

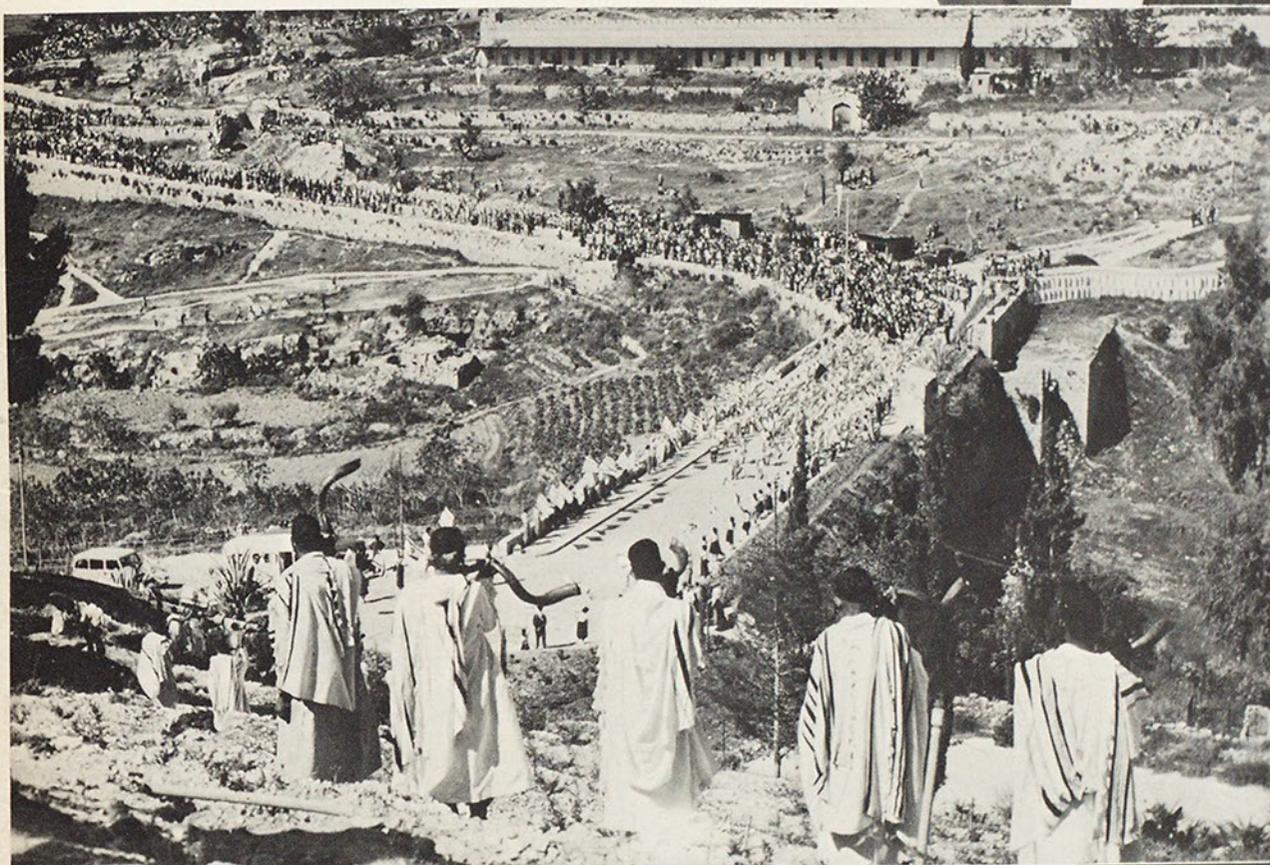
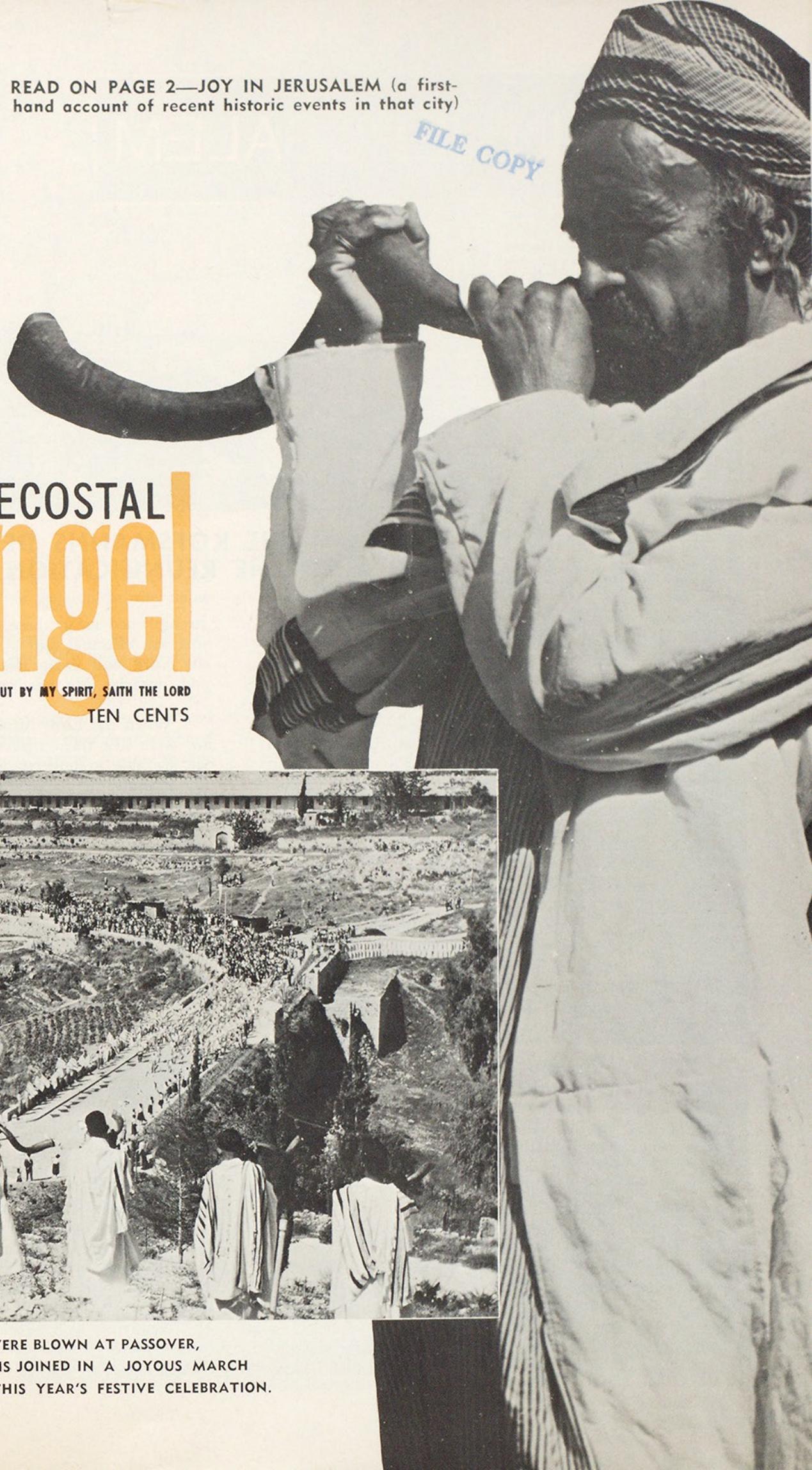
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# JOY IN JERUSALEM

Throngs of exuberant Israelis visit the ancient Wailing Wall located on what formerly was the Jordanian side of Jerusalem.



## FOUR LETTERS FROM THE KOFSMANNS DESCRIBE THE DARK DAYS OF SIEGE AND THE REUNIFICATION OF THE CITY

**W**E THANK GOD that our Assemblies of God missionaries in Jerusalem survived the recent battle and our mission property escaped serious damage in all of the bombing and shelling.

The Assembly of Jerusalem, known also as the Messianic Assembly of Israel, is located at 2 Gershon Agron Street. Here the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ has been preached and taught without ceasing for many years, and here a congregation of Christian believers have continuously worshiped the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit.

W. Z. Kofsmann is the pastor. Brother Kofsmann and his wife are citizens of Israel, both of them being saved Jews who minister to the people of Jerusalem in the Hebrew tongue. As a result of the reunification of the city, their congregation has been enlarged, for a number who lived in Jerusalem, Jordan, are now able to attend the meetings for the first time in 19 years.

Four letters have been received from Brother and Sister Kofsmann since the outbreak of hostilities. The following are excerpts:

*Nightfall, June 5, 1967*

“‘Praise ye the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth, and for evermore.’

“It is now evening, and I am writing this by the light of two candles. Shells fly unceasingly and burst in the middle of the street, touching with a tinge of red the darkness enveloping the town.

“Ever since this morning we have been engulfed by a continuous nightmare. Cannon have thundered all day, and the sound of airplanes has heralded bombardment. To the east and to the west, Jerusalem is in agony. O, everlasting God, we ask for the peace of Jerusalem!

“We are threatened with complete destruction, but miraculously we remain in our place. We are kept by the eternal God who watches over His people....

“We thank all our brothers and sisters for their prayers, their letters, and the encouragement which have

strengthened us in these dark days. The prayers of the just are effectual and a source of blessing. We praise the Lord and exalt His holy name for the wonders and miracles He performs in our day.”

*June 7, 1967*

“‘When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream’ (Psalm 126:1). Today we are able to understand the sentiments expressed by the Psalmist in a concrete, practical way. For it seems the events we have lived through are only a dream.... We expected a miracle; we put implicit trust in the everlasting God and knew that salvation and deliverance would come from Him. Yet the miracle has been so great we think we must be dreaming!

“In Jerusalem the 70-hour war began unexpectedly. Men, women, and children were engaged at their habitual tasks. The schools were beginning their day of studies, and the grocery shops were opening to their customers. Likewise the offices, though some of their staff had already been mobilized. And then suddenly there began a savage bombardment.

“The first few minutes were awful, but the celestial army invisibly protected the population. The civilians behaved with the same heroism as the soldiers on the front. Almost without fear they were transferred into shelters. And once again, Jerusalem was transformed into a battlefield....

“These three days and two nights have been filled with terror. The incessant rumbling of airplanes overhead. The explosion of bombs. The whistling of shells and the crackling of gunfire. The sinister and oppressing roar of sirens on ambulances and fire engines rushing at full speed in all directions. The sad, depressing atmosphere of war. Bombs fall at our side, but the Lord preserves us....

“Then, just as it began, the din and confusion of battle suddenly ended. The hours of anxiety, which had seemed years, were over. An unearthly silence enwrapped

the city. An oppressive stillness gripped the hearts of those who, conscious of living in a day of historic importance, clung to the radio awaiting the latest bulletin of the army spokesman.

"A mighty victory was proclaimed: cease-fire with Jordan, all Judea reconquered; Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho taken; and then with a voice stifled with emotion the spokesman announced the reunification of Jerusalem. The Old City was returned to Israel!

"It was an unforgettable moment, not only for the inhabitants of Jerusalem but for the entire people. A shriek of joy burst from all hearts; a hymn of thanksgiving and praise went up to the eternal God, especially from those who realized this victory was His victory. . .

"The liberation of Jerusalem is a sign announcing to the world the near return of the Messiah. Maranatha! Our Lord cometh.

"It is also a call to all men everywhere to humble themselves, to repent, and accept the salvation which the Saviour of the world still holds out today. For this victory is an event of world significance, and marks a turning point in history. Above all, it marks a great leap forward in eschatological time.

