

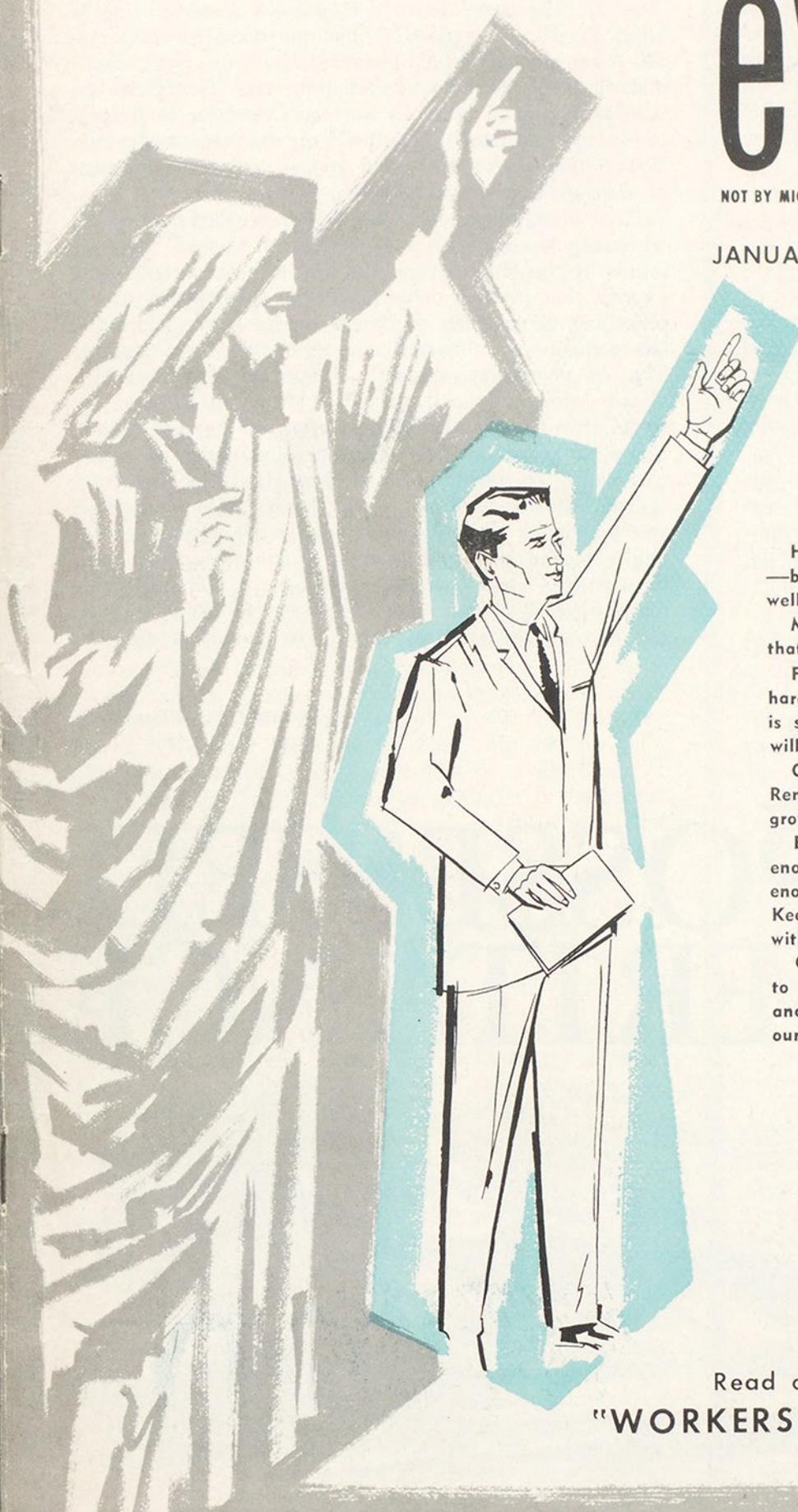
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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## A TEACHER'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to teach as Jesus taught—by parable as well as precept, and by example as well as exhortation.

Make me a gardener of souls. Teach me Thy truth that I may have precious seed to plant for Thee.

Fill me with Thy compassion that I may water the hard ground with kindness—even with tears—until it is soft. Help me to love my pupils until their hearts will open wide to receive the seed of the Word.

Give me Thy patience to await the time of fruit. Remind me, each time I grow discouraged, that gradual growth is the law of the harvest.

Enable me to tend Thy garden well. Make me strong enough to be gentle; good enough to be kind; concerned enough to be a genuine friend to each of my pupils. Keep me from ever being harsh, lest I pull up the plants with the weeds.

Grant that I may be a faithful gardener. Help me to point the tender plants to Thee, the Light of Life and Lord of all that is. And let there be fruit from our garden. Help me to teach as Jesus taught.

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**"WORKERS TOGETHER IN TRAINING"**

**JANUARY IS WORKERS TRAINING MONTH**

WHEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD impresses one's heart with the reality of some familiar verse of the Bible or some stanza of a hymn, it is unforgettable. The joy of discovering the reality and significance delights the whole being!

I shall never forget an occasion in India while we were having a meeting of the Childers Lodge Assembly in our home. My wife and I were still seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and other seekers and Pentecostal friends had gathered in our living-dining room and adjacent bedroom. Someone called for *Beulah Land*. We began to sing those beautiful words:

*I've reached the land of corn and wine,  
And all its riches freely mine;  
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,  
For all my night has passed away.*

As we sang, the Spirit of God poured the oil of His anointing upon us. The blessing of His presence and the sunshine of His face made the experience *supernaturally glorious*. We sang and sang, rejoicing and worshipping our wonderful Lord, who was making the song so real and precious!

This happened over 40 years ago, yet the memory is so vivid I can still feel the charm of that hour! It was almost equivalent to a vision. My Heavenly Father seems to be telling me that I have been a long time entering fully into the land of corn and wine, with all its riches freely offered to me and to all His children.

God's method with many of His children is to give

them a vision of the land of promise, as He did to Abraham, and then have them go up and down and survey the land, and finally enter into it and possess it.

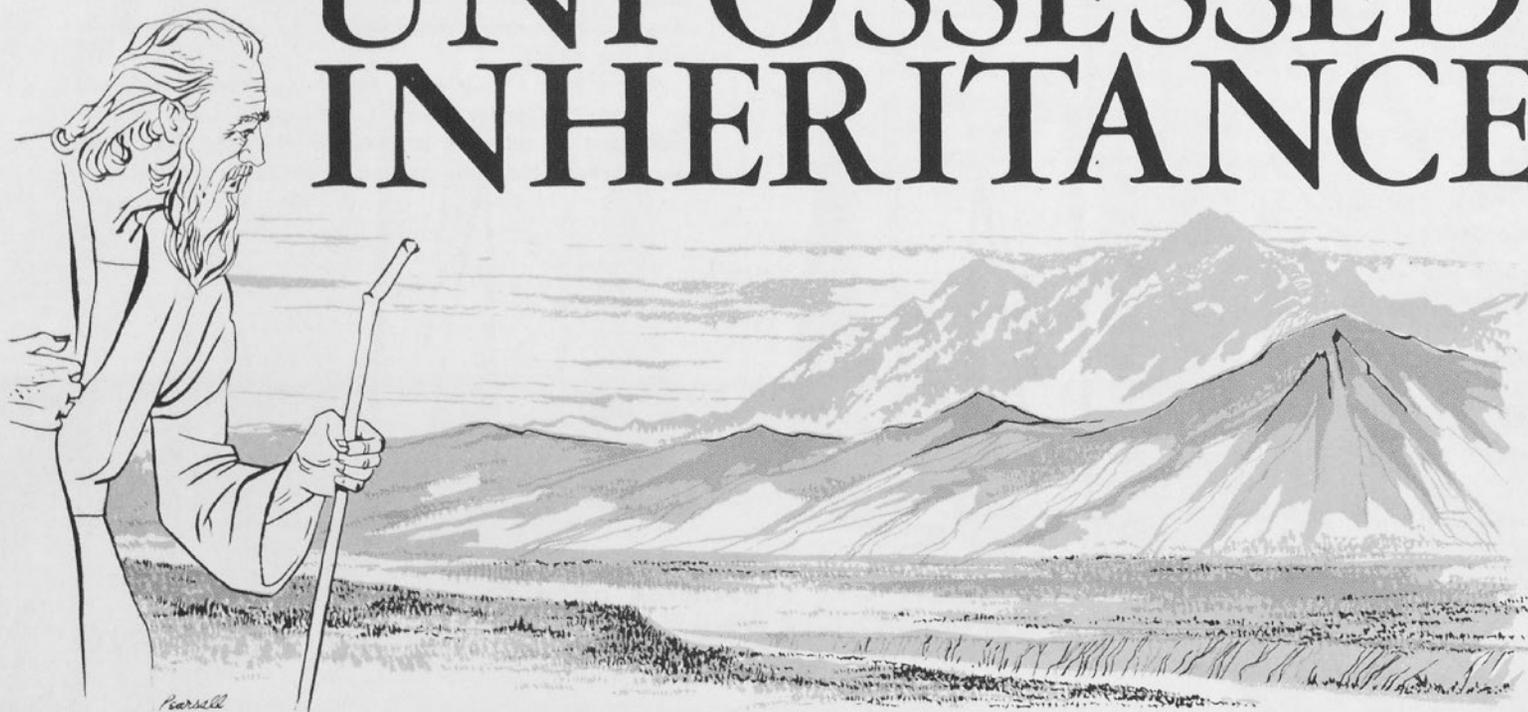
But Abraham never did possess the land of promise. "And these all [including Abraham], having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing *for us*, that they *without us* should not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11: 39, 40). The same letter tells us that Christ, being a High Priest of the good things that were to come, by His own blood entered into the (heavenly) holy place and *obtained eternal redemption for us*. (See Hebrews 9:11-14.) And in verse 15 we read, "And for this cause he is the mediator [executor] of the *new testament*, that . . . they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

How often many of us have been thrilled and filled with enthusiasm over some great truth flashed into our minds by the Holy Spirit: But we have been content to express that joy and delight by song or testimony or by preaching or teaching to others the verse or song that has come to us almost like a revelation from heaven. That is good and eminently proper and worthy. We *should* rejoice in the truth and in the great Revealer of truth. But does this fulfill the design of the great High Priest of "good things" which are ours under the New Covenant? Is this the return that He is looking for?

God seems to be saying to my heart, "No! I expected you to be like the man who found a treasure hid in a field. He did not rest *until he obtained possession* of the treasure. I wanted you to be like the merchant who found a pearl of great price. He sold everything he had in order to possess that pearl. The merchant did not

By ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

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rest until he was *in actual possession of the pearl*. So I made real to you 'the land of corn and wine' with all its riches freely yours in order that you might understand that under the New Covenant it is yours of which to take possession. Why then have you been so slow to enter into it and to take possession?"

In many places the Word of God confirms this interpretation of God's dealings with His children. One of the strongest statements of what we should possess is found in 2 Corinthians 1:19-22: "For God's Son, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us . . . did not become a 'Yes' that might mean 'No.' But with Him it is always 'Yes,' for, *as many as the promises of God may be*, through Him they are always 'Yes.' This is why our 'Amen' through Him is for the glory of God when spoken by us. But it is God who makes us, as well as you, secure through union with Christ, and has anointed us, and put His seal upon us,\* and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a *first installment* of future rewards" (Williams Translation).

My Spirit-baptized brother and sister, what has happened to us as Pentecostal believers? The baptism in the Holy Spirit is only the *first installment* of our inheritance.

It is time that we quit listening to Satan and his mouth-pieces who discourage us *from faith in all the promises of God*. It is time that we tune in to the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Himself, and obey Him as He tells us to believe the good tidings of great joy, which are for us to whom the Spirit of God came, "that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Corinthians 2:12).

It is time to ask ourselves some direct questions. Does God mean His promises, or are they simply subject matter for articles in magazines or for a sermon or a song? Does He mean what the words signify when Christ declares, "He that believeth on me . . . out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow rivers of living water"?

We read in the Word that Jesus, Christ is the "same yesterday, and today, and forever," and also note that *all* who came to Him asking for healing were made whole. Are these statements of the Word of God to be taken at their face value? Listen and hearken diligently, fellow believer. Is God "a man, that he should lie," or "the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Let us turn and take a look in another direction: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

"Nay, in all these things [tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, the sword, life, death, things present, things to come] we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

Furthermore, the purpose of the Lord Jesus in humbling Himself, in emptying Himself and in becoming

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# GOD USED A MOTHER'S PRAYER

By HARDY W. STEINBERG

MRS. MARY M. GRAY of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, was taking a nap one afternoon when she was awakened by a dream. In the dream her son was wearing the blue uniform of the Coast Guard. Wayne's face was dirty; and although he didn't speak as he walked toward her, his eyes seemed to plead, "Mama, I need help."

The Coast Guard cutter to which Wayne Gray had been assigned was somewhere northeast of Bermuda. While Wayne's mother didn't understand the significance of her dream, it was easy for her to imagine all kinds of dangers in which her son might find himself.

Mrs. Gray described her activities after being awakened from her dream as follows: "I jumped from the bed and fell on my knees. My heart was burdened as it had never been before. I prayed all during the afternoon; and when I went to church that night, I asked the people to help me pray for someone who needed God. In a little while the burden lifted."

Weeks later after her son returned home, Mrs. Gray found out why God had awakened her and given her a deep sense of concern.

A crewman on the Coast Guard cutter was granted permission to go home because his father had died. Since it was not convenient for the cutter to put in at a port, he was to be put aboard a Nigerian freighter which was passing by. Wayne and two other crewmen were assigned to transfer the bereaved crewman in a lifeboat.

It was about 4 p.m. when preparation was made to lower the lifeboat. The waves were very high; visibility was limited because of fog. Wayne suggested they use the orange life preservers instead of the gray ones, feeling they would have a better chance of being seen in case something should go wrong.

When the boat was finally lowered, something did go wrong. One end of the lifeboat slipped, and Wayne was thrown into the Atlantic. In a short time he was out of sight of the cutter.

