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

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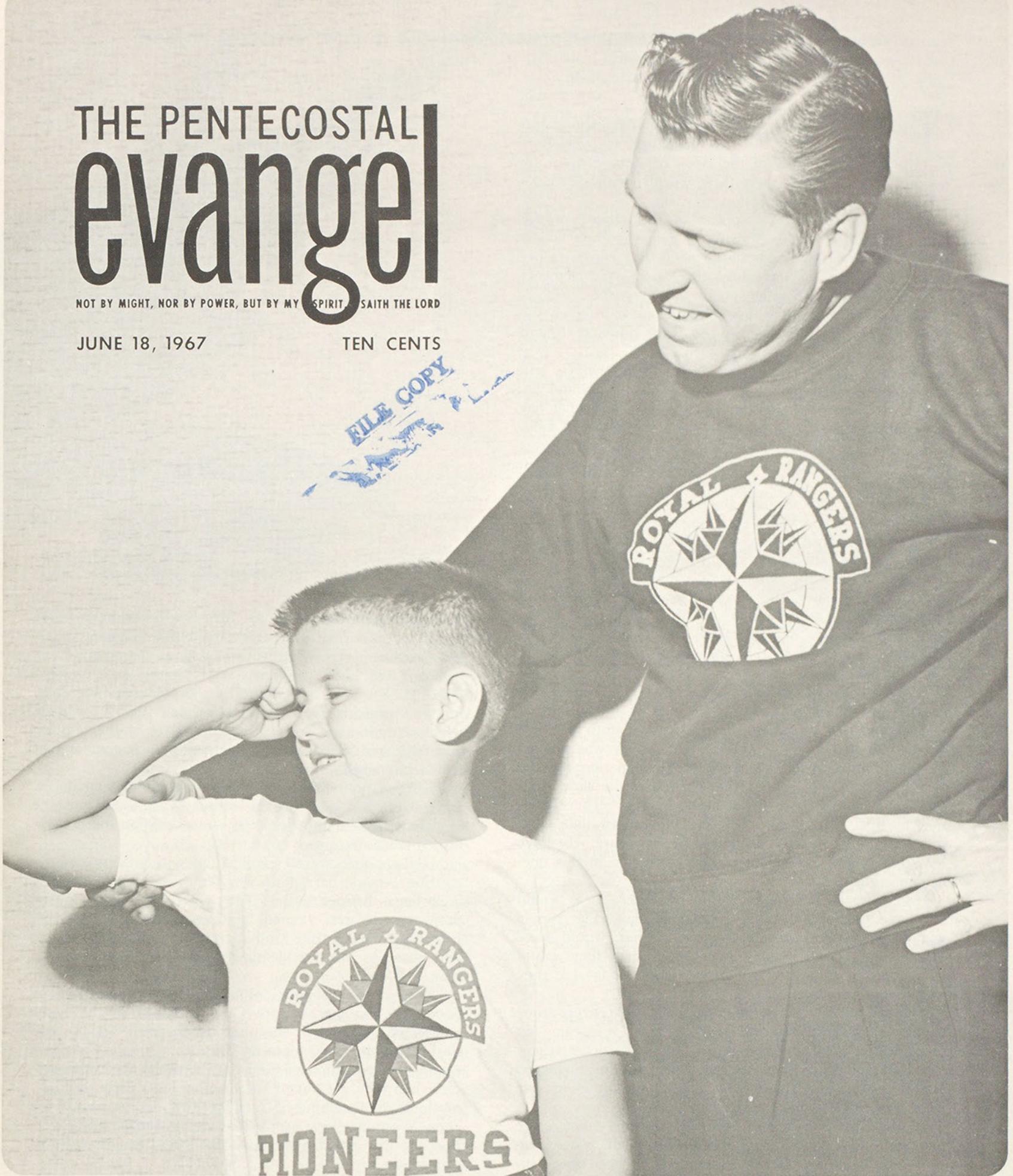


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**T**HE THREE WORDS, *inspiration*, *demonstration*, and *explanation*, may be trite but they are very important words. A study of the Book of Acts, chapter by chapter, will show that these three words constitute God's pattern for New Testament evangelism.

They may not always appear in the record in the order mentioned above. Sometimes *demonstration* comes after *explanation*, and sometimes *inspiration* comes in between. However, we have here three necessary elements that have to do with the spread of the gospel.

We need *inspiration* which comes from waiting on the Lord. If you want to be inspired, wait on God. Spend time in prayer and seek His face.

We need the *demonstration* of the Spirit which will arrest and awaken the interest of the people around us.

Then we need *explanation* which shows that what has been demonstrated is in harmony with the Word of God. I have no use for demonstration that is not scriptural; but if it is scriptural, we ought to give place to it in our meetings or outside our meetings.

Now let us look at the Book of Acts, chapter two. The disciples were waiting (tarrying) in the Upper Room. They were inspired during those days of prayer as they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

And then came the sound as of a mighty, rushing wind that filled the place, the cloven tongues as of fire, and the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. This mighty demonstration took place where the 120 were assembled so that the people came running to see what was going on.

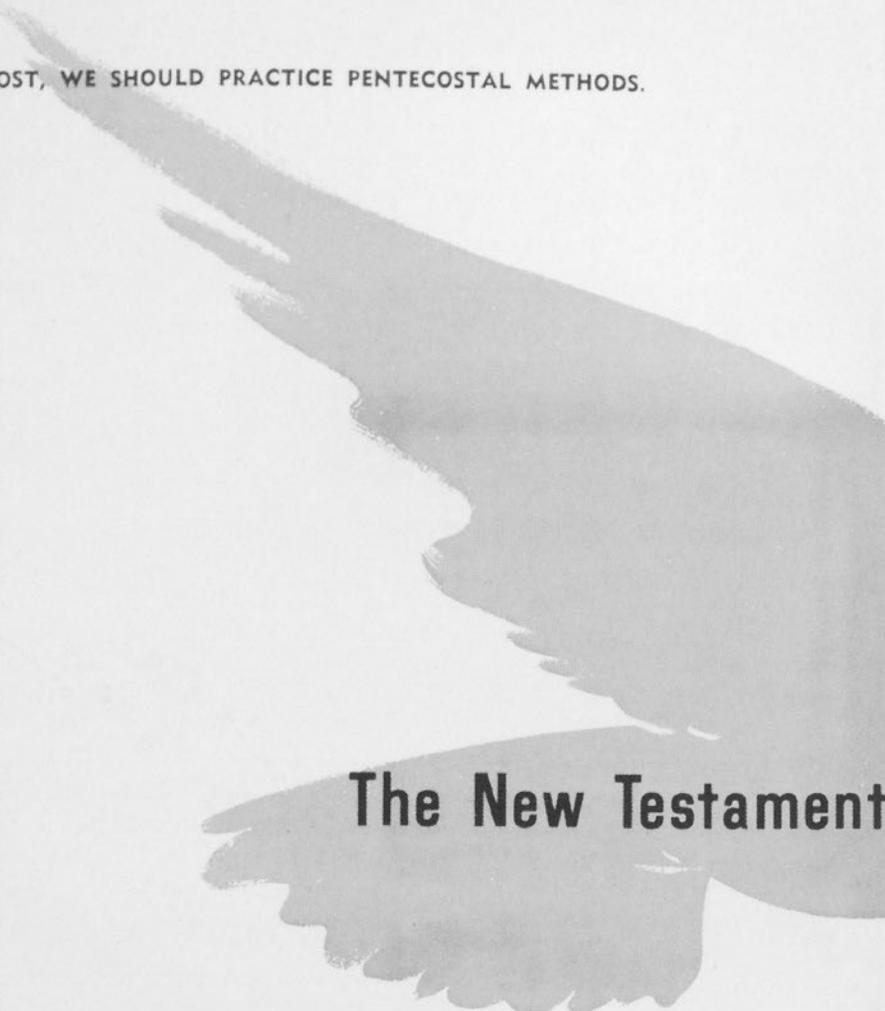
While all this was taking place (verse 14), Peter stood up and gave the explanation: "Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you and hearken to my words... this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." He gave the explanation for the demonstration and quoted the Scriptures to show that the demonstration had divine basis, having been prophesied by Joel many years before. He showed that what was happening was in fulfillment of Scripture. He gave his sermon, and 3,000 people were converted in this one-day meeting.

Had there been no explanation by Peter, there would not have been 3,000 souls saved that day. The people would have come running together. They would have listened and gazed in amazement, and then they would have gone their ways with a variety of opinions—but they would not have been saved.

I notice in the Scriptures, however, that every time there was a demonstration of the Spirit, it became an occasion for preaching the Word. In God's order, Peter stood up and said, "This is that." He put his finger on God's Word. And that's what we should do when we have demonstration.

In the third chapter of Acts we observe some more demonstration. Peter and John are on their way up to the Temple at the hour of prayer. They need more inspiration. Thank God for inspiration through prayer.

At the Beautiful Gate of the temple sits a lame man. His presence becomes the occasion for a great miracle, a marvelous demonstration of God's power. Here's a man



## The New Testament

that has never walked in his life. His limbs have never grown in a normal way. He is a beggar seeking alms, but instead of receiving silver or gold he receives his healing. See him, "walking, and leaping, and praising God" (v. 8). We read that "all the people saw him walking and praising God. And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which happened unto him."

Then we notice that Peter begins preaching again (v. 12). There has been demonstration. Now there must be explanation. The miracle becomes an occasion for preaching, so that more are saved.

Meetings that are all explanation without any demonstration become barren. If we Pentecostal people merely recite our theories and explain what took place in the past, no one gets excited, and very few are attracted. But if we demonstrate God's truth here and now, people will come to see the demonstration today as much as they ever did.

Demonstration should not be confined to meetings. A good place to demonstrate Christianity is in the home where we live and in the place where we work. I have no use for demonstrations in the meeting unless there is also a demonstration of Christian living by the same people when they get out of the meeting. Shouts or healings or things of that kind are not the only demonstration we need. We must show people that we are thoroughly saved, that we are Spirit-filled, and that the Lord is with us of a truth.

In chapter four demonstration brings persecution. Don't think you can go through your Christian life without persecution. The Word says, "They that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." The apostles are



# Pattern of Evangelism

By **FRANK J. LINDQUIST**

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arrested, and Peter is made to stand before the Sanhedrin—the religious authorities of his day.

The authorities are shocked; they are insulted; they simply can't tolerate this new thing. They are trying to stop it with every power they possess. In 1 Corinthians 2:14 we read, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Some people oppose any demonstration because it will intrude upon the nice order of their service. Oh, dear friends, if the Holy Ghost has charge of a service, we need not be afraid that, if there is a scriptural demonstration of the Spirit, the stranger will be driven away. But demonstrations in the flesh are another matter.

In chapter five we note another demonstration, and what a demonstration it is! It is a demonstration of God's holiness. Hypocrisy appears in the Early Church in the lives of Ananias and Sapphira, and their hypocrisy is judged by God. As a result, great fear comes on the people, so that outsiders dare not join themselves to the Christians. Probably they are saying, "You have to live right if you belong to that church, or they may carry you out dead." Beware of becoming contemptibly familiar with the movings of the Spirit of God. Remember what happened to Gehazi, the servant of Elisha. Remember Ananias and Sapphira.

But notice verses 12 to 16. When judgment had purged the church of hypocrisy and had driven the members back to their knees, we read that "believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." And the 16th verse says, "There

came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem bringing sick folk, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." *Every one!*

Now let us look at chapter 10. Cornelius has had a vision. Peter also has had a vision, and they get together in Cornelius' house. There's about to be a meeting, and unsaved people are coming to it. Cornelius is a devout man, a praying man, but he is not saved. Peter has come to preach the word whereby Cornelius and all his household are to be saved.

So we read in the 34th verse that Peter opens his mouth and begins to preach. He is explaining that salvation is by faith, and he is preaching Jesus. All at once there is a mighty demonstration. It states: "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."

Peter's sermon is interrupted. His explanation is stopped by the demonstration—and I like an explanation that will consummate in demonstration. So here again we see the scripturalness of our theme. Yes, Peter was preaching to those who were not saved. You may say, "How can sinners receive the Holy Ghost?" Well, Peter explains in the 11th chapter that God purified their hearts by faith.

In Acts 17 we see Paul on Mars' Hill in Athens preaching—explaining, but not having much success. This is one of the few times that Paul preached without any great results. So the chapter ends by saying, "So Paul departed from among them. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed." He had just a bit of success. Not much. It was nothing like that which he had in other cities.

From Athens Paul went to Corinth. He was crestfallen. He could have said, "What was the matter with me at Athens? I preached a good sermon, but there were hardly any results." But he explains to the Corinthians the reaction and the feeling he had when he came to them: "I came to you not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of men's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (1 Corinthians 2:1-4).

Paul stayed on in Corinth and established a church. There was explanation, and there was demonstration, so that this church was built on the power of God and on the Word of God.

Every church needs those same things. God help us if our services become just a dry explanation, with no demonstration of souls saved, of lives changed, of people healed, of believers filled with the Spirit. If that happens we need to go back to the prayer room, back to the place of inspiration, where we can be endued with God's power.

We may coast along on the momentum of past experiences for a while, but finally motion will cease. We must have inspiration, demonstration, and explanation. When we have all of these, we shall see the church growing in power and in numbers, as in New Testament days, for this is the New Testament pattern of evangelism.

## Mother Didn't Do It All

FIVE WEEKS AGO we lauded the Moms. Now it's time to give the Dads a pat on the back. On Mother's Day we asserted that the Moms are the Lord's best helpers—an undeniable fact—but fortunately they aren't His *only* helpers. Sometimes a father has the stronger spiritual influence on the children.

We've received an interesting "tribute to dad" written by a homemaker in Kentucky. Since it's Father's Day we'd like to quote it, and since it's by a woman we cannot be accused of male egotism. (Webster says "homemaker" means a wife or mother!)

"With due regard to the great role our mothers play in molding our spiritual lives," she says, "I would like to sound a protest against the one-sided adulation paid to them.

"I admit my mother's deep faith and selfless love were the dominant factors in making ours a Christian home. In fact, she was the greatest Christian I have ever known! And yet, as I look back on my formative years I cannot say it was *her* teaching and influence that molded my spiritual life, any more than my father's. Without *his* strength of character to supervise and discipline, Mother's training might have been in vain.

"Three things stand out in memory—my father's indomitable will, his constant love for my mother, and a peach-tree switch.

"At our house, the word 'daddy' was synonymous with authority. He taught us to obey before we learned to spell 'cat.' I pity any child that grows up without a respect for authority, unprepared to cope with all the *stop* and *go* signals they will meet in life.

"Then there was my father's love of flowers. In the spring and early summer I noticed he kept a watchful eye on all of them, and the first bouquet always went to Mother. Usually there was a little touch of chivalry with it. I remember one morning he came unnoticed into the farm kitchen carrying a beautiful, full-blown rose, first of the season. Mother was busy with the noonday meal and humming some old tune like *Amazing Grace*, while I churned. He tiptoed up behind her, held out that exquisite flower, then bowed and said, 'For you, my love.' In those days a hothouse corsage was something unknown. Mother wiped her hands, took the proffered rose, and rewarded him with a tender kiss. Scenes like that make an impression on a girlish mind and heart!

"The third thing I remember was that peach-tree switch. I deserved it, for I had told an outright lie. One of my weaknesses, as a little tot, was telling falsehoods. Mother became very alarmed over this. She would argue; she would plead; she would spank; but none of her attempts to immunize me 'took.' Then one day my father caught me lying—how vividly I remember. I hid myself, but in vain. He found me and applied that peach-tree switch for the first time (and the last—he never had to do it again!).