"May one single prayer, one unanimous cry mount up to heaven like the unanimous cry of victory we have heard: 'Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord' (Psalm 118:26).

"In sending you this first message from the reunited Jerusalem, I am now able to say, 'We bless you from the house of the Lord.'"

June 22, 1967

"Yesterday morning, in the course of a solemn and very moving ceremony, the minister of interior proclaimed the reunification of Jerusalem. Turning to the mayor of the city, he declared: 'You are the mayor of the reunited Jerusalem, including the four quarters of the Old City.'

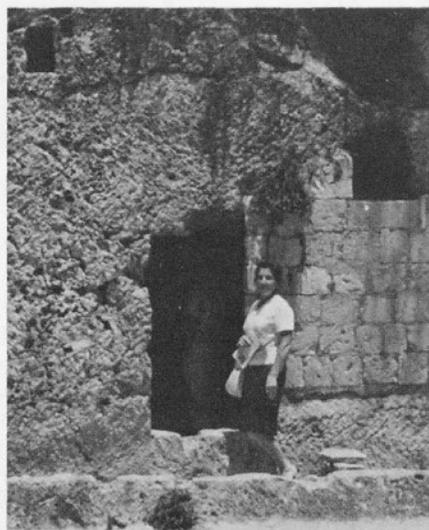
"Today Jerusalem appears before the world exactly as King David, inspired by the Spirit, celebrated it in song: 'Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together' (Psalm 122:3).

"One result of the reunification may be plainly seen. Today at dawn all the barriers separating the two halves of the city were lifted, all impediments removed, and free circulation reestablished in both directions. The

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**ABOVE:** W. Z. Kofsmann, pastor of Messianic Assembly, Jerusalem. **RIGHT:** Mrs. Kofsmann at the Garden Tomb located in the part of the city formerly held by Jordan. As an Israeli citizen she was not permitted to visit this sacred spot for 19 years. **FAR RIGHT:** Stone church called Messianic Assembly. (Other photos show some of the war damage in Jerusalem.)



## Soul Winners Wanted

IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN to the editors of *The Pentecostal Evangel* and have not received a reply, we would like to take this means of thanking you for your card or letter.

We are sorry we cannot answer all our mail, but you may be sure we read it very carefully. Many letters, of course, do not call for a reply. We try to answer those that do, but pressure of editorial duties sometimes foils our best intentions.

Most of the letters we receive are very helpful to us and we thank God for them, whether they are critical or commendatory, and whether the suggestions they bring us are useful or impractical. Some letters find their way into the "Quote" column (which appears this week on page 28). Do you read this column? Would you like it to appear more frequently? Your comments regarding the "Quote" column and any other feature would be appreciated.

One letter that came to us recently was on the subject of soul winning. It went something like this:

"I enjoy the *Evangel* and appreciate, among other things, the many accounts of souls being won to Christ. It occurs to me, however, that in nearly every case they are being won by 'professionals.' I refer to missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and other full-time ministers. How about the 'amateurs,' as W. E. Emanuel called them in his fine article of May 21. Aren't the laymen winning souls too? If so, could we not read about their work in the columns of the *Evangel*?"

This correspondent makes a good point. No doubt much soul winning is being done by lay members, both men and women, but we don't hear of it so we can't publish it. Probably we have been slack in not gathering more news of personal evangelism.

Will you help us overcome this weakness by writing down a recent experience of yours and sending it to us? In your letter, please tell us the way in which God enabled you to win a soul. Also be sure to give your pastor's name and address, as well as your own. Perhaps the Lord would have us to publish a series of testimonials by lay members on the subject, "How I Won a Soul to Christ"—for His glory. Please help us.

It would be a tragedy if all the soul winning were left to the ministers. As the late Roger Babson said, "It is more essential to ring doorbells than church bells!" E. J. Morgan said it poetically when he wrote the following lines:

*"One day I rang a doorbell in a casual sort of way;  
It was not a formal visit, and there wasn't much to say.  
I don't remember what I said—it matters not, I guess—  
But I found a heart in hunger, and a soul in deep distress.  
He declared I came from heaven though I often wondered why.  
He said I came to see him when no other help was nigh!  
To me it meant so little—just a knock upon his door:  
But to him it meant salvation and God's peace for evermore!"*

We all deplore the fact there are so many nonchurchgoers today. What is worse is that there are so many nongoing churches. Every Spirit-filled person should be a soul winner. Every-member evangelism is the only way millions of people are going to be saved.

The Bible says, "He that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). Christ came to seek and to save the lost because He recognized that if a man loses his soul he loses everything. What work deserves as much attention—what cause could be as urgent—as this matter of winning our neighbors, friends, and loved ones to Jesus?

—R.C.C.

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# AS THE RIVER AND THE SEA

ONE VERSION of Isaiah 48:18 reads: "Had you heeded my commandments, then your peace would have been like unto the river, and the influence of your righteous lives would have been as resistless as the waves of the sea."

For those who do keep His commandments, then, there is peace like a river; influence as resistless as the waves of the sea.

I revisited my birthplace in North Carolina recently. Nothing seemed the same. But as I strolled along the banks of Big Dan River, I remembered that as a boy I had fished in its waters, and on its bosom had learned to handle the boat and canoe. I had played along its banks and fallen asleep at night listening to the murmur of its waters.

Other things have changed. Early associates are gone; the old home on the river is different; and the romping boy is now an old man. But the river is the same. It keeps on flowing. I slept once more, a guest of strangers, in the old home. When I awakened in the stillness of the night and listened to the murmur of the river, it still lulled me to sleep as in days gone by.

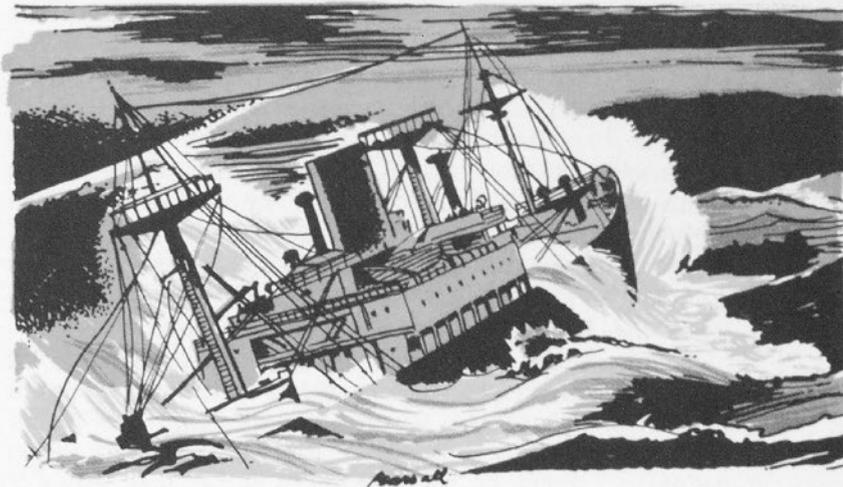
"Thy peace shall be as the river." A river does not aim for the high places. It winds all the way along the lowlands and through the valleys. In turn, all that is higher contributes to it. As the snow melts on the mountains, the water comes running down to the river. The rain brings the richest soil and lays it down along the riverside. So God enriches the lowly life that has found the secret of peace through humility.

As a river deepens, it becomes more useful. Where it is in an uproar and making a great fuss, it bears no useful burden. No boats sail there. But where it is quiet, a river like the mighty Mississippi or the Ohio can bear the heavy-freighted steamers. This too is paralleled in the lives of men. Those who do the most good are often the least noisy about it. Men carrying whole communities forward by the force of their character and influence do it without ostentation, while some one-talented persons are like a hen with one chick—always clucking, fuming, parading.

As a child of God, I can remember when I first felt the inflow of living water in my soul, and first experienced the peace of God. But changes have come. There have been trials, and there have been joys. I have parted with most that I knew then. I have changed. The sobriety of age has replaced the fire and fancy of youth; yet God's peace, which began as a tiny rivulet in my soul, has not changed, except to get deeper and wider and richer in its flow. It made the days bright and the nights restful then; it sweetens the memories and hallows the future now.

You may already have soul-scars made by the cutting of deeper channels within the soul to prepare you to bear the heavy burdens. Or perhaps for you the greatest trials are still ahead. But what of that? The grace of God is always given in proportion to the need.

"And the influence of your righteous living... as resistless as the waves of the sea." In speaking of the influence of the child of God, the Spirit uses a



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broader figure, the sea. The river is neither deep nor wide enough.

I returned from France at the end of World War I on the *Leviathan*, the mightiest ship that ever sailed the seas up to that time. On the voyage we encountered a storm so severe that the great ship was but a toy for the mountainous waves. They would catch the *Leviathan* with its 17,000 men aboard and toss it heavenward, where it seemed but a dot in the murky heavens. Then the waves would part and dash the ship into the depths. We were tossed about as a cork on a millpond.

God compares the influence of the man who lives for Him with the power of those waves. That soul has the power to catch the mightiest temptation and toss it as the waves tossed the helpless *Leviathan*, to dash it as a ship is dashed to destruction.

God's grace is sufficient, and if the soul be in league with Him, these things are less than dust in the balances of eternity.

The sea, in the day of judgment, will bring up the buried proof of its power. What a surrender when the literal sea gives up its dead and returns the wrecks which are trophies of its power. In that day shall be brought to light the wrecks of the mighty temptations we have overcome. There will be seen the glory of the world that Christ refused; the throne of Egypt that Moses declined; the treasures of Babylon that Daniel scorned; and many another proof of God's power to keep His children.

The wealth, the pleasures, the things of time that saints of every age have refused—the wreckage of these, with all other inventions for the destruction of souls—will also be on display when the sea gives up its literal dead. What a scene that will be!

Brethren, let us so live that the influence of our lives will add something to attest to the conquering power of the Son of God.

**T**HE PRAYER WHICH THE LORD JESUS taught His disciples (Matthew 6:9-13) is commonly called "The Lord's Prayer." Without arguing needlessly about terms, one can say that while this prayer is a pattern our Lord gave His disciples to follow, He did not offer it Himself. John 17 records what really is the Lord's Prayer, the prayer Jesus offered to His Father.

The portion of the Gospel of John that relates the public ministry of our Lord may be compared to the court of the Old Testament tabernacle. This private ministry to His disciples (recorded in chapters 13 through 16) may be likened to the first room of the tabernacle—the holy place. In the tabernacle there was another room, the holy of holies, into which only the high priest might enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. To follow the analogy, we are given in John 17 a glimpse into the holiest of all as we hear what the Lord Jesus says to the Father.

To share the true sense of the awesome scene of Christ in intercession before the Father causes us to



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stand with bowed heads and hearts. The greatest battle in history was about to culminate.

Early in His ministry Jesus stated that His hour had not yet come (John 2:4). In John 12:23 He declared the arrival of that hour. Now He opens this solemn prayer with the words, "Father, the hour is come" (John 17:1).

#### THE THREEFOLD INTERCESSION

This prayer can be divided into three parts: (1) Christ's prayer for Himself (vv. 1-5); (2) His prayer for His apostles (vv. 6-19); (3) His prayer for His Church (vv. 20-26).

Christ addresses God in simple intimacy. Repeatedly He says, "Father." In verse 3 He calls the Father the "only true God." In two places He adds adjectives, calling Him "holy Father" (v. 11) and "righteous Father" (v. 25).

