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# HANDCUFFED

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**P**AUL, AS A PRISONER IN ROME, was chained by the wrist to a Roman soldier. Conybeare, in his great *Life and Epistles of St. Paul* said, "Who could see without emotion that venerable form subjected by iron links to the coarse control of the soldier who stood beside him?"

For the soldier it was but a brief term of duty. For Paul it was unceasing bondage. The guard would be changed, but the chain was always there! Even so, Paul did not lose sight for one moment of the supreme purpose of his life. Prisoner as he was, he was still an ambassador for Christ. In his own words in Ephesians 6:20: "I am an ambassador in bonds."

This was brought home to me very forcibly some while ago when lying in a hospital. A coronary thrombosis had put me out of action only two months after taking over my present pastorate. I was almost overwhelmed by a sense of frustration.

Just then there came into my hands *An Expanded Paraphrase of the Epistles of Paul* by Dr. F. F. Bruce of Manchester University. What a blessing that book was in so many ways. I read it from beginning to end with an increasing joy of discovery. But when I came to his rendering of Ephesians 6:20, a thrill ran through my soul. Here it is: "For the gospel's sake I am an ambassador, *even if I am a handcuffed ambassador.*"

Handcuffed! That is what I was! Handcuffed by illness, by doctors and nurses; imprisoned when my soul longed for active ministry; and because of the nature of my illness, facing a long period with my handcuff on. Handcuffed? Yes, but still an ambassador. I began to pray with a new sense of purpose; and what I learned, I want to share with you.

There are ways in which we all are handcuffed. Some by fear, others by weakness of body, even by deformity. Some by lack of time or money or education; others by inability to express themselves, or by isolation of circumstance. Some by family ties; others by oppression or even persecution. Handcuffed!

But it all depends on what you do with your handcuff. So many are like Moses. His handcuff was a feeling of inadequacy. If you want to read about it, turn to Exodus 3 and 4. You could entitle those chapters, *A Book of Excuses for Not Doing the Will of God*. Moses had so many handcuffs that as soon as God knocked one off, he put another on. It took God a long time to convince Moses He could use even a handcuffed man. He had to learn that whatever his fears, whatever his limitations, he was still God's servant; that through him God could fulfill His great purposes.

So it is with us. Our handcuffs need not prevent our doing the will of God. I well remember a lady who had every excuse for not witnessing. She was cross-eyed, had a bad heart, suffered from painful varicose veins, in the

winter was often ill with bronchial troubles, and at all times had a rasping voice. Handcuffed? But she knew she was Christ's ambassador. Consistently, summer and winter, sometimes through snow and ice, often through thick mud, she visited from house-to-house giving out tracts and telling others of her wonderful Saviour. Only in heaven is the record kept of the countless souls she led to Christ.

Let me repeat; *it all depends on what you do with your handcuff*. If you keep looking at it, concentrating on it, telling others about it, you will become obsessed with it. Your heart will grow bitter; your conversation become complaining. Your handcuff will become your alibi for doing nothing for God. But if like Paul you will say, "For the gospel's sake I am an ambassador, even if I am a handcuffed ambassador," you will discover a freedom and a scope for service that you never dreamed possible.

## **PAUL WAS FREE TO REACH OUT IN PRAYER**

Most of us like to get alone to pray, but Paul could not. All the time he was in the company of a pagan soldier. Paul had tremendous responsibilities; the vision of his life's work yet unfulfilled; a deep conviction of his gospel debt to every creature; the care of the churches coming upon him daily. If any man needed to pray, it was he. And pray he did! He refused to let his handcuff cut him off from his ministry of prayer.

It is obvious that Paul reached out in prayer for communion with God. All the time in his life there was this sustaining relationship. He was in living touch with the living God. It was because he kept in tune with God by prayer that he had the strength to face the many crises that arose in his life. When he was face to face with shipwreck, he could say, "The Lord stood by me." When all men forsook him, he could say, "The Lord stood by me." Unfailingly he reached out to God for the quickening of the Spirit that ministered nourishment to his soul.

If you are handcuffed, you too need that. You will find it where Paul found it—in prayer. Do not let your handcuff cut you off from prayer; rather let it drive you to more prayer. Unless you do, you will become enfeebled, frayed in spirit, without a ministry of blessing to anyone.

Paul also reached out in prayer for revelation. What we call the Prison Epistles—Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon—show some of the things Paul had had revealed to him in prayer.

In the Epistles to Galatia and Rome, Paul laid foundation truths—and every Christian would be well advised to study those epistles until the foundations are laid in their own lives. But when he came to Ephesians and Colossians, Paul seemed to fling up from these founda-

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# AMBASSADOR

tions celestial arches of glory that thrill the soul. Like John on Patmos, he found his physical bondage no barrier to communion with God; and because of this he beheld wondrous things. So can you!

Then again he reached out in prayer in an outstanding ministry of intercession. You can see this even if you study only one of his great prison prayers—Ephesians 1. Handcuffed, shut in, yet his soul ranged the churches, discerning their needs, lifting up the saints in the powerful arms of his pleading before God. He prayed without ceasing; he prayed daily; he prayed with tears day and night. His handcuff did not stop him from becoming the greatest intercessor of his day.

Many a handcuffed child of God has learned the same secret. Granny Archer was such an one in the early days of my ministry. On her 80th birthday she suddenly became totally blind. In addition she suffered from bronchitis, phlebitis, arthritis, and several other complaints. I once told her she was not a sick woman; she was a museum of diseases!

One day when I was visiting her, she began to weep and said, "Pastor, I feel so useless lying here. The only thing I can do is pray." I quickly told her never to apologize for that. To pray was the greatest thing she could do. Her prayer life was my constant support until the day the Lord called her home.

How many Granny Archers preachers and churches have known, and what an incalculable debt we owe to them. No one this side of glory will be able to evaluate the worth of the hidden ministry of handcuffed intercessors. If *you* are handcuffed, you are free to pray!

## PAUL WAS FREE TO REACH OUT BY PEN

Referring again to the Prison Epistles we find in them special aspects of truth that have enriched believers down the years. Particularly is this true of Paul's teaching concerning Christ as the Head of the Church, and the Church as the body of Christ.

Paul had to obtain help to get these letters written, but somehow they were written. And who would want to forego them? We may well have had to if Paul had never been handcuffed. Paul, without his handcuff, would have had time and freedom to travel more. He also would have had less time to write. Free, he might have founded a few more churches; but what would that have been compared to his great Prison Epistles?

Not one church that Paul founded exists today; yet the letters he wrote when he could not found churches have proved imperishable. What seemed to be a limitation turned out to be an enlargement. Handcuffed, he could write letters that reached beyond the time and space of his earthly life, bringing immeasurable blessing to countless generations.

For Samuel Rutherford, one of Scotland's godliest ministers of the 17th century, the same was true. He was banished from his parish of Anwoth and compelled to live in Aberdeen. Even there he was forbidden to preach. How his heart yearned over his beloved parishioners in Anwoth!

What could he do to help them? Only what Paul had done—pray and write, and he did both. For the good of us all, what Alexander Whyte calls Rutherford's "seraphic *Letters*" have been preserved. Published in 1664, their title page runs thus: "Joshua Redivivus, or

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## Patients of the Lord

"DOCTORS NEED PATIENTS" is a pun so old it may seem entirely worn out—but perhaps it can still be used to remind us that patients need patience too, and especially those who trust the Great Physician for their healing.

Wonderful testimonies of healing come to our editorial offices from week to week, and in many of these cases the patience of the saints was sorely tried before the healing came.

The testimonies we receive are convincing proof that God is still the Healer of His people. He is healing people of all ages, of all walks of life, of all types of diseases and afflictions. Sometimes the healing comes at church; sometimes at home or on the job. Sometimes it follows the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil, as prescribed in Mark 16:18 and James 5:14; at other times the Lord grants healing to individuals in response to their own private prayers. The healing may be instantaneous or, as happens many times, there may be a lengthy battle of prayer and faith before the victory comes.

The Lord wants patience to be developed in His saints—not a listless, passive patience that accepts whatever happens in a careless, unconcerned attitude, but a patience that is strong, active, fully alert to the situation, ready to submit to the will of the Lord, but always reaching out in faith to lay hold of His promises. This patience of faith is very precious in His sight, and He tests the believers' faith in order that patience may be developed.

Patients of the Great Physician need patience—the patience of faith—to keep praying and believing until the answer comes. Numerous illustrations in the Scriptures encourage this.

Remember the experience of Naaman, the Syrian leper. When told to dip seven times in the Jordan River if he wished to be healed, it tried his patience as well as his obedience. Why the muddy Jordan? Why seven times? Wouldn't once or twice be enough? But it was not until he had dipped the seventh time that his leprosy disappeared.

Then there is the story of Elijah and his servant on Mount Carmel praying for a miracle. Six times he prayed for rain, and each time the servant looked he saw no sign of clouds. But Elijah exercised the patience of faith and prayed once more—and a cloud appeared.

Another example is Israel's conquest of Jericho. God said, "See, I have given Jericho into thine hand," but it did not fall immediately. They had to march around the city once each day for six days; then on the seventh they had to march around it seven times. This involved a lot of marching and required a lot of patience, but it was the only course to victory. After 13 circuits, the walls fell flat.

Perhaps you have a sickness that seems as formidable as those walls of Jericho. You have prayed; others have prayed; you have called for the elders of your church, and they have come and prayed over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord, yet your "walls of Jericho" still stand. Let patience have her perfect work. You are God's patient. Leave yourself in His skillful hands. He said, "I have given Jericho into thine hand," but the city did not fall at once. The trial of your faith worketh patience, James says, and patient faith is much more precious in God's sight than impatient faith. Remember it was through faith and patience that God's heroes of old inherited the promises. Patient faith will bring healing from the Lord in His way, in His time, and for His glory.

—R.C.C.

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WHEN SICKNESS COMES, WE HAVE A GREAT PHYSICIAN  
WHOSE NAME IS JEHOVAH ROPHEKA,  
"THE LORD THAT HEALETH."

A SAILOR, home on leave, was trying to explain to his father why he was slow to advance in rank. "Well, Dad, in the Navy it's not *what* you know, but *whom* you know."

In time that boy would learn, as his father already knew, that success in life is often determined by *both* what one knows and whom he knows.

To receive healing it is good not only to know *about* the Healer, but also to know *Him*—well enough to call Him by name. Do you know His name?

To the sick He introduces himself as Jehovah Ropheka. This is one of several Hebrew names by which God has revealed himself as Redeemer in the Old Testament. Jehovah Ropheka means "Jehovah your Physician," "Jehovah who keeps healing you," or as translated in Exodus 15:26, "the Lord that healeth thee."

If you are sick, call upon Him by the name that applies to your need: "Jehovah Ropheka, heal me."

Learn to associate His name with your need. One associates the name Mozart with music, Rembrandt with painting, Shakespeare with drama, Napoleon with warfare, and Columbus with discovery. In the same way, associate Jehovah Ropheka with healing and health. Learn to know Him well enough to call Him by name.

The name *Jesus* also suggests healing, for it means "Jehovah is salvation." God's salvation is for body as well as soul; so *Jesus* means literally "the Lord is the Saviour-Healer."

Many have found help in time of extreme difficulty by simply calling out the name, *Jesus*. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

One man, whose ideas of theology some might consider quite limited, nevertheless had great faith in God. This man fell gravely ill, yet his faith did not waver. He continually praised God, calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus. As his pastor stood by his bedside, the man said, "Pastor, I am going to be healed. I will call upon the name of Jesus as long as I have strength. Then when you can't hear my voice, I am going to keep praising God with my little finger. And every time you see that little finger wiggle, you will know I am saying, 'Jesus.'"

Later the pastor was called to the bedside. It appeared the man had already died. But the pastor remembered the man's words. He looked down, and, sure enough, the man's little finger was twitching slightly. He was still saying, "Jesus."

Seeing this, the faith of the pastor was strengthened. He began praising the Lord himself, and soon the sick man revived sufficiently to lift his voice in praise also.

After that, the man's recovery was rapid and complete. The name of Jesus had prevailed over the power of the sickness. "God also hath...given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

Besides the virtue of the Name itself, there is a power in His name that commands respect and obedience. Thus when one says, "In the name of Jesus," he is saying, "By authority of, or by order of, Jesus." One who is



# The Lord that Heals

By EVANGELIST WILLIAM CALDWELL

carrying out the orders of Jesus is authorized to issue commands in the name of Jesus.

Has Jesus issued us such an authorization? Yes, He has. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe; *in my name* shall they cast out devils... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:15, 17, 18).

Thank God for the name of Jesus!



# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## GOD SPARES LITTLE GIRL'S THUMB

ON AUGUST 30, 1966, our 2½-year-old daughter Avril Dee severely injured her thumb. Doctors said it must be amputated but God performed a miracle and spared her thumb.



The accident happened while she was in an office with us. The 30-pound lid of a chest-type steel-bound safe fell heavily on the thumb of Dee Dee's left hand. Her thumb was almost severed.

At the hospital we were told the bone was badly crushed and there was little hope of saving the thumb. Surgery would have to be performed.

Before surgery we called the saints of the Borinquen Assembly to prayer.

After an hour and a half we were told infection would most likely set in and there was still little hope of saving her thumb. But we prayed and fasted and waited.

The expected fever did not come. We knew God had performed a miracle. After three days Dee Dee was released from the hospital although we had been told she would be there weeks!

After only three weeks the bone had healed so rapidly that there was no need for a splint. The doctor was surprised and very happy that healing had taken place so quickly. We give God the glory and thank Him for sparing our little girl's thumb.—Lee and Chris Ramos, Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Lynn Drumwright, Borinquen Assembly of God, Puerto Rico.)*

## HERNIA DISAPPEARS FOLLOWING PRAYER

ON OCTOBER 7, 1965, I underwent a very serious operation for double hernia. After I was home for two months, the operation on my left side ceased to hold and the surgeon said I would have to have another operation. I was in much pain.

My doctor postponed the operation for two weeks, and during that time of postponement I attended the revival services at the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell.

I was prayed for by the evangelist and that night I

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

saw the miracle-working power of Jesus. I cried for joy because half of the hernia had disappeared.

During the following weeks it kept getting smaller until it was completely gone. Last March I went to my surgeon and after examining me he said that I no longer needed an operation.

Praise God for His faithfulness. I can truly sing "How Great Thou Art" and "Help Me to Be Worthy."  
—John Kessler, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

*(Endorsed by Pastor John S. Palmer, Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.)*

## BROKEN NECK MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

IT WAS 8 A.M. when I fell down the steps of my home and had a serious injury of my neck. How serious I did not know until my brother came home in the evening and took me to the hospital; but before he arrived, my neck was hanging on my shoulders and I was numb from my shoulders down. I could not speak.

My brother rushed me to the hospital and X rays revealed that my neck was broken. The doctors placed me in traction. First, they tied my feet to the foot of the bed and placed my head under traction with weights. However, this was not successful, so they bored two holes in my skull and attached expansion bolts with swivel, and two four-pound weights were placed on these. I was sandwiched between two mattresses and was turned in this manner. I lay in this position for three and one-half weeks. The doctors did not promise me much hope for the future.