What Mrs. Gray did not know at the time of her prayerful concern was that, in the providence of God, a German freighter also happened to be in the vicinity. Its crew spotted Wayne in the water and kept an eye on him until he could be picked up about an hour later.

As she heard the story from Wayne and some of his shipmates, Mrs. Gray again momentarily relived the alarm and panic she suffered when awakened by her dream. Then a still small voice seemed to say, "If you had not held on to God in prayer as you did, you wouldn't have Wayne today."

Mrs. Gray says, "It always thrills me when I think of this experience. I realize how good God is to His children, and just how faithful the Holy Spirit is in helping us to know when prayer is needed." 

# Dying for Love

IN SPITE OF THE FACT that the gospel of the Saviour's love has been available to mankind for over 19 centuries, there is very little altruism in the world, to say nothing of genuine Christian love. The words of the gospel song are still true, "The world is dying for a little bit of love."

Hearts are starving for affection. God placed in all of us a desire to love and be loved, and He meant that desire to be fulfilled, but the devil has spread so many germs of selfishness, greed, suspicion, and ill will that humanity is sick unto death.

Not only is there a heartless unconcern for the needs of others, but we are seeing a rash of violent attacks against strangers "just for kicks." Cases of sadism involving beatings, torture, and mutilation have increased to alarming proportions. All the crime, strife, and trouble in society are symptomatic outbreaks of the disease of sin which destroys love.

Men untaught in the Word are offering a "patent medicine" to combat this disease. They are saying: "You are a child of God. Just act like one. Treat all men as your brothers. Love one another and you will conquer the disease of sin and produce the kingdom of God on earth."

These "quack doctors" who preach "the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God" are violating the clear teaching of the Bible. The New Testament does not teach that all men are brothers in a *spiritual* sense. We do have a common Creator and we all sprang from Adam—God made all of us "of one blood" whatever our nationality—but God does not recognize all of us as His children. The New Testament says that God's children are those who have repented of their sins, have received Christ as their Saviour, and are "born again" by the Holy Spirit. It says that all others are "children of the wicked one" and this spiritual heredity will manifest itself in sinful outbreaks in spite of all the education and culture with which fallen human nature may be refined.

The annual observance of Brotherhood Week will soon be here and many will be talking about "the brotherhood of man." The term is unfortunate. The need of brotherhood is very apparent, but it is deceptive and cruel to ask men and women to show brotherly love without giving them the full gospel of God's redeeming love.

For none of us can produce real love of ourselves. We are selfish by nature. We violate God's law of love because we are sinners at heart. Therefore God gave us a mighty demonstration of divine love by sending His only begotten Son to die as our Redeemer. By so doing He showed that the love He wants us to have is a sacrificial love that seeks the good of others rather than of self. This love, though foreign to human nature, is available to all who will accept His Word, "be born of the Spirit," and thus be partakers of His divine nature.

The only way to achieve real brotherhood is to preach the old-fashioned gospel. What can wash away the sin that shrivels human hearts and kills love? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can change hardened, selfish sinners into good, kind, and considerate neighbors? Nothing but the New Birth.

This must be preached and it must be practiced. We need more of God's love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The world is dying for a little bit of love. The outworking of God's love in the lives of His people will solve the problems of society today.

—R.C.C.

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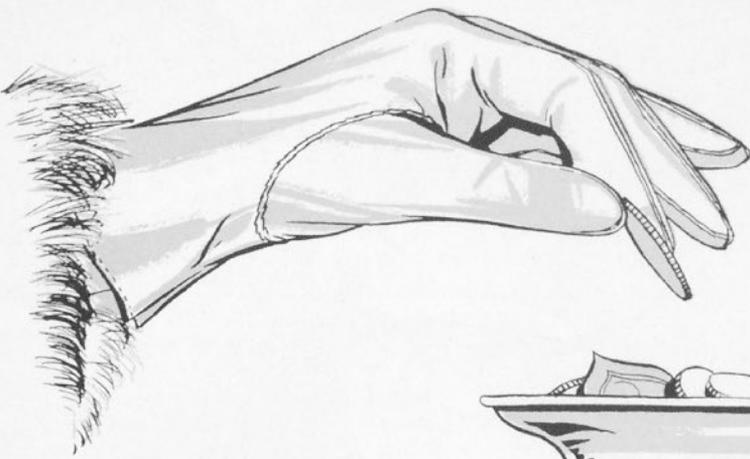
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letters in Dutch, and those from the native evangelist in Arabic, crossed the seas—and after translation joined hearts in prayer.

Another wealthy farmer was the greatest hog raiser in his state. His hogs took the blue ribbon prizes, but his heart was that of the Gadarenes. One day, as he himself told me, he received an impudent and threatening letter from gangsters in the county seat. It was signed with skull and crossbones and spoke of murder unless

By SAMUEL M. ZWEMER

## NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION

**I**N ALL THE GREEK MANUSCRIPTS of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians there is not even a semicolon to divide the glorious 15th chapter on the Resurrection from the statement at the beginning of the 16th chapter: "*Now concerning the collection.*" For a Christian to believe in the living Redeemer and to abound in the work of the Lord implies regular offerings, gifts, and self-denial to support this work.

Paul was an example and an inspiration to all missionaries and to all Christians—he was not ashamed of the "collection plate." He wrote elsewhere very plainly "concerning giving and receiving." He raised money for missions and for the poor of the Church. He himself was generously supported by the church at Philippi.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the modern missionary must give of his time and strength when on furlough to secure from the Church at home money for the enterprise. All try it. Some succeed, and some fail. But the experiences one has in being God's beggar on the doorsteps of Dives and Company are priceless, whether one meets with liberal gifts or niggardly refusals.

The same plea meets with varied response. My experience is like that of the American soldier in the first World War who was successively billeted in an Irish, an English, and a Scotch home. In each place he asked for more sugar in his tea. The Irish woman said, "Here's the bowl, help yourself"; the English lady said, "Pass your cup and I'll give you a second lump"; while the Scotch housewife looked dour and asked, "Mon, have ye stirred it?"

The acid test of our love to Christ and His Kingdom is stewardship. The Master still sits before the treasury and weighs our contributions as He did those of the rich Pharisees and the poor widow.

It is not an easy task to raise money for missions, but I have often comforted myself by the words of Arthur T. Pierson: "We know that the rich man opened his eyes on a different scene, but the beggar landed in Abraham's bosom." I have met with rebuff on several occasions during the years, but the recollections of those who gave hilariously (2 Corinthians 9:7) and liberally stand out in my memory.

There was a Sioux County farmer in Iowa who heard of Arabia when I was ordained as missionary. His own pioneer experience responded to such an appeal, and I recall how he supported our first native evangelist. His

"you skinflint, you put \$2,000 in a cigar box under a stone at the crossroads." In great fear he spread the letter before the Lord as did Hezekiah of old. He prayed that God would deliver him from the gang, who apparently meant business, and vowed to make restitution to God. He paid his vow over and over again to the cause of Christian education and missions; nor was he ever molested.

At the close of a service in Philadelphia at which I had spoken of missions in Arabia, two ladies dressed in fine sealskin coats tarried to meet the preacher. They said: "We really could not go without giving you some token of our interest in your great work..." And, believe it or not, when I had thanked them warmly and opened my closed hand in the vestry, the image and superscription was that of an American 25-cent piece.

The following week I was in Rochester, New York. It was a very cold day; I called on an old friend who sold automobile accessories. He remarked that my light overcoat was unsuited except for Arabia, took down an expensive fur-lined overcoat, and insisted that I pay for it and wear it. He looked at the sales tag and said, "The price of this to you is 25 cents. No, I am not joking; pay me the sum, and then we'll go to lunch together." I told him the Philadelphia story and paid the quarter. Later the coat was bequeathed to a Dakota missionary.

This Rochester friend kept a tithing account in his bankbook (as I learned after his death). His son showed the account to me. At the top of each page of benevolences were the words: "W. R., in account with his Redeemer."

It is a spiritual tonic to meet such businessmen. He was like the lawyer to whose office a friend and I went to solicit a gift for a certain project. "Gentlemen," he said, "you need not waste your time or mine by long speeches. I know your cause and believe in it. If my funds allow, I shall give you a check." Then he rang for his secretary.

"Can the tithing account stand another hundred?"

"No, it is overdrawn."

"The special account?"

"No."

"Well, then, draw a check on the special, special account."

He explained that this account consisted of receipts

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**This sermon by the Revivaltime evangelist, C. M. Ward, was selected as one of his four radio messages recorded on a long-playing album just released by Word Records.**

*"And if he shall come in the second watch..." (Luke 12:38).*

I ENJOY TALKING TO OUR PASTORS as I meet them in a worldwide fellowship. Some time ago Pastor Groff of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brought this phrase—"the second watch"—to my attention and left a few thoughts with me. I have been thinking about it since.

*There is a "second watch" in life.* The way the ancients divided the night, the second watch was the lonely, dark period from ten until two in the morning.

The first watch of six until ten has the glow of sunset and the mystery of twilight. The evening star appears. A hush gathers. There is a sense of lingering.

The third watch anticipates sunrise. The morning star appears. The birds stir. It is another prelude.

*It is the in-between that is difficult.* These are the dark hours that gather around midnight. They are the lonely ones. So many of life's difficulties are in these hours.

There is "the second watch" in marriage. Middle age has a particular set of problems. On the surface it ought to be smooth sailing. The children are educated and married. The mortgage on the house is met. Better furniture fills the home. The heavy obligations of "the first watch" have disappeared. It is time for an extended vacation and the realization of postponed dreams; get out the travel folders!

But the romance is dissipated. Husband and wife have lost each other. No one knows quite how it began or why it happened. But there has been a drift.

She was too busy raising children to listen to his business problems. In "the first watch" she shared his dreams and enthusiasm. He wanted her at his side in every business decision he made. He valued her counsel. It was always "ours" and never "his" or "hers."

Slowly things changed. She let cooking and cleaning and caring for the children crowd her for time. Soon there was no opportunity to listen. It became, "Later, my dear! I will find a moment later." And the midnight hours closed in. *They will.*

Reflexes slow. Body chemistry sculpts. And in a sobering, lonely moment many a man has asked, "Who is that tired, faded woman who bears my name? Who is she? In what way am I joined to her?" And it can work the other way. In the same hour a woman asks herself, "Who is that monster? What claim has he on my children?"

Chilly pecks are hardly the kisses of "the first watch." Vague conversations and civilized niceties are poor substitutes for the warmth and excitement of early marriage. It is more like sentry duty than anything else.

Habits are fixed. Ruts appear. He loses himself in the sports page. She hides in her favorite programs. Coolness develops resentment. Resentment smolders into



# The Second Watch

bitterness. Bitterness says, "I do not care any longer. It does not matter to me." *It is an easy step to total indifference.* Why bother?

It is this "second watch" that produces the marital tragedy, "*Why continue?*" Are you prepared for those years, my friends?

Certainly celebrate that third wedding anniversary. I know how you feel. You feel like veterans. The marriage manual said the first three years were the most difficult. You had to adjust yourselves to each other. Now it is smooth sailing. Hold on! The dark hours are

ahead. How will you face "the second watch" in your marriage?

Do not go to sleep! *Above all do not take each other for granted.* Work on your marriage. Keep it alive. Cling to those mutual interests. Organizations can never take the place of hugs and nestling in each other's arms.

Wife, find time to accompany your husband on his business trip! Let him know he is still worth your best effort and personal appearance. Keep him proud of you.

Husband, let those compliments fire her soul! Together fight the darkness and drabness of "the second watch." Visit the altar of your church often. Find your strength where it all began. Renew your faith. *Ahead is sunshine.*

There is "the second watch" in family relationships. It is not always fun and thrill with the children. There are strains, misunderstandings, jealousies.

Memory books and picture albums are filled with adventure. There are the things they said. There are the tumbles they took. There are the clothes you made. You had your own private stage. Your children were the actors and actresses. You listened and watched as they performed their tragedies and comedies.

What has happened? Where has communication broken down? How did rebellion start?

Now, father, you have a son who seems bent on bringing ruin to your name. Mother, can you remain patient and mature toward a slip of a girl who is acting foolishly in spite of your protest and prayer?

Let me tell you something! "The second watch" shows how much we can endure without breaking down. It is the test. It proves what sacrifices we can make. It asks for denial and survival.

Parent, you face that moment! Your children have become too old and too big to whip. They have more arguments than parents do. They are restless. Ambitions drive them. You hardly see them any longer except for meals. There is hardly anything with which they see eye to eye. Their preference for music is different. They select other television programs. They like other church services. *Everything you do or say is challenged.*

What then? It is your "second watch," parent. Hold steady! You will be glad later on that you did. When you hold your grandchild on your knee, you will thank God that you did not alienate the parent that day when you thought your nerves would snap and your patience could not take it any longer.

My blessed parents now in God's paradise made it through "the second watch" with me, and I will never cease to praise God for it. I know there were times when I must have driven them to the point of distraction. But they refused to panic. And I am here as a result.

There is "the second watch" in friendships. *Not many friendships make it through these hours.* So many associations are "Good-Time Charlies." They are with you during the bright times but forsake you in the dark hours. You find yourself alone.

Do not withdraw, mister. You cannot make it in solitary. Do not write off friendships. They have a habit of redeveloping. Misunderstanding will pass. A "Jonathan" or a "Barnabas" is worth it all.

I have found my friends in strange places. I have a newsboy I have written to for years in Toronto, Canada. I have a little Negro-American boy in a Teen Challenge Center in Philadelphia with whom I exchange

correspondence and gifts. I have an elderly couple in California, living on Social Security, who have not missed contacting me once a month for years. Mike is nearly 90. I still enjoy his funny stories and his comments on current issues. I need such friends. I must trust them through "the second watch."

*This happens to churches and pastors.* Dark and threatening hours come to each relationship of pastor and church. I have had my share of them. Everything becomes shaky and frightening. The services are dull. Messages seem misdirected. Ghosts appear. The preacher loses contact. His voice and mannerisms irritate. His thoughts are juvenile. His leadership is weak. Everyone is edgy. There is no ray of brightness.