Our Lord refers to His disciples 46 times in the prayer, using such terms as "they," "them," "these," "thine," and "mine." He refers to the *world* 17 times.

Twice the word is used in a sense of creation, six times it refers to man's abode, four times to the inhabitants of the world, and five times in the sense of antagonistic hostility to Christ.

Seven marks of discipleship are recorded in verses 2 through 8:

1. The believer is given to the Son by the Father (v. 2).
2. The believer has eternal life (v. 2).
3. The believer knows the Father through the Son (v. 3).
4. God's name is manifested to the believer (v. 6).
5. The believer keeps the Word of God (v. 6).
6. The believer knows the Godhead or deity of the Son (v. 8).
7. He believes that the Father sent the Son (v. 8).

Seven times the Son expresses the thought that the disciples were given to Him by the Father (vv. 2, 6 [twice], 9, 11, 12, 24). How wonderful! God gave believers to His Son. The Son has given gifts to believers—eternal life (v. 2), the Father's words (vv. 8, 14), and His glory received from the Father (v. 22).

We, however, have given nothing; we have only received. There is nothing that we can give until we

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

accept Him and become His. Then we can—and must—give ourselves wholly to Him in loving devotion and service.

#### TAKEN OUT OF THE WORLD

"The men which thou gavest me out of the world . . ." (v. 6). The word *world* here is used in the sense of communion and fellowship. The world lies in the lap of the wicked one. It is unconcerned in mind, hostile in heart, and contrary in will to the things of God. The Bible tells us that the worldling—the unbeliever—is:

1. *Dead in sin.* "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). "And you, being dead in your sins . . . hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (Colossians 2:13).

2. *Diseased.* "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3:14).

3. *Darkened*. "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

4. *Doomed*. "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word, are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:7).

But a change comes. The dead are made alive. The diseased are made whole. The dark are brought to light. The doomed are delivered.

This change comes through the new birth. The new birth is wrought by means of four instruments: (1) the Word of God (John 5:24; 1 Peter 1:23); (2) the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18, 19); (3) the Spirit of God (John 3:5); (4) faith (Romans 10:9, 10). The Word illuminates; the Blood purges; the Spirit performs; and faith partakes.

Those who believe are given to Christ by the Father "out of the world."

#### DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD

"I pray for them... not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine" (v. 9). "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (v. 16).

Although the believer is in the world, he is not to love the world (1 John 2:15-17). The evil, unbelieving world is the whole system that is governed by Satan, the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). It represents all that is opposed by the Lord Jesus Christ and all that is not of the Father. Worldliness is human activity with God left out. It is what we are, not just what we do; "for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

The believer, different from the world, still lives in the midst of worldlings. There is connection, but no real communion. The Bible says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).

#### IN THE WORLD

"I am no more in the world, but these are in the world" (v. 11).

To some there may seem to be contradiction in these verses: "out of the world" in verse 6, and "in the world" in verse 11. Believers are saved *from* the world but left *in* the world. We are here for a purpose.

In the Dark Ages, man thought that to be saintly he must isolate himself from the world. Piety and monastic living came to be considered synonymous. But it must be remembered that sin and temptation abound everywhere in this world. Sin began in solitude. Eve was alone when she yielded to Satan's wiles. The Saviour was alone in the wilderness temptation and battled alone in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We cannot isolate ourselves from the world; but, thank God, He has given us the provision of insulation. It is a matter of state and not of place.

#### HATED BY THE WORLD

"And the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (v. 14).

The world hated Jesus because His life and teachings condemned worldly living. He had chosen His apostles

out of the world and had given His Word to them; therefore, the world hated them because they were not of the world. There is mortal combat between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness.

#### LEFT IN THE WORLD—KEPT FROM THE EVIL

"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (v. 15).

God wants us in this world. We are to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:13, 14). As salt, we are to preserve by penetration; as light, we are to guide by illumination.

The apostle Peter said, "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Satan did his best to destroy the apostles but was unsuccessful. They went forth doing the will of the Father and spreading the glorious message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ to the entire world.

In like manner, Satan is pursuing after Christians today, but Jesus is praying for us that we should be kept "from the evil"—literally, "from the evil one" (v. 15). We are "kept by the power of God" (1 Peter 1:5) as we place ourselves where we can be kept; or, as Jude 21 says, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Satan is a defeated foe. Christ conquered him at Calvary. We can claim that victory; and as we meet the Devil on the battlefield of life, we can win through the power of God.

#### SENT INTO THE WORLD

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (v. 18).

Now we come to the crux of the matter. This is the place of our relationship to the world. We are "sent... into the world."

#### HOW ARE WE SENT?

Take special note of the word *as*. "As my Father hath sent me" (John 20:21). How was He sent?

Christ was sent: (1) as One who didn't belong here; (2) in love; (3) in the fullness of time; (4) to declare the Word of God; (5) to reveal the character of God; (6) equipped with the power of God; (7) to give His life a ransom; (8) and then to be called back to the Sender.

In like manner—"as"—Christ sends us into the world. We do not belong to the world; our citizenship is in heaven. We are pilgrims and strangers on earth. But we are sent here.

And we are sent in love. Who can measure the love that sent Christ from heaven's glory to Bethlehem's manger, to Gethsemane's battle, to Calvary's cruelty, and to the borrowed tomb? It beggars description. But that love wants to grip our hearts and motivate us.

Nobody could know the truth of God, the holiness of God, and the greatness of God's compassion. But God chose to reveal this, and He revealed it in the Person of Jesus Christ. Learn to know Him, and you will see God—His truth, His holiness, and His loving compassion.

As Christ was sent, He now sends us and works through us. Our Christian testimony by life and lip  
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I am convinced that Good News Crusades have done a tremendous amount of good.



Monroe Robison (left) and Everett L. Phillips

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# GOOD NEWS CRUSADES

## In Nigeria



They are already preparing for the third consecutive year of Good News Crusades!



I thank God for these Good News Crusades which have brought many to salvation.

*Africa Field Secretary Everett L. Phillips interviews Missionary Monroe Robison of Nigeria concerning the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES held there.*

EVERETT L. PHILLIPS: Monroe, I have a number of questions to ask you. What do the missionaries in Nigeria think of the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES which have been held in that country?

MONROE ROBISON: We missionaries feel that the GOOD NEWS CRUSADES program is one of the finest additions to our evangelistic outreach in Nigeria in recent years. I am convinced of it, and the other missionaries have said that the crusades have done a tremendous amount of good.

PHILLIPS: How many of these crusades have been held in Nigeria?

ROBISON: The first series took place in 18 cities, and the second year the crusades were held in 25 other cities.

PHILLIPS: What would you say concerning the attendance at these crusades?

ROBISON: The first and largest one was in Aba about two years ago,

and it was one of the most outstanding meetings I have seen in Nigeria. Approximately 37,000 people attended the six-day crusade there.

PHILLIPS: What would you say about the converts of these meetings?

ROBISON: I'll refer to Aba especially, because I am more acquainted with it. We can definitely go from church to church in Aba and find young men, young women, and older people who were converted during these meetings and are still there. Many of them have already had water baptism and now are church members.

PHILLIPS: Did you baptize the people who appeared to be converts immediately following the campaigns?

ROBISON: Oh, no. They were not baptized until approximately six months from the time they claimed conversion, and the pastors gave them examinations and were convinced these people were truly converted.

PHILLIPS: Have any new churches been developed directly out of these crusades?

ROBISON: One church started immediately following our GOOD NEWS

CRUSADE in Aba. Christ's Ambassadors of the First Assemblies of God Church in Aba went into this area because there were many signed decision cards with addresses in this part of Aba. They held an evangelistic meeting specifically to follow up on these names and to establish a church for them. Attendance there now is between six and seven hundred.

PHILLIPS: This follow-up program sounds interesting. Will you tell me something about it?

ROBISON: We printed four tracts to give out (one each week) to the new converts. These tracts, along with a number of signed decision cards, were given to a personal worker. He would then go into the home of each person whose name was on a decision card, talk with him, and leave the first tract. This was repeated each week.

PHILLIPS: Would you give me some idea as to the amount of money that was spent in one year for literature in one series of crusades.

ROBISON: In our first crusade we spent about \$20,000 to prepare 200,000 literature packets. Each of these packets had a Gospel of John, a picture storybook on the Life of Christ, a GOOD NEWS tract, and a tract on the Assemblies of God. It also had an invitation to apply for a correspondence course on the Gospel of John.

On the envelope was printed the

name and address of the local church with the time of services, the pastor's name, and an invitation to attend.

PHILLIPS: Give me some idea as to the volume of the entire year's production for one series of revivals.

ROBISON: Somewhere around 30,000 pounds of literature.

PHILLIPS: How was this large production of GOOD NEWS literature financed?

ROBISON: By the Men's Fellowship Light-for-the-Lost program.

PHILLIPS: In a rough average, how many literature packets did you use in one crusade in one church?

ROBISON: The Aba church took approximately 50,000 literature packets. Each of these packets was handed individually to the head of a home.

PHILLIPS: What do the national ministers think of these crusades?

ROBISON: They think they're tremendous. Many pastors told me they felt these crusades were necessary because they helped their churches grow. They saw definite results and they think it is the best thing that ever happened to them.

PHILLIPS: On the basis of past GOOD NEWS CRUSADES, do the missionaries and the leaders on the field plan to continue this program?

ROBISON: Yes. *When I left Nigeria just a few weeks ago, they were already preparing for the third con-*

*secutive year of GOOD NEWS CRUSADES!*

PHILLIPS: Have you any idea as to plans for this new year?

ROBISON: I believe we will once again prepare approximately 200,000 literature packets. For the first time Hausa and Ibo will be used in our GOOD NEWS packets, which in the past were all strictly English. This will not only open up our city areas, but will also enable pastors of the bush churches to take this literature to people who read only the vernacular.

PHILLIPS: Would you advise that any country that has not as yet had a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE to begin now to plan for one?

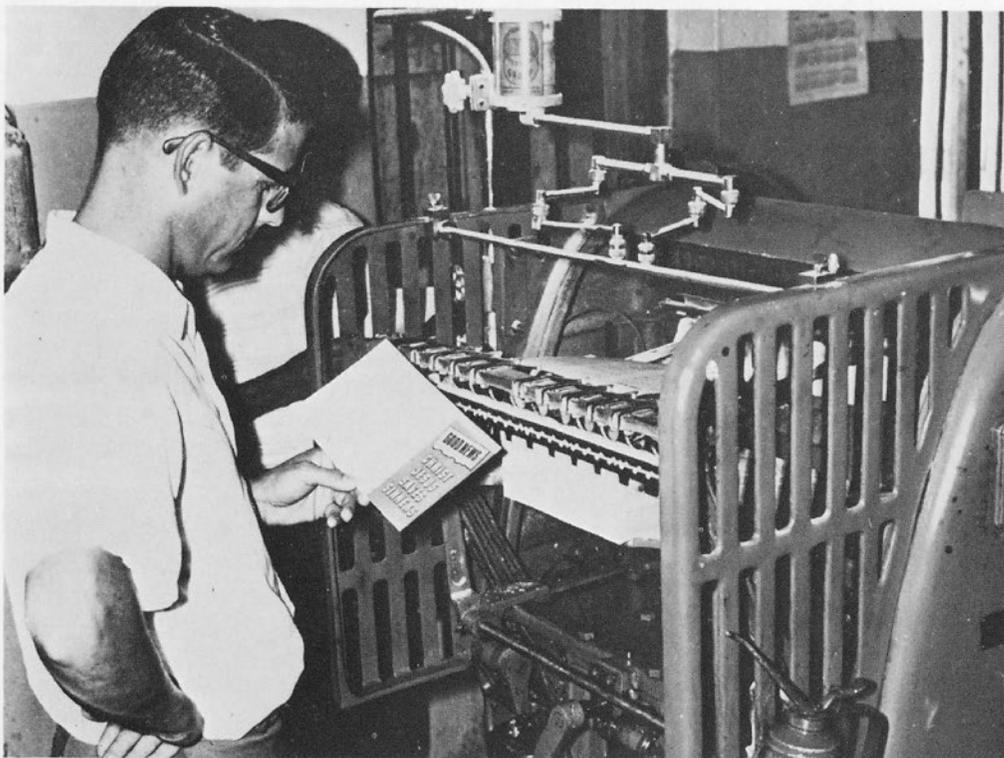
ROBISON: Very definitely. I feel that if it can be effective in one country because of well-planned (I stress this, well-planned) literature evangelism, it will work in another country. Plan it, promote it, and sell the national church first. You can sell the missionaries, you can sell Light-for-the-Lost; but unless you get the national church working with you, it will not be effective.