I had not attended any church often, but when I did go I went to Berea Temple in St. Louis. I decided to call the pastor, Wm. Nelson Sachs, to pray for me. As Brother Sachs began to pray, I joined with him in my feeble manner. While we were praying, I was conscious of another person in the room. It seemed that he was a surgeon. He wore a long white gown, but he was threading a needle with a long flame of fire. I could feel him sewing from the base of my spine up my backbone, stitch by stitch, and there was a burning sensation at the base of the back of my neck.

Something wonderful had happened to me! I called the doctors and requested more X rays, for I felt I was healed. The doctors must have thought I was delirious, as they hesitated to take special X rays at this time. But I continued to insist, so I was rolled into the X-ray room with the swivel bolts still in my skull. The doctors took one X ray, and then two, and many more. They were shocked by their findings. There was nothing wrong with my neck! I was perfectly whole. They admitted this had to be a miracle.

I was released from the hospital and returned to

Berea Temple the next Sunday night to give thanks at the altar to the God who had delivered me. As I began to thank God, something even more wonderful came over me and I began to speak in other tongues. I did not understand or know what this was at the time, but God had baptized me with the Holy Spirit.

My healing took place nine years ago, and I am perfectly well today! There has never been an ill after-effect of any type. The flame of His presence still burns in my heart!—Mrs. Wanda Prince, St. Louis, Mo.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Wm. Nelson Sachs, Berea Temple, St. Louis, Missouri.)*

## SHOULDER AND ARM HEALED AFTER SURGERY FAILS

IN DECEMBER, 1965, God healed my shoulder which had been injured in a fall. Surgery had failed to solve my problem, but the Great Physician came on the scene and performed a miracle.

I fell in 1946 and dislocated my right shoulder. It grew fast in that position, and I suffered much pain. Doctors performed an operation to set the shoulder free but I grew worse instead of better. Much suffering followed the operation, and I was gradually losing the use of my arm. My dear wife had to help me clothe myself. I feared if I didn't get help, my right side would be paralyzed. I was losing weight. I also suffered much with indigestion.



I was a water tender for the Norfolk and Western Shops in our town, but never was able to return to my job.

Evangelist A. B. Marks held a revival at our church. When he called for those who needed healing to come forward, I responded. Our pastor and other brethren joined the evangelist and prayed for me. I knew I had a touch from the Lord that night but did not know I was healed. The next day I realized I was using my right hand—something I had not been able to do in a long time. The Great Physician had healed not only my shoulder but also my indigestion and other ailments in my body.

I know age makes no difference with the Lord for I was 77 years old when He healed me. I have gained weight since then. To Him whom I love and serve be all the glory.—Frank Grimsley, Shenandoah, Va.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Linwood M. Ball, Assembly of God, Shenandoah, Va.)*

## DEAF EAR UNSTOPPED

I HAD BEEN HARD OF HEARING in my right ear since I was around eight or nine years old. My deafness was caused by a blow on the head.

Every year when the school tested the students' ears they would send a note home urging my mother to take me to an ear specialist.

The school even sent a man selling hearing aids to my home. But my mother and I had faith that God would heal me.

I went almost eight years with my deafness, having people repeat what they were saying to me two or three times, and sometimes I still would not know what they had said.

Then in June 1966 Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, came to Tampa. He conducted a revival crusade in Glad Tidings Assembly of God, where Preston D. Creel is the pastor, and I attended the meetings.

Brother Caldwell laid his hands on me and prayed. It seemed as though there was no change until the next night, when I began to hear. I had just returned from another of these wonderful services and when I walked in the door of my home I heard certain noises that I had not been hearing before. Then all at once my ear opened and I had my hearing.

I thank the Lord for my healing and for not letting me lose my faith that He was going to heal me.—Bonnie Sweet, Tampa, Florida.

*(Endorsed by Pastor P. D. Creel, Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Tampa, Florida.)*

## BABY HEALED AS HOSPITAL STAFF PRAYS

THE PHONE RANG at the H. H. Williams Memorial Hospital operated by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

"Dr. Covert calling. We just brought Laine Smith into hospital. He's a sick boy. Pray."

It was the night of February 8, 1966. As the news spread that the illness was viral pneumonitis, in the minds of our staff the question arose, "Again, Lord?" Only the night before a child with the same diagnosis, also the same age (about 10 months old) had passed into eternity.

Friends and staff—at home and at work—bowed before the Lord and fervently prayed.

A struggle was going on at the hospital. The doctor and nurses were busy using the talents God had given them, but in the heart of a mother the battle had ceased—all conflict had ended. For Laine's mother, Margaret, stood quietly by—her baby closer to death than to life, it seemed. But with a sudden sureness the answer had come. "Jesus, he's so sick! He can't suffer like this, Lord. We gave him to You. If You want him back, You must have a higher purpose. It's not our will, but Yours. He's Yours, Lord!"

Doctor, nurses, and staff stepped back; human hands could do no more. But as all waited in prayerful silence, Laine's rapid breathing slowly, surely, subsided—and a miracle took place! The tracheotomy set was in readiness, but it wasn't needed.

God's presence was so real as we saw Him work a definite healing in little Laine. He was released from the hospital 11 days later.

What can be said of such an event? A simple, "Thank You, Lord," is our tribute. Words cannot explain the nearness of Him who is called *Peace*. Lessons were applied, a different one to each heart. Dedications were renewed, sincerely, and with new meaning.—Reported by Miss Lillian Freund, secretary to the administrator, H. H. Williams Memorial Hospital, Hay River, N. W. T., Canada.

*(Endorsed by K. A. Gaetz, hospital administrator.)*



# Healing as taught in the Bible

Brother Wilson preaching at Springfield, Missouri, in the auditorium of the administration building (international headquarters of the Assemblies of God)

By A. A. WILSON

I WANT YOU TO EXAMINE one of the most wonderful truths contained in the Scriptures, one that is as clearly taught by the Master as the New Birth or any other of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. That truth is divine healing for the children of the Lord—made possible through the atoning work of Christ upon the cross.

Healing for the sick has been left out of the Church for so long that it is an entirely new idea to many Christians. Yet Jesus said in Mark 16, "These signs shall follow them that believe." And one of the signs that should accompany believers is, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This statement carries two positive "shalls" that compel one to know Jesus meant just what He said.

Healing was a covenant promise made by the Lord to Israel when He brought them out of Egypt, for we read in Exodus 15:26: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

And David, writing of this great company of people, said there was not a sickly one among them. It is repeated in Psalm 103:2: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." The Lord is the double cure for the double curse—sin and sickness.

The prophet Isaiah sounded so clearly the same note—"double cure for double curse"—in Isaiah 53:5: "But

he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

As we read and study the ministry of Christ, we see this prophecy fulfilled in every way possible. When He came out of the wilderness temptation in triumphant victory, He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up; and as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. There was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah; and when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Some have attempted to apply this to spiritual things only. Yet as we trace His steps, we find that when Jesus left Nazareth, going to Capernaum, He healed the demoniac; and then, going into Peter's home, He healed Peter's wife's mother who lay sick of a fever. The fever immediately left her, and she arose and ministered unto them.

This same ministry of healing was imparted to Christ's followers for the Church Age. Immediately after the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, we read about the healing of the lame man who asked for alms (Acts 3:1-8). "Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he

took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

Some would maintain this power was only for the apostles. Yet when we turn to Acts 8, we are confronted with the ministry of a man who was not an apostle but a member of the official board of the first church in Jerusalem. God confirmed his ministry with miracles, as recorded in Acts 8:5, 8. In Acts 13 and 28 also we see the ministry of healing as Paul prayed for the sick.

The divine prescription for every Christian believer is found in James and has been enjoyed by multitudes: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5:14, 15).

Preaching divine healing is no offense to the medical profession. Some of my personal friends are doctors, and I have yet to talk to one who has not the greatest respect for prayer for the sick. One of the Mayo brothers made the statement, and it was carried by the Associated Press, that praying for the sick and divine healing are no longer experiments, but that it is a reality that God will heal the sick in answer to prayer.

Jesus healed while here upon earth, and He healed without exception all who came to Him. Sometimes the result was not apparent at once, but it was gradual, as we read in John 4:46-53. Sometimes He indicated healing would be in the future, as in the blind man, as recorded in John 9. Generally, however, the healing took place instantly, as in Matthew 15:30.

There is no disease beyond the Master's touch, for we have a clear record of His healing lunacy, epilepsy, palsy, fever, paralysis, blindness, deafness, withered hand and sword wound.

Those who have chronic diseases should encourage themselves by remembering that Jesus healed chronic cases—one of 12 years' standing (Matthew 9:20); another 18 years (Luke 13:10-16); another 40 years (Acts 3).

He also healed people at a distance, including one person 16 miles away (nobleman's son) as recorded in John 4:46-48. He healed illness associated with demons (a child) as recorded in Luke 9:39-42. He healed in various manners: by a touch, by others touching Him, by taking people by His hand, by command, and by word.

And so today one cannot say that the Lord Jesus has to be here in person to touch the sick, but through the medium of the Holy Spirit He can send His Word to heal them as He did in the long ago.

Too many today are like Martha whose brother Lazarus died. When Jesus came, she said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here [past], my brother had not died." Jesus answered, "Thy brother shall rise again."

She said, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day [future]."

But Jesus was anxious to erase the idea that miraculous help for His people was confined to apostolic times, or reserved until we get to heaven, and said to her, "I AM." Thank God, He is still the great "I AM"—the Lord who heals today.

The apostle Paul, writing of Him in Hebrews 13:8, said, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Healing has been the experience of many ministers all through the ages. In his illuminating notes on the New Testament, John Wesley commented on James 5:14, 15 as follows:

*"Having anointed him with oil—this single, conspicuous gift which Christ committed to His apostles (Mark 13) remained in the Church long after the other miraculous gifts were withdrawn. Indeed it seems to have been designed to remain always, and James directs the elders to administer it. This was the whole process of physic in the Christian Church, till it was lost by unbelief. . . ."*

*"And the prayer offered in faith shall save the sick—from his sickness; and if any sin be the occasion of his sickness, it shall be forgiven him."*

In his *Journal*, John Wesley records no less than 249 cases of divine healing in connection with his ministry.

If this divine gift was lost through unbelief, it is reasonable to expect it to be restored through faith.

All through the centuries since the time of the apostles there have been individuals who had faith in God for the healing of their bodies; and where New Testament faith has been found, New Testament miracles have been wrought in the name of Jesus.

Near the end of the 19th century there were a few shining lights who witnessed to the healing grace of our Lord in our times, but it was not till the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this century that the number of witnesses became large enough to attract the attention of the general public. During recent years divine healing has been brought into the limelight, and thousands believe in it now for every one who had the light 70 years ago.

One of my first experiences of this was as a young Christian. I had neither heard nor read about Jesus healing. My wife was very sick. She had seemingly come to the place where death had laid hold upon her, and I saw the sad condition. I cried in desperation, "O God! If you can save a soul, I am confident you can heal the sick." My wife, who had been confined to her bed for weeks, literally leaped to her feet, praising the Lord, and walked from room to room, gloriously healed.

Not many years later, my mother was stricken and her body wasting away. At last the trouble was pronounced to be cancer of the stomach. All hope of getting her well had seemingly gone from the entire family when my wife was given a vision. Jesus let her see John 11:4: "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified." She made no mention of it to us until she had seen it again the second night. The next morning, when mention was made of my mother's condition—how long would she live—my wife remarked, "She will not die; God intends to heal her." And within a few days my mother was gloriously touched by the divine hands of God's power and raised up to good health.

In the years of my ministry as pastor I have stood by and watched God heal all manner of sicknesses. I could relate many cases of this, if space permitted. Let me encourage *you* to place your trust in the Lord who is willing and abundantly able to heal your every sickness.

# Healing Mercies from Our God

By JOHN J. MYERS  
Marietta, Pennsylvania

**E**PAPHRODITUS HAD BEEN VERY ILL. The plain truth was that he had overworked, and as a result he was sick "nigh unto death."

In writing to the Philippians, Paul attributed Epaphroditus' healing to the mercy of God: "God had mercy on him" (Philippians 2:27).

The healing of Epaphroditus was more than recovery brought about by natural processes or even by applied skills. It was divine healing, a merciful supernatural intervention in response to faith and prayer. This is what all divine healing is.

Paul's concept of divine healing as an evidence of God's mercy to an individual has its roots in the Old Testament. Matthew pointed back to it in recording the many miracles of Jesus. In Matthew 8:16,17, he told of a wonderful time when Jesus healed "all that were sick." But lest we take the miracles for granted and fail to understand the basis, the Holy Spirit immediately refers us back to Isaiah 53:4,5, as Matthew writes: "...that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

The mercy of God, made available to us through the vicarious suffering of Jesus, was not limited to the physical touch of the Master's hand while He was on earth but is extended to every believer under the New Covenant.

But when we are sick, as Epaphroditus was, what

can help us understand and appropriate God's grace and mercy for our need?

First of all, let us realize that *mercy* is a key word in divine healing. We cannot *demand* healing as a legal right on the basis of the atonement any more than we can *demand* forgiveness or other blessings through the atonement. It is true that Calvary provides God with a basis for granting these blessings, and it provides the believer with a means of approach, but we must come in humility, as seekers of mercy.

Lack of knowledge along this line has led to spiritual frustration for some. We should remember that God is sovereign. He delights in mercy, and He is constantly showing mercy to those who call upon Him, not because we demand it, but because we trust Him for His best.

Another thing for both the sick and the well to consider is that many times there are directly traceable causes for our illnesses. The trouble often lies in one or more of four general areas: (1) disobedience of God's natural laws; (2) neglected injuries; (3) the hand of God dealing penally with the sinner and correctively with the believer; (4) oppression, obsession, or possession by demonic spirits.

## I

Our bodies require a rhythm of work and rest, some protection from the elements, and proper food. Respect for these laws has been shown to be necessary for our well-being. To disregard them is to suffer. If we persist in eating the wrong kind of food; if we constantly overwork; if we live always under tension—then we can expect to get sick.

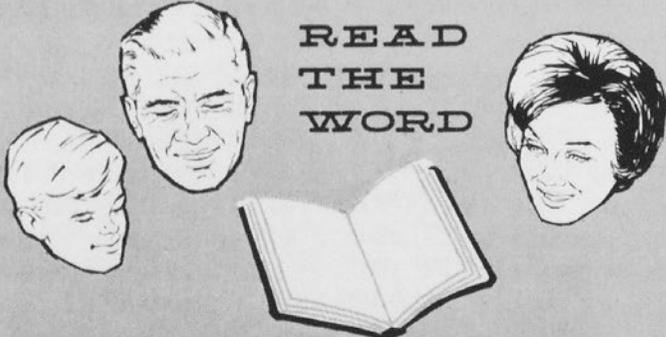
Epaphroditus gives us a Biblical example of sickness due to overwork. There was a reason, of course. The Philippians, who would gladly have cared for Paul's needs, were too far away, so Epaphroditus put in extra hours of labor. His body took the abuse for a time, but finally it broke down. When this happened, Paul didn't say, "The devil made Epaphroditus sick." He said it was "for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death" (Philippians 2:30). He simply overworked.