The people are listless. A thousand whispers urge you to quit. You wait for one kind word. You never thought the ministry could be like this. Wait, preacher! There will be a break. "The second watch" will pass. The morning Star will arise. *Stay with it.*

Now let me come to our souls. My spiritual experience has "the second watch."

I would to God it were always like the first glow and buoyancy of my new birth. There were no devils I could not fight. There were no positions I could not hold. I wanted action. I reveled in long hours in the prayer room and on the evangelistic platform. I was fresh and I was ready. Jesus was coming, and I had to hurry.

*The big test has been in these later years.* Judas was a fine evangelist the first time around. He broke down during "the second watch." The first time he made it without purse, wardrobe, or reservations. Then he grew greedy. He wanted the offerings designated.

Demas started splendidly. He looked like a sure winner. He had all the possibilities that Timothy and Titus had. It was "the second watch" that separated them. Suddenly he thought, "I am not having much fun at this. My neighbors are living more substantially than I am. I am a fool. I am trading this present world for a piece of blue sky. Not so fast, Demas! You had better reconsider." *So he became a New Testament dropout.*

Mister, there are hours in the Christian experience when you simply *plod*. These are the hours which try men's souls.

I want to talk to you, church member. You sat at the back of the church today. I know what you said. There seems to be more circulation of air in the back, and you get such frightful headaches these days. Now you are *the farthest* from the altar you have ever been.

Your experience is cold, and you know it. Once you knew the joy of participation. Now you engage in second-guessing. One thing you cannot erase. *You know the former days were the best days you ever lived.* Suddenly that "second watch" overtook you. Unfaithful lives in others snuffed out the brilliance of your service. Ministers proved human and unfortunately at times carnal. And now it is dark in your own soul.

Today you were overwhelmed with remorse. You were unhappy. You wished a thousand times you had not quit.

I do not judge you. I do not condemn you. I know what disappointment can do. I know all too well the blackness of discouragement.

I bring to your remembrance His promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). *I ask you to believe it.* "The second watch" has closed

in about you. You have not been able to see Him. But He is there. *That is what matters.*

When the great missionary, John G. Paton, with his own hands fashioned the coffin for his wife's body and dug her solitary grave on an atoll in the South Sea Islands, savages watched. It was something new to them. Mr. Paton said of that moment of intense blackness, "If it had not been for Jesus and His presence that He

gave me there, I should have gone mad and died beside that lonely grave." *But he did not.* Neither will you.

You have faltered. The darkness has frightened you. The watch seems endless and friendless.

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Now in his 14th year as speaker for the international broadcast, Brother Ward maintains a busy schedule. During 1966 he traveled approximately 85,000 miles, ministering in 24 states.

Seeking to be well-informed, the radio preacher uses much of his travel time for reading. His visits to various sections of the U.S. afford opportunities to seek out illustrative material for his broadcast sermons.

As this issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* goes to press,



A firm believer in Sunday school, Brother Ward teaches the College and Career class (which includes many students from Central Bible College and Evangel College) at Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri.

Brother Ward is engaged in a series of services in Central America. During his two-and-one-half-week tour he is scheduled to speak in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, and British Honduras.

If you were to ask Brother Ward how he finds strength for his strenuous schedule, he would tell you he counts on the prayers of thousands who have promised to pray for him. Perhaps the most convincing evidence of the effectiveness of these prayers is the fact that nothing has kept him from the *Revivaltime* microphone since he became the broadcast speaker in 1953.

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#### AUTHORITY AND INSPIRATION

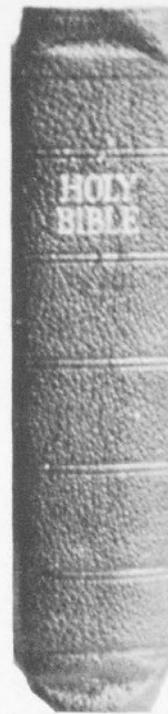
Although the Bible was not written for historical or geographical purposes primarily, its record in these areas is true. Oil prospectors, archaeologists, and scientists have been well rewarded for following the guidance of Bible facts. Such factual accuracy encourages us to accept the spiritual truths.

Moral truths also are accurate so that the standard surpasses the accumulated moral standard of the ages. The Bible still stands as the greatest challenge to man's loftiest ideals.

The authority and inspiration of the Scripture rest in God, His Son Jesus, and the spoken Word itself. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16). Furthermore, the fulfillment of prophecy is of great value in documenting the validity, authority, and inspiration of the Scriptures.

#### HOW GOD'S WORD CAME TO US

The Word of God came by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Little did the writers realize fully what they were writing. This is suggested by 1 Peter 1:10-12: "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what or what manner of time the spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified, beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed,



# How to STUDY the BIBLE

## PART 1

By **J. ROBERT ASHCROFT**

President, Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri

that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

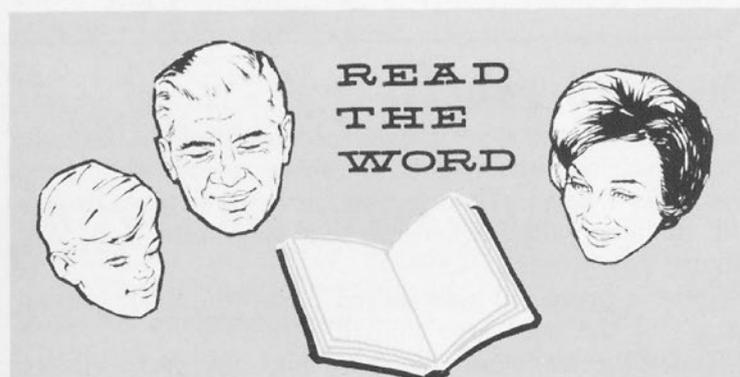
Ancient scrolls and manuscripts, with historical documents, have been checked and cross-checked to establish the accuracy of the Scriptures. The recently discovered scrolls of the Dead Sea areas continue to pile up evidence of the veracity of the Old Testament Scriptures.

Early Church fathers exercised influence in fixing the criteria of Scriptures admitted to the canon. These criteria really provided a standard of excellence by which the spurious was omitted from what is now our Bible. The phenomenal results of the choice, the agreement of Catholics and Protestants on the canon, seem to indicate the Holy Spirit has guided in the fixing of the 66 books of the Word of God.

Knowing the personalities, occupations, and locations of the writers and the historical times of the writing of these scriptures, stimulates understanding. The knowledge that a physician wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Acts makes the accounts more understandable. The knowledge that a shepherd wrote many of the Psalms, and that a priest-prophet wrote Isaiah, helps one to understand. The knowledge that Thessalonians was one of the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament makes the injunction of Paul regarding the return of Christ pertinent and unusually significant.

#### THE STRUCTURE OF THE BIBLE

The student will be fascinated with the architecture of the Bible once it becomes obvious to him. Many have never noticed the definite symmetry and mosaic of the Bible. Just as small pieces of colored stone and glass, each beautiful and meaningful in itself, are placed together into a beautiful work of art, so are the books of



#### CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8-15

Sunday ....	Genesis 15, 16	Thursday ..	Genesis 23, 24
Monday ....	Genesis 17, 18	Friday .....	Genesis 25, 26
Tuesday ..	Genesis 19, 20	Saturday ..	Genesis 27, 28
Wednesday	Genesis 21, 22	Sunday ....	Genesis 29, 30

"And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together" (Genesis 22:8).

the Bible artistically and meaningfully placed in order.

Genesis is the book of beginnings. All great ideas of the Word of God have their roots in Genesis. The book is a miniature Bible in itself. The Revelation climaxes the Word with the triumph of God and righteousness. It is from garden to garden, from God back to God! Follow the idea of structure in the first five books for a sample of structure which prevails throughout the entire Bible.

Genesis shows the sovereignty of God and the fall of man. Exodus shows a way out for man—the way of blood. Leviticus presents the way to God and the teaching of holiness. Numbers gives the trials and victory of man's journey through life; Deuteronomy is the message of God to man calling for obedience and announcing its blessings. The whole Old Testament follows this same structure. The New Testament also has its arrangements—the Gospels, the Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation.

The same orderly arrangement of ideas and themes prevailing in the entire Book also prevails in the individual books. Take Exodus as an example. It is divided into three parts: chapters 1 to 11 relate to God's people in Egyptian bondage; chapters 12 to 15 report on the deliverance from the bondage of evil; chapters 16 to 40 show the Israelites' new relationship to God and His leading them through the wilderness.

Every book has this type of structure, and it provides a most rewarding search for those who take the pains to discover and enjoy its values. Out of the structure comes a stimulation to look even closer. Then one finds that meaning goes deeper, even to the choice of words and their arrangement.

#### LANGUAGE AND MEANING

Nothing is accidental in the forming of the Word of God. It is startlingly fascinating to see the parallels, contrasts, and comparisons of books, chapters, verses, and sequences of sentences throughout Scripture.

Words chosen for the Scripture are divine. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:13).

Time and space allow only two significant observations on the wonderful words of Scripture. Take the word translated "atonement." It is translated "pitch" in Genesis 6:14 in relation to Noah's ark. Actually the word means "cover." Think of all the implications of the thought of covering throughout the Bible. This word is also translated "sum of money," "ransom," "satisfaction," "villages," etc.

Such varieties of use lead the imagination into great vistas of truth. A New Testament word having many uses is the word translated "fellowship." It occurs as "contribution," "distribution," "communion," "communication," "partner," "partaker," and "companion."

Books, chapters, phrases, and ideas are in orderly and significant arrangement. It is no wonder that not one jot or tittle can be changed without marring the beauty and message of the passages.

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Watch for next week's *Evangel* for the conclusion of this article. Brother Ashcroft has also written an excellent book titled, *Ways of Understanding God's Words*. It is available for \$1.25 from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Order by title and mention number 2 EV 625.

## I WAS THERE

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# A Spiritual Chain Reaction

By WESLEY R. HURST SR.

THE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE of Holy Spirit anointing developed for me over a period of years. In 1911 I was left a widower with a baby girl. Although I had not attended church for a number of years, the death of my loved one started a spiritual chain reaction.

During the next four years I was saved; I surrendered my life to the Lord in definite consecration and received a call from God to preach the gospel.

In March 1920, with a family consisting of my wife and two daughters, I accepted the pastorate of Advent Christian Church in Mineral, Illinois. There the power of healing in Jesus' name became real to me. The book, *The Three-fold Secret of the Holy Spirit*, started me on an independent search for deeper spiritual truth.

Wesley R. Hurst Sr. was ordained to the ministry over 45 years ago. During his many years of service in the Assemblies of God fellowship he has been a pastor and evangelist, having pastored churches in the Nebraska and Wisconsin-Northern Michigan Districts. Now superannuated, he resides at Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the father of Wesley R. Hurst Jr., Home Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, Assemblies of God, and D. V. Hurst, President of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God.

## THE LONG PROCESS

DO YOU REMEMBER what happened back on the farm in sheep-shearing time? After the sheep were sheared, the wool was washed. Then it was carded and taken to the old spinning wheel where it was spun into yarn and wound into hanks.

Quite a process it was indeed before the wool became yarn and the yarn was knitted into clothing.

Today we walk into the store and buy yarn without thinking of the work our forefathers had to do to obtain it.

Thus it is with the Bible. We can purchase one at a nominal cost any day of the week. Let's not forget the long process and the martyrs who made it possible.

Portions of the Bible were written by hand years ago and were very expensive. But thanks to modern printing presses and soldiers of the Cross who have preserved the Word for us, we have the complete Bible today.

Later, while serving the Advent Christian Church at Annandale, Minnesota, I read and evaluated the literature of Evangelist Aimee McPherson, which told of the great Holy Spirit revivals across the nation at that time. This created a deep hunger for the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the spring of 1924 I had several new spiritual experiences. During special evangelistic meetings in July I personally experienced the moving of the Holy Spirit. One of these manifestations was the swaying of my body like a tree in a strong wind. One night during a prayer meeting I felt a new freedom in prayer. Soon I burst forth in waves of holy joy and laughter which lasted for about two hours. Later as I walked home with the evangelist, I found myself staggering. I said, "Now I know why they said the Lord's disciples were drunk." (See Acts 2:15.)

Two days later, while alone in my study, I knelt to pray. The Holy Spirit came on me, and my whole body shook powerfully at intervals. This unusual manifestation of the Holy Spirit continued for over three hours.

In October, when we were holding special prayer meetings asking God for His Holy Spirit, several miracles occurred. One night my wife, sitting in a rocking chair, began to speak in tongues. At intervals she gave interpretations. She was the first person we had ever heard manifest this gift.

She also had a vision which she related to us. Miss Betty Davis, a country schoolteacher who was with us, later went to India as a missionary. When she returned, she told us of an experience she had had in India that corresponded with the vision given that night to my wife.

Ten days later while in prayer I began speaking freely in tongues. This experience continued about two hours, with only a few breaks of silence. My baptism with the Holy Spirit was a great climactic experience toward which the Lord had been leading me, step by step, for 13 years. His glory filled my soul as I was speaking the heavenly languages.

I have continued to speak in other tongues these 42 years, as the Spirit gives utterance. There are no words to describe these great spiritual experiences, but we do know they come from God as we yield to Him, and we find they fit us for His service.

Let us show our appreciation for the Word of God to these soldiers by reading the Bible every day!

—MRS. JOHN ELLER in *Assemblies, Valley Park, Mo.*

## DO YOU ENJOY YOUR BIBLE?

A LADY WENT TO HER PASTOR complaining that she found no pleasure in reading the Bible, that it seemed to do her no good anymore.

"Go home," the minister advised, "and open your New Testament. Read until you come to a commandment; then close the Book and obey what you have read. After you have obeyed, read on until you come to the next commandment, and do likewise with that."

A few weeks later she came back with her face aglow and said, "I want to thank you for the help you gave me. The Bible is a new Book to me now!"

God's Word is able to build us up whenever we receive it as His commandment to us. —*Gospel Banner*



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Does a Jew have to become a Christian to be saved?*

Whether Jew or Gentile, all must accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour in order to be saved. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:17).