"My father was not perfect—who is? He had a quick temper (and it caused him many a heartache) but I could overlook that because he had so many fine qualities. A heartwarming love for his family and all fellowmen. A high standard of moral integrity. A great devotion to the church. I am glad my mother did not have to furnish all the spiritual leadership for our family. It came from both sides, giving us a well-balanced home!"

—R.C.C.

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**I**N THESE MODERN DAYS," says Billy Graham, "the word *father* in some areas has come to mean a character with a highball in one hand, a cigarette in the other, and nothing but sinful mischief in the heart. Thank God, this is true only in a small segment of society, but unfortunately the idea is growing as fathers take less and less responsibility in the home."

The Bible shows that a godly father is a priest for his family. Job was the greatest man in the East in his day. He was "blameless and upright, and one who (reverently) feared God and abstained from and shunned evil" (Job 1:1, Amplified). At the same time, Job was eminently prosperous and was blessed with 10 children. A father of such character could not help but influence his children spiritually and morally.

But Job's greatest gift to his children was his priestly work on their behalf. "When the days of their feasting were gone about, . . . Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God

in their hearts. Thus did Job continually" (Job 1:5).

To young children, their father is a god—until they are gently taught otherwise and so perceive differently. His simple expressions of prayer and praise are his priestly work. So is also his Bible storytelling and his own reverence towards God's Word. It is almost trite to say that what is imparted to children in their tender years will never be forgotten. Father, what data are you putting into your little child's computer-mind?

The Bible also confirms another obvious fact: the father is his children's example. Enoch, the man who habitually walked in fellowship with God, was not a monk but the father of a family. In fact Genesis 5:22 shows it was the birth of his firstborn that seemed to spark his magnificent testimony of unbroken fellowship with God through 300 years. Sometimes a young man seems to walk with God until he begets a child, and then this responsibility so encumbers him that he gradually falls away and loses the most precious experience of having God in the home.

In his day, Enoch, no doubt, was considered passé. Social and moral conditions were showing pointed signs of depravity, and "the land was filled with violence (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for pow-

# GOOD FATHERS

By Evangelist **GEORGE HOLMES**

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er)" (Genesis 6:11, Amplified). Yet Enoch continued to walk with God.

When Enoch's grandson, Noah, attained years of understanding, he too walked with God (Genesis 6:9). Therefore, it is not surprising that although shunned as eccentric by many, by his obedience he saved his family and changed the course of the world's history.

*"Well, what are you going to be, my boy,  
When you have reached manhood's years;  
A doctor, a lawyer, or actor great,  
Moving throngs to laughter and tears?"  
But he shook his head as he gave reply  
In the serious way he had:  
"I don't think I'd care to be any of them;  
I want to be like my dad."*

—EVANGELIST SUMNER

The father is also to be a teacher of his children. "Give them instruction" (Ephesians 6:4, NEB). Christian fathers may and do lament that the Bible is suspect in the public schools but they should remember that God places the responsibility for Christian education upon them and that such teaching is to be passed on as a spiritual heritage from one generation to another.

Notice the following in Psalm 48:3-7, Amplified:

"Instruction which our fathers have told us, we will not hide . . . from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

"That the generation to come might know them, that the children still to be born might rise and recount them to their children.

"That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments."

The formative and most impressionable years are the preschool years. "By the time a child is 5 or 6 his emotional pattern and his habit standards are fixed" (International Journal of Religious Education). The way to stop juvenile delinquency is to stop raising delinquents.

To discipline is not unkind; it is what a child needs and wants. It is an important part of training and teaching. One of the greatest characters in Israel failed in this and was laid aside by God "because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not" (1 Samuel 3:13).

"Withhold not correction from the child," counsels Proverbs 23:13, promising also, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Abraham was given special revelation by God because God knew that "he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the ways of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19).

Father: consider these words. "When a boy or girl thrusts his small hand in yours, it may be smeared with chocolate ice cream or be grimy from petting a dog, and there may be a wart under the right thumb and a bandage around the little finger. But the most important thing about his hands is that they are the hands of the future. These are hands that someday may hold a Bible or a Colt revolver; play the church piano or spin a gambling wheel; gently dress a leper's wound or tremble uncontrolled by an alcoholic mind. Right now, that hand is yours. It asks for help and guidance. It represents a full-fledged personality in miniature to be respected as a separate individual whose day-to-day growth into Christian adulthood is your responsibility." 

**YOU SAY YOU'RE WORKING HARD FOR  
YOUR FAMILY—SO THEY'LL HAVE IT  
BETTER THAN YOU DID. BUT AREN'T  
YOU REALLY DOING IT FOR YOURSELF?**

By DAN HARMAN

**L**OOK AT HIM GO! He must be important—*very* important. He must have appointments and deadlines and schedules to keep him so busy. Busy, busy, busy man!

But what about your health, busy man? Is it worth making that appointment on time if you get ulcers in the process?

And what about your family, busy man? Do your wife and children get to see you very often now that you are so important?

Don't you ever slow down? At the rate you're going, you'll be in bad trouble if you ever take a wrong turn or get on the wrong elevator or catch the wrong train. You'll be clear in the next state before you can slow down and backtrack!

Busy man, how about your soul? You're going so fast that Christians are bound to ask, "Are you trying to outrun God?" You can't, you know. You can't schedule Him out of your life, and you can't talk so busily on the phone that He will go away. God made you, and He gave you that strength, enthusiasm, and intelligence that has brought you so far. Consider the strength that came from God when you credit yourself with the busy, busy task of living that consumes your days.

God has something to say to you, busy man—something to say to you now if you'll only slow down to hear it. He's saying that in the midst of your hurry there are some eternal values to be considered. He's asking, "Will it all be worthwhile—all this hustle and bustle—if the children grow up without really knowing Dad? If those children go astray from all the dreams you had for them a few short years ago, will the rushing and scurrying amount to anything at all?"

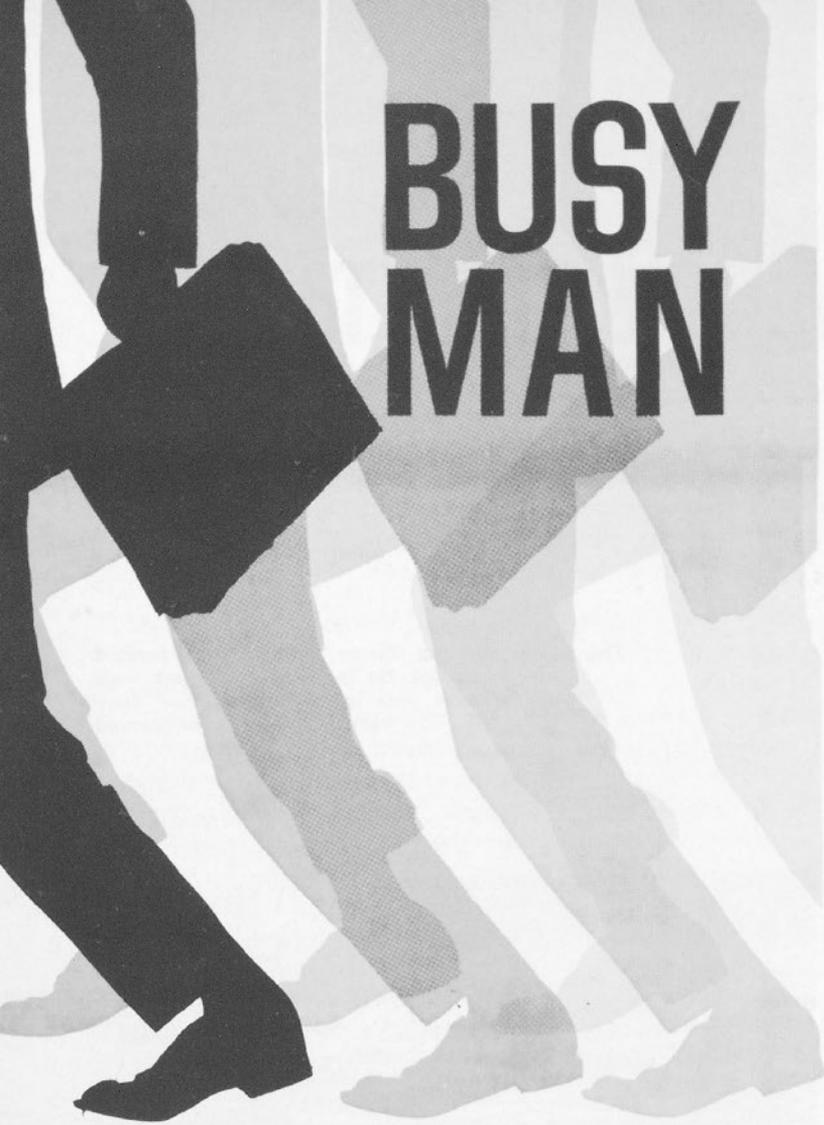
And that lovely wife of yours: if you amass a fortune with your hurrying but grow apart from her, will it matter? Will the end justify the means?

"But," I can hear you saying, "I'm busy so my lovely family can be proud of me. I want them to have all the nice things they deserve. I want them to have it better than I had as a boy."

Sure you do, busy man! That great big ego of yours keeps repeating those beautiful phrases time after time, doesn't it? You keep saying, "All for them," without ever asking them what they really want from you. I dare you, busy man, ask them, "Which would you rather have: a rich, important, and terribly prominent man-about-town for a father, or a loving dad who cares enough to share himself with his family?" I dare you to ask them.

Busy man, you're doing all this for yourself, and no one else. I think you know it deep down inside. And that's where God comes into this hurried life. God never intended man to be lazy or to neglect his family.

But you're building yourself, busy man. Jesus said,



# BUSY MAN

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"But I don't know anyone in there," you say. You should! You need to walk through the emergency room and hear the sobs. You should hear the way people call on God for mercy, for forgiveness, for help when there is no one else to help them. Some of them are people who were in a big hurry on the highway. But they took time to come to that hospital when tragedy struck. They were busy, too. Now they're calling on God for mercy. Stop in, my friend, and hear them. And think.

That gray-stoned jail you pass so often, busy man. It's for the unfortunates and the rebels of society, isn't it? Passing it you come as close as you ever do to praying a thank you, don't you? "Thank You that I am not as other men," you say. Someone said it before you, busy man. He was proud and ambitious too, and his prayer only went as far as his voice would carry.

Those people in jail were in a hurry. They had success on their minds. They lived and ate and planned success; always in a hurry to get an extra dollar. Somewhere along the way the end and the means got confused. Then it became a habit: anything for a dollar. They were caught with their hands in the cash drawer; they were found with the juggled books. Then they took time out for the courts and the jail and the long, silent nights alone with their consciences. Busy, busy people: all so still and quiet now.

Friend, take your eyes off the financial page for a moment. While that commuter train rushes along, take time to look at the slums of the city. Somewhere in the tangle of the dirty houses you'll find ex-presidents of corporations; you'll find ex-lawyers and former executives: now they're living in the slums after "successful" careers that were paced with the leaping tigers of the business world. They knew that the bottle would help the sales, the fellowship, and their own nerve. The man took a drink; but the drink took the man in the long run. Perhaps you already know all about it.

Look at them, busy man. Maybe you'll want to take an option on one of those slum buildings; maybe you'll get there someday, busy man.

"Too busy for God" is the first principle of today's business. But that's nothing new to you, is it?

That's the first step to reverse in coming back to a life that means something. If you will just take a little time for God, you'll find things starting to make sense again. You'll find your own health—physical and mental—starting to improve. Take time for the church services; take time to have devotions with your family; take time to think about the claims of the Master. See if your life couldn't find a better center than the approval of the business world. Look at the Bible; you'll find there a gold mine of important tips on living. Set the right example for your family.

Jesus said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:39). Have you really found your life, busy man? Have you found fulfillment in the busy, busy schedule you follow each day? You are in a great hurry. Are you just in a hurry to get lost, spiritually lost?

God made you, busy man. He meant you to have time for Him. Decide. And as you decide, remember that God cares very much about your decision. His Son died so you might decide rightly. 

"If a man will come after me, let him deny himself . . ." (Matthew 16:24). Get around that one if you can. Take time from your busy schedule to think about it. You just can't follow Jesus and still spend all your time building up your own reputation. Setting aside personal ambition, personal aggrandizement—this is the requirement for the beginning steps in following Christ.

Busy man, have you ever stopped long enough for your conscience to catch up with you? Does that attaché case have a Bible in it?

You know there's a Saviour who has a claim on your life. There's a Saviour who has a few things to say to you about the use of your time. He wants to know about the investment of your influence, talents, and witness in building the church. He's calling you, busy man. Will you stop long enough to hear Him?

Don't you realize, busy man, that if you keep up this rush and keep forgetting God, you'll end up spiritually bankrupt? You'll be lost, busy man. Is *that* a wise investment of time?

A great Japanese Christian said it most beautifully: "When I read in my Bible that Jesus went about doing good, I am dismayed to see people just going about."

You rush past church on Sundays, don't you? There are people in that building who can tell you of miracles that changed meaningless lives into warm, purposeful beings who thrill to the life they live. Jesus can save men from themselves, my busy friend. Slow down the next time you're passing the church and see what there is about the gospel that can revolutionize lives.

You hurry past the hospitals, don't you, busy man?

WHEN WE PRAY, "DELIVER US FROM EVIL," WE DO NOT KNOW IN WHAT MIRACULOUS WAYS GOD MAY SOMEDAY ANSWER THAT PRAYER.

# 'There Was No Time To Pray'

By ANNE SANDBERG

**T**HE SKY TURNED A STRANGE AND HORRIBLE black. Powerful winds, roaring like jet planes, lashed trees.

Then a hideous greenish funnel, flicked with eerie lights from snapping power lines, began a dervish dance in northern Illinois.

It touched down and lifted—repeatedly—leaving in its wake demolished homes, overturned cars, and mangled bodies.

During the pounding hail and rain that followed, dazed men stared unbelievably; women and children wept; the injured screamed for help.

On the afternoon of Friday, April 21, 1967, the tornado began in Belvedere and about 5:30 leaped to Chicago's southwestern suburbs. The toll was 53 dead, a thousand injured, 374 homes destroyed, 1,200 homes damaged—and well over a \$50 million loss.

Though tornado warnings had been issued, nobody believed it would happen. It struck so suddenly that newsmen said, "There was no time to pray."

A number of Christians, however, with thrilling instances of divine intervention, gratefully and humbly say, "We had already done our praying and were prepared." They had prayed first when they accepted Christ and placed into His hands the keeping of their souls. And often since they had claimed such promises as, "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee" (Psalm 91:7).

Because Oak Lawn, a severely struck area, is only four miles from where we live, I inquired among six suburban fundamental churches how they fared.

There was not one death or serious injury to those definitely known to be Christians; property damage was minimal.

Two types of deliverance were evident: (1) Christians were led to remain away from disaster zones; (2) Christians caught in the tornado were protected.

## **GUIDANCE**

Those who were divinely (though unconsciously) led to remain away experienced Proverbs 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Before she left home, Mrs. Gladys Mueller prayed and committed herself to the Lord. Then she and her son drove on a familiar route toward Barrington. Unaccountably she made a wrong turn. When she inquired of the way back, a man said, "You're lucky you weren't there; a tornado just struck."

Our Sunday school superintendent, Cecil Swanson, had his customary devotions before going to work. He usually quits work at five. This day he left earlier. He was safe at home five minutes after the storm struck on the road he always takes.

Another earnest Christian, driving home from work,

saw the sky darken in the northwest as he approached. He decided to take another road, something he had never done before. The twister touched where he would have been at the time, 5:30 p.m.