## II

Injuries to the body which are not properly cared for or corrected can interfere with the normal function of bodily organs, and cause sickness.

## III

We might prefer not to think of God as allowing sickness for penal or corrective purposes, but His Word makes it plain that this is one reason for sickness. Deuteronomy 28 lists a number of sicknesses among the penalties the Israelites could expect for disobedience.



**READ THE WORD**

**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22-29**

Sunday .... Genesis 43, 44	Thursday .....Exodus 1, 2
Monday .... Genesis 45, 46	Friday ..... Exodus 3, 4
Tuesday .. Genesis 47, 48	Saturday ..... Exodus 5, 6
Wednesday Genesis 49, 50	Sunday ..... Exodus 7, 8

**"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you" (Exodus 3:14).**

But there is mercy even here, for the purpose is to turn them back to Himself.

Herod defied God's laws so flagrantly that "the Lord smote him . . . and he was eaten of worms" (Acts 12:23).

Corrective sickness or suffering on the part of the believer is shown in the lives of Asa (2 Chronicles 16:12), Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:19, 20), and Job. While Satan was the direct instrument in Job's case, Job 32:13 tells us it was God who smote Job, bringing about in Job His own gracious purpose, an abhorrence of his own self-righteousness, and a greater understanding of the ways and power of God.

#### IV

In the last of the four causes of sicknesses already referred to, Satan is both the aggressor and the afflicter. Examples of demon *oppression* are found in a number of places in the New Testament. The woman who was bowed down with a spirit of infirmity for 18 years is a familiar case (Luke 13:11-16). The affliction took a physical form, but it was called a "spirit of infirmity."

King Saul suffered from demon *obsession*, and this resulted in fear, jealousy, and depression which became so extreme it was a form of mental illness.

In cases of demon *possession*, a Satanic emissary moves in and takes possession of the faculties of the individual, often speaking and acting through him in a recognizable way. In Acts 19:15, Luke recorded such an instance: "And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?"

We do well to remember that Satanic oppression, obsession, or possession can only be positively identified (and accordingly dealt with) by divine revelation. It takes "discerning of spirits" (1 Corinthians 12:10).

The child of God should be encouraged too, by the knowledge that while Satan can oppress the body and obsess the mind, even of a believer, he cannot, so long as one remains a true believer, possess his faculties.

When we are sick for whatever reason, God invites us to turn to Him for help. He is concerned about our needs and He is able and willing to help us. Whether in His mercy and wisdom He heals us, as He did Epaphroditus, or whether He leaves the affliction and gives us more grace, as He did for Paul on one occasion, He is working out His sovereign will in our lives—and this is enough to satisfy His trusting children.

SINCE AUGUST 8, 1920, when I was saved during an 11-week Pentecostal revival, I have had many occasions to prove God's power and faithfulness.

Our oldest daughter was healed of diphtheria so that it was not necessary for us to be quarantined or to have a doctor.

Later, the Lord called me to a preaching ministry, and He continued to be our family healer. He laid it upon my heart to move 16 miles out from town into a new oil field and to open a church there. We moved in obedience, and it was there that our baby became seriously ill with pneumonia. I had been away from home for a few hours, and when I returned, my wife told me the baby had been practically lifeless all day. We knew something had to be done for her, so I called a friend in Tulsa, and he came as soon as he could.

When he came into the house he threw off his coat, spoke a few words in tongues, took the baby into his arms, and walked to the kitchen and back, praying as he walked. When he handed the baby back to her mother, she was well!

At least 12 people were gathered in our home at the time and witnessed this healing.

Eighteen years later, the same girl who was healed of pneumonia accidentally swallowed a corsage pin. The doctor wanted to operate at once, but again we turned to the Great Physician. We went to prayer, and the church prayed with us. X rays were made every day, and we were warned that the pin could pierce a blood vessel and cause fatal internal bleeding. But the pin disappeared without treatment or surgery.

Another one of our daughters was healed of kidney trouble some 20 years ago, as she was prayed for one Sunday morning in church.

At one time the doctor told us that it would be impossible for my wife to give birth to our fifth child; he said we might lose them both. But the Lord again

## I WAS THERE

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# God Is Our Healer

By CURTIS E. LEIB

undertook, and the baby was born before an ambulance or doctor could arrive on the scene.

God has met our needs not only in healing our bodies, but in other ways as well. When we built our first church, the plans called for a 40- by 50-foot auditorium. It was during the depression, and some were skeptical. They said we shouldn't even try to build a church at such a time—that we would never get it paid for; and that we did not need a church that large anyway. But we built it, and it was packed out during the first revival we held in it. Following the revival, I baptized 36 people in water.

At the present we are pastoring an Assembly of God in Delta Junction, Alaska, and our God is still faithful to us in every way.

# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## CHURCHES

### New Church Regards Use of LSD a Sacrament

The Neo-American Church, an organization recently founded by a proponent of LSD and other drugs, claims the use of drugs in worship helps the parishioners "see God." On the back of their membership cards is this note: "Psychedelic substances are the true Host of the Neo-American Church. It is the religious duty of all members to partake of the sacraments [drugs] on regular occasions."

The pathetic efforts of these disciples of novelty to moralize sin bring to mind the words of Paul in Romans 1:22-24: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man. . . . Wherefore God gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts."

### Church Giving Again Tops Record

Members of 44 large Protestant and Anglican denominations in the United States and Canada once again hit an all-time high in giving to their churches during fiscal 1965. The total—\$3,300,996,291—is the highest figure reported in the 45 years since these statistics were first compiled.

The figures released recently by the National Council of Churches, show that the \$3,172,114,782 contributed in

the U.S. increased the average giving from \$72.04 per year to \$77.75 per church member. In two instances, denominations reported their contributed income for all purposes was \$290.48 and \$243.03 per member.

### Salvationists Hurt Tavern Owners' Business

Tavern owners on North High Street in Columbus, Ohio, are openly disturbed at a band of Salvation Army members who sing and hold prayer meetings in front of cafes every Sunday evening.

"Sure it's hurting our business," one of them said. "People feel guilty about entering if they have to wade through a bunch of musicians who denounce their sins in public."

### Mormons Give Two Years as Missionaries

"Each year a new crop of 6,000 young men and women go to posts in the U.S. or abroad to serve two-year terms as unpaid, full-time missionaries," says *U. S. News & World Report* in a long article on the Mormon Church. "From the Church they get money only for transportation to and from their posts. Daily living costs are borne by themselves or their families—often at great hardship."

Interest in Mormonism is growing of late, due in part to the political successes of Governor Romney of Michigan who holds a high position in the Mormon Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Since 1940 the Mormons have tripled membership around the world.

### Prayers for Rain Called "Crudest Idolatry"

Earnest Marshall Howse, moderator of the United Church of Canada, called it "crudest idolatry" to think of God "as a compliant agent who sends rain to please His favorites, though He shows a vast indifference to all the rest." He was criticizing a church in South Africa for calling for a day of prayer for rain after a long drought.

"What a mad world it would be if prayers and not meteorological conditions produced rain," the moderator said, writing in the *United Church Observer*.

Two days after the prayer meeting the rains fell. The Right Reverend Mr. Howse called it "degrading superstition" but the South African Christians called it an answer to prayer. "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" Some say He is dead, but praying people find He still lives and answers prayers as He did in Elijah's day.



Vietnam has more than its share of lepers! American G.I.'s are doing their part to provide help for these desperately needy people. Here Col. William K. Bonneaux, Commander of the 633rd Combat Support Group, presents Miss Olive Kingsbury, RN, a Christian and Missionary Alliance Medical Technician to Vietnam, with a check for more than \$250 to buy medical supplies for the clinic. The money came from an offering taken in the Protestant chapel of the Pleiku Air Base. Lt. Col. Orville L. McCormack, an Assemblies of God chaplain assigned to Vietnam, witnesses the presentation while two unidentified lepers receive treatment in the clinic.

## EDUCATION

### Supports Religion Courses in Oregon Schools

At its recent Assembly in Salem, the Oregon Council of Churches heard a report from a special committee which indicated that none of the 107 school districts offered any courses about religion or Biblical history. To Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the University of Oregon, the situation is not just local. He told the delegates the United States is plagued by millions of "religious illiterates."

Courses about religion, he said, should be taught at all levels in public schools, in accordance with the Supreme Court's statement that a person's education is not complete without such knowledge.

### Catholic Seminary Closed in Brazil for Reforms

A 217-year-old Roman Catholic seminary in Brazil was temporarily closed by the archbishop of Mariana following a study which revealed that all 115 seminarians were critical of the present form of training, and that 94 percent were opposed to celibacy.

The archbishop asked the administration to work out proposals for reform. Probably the school will cease to be residential and the students will be given opportunity to participate in "evangelism" in town.

### Supreme Court Upholds End to Church-College Aid

The United States Supreme Court has refused to review an opinion of the Court of Appeals of Maryland in the *Horace Mann League v. Board of Public Works* case. In this case the Maryland court ruled that state grants to church-related colleges for so-called "secular" purposes is unconstitutional.

Franklin C. Salisbury, general counsel of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said the action of the Supreme Court strengthens the right of all citizens not to have to contribute to the religion of others through state taxation. The decision upset a 175-year record of grants to church-related colleges in Maryland.

## CONFERENCES

### Broadcasters to Meet in London in April

International Christian Broadcasters, an organization of men engaged in evangelical radio and missionary television ministries, will meet in London April 3-7, 1967, for their second worldwide conference. (The first was held in Washington, D. C., in 1960.)

The conference, hosted by the Evangelical Radio Alliance in Britain, will have speakers from many parts of the world presenting major papers on mass communications. New electronic devices useful in propagating the gospel will be on display. Workshops are also scheduled.

Missionary executives, national workers, laymen interested in gospel broadcasting, and missionary radio station operators will spend four days in London at Church House, Westminster, studying the concept, outreach, impact, and strategy of mass communications media.

The conference is open to persons from all countries interested or engaged in evangelical radio or missionary television ministry.

Display space and registration are being handled in the United States by Richard Wolff, 4440 Saratoga Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

### Church's Role Spiritual, Not Social, Conference Told

The mission of the church today is to save souls, not to redeem society, an official of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod told the third annual Lutheran Free Conference in Columbus, Ohio, recently.

Norman W. Berg, moderator of the LFC, asserted that the "redemption of society will be a natural by-product of the preaching of the gospel."

"We believe," he said, "the church should take care of spiritual problems, not social ones."

### 1969 General Council to Be Held in Dallas

Dallas, Texas, has been selected as the site of the 1969 biennial business meeting of the Assemblies of God. This is the first time the site has been chosen more than two years ahead of time.

The 1967 General Council (August 24-29) will be at Long Beach, California.



## WHY IS THE CHURCH INTERESTED IN MY WRITING A WILL?

- 1 Will-making is a matter of values. Making a will is, in reality, spending money. The way a person spends his money is often an accurate clue to the kind of person he is.
- 2 Will-making is an opportunity to testify to one's faith. Even the most practical-minded estate planners recognize that making a will is basically a spiritual matter.
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# HANDCUFFED AMBASSADOR

(Continued from page three)

Mr. Rutherford's Letters, now published for the use of the people of God: but more particularly for those who are, or may afterwards be, put to suffering for Christ and His cause." Who can count the number of God's tried and afflicted people who have been cheered because Rutherford, though handcuffed, reached out by pen.

Handcuffed saints today can still find a ministry of writing. Some can write articles and even books. For others the only writing ministry they are likely to have will be writing letters. But do not despise it!

One English preacher was prevented from preaching by an incurable throat affliction. He prayed for an outlet and was burdened to write to lighthouse keepers around the English coast. Many of them were brought to Christ. When the minister died, a goodly contingent traveled many miles to attend his funeral—out of gratitude for the unusual ministry that had been the means of their salvation.

Some folk who read these words have felt utterly frustrated. Handcuffed, they have thought it impossible to serve the Lord. Let them take up the pen, write to unconverted friends to present the claims of the Saviour; write letters of encouragement to young Christians; write to strengthen the hands of God's servants at home and overseas—especially overseas.

## PAUL WAS FREE TO REACH OUT BY PERSONAL CONTACT

Though a prisoner, Paul was free to receive visitors. One such was Onesimus, a runaway slave. For some sought refuge among other runaway slaves. While there,

someone found him and brought him to Paul. The handcuffed ambassador saw his opportunity and seized it. He won that runaway slave for the Lord.

When he sent him back to Philemon, his owner, Paul described him "my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds." Tradition has it that Onesimus was sent back to become Paul's helper and later became Bishop of Ephesus. What a trophy for a handcuffed ambassador!

My father was often consulted by young people about their spiritual problems. One young lady confided in him that she felt called to go to the mission field but that home responsibilities made it impossible for her to go. He asked her where she worked; and when she told him, he said, "Make *that* your mission field."

She took his counsel to heart. Before she left that job, she had won 16 of her workmates for Christ. She came to recognize that God can use even handcuffed ambassadors.

My own deeper realization of this came while still in the hospital. Cut off from a preaching ministry in which I had the joy of seeing souls come to Jesus every week, and being unable to move out of bed, I prayed that the Lord would still let me be His ambassador. A procession began! Doctors, nurses, visitors, cleaning staff, and patients came to talk with me. So many opened their hearts and confessed their emptiness. What a privilege it was to show them the way of salvation!

What is your handcuff? Look at it in the light in which Paul looked at his and you will find not bondage but liberty; not limitation but enlargement. Whatever it is that seems to bind you, commit it all to God and seek His guidance. He will show you, as He showed Paul, how to triumph in adversity—how to turn even a handcuff into an advantage. 

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# They Proudly Wear the Green Beret



By JACK E. RISNER  
"Revivaltime" Field Representative

THE VIETNAM CONFLICT is uppermost in the minds of many Americans today.

As I travel across the nation conducting *Revivaltime* rallies in local churches, it has been my wonderful privilege to inform concerned parents and grandparents that *Revivaltime* is now reaching that ravaged battleground over three shortwave stations.

Already scores of servicemen have written to us expressing their appreciation of the broadcast service.

One evening while ministering in West Florida, I read a portion of a letter from a captain in Duc-my, Vietnam: "Last Thursday I tuned in Manila. I was so pleased and surprised to pick up your program, as I am with a small group of Americans located in the central highlands of Vietnam among the Montagard tribes, and seldom get any radio programs. But the Lord is good enough to let us hear your program loud and clear!"

It was a fine service, and the congregation responded admirably to the challenge of supporting *Revivaltime's* international radio ministry.

But my evening was made complete when after the service I was approached by a young man in uniform.

He was a fine specimen of American manhood. Sharply dressed in his uniform, he clutched a green beret in his right hand. He told me that in just a few days he would be leaving for Vietnam.

During his special training, he had studied extensively in medicine, linguistics, and administration and had become a demolitions expert. Just 21, he was one of the youngest men to finish his training with the Special Forces, who are identified as the "Green Berets."

Now he was ready to put his training to use behind enemy lines. Training nationalists to adequately defend themselves and sharing valuable knowledge concerning such Vietnamese problems as agriculture and sanitation, the Green Berets for the most part remain in enemy territory.