*Why does the Bible say in Acts 9:7 that the men who traveled with Saul heard a voice but saw no man, while in Acts 22:9, Paul says they saw a light, "but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me"?*

I think the companions of Saul heard a voice but did not understand what was said. A similar experience is recorded in John 12:28-30. Jesus understood what the Father said ("I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again"), but to the people the voice sounded as thunder.

*Why are we bereaved of those we love when we need them so much?*

Death is an enemy. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:26). It invades all nature (Romans 8:22-24). None of us has assurance of long life. "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Our hope in the hour of death is freedom from the condemnation of sin, for, "The sting of death is sin" (1 Corinthians 15:56). Death is cruel, but Christian consolation is through Christian hope and faith. Although death is the last enemy to be destroyed, it *will* be destroyed. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:53-58).

*Are Christians Israelites or Gentiles?*

Three classes of people are recognized in the Bible; the Jews, including Israel; the Gentiles; and the church of God. "Give no offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (1 Corinthians 10:32).

The Jews are descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. Gentiles are those of all nations outside Israel. The Church is God's redeemed people, whether Jews or Gentiles. Through Christ the Gentiles, who had been far off from the covenants of promise, are brought nigh and made one with redeemed Israelites in Christ. They are saved, not by nationality but by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:11-22).

Believing Jews and Gentiles share equally in the blessing of the gospel (Ephesians 3:4-12). When Jesus comes, He is coming for the Church, which includes redeemed Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 5:25-27). Both unsaved Israelites and Gentiles will be left behind.

*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.*

# WORKERS TOGETHER IN TRAINING



A. DEVANEY

By W. E. KIRSCHKE

National Secretary, Sunday School Department

till five in the afternoon. This was supplemented with her heart-to-heart talks on Thursday evenings.

Dr. Henry Ward Beecher said of Wesley's masterpiece, "I would rather have written that hymn than to have all the fame of all the kings on earth."

"A teacher affects eternity," said Henry Adams. "He can never tell where his influence stops." But a mother who rears and teaches her children for the service of God knows when it begins.

The destiny of your child is in your parental hands and waits your direction. Authorities declare that less than five percent of over 50 million youth in America will rise to lead their fellowmen. The others will become followers. Many of them (less than 70 percent starting high school) will never be graduated from college. Problems of lawlessness, indifference to responsibility, and ignorance of God will harass still others and mark untold thousands of youth with shame and disgrace.

Training in the Assemblies of God is not a shot into the dark. It is the sane and sensible program of Jesus Christ to "teach them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you." It is the command of Jehovah to "train up a child in the way he should go," and the edict of Moses to "love the Lord thy God with all thine heart... and teach... thy children." It is Paul's admonition to "study to show thyself approved unto God."

Pastors are urged to lead their Sunday schools in the training crusade this January, using the new book, *Teaching as Jesus Taught*.

Parents are challenged to enlist in the training classes to learn the basic principles of how to teach their children and how to provide an environment conducive to Christian education and training in their homes.

**L**ONG BEFORE he ever penned the hymn, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*, Charles Wesley was trained to be a hymn writer.

His teacher was his mother, the wife of Samuel Wesley, rector at Epworth in Lincolnshire, England. The curriculum of study was the Bible, coupled with tiny bits of mother's opinion.

His example was her life—strong, spiritual, and strict, yet loving and tender. His training schedule of learning was from nine till twelve in the morning and two

## PRAYER CONFERENCE IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, JANUARY 16-18

The Weller Avenue Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where the Assemblies of God will have an Area Prayer Conference January 16-18, is shown here.

Lowell Ashbrook, Louisiana District superintendent, has charge of the arrangements. The Executive Presbytery will be represented at the prayer conference by T. F. Zimmerman, Bert Webb, and J. Philip Hogan.

This will be a two-day, two-night meeting in the tradition of the Seven-District Prayer Conference held annually since 1955. The first service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 16, and there will be services all day Tuesday (at 9 a.m., 2, and 7:30 p.m.) and on Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

All ministers and laymen who can attend this prayer conference are urged to come and wait on God for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit.



The response will take sacrificial effort. It will be more comfortable to decline and stay in a rut.

The Sunday school is ready to join the home in training. If your family is enrolled in an Assemblies of God Sunday school, these are the ways we can help you.

The Sunday school will first seek to complement, not replace, your work of training in the home. No one realizes more than a Sunday school teacher that God instituted the home to be man's first school.

For 1,500 years parents taught their children wisdom, knowledge, trades, vocations, to walk with God, and to preserve their posterity from outward and inward enemies. Later, outside agencies began to complement home training through the work of the lawgiver, Levitical priest, rabbi, schoolteacher, minister, missionary, and Sunday school teacher.

But parents are honored in possessing the greatest power to fashion the child's life. Since a child will not progress in public school until he is prepared to learn, this mysterious power of awakening—that learning genius—resides in the parents. Their attitudes and actions—critical or kind, sacrificial or self-centered—will shape and set the traits and tendencies of the young life. The Sunday school must build upon the foundation laid in the home.

Second, a full gamut of classroom study and activity is provided by the Sunday school to prepare parents to educate their family. This includes Bible classes for young adults to relate the Bible to family problems. Nursery classes train two- and three-year-olds to take early steps toward God. Classes and curriculum for growing children prepare our sons and daughters to become leaders of tomorrow.

The Sunday school also works through the week to provide the home with these advantages:

Personal visitation ties the family to the church, helps unravel the stubborn problems, and awakens an interest in both teacher and Bible knowledge.

Phone calls help arouse dormant desires for God.

Promotional letters reveal pupil progress, decisions for Christ, and current and coming events.

Fellowship activities break the ice of exclusivism and attract the family into acceptance of the church.

Open house at Sunday school can exhibit handwork, pupil talent, and teacher interest.

These are only the beginning of a comprehensive year-long program of curriculum, activities, and service.

But the Sunday school cannot do it all alone. It needs the help of parents—parents who care enough to respond to the call. Parents can lift the other end of the load of training workers in these ways:

The biggest help will be to attend Sunday school along with your children. On a national average, 22 percent of Sunday school students come without their parents. Unless the hour a week attendance at Sunday school is coupled with parents' attendance in Sunday school and cooperation in the home, there are slim chances for a child's Christian future. Mel Trotter, the great rescue mission evangelist, made the surprising statement that he had never seen a man saved and continue to live for Christ who did not have a Christian mother.

Parents can also encourage the proper use of study materials by assisting their children in reading and studying their lessons. They can clinch the truth acquired

in Sunday school by carefully reading take-home papers to the little children.

Spiritual decision and dedication to Christ follow Sunday school teaching in the morning worship service, and parents will want to remain and attend this service with their children. Countless numbers of children have waited for dad or mother to take an initial step in accepting the Saviour before they did.

Parental leadership in grace at meals will personalize God's presence in their home, bind the family together; sanctify human relationships; and purify the home of unwholesome desires and tastes in art, music, literature, and pleasure. It may also start a young life toward a dedicated ministry of prayer and a deeper experience with our Lord.

Family devotions provide an "open house" for the Saviour, and the family altar will change hearts and home.

Parents may participate in Sunday school activities by teaching, leading boys and girls organizations, being involved in the ministry of music, tithing, visiting, and by generally upbuilding the kingdom of God.

This cooperative effort between Sunday school and home will make the big difference in trained leadership. Prepared leaders for tomorrow will know the Word of God and understand the objectives of Christian education and evangelism. They will be informed and dedicated, in accord with the will of God, to choose the spiritual things of God as superior to the inferior pleasures of life. They will be devoted, determined, and dedicated to the Pentecostal testimony and fearlessly convey its heritage to those who will follow them.

What greater incentives are there for both Sunday school and home than to be workers together in training for tomorrow—and for the glory of God?

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# THE 'Forty-Niners' IN WMC MINISTRY



A little girl in a parka gives a corsage from the WMC's to Mrs. Charles W. H. Scott, guest speaker for the biennial WMC council breakfast in Juneau, Alaska.

**T**HE BIENNIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION of the Assemblies of God of Alaska was held in Juneau in June 1966. The meetings were a time of business, spiritual refreshing, and fellowship for members of the Women's Missionary Council.

WMC ministry in Alaska was begun on a local basis. District organization came in July 1964 when the state became a district of the Assemblies of God. Reports for 1965 show a total of 12 groups with a combined membership of 150. Three new groups were added that year—a sign of substantial progress.

Mrs. Charles W. H. Scott, wife of the executive director of Home Missions for the Assemblies of God, accompanied her husband to the convention where she was guest speaker at the WMC fellowship breakfast. Her topic was, "The Urgency of Witnessing."

About WMC activity in the "forty-ninth state" she says:

"Following the breakfast, pastors of home missions churches were invited to select useful items from a

cache that had been prepared by WMC groups of self-supporting congregations. Among recipients of WMC gifts was the Juneau Children's Home which houses 35 native children and nine staff members.

"As a special outreach ministry the WMC's in Fairbanks and Anchorage are seeking to enlist the wives of men stationed there in the Armed Forces.

"In the far north, above the Arctic Circle, Eskimo ladies share in the work of the WMC's by preparing fur parkas for the missionaries who minister to them. Women of the local groups there look forward to every meeting as a place of prayer and opportunity for service. They are most willing to help with any project.

"WMC's in Juneau, Alaska, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy L. Davidson, hold very successful meetings for state prisoners. After a Bible lesson a workshop is conducted where women residents are taught to make pillows and to knit socks. The Juneau ladies need help in providing materials to work with.



Mrs. A. E. Lofdahl

"A great part of the forty-ninth state is still a needy mission field. There are 253,000 people living in little clusters of cities, towns, and primitive villages dotted across a vast expanse of ice fields, barren tundra, high mountains, and some lush farm lands. Though new in their ministry and separated by thousands of miles from their sisters in the 'lower forty-eight,' Alaska WMC's share the same burden of concern for the lost. They are taking advantage of opportunities to fulfill the requirements of WMC service in all areas.

"A WMC constitution and bylaws, which will give added impetus to the future work of the 'forty-niners,' was adopted by the district WMC organization at the convention. Mrs. A. E. Lofdahl, Ketchikan, was elected district president."



Mrs. Patrick Donadio (center) writes from Fort Yukon, Alaska: "The ladies are very active. They are sorting used clothing sent to them from WMC's in the 'lower 48.' To show their appreciation, they make beaded bookmarks for these churches." (The Donadios have since moved to Tok, Alaska, to open a new mission.)

**D**ID YOU EVER HEAR of anyone being saved at a birthday party? This happened when the Missionettes of the Assembly of God in Tonasket, Wash., had a birthday party in honor of Etta Calhoun, founder of the Women's Missionary Council.

Mrs. Wesley Nelson, pastor's wife and sponsor of the club, reports that the Missionettes spearheaded the party and invited the WMC's to be their guests. Sandy Johnson from British Columbia was speaker for the event. After a wonderful moving of God's Spirit, a 10-year-old girl was saved.

The Tonasket Missionettes were among the thousands of Missionettes and sponsors who responded to the request for a new and larger refrigerator at the Latin American Children's Home in Acapulco, Mexico. Last July a goal of \$800 was set for this project. Missionettes were told of the desperate need for a new refrigerator at the home where more than 65 boys and girls are cared for.

Hundreds of clubs immediately made plans to participate. A number of unusual methods were used to collect money for the special offerings around September 19, Etta Calhoun's birthday.

Missionettes from West Memorial Boulevard Assembly in Lakeland, Fla., also had a birthday party. They wrapped their offerings as gifts and placed them around the birthday cake. Of course, the girls enjoyed the party, but the best part was when the gifts were opened and counted. Thirteen Junior Missionettes had contributed almost \$11.

The following Sunday WMC's and Missionettes presented a program in honor of Etta Calhoun. The congregation was challenged to match the \$10.97 which 13 girls had earned for the Lord's work. The congregation not only matched the original gift but doubled it, making a total of over \$33 for the refrigerator project.

Another club in Florida collected and sold pop bottles to raise their \$8 offering.

Missionettes in Kettle Falls, Wash., passed out en-

## Missionettes Go Over Goal on Refrigerator Project

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH



**The 65 children in the Latin American Children's Home in Acapulco, Mexico, now enjoy the new refrigerator (below) which replaces the small worn-out one shown above. Thousands of Missionettes across the country helped purchase this refrigerator.**

velopes to church attendants. These envelopes were attached to refrigerator doors in homes. Each time the refrigerator was opened, a mark was made on the envelope. Later one cent was placed in the envelope for every mark. Total offering was \$30.

Twelve Missionettes from Grace Assembly in Oklahoma City collected \$38 for the Acapulco project by making aprons and sending them to friends, asking that they give a penny for every inch of their waistline.

And what was the end result of the giving? A large new commercial-type refrigerator has been purchased for the Latin American Orphanage. Total cost was about \$960. Offerings from Missionettes were sufficient for this need, and the surplus of several hundreds of dollars will go for another missionary project.

Willingness to work, and in some cases sacrifice, made this project a success. Once again Missionettes have lived up to their motto, "We Care." 





"Y's" of Shady Oaks Assembly in Houston, Texas, study Unit I of "Design for Living." This study and activity course develops the trifold emphasis of the YWMC program, providing lessons on physical, social and spiritual development and ministry. Each unit is a 64-page book containing lessons and activities for approximately six months.



Above, a group of "Y's" from First Assembly in Hammond, Indiana, presented a plant to Mrs. Maxwell, the WMC president, when she was confined by illness. Below, "Y's" of Oakwood Park Assembly in Gastonia, North Carolina, worship the Lord in song.



In the left photo girls from the YWMC group of Hessville Assembly, Hammond, Indiana, serve at the birthday reception given in honor of their pastor. At the right, a group of "Y's" from First Assembly in Hammond are cataloging books for the church library. They plan a drive to secure more books too.



YWMC President Judy Assembly, Hammond, Indiana, with a group of 30 plants (donated by a mother confined to a hospital bed).



Above, a group of the "Y's" from Eastside Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, spend a happy evening baking cookies for servicemen from their church. At the right, the cookies are boxed ready to be wrapped and sent to Germany and Vietnam where men from Eastside are serving their country.