The nearest hospital was soon flooded with emer-

**The roller rink on Cicero Avenue was leveled, except for part of the front wall. Miss Wittich was in a building two doors south but was unharmed.**



PHOTO BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE

gency calls. Passengers of 30 automobiles which had been flung about, overturned, and crushed, were killed or injured by the fury of the twister.

Jim Corbet and his wife made their weekly shopping trip at the Fairway supermarket near the same road, Southwest Highway. Because the meat section closes at 6, they usually shop there first. This time, however, they did their banking first. The supermarket was leveled; cars and people were dashed into the fields; others were crushed by collapsing beams and walls. But the Corbets praised God that they were safe in the bank building.

A Christian woman planned to go to a beauty parlor near 92nd and Cicero Avenue where the tornado made another touch of horrible destruction. For some reason she changed her mind and did not go.

## **PROTECTION**

Others who were caught in the storm say thankfully, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those

that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7).

When Henry Schuber saw the funnel on Southwest Highway, he shut off his car's motor and put his head between his knees. The tornado lifted his car, slammed it down, broke windows, tore off chrome and flung debris with the force of machine gun bullets. He was unharmed.

Mrs. June Nienhouse and her 13-year-old son were on the same highway. When "a green wall" approached, she stopped the car, flung herself over her son and prayed. Nearby viewers saw the car lifted, pushed 25 feet, and slammed down near live wires. Mother and son were unhurt.

But another woman was catapulted out of her seatbelt through the windshield, face down into mud and gravel. She is not expected to live.

An elderly Christian living in a trailer court heard a roar like thundering passenger trains. Hers was among the three rows of trailers that remained standing. In one place 45 and in another 200 trailers became a mass of splintered wood, furniture, and mangled bodies.

Another Christian woman, who later studied the map showing the path of the tornado, observed that as it neared her home, the path narrowed, then widened again. And her home was safe.

But in Oak Lawn and Hometown many houses became heaps of ruins; others had only walls standing. Refrigerators and overstuffed chairs stood at grotesque angles on lawns; poles were twisted and bent, roofs removed.

One church with membership of over 300 reported no one killed or hurt and only one garage destroyed.

One family, where the wife was a Christian and the husband backslidden, fled to the basement moments before the funnel touched. Their home moved 20 feet off the foundation, and a plank was driven through the room just vacated. But the family was safe.

A minister and his family were in a restaurant when they saw the dark cloud. He and 15 others ran to the basement just in time. Five on the outside stair were injured.

A husband and wife, members of this minister's

church, were visiting relatives. When the funnel struck, they leaped under a table. As walls and beams tumbled around, they escaped with only minor injuries.

"There was no time to pray," the newspaper said. But one Christian, for 11 hours before the storm, was greatly burdened for an unknown reason. Who knows whether or not God used those prayers and perhaps prayers of others, to deliver His children during the disaster.

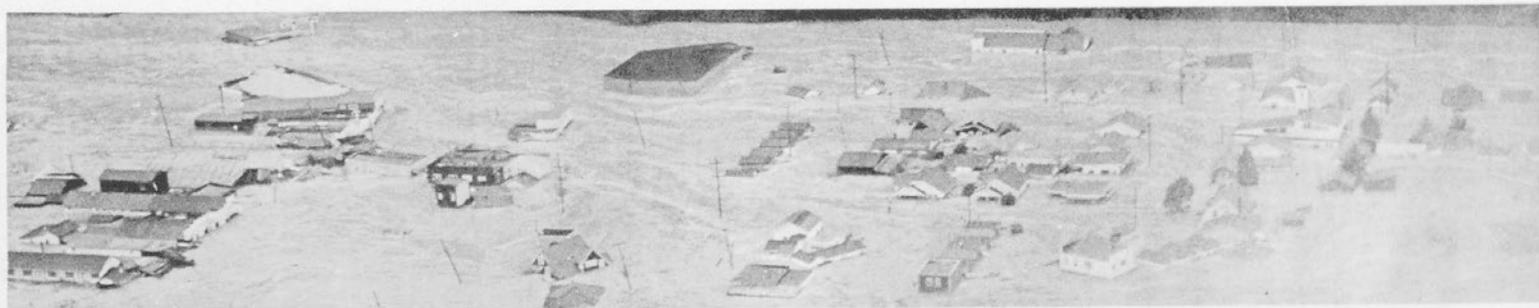
Another woman had just moments to pray. Miss Erma Wittich, receptionist in the building of a Christian dentist, saw the sky darken. Suddenly windows shattered, glass flew all around. She didn't think to duck behind her desk, but prayed and pled the blood of Jesus. She was safe.

Two doors south of her the huge roof and walls of a roller rink collapsed. Only the front wall remained standing. (See photo.) Two died, 30 were injured there. Two blocks to the rear, 45 trailers collapsed. All around was destruction. But the building she was in suffered only minor damage.

Children and young people were killed or injured in the storm. But one teen-ager also had time to pray. Gary Gramenz, 16, saw through his kitchen window "a long, skinny funnel, 50 feet away, coming right at me." He pushed down his little sister, dropped to the floor himself, and called on the Lord. The twister slightly damaged the roof and windows, but skipped over his house to tear up two front trees. It ripped a dormer across the street, then half a block away severely damaged other homes. No one can convince this youth that God does not answer prayer.

It is true that Christians sometimes suffer during floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Serving God is no guarantee we will not face trials and problems such as these. But we have God's promise that He will make everything (even tornadoes) work together for good to those who love Him.

And it is equally true that the Scriptures abound with promises of deliverance. When we pray, "Deliver us from evil," we do not know in what miraculous ways God may someday answer that prayer. 



## DISASTER STRIKES SUDDENLY

Earthquakes and floods may not give warnings. That means there is no time to take an offering, no time to make a special appeal. That's why the Assemblies of God has a Disaster Relief Fund—to be able to offer immediate assistance whenever and wherever it is

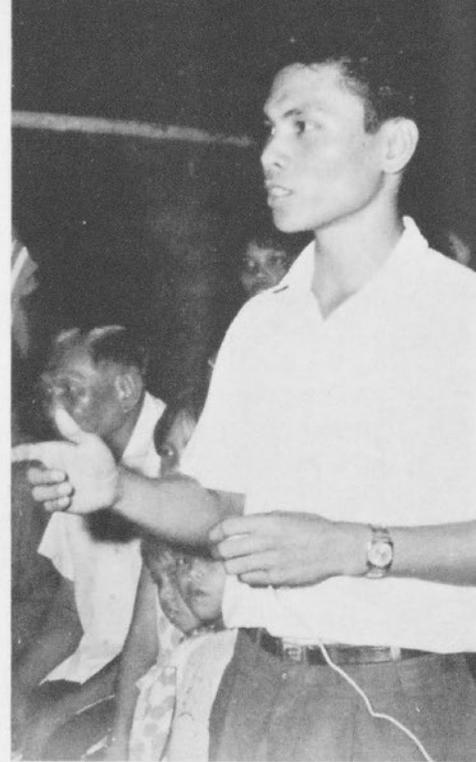
needed. Because there is no time to make an appeal when disaster strikes, we need your contributions now—so we may always be ready to offer concrete evidences of Christian concern to those in need of emergency aid.

Send your offering to:

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National young people sang, testified, and praised the Lord at the three-day fellowship meeting on Pandanon Island.



# Miracles on Every Island

By JANIE FAULKNER - Missionary to the Philippines

I SAT ON A CROWDED BENCH under a coconut palm. The sand felt hot under my feet, and a cool breeze passed by smelling of salt and fish and islands we had not yet seen.

Beyond a sandy knob was the blue-green ocean, and near me were hundreds of brown-skinned people. They were wriggling and smiling and waiting as a lovely island girl stepped to a microphone and began to sing, "It Took a Miracle."

This was the singing contest, one of the features of the three-day island fellowship meeting we had long anticipated. I was one of the judges, but I had a difficult time concentrating on my judging.

The girl sang in a clear soprano, "But when He saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole, it took a miracle of love and grace." No one could have sung it more sweetly. I knew that a year and a half ago, this girl had never heard that song nor had she known of His love and grace.

One after another the island people blessed us with their singing. A *barrio*

captain's daughter from a nearby island shyly sang, "There Is Power in the Blood." She was one of the first island converts and knew the songs better than some of the others.

I was thankful that the awards committee had brought along enough prizes for every contestant!

The fellowship meeting on Pandanon Island was sponsored by the island Christians themselves, under the direction of their Bible school student pastors. The dean of women at Immanuel Bible Institute, Perla Bongkawil, gave several messages on the Holy Spirit. My husband, Stan, was the evening speaker.

Our services were all outside. Canvas sails from fishing boats were spread above the "platform" to protect the preacher from the sun or rain, and the congregation sat under the protection of the tall palms.

The highlight of the fellowship meeting was the baptismal service. My husband described it as "the most precious I've seen." Eight candidates stood hand-in-hand in the turquoise water, a testimony to their own people that they were now truly Christians. With tears trickling down their faces they gave their testimonies of what Christ had done in their lives. After they were baptized, they waded back to the sandy shore, singing a chorus of praise.

It was the first time these new Christians from six different islands had met. The host congregation provided the fish, and we brought a large sack of rice on our boat. The visiting Christians stayed in the homes of their new brothers and sisters in the Lord, and our family stayed on the boat.

The island people wanted to extend the fellowship meeting for another day. "It was so wonderful," they said. "We just don't want to say good-bye." But food and time were running short. The weather had been stormy, so we had to hurry back to our island.

One of the island passengers we carried on our boat was the *barrio* captain's daughter from Hilatungan. We had some engine trouble as we were nearing her island, so she waved to a passing outrigger fishing canoe which pulled up alongside our boat. She lightly hopped from our boat to the other, flashed us a quick smile, and stood in the bow of the canoe as it skimmed over the water toward her island.

I watched her black hair tossing in the breeze as she neared the shore, and I remembered the song of the other island girl: "It took a miracle of love and grace." Yes it had taken a miracle—for her, for the other island Christians, for each of us. And we look forward to more miracles every time we reach a new island. 

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**I**N THREE WEEKS OF GOOD NEWS CRUSADES conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson, 1,066 Nigerians made decisions to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

The GOOD NEWS meetings were conducted throughout Nigeria in fields adjacent to several of our churches. Thousands of posters and handbills announcing the meetings were distributed, and large crowds gathered every night to hear the preaching of God's Word. Trained personal workers were ready each evening to give additional instruction to those responding to the altar call.

One young man, bound for years by juju powers, attended a service. He received a miraculous deliverance as Brother MacPherson prayed for him. The next night he brought over 20 visitors from his compound. He had received the good news of the gospel and immediately began to share it with his friends.

The GOOD NEWS CRUSADES were a climax to a previous house-to-house distribution of gospel literature in which 435,000 pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature were given out. Eager hands received the message of salvation in the form of a Gospel of John, a picture paper on the life of Jesus, and helpful tracts. The written word was seed planted in the hearts of sinners that bore fruit in the harvest of souls evidenced in the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES.

We strongly emphasized personal evangelism during the distribution of literature. Christian workers were not interested merely in giving people free literature; they were concerned about using this as a tool to lead men to the Saviour. Reports are still coming

# GOOD NEWS EVANGELISM

By GERALD L. FALLEY • Missionary to Nigeria

in of many souls won during the house-to-house witness.

One pastor, Paul Orji, wrote: "We are busy dispensing the GOOD NEWS literature. On Sunday we had 87 visitors, all adult men and women who had received packets of GOOD NEWS literature and a personal witness in their home. I usually have more than 15 people each day who come to ask the way of salvation."

One new convert, Opel Igbokwe, gave this testimony:

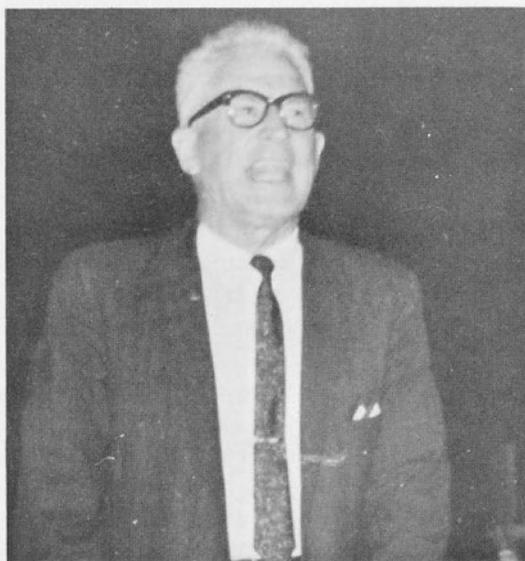
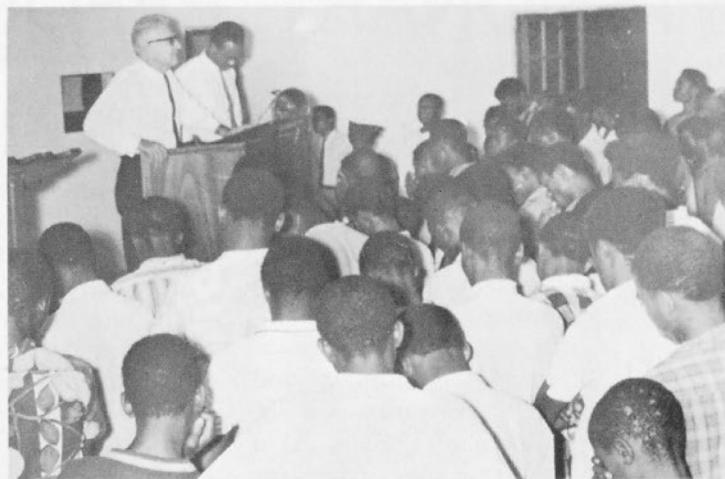
"I thank God for salvation. Thank God for peace in my heart. I was a member of 'Cherubim and Seraphim' for a period of eight years. During this time, I continued to worship a powerful juju. This juju demanded yearly

sacrifices which cost me over \$100.

"One day I met a group of Assemblies of God Christians from Akwete. They talked to me about Jesus. I found myself a lost man. I read through a packet of Good News literature which they gave me. Now I've given my heart to Jesus, and my juju is burnt to ashes. Thanks be to God!"

Another GOOD NEWS CRUSADE, sponsored by Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost, is planned for this October. It will be the largest effort ever launched in Nigeria. Over two million pieces of literature—nearly 30 tons—will be distributed. Pray for God to anoint this effort with the Holy Spirit so that hundreds of souls will be gathered into His kingdom.

**Stanley MacPherson (left) preaches during the Good News Crusade. Nigerians (right) come forward to accept Christ as their Saviour as Evangelist Stanley MacPherson explains the way of salvation. In the photo below, Africans express interest and joy as they listen to the gospel message.**





THE GOSPEL FOR

W-i-w-i-l-i



By ELLIS J. STONE  
Missionary to Nicaragua

## MISSIONARY EFFORTS ARE NOT IN VAIN

SOME 18 YEARS AGO, two missionary brothers, David and Russell Kensinger, took a trip by muleback through the beautiful, mountainous area of the Nuevas Segovias of Nicaragua. They traveled from town to town distributing tracts and telling people of Christ.

One day they arrived hungry and tired at a small settlement some six miles from the town of Quilalí. At a house along the trail they asked for something to eat and were given some very simple food typical of that country. After satisfying their hunger, they asked how much they owed for the food; but the Nicaraguans are a very hospitable people, and they said that the missionaries owed them nothing. It was considered an honor to have them in their home.

Nevertheless, the missionaries gave a coin to each of the children, the youngest of whom was a newly born girl lying in a little hammock.