"The only thing that really bothers me," the young soldier remarked, "is that I have to leave behind all

the church services and young people's meetings so important to my life. There won't be any minister or chaplain where we are going. I'll even have to leave my New Testament, as we are only allowed necessary equipment."

His face brightened when I handed him the *Revivaltime* radio log, on which I had underlined the three releases now being broadcast into Vietnam.

Tears filled his eyes as he scanned the times and wavelengths printed in the log, and he exclaimed, "Thank God! I will be able to hear *Revivaltime* on our shortwave radio. Just think, even behind enemy lines I will be able to hear the gospel and to share it with my five buddies who are members of the team!"

We talked awhile about his goals as a Christian serviceman. Then he asked, "Do you think I will really be able to hear the broadcast over there?"

Reassuring him, I showed him the testimony sent to *Revivaltime* by an Assemblies of God soldier from Lewiston, Maine, now stationed in a remote section of Vietnam. The look of concern melted into a smile as he read the letter:

"God only knows how much I enjoy your broadcast. I can barely get the station, but as I hold the radio to my ear I can enjoy your wonderful broadcast. It really sounds wonderful to hear your voice, Brother Ward, and to hear the young people sing about Jesus."

As I left the building that night, my mind was still on the tall young soldier. The very way he stood re-

## RECENT LETTER FROM VIETNAM

Mr. Lee Shultz  
REVIVALTIME  
Box 70  
Springfield, Mo. 65801

Dear Mr. Shultz:

Sergeant Charles V. Pratt has given me your letter offering tapes of *Revivaltime* broadcasts. I appreciate your generous offer to provide these tapes for use on our FM radio station.

We plan to use these tapes in a number of ways. We will use them first on our station, and then we will reproduce the tapes you supply to us for our 25 chaplains who are out in the forward areas.

Thanks again for your offer, which I am sure will add another spiritual dimension to our work here.

Sincerely yours,  
ROBERT B. WEBB JR.  
Chaplain (LTC) USA  
Assistant Division Chaplain

flected his quiet pride in being a member of the Special Forces—privileged to wear the green beret.

As a member of the *Revivaltime* team, I feel I am privileged to be a part of God's "special forces" in the great spiritual conflict raging in the world.

Radio evangelism goes behind enemy lines with the explosive power of the gospel, capable of destroying the spiritual strongholds of the enemy of our souls!

In God's army, *Revivaltime* wears the "green beret."

# A Big Program for

By FRANCES FOSTER

**BGMC** IS A BIG PROGRAM for little people." That is the comment of Buddy Barrel in the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade filmstrip, "Around the World with Buddy Barrel." And BGMC is a really big program.

It is big enough to have raised over \$1,600,000 since its beginning in 1949.

It is big enough to have helped missionaries with their literature needs in 74 countries.

Yes, BGMC is big in effectiveness on the foreign field. But it is also effective at home.

Two emphases remain constant in the program of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade: *missionary literature* and *missionary education*. Let's look more closely at these thrusts.

BGMC funds are raised through the efforts of boys and girls up to 12 years old. Each month they are encouraged to bring to Sunday school an offering for BGMC. This money is used to pay for translation work, paper, printing, shipping costs, and anything else involved in putting gospel reading material into the hands of the unsaved. Tracts, Gospel portions, study books—all these are provided by BGMC givers.

One year many African Sunday schools were thrilled to learn they would be able to have Enlargement Campaigns just like Stateside schools because of BGMC. These English-speaking congregations obtained materials for the "Sunday School in Action" Campaign through BGMC aid. Who knows how many people were introduced to the church and to Christ through this unusual effort?

Home missions is also part of the BGMC effort. Through funds made available to pioneer churches, new Sunday schools can have 50 percent of their Sunday school literature paid for by BGMC. This is a tremendous help to a struggling new congregation.

And all the while, boys and girls are learning important truths about missions as they give to provide literature. This is the second major emphasis of BGMC.

The National Sunday School Standard asks, "Do you teach and encourage the support of missions in all departments?" What better way to accomplish this among the children than through BGMC? It is a program designed for an age group where no other specialized program is available and it is designed for use in the context of the Sunday school.

## HOW TO WALK

OCCASIONALLY ONE SEES illustrations of models being taught how to walk with correct posture. Frequently they are shown carrying books on their heads, an exercise that leads to proper carriage and graceful walking.

According to God's Word the same principle applies in the spiritual realm. In Galatians 6:2 it is written: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." If the Christian would walk in true grace, he will be a burden-bearer. Because he has a loving and sympathetic heart, he will share voluntarily the problems and trials of fellow Christians. This is to walk as a Christian.

—*The Pilgrim*

## GOD WAS GUEST TOO!

IT WAS A RATHER LARGE DINNER PARTY. We were entertaining a group from a Chamber of Commerce who were there to encourage my husband to come to their city to open a new factory.

Dinner had been served. And as everybody settled back for that extra cup of coffee, Ben, our son who then was 10 years old, got up and walked away, returning with the family Bible. He handed it to his father and sat down.

My husband took the Bible and, as our custom was,

read a portion of the Scripture and prayed. This seemed very natural to all of our family, but what seemed strange to me was that so many of the guests commented about it. Of course, they said it was nice to see it, but it seemed they were a little surprised that family devotions were practiced when such a group of businessmen were guests. They noticed that to the 10-year-old boy it was the most natural thing to do because it was always a part of the family dinner.

The Word of God says we should not conform to this world, but be transformed (Romans 12:2). Phillips translation says, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold." As Christians, we need to remember that it is always appropriate to let our light shine before men, and it is most effective when it can be clearly seen that it is the normal and natural way of life.

—MRS. R. G. LETOURNEAU, in *Now*

## THAT KIND OF DEDICATION

I MET ARNOLD, an East Indian teen-ager, during the first national youth camp in Guyana. He was thin and mentioned that he frequently fasted. I questioned him about it.

"I feel the Lord has called me to be a missionary to India," he said. "Since most of the people there are poor and have little to eat, I am getting my body accustomed to less food."

# Missions

Every three months the BGMC Division of the National Sunday School Department sends a packet of educational materials to all member schools. This packet contains opening assembly missionary programs complete with stories, visual aids, project ideas. There are two programs for each month: one for the preschool age and one for the school age.

Through these educational programs, children learn about the missionaries' work in the field to which their offerings will go that year. They will learn the customs of the nationals. But most important, they will learn how to open their hearts to God's voice as He speaks to them about the harvest of souls in which they will share.

Missions education leads to dedicated hearts, to consecrated stewardship of money and talents, and it may lead to a direct call to a missionary life.

Once each year parents and friends are invited to share with the boys and girls in their giving. This is on BGMC Day, and February 5 is BGMC Day for 1967. A goal of \$45,000 has been set for BGMC Day giving—as explained in the display on these pages. Won't you help the children reach their goal? 

It was that kind of dedication which has built the work of the Assemblies of God in Guyana.

In this newly independent nation on the northern coast of South America, the vast majority of our ministers are under 30 years of age. In 12 years they have started 22 churches, 100 outstations and Sunday schools, with an aggregate attendance of 8,000.

None of these pastors receive financial help from outside the country. All have given themselves completely to God's work. And in amazing ways the Lord has met their needs.

It was that kind of dedication I saw among the young people during 15 weeks of ministry in the West Indies last summer. These young people reminded me of an important lesson: it will take complete dedication to God if we hope to reach our generation for Christ.

—Evangelist GENE BURGESS, Memphis, Tennessee

## SOBERED BY A SONG

AN INTOXICATED MAN entered the compartment of an English train and was about to make a disturbance. George Charlton, a lay preacher aboard, asked, "Shall I sing you a song?" The drunken man immediately nodded and Charlton struck up a hymn. He followed with several more; he did not stop singing until the train reached its destination.

Seven years later Mr. Charlton was in the area again and was the guest of one of the deacons. "I don't think you remember me, Mr. Charlton," said his hostess.

"No," he admitted, "where have we met before?"

"Do you remember singing to a drunken man in the train some seven years ago?" she asked.

"I remember it well, for I have never done it before or since," he replied.

"Well," she said, "that was my husband. Next day he said to me, 'Las, I'll never touch liquor again,' and he never has. He became a Christian, joined the chapel, and now he is a deacon."

The man's name was Joseph Parker—father of the memorable preacher of the 19th century of the same name. Who can say what the life of the younger Joseph Parker might have been, without the chance meeting of the lay preacher who dared to share his private faith in a public song.

—Redemption Tidings



## SUPPLYING THE BOOK THAT'S NOT THERE

The Assemblies of God has more foreign Bible schools than any other organization. Each is filled with young nationals eager to serve, anxious to learn, and ready to reach and teach their own people. These schools face an increasing need for books: textbooks, library books, all kinds of books to keep the learning process going. The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, our program for teaching youngsters missionary responsibility, is making this year's project the supply of books to foreign Bible schools. On BGMC Day, our children invite you to help provide the *book that's not there*.

# BGMC DAY

FEBRUARY 5



# Birth of an Assembly

By **ELDON A. BROWN** • Missionary to Korea

**A**S NEW MISSIONARIES we had been assigned to Pusan, Korea, for four months and were busily engaged in language study. We felt a strong desire to preach through an interpreter to the Buddhist community in which we lived, but many well-meaning missionary friends had advised us to do nothing but study the language for the first two years. This was practical advice, for the Korean language is ranked by some as the third most difficult in the world.

However, as we prayed for guidance and walked the streets of the village, the Holy Spirit compelled action.

Moved by a firm conviction in our hearts, we opened our home for the first service on July 4, 1965. Nine children came for Sunday school, 18 adults came for morning services, and that night 28 people attended. Eight accepted Christ as their Saviour that

first day! This was the birth of a new assembly in Pusan, Korea.

Within two months our living room was far too small to accommodate the crowds, so a tent was set up on borrowed land near the mission house. During the following eight-day campaign, an average of 119 attended, and 54 of these prayed the sinner's prayer.

Shortly after this definite steps were taken to purchase this same plot of land and begin the church building. Because our location was on a main tourist route and in a new housing division, the building code was very strict. We knew it would be many months before the people could finance a building to meet the city's building requirements; therefore, we wrote letters to our supporting churches and prayed for guidance.

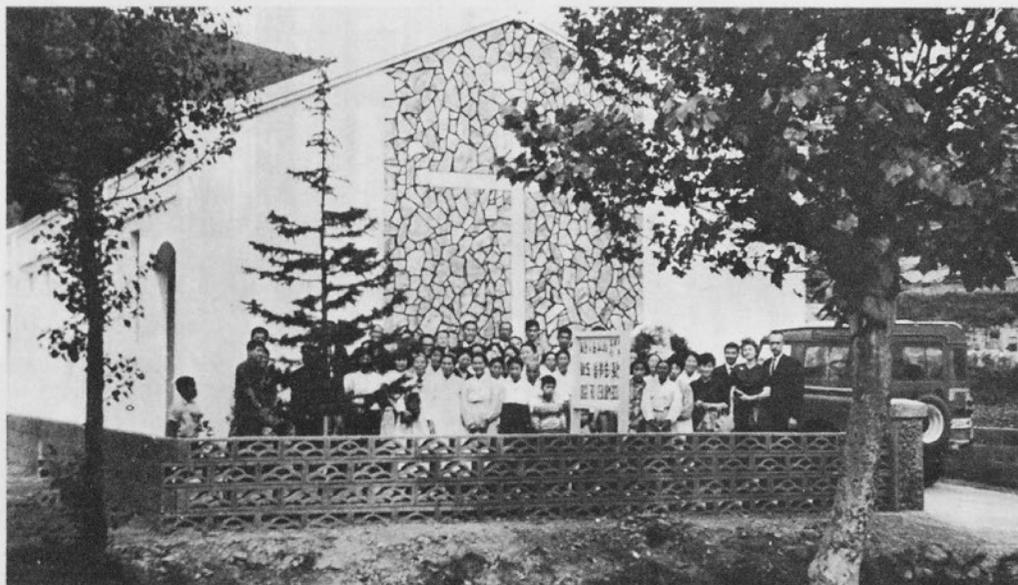
Many churches and individuals responded. Also, John Hurston, a mis-

sionary to Korea on furlough, used his influence to raise several hundred dollars. Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Florida, gave over half the cost of the building.

The first building materials were bought on Thanksgiving Day, 1965. After working feverishly through the cold winter days, we moved into the unfinished building on January 12, 1966. What joy this was, even though the people sat on rice mats on the ground and we preached from a makeshift plywood platform. The rafters were strung with temporary wiring, and a 55-gallon drum was converted into a coal heater. The church was still crude in appearance, but the Spirit of the Lord was very much present.

The construction continued again in April, and the church was finished in May. June 5, 1966, just 11 months after our first service, we dedicated the new assembly. Words could not express our feelings on that memorial day. Where once lay a field wasting a beautiful new church now stands to the glory and honor of God.

Presently we are studying full time in language classes in Yonsei University in Seoul. Our former interpreter, Isaac Choi, is pastoring the new assembly. The Sunday school attendance ranges from 90 to 100 each week. The church has an active ministry to the community through two weekly street meetings, cottage prayer meetings, and a monthly service for the beggars of Pusan. It seems very possible that this new assembly will be fully self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating this year.



The Browns conducted church and Sunday school (top right) in their home, and later moved to a tent (bottom right) to accommodate the people. The new church (above) is the result.



THE SUMMERS IN LESOTHO are very hot, and to be in the scorching sun without a head covering can be dangerous. The Basutos have learned to take the grass of the field and weave it into beautiful hats—an art which children as well as adults master.

The hats are cone-shaped with various designs at the very peak. Many times the grass is dyed before weaving, and colorful designs are made into the finished product. The weave is so tight that the hat will shed water as well as keep off the scorching rays of the sun.

I was preaching an evangelistic campaign in Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, when I had an unusual experience involving one of these hats.