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## C's Discover a Design for Living

**T**o bridge the gap between Missionettes and full-orbed WMC ministry the Young Women's Missionary Council was formed about a year ago. Pictured on these pages are groups of "Y's" in various parts of the United States engaged in a few of the many activities which help these young women achieve the goals of the YWMC program—trifold development and trifold ministry. "Design for Living," the study and activity program being developed by the National WMC Department for young single women, ages 16 through 24, points the way to abundant living in Christ. Study books used in this program contain challenging missionary stories, lessons on personal grooming, purposeful activities and projects. Information on YWMC may be obtained from the WMC Department by requesting the free booklet entitled "Shilhouette."

# WAITING FOR THE KING

Sunday School Lesson for January 15, 1967

MATTHEW 25:1-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

IN THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS Jesus used an illustration very familiar to His hearers—the Jewish bridal procession. It was the custom for the bridegroom, with a party of his companions, to go to the house of the bride and take her to his house where a marriage feast was prepared. The bride's friends (the virgins of the parable) accompanied the bride as she left her father's house. They joined the procession again along the way and shared the joyous festivities of the marriage feast.

*The Main Thought of the Parable.* Lack of preparation excluded the foolish virgins from attending the wedding feast.

*The Main Lesson.* Only those with a genuine, living,

## WORKING AGAINST TIME



NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS; BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER: AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING. HEB. 10:25

*Russell*

spiritual experience will Christ receive when He comes back again.

*The Virgins.* These represent people who profess religious faith in Christ. They represent Christendom—the professing church of these last days.

*The Lamps.* These may represent the individual's outward profession of Christianity.

*The Oil.* Throughout the Scriptures oil represents the Spirit of God which produces spiritual life, power, and character. It represents the power of the indwelling Spirit without which there can be no light—no genuine spiritual experience.

However, there is absolutely no scriptural foundation for the teaching that the foolish virgins represent those not baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures do teach that apart from the Holy Spirit no one can be saved or possess a genuine spiritual experience. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). Those who have light concerning the Baptism and the Spirit-filled life should certainly seek to be filled—and keep filled—with the Spirit. If we fail to walk in the light we have, we will backslide. But Paul told us (1 Thessalonians 4:16) that the "dead in Christ" shall be resurrected at Christ's coming. Being "in Christ" is the qualification for being in the Rapture. This certainly includes godly people who know little or nothing about the baptism in the Spirit as evidenced by speaking with tongues.

*Careless Presumption.* The foolish virgins carelessly supposed they were ready to meet the bridegroom. The parents of Jesus supposed He was with them and went on without Him (Luke 2:41-44).

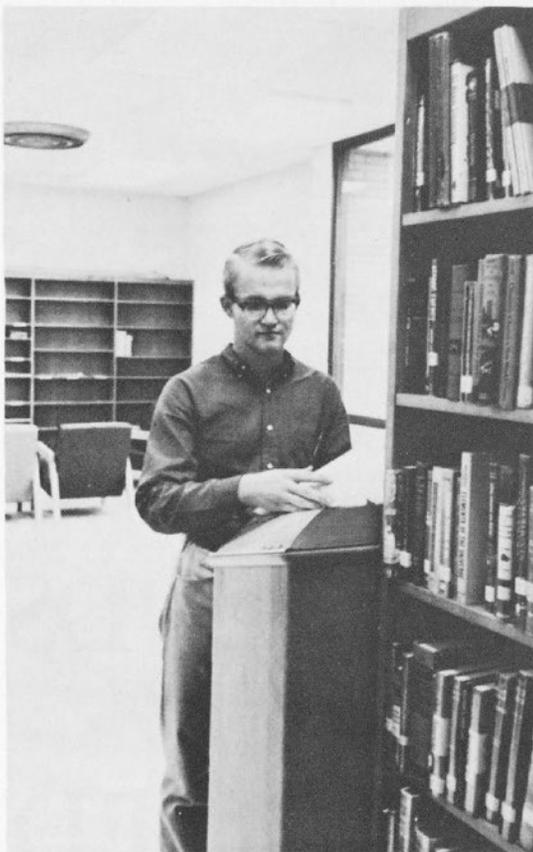
Are we in danger of similar presumption? Do we neglect fellowship with Christ, Bible reading, and church attendance—supposing everything is right? Are we trying to live on some past experience—forgetting that we need a daily supply of the oil of the Spirit, a daily meal from God's Word, a daily walking with God?

*Readiness for Sudden Service.* The bridegroom came and found the foolish virgins unprepared. It will be thus with many when Jesus comes. Yet there is also a sense in which Jesus comes to us all very often—in the form of opportunities for ministry and service (Matthew 25:35). Are we prepared for these surprise visits? Paul said, "Be instant in season, out of season."

*Spiritual Parasites.* The sacculina is a tiny animal which possesses neither legs, eyes, mouth, nor throat. But through its twining roots, this barnacle takes ready-prepared nourishment from the body of the hermit crab. It boards entirely at the expense of the crab, which supplies it liberally with food, shelter, and everything else it needs. Some people are like the sacculina. They are spiritual parasites—depending entirely upon others for spiritual strength.

We need pastors, friends, revival meetings, and church attendance; but we cannot depend upon these. We must have our own spiritual life—a vital, living relationship with Jesus, a constant supply and inflow of grace as we personally fellowship with Him. If we neglect this, the crisis will come and find us unprepared! (See John 15:1-7.) It happened to half of the ten virgins!

We must always remember that our safety is found only in abiding in Christ!



Howard Warstler Jr. in the school library.

DO MOST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS think patriotism and devotion to God are out-of-date and have no place in public education? One Assemblies of God youth doesn't think so. Howard Warstler Jr. of Brewster, Ohio, persuaded his high school principal and faculty to have the pledge of allegiance said during a morning exercise and prayer offered on special occasions.

Last year the Navarre, Ohio, public school Howard attended as a sophomore had neither prayer nor even an occasional pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag. When only a few students attended a Freedom Day assembly, one of Howard's teachers asked his class why there were so few students present. Howard was one who spoke out and said, "If we would have a pledge of allegiance at a morning exercise, with prayer and Bible reading, we would have a much better response."

This suggestion was unexpected, but other students took up the idea. Most were in favor of the pledge and prayer. The teacher suggested writing a letter to the editor of the student newspaper, and most agreed this was a good solution.

But Howard decided to bypass that forum and go directly to the administration. He explained his suggestion to the high school principal, Milton J. Kane, who urged Howard to present his suggestion at the next faculty meeting. About a month later Howard gave a five-minute talk before the faculty.

"I prayed before the meeting, but I was mighty scared until I started speaking," said Howard. "Then everything was ironed out."

In his speech Howard first mentioned having a pledge of allegiance. Then he pointed out that prayer has been necessary to win every war and that many of the fighting men in Vietnam have Bibles with them all the time. He concluded it is important for students to pray too.

"If they take time to read their Bibles on the battlefield, why can't we take time to read ours here?" he asked.

Two days later a teacher stopped Howard and commended him for making the speech. He informed Howard the faculty had accepted his suggestion and had decided to have the exercise beginning with the fall term.

Mr. Kane said he thought Howard showed a fine sense of loyalty in making the suggestion to the faculty. "Howard is not a forward boy," he noted, "and it took courage for him to stand up before the teachers."

When school opened this September, Howard transferred to Fairless High School. (Now there are only elementary grades at the Navarre school and the high school students are in a new building. The elementary school was conducting a morning exercise, but the high school was not.)

Howard again approached his principal, asking if the students could still have the pledge. Mr. Kane replied

**"I prayed before the meeting, but I was mighty scared until I started speaking," Howard said.**

## The Boy Who Moved a School

By LEONARD SALVIG

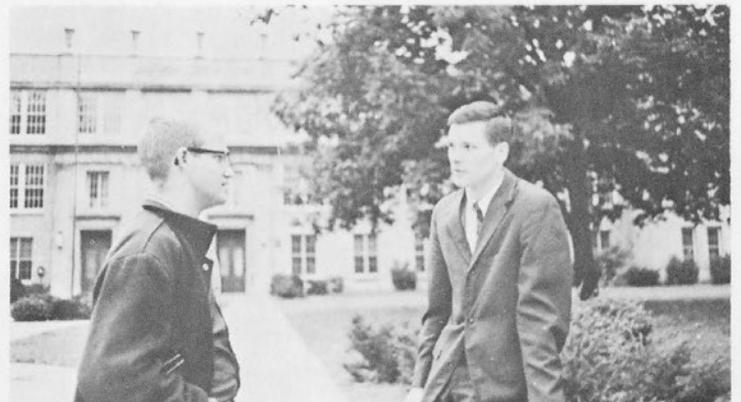
that in the bustle of opening activities at the new school the decision made last spring had been overlooked.

"We are going to have the exercise," Mr. Kane said later, "and we will be having prayer for convocations, special assemblies and PTA meetings."

He added, "I'm not going to tell the students what the exercise should consist of. Once we're able to get a student council formed, I want the students and faculty to decide. The exercise will probably be conducted over the public address system, maybe with some music to settle the students—possibly a hymn."

Not only is Howard concerned about school activities but faithfully attends First Assembly in Massillon, Ohio, where Carl E. Ladd is pastor. Howard also sings in the church choir.

If a boy can move a school, what could an adult do? If we are going to stand out from the crowd and be known, we will have to ask the Lord for courage as Howard did.



Howard Warstler (left) talks with David Glunt, a junior high school teacher who also attends First Assembly in Massillon, Ohio, about his suggestion for a morning exercise at the Navarre school.



Highlands Children's Home in Kansas City, Missouri.



Part of the crowd attending the dedication.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 1966, was a historic day for Highlands Children's Home. After long months of preparation, work, and prayer, the home was formally dedicated. Approximately 800 friends attended the service held in Kansas City, Missouri. An open house followed the dedication service.

Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent and executive director of the Department of Benevolences, delivered the dedicatory address. Others participating in the service were: Stanley V. Michael, national secretary of the Department of Benevolences; James W. Strayer, administrative director of Highlands Children's Home; N. Cleo Tapp, superintendent of the Southern Missouri District; Robert A. Sites, pastor of Bethel Tabernacle, Kansas City; G. W. Hardcastle Sr., non-resident executive presbyter; and G. W. Hardcastle Jr., pastor of Evangel Temple, Kansas City.

In his message to the friends, staff, and children, Brother Scott said:

"This occasion is made possible by the generosity of Mrs. D. G. Danley, a long-time resident of Kansas City, who has had a great concern for the needs of the children of this generation. She has presented this property to the General Council of the Assemblies of God for the purpose of establishing a home for the care of children.

"With such a gift, it was obvious that this was the opportune time to launch a program which had been authorized by the General Council in 1959. When the matter was presented to the Assemblies of God pastors of the greater Kansas City area, there was an immediate

# HIGHLANDS HOME DEDICATED

response. As the needs were presented to the various congregations, pledges were made to help refurbish the building. Their contributions amounted to approximately \$16,000.

"As we dedicate this facility today, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the churches of this metropolitan area, to the pastors and the church officers, to the Men's Fellowship groups, to the Women's Missionary Council chapters, to the youth groups, and to the great host of others for their help in making this vision a reality. Work crews from our churches have given their time and skill to assist in refurbishing the building and their help in furnishing it.

"The Department of Benevolences of the Assemblies of God was authorized in 1948 for the purpose of providing a fund to assist aged ministers, to establish homes



Charles W. H. Scott (far left) delivered the dedicatory address. N. Cleo Tapp (center) offered the invocation. G. W. Hardcastle Jr. (left) sang "Bless This House."

for the aged, and to provide residence homes for children and adoption and placement agencies to bring adoptive and foster parents and children together, as well as to provide other benevolent services.

"The General Council and the various district councils have built homes for the aged and children's homes during the past years. Today we of the Department of Benevolences dedicate Highlands Children's Home as a unit of the child-care program of the Assemblies of God.

"There are a quarter of a million children in these United States who need parents. They are not orphans; most have one parent, many of them two. But these children are growing up without security of homes of their own, without the guidance and companionship of mother or father.

"Highlands Children's Home has been established to



The memorial plaques honoring participating churches are displayed by Stanley Michael (left) and James Strayer. Evangel Temple's youth choir sang.

help children find a permanent home with parents to whom they can belong both legally and emotionally, where they will be loved and cared for, where they will find proper training and upbringing, where they will find the security they need to give them a feeling of belonging, in a natural home environment. Attaining this objective is time-consuming. Placement of children must be done with a thorough knowledge of both the child and the adopting parents in order to select a home which will be right for the child and the child right for the home.

"It is our desire to place these children in the Christian homes of our people where they will have a healthy, happy, and normal life. The adoptive parents can implant a God-consciousness in the hearts and minds of these boys and girls. The experience of living in a warm and loving family relationship is the best preparation children can have against the time when they too will be wives and mothers, husbands and fathers.

"Since adoptive parents are so important to the well-being of these children, we are looking for men and women who will awaken the mind of the child to the ideas of love and goodness. We believe that surrender to Christ early in life provides a guidepost to happy and successful living, for Christian youths are seldom delinquent.

"And so we are presenting Highlands Children's Home as a temporary residence for the boys and girls en route to foster and adoptive homes. It must provide physical comforts, mental helps, and spiritual values to develop the potential for good in these children who will shape the future.

"The Lord Jesus Christ must not be merely the un-

seen Guest in this home, but the recognized Head of it. His presence changes it from a house to a home, where considerations are shown, where sympathy is found, where patience becomes a virtue, where training and guidance are provided, and where love always abounds.

#### THE ACT OF DEDICATION

"Now in the providence of God and through the liberality of the friends of Highlands Children's Home, we open this newly acquired and remodeled building and dedicate it as a home where every child shall receive spiritual and moral training to help him stand firm under the pressures of life.

"Where every child shall find a home and the love and security which a home provides.

"Where every child shall find understanding and the

guarding of his personality and his spiritual and physical development.