As they were about to leave, one of the missionaries asked the man of the house if he knew of the Holy Bible. The man shook his head and said he had not even heard of it. The missionary said, "You should try to obtain one, for in it you will find happiness and eternal life."

Filadelfo Cruz from that moment on began his search for a Bible, but in vain. One day, however, his wife Felicita took her sewing machine to the house where a lady had agreed to buy it. While the transaction was taking place, she noticed a book on a shelf and asked what it was.

The lady said it was a Bible.

"The Holy Bible!" exclaimed Felicita. "That is what my husband has been seeking for a long time! Please let me have it!"

After much persuasion, Felicita was able to put the Bible in the hands of Filadelfo, and he began to study it closely. The entire New Testament

had been rendered unreadable by termites and mildew, but the Old Testament was still legible.

Over the years he read it through many times. When he read in the Ten Commandments that it was wrong to bow down to graven images, he decided that he could not pray to images any longer. Still nothing seemed to point him to happiness and eternal life.

Some 10 years later they sold their farm and moved to the town of Wiwili (pronounced Wee Willie), where they opened a small store. One day a young itinerant preacher came their way and explained the teachings of the New Testament. In their way, they accepted the gospel and for eight years tried to live the Christian life.

Last year a young man from a place called Baná, about 12 miles down the River Coco from Wiwili, came to study at our Bible school in Matagalpa. He told us about the great need for the preaching of the gospel in his area,



The Kensinger brothers, David (above, studying for a Bible school class) and Russell (below, showing gospel books to a Nicaraguan believer), visited Wiwili 18 years ago. David is now a missionary in Costa Rica; Russell was laid to rest in Nicaragua last February.



so with two of our students I made plans to have some campaigns there.

It took us three days to get to the Wiwili area because of the bad conditions of the roads and trails. We rented an old building that had been built as a factory to prepare rubber. (Wild rubber trees abound throughout the area.) We had from two to four services each day, one of them on the other side of the Río Coco which we had to cross in a dugout canoe. In three weeks we were able to win 60 souls for Christ and establish a thriving work with a pastor and a rented building.

Luisa—the little girl of the hammock, now a beautiful *señorita* of 18 summers—together with Filadelfo and Felicita (her father and mother) and the entire family accepted the Lord in a fuller way the very first night of the campaign. They are all attending doctrine classes in preparation for water baptism, and at least two members of the family plan to enroll in

our Bible school. At last Filadelfo has found his happiness and eternal life!

We had even more amazing results when we returned to Quilalí and began our campaign there. In just six nights God gave us a real reaping of souls—88 decisions for Christ. We were able to leave the new work in the hands of a young pastor after a building had been rented for the services. Many of the new converts of Quilalí are influential people in the thriving frontier town.

These campaigns were not exactly picnics! There were times when we had no food. We were forced to use the water of the beautiful Río Coco, and it turned out the water was far from pure. We were sick for a week or more, and it took another week to recover from the attacks of the amoebas and other parasites. But we are happy and rejoicing in the results of the campaigns.

God gave us 148 decisions in one month. Missionary efforts are not in vain!



## CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### MID-CENTURY HARVEST

AMERICANS HAVE a bad-news syndrome. They expect the worst and are disappointed if it doesn't happen. We are conditioned for this by screaming headlines that spread a contagion of fear and depression, even where the work of the Church is concerned.

But the news is not all bad. In the vast island country of Indonesia within recent months, communism has suffered a defeat of tremendous and far-reaching importance. Here 112 million people of the largest country of Southeast Asia have arisen to forestall the trend of communism and have set back for decades the communist timetable in this land.

The church in Indonesia finds itself in a unique position. We are just awakening to the fact that likely this is the greatest harvest field of the mid-century.

The Pentecostal revival has strong roots in Indonesia. As in many other mission lands there are vast revival movements unattached to any Western church. The Assemblies of God has had a missionary staff there since before World War II. With the coming of independence at the close of that war, national leadership moved into prominence. Some of the most mature national leaders in the worldwide Assemblies of God movement have arisen in Indonesia.

Veteran missionaries still man their posts and plead for help. We are responding as best we can and are now preparing four couples to go to this field.

This kind of situation commends our mobile programs such as Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost. While we maintain a steady pressure on every front, we discover there are vast doors that suddenly present themselves. These demand that we be strategic with our witness.

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me..." (1 Corinthians 16:9).

**BE AT HOME WITH YOUR BOY**

A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN became concerned about his son and talked to the boy's principal about how he could help him. The principal told him:

"Resign from the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce. Leave that position to someone whose family has grown up and is not in such great need of fatherly attention as is your boy. Your first duty during the next five years, after providing the necessities of life for your family, is to be at home with your boy. You should help him with his lessons; you should interest him in your business; and you should become his comrade and chum.

"By giving the same amount of time and attention to your boy that you now give to the Chamber of Commerce, you will save your boy and also probably be the means of doing just as much good for your city. The future of every city and the future of your boy depend primarily upon giving him your personal attention."

—ROGER W. BABSON

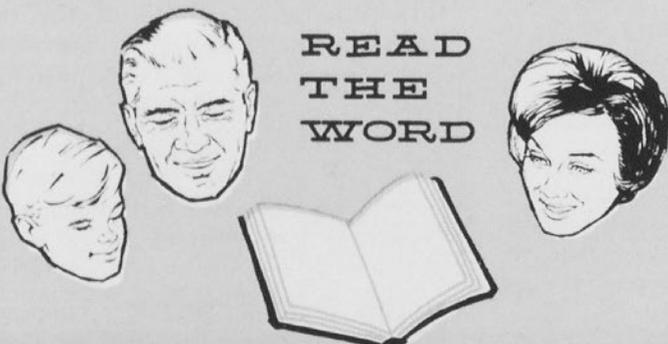
**GOD GAVE US FATHERS**

*A father is a precious gift—  
How kind that God should give  
An earthly one to lead the way,  
To show us how to live.*

*The Heavenly Father knew full well  
How children turn away  
From truth and right, when life is young  
And pleasures lead astray.*

*So He gave fathers—earthly ones—  
With love and tender care,  
To help Him lead the little ones  
From sin's deceptive snare.*

—ZULA E. COON



**READ THE WORD**

**CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18-25**

Sunday .....	Judges 19, 20	Thursday .....	1 Samuel 1, 2
Monday .....	Judges 21	Friday .....	1 Samuel 3, 4
Tuesday .....	Ruth 1, 2	Saturday .....	1 Samuel 5, 6
Wednesday .....	Ruth 3, 4	Sunday .....	1 Samuel 7, 8

**"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).**

**DAD'S DIAMONDS**

WHAT IF GOD should place in your hand a diamond and tell you to inscribe on it a sentence to be read at the last day—and shown there as an index of your own thoughts and feelings? What care, what caution you would exercise in selecting it!

Now this is what God has done. He has placed before you the immortal minds of your children, more imperishable than the diamond. Every day and every hour by your instructions, by your spirit, by your example, you are inscribing on their minds something which will remain and be exhibited for or against you at the judgment day.

—DR. PAYSON

**TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A CHRISTIAN FATHER**

1. Thou shalt hold no other group more important than the family, and in all thy ways be faithful unto it.
2. Thou shalt teach thy children to love, respect, and obey their parents.
3. Thou shalt be a loving and considerate husband to thy wife.
4. Thou shalt not speak in a manner unbecoming to a Christian gentleman.
5. Thou shalt, by example, make Sunday a special family day for God, making church attendance a family habit.
6. Thou shalt provide adequately for thy family, to the best of thine ability.
7. Thou shalt promote family worship in thy home.
8. Thou shalt be honest in all thy dealings.
9. Thou shalt spend time with thy family as well as with thy church, business, and social life.
10. Thou shalt be the head of thine household, yet rule it with love.

—Herald of Hope

**MEN WANTED**

- The great want of this age is men:  
Men who are not for sale;  
Men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe—in themselves as well as others;  
Men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole;  
Men who will stand for the right though the heavens totter and the earth reels;  
Men who can tell the truth and look the world right in the eye;  
Men who neither brag nor run;  
Men who neither flag nor flinch;  
Men who can have courage without shouting it;  
Men in whom the hope of everlasting life still runs deep and strong;  
Men who know their message and tell it;  
Men who know their business and attend to it;  
Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor.  
Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and to wear what they have paid for;  
Men who are not ashamed to say *no* with emphasis.

—RAYMOND P. MURRAY in *Capital Voice*

# Change of Seasons

By MRS. TOM WILSON

**I**T WAS WINTER. The first snowflakes sprinkled down lightly as if to confirm the season. Watching from my window I understood in a new way that winter must also come to every life. For me it had come with a plane crash which took the life of my husband in the middle of the warm, vibrant summer of our lives.

Tom and I were blessed with a happy spring. We had met at Southwestern Bible School. We fell in love, married, and started life together, confident in our love for God and for each other. The years were filled with laughter, love, and children, as well as the work it takes to make any marriage a success. Tom did well in business. The spring of life stretched into summer.

School was out. Tom had planned a special trip so Donna, our oldest girl, could go with him to the factory to pick up a new Cessna 210. She was celebrating her 13th birthday. All the family went to see them off on the plane.

On the way to the airport, Tom said, "Let's have a last cup of coffee before we leave." Little did we know that this would indeed be the last cup of coffee together—the last prayer together—the last good-bye. *Summer was almost over.*

I called Tom the next evening to see that they had made the trip to Grand Junction where Donna was to stay for two weeks. Tom answered. They were fine. The new plane was perfect. He would leave early and meet me "in the morning." Morning passed. Then afternoon, and early evening.

Finally the heartbreaking message came: "...crashed six minutes after takeoff." Winter struck with bone-chilling fury.

Other wives and loved ones who have heard such words know the shock, the ache, the sense of unreality that hit all at once. I bowed my head and cried to God for strength. And in the next few hours God gave me strength, courage, and faith such as I had never known before.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee..." To explain the peace that comes to the child of God in time of sorrow is beyond my ability, and I am sure it is beyond the comprehension of those who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord. Some call it shock. I call it the abounding grace of God.

I was not the only one who suffered this loss. My precious children knew grief as well. But, "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows..." This is not beyond the understanding of children. Even when words fail, my children and I have found in the comforting presence of Jesus Christ a peace and a balm that nothing else can give.

In this time of war, many other families have stumbled

through the first few days of the new season as I did. It was winter in my heart, yet the summer we had known seemed more real than the present. Memories overwhelmed the spirit. I saw us shopping for furniture, hunting Christmas gifts, laughing together down these same streets where now we walked in sorrow. The past was so alive the present seemed like a dream, yet ahead of us was reality.

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Tom had come to the end of earth's journey, but he had entered life eternal. The same Christ was still with us both...

The funeral was over. I searched the eyes of loved



The Tom Wilson family

ones and friends, and I saw in them compassion, understanding, and sympathy. There were firm handclasps and warm prayers by those who had passed through this valley. I knew we stood where many had stood before, and in the same grace of God...

A year has gone by, and I have learned that memories serve us best as they help us face the present and plan for the future.

It is Father's Day. I see in the children so much of their father. They reflect his faith, his plans, his likeness. I remember there are other mothers also standing alone beside their children this Father's Day, and I breathe a prayer for them. It is not always easy.

Each of us must make her own adjustment to this change of seasons, and we must help our children to adjust. This we can do with confidence when we have Him with us who promised, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

# ROYAL RANGERS IS GROWING!

By JOHNNIE BARNES • National Commander of Royal Rangers

**T**HIS HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR for Royal Rangers! The program has achieved outstanding growth in many areas.

Total Royal Rangers chartered outposts increased to 2,497. With an estimated 5,000 unchartered groups, this would make a total of approximately 7,500 units using the program. (This estimate is based on a survey which indicates there are two unchartered groups for every chartered group.)

Several groups have been organized in foreign countries. Since the Spanish *Royal Rangers Handbook* has been printed, there has been an increase of Royal Rangers groups in Latin America. A new brochure in Spanish has been designed to aid this development.

Enrollment of men and boys climbed to 29,300. With approximately 58,000 unregistered men and boys, an estimated 87,000 individuals are involved in the Royal Rangers program.

Spiritual achievements have been outstanding! Annual reports from local outposts reveal there have been 7,256 boys saved and 3,678 filled with the Spirit in our chartered outposts during this year.

The leadership training course has reached an enrollment of 5,010. Sixty-three medals of achievement were awarded to leaders who completed the course.

A new surge in district-wide Royal Rangers camping has been noted. Twenty-six districts reported outstanding results

during their district pow-wows (camp-outs).

A number of districts reported the beginning of a Frontiersman Camping Fraternity Chapter, with several other districts reporting plans to organize chapters this year. This is a club for older Royal Rangers who have demonstrated outstanding ability in camping.

Launching the Buck-A-Roo program for 7- and 8-year-old boys this year has met great enthusiasm. We believe this new program with its western emphasis will become another successful thrust forward for Royal Rangers.

Another important new project is the "Ranger of the Year" program. Outstanding boys will be selected on local, sectional, and district levels as rangers of the year. This program will greatly aid in the total development of our boys.

The third week of June is "National Royal Rangers Week." Dates this year are June 18-25. Many churches plan to give special recognition to their Royal Rangers. Some events planned are father-son banquets, father-son picnics, and father-son campouts. In many places the boys will attend church as a group in uniform and be appropriately recognized by their pastors.

The outstanding growth, the evangelistic results, the contagious enthusiasm, and the development of boys spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially indicate the Royal Rangers program is meeting a very vital need in many communities.



Royal Rangers in Thailand give a snappy salute (left). The group was organized by Sgt. Loddie Bridges who saw in it an opportunity to help boys. The Rangers enjoy a hike with Sgt. Bridges (right).

## *Royal Rangers in Thailand*

T/SGT. LODDIE L. BRIDGES (USAF) recently organized the first Royal Rangers group in Thailand.

Loddie a former Royal Rangers commander in Texas, is rejoicing because God has opened a door for him to continue working with boys.

When the Air Force sent Brother Bridges to U-Tapao Air Base in Thailand, he immediately began to work for the Lord in his off-duty hours. Since there was no Assemblies of God missionary in

Thailand, he secured the help of a native pastor to get some gospel tracts translated into the Tai language.

He began to distribute these tracts to people in small jungle villages near the airfield, and soon he had given out thousands.

While distributing tracts in one village, he was followed by a group of boys, one of whom could speak English. The boys were curious to know what he was

doing. He explained that the tract told about Jesus and he wanted everyone to know about Him.

As Loddie talked with the boys, he suddenly received an inspiration—why not start a Royal Rangers group?

With the help of Songgan, the boy who could speak English, he began to tell the boys about Royal Rangers. The group was elated! Soon they began having weekly meetings, hikes, and out-

ings. But most important, they began to study the Word of God.

Sgt. Bridges began his group with nine boys. He states, however, this is just the beginning. With God's help he hopes to win many Thailand boys to Christ through Royal Rangers.

Before going to Thailand Sgt. Bridges served as Royal Rangers leader in the Southside Assembly, Wichita Falls, Tex., and also in Bethel Temple, Fort Worth, Tex.



PHOTO BY DON KNIGHT

Half-dome in Yosemite National Park—near the site where 1,000 Royal Rangers from California and Nevada enjoyed a camporee last year.

IT WAS AN HISTORIC occasion when the Northern California-Nevada and Southern California Districts held a giant Royal Rangers Camporee together.

For the first time in its history, Yosemite National Park made available to a religious group (Royal Rangers) its choicest campground. The site was on the valley floor beside Merced River near Yosemite Lodge. The location is considered by many to be one of the most scenic spots in America.