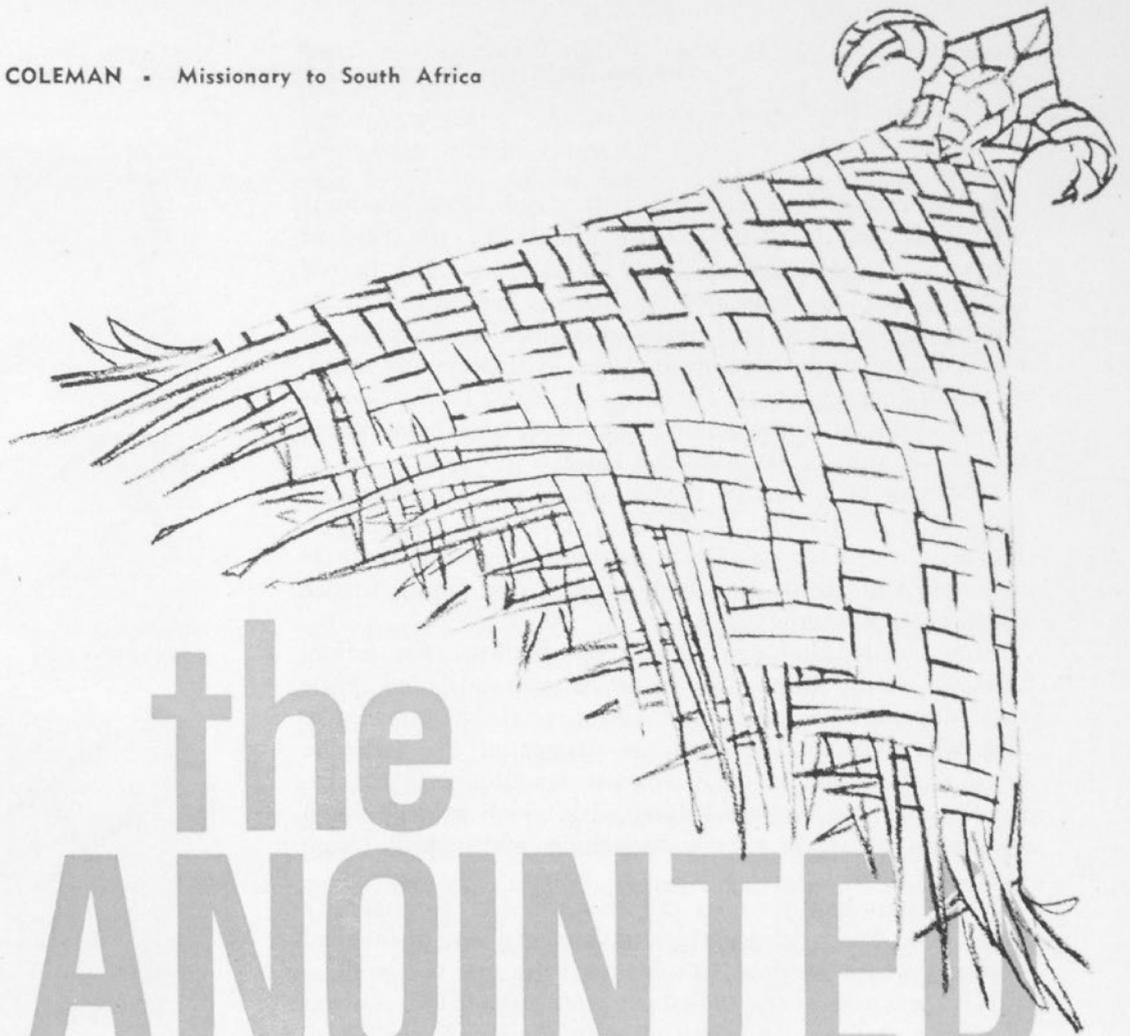
The little Assemblies of God church was packed to overflowing, and the power of the Lord was present. Two deaf Basutos were healed at the beginning of the meetings. This so encouraged other people present to trust in Christ for their healing that a queue formed as many came for prayer. Although there was a language barrier between the evangelist and the afflicted, there was no such barrier between faith and God.

A Basuto mother, carrying her baby in a blanket on her back, came for prayer. After we had prayed for her, she simply turned around indicating she desired prayer for her baby.

There were also those who brought handkerchiefs to be prayed over. These were taken to sick loved ones, many of whom were healed by the power of God.

In one testimony service a woman gave praise to the Lord. Before her healing she had suffered from an extreme nervous condition which usually kept her from sleeping until early each morning. After she was prayed for, she went home and was able to go right to sleep.

Thinking that she was finished, we all began to praise God for her tes-



# the ANOINTED HAT

timony; but she went on to say that her mother, who was very old and lived in a nearby village, was going blind. (She held her hands before her face indicating her mother could see but a very short distance.) On the night the testifying lady was prayed for, she had also asked me to pray over a Basuto hat instead of a handkerchief, and I had done so according to her wishes.

The following day she took the hat and went to the village to see her mother. She explained her own testimony and why she had come that day. Then she placed the hat on her mother's head.

At this point in her testimony the woman's eyes were glistening, and her dark face was shining with joy. A

murmur of expectation went over the congregation.

She then told us that within a few minutes her mother's vision began to clear, and soon her sight was normal.

What great praise ascended unto the throne of God from that testimony meeting!

The Bible says in Acts 19:11, 12—"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Anointed cloths are not new in prayer for the sick; but anointed hats were something new to me.

Basuto hats or handkerchiefs—to God be all the praise!

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**Foreign Missions Department**  
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**P**IETY DOES NOT RUN IN THE BLOOD. Nebuchadnezzar had learned to extol and honor the God of heaven; but Belshazzar publicly defied Him. His hatred of the holy God could not be satisfied merely by maintaining the worship and praise of idols. In the midst of the drunken orgy—possibly inspired by a deceiving spirit, as Ahab once had been (1 Kings 22:20-22)—Belshazzar openly desecrated the vessels that had been consecrated to the worship of the God he hated.

God has no pleasure in the death of the sinner (2 Peter 3:9-15; Ezekiel 18:23, 32). He desires repentance. He delights in mercy. He is longsuffering. But there is a limit! And Belshazzar had reached that limit. Justice must replace mercy.

How easily God can terrify the godless. An infidel boasted loudly as he and two Christians debated while they drifted down the river and neared Niagara Falls. But when he awakened to the danger of the falls, he cried to God for help. Afterward he admitted that infidelity may not be a bad thing with which to drift down the river, but it is a very bad thing with which to go over the falls.

That man had time to cry to God, but Belshazzar's pale face, troubled mind, and shaking knees availed nothing when he saw the handwriting on the wall.

His servants were called in and asked for an explanation of the mystic writing. But their cunning failed, nor would they have dared tell the truth even had they guessed it.

Daniel had been superseded and was in retirement, but the queen mother remarked, "There is a man in thy kingdom" (Daniel 5:11). A counselor of such integrity as Daniel did not suit a young and licentious king or his court. Belshazzar was, or feigned himself to be, ignorant of Daniel, for he said, "I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee" (Daniel 5:14). How easily men give the glory of the only God unto others. Even the queen mother did not care to acknowledge the true God to whom Daniel had ever borne uncompromising witness.

Yet never had Babylon more needed Daniel and Daniel's God. Long the Persian hosts had been around the city, and now its hour of doom had struck. At the time that God had announced the sovereignty of Nebuchadnezzar, He also declared: "And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him" (Jeremiah 27:7).

Belshazzar had now filled up the cup of wickedness which brought punishment. The man whose counsels would, if followed, have deferred or avoided the doom had been thrust aside.

Let any rejected and superseded servant of God take comfort, for the plans of God were fulfilled by the rejection of His own Son, as they will be in due time by His acceptance. It is enough that the servant be as his Master.

All sin is sin, but guilt is proportionate to knowledge. The sting of Daniel's charge was "*though thou knewest*" thou hast so acted (Daniel 5:22). Men are required to



By G. H. LANG

take to heart the lessons taught by God's dealing with others. Belshazzar knew how God had humbled Nebuchadnezzar, yet he dared defy the Most High. It is upon this just principle that God judges.

1. All men have the testimony of nature that a Creator of eternal power and divine nature exists (Romans 1:21), that He does good, supplying all needs of all creatures (Acts 14:15; 17:24), and not discriminating against the evil or even His enemies (Matthew 5:45). This testimony is universal (Psalm 19:1-4).

2. All men have the witness of conscience with the law of right and wrong written in the heart. They *know* the abominations they commit are wicked. The declaration of God that sin brings death cannot be avoided or its testimony denied.

3. The general providential dealings of God with men emphasize this inward knowledge, and His particular dealings with individuals accentuates its voice to those who know of these.

4. Some men have God's law in written form, as Israel since Sinai. What a ponderous weight of guilt the printing press has added to millions, even as it has multiplied the privileges and opportunities offered in the Book.

5. Some have the fuller light on the good news of salvation by faith in the Son of God and His sacrifice for sinners.

Each will be dealt with in judgment according to the light available (Romans 2:12-15); and the Judge has announced it will go easier in the day of judgment for Sodom and Gomorrah than for the privileged Bethsaida and Capernaum (Matthew 1:20-24).

These principles hold in God's present dealings with nations as well as cities or persons. The writing on that palace wall was for all times, all nations, all rulers. It was a revelation of divine government.

"Mene—God hath numbered thy kingdom and brought it to an end." God's actions are not haphazard but *calculated*. The duration of the empire is not left to chance, to human enterprise, or to Satanic capacity. It is reckoned out by God.

Antichrist will endeavor to act against God to the extent that he will think to change times and seasons (Daniel 7:25). But he will stand only till that which is "determined" has been done (Daniel 9:27), for the exact duration of those dreadful days has been both fixed and announced by God (Daniel 8:14; 9:25; 12:7, 11, 12). Out of compassion for His own chosen people God has set a strict and short limit on this period in world events (Matthew 24:22).

This knowledge will strengthen faith and give quietness of heart when days of trouble come (John 14:29; 16:33). God knows exactly how long it will be to the end. The little child fears as the train plunges into a dark tunnel, but the father knows the tunnel has a determined course and he sits in peace. The end and the daylight are not, cannot be, one foot farther off than the length of the tunnel.

"Tekel—thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." God acts not only by calculation; He *weighs* the value of actions and measures out justice with exactness. There is no rough and ready action in His court. The Judge ponders, weighs up the various considerations that affect each case—mental, moral, and physical inheritance; environment; opportunity; inducement; enticement; motive; pressure; present consequences, both painful and pleasant. And none but God is competent thus accurately to weigh even one life, or even one act of a life. Who then but One who is Himself God can be capable of judging the myriads of moral beings, heavenly and human? Jesus *must* be God or He

*could not* perform such a task as that of universal Judge (John 1:1; 5:22, 23).

Scripture says, "As a man thinketh in his heart [or, "reckoneth within himself," A.S.V.] so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). Therefore "keep thine heart above all that thou guardest: for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). A lustful desire in the heart is the equivalent of adultery (Matthew 5:28). Hate is equivalent to murder (1 John 3:15). This is the view of Him of whom it is written that "the Lord is a God of knowledge, by his actions are *weighed*" (1 Samuel 2:3).

Man pictures Justice with scales and sword, but blindfolded. But God is a God of knowledge and acts with full light upon each case and each act, with conscious, infallible, incorruptible accuracy.

In those perfect scales Belshazzar was found light. Let us ask, "Shall I be found wanting?" Royal estate, glory, riches—the things which sway so heavily the judgment of men—do not influence the balance of divine judgment by which all shall be tested, except as such possessions bring fuller opportunity and larger responsibility. It is *character* that turns the scale.

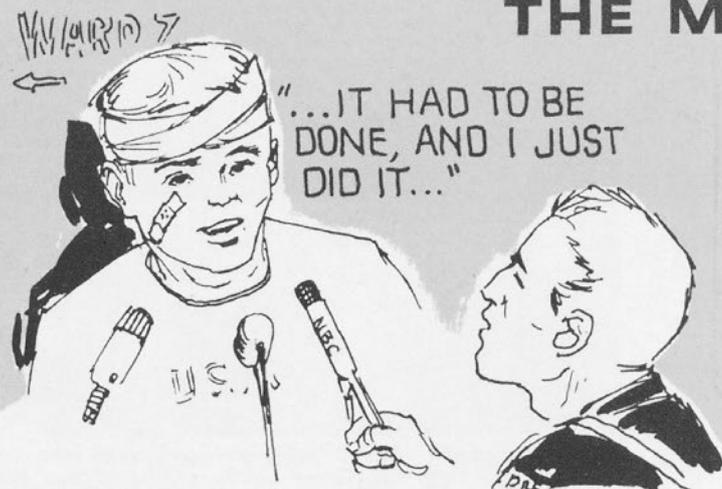
"Peres—thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." Empires do not stand by tanks, airplanes, and rockets—not even when these cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Babylon was deemed impregnable, but it fell. The *Titanic* was deemed unsinkable, but she sank.

Herodotus pointed out how easily the Babylonians might have defeated the Persians. The river bed by which the Persians entered the city was protected by the great gates which the Persians had not been able to force. But they crept under these at night as the water of the Euphrates sank when drained off by Cyrus. The openings in the banks, by which access to the waters was gained by the inhabitants, were also defended by gates. If the defenders had been normally alert, they could have closed these gates, mounted the banks, and caught their attackers in a veritable death trap. Herodotus visited the city when the memory of the deeds of Cyrus was still fresh, and he says a great feast was in progress that very night, so that the city was an easy prey.

Many say, "It just happened." But no! In truth the divine sentence was fulfilled, and "in that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain" (Daniel 5:30).

The first empire of prophecy had run its predicted course. *So will the last.* Prophecy is history. 

## THE MAKING OF A HERO

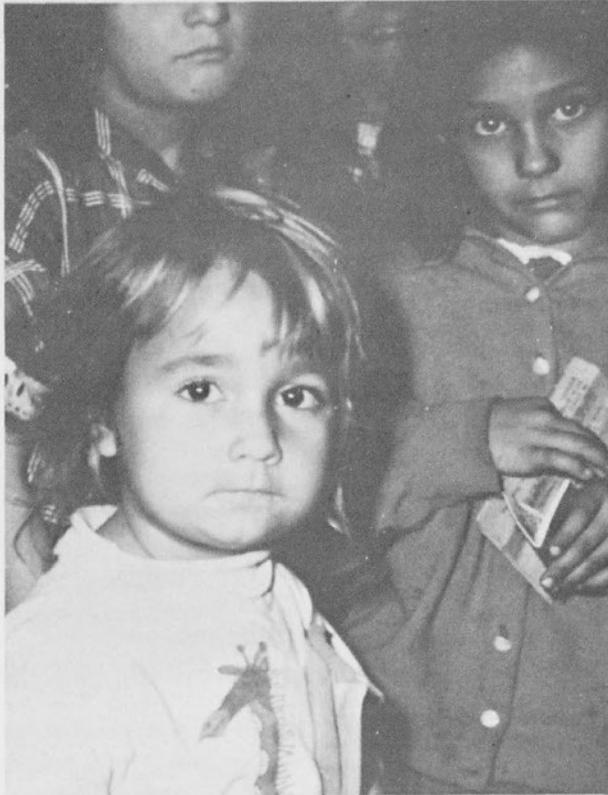


Many a battlefield hero has been made simply because a man saw his duty and did it! That kind of heroism can flourish at home too. Our Servicemen's Division carries on an ever-expanding ministry around the world—a ministry of encouragement, counseling, evangelism, and spiritual support to our servicemen. You can be a kind of hero at home by doing a job that must be done. Support the ministry of the Servicemen's Division with your generous support and your prayers.

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# 'Who Will Tell Us More About Jesus?'



By **HAROLD D. CHAMPLIN**  
Coordinator of the Gypsy Work

director of the Gypsy work in France, to tour the States with me.

The tour was a long one—five months and 20,000 miles. We found thousands of Gypsies in metropolitan areas on both coasts and throughout the Midwest. We uncovered a mission field as great as any in a foreign land—and one that has not been realized as such by organized religion. The American Gypsy is bound by customs and traditions and is in need of Christ.

