEY**, 67, of Sanger, Tex., went to be with the Lord April 2, 1966. Sister Brackney was licensed by the North Texas District in 1950 and served as an evangelist. She is survived by one son and one daughter.

**ORIN D. CHANNER**, 70, of Springfield, Oreg., was called into the presence of the Lord May 9, 1966. Ordained in 1922, Brother Channer was a member of the Oregon District at the time of his Homegoing. He pioneered churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho, and Iowa, and also served as an evangelist. He pastored churches in Yoncalla, Springfield, Elkton, Newport, Hood River, Portland, and Astoria, Oreg.; and Payette, Idaho. He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



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