After many months of preparation, the opening day arrived. Buses, cars, trailers, and trucks filled with Royal Rangers began pouring into the park. An elite group of older Royal Rangers called "The Royal Patrol," dressed in white helmets and wearing colorful arm bands, directed the groups to their campsites.

The young Rangers pitched their tents beneath giant trees in view of spectacular cascading falls. The towering, jagged cliffs echoed the shouts of excited boys setting up camp. Over 1,000 men and boys soon filled the camporee site.

The first order of business was supper, and soon flickering fires and spiraling columns of smoke dotted the tent city.

After the evening meal the boys made their way to the Council Fire area. Bubbling, contagious excitement marked the first rally. Their loud, lively singing could be heard far beyond the camp area.

National Training Coordinator Paul Feller, from Springfield, Mo., brought a challenging devo-

tion. Afterward the boys remained to view the spectacular attraction, "The Fire Fall." Everyone watched a high cliff. From the darkness a voice cried, "Let the fire fall." Suddenly live coals cascaded over the cliff, and a spectacular flaming cataract illuminated the valley.

After the boys were bedded down for the night and weary commanders began to drift off to sleep, a piercing cry was heard: "Bear! Bear!"

Curious park bears had smelled the food boxes and had come to explore! They succeeded in breaking into some of the boxes before the alarm was given. In the morning, some groups found they had less food, but also a tall tale to carry home.

The Royal Patrol was called out, and these boys went on shifts to keep the bears frightened away.

The next morning the group gathered at the Campfire Arena to hear a welcome speech from Park Ranger Smith, chief ranger of Yosemite National Park. He highly praised the boys for their conduct and attitude.

Following this the boys heard an informative lecture about the park from a leading naturalist. The rally concluded with an inspiring devotion from District Chaplain Joe Gerhart of the Northern California-Nevada District.

The remainder of the day the boys spent hiking, exploring, horseback riding, and enjoying the wonders of Yosemite.

On the second night the boys  
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## 1,000 ROYAL RANGERS HAVE CAMPOREE



LEFT PHOTO: Northern California-Nevada District Superintendent Joe Gerhart, chaplain for the Royal Rangers of his district, addresses a group of Royal Rangers during the camporee at Yosemite National Park. CENTER PHOTO: Another guest speaker was National

Commander Johnnie Barnes. Almost 100 boys responded to Brother Barnes' invitation to accept Christ as their Saviour. RIGHT PHOTO: Royal Rangers gather at the Arena for a morning devotional service. The camporee was held during the Labor Day weekend.

gathered in the Campfire Arena for an evangelistic rally. Speaker was National Commander Johnnie Barnes. During the altar call 93 boys went forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

After the evangelistic service, one of the newest features of Royal Rangers was presented. It is called the "Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity," a program in which top-notch Rangers are selected for membership in an advanced camping club.

Members and leaders added color by wearing coonskin caps and buckskin shirts during the exciting ceremony. Many older boys were inspired to return home and work hard to qualify for membership in this group.

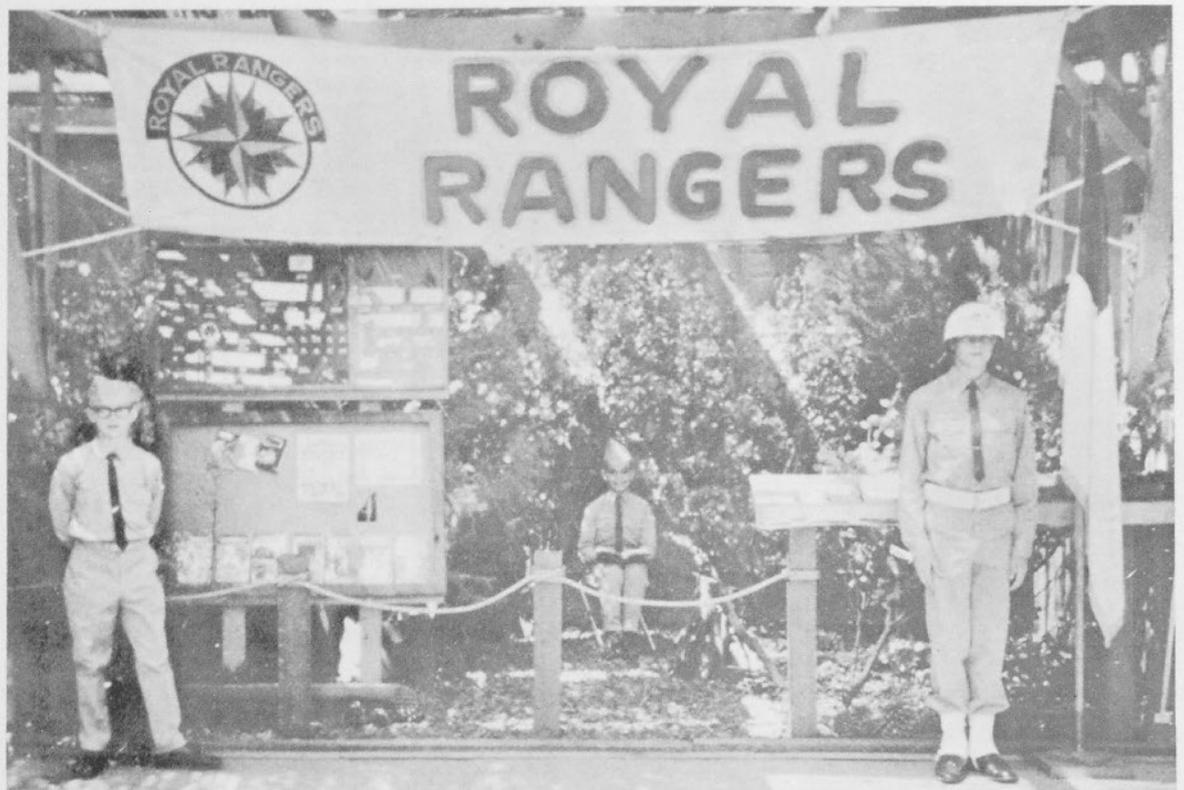
On the final morning the group gathered in the arena for presentation of special awards. Several leaders, boys, and groups received special recognition. The final devotional message was given by Ed Cole, district commander of Northern California-Nevada.

Outstanding planning, promoting, and directing of the camporee was done by District Chaplains

L. E. Halvorson, Southern California, and Joe Gerhart, Northern California-Nevada; by District Commanders Ed Cole, Northern

California-Nevada, and Ron Halvorson, Southern California; and by Camporee Coordinator Max Nungesser.

The success of the camporee was expressed by a Royal Ranger when he said, just before leaving, "Man, it was the greatest!"



The Royal Rangers booth at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

## ROYAL RANGERS WITNESS AT CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

THE 1966 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR in Sacramento, Calif., attracted over a million people last year. For the first time in its history, the fair had a Royal Rangers exhibit!

Commanders from various outposts brought their equipment and worked diligently to prepare an outdoor camp booth. The walls were painted forest green, and the floor was covered with wood chips to give it a rough outdoors texture.

Pup tents were set up, and logs laid for the campfire. Monterey pines and manzanita bushes completed the effect.

A special tract, printed for the

occasion, displayed the Royal Rangers emblem in full color with the words, "YES, IT IS EXCITING." Inside was a brief description of the Royal Rangers program and the plan of salvation.

The Royal Rangers exhibit was in the fair for a definite purpose. Day after day the Royal Rangers and their leaders told men, women, boys, and girls about the Lord Jesus Christ and explained to them that Christ is the answer to their search for reality. Many hearts and lives were touched, and souls were saved from day to day.

On the final day of the fair, three teen-age boys came to the

booth. Lyle Romack, deputy district commander of Northern California-Nevada and leader of the project, introduced himself and engaged the boys in conversation. These boys had never been to Sunday school nor had anyone ever told them of Jesus.

That day in front of the Royal Rangers exhibit, these three teenagers bowed their heads and asked Jesus Christ to come into their hearts. They, with many others, found the answer to their search for reality!

Leaders involved in the fair-booth project unanimously agreed that the results were well worth the cost and effort.



## GROWING!

IF YOU COMPARE the photo above with the one on the cover of this *Evangel*, you'll have a graphic picture of growth. Both photos are of David Barnes and his father, Johnnie (who is national commander of Royal Rangers).

The cover photo, previously unpublished, was taken four years ago when David was nine and Royal Rangers was just getting started.

The photo above was taken a few days ago. David, now 13, has grown a lot. So has the Royal Rangers program—to reach some 75,000 boys. Comparing the photos also shows the importance of reaching boys now. They grow fast!

For information on starting a Royal Rangers group in your church, or for chartering a group already organized, contact: Royal Rangers, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

ROYAL RANGERS WEEK  
JUNE 18-25

# Men's Fellowship— Serving Every Man

**S**ERVING EVERY MAN of the Assemblies of God has become an increasingly important objective of the Men's Fellowship Department. The department also is finding there are places in the Lord's work where *every man* may serve.

At the five regional Assemblies of God conventions and at the national conference of district Men's Fellowship directors in Springfield, Mo., in March, emphasis was placed upon the many ways Men's Fellowship can help men in local assemblies have dedicated Christian lives. New developments in the national Men's Fellowship programs are bringing up-to-date spiritual challenges to these laymen.

In reporting to the district MF directors conference, Glen Bonds, national MF secretary, said: "It is becoming increasingly evident that our long-range planning in both the national and the district programs is sound and feasible. . . . Our men and their pastors need to be informed, instructed, and inspired with the different ministries offered through Men's Fellowship and with the benefits that will result to their churches. . . . There is a great need at this time to see our men challenged and actively involved in a greater way."

Unusual growth has been experienced in the three major areas of MF ministries: Action Crusades, Light-for-the-Lost, and Royal Rangers.

## Action Crusades Grow

Action Crusades are designed to inspire, instruct, and involve men in personal witnessing. Though organized just a little over a year, the Action Crusades program has enjoyed excellent development, with crusades being held in 27 districts.

A National Action Crusades Council, authorized by the General

Council in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1965, has been formed and its officers appointed. Key laymen from many districts are now affiliated with it. Its great objective is that *every man* of the Assemblies of God will be a soul winner.

In his message to the district MF directors, J. P. Jones of Concord, Calif., chairman of the National Action Crusades Council, challenged the directors to involve the laymen of their districts in a great evangelistic outreach to their communities through Action Crusades personal witnessing program. He said workers will have to go out to the people with the gospel if we expect to win them to Christ and bring them into His Church.

## Light-for-the-Lost Sets High Goal

Successful promotions of Light-for-the-Lost have resulted in expansion into new areas and districts. The highest mark in fundraising for overseas literature was reached this year.

At the annual Light-for-the-Lost banquet held during the MF conference in Springfield, at which Phil Sondeno, chairman of the National Light-for-the-Lost Council, was speaker, \$223,000 was pledged by the districts for literature, oversubscribing the goal which had been set at \$200,000. The exceptional response indicates



Speaker for Action Crusades at the District MF Directors Conference was J. P. Jones, Concord, Calif., chairman of the National Action Crusades Council.

splendid cooperation is being given the program by the churches and the laymen of the Assemblies of God.

The new concept of combining Light-for-the-Lost literature programs with the Global Conquest GOOD NEWS CRUSADES in target cities abroad is proving to be an effective means of evangelism.

## Royal Rangers Advances

Many significant advances have been made in the Royal Rangers work, as reported on pages 16-18 of this issue of the *Evangel*.

Johnnie Barnes, national Royal

Rangers commander, states, "We praise God for the contribution Royal Rangers is making toward the mental, physical, and spiritual development of our Assemblies of God boys."

## MF Objectives for 1967-68

In outlining some of the future MF goals, Glen Bonds, national secretary, stated:

"We must continue to refine and update our existing program. All possible ways should be pursued to implement it. *Every man* should become familiar with the MF program and receive clear directions of the purpose for Men's Fellowship ministries. The training program for men should be broadened and expanded.

"Our efforts should be directed to the grassroots level of the district, section, and local church. The new Men's Fellowship philosophy, 'Serving all Assemblies of God men—with a place for all to serve,' should be promoted more vigorously. It should become a reality. The ultimate goal is to enlist, motivate, and involve *every man* in Christian action.

"We shall work toward the goal that every Assemblies of God church, large or small, shall have an active Men's Fellowship to provide training and spiritual leadership for the men and give direction in local church ministries."

National Royal Rangers Aide-de-camp John Tyler (center), Detroit, Mich., talks with Howard S. Bush (right), executive director of Men's Fellowship and Johnnie Barnes, national Royal Rangers commander, just before he addressed men gathered for a Royal Rangers breakfast during the District MF Directors Conference.



A goal of \$200,000 pledged by districts was oversubscribed at the Light-for-the-Lost banquet. Phil Sondeno (third from left), chairman of the National Light-for-the-Lost Council, was speaker. With him are Sam Cochran, president of the Council; Everett James, secretary of Light-for-the-Lost; Howard S. Bush; and Glen Bonds.



# SAUL SLAIN

Sunday School Lesson for June 25, 1967  
1 SAMUEL 31:1-13

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

## SAUL'S DEATH (vv. 1-6)

1. *His Despair.* When it seemed to Saul that all hope of escape from the Philistines was lost, he gave way to despair. Reckless impulsiveness had always characterized his actions, and now he fell upon his own sword. "Sore wounded" literally means "sore distressed," and not necessarily that Saul was mortally wounded. It is quite possible that if Saul had not killed himself, he might have escaped death.

2. *His Pride.* Saul had never shown any particular regard for the sacredness of the lives of others but he had a most exalted sense of the importance of his own life. Thus he resolved that no heathen should put him to death. Throughout his reign no one had ever injured Saul but himself. And now Saul died as he had lived—the victim of self-love and self-destroying pride.

3. *Our Lives Influence Others.* Saul brought ruin not only on himself but also upon his family and servants. Godly Jonathan perished with his father. And

when Saul's armor-bearer saw his royal master commit suicide, he followed his example.

Example is a powerful thing. The sins we commit affect our families, friends, and others. But we can also exert a strong influence for good. Let us remember no one can live unto himself. Our life may have a powerful, although unconscious, influence on others for better or for worse.

4. *Life's Value Is Tested by Its Final Result.* Saul destroyed himself—body and soul. His self-destruction was the culmination of years of self-will and disobedience. Rebellion persisted until it became so interwoven with his emotions it overpowered his reason.

To indulge any wrong inclination is to nourish a monster which may one day become strong enough to destroy us. The day is coming when every man's work will be tried to reveal "of what sort it is" (1 Corinthians 3:13). How shall we stand in that day? Now is the time to check up by asking ourselves, What will be the final consequences of this act or attitude?

## ISRAEL'S DEFEAT (vv. 7-10)

1. *Their King Dead.* When Israel made an idol of the ark, it was given into the hands of the Philistines. When they made an idol of the king, he was slain. How much they lost by having their own way!

2. *Their Cities Forsaken.* Instead of overcoming their enemies, they were overcome by them and driven from their homes (v. 7). The peaceful rule of Samuel had given them prosperity (1 Samuel 7:13, 14). But the warlike rule of the king whom they preferred to Samuel ended in their downfall.

3. *Their Enemies Triumphant.* The Philistines proclaimed the news of their victory far and wide, and especially in their idol temples. They regarded their victory as a victory of their gods; they considered the defeat of Israel as the dishonor of Jehovah. (As we shall see later in 2 Samuel 5:17-25, this triumph of the wicked was short-lived.)

## A CITY'S GRATITUDE (vv. 11-13)

Saul killed himself to avoid the disgrace of falling into the hands of the Philistines. But his self-destruction was in vain, for the treatment his body received after death was an insult to all Israel.