While speaking to the Central Bible College Home Missions Prayer Band recently, I told the students of potential Gypsy congregations numbering into the hundreds that Gypsy leaders say greatly desire a church and a preacher. A few of the young people caught a vision of this great and needy field and are now seeking the Lord's will for their lives with respect to Gypsy ministry.

Even our returned missionaries need not feel their ministry is at an end, for the same missionary call that took them to the foreign field is needed here among the Gypsies. Perhaps our experienced missionaries could accomplish even greater results because of their experience and knowledge of foreign cultures.

The present need is for workers who can understand the Gypsy mind. This takes great patience and spiritual discernment. Their inability to read deepens the darkness and increases the spiritual bondage. Whenever truth is made clear, their faces radiate the joy of new-found understanding. It is as if they come out of great darkness into light.

Our tour through America was blessed by God's guidance. While in South Dakota we desired to visit the Gypsy preachers but did not know where they were living. We were told that one of them had his mail for-

**D**o you know why Gypsies travel?" asked the Gypsy, his olive cheeks widening in a smile. He continued, "I'll tell you why the Gypsy refuses to settle down.

"When God was crucified, He was to be nailed with four nails; but a Gypsy boy stole one of the nails, hid it in his long black hair, and ran away. Because of this the Lord said, 'You saved Me from the suffering of an extra nail, so now you Gypsies can travel. And since you stole the nail, you can now steal for the rest of your lives.'"

I listened to his story and then replied, "But the Bible, which is God's Word, says, 'Thou shall not steal.'"

His reply was just as quick as his story. He said, "But if you read the fine print, it says it is wrong for the *gadjo* (the non-Gypsy) to steal, but not for the Gypsy."

Of course, the Bible sanctions no such behavior. This Gypsy, along with all his brothers around the world, has been steeped in the tradition that travel and adventure is the only acceptable life.

Knowing that 85 to 90 percent of the two million Gypsies in the United States can neither read nor write, and therefore learn only from what they are told by their parents and friends, I realized the need to reappraise the Gypsy ministry. I felt the Assemblies of God must find the best way to reach the Gypsy with the gospel.

In December of 1965, after the last Gypsy convention, I felt it was God's will for me to tour the Gypsy areas in the United States. I asked Clement Le Cossec,



**Harold Champlin (above) making friends with the Gypsy children. At right are Gypsy young people at one of the many camps visited by Brother Champlin.**

warded to North Branch, Minnesota. When we arrived at North Branch, we found no Gypsies had been there for six months. But within five minutes one of the Christian Gypsies drove in and gave us full information as to where *each* of our preachers was located.

Another time, after searching Chicago for Gypsies and finding only a few fortune-tellers, we left Chicago and drove to Gary, Indiana. While we were there, the burden of God drew our minds to Chicago. We drove back to the city and found ourselves in a settlement of 5,000 Hungarian Gypsies. We spoke to them out in the street from 7 p.m. till midnight.

During many of our services in churches Gypsies attended and came to the altar to pray. But we discovered more is accomplished through personal evangelism and repeat visits to their homes than by altar services. We have seen God perform miracles within trailer walls.

While in Los Angeles, California, where I ministered for three weeks among Gypsies, I visited one family and conducted a service in their home. At the close of the service a small child became very sick, but after prayer for him he became quiet. A few days later I returned to the home and asked about the child. The parents testified, "God has healed him." They told this to many other Gypsy families, so when I visited them, they readily accepted me into their homes and asked for prayer.

In my tour of the United States I was invited to speak in many churches. Pastors and members commented many times that the Gypsies were a "forgotten people." Prayers were offered for Africa, South America, and people around the world, but no prayers were ever offered for the Gypsies.

Today we have one Gypsy church in the United States. We should have several hundred churches in our metropolitan areas alone. It is our desire to see this work become a strong, self-supporting foreign-language branch in the Assemblies of God.

The mission field is here; the people want churches and pastors; there are two million Gypsies to work with; church buildings are ready; support is promised—but we must have workers with a call, with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

In Chicago the leader of 5,000 Hungarian Gypsies

said, "I would gladly purchase a church in our community so that our people might have a church, but we do not have a preacher."

How often I have heard them say, "We are a nation; we have a language; but we do not have a flag or a country; we do not have a church or preachers." Then they would turn to me and say, "How can we have a church, and where can we find a preacher?"

While we were in Evansville, Indiana, a Gypsy man asked, "Where are you going tomorrow? Who will stay with us and tell us more about Jesus Christ? Who will help us in our spiritual lives to be ready for the return of the Lord?"

I could only look at him and shake my head and say, "I am trying to find workers for all the Gypsies in all the cities in America." Who will help us gather the ripened harvest of Gypsy souls? 

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## MEN IN HOME MISSIONS

A GREATER POTENTIAL THAN EVER exists in our churches today for branching out into new areas.

Each year an increasing number of capable men are affiliating with our churches. They are waiting for their assignment of duties. As we view the enlarging missionary opportunities here in the homeland, we see where these men can be challenged to take the leadership in personal witnessing.

Some new converts live in areas far removed from present churches. Through the concerted efforts of the Home Missions and Men's Fellowship Departments the men and the new converts can form a new branch Sunday school or church and thus open up new avenues of service for men in the churches.

The specific purpose of Action Crusades, a division of Men's Fellowship, is to inspire, instruct, and involve men in personal witnessing. Our goal is for every man to be a soul winner. If every man will accept this challenge, we will branch out.

—GLEN B. BONDS

*National Secretary, Men's Fellowship Department*



## GUITARS NEEDED FOR INDIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

DONALD R. RAMSEY, president of the American Indian Bible Institute, 4123 Washington St., Phoenix, Ariz., a regional school, writes that the school needs six guitars as soon as possible.

The school is offering a class in guitar training for the second semester. They need at least one bass guitar. Electric guitars and amplifiers are welcome. Any other musical instruments or funds for this purpose also will be appreciated.

Receipts for income-tax purposes will be given, based on the value of the gifts.



# THE KING AS JUDGE

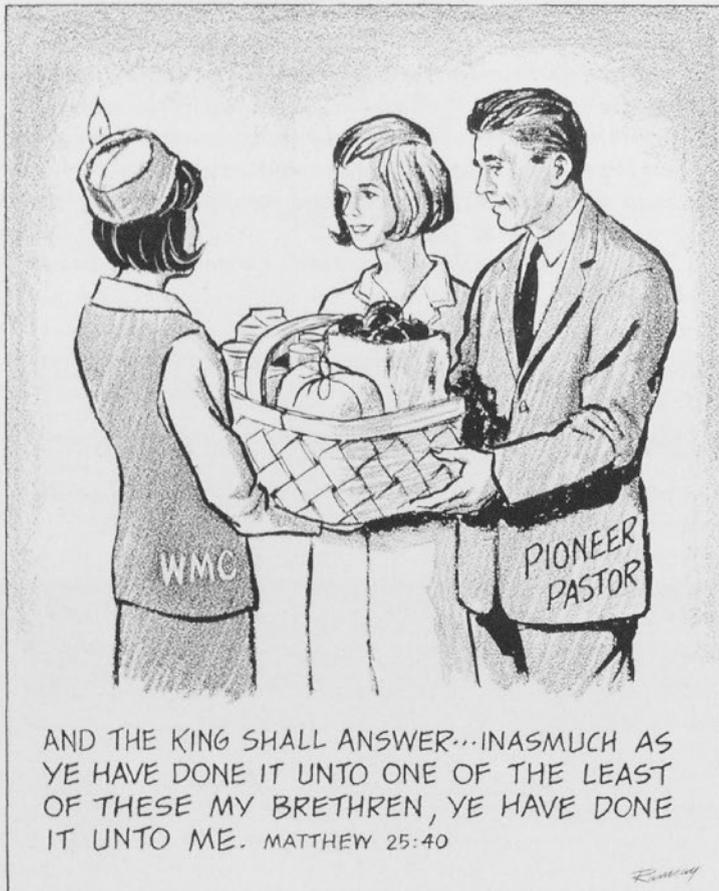
Sunday School Lesson for January 29, 1967  
MATTHEW 25:31-46

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE SCENE has been described almost universally as the "Judgment of the Living Nations." But it has always seemed to me that such a title is misleading and contrary to the whole range of scriptures pertaining to judgment. However, I shall respect the views of others and endeavor to emphasize all the practical aspects of our text—which are many!

*The Judge* (v. 31). The Lord Jesus Christ described Himself as "sitting upon the throne of his glory." In verse 34 He goes so far as to call Himself "the King." When shall this great event take place? "When the Son of man shall come in his glory" (v. 31). These words are in fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6, Revelation 11:15, Revelation 19:11, and similar prophecies. These scriptures describe the establishment upon earth of Christ's literal kingdom over which He shall reign with His saints for a thousand years.

## WE MINISTER AS UNTO CHRIST



*The Subjects of Judgment* (v. 32). "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Who are the subjects gathered? It is my conviction that this term means all the saved and unsaved people of all nations living on earth when Christ returns.

The judgment cannot be a judgment of entire nations, for there are both righteous and unrighteous individuals in all nations. The judgment must of necessity be a judgment of individuals from all nations. The division here is clear-cut—sheep and goats, the *righteous* and the *cursed*.

*The Basis of Judgment* (vv. 35-40). According to this passage all are judged on the basis of certain works—which can mean only the expression of a living faith. Without this expression the reality of one's faith may be challenged—for "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20).

"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (vv. 35, 36). Among other aspects of this text, one thing is clear that we cannot afford to miss—acts of love, pity, mercy, self-denial, and generosity performed as unto Christ are highly esteemed by Him. In our reaction against a "social gospel" let us beware lest we go to the other extreme! We are saved by faith alone, but unless our salvation is expressed in Christlike deeds, it may be hollow. (See James 1:27; 2:14-26.)

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (v. 40). Christ considers our treatment of one another as treatment of Him. When Paul persecuted the Christians, Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou *me*?" In Matthew 12:46-50 Christ plainly declared that His "brethren" were those who "do the will of my Father which is in heaven."

*The Results of Judgment* (vv. 34, 41-46). "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The sheep are thus rewarded for works which were the expression of righteous lives. Christ's describing them as "righteous" forbids any idea of unregenerate men being so rewarded. Their reward was to inherit both a place in the earthly kingdom and life eternal (v. 46).

Just as the righteous were eternally rewarded for their good works, so the goats whom Jesus said were "cursed" (cursed not by Christ, but by their own unrighteousness) were condemned for their sins of omission—indicating an absence of an experience with God and love of God.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment" (v. 46). This is not a sentence immediately executed but a prediction which would find fulfillment a thousand years later when all the wicked dead are cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

As Christians we shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. We are possessors of a glorious redemption which He purchased for us with His own blood. Let our daily lives flow out in love toward others, sharing what we have with them!

# Our Lives Are Richer Now

By ROBERT TANGEN

Pastor, White Center Assembly, Seattle, Washington

**Y**OUR LITTLE BOY is a Mongoloid" were words that pierced my heart like a sharp sword on the morning of April 1, 1959.

I had been waiting with keen anticipation for word of our baby's arrival, and a little after 10 a.m. the doctor told me of Jimmy's birth. He was placed in an incubator and given oxygen. When I first saw him, his body was very blue, so I asked the nurse if he was all right.

"Well, yes, he is doing pretty well," was her reply. But I wasn't quite satisfied so I asked if he were normal otherwise. Her answer was evasive: "I'm sorry, but you had better talk to your doctor."

I hurried to the doctor's office, and it was there I heard the words no parent ever wants to hear: "Your child has suffered brain damage."

Our prayers as parents had not been, "Lord, send us a boy," or, "Lord, we want a girl." We had only prayed, "Lord, we want a *normal* child."

As the meaning of the doctor's words sank in, I realized—

## THERE ARE SOME THINGS WORSE THAN DEATH

After visiting briefly with my wife, I went to our church. There I paced back and forth, crying out to God, "Lord, if he is not going to be normal, please take him Home."

The doctors didn't think he would live, so they suggested that we send no announcements for at least a week. But God didn't see fit to take Jimmy home at that time. Sometimes we look at death as an enemy, but it can also be a welcomed friend. It isn't death we need to fear; it is unpreparedness for death that should concern us.

A few days passed before I talked with my wife about Jimmy's condition, but she had already sensed that all was not well. It was at that point we fought the crucial battles of this trial. We had to adjust our thinking to the will of God for our lives, and learn to submit to what we knew He had sent into our lives for some purpose.

The battle was not made easier by the innocent comments of friends who came to see our new arrival. "My, he has such cute little ears," one would say, not realizing that their very shape was characteristic of his abnormality. Even comments of how nice-looking he was left us with a sickening feeling, for our hearts would echo, "*But he is not normal.*"

When the Lord did take little Jimmy Home to be with Himself last November, we could say, "Our tears

were shed seven and a half years ago. This is Jimmy's hour of release."

So one of the lessons we learned, which may be of help to some in the hour of bereavement, is that there are some things worse than death.

Another lesson we learned was that we must—

## TAKE ONE STEP AT A TIME

Probably one of the first fears that gripped our hearts pertained to the unknown future. So many of our problems concern the future, and some of them never materialize.

We agreed early that we did not want to place Jimmy in an institution. Please don't misunderstand me! Certainly there are times when this is necessary, when it is best for the child and for the family. The contacts we had with such institutions in our state indicate that they are clean, well-operated, and give the best care possible. But there was something about it that wrung my father-heart, and the whole family felt the same way.

Fortunately for us, present-day philosophy concerning care of retarded children favors keeping the child in the home when it is possible. This is the place where love can be shown on an individual basis.

Many times as I held Jimmy and rocked him, I would pray, "Lord, You know he can't understand very much, but would You let him know we love him?" I believe God answered that prayer and that Jimmy could sense the love that was given him.

As a pastor, I am grateful to my congregation for the love they showed to Jimmy, for their wonderful understanding, and for their prayers. I am thankful to our three other sons for the love they gave to Jimmy and the invaluable help they gave to us.

Looking back, we have no regrets. We showed our love to him as best we could and displaced our fears of the future by living just one day at a time. This was a tremendous lesson.

The Lord in His wisdom did give us a taste of what it would have been like to have Jimmy in an institution. A new school program had been started for the purpose of teaching the most handicapped whatever they could learn. Not wanting to leave one stone unturned in helping Jimmy, we started him in the school. But Jimmy attended less than three full days before the great Principal in mercy promoted him to heaven.

## THIS WAS A MINISTRY

One of the heavy aspects of this burden for my wife was the fact that she could not teach—and she loves to teach. Sometimes well-meaning folk suggested that her time was too valuable to be spent on a little retarded boy; that if we would only put him in an institution, she could do more in the work of the Lord. . . .

Incidentally, another thing we learned, I think, was not to talk too much when trying to comfort the sorrowing. Sometimes just a handclasp is all that is needed.

At any rate, the Lord made it plain to us that caring for Jimmy was a ministry. Didn't the Lord send him? Didn't He know all about him? Couldn't He have made him perfectly whole? Of course!

Who are we to say what our ministry should be? Our ministry is to do whatever He puts into our hands to do. Jimmy was a ministry given to us. He was not a ministry we would have chosen, but our lives are richer because he came to us.