PHILLIPS: What are some of the pitfalls to avoid?

ROBISON: Of course, it is very important to have a goal—to have a definite plan. Every individual involved in it must be willing to put all of his time and energy into promoting this. We have found in Nigeria that it isn't the tremendous volume of literature that is pushed into one particular area, but it is the individual approach that counts. Each person who takes the literature should be trained. He should be one who has the desire to talk to someone about the Lord.

I thank God for these GOOD NEWS CRUSADES which have brought many to salvation. 

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## SENIORITY OR GRACE



By **DON MALLOUGH**  
Fremont, California

**W**HAT PART DOES SENIORITY PLAY in God's kingdom? Seniority is the basis of promotion in many industries. In railroads, airlines, and bus companies the worker with the longest tenure gets first choice for the best position. In the U. S. Congress key positions go to those who have served the longest, with little consideration to capability. In many other areas also preference is given to the person who has been on the job the longest.

Does this factor enter into spiritual matters as well? Since seniority is so important in other areas of life, does God also follow that system in promoting men?

A group of disgruntled workers, in one of the parables Jesus told, felt they were discriminated against because the rule of seniority was overlooked. Were they right or wrong in their complaints?

Our Lord gave a series of parables describing the kingdom of heaven. Each of the stories complement the others, and together they present a many-faceted picture of the Kingdom.

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After serving as pastor of Faith Tabernacle in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for seven years, Don Mallough recently moved west to become pastor of Bethel Assembly of God in Fremont, California.

In one of these parables Jesus dealt with the matter of advancement and position. A rich young ruler had just turned away because following Christ meant giving up the possessions he loved. Then Peter queried, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee: what shall we have therefore?"

In His reply our Lord enunciated one truth of which we should be reminded constantly. He said, "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first." Right then He gave a parable illustrating that truth and repeated the same truth again at the end (Matthew 20:1-16).

The owner of a vineyard hired a group of workers for a day and agreed to pay them a certain wage. They were to work 12 hours, from six in the morning until six in the evening.

At nine o'clock the owner found some more laborers and set them to working with just the promise that he would pay them what was right. At noon and at three o'clock he found more idle men and hired them to start immediately under the same arrangements. Finally at five o'clock he found yet others, and they worked for just an hour.

When the wages were given out, every man got the same amount. Then trouble broke out. There were grievances, complaints, and murmurings that grew louder and louder.

Who grumbled the most? Needless to say, it was the veteran workers who had toiled for 12 long hours. The grumblers not only felt they should have more money but complained about working conditions, including excessive heat.

On the surface their complaints appeared justified. A more thorough probing into the matter, however, shows it up in a different light. The householder had an irrefutable argument that made their grumblings look silly. He said, "Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny?" They had agreed definitely as to wages and hours. The men put in the required time, and the employer gave them the amount of money he had promised. What more could they ask? How had they been wronged?

The crux of the problem was that the parties in the dispute were reasoning from vastly different starting points. From the standpoint of seniority the workers had something about which to complain. But on the basis of grace they had no argument. When the employer paid a day's wages to one who worked only an hour, he did it on the basis of grace and out of the goodness of his heart. He said, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil because I am good?"

What was actually wrong with these grumpy veterans on the job? Their seniority wasn't a justification for their actions nor did it help to assuage the turmoil in their hearts. Their thinking was perverted and it led them astray.

*They had a faulty basis for their reasoning.* Instead of viewing the agreement they had with their employer, they were comparing themselves with the other workers. It was that comparison that irked them and magnified the idea that they had been mistreated. When they heard what was in the pay envelope of the others, the whole trouble began.

*They had a distorted view of their rights.* They as-

sumed that seniority or hours spent on the job were the sole basis for remuneration. Too often contending for rights leads only to turmoil—as it did in this case.

*They had an inflated opinion of their worth.* The demand for more wages came from self-evaluation. The apparent success of others produced envy in them and then brought an inflated opinion of their own importance—distorted reasoning which was born of selfishness.

*They had an exaggerated sense of the value of wages.* To them money loomed up as of prime importance. Nothing else was even a close second. It is most revealing that those workers who had an iron-clad financial agreement should be the ones who would have a grievance about the pay, while those who were hired on a promise to be treated right had no complaints.

Without a doubt, the householder in this parable depicts God. Jesus would have us understand that God operates on the principles of grace rather than seniority. It means that often the first will end up last and the last will be first. The promotion that God gives does not always result from years of service, attention to arduous duty, hard work, energies expended, or the merits that man would rank high. "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth up one and setteth down another" (Psalm 75:6,7). The ways of God do not always seem logical, because grace is not confined to the straightjacket of our reasoning.

Too often, even the best Christians assume that God has a system of seniority comparable to that in industry. A veteran preacher feels he should have a large church because of his long tenure in the ministry. When a younger man fills that pulpit, it upsets him greatly.

Charter members of a church allow resentment to creep in when comparative newcomers cause them to be lost in the crowd. Old-timers suppose that too much attention centers in the young people and rather disparagingly say, "If it hadn't been for us there would not even be a church here; and now we are forgotten."

A kindly person argues that she should have a place of leadership because she has been in the church longer than any of the other ladies. Someone assumes that the newcomers should be put on the bottom of the list of prospective Sunday school teachers. If seniority is the rule of the kingdom, then all of this is right. If it is of grace, then God has some surprises for us.

Andrew could well have pondered this matter of seniority. He, his brother Peter, and his two bosom friends James and John had been very close all their lives. Born in the same village, they had played together as boys and then worked together as fishermen. Eventually all of them became followers of Jesus of Nazareth. The other three even became a sort of inner circle to be with the Lord at important times. They often went with Him while Andrew and the other disciples were left behind.

Peter became a very illustrious preacher, and everyone knew him. Andrew had only an obscure role as a personal worker. Yet Andrew really had a longer service record than any of his boyhood chums. He was the first to follow the Lord; the others came later. He was the one who actually led Peter to Christ. Had Andrew been inclined to brood over these things, he could easily have become bitter. By all rights of seniority he should have been first and foremost. However, his sweet spirit

through it all indicated that he had a better understanding of God's ways.

God has no system of seniority nor does He dispense His gifts on the grounds of merit. Along with the householder of the parable He says, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?" If He dealt with us according to what we deserve, we would really have something to complain about.

God's plan of promotion is all of grace—His unmerited favor to us. If it were seniority, we would be constantly wrangling with one another. Knowing that it is of grace we are left with but one reaction—and that is to praise Him for what He deems best for our lives.

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## KEEP THE NET UP!

A LADY WATCHING HER GRANDCHILDREN play badminton became concerned because the shuttlecock went into the net more often than over it. Finally in exasperation she said, "We'll just take that net down so it won't get in your way."

She missed the point of the game, of course, but a lot of people today are doing something worse. They are figuratively taking down the net in the game of life.

Our modern technology and the resulting conveniences have made us comparative strangers to hardships. If one comes up, we look for ways to neutralize it before it can become a problem. This tendency to take down the net carries over into other areas of life as well. It is so easy for us to say, "I couldn't do it because . . ." or, "I wanted to do it, but. . ."

Evading responsibility is an old sin. Adam let expediency dictate his actions in the Garden. Aaron let expediency rule him in the matter of the golden calf. Pilate condemned Jesus in order to please the people. Each in his own way simply took down the net when the going got hard.

But God has always had men who kept the net up and played the game with courage. Some of their names are written in Hebrews 11. Others are alive today.

The greatest victories have always been won by those who, in the face of obstacles, fought on, never thinking of taking down the net. After Paderewski had played before Queen Victoria, she said to him, "You are a genius!"

"Ah, your Majesty, perhaps," he replied. "But before I was a genius, I was a drudge."

He had never taken down the net.

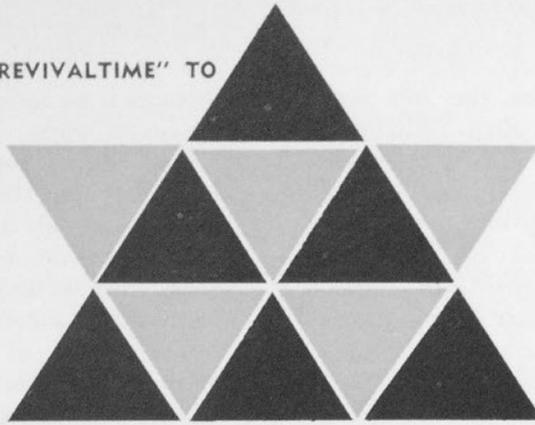
Obstacles keep us alert. Perpetual ease defeats itself. It is the discipline of difficulties that makes men and nations strong.

We are a nation fast going soft, a people expecting our inventions to take the hard knocks for us. If the time ever comes when all our nets are taken down, when there are no challenges left, existence will become meaningless indeed.

The same thing is true for the Church. Taking down the dividing net may make her more compatible with the world, but it will also make her less powerful in it.

Let's keep the net up and fight the good fight of faith. The rewards God promises are for overcomers!

—KATHERINE BEVIS



## AN EXCITING | WEEKEND IN TORONTO

**I**N KEEPING WITH CANADA'S 100th-birthday festivities, the Pentecostal Youth of Toronto will conduct a two-mile Centennial March through the streets of their city on Saturday, September 9.

The paraders, expected to number over a thousand, will proceed to Toronto's new City Hall for a special program, featuring *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward and several outstanding Canadian young people.

The midday parade will be the "kickoff" for two days of centennial activities conducted by Pentecostal churches in the Toronto area, to climax with a "live" *Revivaltime* origination broadcast service from Evangel Temple (Bond and Dundas Streets) on Sunday evening, September 10.

This marks the second time in five months that *Revivaltime* has accepted an invitation from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada to help celebrate the nation's

100th birthday by conducting "live" broadcast origination services. A previous centennial release was held in Winnipeg on May 7.

Following the Saturday parade and City Hall meeting, young people participating in the activities will move to Evangel Temple for a great Centennial Prayer Meeting. A citywide rally scheduled for 8 p.m. will also feature C. M. Ward.