"And as we dedicate these premises to the use and service of these children, we would also dedicate it as a Bethel, a house of God, where God's divine presence shall always be felt and His blessing shall always be found in the lives of all who shall abide in this home.

"We invite the Master then to make this His abode so that this shall ever be a home to show forth the power and presence of Christ to the children, to the neighbors, and to the community. In dedicating this house, we fulfill the scripture spoken by Jesus: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

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Because of the many additional expenses required by city and welfare departments in preparing the building for occupancy as a children's home, as well as major expenditures for furniture, equipment, and supplies, there are still many outstanding bills to be paid on this facility. The annual operational budget of Highlands is \$36,000. The monthly cost of operation is \$150 a child each month.

Your help is needed *now*. The support you give will mean so very much to the children who are reaching out for someone who cares. Your gift may be sent direct to Highlands Children's Home, 1810 East 48th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri 64130, or to the Assemblies of God Department of Benevolences, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Thank you for caring and sharing in this ministry.

# NO TIME TO REST

By SAMUEL H. BALIUS • Former Missionary to Uruguay (Transferring to Paraguay)

## FROM 12 CHURCHES AND OUTSTATIONS TO 100 IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

**T**WENTY-TWO NEW CHURCHES and 66 additional preaching points in five years is the success story of the Assemblies of God in the tiny but advanced nation of Uruguay.

In 1961 there were five established Assemblies of God churches with seven preaching points; today the total is 27 established churches and 73 outstations; or 100 places where the full gospel is being preached regularly in the country.

Our missionaries have labored faithfully in Uruguay since 1946 when the Raymond De Vitos were appointed there. In spite of obstacles, especially an attitude of comparative indifference and self-sufficiency among the people, God raised up First

Assembly in the capital city of Montevideo under the ministry of the De Vitos. From this church alone there are presently five pastors serving churches in Uruguay. One of these pastors is general treasurer of the national church. Many others from this church are actively engaged in the Sunday school ministry, radio work, and Bible school.

The honor of having the oldest continuously operated Assemblies of God radio program on a foreign field belongs to Uruguay. The broadcast, *La Voz de las Asambleas de Dios* (The Voice of the Assemblies of God), was begun by Raymond De Vito and has continued to the present. It has had a very successful reception

not only in Uruguay but also in Argentina, southern Brazil, and Paraguay. This program has reached out and prepared many areas for new works.

As additional missionaries were appointed to Uruguay, God raised up other works. These struggled along for several years, but God heard the prayers and saw the tears of His faithful servants, and responded to their cry. So it was that evangelists felt moved upon by God to go to Uruguay for special outdoor meetings—not campaigns of one or two weeks, but campaigns that would last until a church could be established.

Beginning in 1960 several evangelists with a compassion for the lost

A crowd gathered (right) for the gospel service sponsored by the C. A. groups of Melo and Treinta y Tres. Missionary Samuel Balius (below) speaks at a young people's gathering.





Young people march through the streets as a testimony of their Christian faith. Carrying the national flag, Samuel Balius (left photo) leads the procession.

journeyed to Uruguay. Among those who so faithfully ministered are Richard Jeffery, Leon Gilmore, Gene Staples, Salvador Mairena (an Argentine), and Hal Herman.

Some of these evangelists were able to stay with their campaigns until God had raised up a strong nucleus to form a church. This seemed to be the special ministry to which God had called these men, and their efforts have been crowned with success. Over half of the established churches today are results of extended evangelistic campaigns.

The two latest works to be started in Uruguay are Melo and Minas. In the beginning, the national brethren thought it unwise to go into Melo because of the Roman Catholic fanaticism in opposition there. However, upon sensing that God was leading Evangelist Jeffery, the national leaders promised their prayers, and God has established the largest church in Uruguay in that northeast city. An additional 21 preaching points have been added to it.

Evangelist Jeffery conducted a campaign in the city of Minas this year where attendance soared to 6,000 people, and there is promise of another strong church.

A number of the churches in Uruguay conducted services every day of the week; some conduct two services a day; and one church has been conducting five services each day, beginning at 5 in the morning. There is revival in Uruguay!

Following conversion, believers are required to attend Bible studies for three months before being baptized. I had the happy privilege of baptizing as many as 92 people in one service. The Uruguayan pastors feel there is no time to rest; so they have meetings night after night in the local church.

Young people go out into the surrounding villages to preach the gospel. Hardly a church in Uruguay is without at least two outstations where they have preaching services weekly. Some of the churches have as many as 20 or more outstations where aggregate attendance sometimes soars to over a thousand.

Pedro Solis, formerly a deacon in the First Assembly of Montevideo, has been pastoring the church in Artigas (on the border of Brazil) for five years—with services every day. The Sunday school attendance in Artigas has reached upward to 2,000 as a result of the tireless efforts of this young man who has given his life to God.

Angel Cruz, once a Communist agitator, now pastors one of the newer churches in the city of Rio Branco. His congregation meets in one of the more beautiful cathedrals known; the stars serve as the roof, the open spaces as the walls, and the ground as the floor. But night after night, approximately 500 people gather to hear the gospel message.

José Manuel de Leon, a converted Roman Catholic priest, is the pastor

in the evangelistic center and has had a rewarding ministry.

Dionisio Medina, a law student, was led of God to drop his studies at the university and attend our Bible school to prepare himself for the ministry. He graduated in 1965 and is now serving as the national C. A. president for Uruguay.

God has called out workers from all walks of life and is building His Church in Uruguay. The young people who in times past marched in the files of the politics, and some even in the ranks of Communism, now are on the march for Jesus. Permission is granted for parades, and the young people take the national flag, the Christian flag, and their Bibles as they conduct parades through the town squares. Following these, gospel services are conducted, and many are saved and healed as a result of this ministry.

The Assemblies of God is full of youth on fire for God, desirous that the entire nation be converted. The greatest need is for more trained workers. Uruguay is now open to the gospel. Pray that God will thrust forth laborers into His harvest field. 

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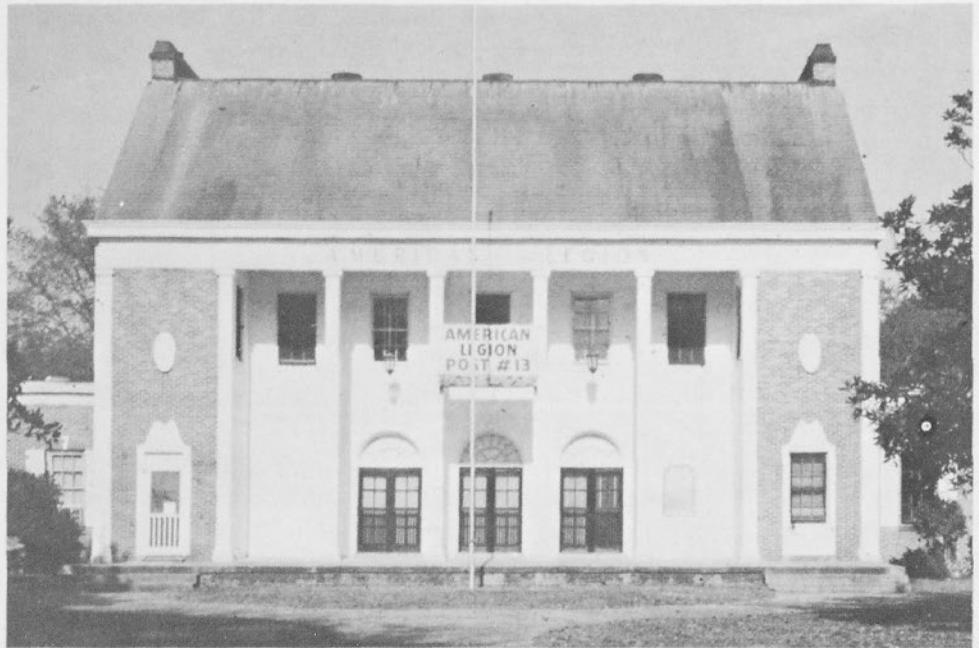
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# DISTRICT

## THE GREATEST NEED IN CHURCH EXTENSION

By **LOWELL C. ASHBROOK**  
 Superintendent of the Louisiana District



In Monroe, La., the Northside Assembly is temporarily meeting in the American Legion Hall.



This former real estate office between Mandeville and Slidell is a temporary Assemblies of God church.

The congregation of Calvary Temple, New Orleans East, La., meets in this building.



The Airline Assembly in Bossier City, La., worships in this brick building which formerly housed a grocery store.



**T**HERE IS AN INDISPENSABLE factor in establishing every new Assemblies of God church. It is easy to assume money is that factor, and yet the record reveals that the majority of Assemblies of God churches were started without great financial backing.

Some may think music is most vital. Others may feel eloquent preaching or a fine building is the one absolute necessity. But the record will show that many of our assemblies began without a musical program, with simple gospel preaching, and in most instances without a church building.

What then is this all-important factor needed to es-

# OUTREACH

establish a new assembly? To get it in focus, let us look at several efforts now being made in the Louisiana District to see if they have something in common.

In the rural community of Petersburg, several miles from Leesville, Glenn Oden is holding services in a church building of another denomination. This building has been standing idle for several years. Between 25 and 30 regularly attend both the Sunday school and worship services.

Between Mandeville and Slidell on U. S. Highway 190, W. L. Flowers is conducting services in a small building recently used as a real estate office.

The American Legion Hall in Many, a city of 6,000, was the first home for the new assembly there started by Huey White. Soon property on a main thoroughfare was purchased, and one of the two houses located on the property was remodeled into an attractive chapel.

In Bossier City (population 45,000) the Airline Assembly of God is worshipping in a large brick building which formerly housed a grocery store. Believing God sent him to this city to establish another Assemblies of God church, Lee Duhon rented this building and has seen the attendance grow to about 50 in regular services. Plans are now to purchase property and build a permanent home for the congregation.

In Monroe, a city of 55,000, the Northside Assembly is meeting in the American Legion Hall. For several weeks Pastor Ralph Wells conducted services in his home until this hall was available. The church is endeavoring to purchase property for a permanent location.

The latest effort to establish a new assembly has been put forth by a young evangelist. Bill Mason rented a building in New Orleans East and on October 25 conducted the opening rally of Calvary Temple. This is in a burgeoning suburb of a metropolis of over 1,000,000 population.

In each of these instances, from rural areas to a huge metropolis, a minimum of finances was available. In some cases there was little music. There was simple gospel preaching. While one congregation met in a church building, the others worshiped in a variety of sanctuaries converted from dwellings, offices, stores, and halls.

To a casual reader these efforts may seem unlikely ways to attempt to start churches. In each instance there is little natural reason to assume success would be forthcoming.

But there is one factor common to each of the cases which gives them a favorable chance to succeed. *That factor is a man with a burden to do God's will.* He is indispensable!

The need in Louisiana for sufficient funds, talented workers, and better buildings is very real. However, our primary search is for men who believe God has sent them and upon whose hearts rests a burden.

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).



Former Presbyterian church purchased for "Breakthrough" church in Trenton, Mich. (James George is pastor.)

## BREAKTHROUGH IN TRENTON, MICHIGAN

TRENTON MICH., a fast-growing industrial city down-river from Detroit, is the site for Michigan's third *Breakthrough* project.

Trenton *Breakthrough* came as a result of a need sensed by district officials and the pastors of surrounding churches. First, the Michigan District made an initial down payment of \$11,000. The Women's Missionary Council of Michigan added \$3,000 through *Penny Pints*; the Men's Fellowship contributed \$790 through Michigan's Minutemen; and several churches pledged monthly support for one year.

James George, Niagara Falls, N. Y., a graduate of Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., is the *Breakthrough* pastor. Since coming to Michigan in 1960, Brother George has pastored in Albion and has served as state vice-president of the Christ's Ambassadors.

The former First Presbyterian Church is the home of the new congregation. The church has a seating capacity of 300 with a spacious parsonage adjoining. On May 1 the church was dedicated at an areawide rally with Everett D. Cooley, Michigan District superintendent, officiating.

Since May Sunday school attendance has climbed to 53, and 16 adults have been accepted as charter members.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPENDENT ON HOME MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS is the lifeline of foreign missions, and each missionary on foreign soil is there either directly or indirectly as a result of home missions.

There has been an alarming downward trend in our church-extension efforts in the districts. This calls for a long look at the reasons. Opening new churches in America is just as important as opening new churches in Africa; and home missionaries who pioneer in the unreached areas of our districts are just as worthy of financial assistance as the foreign missionaries. Someone, somewhere, sometime pioneered a new work. Revival resulted; souls were saved, filled, and healed; and a church was born. From this pioneer or home missions church, young men and women have gone forth to foreign fields.

—EARL E. BLYTHE  
Tennessee District Superintendent

# NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION

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from debts unexpectedly repaid after long standing! "I owe my Lord more than these debtors owe me," he said with a smile.

The secret of the willing mind and the liberal hand is to realize the Lordship of Christ over our lives and His constant presence with us.

At one time we were soliciting gifts for missions from among the farmers of Sioux County, Iowa. An earnest deacon drove me from farm to farm. Nearly everywhere in that prosperous year the farmers gave liberally. We came one day at the breakfast hour to the home of one of the wealthiest farmers, but my guide said there was no use going in to ask this man. "He is very close-fisted, although his wife is a liberal soul," he said.

I decided we had better try, since he could not do more than say no. As my guide had expected, the farmer refused bluntly. His wife entered a plea, but he would not yield an inch. As they were disputing whether to give or not to give, I asked playfully, "Who is the head of this house, you or your wife?" Each deferred to the other. Then to my delight I saw a wall motto hanging over the dining room table: *Jesus Christ is the Head of this house; the unseen Guest at every meal; the silent Listener to every conversation.* I pointed to it as

the answer to my question. Without another word the farmer took a checkbook from his pocket and wrote a larger sum than any of us had expected. The deacon was most surprised of all.

Time would fail to tell of other experiences and of the joy that comes to those at the gospel battlefront when reinforcements of men and money are forthcoming. The Philippian church was Paul's joy and crown. How often they cheered him by their freewill offerings, so that even in prison he was "their own missionary" and they became an example to all the churches of Asia Minor, even to the Corinthians (Philippians 4:15, 16).