The men of Jabesh-gilead had been saved by Saul from a cruel fate (1 Samuel 11). Now they showed their gratitude by rescuing the bodies of the king and his sons and giving them decent burial. Many years had passed since their deliverance by Saul, but their thankfulness remained.

A wise man was asked, "What doth soon grow cold?" He replied, "Thanks." Let it not be so among us!

This action by the men of Jabesh-gilead illustrates the bright side of the law of sowing and reaping. Its dark side had been demonstrated clearly enough by Saul's acts. It is well he also had done good—in behalf of Jabesh-gilead—so the harvest of his life was not entirely evil.

If we have been sowing un-Christlike attitudes or actions, let us sincerely repent, lest the time should come when we would reap the same from others. Instead, let us begin to sow good seeds of kindness and service, with all humility; "and let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

## DANGEROUS CHUCKHOLES



# BRAZIL

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



**B**RAZIL RANKS FIFTH in size among the nations of the world. This vast republic of 3,287,195 square miles occupies nearly one-half of the South American land mass and its borders touch every country on the continent except Chile and Ecuador. Brazil boasts the world's longest river, the Amazon, which extends inland nearly 4,000 miles.

"Order and Progress," the theme emblazoned on the Brazilian flag, is no empty phrase. Brazil is becoming an industrial giant.

Products of the soil constitute 95 percent of the country's exports. Coffee, Brazil's "brown gold," has been the

keystone of the economy for more than a century.

Symbolic of Brazil's progress is its new federal capital, Brasilia, 600 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro. Beautiful Rio, the former capital, has a population of four million. São Paulo, South America's greatest industrial center, throbs with a population of more than five million.

Portuguese-speaking Brazil has a population of 82 million—a mosaic of racial and cultural elements. Bloods of aboriginal Indian, Portuguese colonist, and Negro slave mingle to produce today's Brazilian. Five million Europeans have entered Brazil since

1890, 35 percent of them Italians. More than half a million Japanese have settled in the republic.

Roman Catholicism is the predominant religion, although the majority of the people are Catholic in name only. Spiritism is widely practiced, and one Spiritist sect alone has 12 million members. Religious freedom is guaranteed by the government.

In 1557 French Huguenots founded a Protestant colony on the site of present-day Rio de Janeiro. The first continuing Protestant work was launched in 1855. By 1900 many strong Protestant institutions had been established in Brazil's large cities. From humble beginnings evangelical groups have grown to a total membership estimated at five million.

Pentecostal work in Brazil dates from 1910 when Gunnar Vingren and Daniel Berg, two Swedish Pentecostal ministers from Chicago, went to Belem, a city near the mouth of the Amazon. Working to support themselves, they soon won a group of zealous converts who received the Pentecostal experience.

The first congregation was established in 1911. A half century of Pentecost was celebrated in 1961 when 40,000 people attended anniversary services at Maracanazinho Stadium in Rio.

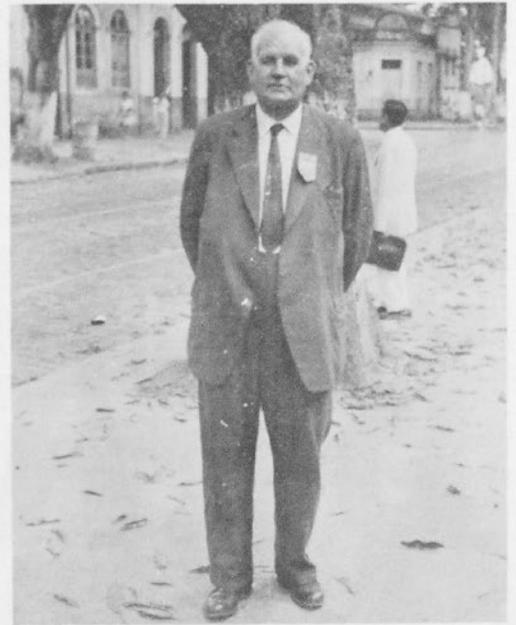
With the coming of other Pentecostal missionaries (mostly from Sweden)

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The Pentecostal World Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro is expected to fill the Maracana Stadium (shown above), and may well be the largest gathering of Pentecostal Christians in history. Daniel Berg (right photo) and the late Gunnar Vingren carried the Pentecostal message to Brazil.



the work spread rapidly along the coast into all the major cities.

A national Pentecostal fellowship, known as the Assemblies of God of Brazil, is overwhelmingly indigenous and has become the strongest evangelical group in Brazil.

Many U. S. Assemblies of God missionaries have contributed to the progress of this thriving work.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Bergstrom engaged in pioneer evangelism in the state of Minas Gerais. They now labor in São Paulo. The Lawrence Olsons and Julius Olsons served in Lavras where they had success in short-term Bible schools, radio, and evangelism. The Lawrence Olsons now live in Rio.

The late Bernhard Johnson Sr. pioneered in the Varginha section of Minas Gerais. His son, Bernhard Johnson Jr., who now lives in Rio, supervises the area where his father ministered some 25 years ago. He also is much in demand as an evangelist and conference speaker.

The Edward Malmins and Virgil Smith are engaged in evangelistic ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kolenda, pioneer missionaries, are now retired from active missionary status, but Mr. Kolenda has a widely accepted ministry as a Bible teacher among the Brazilian churches.

Short-term Bible schools, lasting four weeks or longer, were conducted for some years. In 1959 Mr. and Mrs. John Lemos opened the first full-time Bible school of the Brazilian Assemblies of God in Pindamonhangaba, halfway between Rio and São Paulo,

This growing school is currently in a building program. Elsie Strahl serves on the teaching staff, and Mr. and Mrs. James Grams, newly appointed missionaries, will also be assigned to the Bible school.

Three other training centers are evening schools. Lawrence Olson, director of Pentecostal Bible Institute in Rio, is assisted by the Carl Hultgrens. Paul Pugh directs Union Bible Institute in Porto Alegre. T. R. Hoover, director of Bethel Bible Institute in São Paulo, is assisted by the Norman Andersons. In addition to his responsibilities at the school, Mr. Hoover has a teaching ministry in the churches.

As the number of churches increased, the need for Pentecostal literature became increasingly urgent. To help meet this need the Assemblies of God Publishing House was established in Rio. From the presses pour millions of pieces of literature each year. Orla Boyer (now retired), produced 125 titles almost singlehandedly, working either as a translator or as an author.

More Bibles are sold in Brazil each year than in any other nation except the United States.

Radio is an effective means of communicating the gospel in Brazil. In 1955, *Voice of the Assemblies of God*

went on the air from Radio TAMOIO. Lawrence Olson's radio ministry now reaches more than 80 million Portuguese-speaking people. Since December, 1965, the program has been broadcast over 100,000-watt Radio TUPY, Brazil's strongest station. Carl Hultgren is codirector of the national radio program and also directs a correspondence school for new converts.

Bernhard Johnson Jr. produces a weekly radio program, *Words of Life*, that reaches all of Brazil. More than 100 local gospel programs also are on the air.

Brazil truly is a land of revival and the results of evangelism have been phenomenal. Because the activities of our missionaries are part of the national church organization, accurate statistics for the U. S.-sponsored work are not available. Joint statistics for the Brazilian Assemblies of God record 5,500 organized churches, 5,000 other preaching points, and a total membership of one million. The Sunday schools have 500,000 enrolled.

The Pentecostal World Conference convenes in Rio de Janeiro, July 18-23, 1967. Guests are expected from every continent and from nearly half the nations of the world. This conference could well be the largest gathering of Pentecostal Christians in history. 🐾

Brazilian Christians march in Sao Paulo to testify of their faith in Jesus Christ.





## SEARCH FOR REALITY

**M**Y BROTHER DWIGHT AND I boarded a KLM jet airliner to return home after several months in foreign evangelism. After takeoff a man came down the aisle and stopped at our seat.

"Hello boys," he said and told us his name. "Where have you been?"

Seeing he wanted to start a conversation, I told him we had been in the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, and India.

"Did you visit Europe?" he asked. "What about Paris?" There was a twinkle in his eye.

"Yes, we spent two weeks in Paris."

He laughed, "Yes, that's what I thought. I can see you boys really get a kick out of life. Which did you enjoy the most—wine, women, or song?"

"But sir, you've made a mistake!" I explained. "My brother and I are singers and preachers of the gospel. We were in Paris winning lost souls to Christ!"

"Ha! Tell me another one," he laughed. "That's the best joke I've heard all day. You just couldn't be religious because you act like you enjoy life too much."

We told him we were enjoying life serving Christ.

He was a producer from one of the U. S. television networks and had just finished a documentary in Europe.

The conversation created such interest that he called his colleague up to listen. People got up out of their seats to listen as well. By then the stewardess was having to say, "Excuse me," every time she came by. Whenever the purser passed, he stopped to listen, and I felt he was irritated with us because of so much disruption.

The TV producer, after an hour and a half, was convinced that Jesus Christ was real in our lives. He confessed, "Either you are the best actors I have ever

seen or you really have something from 'the Man upstairs.'"

Meanwhile, the purser leaned over and said, "Reverend, I need to talk to you in the back."

Of course, I thought he was going to break up our witness.

When I went back to the galley, I looked into the face of a tall, handsome young man in his late twenties. Instead of a rebuke, he sat me down and began to talk in a soft voice:

"Sir, I have searched all of my life trying to satisfy my heart. I have changed religions three times. I have tried everything in the book seeking reality. Since listening to your talk, I believe this is what I have been seeking."

I explained to him the way of salvation. I told him that though I was raised in a Christian home, I had not found peace until I found Christ. I stressed that Jesus Christ could bring satisfaction to his heart.

Unashamedly we prayed together in the galley of that jet.

There *is* reality in Jesus Christ for young and old alike. Through faith anyone can come to Him and receive salvation and complete satisfaction. 

### BIBLE PHOTO-FACTS

RALPH W. HARRIS



## TRIUMPH AT THE TOMB

About two miles from Jerusalem lies the sleepy little town of Bethany on the lower slopes of the Mount of Olives. Its chief claim to fame today is the traditional site of Lazarus' tomb. Using a candle supplied (for a slight fee) by a woman of the village, you may grope your way down the 24 steps which lead to the tomb located beneath a Muslim mosque.

References to Bethany are sprinkled throughout the Gospels. This was the home of Jesus' friends, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. Here, at a feast in Jesus' honor, Mary anointed His feet with costly ointment and wiped them with her hair. Here, while Martha petulantly prepared a meal for the Master, Mary discovered "that good part" of sitting at His feet and listening to His words.

Bethany's greatest day, however, is pictured in a painting which hangs in a church near the tomb. It portrays the Master standing before the cave-tomb. For four days Lazarus had lain there lifeless, but when Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, called "Lazarus, come forth!" death could not keep its prey. This event foreshadowed the time when all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God and shall arise to live forever.

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Special classes were conducted by members of the "Revivaltime" Team to acquaint Northwest College students with methods by which radio can be used by the local church. "Revivaltime" Choir Director Cyril McLellan (lower left), in addition to teaching classes in selecting and arranging music for radio, rehearsed daily with the broadcast choir composed of two Northwest College traveling groups. Radio Secretary Lee Shultz (center) discussed the basics of radio script writing and workable broadcast formats. "Revivaltime" Program Director C. T. Beem (lower right) offered valuable insights into radio production, including proper use of microphone and signals.



NORTHWEST COLLEGE HOSTS RADIO TEAM

# 'REVIVALTIME' ON-CAMPUS

ACQUAINTING PROSPECTIVE MINISTERS and church workers with the vast potential of radio was the thrust of a recent visit by the *Revivaltime* Team to the campus of Northwest College of the Assemblies of God at Kirkland, Washington.

A "live" broadcast origination service from the campus chapel climaxed a week of spiritual emphasis activities. During that week many lives were transformed through the ministry of Evangelist C. M. Ward as he spoke twice daily to the students.

College President D. V. Hurst, a former producer-narrator of *Revivaltime*, commented: "The challenge laid before the student body by Evangelist C. M. Ward will not soon be forgotten. Changes occurred in the lives of these young people that will have eternal effect. Fountains opened that will send waters to the ends of the earth."

*Revivaltime* went into the classroom as Radio Department personnel served as guest lecturers. In special class sessions National Secretary Lee Shultz, Program Director C. T. Beem, and Choir Director Cyril McLellan shared experience gleaned from network broadcasting.

Topics of discussion centered in radio techniques, use of music, publicizing the radio broadcast, and evaluating the potential of radio in the church today.

Summing up the week of activities, President Hurst said: "Ministering in both classes and services, the *Revivaltime* Team was a great blessing to our students and faculty. It is a significant occasion when an aggressive evangelistic service such as *Revivaltime* emanates from the chapel of a college whose primary purpose is to train ministers and develop Christian leaders."





College President D. V. Hurst escorts "Revivaltime" Team members through lounge in new wing of Mollie J. Perks Residence Hall.



Elvin L. Huston (left), student body president of Northwest College, states: "The ministry of C. M. Ward and the 'Revivaltime' Team were a source of challenge and strength to all of us. My own heart was challenged by the plain, forceful presentation of the gospel. As I saw God working in the lives of my fellow students, I was reminded that it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God."

# CRUSADE



LEFT PHOTO: C. M. Ward (right) discusses the scheduled activities for the spiritual emphasis week with D. V. Hurst (center), president of Northwest College, and Radio Secretary Lee Shultz.

ABOVE PHOTO: People linger outside the Northwest College chapel following a "live" broadcast origination service which concluded the week of spiritual emphasis at the college.



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Do you think those who accept Christ as Saviour should be baptized without delay?*

I wish it were so that converts could be baptized without delay, thus pledging and giving public witness to their discipleship to Christ. "Repent, and be baptized" (Acts 2:38).

*Luke 1:15 says that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb. Does this mean John was saved from the time of his birth, or did he experience salvation later?*

All we know is what the Bible says. It is evident that John was being prepared for his prophetic office from his birth. Jeremiah was similarly prepared for his ministry (Jeremiah 1:5).

*Why do some churches believe in using music in worship while others do not?*

One denomination believes there should be no instrumental music because instruments are not mentioned in connection with worship in the New Testament. This church overlooks the fact that Christianity grew out of Jewish worship in which music with instruments was an essential part. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

*What does the Bible say about gambling?*

The Bible says, "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah and a just hin" (Leviticus 19:35, 36; Deuteronomy 13-15). We are to earn what we get (Ephesians 4:38; 2 Thessalonians 3:10). Gambling is hoping to get something for nothing at the expense of someone else.

Gambling becomes a habit, often impoverishing families. Moreover, professional gamblers never go broke through gambling; they know the game too well, and can swindle the unfortunate who think they might win by taking a chance. Let us live honestly that we might honor our God.

*Some teach that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is only an emotional experience. Is this all that is involved?*

The baptism with the Holy Spirit certainly does move the emotions, but the central purpose of the infilling is to produce the Christ-life—"Christ in you, the hope of glory." We do not worship emotions; we worship Christ. Stimulation of emotions, while desirable, is not the final goal.

The Holy Spirit fills the life with a purpose of godliness, devotion and worship. The central work of the Spirit is to guide us into all truth, and to take the things of Christ and reveal them to us.

Emotions can be stirred in many ways, for good or evil. What is richer than emotions stirred by the Spirit of God?

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



The choir of the Indian Revival Center in Bell Gardens, Calif., presents a program over four radio stations each week.

## Indian Revival Crusades Are Successful

**A**T LEAST FOUR INDIANS professed salvation, others were blessed, and many were healed during a three-day citywide crusade held in Tucson, Ariz., March 17-19. Arthur T. Stoneking, pastor of the Indian Revival Center in Bell Gardens, Calif., was the evangelist.