For the *Revivaltime* speaker, the weekend of ministering will be especially thrilling, for the meetings will be held in his home church. Copastored by Brothers Laurie Price and Hope Smith, Evangel Temple is situated in the heart of a modern metropolis which is expanding at the rate of 50,000 persons a year.

Origination activities will begin at 10 p.m. Sunday evening, and the service will go on the air at 10:30 over the ABC radio network. On hand for the special

# THINGS

By EARL J. HANCE

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**R**ECENTLY, WHILE READING ROMANS 8, I became aware that seven times in verses 28-39 Paul mentions "things." This is an extremely versatile word. Webster defines it as "any material, circumstance, affair, or concern." That just about covers all areas of life.

Notice what Paul had to say about things. In verse 28, he said: "And we know that *all* things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

If you love God, if you are called according to His purpose—which is to be conformed to the image of God's Son (v. 29)—then you can claim this promise. If you are a child of God, then the Father intends everything that comes into your life to serve as a part of the fabric of His purpose for you.

In the light of this knowledge you literally don't have a thing to worry about. "In *everything* give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Nothing can do us ultimate harm or irreparable damage if God is in control. "What shall we say then to these *things*? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (v. 31). This is not fatalism: it is faith! It is not tolerance; it is trust.

Another important truth about *things* is revealed in verse 32: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all *things*?" This does not imply that God gives us His Son and then in addition He gives us things. What it does imply is that in Jesus He gives us all things. So we conclude that we do not have a thing to gain. We have all we need in Christ already.

Peter shed more light on this when he said God "hath given unto us all *things* that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of him" (2 Peter 1:3).

If we do not have all the things we need, the problem is not one of supply, but of appropriation. Every year millions of dollars go unclaimed because the rightful heirs are not aware of what is theirs. They are ignorant of their good fortune.

The same thing happens in the spiritual realm when God's people neglect to claim the "all things" that have been purchased for them. Whatever we need, our Father wants to supply. Do you need the baptism in the Spirit? Jesus is the Baptizer. Do you need healing? Jesus is the Healer. Do you need victory or deliverance in some area of your life? He is the Victor. "Ye are complete in him."

There is yet another truth about *things* in this passage: "In all these *things* we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (v. 37).

centennial service in addition to Speaker Ward will be Lee Shultz, secretary of radio and narrator of *Revivaltime*; C. T. Beem, director of the broadcast service; and Cyril McLellan, *Revivaltime* choir director.

*Revivaltime*, sponsored by the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A., is also the official radio voice of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and is regularly heard over 14 Canadian stations.

Many listeners are expected to attend the Evangel Temple broadcast. One Torontonion in particular will undoubtedly visit the evangelistic service, for he recently wrote to us saying:

"It was through *Revivaltime* that I really found my need for Christ. My life can never be the same. Needless to say I have a special place in my heart for your program."

Within Canada's rugged borders lives a vast and varied listening audience. While many live in thriving cities, others are in such remote areas that only radio can reach them with the gospel. Plying coastal waters, flying airplanes, manning hospitals, driving dog teams, planting outposts, sticking tenaciously in disappointing places, they count on radio as their only link with the outside world.

*Revivaltime* is pleased to be included with Expo '67, the Pan-American games, and other exciting events in the centennial program of this great northern nation.

If Canada is your vacation destination, plan to meet us in Toronto for an inspiring and rewarding weekend, September 9, 10. Join Canada's 150,000 Pentecostals in paying tribute to their country's 100 years of progress.

In three verses Paul listed 17 things that may try to defeat the child of God, and he said boldly that they "shall not be able." This was not wild speculation with Paul. He had learned it was possible to be stripped of all the world counts important without losing anything vital.

"What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. . . I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Philippians 3:7, 8).

Paul was a man with nothing to lose because he had already given up everything in order to have Jesus. And he counted himself the winner. The true Christian can patiently bear the loss of earthly things because in Christ he still has all things that pertain to life and godliness. These he can keep, whatever else goes.

What rest for the weary! What relief from the pressures of a straining, striving, grasping world is ours when we accept God's promise that all things do work together for good. How rich we are when we realize that in Jesus, the Father has freely given us all things. What victory comes when we take our position in Him who makes us "in all these things" more than conquerors!

*All that I want is in Jesus;  
He satisfies, joy He supplies;  
Life would be worthless without Him,  
All things in Jesus I find.\**

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## WITNESS BY A WELL

FEW LOCATIONS are known for more Biblical events than the area surrounding Jacob's Well. Close by, Abraham pitched his tent for the first time in Canaan. Jacob camped here after returning from Laban's house, and it was he who dug the well. Nearby the Israelites buried Joseph whose bones had been carried with them in their exodus from Egypt. And here Jesus talked with the woman of Samaria. John 4 tells the story.

The neighboring city of Shechem played an important role in Old Testament history. Abimelech, one of the judges, made it his capital; and when rebels took refuge in its tower with its 16-foot-thick walls, he burned it and them with fire. Shechem watched while foolish Rehoboam lost most of his kingdom, and Jeroboam, "who made Israel to sin," chose the city as the first capital of the northern kingdom of Israel.

Several years ago, work was begun on the construction of a church over the ancient well. At present it has walls but no roof, as the photo shows. Visitors reach the mouth of the well by entering these two doors and descending the stairs. When Jacob dug the well he had a prodigious task. The water level is now 120 feet below the surface, and the water depth is reported to be 40 feet, making a total depth of 160 feet.

No wonder the woman of Samaria exclaimed, "Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep," when Jesus offered to give her "living water." How tactfully and wisely the Master guided her until she obtained water that was not to be found in the well. Leaving her waterpots (she didn't need them for the kind of water Jesus offered), she witnessed of Jesus to the people of Sychar, and many of them also came and drank.

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## Our Magnificent Christ

Sunday School Lesson for September 3, 1967  
PSALMS 22:1-8; 23:1-6; 24:1-4

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THERE IS A REMARKABLE RELATIONSHIP between these three great Psalms, as Graham Scroggie has pointed out. Psalm 22 reveals the *Suffering Saviour*; 23, the *Shepherd*; 24, the *Sovereign*. Psalm 22 is the psalm of *grace*; 23, of *guidance*; 24, of *glory*. Psalm 22 speaks of the *past*; 23, of the *present*; 24 of the *future*.

### THE SUFFERING SAVIOUR (Psalm 22)

An unnamed sufferer, surrounded by his enemies, endures agonies of body and soul. Temporarily forsaken of God, he is assured of final victory and rejoices in a song of triumph. The Psalm is in two parts: (1) the sufferer's cry of distress (vv. 1-21) and (2) the sufferer's song of triumph (vv. 22-31). The Psalm goes beyond David's experience. It describes in amazing detail Christ's sufferings on the cross.

1. *The Desertion*. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (v. 1). These are the very words Christ later uttered on the cross (Matthew 27:46). Why forsaken? He who knew no sin was "made sin for us"

that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. (See 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24.)

2. *The Reproach*. "But I am a worm, and no man" (v. 6). As He hung on the cross, He felt comparable to one of the most helpless of all His own creations—a downtrodden worm. Christ died not as a martyr but as a criminal (Galatians 3:13). He was "despised and rejected of men" (Isaiah 52:14; 53:2).

3. *The Ridicule*. (Read verses 7, 8, 13, and compare them with Matthew 27:27-30, 39-44.) Picture the jeers, the gestures of contempt by the crowd around the cross, all endured for our sake!

4. *The Suffering* (vv. 14, 15). The terminology here quite accurately describes the type of physical suffering crucifixion would produce. "I am poured out like water"—the weakness and disintegration; "all my bones are out of joint" due to the stretching. "My heart is like wax" speaks of the strain upon that organ. "My strength is dried up" and "my tongue cleaveth to my jaws" describe the intolerable thirst induced by fever, exposure to the elements, and the inflammation of His wounds. (See John 19:28.)

5. *The Piercing*. "They pierced my hands and my feet" (v. 16). Are we willing to be pierced and scarred for Him?

6. *The Humiliation* (vv. 17, 18). He was stripped of His clothes, and the soldiers divided them, then gambled for His seamless robe. As He hung on the cross, His skin was stretched and His bones showed through so clearly they could be counted.

### THE SUFFICIENT SHEPHERD (Psalm 23)

Apart from the Lord's Prayer, perhaps no portion of God's Word has been so universally loved and treasured as Psalm 23. The truth it contains has mended broken hearts, eased the pain of suffering bodies, quieted distracted minds and fearful hearts, comforted the bereaved, and given courage to those about to depart from this life. David uses the relationship of shepherd and sheep to describe his own relationship with God.

"The Lord is my shepherd," he affirms, and the practical and glorious result of this blessed fact is that "I shall not want"—I shall lack nothing necessary to a life of godliness and service.

The Shepherd provides *food* in "green pastures" and *water* in "still waters." (See Isaiah 55:1; Psalm 65:9; and John 4:14; 7:37-39.) He provides *rest*: "He maketh me to lie down" and "He restoreth my soul." *Guidance* and *sanctification* come as He leads us "in the paths of righteousness." There is confidence also; "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." (See Hebrews 13:5, 6; and Isaiah 43:2; 41:10-13.)

*Protection* and *provision* are ours as "thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." The rod and the staff are to protect the sheep. In the conflicts of the Christian life, our Shepherd provides a table and guards His own. He *anoints* us with oil. *Joy* is a cup which "runneth over."

So the Christian has a right to be confident and optimistic. He knows that goodness and mercy follow him through his life, and he shall "dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

### JUST LIKE THE GOOD SHEPHERD



## A QUIZ FOR LEADERS

THERE ARE FIVE BASIC TYPES OF LEADERS. Locate yourself in the following:

1. *The bureaucrat*, who lives by the rule book, often more interested in the rule than in people. Insists on the "letter" rather than the "spirit."
2. *The autocrat*, who makes his own rules, and generally makes them as he goes.
3. *The expert*, who is more concerned with his "specialty" than anything else.
4. *The diplomat*, who is more a manipulator of people than a leader of people.
5. *The quarterback*, who is a true team leader in the spirit of 1 Peter 5:2: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." —GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWS

## HE HAD THE RIGHT SONG!

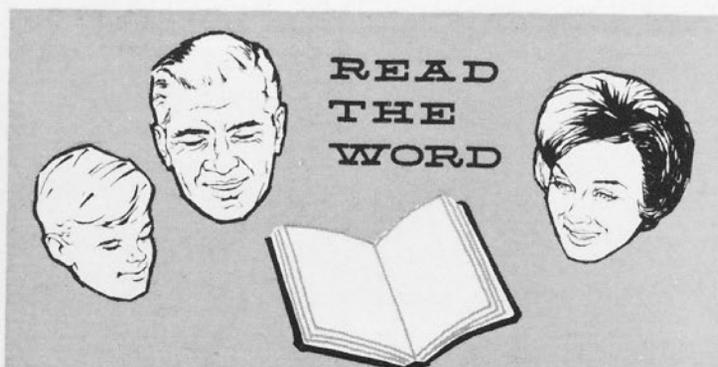
WHEN I WAS IN BRITAIN a few weeks ago, I learned of a tragic incident. A man suddenly disappeared while walking down a street in Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, England, one bright sunny day! He was a member of the Salvation Army. As he walked along, he was singing a hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee."

A lady saw the Salvationist approaching and heard his song. Then she gave a cry of alarm, for a great hole suddenly appeared in the street, and the singer instantly dropped from sight! The pavement had caved in, plunging the Salvationist to his death hundreds of feet down an old mine shaft.