# ONE CHILLY EVENING

By JEAN S. HORNER

IT WAS A CHILLY EVENING and it seemed good to be inside. My husband sat at the large living room table with 13-year-old Debbie. Both looked perplexed. The seventh-grade arithmetic book was propped in front of them as they worked with pencil and paper. Finally, Debbie said, almost in tears, "Daddy, that isn't the way the teacher does it." Desperately my husband answered, "Debbie, you're making me nervous. Go in the other room for a while so I can figure this problem."

Jim, standing nearby, quipped, "Are you making good grades in arithmetic, Dad?"

At first it all seemed funny to me—then I thought, *It really isn't*. It was just another example of the problems of our times. I thought how little this 13-year-old girl knew what was ahead of her. There was junior high to finish, high school, and then perhaps college. And this arithmetic problem which seemed so frustrating—this sudden tension between generations—was only a small episode in the slow process of growing up...

I walked into the next room and our 14-year-old met me with, "Mama, I haven't a thing to wear tomorrow." My usual answer started on its way into speech: "Virginia, your closet has so many clothes in it now there isn't room for more. Surely—"

But I didn't say it. I knew what she really wanted was something I might be able to give her without spending a cent. If I offered to buy her something new, it would please her—but the satisfaction would be only temporary. There was a spiritual need to be met. The children had always gone to Sunday school and church with us, but we lacked something...

I went in by the fireplace and silently watched the logs burn; then I called the younger children to stop what they were doing for a few minutes and come in with me.

Preaching wouldn't work. I just kept still, and we sat there looking at the fire together.

At last Virginia broke the silence. "Mother, why did you want us to come in here?"

I said that everyone seemed to be worrying about something and I felt it was time to stop everything and think a little and let God come in. I reminded them that He was always there to help us if we just let Him.

They seemed to understand. After another pause, 11-year-old David said, "I believe God loves families, don't you?"

His younger brother Sammy asked, "What would you do if you didn't have us, Mom?"

Right then and there I silently committed them all to the Lord once again. I had done it before, but the world had somehow crowded in upon us, and I felt the need of God so much that I just asked the Lord to keep the children in His divine presence. They became very receptive and were already relaxing in the Lord's presence. Then Harriet, age 17 and crowned with a hair dryer, came in. We asked her to play a hymn for us.

Sammy wanted to sing "He Arose," a hymn he had learned during the Easter season.

Suzanne, just home from the library, tossed her books on the table and joined us around the piano. Each child had a favorite hymn.

Hearing us from the other room, my husband and older son came in to join us—one singing tenor and the other bass. For the time being each forgot his problems and pressures, and we were refreshed in the presence of the Lord. That wonderful experience renewed our spirits and gave us strength for the days ahead.

All the children were radiant and happy. They went back to their evening tasks with a different attitude. My husband and I decided we needed this more often. So soon our children will be grown and gone from us! We hope to give them more times together in the presence of the Lord—to help them want God's presence in their own homes.

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## How my heart was changed

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Christ alone, for salvation: and an assurance was given me that He had taken away *my* sins, even *mine*, and saved *me* from the law of sin and death.

I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitely used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there what I now first felt in my heart.

But it was not long before the enemy suggested, "This cannot be faith; for where is thy joy?" Then was I taught that peace and victory over sin are essential to faith in the Captain of our salvation; but, that as to the transports of joy that usually attend the beginning of it, especially in those who have mourned deeply, God sometimes giveth, sometimes withholdeth them, according to the counsels of His own will!

After my return home, I was much buffeted with temptations; but cried out, and they fled away. They returned again and again. I as often lifted up my eyes, and He sent me help from His holy place. And herein I found the difference between this and my former state chiefly consisted. I was striving, yea, fighting with all my might under the law, as well as under grace; but then I was sometimes, if not often, conquered: now, I was always conqueror.

The moment I awakened, "Jesus, Master," was in my heart and in my mouth; and I found all my strength lay in keeping my eye fixed upon Him, and my soul waiting on Him continually. Being again at St. Paul's in the afternoon, I could taste the good Word of God in the anthem, which began, "My song shall be always of the lovingkindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing forth thy truth from one generation to another." Yet the enemy injected a fear, "If thou dost believe, why is there not a more sensible change?" I answered, (yet not I,) "That I know not. But this I know, I have 'now peace with God.'"

## NOT-GUILTY PRISONERS

I READ ABOUT A MAN who served 33 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. He was sentenced for the murder of a dining-car conductor in Oregon. He was judged guilty on the basis of a confession he later claimed was beaten out of him by angry officials after he had spent 50 days in confinement.

Just recently a man made a deathbed statement that he had actually committed the murder—and the one in jail was not really guilty. The 59-year-old prisoner was released and is trying to adjust to life outside the prison.

This story reminded me of many who are now serving self-imposed prison terms—even though they are not held guilty. God has forgiven them but they cannot seem to accept their forgiveness and shed that pall of guilt which has settled over their souls. Although they are not behind physical bars, the bars of their guilt keep their spirits from the full free joy of real salvation.

We need to remember and claim the promise: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

—CHARLES R. HEMBREE



## Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*In what way does the blood of Jesus speak "better things than that of Abel"? (Hebrews 12:24).*

Abel's death at the hands of Cain brought Abel the reward of a martyr. But his blood could not atone for another. The sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus atoned for the sins of the world. It provided redemption for all who will believe.

*Do you think that light singing, accompanied by guitars, glorifies God?*

I believe we should follow the rule in God's Word: "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Singing or music that cheapens the gospel, catering only to excitement of the flesh, should be avoided.

*Why did Jesus curse the fig tree when He knew it was not yet time for figs? (Matthew 21:18, 19).*

The fig tree served as a parable, a type of the Jews who, instead of bringing forth fruits of righteousness, brought forth only leaves of profession. There is probably a prophetic truth also in the words, "For the time of figs was not yet," teaching that the time will yet come when Israel will bring forth good fruit. This may refer to the Millennium.

*Romans 3:21 reads: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." How can we establish the Law if we are not under the Law, but under grace?*

We establish the Law by acknowledging our guilt. The Law is holy, just, and good; but it could only condemn; it could not save. In order to save us Jesus fulfilled the righteousness of the Law, then gave Himself to ransom us who were guilty under the Law. Since He suffered the penalty for our breaking the Law, we acknowledge that the standard of righteousness provided in the Law is good but find our redemption from the curse of the Law in the atonement of Christ. We are therefore "not under the law, but under grace."

*Do you think Vashti did wrong in refusing to show herself before those who had been gathered by the king? Did her refusal cause her personal grief? (Esther 1: 11, 12).*

I think the king degraded himself—and in the process conferred lasting honor on Vashti. The king was probably drunk and wished to "show his wife off." Whiskey, damnable whiskey, has caused many a man to do that which he has lived to regret.

Vashti showed both courage and modesty. She held her self-respect of greater importance than obedience to an earthly monarch. Thus she lives in history as an example to all women of actions and modest dress with sobriety and self-restraint.

Of course Vashti suffered. Right living always has its price, but it has its compensations too.

*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.*

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

**NAALEHU, HAWAII**—Revival fires are still burning at the Assembly of God here after a meeting with Evangelist Pat Shull of Pasadena, Calif. Four people were saved, two reclaimed, and one re-

filled with the Holy Spirit. Several were also healed.

An evangelistic outreach was begun in the nearby town of Pahala. Four families were reached, and weekly services started.

Many children in the church have reconsecrated themselves and developed a new interest in spiritual things.

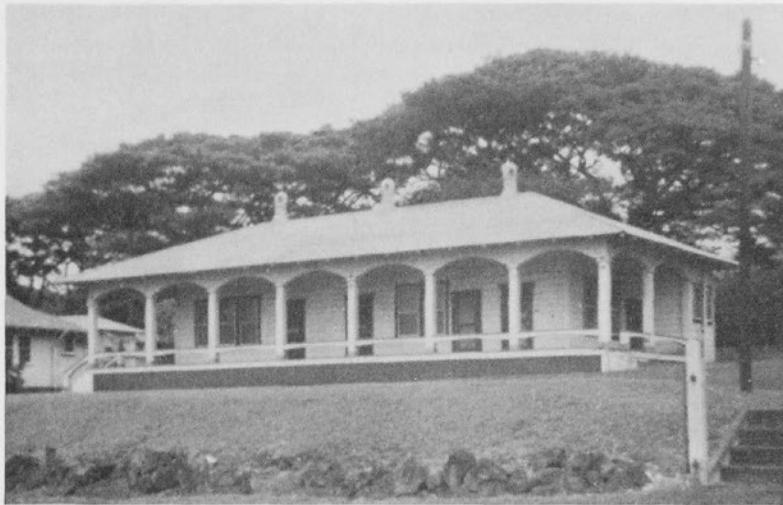
The congregation moved into a new building two years ago. The

parsonage was remodeled and moved to a new location.

The church has seen a steady growth in attendance.

—David Thompson, pastor

**This club house in Pahala, Hawaii, was the scene of an evangelistic outreach during the campaign in Naalehu with Evangelist Pat Shull.**



**Evangelist Shull (wearing lei) with the David Thompsons and families reached during the evangelistic meeting in Pahala.**



## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHURCH MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**CANAAN, N. H.**—The Assembly of God here recently commemorated 50 years as an established church.

Former pastors and workers at the church were honored at the homecoming jubilee.

Begun in 1916 as Canaan Center Union Mission, the church was re-named Mehida Pentecostal Assem-

bly about 10 years later, and affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in 1955.

Because of attendance growth a new edifice was erected and dedicated in 1962 while Ernest Steffensen was pastor. A house across the street from the church was bought and remodeled recently as parsonage for the present pastors,

Brother and Sister Gerard J. Flokstra, Sr.

During the jubilee services, speakers included Janet Rowe, Ira and Evangeline Tompkins, and Ernest Steffensen, all former pastors. Speaker at the jubilee fellowship supper was Theodore Kessler, assistant superintendent of Northern New England District.



**Present home of the Canaan Assembly of God (lower right) dedicated in 1962 as "a house of prayer for all people." Past and present pastors (below) of the Canaan Assembly at the 50th anniversary homecoming are (seated, left to right): Ernest Steffensen, Evangeline and Ira Tompkins, Janet Rowe. Standing: Mrs. Ernest Steffensen, Pastor and Mrs. G. J. Flokstra Sr., Deacon and Mrs. Marshall Shedd. In the top right photo, Miss Mabel Barney, charter member, receives token of appreciation from Pastor Flokstra. Miss Barney has taught Sunday school in this church for 46 years.**



## KANSAS CITY CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Approximately 300 people attended the dedication of Bethel Tabernacle here recently.

Dedicatory speaker was Hardy Steinberg, national secretary of the Department of Education. Also participating were N. Cleo Tapp, superintendent of the Southern Missouri District; Robert E. Palmer, pastor, First Assembly, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Rex Jackson, missions education editor of the Foreign Missions Department; and Evangelist Odis Virgin.

Situated at 4233 Independence Avenue, the structure of rust-colored brick trimmed in Indiana limestone contains over 7,000 feet of floor space on three levels. The

sanctuary seats 275 and has a balcony for overflow crowds.

Also provided are a large nursery, three offices, C. A. chapel, children's church chapel, 15 classrooms, and kitchen. The entire building is centrally heated and air-conditioned. There is a well-lighted off-street parking lot for 30 cars.

The building is valued in excess of \$100,000 exclusive of the parking area. Volunteer labor and several subcontracts handled by Pastor Robert A. Sites cut the cost of the new church considerably.

Pastor Sites has served Bethel Tabernacle for four and one-half years. The church has had a substantial growth during this period.



The new Bethel Tabernacle is constructed of brick and limestone. The sanctuary, seating 275, has natural oak furnishings, beige walls, and green tweed carpet. (Pastor Robert A. Sites, inset.)

FT. WORTH, TEX.—Bethel Assembly here experienced a great move of the Spirit during services with Evangelist Bud Peters.

Three were saved, two reclaimed, one filled, and 10 refilled with the Holy Spirit. One person joined the church.

Bethel Assembly will soon relocate and begin building on a four-acre site in a suburban area.

—Vic Ostrom, pastor

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ANOKA, MINN.—God moved night after night in special services at the Assembly of God here, and many were saved, reclaimed, and spiritually refreshed. The Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn., were the evangelists.

—L. G. Tandberg, pastor

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KANSAS CITY, MO.—Blenheim Assembly here recently held meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. O. H. Virgin. Six people were saved.

An unusual feature of this meeting was its appeal to men. Several men who had attended the church for years were saved. Conviction still lingers with others.

Attendance was above average.

—Milton Beckett, pastor

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SHENANDOAH, VA.—Attendance was good and the Spirit of the Lord was present to meet needs during special services at the Assembly of God here recently. Wayne Marshall of Minneapolis, Minn., was the evangelist.

—Linwood M. Ball, pastor

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CHICKASAW, ALA.—The Assembly of God here reports wonderful services during a four-week revival with Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge. A good number of people were saved, several were filled, and many refilled with the Holy Spirit. Others testified

to miraculous healings by the power of God. A revival spirit still continues in the regular services.

—Wm. D. Thomas, pastor

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WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Calvary Temple here was greatly edified during a recent New Life Crusade with Evangelists Bob and Lillian Watters of Springfield, Mo. Over 100 people were saved, and many were healed by the power of God.

One man who had been an alcoholic for over 50 years made a public confession of Christ and of his deliverance from drink.

One man was healed of eczema on his hands, another of an injured eye. A lady was instantly healed of the paralytic effects of a stroke. Another lady was healed of an internal disorder she had had for 40 years. Many testified to healing from various forms of arthritis.

Several families expressed a desire to join the church. These meetings produced the largest attendance in the recent history of the church.

—Glenn M. Horst, pastor

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IRONDALE, MO.—The Assembly of God here has just concluded a 15-day meeting with Evangelist Ruth Reece of Mt. Vernon, Mo. Thirteen people were saved, and 33 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

God has blessed the church in recent months. Including the services with Sister Reece, 33 have been saved and 38 filled with the Spirit since May 1966. Church membership has more than doubled and the Sunday school average went from 44 to 76.

New property adjoining the church has been acquired, and an expansion program is underway.

—Luther Vernon Davis, pastor

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.—God truly blessed meetings at First Assembly here with Evangelists Dave and Mona Lewis of North Hollywood, Calif. People were saved and edified by Brother Lewis' unique ministry of audio-visual evangelism.

Several young people joined the evangelist and pastor in distributing 2,000 booklets in local shopping areas presenting the Christian answer to communism. A number came to the services as a result of this effort.

—Samuel D. Beiler, pastor



Youth with Pastor Samuel Beiler (fourth from right) prepare to distribute literature furnished by Evangelist Dave Lewis. The lower photo shows a C.A. distributing literature at a shopping center. Around 2,000 booklets were given out.

## NEW MEXICO CHURCH DEDICATED

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Dedication services were celebrated at Central Assembly here recently. Raymond Hudson, New Mexico District superintendent, was the speaker.

Under the direction of Pastor and Mrs. G. B. Manning, who came to the church in 1960, Central Assembly has grown from 36 to 300.