"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. Now concerning the collection . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:58 to 16:1).

## TOO FILLED WITH GOD TO DIE

ENOCH WAS A MAN too filled with the living God to die! His translation is quite possibly an intimation of how all men would have exited this world had sin not marred the human race.

There is seldom need to write volumes on a man's life. A few words sum up Enoch's life beautifully: "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). The writer of Hebrews added: "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5).

He "walked with God." How much is said in so few words. This speaks of the abiding presence of God, a beautiful fellowship with the Creator, and continual spiritual progress throughout life.

This saint of old demonstrated that a walk with God is possible despite the prevalence of sin. Almost alone, he publicly aligned himself with God. He demonstrated that a man can walk with God in the prime of life, in the midst of family cares, to the very portals of heaven.

This was Enoch's aim in life. It colored every decision, every companionship, every activity. Men who walk with God become like Him.

"And he was not, for God took him." Enoch was the firstfruits of the ultimate translation of all believers. For it is written, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

The world's greatest space spectacular is just ahead: the bodily "catching up" of the Bride of Christ. Let the goal of every Christian be fixed. Let us be filled with God. And let us walk with God until we, as a holy Bride, are caught up to meet our returning Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

—JOHN W. EVERETT  
Pastor, Assembly of God, Worthington, Minnesota

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# OUR UNPOSSESSED INHERITANCE

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poor—although He was incredibly rich—is thwarted if we do not claim and take possession of our inheritance. He became poor that we through His poverty might become rich. God made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the *righteousness of God* in Christ. He emptied Himself that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. He became a curse in order that we Gentiles might receive the blessing of Abraham, even the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit, to then walk in the Spirit, so that God might bless us with every blessing of the New Covenant, and that we might be so filled with that blessing that all the families of the earth might be blessed through us. He bore our sins and our sicknesses and pain in order that we might enjoy abounding health—strength of spirit and might and body. Hallelujah!

When are we going to quit justifying ourselves for not coming up to New Testament standards? When are we going to begin justifying God and His Word? Does He really mean His great and precious promises? We know that He does. Then let us believe God and come to the Great Promiser, confessing the many times that we have made excuses for ourselves and for our unbelief.

Some of you may ask the same question I asked the Spirit when He was making these things real to me. "But Lord, how do I go about entering into these unpossessed possessions?" The Spirit is using the following words of J. H. Jowett to help me: "It is the child-spirit that approaches life's golden gates and finds them all ajar. The proudly aggressive spirit, contending for place and power, may force many a door, but they are not doors that open into enduring wealth and peace. Real inheritances become ours only through humility.... The lowly make great discoveries; to them the earth is full of God's glory."

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me," says our Lord, "for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls [whole being]." Hallelujah! "If you will turn and become as a little child, then you will enter into the treasures of my Kingdom," Christ would add.

"But Lord, there is so much pride, self-dependence, and self-assertiveness in my nature. I just do not have that simplicity and humility. It is not in me to become like a little child."

"Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door into the life of humility and true sonship will open," is His answer.

Yes, He will take us even if we are as set in our ways as Saul of Tarsus, and just as greatly unlike children as the proudest Pharisee. He will make us partakers of His own divine nature through the power of His glorious grace—if only we will keep believing that He is able and keep coming, seeking with thanksgiving and constant expectancy.

We have compassed this mountain long enough. Let us go up; we are well able to enter in and possess the country, for "with us is the Lord our God" to fight our battles with us and for us. Hallelujah! 



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**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD  
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Missionaries, Tongans, and Fijians unite to bring the gospel to Tonga.



Missionary Lawrence Larson (standing) visits with two Tongan officials.



Missionary party meets with premier of Tonga (center) and a district officer (left).



Mrs. Fanua, Tongan translator, looks on as tracts are distributed.



High school student in Tonga's capital accepts Light-for-the-Lost literature.



Tract distributors ride to outlying villages in Tonga-style taxi.



Fijian minister Peni Naituku instructs the first candidates for water baptism.

"... TO BEAR MY NAME BEFORE . . . KINGS" (Acts 9:15).

## LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST IN TONGA

By LAWRENCE R. LARSON - Missionary to Fiji Islands

**A**STOUNDING NEWS had reached the ears of the wife of Tonga's premier. Moses Niuafe, the seditionist, was telling people he would be baptized as a Christian!

It was the middle of October, during our opening crusades in the island kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific, when the Lord graciously saved Niuafe.

Among the spectators when Niuafe was baptized at the beach in front of Tonga's only hotel was a special representative delegated to confirm the event to the premier's wife. She had good reason to be

skeptical. Niuafe had been a murderer, a thief, a gambler, and an immoral man. He was a leader of sedition, with a three-year plan underway to overthrow the government.

After his conversion he testified, "I've retired from all my plans. I'm a new man now!" He even shaved off his mustache which he identified with the old life. People all over the island were amazed at the salvation of this man. There is nothing too hard for our God!

It started when a group of young min-

isters from the Fiji Islands accompanied me for the opening evangelistic campaign conducted in the new Tungi Arcade at Nuku'alofa, capital of Tonga.

In preparation, villages throughout the island were covered systematically with Light-for-the-Lost literature in the islanders' own language. Four different tracts were provided for each person. Everyone gladly accepted them and some even came to our residence asking for literature. Others came running up to us on the streets to ask for extras for friends in the office or shop. This literature helped open the hearts during the evangelistic meetings.

The Lord had prepared two friends in strategic positions to help us in Tonga. One was Siaosi Tu'itavake, district officer of the capital city (equivalent to a mayor). He took us into his home for one week and helped with all arrangements. Although he is a high chief, he humbled himself for Christ's sake.

At his home we had an evening meal with the king's private secretary. This in turn opened the way for me to have a private audience with King Taufa-ahau Tupou IV at the royal palace. There we gave witness to our faith and the intentions of our mission in this country.

An appointment was also arranged for us with Prince Tu'ipelehake, premier of Tonga. He graciously received us, and again we witnessed concerning our faith.

The other special friend was a Tongan doctor's wife, Tupou Posesi Fanua, who works in the palace office and is considered to have the credentials of a lawyer. She is the best interpreter in the country. God prepared her to serve as our interpreter for the evangelistic campaign, and she continues to help with this ministry.

Her ability as a translator is such that she translates the king's speeches into English for publication. This talent is also being used for the Lord, for she translated all our Light-for-the-Lost literature into the Tongan language. She and her husband translate the hymns and choruses we use.

Many young people are being attracted to the services. Several high school boys have been filled with the Holy Spirit. We had planned a tarrying meeting for a certain Thursday night, but two young men were so hungry for God that they came to our residence the previous Monday night, begging for prayer that they might be filled with the Holy Spirit. That night they became the first to receive the Pentecostal experience and anointing of power from on high.

Others have followed them. Several have stated that above all else they now want to be missionaries for the Lord, for they recognize the baptism of the Holy Spirit is anointing for service.

This Global Conquest effort, reinforced by Light-for-the-Lost literature, has already paid off in hundreds of souls. The territory is open for a continuing evangelistic and Pentecostal ministry.

The future for the gospel in Tonga looks bright. What God has enabled us to do here would have been impossible without the sacrificial help of our many friends in America and the Fijian Christians who have shared in the ministry.

**R**OYAL RANGERS from the North and South Fort Worth Sections of the North Texas District—243 of them—convened on October 7 for an exciting Royal Rangers roundup (campout). The site was the newly purchased Assemblies of God Brazos Ranch, located in Texas hill country bordering the historic Brazos River.

By late afternoon the meadows and sloping hills were dotted with tents of all sizes and shapes. The cedar breaks and rocky cliffs echoed with the exciting sounds of robust boys pitching tents and setting up camp.

The first major event, after supper, of course, was the big council fire service. What an inspiring sound to hear over 200 boys singing hymns and choruses around a blazing campfire.

The featured speaker was Johnnie Barnes, national commander of Royal Rangers. Commander Barnes built his message around stories of Indians in the early days of Texas and then drew spiritual parallels. Leaders and boys alike were deeply moved during the time of prayer and dedication.

Later in the evening the boys took a moonlit hike. The twinkling stars above inspired some of the boys to sing, "The stars at night are big and bright, Deep in the heart of Texas."

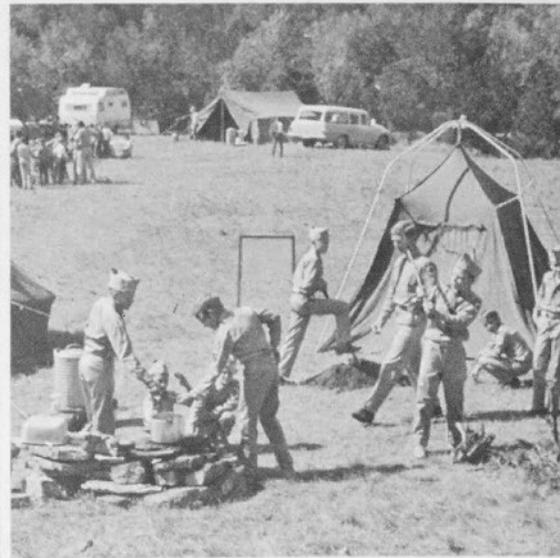
The following morning a devotional time was led by G. M. Budge from Brisbane, Australia. Brother Budge, who will be promoting Royal Rangers in Australia, attended the event to study camp techniques.

Morning activities included campcraft training sessions in firecraft, first aid, ropecraft, compass and map, and pathfinding.

After a hearty lunch the group gathered to hear an interesting talk by Tarrant County Sheriff Lon Evans.

The roundup concluded with the presentation of camp awards and a unanimous decision to conduct another roundup next spring.

The roundup staff was composed of James Lewis, camp coordinator; A. H. Roever, campcraft director; Victor Ostrom, achievement and awards chairman; R. E. Tyson, director of registration; and Sam Harwood, publicity director.



In the left photo are some who participated in the roundup. Left to right: James Lewis, camp coordinator; Johnnie Barnes, speaker; A. H. Roever, campcraft chairman; and G. M. Budge, Brisbane, Australia. At the right are fellows busy setting up camp.

## 'ROUNDUP TIME IN TEXAS'



Sheriff Lon Evans (left photo) of Tarrant County came out to the ranch and talked to the boys. A. H. Roever (right photo) conducts a ropecraft class.

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# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

VENTURA, CALIF.—Central Assembly here enjoyed a marvelous visitation from the Lord during a recent meeting with Evangelists Leonard and Frankie Sampier. Five were saved, five were reclaimed, and there was an increase in Sunday school attendance.

—Sheldon Simmons, pastor

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ROCKWOOD, MICH.—Faith Chapel Assembly here enjoyed the greatest moving of the Spirit in its history during special services with Evangelist George Butrin of Berwick, Pa.

Twenty-seven were either saved or reclaimed, and 16 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. One

lady testified to being healed of arthritis of the spine. A boy with a diseased hipbone testified to release of pain and could run with his "bad" leg. The services were well attended.

—Michael DeKonty, pastor

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MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO.—The Spirit of God was present in each service during a special meeting with Evangelist Glenna Byard at the Assembly of God here. Ten were saved, two reclaimed, and several refilled. Fifteen joined the church.

The services were well attended. Many were blessed and enriched by the anointed ministry of Sister Byard. —Paul E. Adams, pastor

SILVER SPRINGS, MD.—First Assembly here has enjoyed "times of refreshing... from the presence of the Lord" for several weeks. A number of people have been saved and at least 19 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others have been healed.

The Singing Lunsfords of Metropolis, Ill., held special services here for two weeks. Several were saved and eight filled with the Spirit during this time.

Others have been saved since the meeting ended. Sunday school attendance recently reached 262.

—J. L. Pittman, pastor

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MASSILLON, OHIO—Twenty-one were saved and nine filled

with the Holy Spirit at First Assembly here in recent meetings with Evangelists Jerry and Linda Knibbe. Over 150 visitors attended the services to see and hear the evangelists' unique ministry in word, song, and oil painting.

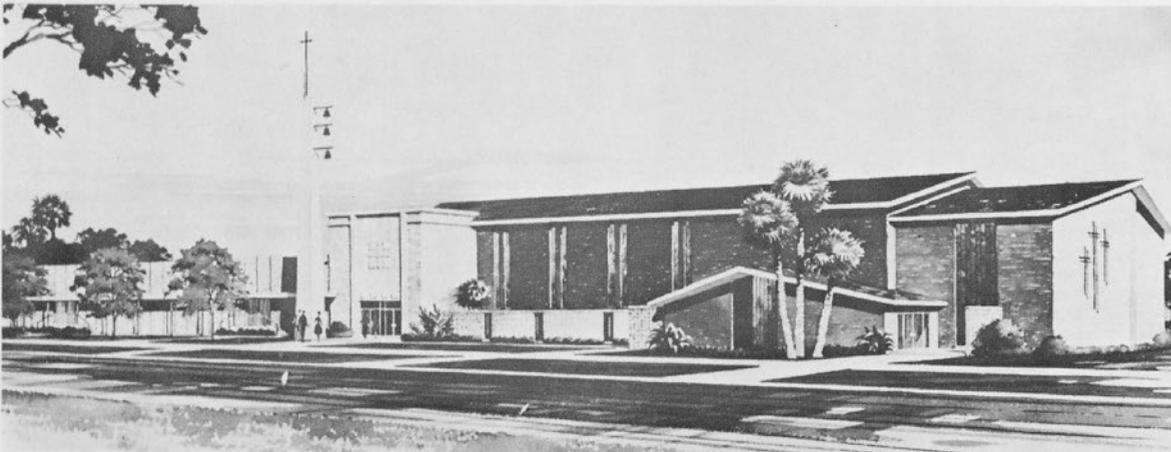
—Carl Ladd, pastor

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HOBBS, N. MEX.—Someone was saved or filled with the Spirit in every service during a three-week meeting recently with Evangelist Eddie Hundley of Fort Smith, Ark., at First Assembly here. Several testified to receiving outstanding healings. The church was blessed in every way, and a spirit of revival continued.