A search was made, but his body never was found. Far below the surface of the earth he had passed into eternity. An Assemblies of God church now stands on this street almost opposite the spot that caved in.

It was a strange and tragic event, but there is consolation in knowing he was a born-again Christian. He had the right song on his lips. What song will you be singing when you pass from time into eternity?

—ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND



### CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 27—SEPT. 3

Sunday .....	Ephesians 1, 2	Thursday .....	Phil. 3, 4
Monday .....	Ephesians 3, 4	Friday .....	2 Kings 3, 4
Tuesday .....	Ephesians 5, 6	Saturday .....	2 Kings 5, 6
Wednesday .....	Phil. 1, 2	Sunday .....	2 Kings 7, 8

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*I read in the Bible that those who came to a prophet for advice made it a practice to bring a gift (1 Samuel 9:7-10). I love to attend church but feel condemned when I am unable to give in the offerings. Ought I to go when I have no offering, or should I stay away?*

We go to church to worship. The Bible tells us not to neglect "the assembling of yourselves together." If we cannot give an offering of money every time we go to church, we can still love and worship Jesus. The greatest gift we can take to church is the gift of our devoted hearts. We can give God our love.

*Jephthah vowed that the first thing that came from his house to greet him after the victories of war would become a burnt offering to the Lord. His daughter came out first to meet him. Did he slay her? (Judges 11:30, 31)*

There are differences of opinion as to how Jephthah fulfilled his vow. Some think she was made a literal burnt offering; others that she became a "living sacrifice," devoted to the service of the tabernacle; while still others believe she was merely deprived of the privilege of marriage. We here present some Old Testament references to the law relative to vows:

1. "When a man shall make a singular vow . . ." (Leviticus 27:2). According to the concordance I consulted, the word "singular" means "wonderful." It is a freely made pledge.

2. A female who was vowed was to be estimated at 10 shekels if 20 years of age or younger (v. 5). As I understand it, she could be redeemed by paying 10 shekels into the treasury.

3. If not redeemed that which was vowed became the property of the priesthood for religious service. "Everything devoted in Israel shall be thine" (Numbers 18:14).

4. If an animal was to be made a burnt offering, the sacrifice was brought to the door of the tabernacle and there slain. The priests then caught the blood and sprinkled it about upon the altar. The body was then cut into pieces and burned upon the altar (Leviticus 1).

5. It was against the law of God to make human sacrifices. "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire" (Deuteronomy 18:10).

6. Those who believe Jephthah's vow was fulfilled by depriving his daughter of marriage, point to her request that she might bewail her virginity for two months, with her friends. And, they ask, why should the daughters of Israel go to Mizpeh for four days in the year to lament the daughter of Jephthah if she was dead, or no longer there? (Judges 11:38-40)

Now make your decision.

*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.*

**T**WO NEW TEEN CHALLENGE CENTERS—one in Denver, Colo., and the other in Bayamon, Puerto Rico—have joined the other 10 officially recognized Centers to reach troubled youth of their areas. In addition to the new Centers, others are located in: New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Boston, Phoenix, and the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

Teen Challenge in Detroit continues on a good foundation under the direction of J. Herbert Meppelink, who has recently received Home Missions appointment. The Meppelink family resides in the building in which the Teen Challenge office is located. A five-bedroom home about 300 feet from the office building was a gift to Teen Challenge. It will be used as a women's dormitory and will house the staff involved in city ministry. The house has been redecorated.

Detroit Teen Challenge also has a Retreat. It is located approximately 57 miles north of Detroit. Attractive brick buildings are located on beautiful and spacious grounds.

Street evangelism, literature distribution, and services at the Center have left an impact on hundreds of Detroit youth. Many have been saved.

Detroit Teen Challenge is also renting other buildings as centers where converts may come for worship, limited recreation, and club ministry.

Peter J. Oliver, director of the Puerto Rican Teen Challenge, writes that in about nine months they have had 44 converts, young men who will be entering the training center farm at Rehrersburg, Pa. This makes a total of 67 young people who have been channeled by the Puerto Rican Center to the training program of the New York Teen Challenge.

The Puerto Rican ministry is limited to the rehabilitation of drug addicts there. In January 1967, Ismael Garcia joined the central Bayamon Teen Challenge and consented to supervise a new outreach to be located in Santa Isabel. All the denominational churches in the town participated in the dedication of this new Center.

The Bayamon Teen Challenge radio program, "La Hora Positiva," continues to be transmitted throughout the island on station WKAQ. It has been a blessing to many and has given the Center much publicity.

The Center has a regular jail program in different correctional institutions. It has served as a point of contact for the probation department and its parole board. Teen Challenge is recognized by them as a referral agency.

The Puerto Rican Teen Challenge has distributed 500 copies (in Spanish) of the book *The Cross and the Switchblade* by David Wilkerson, 5,000 copies of their pamphlet, "Positive Cure of Drug Addiction," and 25,000 tracts entitled "New Hope for Drug Addicts."

The most urgent need for the Center is more property. They would like to purchase a certain 25-acre farm between San Lorenzo and Patillas for \$25,000. Also they need to translate one of their films for youth into Spanish. This will cost approximately \$300.

The Center's staff is sponsoring a telemarathon for the Thanksgiving season. Young men who have been



Present headquarters for Denver Teen Challenge.

## TEEN

rehabilitated will give their testimonies and the talented youth of many evangelical churches throughout the island will be presented. The program will last approximately 10 hours.

Denver, Colo., is the newest addition to the Teen Challenge family with David D. Patterson as director. Thousands of young people in the metropolitan area of Denver are desperately in need of help. Narcotics addiction, alcoholism, and sexual perversion are prevalent problems.

A two-story house at 954 Pearl Street serves as the Teen Challenge Chapel, replacing the former Chapel of the Streets. Christ's Ambassadors of Full Gospel Chapel of Denver began the Chapel of the Streets in June 1965 in a rented store building one block from the State Capitol building. They continued to pray for a house for a Teen Challenge Center and finally were able to rent the house on Pearl Street this year. A group of working-age C.A.'s pooled their resources to pay the rent.

All street evangelism efforts are now channeled

Five-bedroom home to be women's dorm in Detroit.





Detroit Teen Challenge office and residence for Director J. Herbert Meppelink (shown at right in the office).

# CHALLENGE ON THE MOVE

through the Teen Challenge Chapel. Wallace Hickey, pastor of Full Gospel Chapel, acted as pastor of the Chapel of the Streets and Larry Wirth was director until the Teen Challenge Chapel became a reality.

Seattle Teen Challenge has been trying to locate five to ten acres of land near Seattle. The Center plans to take their converts out of the troubled city for a short period of time, teach them to pray and study the Bible, and then return them to be witnesses of God's saving grace. They would appreciate your prayers that God will provide this rural property. David Torres is director.

Philadelphia Teen Challenge (Bob Bartlett, director) has about 35 summer workers plus the Center's own returning college boys to augment their regular full-time staff. They are reaping a great harvest for the Master among troubled youth. About 300 young people responded to the altar call following Brother Bartlett's message during a Teen Challenge meeting in the Town Hall in early summer.

Paul Bell, director of Boston Teen Challenge, planned summer rallies in several key locations for the thousands

of restless young people. They intercept young people in the beach amusement areas, slum sections, thoroughfares, housing projects, and vice centers. They even go into the worst parts of the city, where policemen take dogs with them for protection.

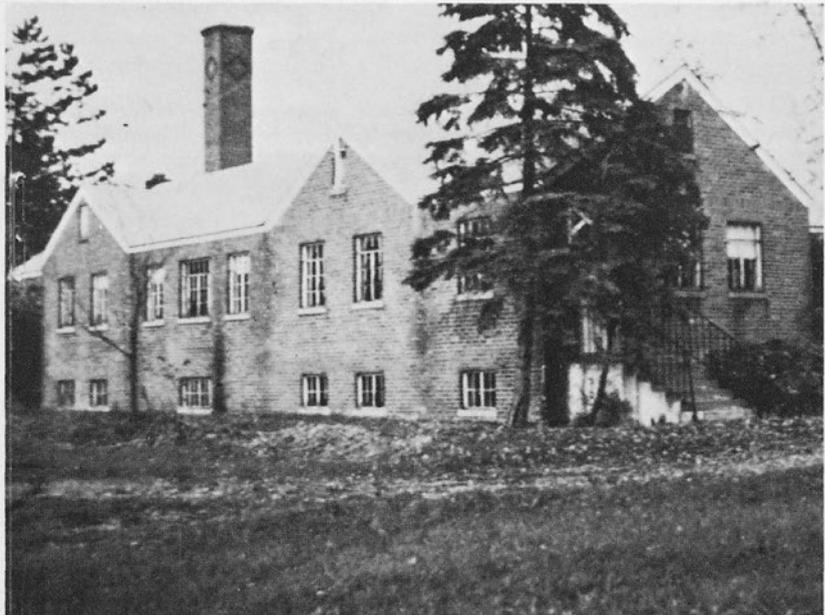
The comparatively new Teen Challenge ministry in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, under the direction of Howard Foltz, is forging ahead. Souls are finding Christ as their Saviour in pool halls, bars, bowling alleys, jails, on the streets, in the housing projects, etc.

Several thousand souls have been saved through this outreach. From probation officers, juvenile officers, and pastors the Center gets referrals of youth bound by habits, who need a place to stay.

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A report of the summer activities of the various Teen Challenge Centers will appear in a later issue of the *Evangel*. A list of Teen Challenge Centers and other Home Missions institutions is available upon request from the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

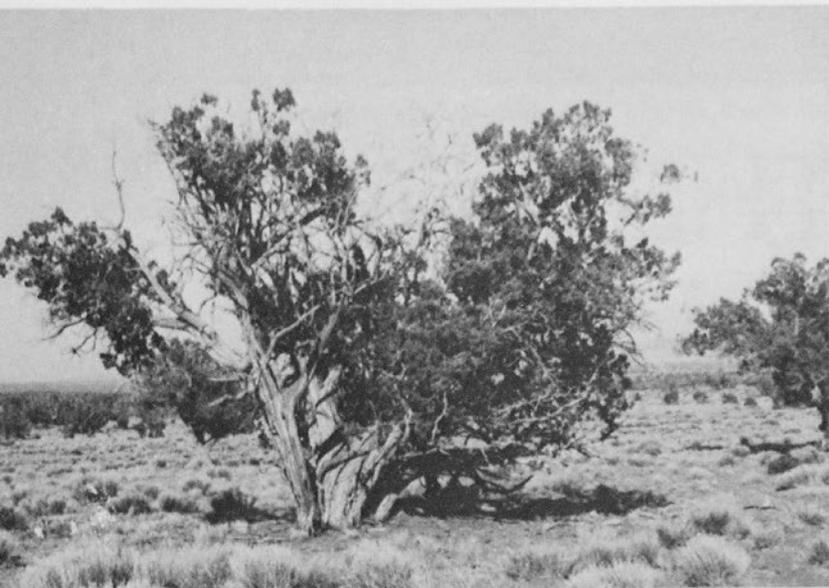
Dormitory at the Teen Challenge Retreat north of Detroit. Another view of the Retreat (which includes 9.3 acres) is at right.





## SCRUB CEDARS AND TRANS- FORMED LIVES

By CHARLES KUMLEY JR.  
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AS WE BOUNCE ALONG in our car on the rough roads of the reservation trails, a familiar sight greets our eyes. Scrub cedars are everywhere!