Realizing the spiritual need of the many Indians widely scattered in their city, John Swank, pastor of the Pascua Indian Assembly, and Virgil Zeigler, pastor of the Tucson Indian Assembly, jointly sponsored this effort. With the thought of reaching unchurched Indians, they rented the Stafford Junior High School auditorium. Attendance reached a high of 180.

A number of missionaries and some of their faithful Indian Christians traveled long distances to participate in these meetings. Some of the Indian people sang and testified of God's transforming power in their lives.

Rodger Cree, pastor of the Papago Indian Assembly in Sells, Ariz.; Harold Hanson, pastor of the Indian Assembly in Laveen, Ariz.; and Jacob Escalante, pastor of the Quechan Indian Assembly on the Yuma reservation near Winterhaven, Calif., gave their support to the evangelistic campaign.

At the beginning of each service, the 30-voice Indian Revival Center choir of Bell Gardens marched down the aisle singing triumphantly, "There's a Highway to Heaven." These choir members represent 15 different Indian tribes. As they testified, they were so broken in spirit that others also were moved to tears. There were seasons of praise and thanksgiving to God for His great love which is being revealed to the American Indians.

Evaluating the crusade, Pastor Zeigler writes: "The



A feature of the Phoenix crusade was a water baptismal service. Here a Maricopa Indian manifests the joy of the Lord. Pastor Stoneking (left) assists Pastor Hanson (right). Approximately 75 ladies attended special breakfasts during the crusades at which time men cooked and served the meals. Pictured below is the Phoenix breakfast.



consecration, sacrifice, and burden of the choir members for their own people was a real inspiration. Certainly God has changed their lives. As Brother Stoneking gave the altar calls, we saw Indians from the Tucson area go forward to accept Christ. What a joy it is to see some of them attending our services and desiring more of God. We are thankful for His goodness."

The Tucson revival is the fourth Pastor Stoneking has conducted in Arizona in the past two years. The first two were in Phoenix where as many as 550 Indians attended one of the services—the largest such gathering for Christ in the city. The third crusade was held November 5-7, 1966, at the former tribal headquarters building in Yuma. On Saturday and Sunday of that weekend, the 30-voice choir appeared on KBLU-TV for 45- and 30-minute programs respectively. Members of the choir testified and sang.

An important aspect of these crusades is the active follow-up program carried on by the Indian assemblies. Results are still being reaped as a result of the special evangelism thrust.

Pastor Swank writes enthusiastically, "Brother Stoneking and his choir were such an inspiration to us and our Indian Christians that we want them to return just as soon as they can."

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*Editor's Note:* Pastor Arthur Stoneking and members of his congregation are active in several different soul-winning programs. They find radio one of the best means of reaching the Indian people with the gospel. The church has eight radio programs weekly, as follows:

- KHEP, Phoenix, Ariz., 1280 kc, Saturday, 4 p.m.
- KCLS, Flagstaff, Ariz., 600 kc, Sunday, 9:15 p.m.
- KGAK, Gallup, N. Mex., 1330 kc, Sunday, 8 a.m.
- KRKD, Los Angeles, Calif., 1150 kc, daily, Monday through Friday 6 a.m.

A typical altar scene during the Indian crusades.



# SAVED AND SET FREE

By BARBARA ERDOS

**G**OD SHOWED ME it is better to love than to hate; to be concerned for others rather than for myself. But I learned this only four years ago when I reached the end of my resources.

My husband left me and our two small boys. I was terribly nervous and was smoking two or more packs of cigarettes a day. With me, drinking was not a social act but a deliberate thing in order to forget my troubles.

Hatred was tearing me apart. I suffered from loneliness even though I was not alone. In this mental state it became impossible for me to hold a job, and I drifted back and forth between Three Rivers, Michigan, and Chicago.

Finally I ended up on the Chicago streets with my two boys and 35 cents—just enough for bus fare to my cousin's home. The three of us were cold and crying when she took us in.

That evening I attended the Teen Challenge service in Chicago. During the altar call I decided to accept Christ as my personal Saviour. A wonderful peace filled my heart; this was the beginning of a new life for me.

A few days later I began working. As I continued to attend Teen Challenge, I had the wonderful experience of helping in the street ministry.

The hatred that once filled my heart was replaced with love from God. I began to pray for my husband whose whereabouts were unknown to me. *Within one month* he visited me, and five months later we were reunited. Shortly afterward he too was saved.

More love and peace filled my life when I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Today I have the privilege of serving the Lord. Although trials and temptations came to me, they drew me closer to Him. Praise to God rises from my heart as I have proved the reality of Romans 8:28.

It is my desire to point other girls, bound by sinful habits, to the only One who can satisfy.

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(This testimony is endorsed by Robert Monroe, pastor of the Assembly of God at Schoolcraft, Michigan. Brother Monroe states that Mrs. Erdos is a dedicated Christian. She serves as a Sunday school teacher, the Junior Church leader, and a WMC officer in the assembly.)

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# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## Theme Set for Global Conquest Day

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—“Good News...Buy the Hour” is the theme for Global Conquest Day, August 27, according to Wesley R. Hurst, Foreign Missions home secretary. The theme will be emphasized during the 32nd General Council at Long Beach, Calif.

This year Global Conquest is asking each contributor to give \$11.42 to buy one hour of its GOOD NEWS CRUSADES. (The figure was reached by dividing the annual goal of \$100,000 by the number of hours in the year.)

Each individual, each church, each class or department of a church may sponsor an hour or more of overseas evangelism. Some churches will want to sponsor a whole day of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES for \$273.90.

A free Global Conquest Day offering kit is available from the Foreign Missions Department. It includes offering envelopes, a news release about current GOOD NEWS CRUSADES, instructions for Global Conquest Day, and other materials.



## Cherie's Wish Worth Repeating on Father's Day

DAKAR, Senegal—Cherie Corbin, four-year-old daughter of Missionaries Don and Virginia Corbin, wishes she had a daddy who stays at home.



Morris Williams (right) and Harold Mononyane examine the new constitution.

## Good News Crusade Held in Former Buddhist Temple

KLANG, Malaysia—Missionary-Evangelist Wesley Weekley was invited to hold a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE in Klang.

Preparing for the meetings, Mrs. Fred Seaward, missionary to Singapore, met with the small group of believers. Eight of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The group rented a house that had been used as a Buddhist temple. The building was filled with young people and adults throughout the crusade. Fifty or more made decisions for Christ.

The church in Klang was begun by Petrina Giaw, a young Chinese girl, in the fall of 1965. Petrina took a job in a local Roman Catholic school and started holding church services in a small house. By the time Wesley Weekley came for meetings, 20 young people were attending the church.

To explain why Mr. Corbin was away so often, Virginia Corbin said to Cherie, “Your daddy is so smart that lots of people want to see him. He’s on lots of important committees and has so much to do. You’ve got such a smart daddy.”

With the wisdom of a four-year-old, Cherie replied, “Mom, I want a dumb daddy so he can stay home once in a while.” Perhaps her wish is shared by children in many thousands of homes!

## First General Council Held by South Africa International A/G

WITBANK, Transvaal—The first General Council of the International Assemblies of God, South Africa, was held here with 47 voting delegates from seven organized districts. Elections were held for both general and district offices.

The newly elected general officers are: Morris Williams, general superintendent; Harold Mononyane, assistant general superintendent; and Eugene Grams, general secretary-treasurer.

At the present time the International Assemblies of God includes churches in the Union of South Africa and the adjoining lands of Lesotho and Botswana. The organization came into being in 1964 with the adoption of a constitution and bylaws by representatives of African churches.

Prior to 1964, the missionaries of the U. S. Assemblies of God worked within the older organization called “South African Assemblies of God,” an organization they helped to establish from the very beginning; but in recent years it became evident that African churches needed and wanted a better basis on which to build their work. Consequently the Interna-

tional Assemblies of God was born. After adoption of the new constitution in 1964, the executive committee of the missionary field fellowship acted as the general executive committee for the church until the first General Council could be convened.

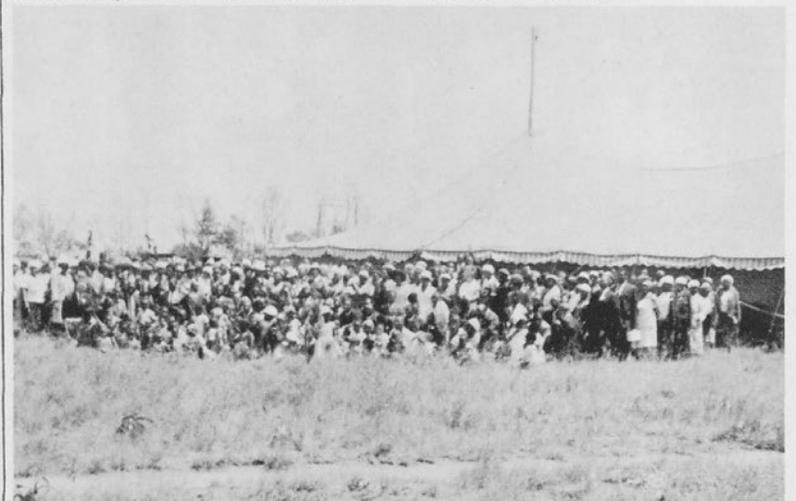
At the General Council 9 Africans were set apart for the ministry during a solemn ordination service.

There are 56 congregations (all African) in the new International Assemblies of God in South Africa. The 56 pastors include 9 ordained ministers, 28 licensed ministers, and 19 exhorters.

The organization operates the African Bible Training Institute at Rustenburg, South Africa, for training African ministers. It also operates the Gospel Publishing House (formerly called Assembly Press) at Johannesburg which produces a wide variety of church and Sunday school literature.

The newly elected officers held their first meeting and announced the appointment of the following directors for various branches of the organization: Vernon Pettenger, Christ's Ambassadors; Monroe Grams, Bible School; Harold

Hundreds attended the annual Bible conference at Witbank, Transvaal, which followed the first General Council.



Jones, Literature; Harold Mononyane, Sunday School; Hazen Wolverton, Women's Missionary Council; and Eugene Grams, Evangelism.

Each department reported progress and development in its area. The council plans to continue the three annual Bible conferences held at the beginning of each year, and several ministers' institutes are scheduled.

Following the General Council, the annual Bible conference was held. Morris Williams, general superintendent, emphasized the conference theme, "Occupy Until I Come."

During one of the altar services 27 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A large majority of the conferees attended the early morning prayer meetings.

Hundreds gathered around a large fire where they sang and praised God. With hands outstretched toward heaven they thanked Him for all His blessings.

The conference concluded with Harold Mononyane's challenging message, "Occupation Consummation." He reminded the delegates of the nearness of Christ's return and of their responsibility to win the lost.

## Work Advancing on All Fronts

FALCON, Venezuela—Missionary Bryan Mock reports a spiritual and numerical growth in all phases of mission work during the first quarter of 1967.

A new building in Cuesta de Pedregal has been dedicated, and there are four new extension Sunday school classes there.

Sunday school attendance has increased in Punto Fijo by 300; in Punta Cardon by 108, and in Coro by 50. There has also been a rise in Sunday school attendance in Mirire, San Isidrio, and Boca de Aroa.

A national worker has been placed in charge of the pioneer effort in Boca de Aroa, and in Punto Fijo 14 students are enrolled in the evening Bible school.

Subscriptions to *Poder*, a Spanish magazine published by the Assemblies of God, have increased substantially. A district newspaper is being published. Sales of Bibles and Christian books are up; evangelistic teams have been trained and organized in several areas; Bible study and Sunday school promotional materials have been prepared for the whole country.

Approximately 30,000 tracts and other pieces of literature were distributed in the first quarter.



Melvin Hodges (right) speaks at graduation as Lawrence Olson (left) interprets.

## Bethel Bible Institute Graduates First Class

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Melvin L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America and the West Indies, was guest speaker at the first graduation of Bethel Bible Institute.

The graduating class consisted of eight young men and one young lady.

Bethel Bible Institute is one of three evening Bible schools sponsored by the Assemblies of God in Brazil. Evening classes

Nine students were presented diplomas at Bethel's first graduation.



## With Changing Times No Windows Broken

QUILMES, Argentina—Lillian and Louie Stokes, missionaries to Argentina, recently visited the church in Quilmes which they built 15 years ago.

In 1951, the Stokes and a few believers purchased a lot and began building the church. The progress was slow, but finally the church was finished. Mr. Stokes said:

"The thing which attracted my attention more than any other change was that all windows were intact.

"For years the neighborhood boys broke the windowpanes con-

tinuously. This was not only inconvenient in the winter, but it was an expense the church could not afford. Now, reflecting the changing times, there is not a broken windowpane. Our churches are fully respected and enjoy complete liberty throughout all the country. For this we praise the Lord."

The Stokes found the men of the church were preparing for general improvements and enlargement of the church. The attendance was good, and new people were coming forward to accept Christ.

## Special Services Spark Revival

SABOBA, Ghana—At the special services held here with the Stanley MacPhersons, mornings were devoted to tarrying meetings and evenings to evangelistic open-air rallies.

For the first time in the history of the Assemblies of God mission in Saboba, members were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were "slain under the power of God," and one man had a vision of a heavenly being.

A total of 13 believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

A number of people left their harvesting and farm work to come to the all-morning prayer time. This sacrifice was rewarded as God poured out His Spirit.

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



Harold Schmitt family



Mildred Dunklee



R. Zents family



John Burke family

Missionaries returning to the United States for furlough are: the T. O. Johnstons (Bolivia), the Arthur Cannons (Peru), Mr. and Mrs. William Ilnisky (Jamaica), the Milton Kerstens (Guyana), the Sterling Stewarts (El Salvador), the Ovid Dillinghams (S. India), the Andrew McDearmids (S. India), the Emery Snyders (N. India), the Talmage Butlers (Senegal), the Del Tarrs (Upper Volta), the Stanley Faulkners (Philippines), and the Robert Boltos (Taiwan). Mrs. Gladys Kensinger (Nicaragua) is returning to the States.

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the Raymond Zents (Upper Volta), Mildred Dunklee (Liberia), the John Burkes (newly appointed missionaries to Guam), and the Harold Schmitts (newly appointed missionaries to Germany).

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

COLUMBUS, GA.—The C.A.'s of Edgewood Temple here sponsored a one-week youth meeting with Evangelist Ruble Enlow. Approximately seven were saved, and four were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Recently during services with Harland Kingsriter of Evangel College, five were saved.

The church praises God for a continuing spirit of revival.

—Michael Lord, pastor

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ST. LOUIS, MO.—Evangelist C. W. Quattlebaum recently conducted special services at Berea Temple here. Many people were saved, a number filled with the Holy Spirit, and several healed.

On Easter Sunday all previous attendance records were broken with 753 in Sunday school.

—William N. Sachs, pastor

ENTERPRISE, ALA.—First Assembly here recently enjoyed special services with Evangelist "Little Joe" Peterson of York, Pa.

Twelve were saved and 20 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Howard P. Trawick, pastor

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BUNA, TEX.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded three weeks of glorious services with Evangelist Richard Exley of South Houston, Tex. Attendance was excellent each evening.

Some 20 people accepted Christ as Saviour. Several were healed by the power of God, including one man with a punctured eardrum and several who suffered from heart conditions. The pastor's wife was completely healed of an abdominal disorder.

—James Miller, pastor



First Assembly in Aurora, Mo., went over its attendance goal during the meeting with Evangelist Glenna Byard. Left to right: James Griggs, secretary-treasurer of Southern Missouri District; Art Gray, assistant Sunday school superintendent; Evangelist Byard; Eldon Logan, Sunday school superintendent; and Charles F. Brown, pastor.