—B. Dale Webb, pastor

## CALIFORNIA CHURCH OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING AS REVIVAL SPIRIT CONTINUES



Total evaluation of the new home of First Assembly of God, 11455 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood, is \$1,069,500 including \$330,000 for the land and \$739,500 for the building.

Pastor D. Leroy Sanders is seen at the pulpit (also inset) of First Assembly during a Sunday evening evangelistic rally. New pews and chancel furniture have been installed since the pictures were taken.



NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Revival enthusiasm has been sweeping First Assembly here for several months. On September 4 the church occupied its beautiful new sanctuary, and God is continuing to bless the congregation with outpourings of His Spirit.

Pastor D. Leroy Sanders reports that many souls have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit in the regular services.

Associate Pastors T. E. Hollingsworth and Wallace Weber work with Brother Sanders in this great thrust for God in the San Fernando Valley.

The new church plant has fully departmentalized Sunday school facilities.

There are 48,424 square feet of floor space in the building. The sanctuary will seat 1,400.

There is a chapel seating 125 and a fellowship hall which seats 500 at tables.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Ashford	First	Jan. 17-22	Lee & Sherri Paino	Joseph Woodridge	
	Birmingham	Norwood	Jan. 11-22	Bob McCutchen	Leonard E. Page	
Ariz.	Prichard	First	Jan. 18-Feb. 5	Don & Dixie Cox	James Kofahl	
	Phoenix	Southside	Jan. 18-29	L. T. & Mrs. Bates	James McCluskey	
Ark.	Willcox	*A/G	Jan. 16-29	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Charles Kirkpatrick	
	DeWitt	First	Jan. 8-20	E. R. Winter	John Grappe	
Calif.	Fayetteville	Calvary	Jan. 8-15	Ed Eaton	J. W. Walker	
	Anaheim	Central	Jan. 15-29	Arvel Kilgore	Burl McAlister	
	Bell Gardens	Full Gospel	Jan. 17—	Diehl Evangelists	S. E. Bowler	
	Dublin	San Ramon Village	Jan. 17—	H. S. Ryan	Gene P. Anderson	
	Gustine	A/G	Jan. 15—	Claude Wood	Harold F. Steward	
	Manteca	First	Jan. 11-15	Paul & LaVonne Clark	Don Annas	
	Merced	Calvary	Jan. 8—	Roy & Dorothy Nielson	W. Earl Hubbard	
	Ontario	Central	Jan. 10-22	The Ellison Family	P. C. Walcher	
	Rio-Dell	**A/G	Jan. 15-20	Charles Senechal	L. E. Gilbert	
	Riverside	Calvary Temple	Jan. 15-29	Arne Vick	D. F. Ferguson	
	San Diego	Elim	Jan. 18-29	Ernie Rogers	Lee Harris	
	Taft	Taft Heights	Jan. 16-29	Larry Franks Party	B. D. Bennett	
Colo.	Twentynine Palms	First	Jan. 1-15	L. T. & Mrs. Bates	Albert Snell	
	Ventura	Central	Jan. 8-22	J. B. Woolums	Sheldon L. Simmons	
	LaSalle	Sunset	Jan. 17-29	Bob Wilson	R. A. Paul	
	Cocoa	First	Jan. 1-15	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	A. H. Salter	
	Dade City	Calvary	Jan. 18-29	H. Syvelle Phillips	Dillard J. Burrell	
	Ft. Myers	First	Jan. 4-16	Ernie Eskelin	Victor Maurice	
	Hialeah	Calvary Temple	Jan. 1-15	H. Syvelle Phillips	R. T. Havener	
	Miami	Northside	Jan. 18-29	"Gypsy" George Butrin	Robert Lafferty	
	Sanford	First	Jan. 17—	Roger Wood	Hubert Wilder	
	Tampa	Glad Tidings	Jan. 18-29	"Little Joe" Peterson	P. D. Creel	
Ga.	Tampa	Northside	Jan. 8-15	David Fernandez	M. L. Halbrook	
	Wildwood	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Thomas P. Miller	
	Atlanta	A/G Tabernacle	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Burnie Davis	Jimmie Mayo Sr.	
	Griffin	First	Jan. 8—	Glen Shinn	Ernest P. Pruett	
	Macon	Central	Jan. 1-15	Bob & Sharon Jones	James Standifer	
	Rome	First	Jan. 17-29	Bob & Sharon Jones	Claude Collins	
	Warner Robins	First	Jan. 1—	Nettie Parham	Charles A. Morris	
	Waycross	First	Jan. 1-14	Keetah Jones	Luther G. Grice	
	Lewiston	Tabernacle	Jan. 8-22	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Park Reed	
	Ill.	Beardstown	First	Jan. 15-29	DeGreef & Cooper Team	Robert O. Schall
Chicago		Belmont Gospel	Jan. 9-15	William Caldwell	Arthur Klaus	
Cottage Hills		Forrest Mission	Dec. 28-Jan. 8	Bob McCutchen	Louis Estes	
Dixon		A/G	Jan. 17-29	Ed Eaton	James Doan	
Ind.	E. St. Louis	Emmanuel	Jan. 15-29	Philip & Marydell Combs	Charles J. Lance	
	Hammond	First	Jan. 15—	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	W. C. Hanneman	
	Marion	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Lee & Sherri Paino	J. Haskell Woodridge	
Kans.	Mooreville	Full Gospel	Jan. 17-29	J. E. Friend	W. E. Wright	
	Beloit	A/G	Jan. 8-15	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	Wm. J. Lambertson	
	Galena	A/G	Jan. 15—	T. J. & Wanda Taylor	J. P. McCamey	
Ky.	Newton	First	Jan. 17-29	Norman & Evelyn Hays	W. R. Boyd	
	Phillipsburg	First	Jan. 1-15	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Jesse Shaw	
La.	Louisville	Evangel	Jan. 18-29	Winferd Mack	W. L. Rodgers	
	Houma	A/G	Jan. 1—	Cecil R. Welch	Jerry E. Fugatt	
Md.	Shreveport	Lynwood	Jan. 10-22	Bob & Joan Brantley	Frank Andrews	
	W. Monroe	Siegle	Jan. 1-15	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	B. O. Smith	
Minn.	Cabin John	Riverside	Jan. 17-29	Ralph & Faith Leslie	John M. French	
	Morris	A/G	Jan. 3-15	Don D. Miller	Orville Larson	
Mo.	Advance	First	Jan. 17-29	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Frank Heitman	
	Kansas City	Maple Park	Jan. 11-22	Doyle H. Thompson	Lee Calhoun	
	St. Joseph	Wyatt Park	Jan. 17-29	James & Beulah Pepper	James H. Gilbert	
	St. Louis	Bethany Chapel	Jan. 15-29	Glenna Byard	Donald E. Massey	
	St. Louis	Southside	Jan. 10-22	The Singing Lunsfords	Manuel Shoults	
	Springfield	East Side	Dec. 31-Jan. 8	Message for America Tm.	Albert D. Pyle	
	West Plains	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	G. A. Gaddis	
	Mont.	Sidney	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Dean Rohner
		Broken Bow	A/G	Jan. 15-29	Milo Harmon	L. S. Nichols
	N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Jan. 1—	Charles L. Ogdon	Melvin Sasse
Roswell		Central	Jan. 3-15	Bob Wilson	Fred Ridener	
Ohio	Akron	Evangel Temple	Jan. 8-13	J. G. Hall	Richard Dobbins	
	Mt. Vernon	Trinity	Jan. 17-29	John Higginbotham	August Mocerri	
Okla.	Edmond	First	Jan. 17-29	Leonard Negrin	Nick Schubert	
	Enid	First	Jan. 1—	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Earl W. Kelly	
Oreg.	Grants Pass	First	Jan. 18—	Bobby Black	Don Merrill	
	Molalla	A/G	Jan. 17-29	D. L. Nultemeier	Harry Olsen	
	Portland	Rockwood	Jan. 17-29	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Leonard Parker	
	Portland	St. John	Jan. 1—	Marlon Jannuzzi	Russell Emerson	
	Woodburn	A/G	Jan. 4-15	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Richard Martin	
S. Dak.	Rapid City	First	Jan. 17-29	Odis H. & Mrs. Virgin	David M. Hogan	
	Cleveland	Hi-Way Tabernacle	Jan. 9-14	L. J. Choate	Travis Freeman	
Tex.	El Paso	Glad Tidings	Jan. 17-29	I. D. Rayborn	Richard Stephens	
	Houston	Fontaine	Jan. 11-22	Tommy & Esther Lance	John H. Giere	
	Odessa	First	Jan. 1—	John & Freda Bryant	M. D. Williams	
	Pilot Point	First	Jan. 1-14	B. P. Carroll	T. L. Lillard	
	Plainview	Southside	Jan. 16-29	Mangram Evangelistic Tm.	M. W. Putnam	
	Texarkana	Rose Hill	Jan. 9-22	Terry D. Johnson	Boyce L. Green	
	Isle of Wight	Pine Grove	Jan. 17-29	Don & Sharon Parker	Dana H. Spence	
	Kettle Falls	A/G	Jan. 17-29	Roy & Arlene Brewer	W. L. Papan	

\*Youth Crusade

\*\*Children's Crusade

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## WITH CHRIST

WALTER E. KIMBALL, 91, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., was called into the presence of the Lord October 11, 1966. Ordained in 1914, Brother Kimball was a member of the North Texas District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Seagraves and Brownwood, Tex. He is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.



**SPRINGFIELD, MO.—**Flower Hall, new residence hall at Central Bible College, is now completed; students have moved into its attractive rooms. Bonds are still available to help us liquidate the balance of the indebtedness. Your investment in these bonds is an investment in youth preparing for Christian ministry.

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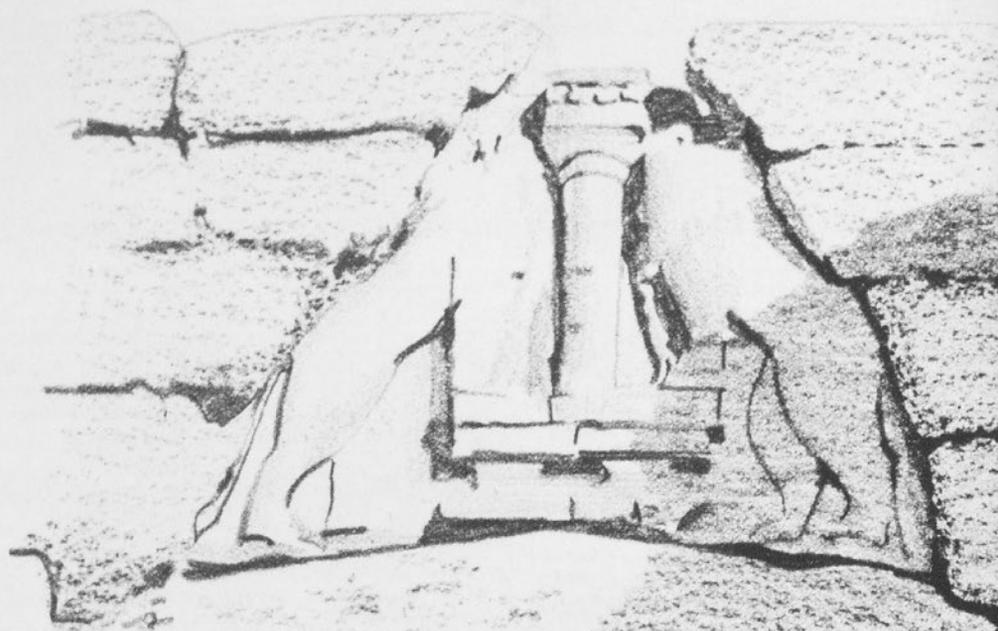
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Detail of the famous Lion Gate entrance to the Acropolis, dating from about 1400 B.C.

**S**ECURITY IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST WISH OF MEN. To feel secure men unite, vote, and labor. As far as this life is concerned, what could be more important than to feel we will be amply cared for and free from worries as long as we live?

Yet few people are secure. Even the rich are not sure they will be rich tomorrow, for "riches take wings and fly away."

A few years after the first World War, I spent several hours in Athens, Greece, while our ship was in the harbor. A Greek who spoke good English took us to see the ruins of the ancient city. As we drove with him to the Acropolis he said he had worked in the U.S. for several years. When he had saved \$20,000 he returned to Greece, thinking he had plenty for the rest of his life. Then came the war. Through depreciation of Greek money he lost his entire fortune. He had thought himself secure but had met disappointment.

Let me tell you also about an aging couple who had a small piece of property near which oil was discovered. They were offered a large price for their home but refused because they thought oil would be found on their land. Wells were drilled almost to their property line. But there the oil ended. They died in poverty.

Since nothing is secure in this life, we need something more than earth can afford. After all, how long will we be in this life? The Psalmist prayed, "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." He realized that time here is short, eternity is long.

True Christianity is the greatest boon that has ever come to man. It has done more to brighten our present lives than anything else. But Christianity's primary purpose is that we might have acceptance with God and be prepared for the life to come. While you are well and strong, perhaps you may think lightly of this. But it is a matter of greatest importance.

You can know you are secure for all eternity. Christ died for our sins, and rose from the dead. He has satisfied the justice and holiness of God by paying the full

# SECURITY

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

price of our redemption. He says, "Come unto me," and, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

The human soul is a reality. Meeting God is a reality. Judgment will be real. If you are not prepared, I would urge you to make your calling and your election sure by taking Christ as your Saviour.

Do you ask how you can be saved? A young man, distressed about his spiritual condition, was talking to a Christian friend. The friend asked, "Did you ever learn to float?"

"Yes, I did," was the surprised reply.

"And did you find it easy to learn?"

"Not at first."

"What was the difficulty?"

"Well, I couldn't realize the water would hold me up without my doing something, so I always began to struggle."

"Then what?"

"I learned I must give up struggling and just rest on the water, confident I would not sink."

Friend, that is the way you get saved. Stop trying to save yourself. Trust wholly in Christ. Give yourself entirely to Him. He will bear you up. Salvation comes through trusting in the grace of God through our Lord and Saviour. 