When we came to minister in Navaholand, these grotesque trees fascinated us at once. Twisted, broken, and half-dead, yet these trees of God's creation are strangely beautiful. They are familiar landmarks silhouetted against the sky.

Gradually I saw a parallel between the scrub cedars and many Navaho people: twisted in mind, broken by circumstances, and dead in sin. Although this parallel could be applied to many others who do not know Christ, it is particularly true of the American Indian.

Once I was asked to conduct the funeral of a woman who had attended our church a few times. She had never accepted Christ. Immediately after the funeral, all the belongings of the deceased woman, her mattress, quilts, and clothing (old and new) were removed from her hogan and burned. Then the three families who had lived in the camp with her moved across the river to their summer camp. There they lived until they built new homes just across the road from the old ones. Never again will one of them live where someone has died. Minds twisted by superstition and fear!

After our first interpreter was suddenly called home to be with the Lord, we carried her body to the cemetery in our pickup. Because of their fear of the dead, some Indians would not ride in our pickup again. Others would never even return to our church. They are like the twisted cedars.

The incidence of disease and sickness is high on the

reservation. Alcoholism with its accompanying immorality produces broken lives. The iniquity of the fathers is visited upon their children. Theirs is a godless heritage.

Many of the Navaho are greatly talented. They weave beautiful rugs and produce objects of art wrought in silver. But they will take many dollars' worth of hard-earned money along with a number of sheep to pay a medicine man to sing over a loved one to try to obtain healing. When these costly sings fail, in desperation they sometimes have a *Yei Bitchai* ceremony. They dance all night for five consecutive nights. During these five nights, the family must pay the medicine man and the dancers, besides providing food for the guests who come from far and near. Broken branches—broken lives.

A third parallel—not just half-dead as the branches, but dead in trespasses and sin. Because there is no hope or reality, the American Indian is an easy prey for the escapism which peyote affords. At the peyote "party" the priest usually sells 20 to 30 buds to a person. However, some will chew as many as 100. With the peyote, they consume soft drinks. The peyote "worshippers" claim that in their hallucinations they worship their god more freely. But their god gives them no joy, no hope, no gift of life. They are still dead in their sins.

Many of the cedar trees are so twisted they are used only for fuel—burned. Here the parallel ends, for the twisted cedar can never be anything else. But a twisted, broken, and spiritually dead Navaho can be transformed by the power of the gospel. And this is our business!

In our ministry at the Burntwater Assembly of God, we have witnessed this transforming power at work. A lady and her husband who were saved have testified to deliverance from drinking wine. Lives that were once broken are now useful to the Lord's service.

Recently Adrian Harper of Gallup, N. Mex., was our teacher training course instructor. Seven people received certificates after studying the book, *Teaching as Jesus Taught*.

Presently we are erecting a church on Highway 66. A group of men from Bethel Temple in Sacramento, Calif., plan to assist in erecting our building. When the church is completed, we expect to reach other "scrub cedars" to plant by the "rivers of water." They, too, have fruit to bring forth for God's glory. 

**This scrub cedar (above) is a familiar sight on the Navaho reservation. On this lot (below) a new building for the Assembly of God in Burntwater, Ariz., is being constructed.**

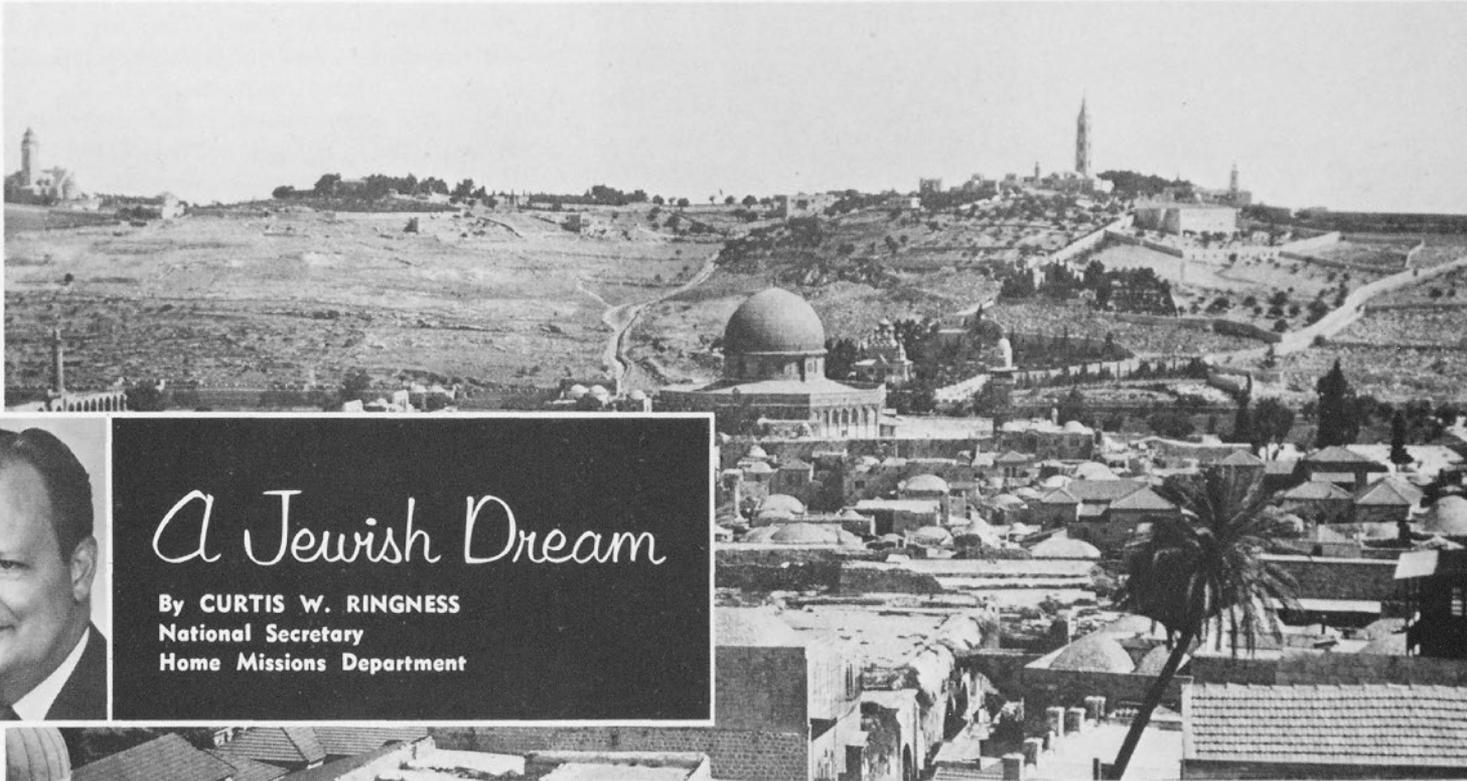


**T**HE DREAM OF A MESSIAH has not faded from the Jewish heart and mind. There are many who still recite their articles of faith, one of them being: "I believe with my whole heart and mind that the Messiah will come—the Messiah, the Son of David; and though He tarry, I will wait for Him."

Trouble, confusion, persecution, and agony have dogged the Jew through the ages. Men and nations have at-

forward, not back, to their Golden Age. They continue to cling tenaciously to the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and repeated throughout the Old Testament. Some of the outstanding leaders of the Israeli forces assert that the God who fought with Joshua and David was also fighting for them in the recent conflict.

But they fail to understand that the God whom they praise for the victory they are now enjoying, and to whom they pray, is the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. As the time of the Gentiles comes to a close, the day when the Jew shall look on Him whom



## A Jewish Dream

By CURTIS W. RINGNESS  
National Secretary  
Home Missions Department

Looking eastward from the old city of Jerusalem toward the Mount of Olives.

tempted to disannul the divine purpose as it concerns this people. They have tried to annihilate this remarkable race ever since the days of Moses. World rulers and conquerors, even to our present generation, tried it with most disastrous results to themselves and their nations. The list is a long one—Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Sennacherib, Cambyses, Alexander, the Caesars, Pompey, Titus, Hadrian, Omar, Saladin, and more recently Hitler and Stalin.

Broken and bleeding under the cruel rods of persecution, the Jews still hope for the coming of their Messiah. They still celebrate their ancient feasts and greet one another at the Jewish New Year with the old salutation: "This year we are here, but the next we may be in Jerusalem."

To the present-day Jew, this yearning has suddenly become a possibility—to many a reality. Applications for passports to their homeland have greatly increased in volume since the Israeli victory over the Arab forces. Apart from being born of God, this homing instinct is as unexplainable as that force within certain fowl of the air and fish of the sea which carries them to destinations inhabited by their progenitors.

Unlike other peoples of the earth, the Jews look

they have pierced is fast approaching. With that look shall come comprehension—acceptance of Christ as their long-awaited Messiah.

Meanwhile we have an opportunity in these momentous days to redouble our efforts to preach the gospel of Jesus to the Jew as well as to the Arabs and all Gentiles. For when a Jew accepts Christ as his Messiah and is converted, he becomes overwhelmed by the realities of this glorious experience. His dream, his hope is suddenly fulfilled.

Today there are more than 12 million Jews in the world. Less than three million Jews are in Israel. About six million live in the United States, largely concentrated in the larger cities, but almost every community will find some Jews among its professional men and merchants. Christians have a responsibility to witness to them. We must communicate the gospel to them.

The Assemblies of God has Hebrew Centers in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angeles, and a number of our appointed missionaries and others minister to the Jews. But the task must not be committed to these alone. The Lord's promise still holds true: "I will bless them that bless thee." And there is no greater way to bless the Jew than to lead him to the Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE INCIDENTS of the war in South Africa at the turn of the century was the unconditional surrender of the great Boer leader, General Cronje, and some 4,600 men, to the British general, Lord Roberts.

Under Roberts' leadership, the British had thrown powerful forces across the Boer line of communication to avoid encirclement. Cronje ordered his men to retreat. By a night march they secured a fair start, but the heavy train of wagons hindered their flight. The British

# Unconditional Surrender

By MORRIS CHALFANT

soon surrounded them. Cronje and his men took refuge in the banks of the Medder River near Praedberg.

A desperate encounter followed, as more than a hundred British guns poured a stream of death into the Boer trenches. Some of the ammunition wagons were hit, and in the ensuing explosion the company in charge suffered heavy casualties.

Cronje was given opportunity to surrender and thus save his forces from annihilation, but he said he would fight to the death.

In the gray dawn of February 27, 1900, the Boers discovered that the British had advanced so far during the night that further resistance was useless. Their commander went into the British camp to confer with General Roberts as to terms of surrender. The terms were at once made clear to him. The British general would have nothing but unconditional surrender.

Asked what he had to say, Cronje mused for a moment, then answered, "Yes." There was no alternative! He and his men yielded unconditionally to their conquerors, laying down their arms of rebellion.

All was changed for the Boers from that moment of unconditional surrender. They had been suffering from pangs of hunger and the fear of impending destruction. Many of them were in terror as to what would happen when they fell into the hands of the British. But to their surprise and relief, the hungry were fed, the wounded had their wounds dressed, and the terror-stricken were assured they had nothing to fear. All agreed that their condition after surrender was far better than they had expected it to be.