AURORA, MO.—First Assembly here was uplifted and blessed dur-

ing special services with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

Five were saved, four reclaimed, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled.

Attendance was good. The Easter Sunday goal of 200 was broken with 205 present.

—Charles F. Brown, pastor

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MADERA, CALIF.—Several were saved and filled with the Spirit during services at Grace Assembly here with Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey of Santa Rosa, Calif.

The church was encouraged by the ministry of the Word of God to enjoy the presence of the Lord. A number of visitors attended.

—A. B. Goossen, pastor

## CONGREGATION TRIPLES DURING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

SEATTLE, WASH.—The congregation of Queen Anne Assembly here tripled during construction of a new building.

At the recent dedication of the

new structure, Northwest District Superintendent R. J. Carlson brought the dedicatory address. Also participating were Raymond Walden; former pastors Wren

Snow and Lyle O'Neel; Frank McAllister, assistant district superintendent; and Lyle Spradley, district secretary-treasurer.

The three-level structure seats 300 persons. Other facilities include a choir section, baptistry, church office, and pastor's study.

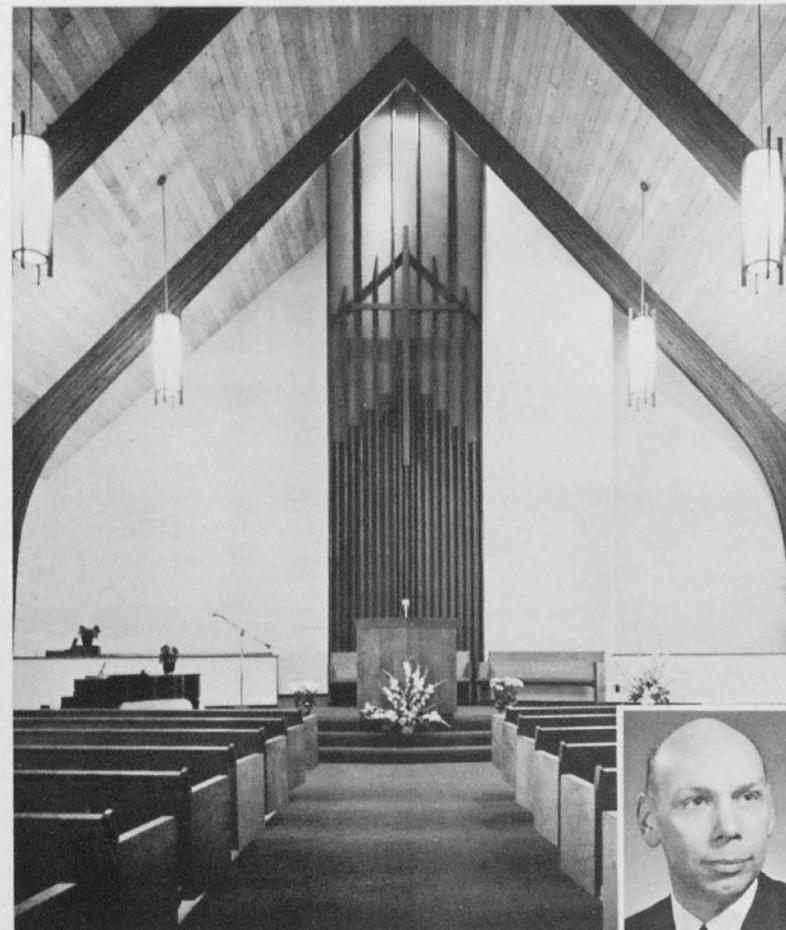
A full daylight basement offers Sunday school classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery, and rest rooms. The exterior is of vertical cedar siding and a pitched roof.

The assembly is valued at \$85,000 but donated labor from members and friends lowered the cost to approximately \$40,000, including the furnishings. The church received assistance from the Northwest District Home Missions Department.

Queen Anne Assembly had its beginning in 1955 when a group of believers met with Nils W. Satterlund in a residence.

The church moved from the home to a storefront building and then to a brick store building.

After Gordon E. Meador became pastor in 1965, the brick building was torn down and construction begun on the new one.



The beautiful new Queen Anne Assembly seats 300. Sunday school classrooms are in the basement of the three-level structure. (Pastor Gordon E. Meador, inset.)

## BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 1967 GENERAL COUNCIL

Tickets for the MF and WMC breakfasts, to be held August 26 during General Council in Long Beach, Calif., will be available from the respective national offices June 1 through August 1. Please order by mail.

There is no assurance of tickets being available at the General Council, August 24-29, because the number is limited. Tickets for either breakfast are \$2 each. Payment must accompany all requests to the national offices, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

**WILLIAM B. FRIEND  
ELECTED  
NORTHERN MISSOURI  
SUPERINTENDENT**

COLUMBIA, MO.—At the recent Northern Missouri District Council here, Glen A. Renick resigned as district superintendent to enter semi-retirement. He and Sister Renick, former district WMC president, will reside in Springfield, Mo., and accept special speaking engagements.

Elected to succeed Brother Renick is William B. Friend, former district secretary-treasurer. Brother Friend has pastored the Wyatt Park Assembly, St. Joseph, Mo., for the past eight years.

Von Duke Kelly, St. Charles, Mo., is the new secretary-treasurer. By resolution this office was made a full-time ministry. Brother Kelly will also be the district Sunday school director. Brother Kelly has pastored the Assembly of God in St. Charles, Mo., for the past 12 years.

Other officers elected were Earl Meyers, Bucklin, Mo., district C. A. president, and Mrs. W. B. Friend, district WMC president. Charles Parker, Columbia, will remain as assistant superintendent.

Speaker at the council was Klaude Kendrick, former president of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., and of Evangel College, Springfield. He is presently head of the history department at Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth.

Formed in 1964, the Northern Missouri District became the 45th district of the Assemblies of God. Its territory includes all of Missouri above the Missouri River. The young district has purchased the beautiful Lake Maurer Park in Excelsior Springs and has improved the park to accommodate youth and family camps.

**NSSA CONVENTION  
SLATED FOR  
MINNEAPOLIS**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The 22nd annual convention of the National Sunday School Association will convene October 25-28 at the newly renovated Minneapolis Auditorium here. The lower exhibition hall will house the increased number of displays.

George S. McNeill, executive director of the NSSA, reports that interest in the convention is running far ahead of recent years. One of the largest registrations of Christian Education and Sunday school workers in the history of the association is expected.

Among those invited to address

the convention are: Dr. Manford Gutzke, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Erling Wold, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Paul Little of Inter-Varsity Fellowship; and William Pannell of Youth for Christ International.

The program will offer 27 departmental clinic sessions, 125 general workshops, and nine seminars for pastors, superintendents, and missionaries. Workshop leaders—experts in various fields of Christian education—are being supplied by cooperating denominations, publishers, and similar organizations.

The Leamington Hotel will be convention headquarters.

**CORRECTION**

THIS YEAR'S SPEAKER at Lost Valley Camp Meeting, Gaylord, Mich. (July 16-30), will be William Kautz (not John Stallings, as announced in the *Evangel*). John and Faith Stallings will minister at the camp in 1968.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

40TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING—July 9 at the Assemblies of God Church, Detroit Lakes, Minn. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited.—by M. E. Culbertson, pastor.

**WITH CHRIST**

LAWRENCE R. BELLMORE SR., 46, of Flint, Mich., was called into the presence of the Lord April 15, 1967. Brother Bellmore was ordained in 1956 by the Michigan District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Flushing and Flint, Mich. He is survived by his wife Vaneta and seven children.

J. DOW GARDNER, 71, of Luverne, Ala., went to his eternal reward April 19, 1967. A member of the Alabama District, Brother Gardner was ordained in 1938. He

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served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. Death came by drowning when his boat capsized. He is survived by his wife Maidie, three sons, and one daughter.

**EVANGELISTIC EVENTS**

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Atmore	Bratt	June 25-July 2	Jerry & Ann Johnson	T. E. Barnes
	Montgomery	First	June 21-July 2	Gene & Heather Burgess	Charles E. Wilson
Ark.	Clinton	First	June 25-July 2	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Jay R. Adams
	Fayetteville	First	June 25—	Branham & Steele Team	D. Wayne Danner
	W. Helena	First	June 21-July 2	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Louis E. Yendrek
	Wynne	First	June 25-July 9	Ed Eaton	Freddie L. Howard
Calif.	El Monte	*First	June 25-30	Christian Hild	Charles Holt
	Newark	First	June 21-July 3	Ernie Eskelin	Andrew Rahner
Colo.	Fruita	A/G	June 21-July 2	Richard & Rhoda Field	E. C. Grauberger
	Lakewood	First	June 20-July 2	Leonard Negrin	Hubert Surratt
	Pueblo	First	June 21-July 9	John & Jerry Stephens	Clarence Lambert
Fla.	Bagdad	A/G	June 18-July 2	Joel & Esther Palmer	Charles E. Lee
	Bonifay	Mt. Carmel	June 18-25	Jerry & Ann Johnson	James H. Lee
	Panama City	Hiland Park	June 20-July 2	Nettie Parham	Fannie Hutchison
	Tallahassee	Brownville	June 21—	Gene & Mrs. Thompson	W. T. Davis
Ga.	Bainbridge	Calvary	June 21-July 2	Randall A. Walker	W. Henry Judah
Ill.	Des Plaines	Northwest	June 21-25	The Singing Lunsfords	E. D. Howe
	Effingham	First	June 13-25	Marion & Sandra Beach	Marvin Tuggle
	Virginia	*Glad Tidings	June 27-July 2	Carl E. Gammel	H. Cox-M. Brown
Ind.	Anderson	*First	June 19-23	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	L. E. Wead
	Elkhart	Bethel	June 21-July 2	Basell-Brown Team	G. A. Uldin
	Loogootee	*Alfordsville	June 26-30	Marie Smith	William Albertson
	Marion	*First	June 20-25	Carl E. Gammel	J. Haskell Wooldridge
	South Bend	Calvary Temple	June 20-25	Chief Thum-Sunshine Pty.	Roy H. Wead
Kans.	N. Topeka	Faith	June 20-25	L. J. Franks Party	O. W. Hollis
Ky.	Frozen Creek	A/G	June 19-25	Hale-Turner Team	Virginia Schneider
	Lexington	Evangel	June 20-25	J. E. Friend	Carl P. King
	Raceland	*First	June 19-24	Marie Smith	Troy Boggs
Md.	Savage	*Bethel	June 26-July 2	Brosey-Buchwalter Team	Ervin W. Mason Jr.
Mich.	Grand Rapids	Faith	June 18-23	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	James E. Bugg
	Saginaw	First	June 19-25	John K. & Mrs. Wibley	Wesley Wibley
	Union City	Full Gospel	June 20-25	John & Faith Stallings	Douglas R. Clair
Minn.	Wells	**A/G	June 19-25	David & Mrs. Dean	Everett Lord
Mo.	Baldwin	Calvary Tabernacle	June 26-July 2	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	C. F. Hembree
Nebr.	Beaver City	A/G	June 25-30	Kathleen Jennings	Larry G. Hessler
N. J.	Trenton	First	June 21-25	Roy T. Johnson	John Paproski
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	June 11-25	Corbett C. Crace	Melvin Sasse
Ohio	Big Prairie	***Ohio District	June 26-30	Paul Hild Family	Don Bressette, Dir.
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Faith Tab.	June 25—	Marvin Schmidt	S. J. Scott
Pa.	Trafford	****Full Gospel	June 21—	"Little Joe" Peterson	Paul Ridings
	York	First	June 25—	Fred Diehl Evangelists	S. W. Brewer
Tenn.	Jackson	First	June 25-30	Gladys Voight	Douglas Karnes
Tex.	Alvarado	First	June 19-25	Eddie Wilson	G. C. McGlothlin
	Bryan	Bethel Temple	June 26-July 2	Terry D. Johnson	Howard A. Strange
	San Antonio	*Valley-Hi	June 25-30	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Elbert Smart
Va.	Ewing	A/G	June 20-July 2	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Donald Goldizen
W. Va.	Springfield	A/G	June 6-18	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Daniel M. Jones

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

# MARRIED TO ANOTHER

By OSWALD J. SMITH

**Y**OU ARE MARRIED. Every Christian is. Yes, but to whom? This is the vital question. Are you married to the first Adam or to Christ? To the old man or to the New?

The apostle Paul said: "Know ye not, brethren (for I speak to them that know the law), how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. . . . Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:1-4).

"Married to another!" What a privilege! Yes, but how?

First, by being dead to sin. "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:11).

Second, by being dead to the law (Romans 7:4). Note that we are not told that sin is dead. Nor are we told that the law is dead. But we are told *we* are dead. We are "dead to sin" and "dead to the law."

Here, for instance, is a light. And here is a man who is blind. The blind man is dead to the light. So far as he is concerned, it does not exist. He is utterly unconscious of it. It doesn't affect him in the least. But is the light dead? By no means. It is very much in evidence. To deny its existence would be folly.

Here is an alarm clock, and a man who is deaf. The alarm goes off, loud and long, but the man does not hear. He is dead to sound. So far as he is concerned, it might as well remain silent. But is the alarm clock dead? Certainly not! It is very much alive. And to deny the existence of sound would be folly.

Here is sin. And here is a dead man. So far as he is in his dead condition is concerned, sin might as well not exist. But is sin dead? Not at all. It is very much alive.

It is in evidence everywhere. And to deny its existence would be folly.

How then do you become dead to sin? By a new marriage; by being "married to another."

As long as you are under the law, you are in bondage. Law knows no mercy. It stands over you with a club, and every time you fail, it beats you. Law tells you to do this and not to do that. You try, you struggle, you exert your will power, you put forth every effort of which you are capable; but even though you do your level best, you fail. Then law threatens you with judgment and clubs you unmercifully. For law knows no mercy.

At last you grow so weary, so tired, and so discouraged that you turn in desperation for outside help. You have failed, and failed, and failed. Sin has mastered you times without number, in spite of all your efforts.

Then you hear those sin-emancipating words, "married to another," and immediately the light breaks. You turn from law. You die to it. You reckon yourself "dead indeed unto sin," and you claim Another as your Husband—the Lord Jesus Christ.

No standard does He tell you to attain. No demands does He make. For He knows how frail you are. But He reaches down to where you are, puts His great arms of love around you and softly whispers: "Come; you are weak, and I am strong. Just yield yourself to Me. I will sustain you. I will be your Stay. Come; fear not; I have redeemed you. You are Mine."

And then He lifts, and lifts, and lifts. And soon you are above law and above sin, seated with your Beloved in the heavenlies and living in newness of life. Hallelujah!

And now, having been "married to another," your one and only desire is to please that Other. Not because of law and commandment, not because of orders from Moses, not because of threatened judgment, not because of duty, but because of love you please Him in all things and live as He wishes you to live.

It is the difference between the service rendered by a servant and that rendered by a wife who deeply loves her husband. With the first, it is duty; she obeys because she must, and often her service is unsatisfactory. And there is no joy.

The second serves because she delights to please her husband whom she loves. Nothing gives her greater joy. Nor would she even dream of offending him. She wants to make him happy. The motive, you see, is love, and what a difference! "The love of Christ constraineth us." For we are "married to another"—and all life is different.

He now undertakes and enables. He supplies the power, the grace. We become laborers together with Him and His strength is made perfect in our weakness. We live on a new plane. It is a new life, prompted by a new motive—love. And we have a new incentive—His pleasure.

No true mother needs a law passed demanding that she care for her child. Her own parental love will suffice. And no Christian who really loves the Lord needs laws passed to assure his allegiance and devotion. Love, and love alone, will be the incentive. 