Service organizations include the Women's Missionary Council, Missionettes, Men's Fellowship, Royal Rangers, Boy Scouts, Christ's Ambassadors, Junior Christ's Ambassadors, and a Sunday school class for every age.

The new auditorium, seating

over 600, is built of light-colored brick. Its semicircular design is such that no person sits over 55 feet from the pulpit. Stained-glass windows on the sides are adorned with mosaics of eight parables and eight miracles of Christ.

A courtyard separates the new sanctuary from the old one (built in 1955 when Paul Harrington was pastor) which will be utilized for Sunday school classes. Central Assembly affiliated with the Assemblies of God in 1960.

An authentic mural of the River Jordan is located on the wall above the elevated baptistry and directly behind the oval-shaped altar around which people gather for prayer.



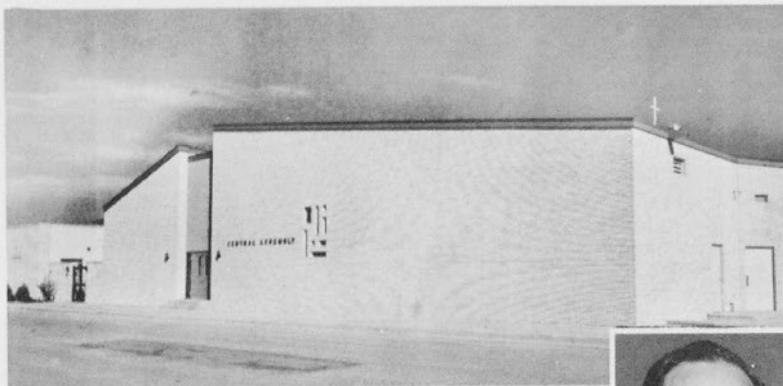
## \$150,000 CHURCH DEDICATED IN FLORIDA

PENSACOLA, FLA.—The congregation of Faith Assembly here recently dedicated a new church to the Lord. West Florida District Superintendent O. L. Thomas preached the dedicatory sermon.

Valued at \$150,000, the new home of Faith Assembly will seat about 500 people.

The church is growing in every department. The missions offering has more than doubled. The people rejoice in what God is doing. Already several people have knelt and accepted Christ as Saviour in the new building.

Curtis Grant is pastor of the church.



The new Central Assembly in Albuquerque, N. Mex. has a seating capacity of 600. A courtyard separates the new sanctuary from the educational building. Below is the interior of the sanctuary. At right is Pastor G. B. Manning.



## U. S. EVANGELIST HAS FRUITFUL MINISTRY IN DENMARK

RONNE, BORNHOLM ISLAND, DENMARK—Five were saved and 29 were baptized in the Holy Spirit during special services at the Danish Mission Covenant Church here with Evangelist E. Howard Anderson of Stamford, Conn.

The message of the baptism in the Holy Spirit has not penetrated Denmark as it has in the

U.S. Because of Brother Anderson's ministry on the Spirit and on healing, many people came to the meetings. The largest auditorium in Ronne had to be obtained after the church and another auditorium were filled.

The Lord confirmed His Word in the meetings. Many sick people were healed and testified in the services. —Vagn Birk, pastor

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—God richly blessed three weeks of services with the Fox Evangelistic Party at Central Assembly here in November. Thirty-five people came to Christ for salvation and 15 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during these meetings. There were many testimonies of definite healings.

—E. Elsworth Krogstad, pastor

DOE RUN, MO.—A spirit of revival continues at the Assembly of God here after two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Ruth Reece of Mt. Vernon, Mo. Five were saved, some refilled with the Holy Spirit, and a 12-year-old boy was healed of a rupture.

—Homer L. Smith, pastor

FAIRFIELD, OHIO—Over 20 people were saved in regular church services prior to special meetings at Tri-County Assembly here with Evangelist Leslie W. Smith of Springfield, Mo. Brother Smith's ministry was to Christians and helped establish the new converts in the Lord.

On the final night of the meeting the church held a Revivaltime World Prayermeeting rally in which over 100 participated.

The Lord met many requests that same night. One lady prayed for a wayward brother whom she

had not heard from in three years. She received a telephone call from him that night.

Reports of other victories are still coming in.

—Hugh H. Rosenburg, pastor

EAGLE LAKE, FLA.—At least 40 were saved and more than this number were healed during services with Evangelist Freddy Clark at the Assembly of God here. On one night alone 30 persons testified of healings in their bodies. Capacity crowds attended, and people from many churches received benefit from the meetings.

—Simon Lynn, pastor

CENTRALIA, ILL.—Many rededicated themselves to God during special services with Evangelist Glenna Byard at First Assembly here.

Two were saved, seven reclaimed, seven baptized in the Holy Spirit, and four refilled with the Spirit. Several people were also healed and at least one was delivered from the tobacco habit.

God has blessed the church and it is growing spiritually and in attendance.

—Dale Barton, pastor

CORVALLIS, OREG.—Approximately 25 were baptized in the Holy Spirit during meetings at

the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Fred and Sarah Byers. The entire church was spiritually edified and strengthened.

—Nels G. Lien, pastor

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**WEBBERS FALLS, OKLA.**—The ministry of Evangelists Bobby and Sharon Jones of Atlanta, Ga., at First Assembly here made a lasting impression on people of this community.

Two people were saved in the final service of the 10-night crusade. Attendance was good and many were refreshed in the Lord. The Evangelists were privileged to hold an assembly in the school one day. —N. B. Rayburn, pastor

## ILLINOIS CHURCH MARKS PROGRESS

**HAMILTON, ILL.**—April 1967 will mark the 24th anniversary for C. A. and Maude Deyo as pastors of the Assembly of God here.

Brother and Sister Deyo accepted the leadership of a small group of



**Pastors C. A. and Maude Deyo celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 18. They began pastoring Hamilton Assembly of God nearly 24 years ago.**

people at Hamilton in 1943. Five attended the first Sunday. The first meetings were held in rented store buildings.

As the attendance increased, the people expressed a desire to have their own church building. Two lots were purchased late in 1947. Work was begun, and the congregation moved into the basement in January 1948. The church was named Hamilton Assembly of God, and an official board was elected from the 46 charter members.

The first service in the auditorium was held in December 1949. By 1953 Sunday school attendance had grown to 144. An addition to the first building was dedicated debt-free in 1955.

The church was incorporated in 1966 and a parsonage with three lots was purchased.

Brother and Sister Deyo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last December.

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Warrior	A/G	Jan. 25-Feb. 5	Bob McCutchen	J. R. Carmichael
Ariz.	Coolidge	First	Jan. 17-29	J. L. Jeffrey	G. W. Dickerson
Ark.	Haskell	First	Jan. 30-Feb. 10	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	O. D. Stewart
Calif.	Morgan Hill	Full Gospel	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	Arthur & Anna Berg	Don Argue
	Riverside	Bethel	Jan. 17-29	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	John C. James
Colo.	Denver	So. Denver	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	Bob J. Wilson	H. J. Jackson
Fla.	Miami	Trinity	Jan. 31-Feb. 5	Eddy Anderson	Tom M. Miller
	Tampa	Sulphur Springs	Feb. 1-12	"Gypsy" George Butrin	J. R. Hardt
	Winter Garden	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	"Little Joe" Peterson	Carnell Bruce
Idaho	Emmett	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Gerald Crownover
Ill.	Maryville	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	K. E. Matschulat	George Ankarlo Jr.
	Skokie	North Shore	Jan. 22-27	Bob Watters	Wallace Pearson
Iowa	Keokuk	A/G	Jan. 18-29	Paul K. Witten	Bernard H. Reece
Md.	Cumberland	Central	Jan. 29-Feb. 19	Watson Argue	Frank J. Fratto
	Newport News	Warwick	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	Stan & Marilyn Morris	Leroy Howe
Minn.	Minneapolis	People's Church	Jan. 26—	The Tanner Team	Douglas Henderson
Mo.	Independence	Englewood	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	Musical Vanderploegs	William Sharp
	Moberly	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	James & Beulah Pepper	Abraham Solomon
N. Dak.	Minot	A/G	Jan. 26—	Bob Ludwig	B. C. Heinze
N. J.	Paterson	Pent. Lighthouse	Jan. 31-Feb. 12	John Hamercheck Jr.	Samuel Clutter
Ohio	Uhrichsville	First	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Donald Hartman
Okla.	Ardmore	Northwest	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	Stewart B. Douglass	Ervin A. Donaldson
	Pawhuska	First	Jan. 22-Feb. 5	Danny & Elizabeth Kennedy	Harold Stockton
Pa.	Adrian	A/G Tab.	Jan. 17-29	Charles S. Morris	Al Pundt
Tex.	Dimmitt	First	Jan. 30-Feb. 12	Mangram Evangelistic Tm.	John Sewell
	Mexia	First	Jan. 22—	B. P. Carroll	O. C. Bates
	Rosenberg	First	Jan. 25-Feb. 5	Olshevski Musical Tm.	David Bérkheimer
Wash.	Grandview	A/G	Jan. 24-29	Paul & LaVonne Clark	Marvin F. Clark
	Pasco	A/G	Jan. 25-Feb. 5	J. Irish Smith	Leonard J. Philp
Canada	Owen Sound, Ont.	Pentecostal Tab.	Jan. 29-Feb. 12	David Dean	Ray Running

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**PASTOR'S TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL**—Jan. 29-Feb. 5 at First Assembly, Tucson, Ariz. Two services daily. Visiting ministers in mornings. Evangelist Gladys Pearson at nights. Three services Sunday, Feb. 5, with Pastor L. G. Gilmore, District Superintendent J. K. Gressett, and Sister Pearson.—by Wanda L. Cunningham, church secretary.

## WITH CHRIST

**E. E. BAKER**, 68, of Sayre, Okla., went to his eternal reward November 17, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in 1923, Brother Baker was a member of the Nebraska District. He preached his last sermon October 16, 1966, in the church at Wallace, Nebr., where he was pastor. Formerly he served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, California, and Idaho. He is survived by his wife Edna Marie, five children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**MARCUS HORNESS**, 74, of Muskegon, Mich., went to be with the One he served November 13, 1966. Ordained in 1925, Brother Horness was a member of the Michigan District. He served as an evangelist and pastor. He founded Central Assembly (formerly Gospel Tabernacle) in Muskegon and was pastor 20 years.

He is survived by seven children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**CHARLES R. RODGERS**, 65, of Compton, Calif., went to his eternal reward December 1, 1966. Brother Rodgers received a license to preach in 1945 from the Southern California District. He served the Lord as a supply pastor and evangelist to the aged in rest homes and hospitals. He is survived by his wife Zelah, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

**W. HARTMAN SMITH**, 74, of Los Angeles, Calif., went to be with the One he served November 8, 1966. Brother Smith was ordained in 1927 and was a member of the Northern California-Nevada District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Los Angeles, Richmond, and Eureka, Calif. He is survived by his wife Opal, two children, and six grandchildren.

**DAYMON A. MITCHELL**, 58, of Batesville, Ark., went to be with Christ November 8, 1966. Brother Mitchell was licensed to preach in 1938 by the Arkansas District and served as a pastor. During 30 years in the ministry he built three churches and several parsonages. He is survived by his wife Mae and two children.

**VERNA FLANDERS LANGSTON**, 52, of Atlanta, Ga., went Home to be with Jesus October 21, 1966. Sister Langston, a graduate of Bethany Bible College,

Santa Cruz, Calif., was ordained to the ministry in 1948 by the Georgia District. She was a founder of First Assembly in Rome, Ga., where she pastored 14 years. Since 1961 she was copastor with her husband, Grover M. Langston, at Bethel Temple in Atlanta. She was a faculty member at South-Eastern Bible College in Lakeland, Fla. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, and two stepdaughters.

**JOSE F. MAREZ**, 77, of Pueblo, Colo., went to be forever with the Lord on November 18, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in 1936, he was a member of the Latin American District. Brother Marez pioneered and pastored 22 churches during his ministry. He is survived by five daughters, 28 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**DEWEY C. HALE**, 45, of Columbus, Ohio, went to be with Christ on October 21, 1966, after a light-plane crash. The accident also took the life of Gerald E. Masters, 28, a minister with exhorter status.

Ordained to the ministry in 1946 by the Montana District, Brother Hale was a member of the Ohio District. For some years he was a missionary to Africa. He also served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Columbus and Stow, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Naomi and two children.

Brother Masters is survived by his wife and four children.

READ WHAT THE FOUNDER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH  
WROTE IN HIS "JOURNAL" ABOUT BEING CONVERTED.



# How my heart was changed

By JOHN WESLEY (1703-1791)

I WENT TO AMERICA to convert the Indians; but oh? who shall convert me! Who will deliver me from this evil heart of unbelief? I have a fair summer religion; I can talk well; nay, and believe myself, while no danger is near: but let death look me in the face, and my spirit is troubled. Nor can I say, "To die is gain!"

It is now two years and almost four months since I

left my native country in order to teach the Georgian Indians the nature of Christianity; but what have I learned myself in the meantime? Why (what I the least of all suspected) that I who went to America to convert others was never myself converted to God. I am not mad, though I thus speak; but I speak the words of truth and soberness; if haply some of those who still dream may awake, and see, that as I am so are they.

Are they read in philosophy? So was I. In ancient or modern tongues? So was I also. Are they versed in the science of divinity? I too have studied it many years. Can they talk fluently upon spiritual things? The very same could I do.

Are they plenteous in alms? Behold, I gave all my goods to feed the poor. Do they give of their labor as well as of their substance? I have labored more abundantly than they all.

Are they willing to suffer for their brethren? I have thrown up my friends, reputation, ease, country; I have put my life in my hand, wandering into strange lands; I have given my body to be devoured by the deep, parched up with heat, consumed by toil and weariness, or whatsoever God should please to bring upon me.

But does all this (be it more or less, it matters not) make me acceptable to God? Does all I ever did or can know, say, give, do, or suffer, justify me in His sight? Yea, or the constant use of all the means of grace? Or that "I know nothing of myself"; that I am as touching outward, moral righteousness blameless? Or, to come closer yet, the having a rational conviction of all the truths of Christianity? Does all this give me a claim to the holy, heavenly, divine character of a Christian? By no means.

If the oracles of God are true, if we are still to abide by the law and the testimony; all these things, though when ennobled by faith in Christ, they are holy and just and good, yet without it are dung and dross, meet only to be purged away by the fire that never shall be quenched.

This then have I learned in the ends of the earth: that I am fallen short of the glory of God; that my whole heart is altogether corrupt and abominable, and consequently my whole life.

All the time I was at Savannah I was thus beating the air. Being ignorant of the righteousness of Christ, which by a living faith in Him bringeth salvation "to every one that believeth," I sought to establish my own righteousness and so labored in the fire all my days.

In my return to England, January, 1738, being in imminent danger of death, and very uneasy on that account, I was strongly convinced that the cause of that uneasiness was unbelief, and that the gaining a true, living faith was the one thing needful for me. But still I fixed not this faith on its right object: I meant only faith in God, not faith in or through Christ. Again I knew not that I was wholly void of this faith; but only thought I had not enough of it.

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate-street where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ,

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