The experience of the Boers has an interesting parallel in the experience of those who have surrendered unconditionally to Jesus Christ. We are by nature and practice in rebellion against Him, and what He demands is unconditional surrender. As long as we continue to rebel, there is nothing ahead for us but "a certain fearful looking for of judgment." The lines of justice tighten about us, and the final offer of mercy is in danger of being withdrawn forever.

But the moment we surrender, acknowledging that we are helpless sinners in need of God's mercy, that moment we are received and justified; our starving souls are fed; our deepest needs are met.

Have you surrendered to Jesus? His purpose toward you is to save, not to destroy. His plan for you is abundant life, not eternal death. His terms are simply, "Believe and live."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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will show the outworking of God's character in our lives.

And as Christ was endued with power for His task, He has provided an enduement for us through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He has given us the Holy Spirit to empower us for witnessing.

### WHY ARE WE SENT?

"That they may be one... that the world may believe... that the world may know..." (vv. 21, 23).

There is a unique oneness existing between God the Father and God the Son. They are one in essence, nature, and substance; and one in plan, purpose, and cooperation.

As the Father sent the Son, the Son sends us that the world may believe, and know, and experience the love of God. God has a great delight in His Son and in believers, for they are "accepted in the beloved." And He has a deep yearning for the unbeliever. He wants His love of yearning for the unbeliever to turn to a love of delight. This He will do through human channels.

As the Father sent the Son in the "fulness of time," the Son is sending us. I feel our Fellowship has been chosen for this hour—that we have come to the kingdom for this time.

It is no mere coincidence that at the turn of the century a small group of revolutionaries led by Lenin met in an "upper room" to study and plan world revolution. Impressed with the phenomenal success of Christianity, they turned to the Book of Acts to discover the dynamics of the New Testament revolution that shook the world of the first century.

They discovered two basic principles, as pointed out by Virgil Gerber: (1) *total commitment*—the absolute surrender of every disciple to the Lordship of Christ; and (2) *total involvement*—the active participation of every disciple in effective witness for Christ.

But, as Gerber noted, their search, based on dialectical materialism and the presuppositions of human intellect, failed to take note of the great plus factor of the New Testament dynamic: *total enduement*—the accompanying enablement of every disciple to fulfill his part in the Great Commission.

The infant Church, born at Pentecost, was energized with an explosive, atomic quality, the *dunamis* of the Holy Spirit. That Church set off a chain reaction of spiritual reproduction and growth that reached from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

These three principles—total commitment, total involvement, and total enduement—always have been, and are today, God's plan and strategy. With these in perspective and practice, there is success; without them, there is failure. With these in focus, we share the heartbeat of the Master. It is here that we find our objective as "sent" ones.

Our primary objective is basically a twofold task: (1) to evangelize individuals—"the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15); and (2) to disciple peoples—"teach all nations, baptizing them... teaching them..." (Matthew 28:19, 20). This is our sacred assignment.

God has chosen men—you and me—to do this job. It is impossible to separate this task from men—sent men. God calls for men who are committed, involved,

and endowed—men who know God, believe God, trust God, and prove God.

God's purpose in this age is to establish a Church (Acts 15:13-17). When this has been done, our Lord shall "see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied" (Isaiah 53:11), and that Church shall be "to the praise of [the Father's] glory" (Ephesians 1:6); "that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7). Then we shall "be with [Him]" and "behold [His] glory" (v. 24).

## JOY IN JERUSALEM

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Holy Places were made accessible to all without distinction.

"As soon as the population learned this sensational news, a scramble ensued, the inhabitants of the Old City making towards the New, and the inhabitants of the New City making towards the Old. There was a huge crowd of Jews, Muslims, and Christians rubbing one against the other, and greeting one another in all sorts of languages—in the narrow alleyways, and in front of the Wailing Wall, and on the Mount of Olives, and in other places, in an atmosphere of joy and deliverance.

"Everywhere one could hear, 'Shalom, shalom!' 'Peace, peace!' This greeting is becoming more and more a hope and a prayer. The time of peace is near, for the Almighty has promised it: 'And in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts' (Haggai 2:9). From here peace will spread over the whole earth.

"On seeing this dense crowd composed of many nations in the midst of Israel and Ishmael together, I seemed to hear the Word of the Lord which came through His servant, the prophet: 'For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him' (Isaiah 56:7, 8).

"The crowd is a symbol of the future, when our Lord will return to reign in His glory. But the adversary tries desperately to prevent this return, and that is why new threats and dangers are already on the horizon. May all His followers, obedient to His voice, stand in the breach; and as they perceive the signs of the times, may they watch and pray, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.'"

July 11, 1967

"Best greetings from Jerusalem, reunified at last, in the name of our Lord Yeshua Hamaschiah. May the Lord bless you....

"I am including in this letter a few photographs of the aftermath of the Six Days' War—destruction and wretchedness, but also blessing through the demolition of walls of separation, the reunification of Jerusalem, and freedom of circulation in both directions.

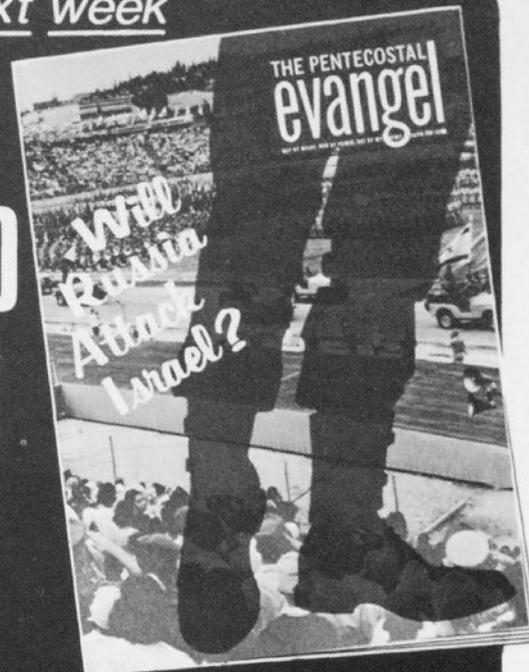
"Despite the advantages of the situation, we place ourselves more than ever under the care and protection of the Almighty, for somber stormclouds are once again appearing on the horizon.

"Thanks be to God; He is victorious, and we put ourselves in His trust.

"'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee' (Psalm 122:6)."

See it next week

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But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9).

As a prophet of God, Jeremiah had been equipped for his task: "I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. . . . Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 5:14; 23:29). It is the Word that burned then, and God's holy Word still burns in hearts that embrace it.

Every Christian ought to be "on fire" with the Word of God. He should know the Word and have burning convictions of its truth, until those about him will be affected by its warmth, power, and illumination.

#### BURNING WITH DEVOTION

Jesus declared that the first and great commandment is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Old Testament worship involved the continual burning of sacrifices. Aaron and his sons were commanded, "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out" (Leviticus 6:13).

In the New Testament, Paul challenges us to "be aglow and burning with the Spirit" (Romans 12:11, Amplified Bible). And he beseeches believers to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Romans 12:1). So we are to present our lives to God continually in adoration and service.

In the Book of Revelation we are warned against letting our devotion run cool. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:4, 5).

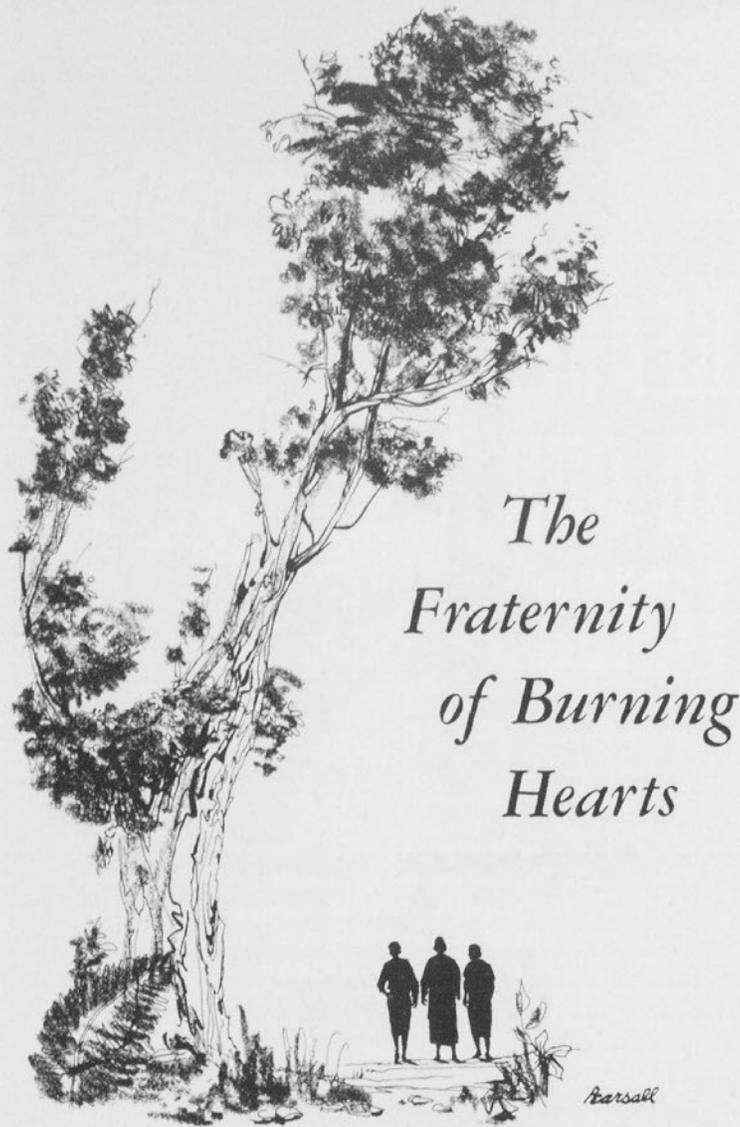
To the church of Laodicea, Christ said, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15, 16).

#### BURNING WITH COMPASSION

Compassion is a sympathetic awareness of another's need and a desire to do something about it. Jesus set the example for us in compassion. "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36).

When a leper came to Him for help, He was again "moved with compassion."

On one occasion, as He drew near to Jerusalem, "He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, 'If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes'" (Luke 19:41, 42).



## The Fraternity of Burning Hearts

**D**ID NOT OUR HEART *burn* within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

With these words the two disciples who had walked with Jesus on the Emmaus road recalled the exciting experiences of the Resurrection Day.

But to have a burning heart is the privilege of everyone who walks in close communion with the resurrected Christ.

Jesus forewarned of a time when "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). This time seems to be upon us now, and all of Christendom needs a rekindling of spiritual fervor.

It was after the disciples waited in the Upper Room that the fire of God burned in their hearts and sent them out to spread the flame of truth.

It was after John Wesley had felt his heart "strangely warmed" that the great Methodist revival broke forth which left a tremendous imprint upon the world.

Each of us is responsible for his own spiritual "climate." We are to be "thermostats," not "thermometers"! In every area of our lives it is possible to keep the holy fires burning.

#### BURNING WITH TRUTH

Jeremiah tells of a time when he was "in derision daily." Everyone mocked him. "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name.

This was the city in which He was to be sentenced to death, yet He took no pleasure in the thought of the judgment that was to come upon it. He looked beyond His own suffering and wept for Jerusalem.

As Christians we are under moral obligation to our generation to "rescue the perishing, care for the dying," to give them the gospel of Jesus Christ. But our ministry will be uninspired servitude unless our hearts burn with compassion born of divine love. Only then can we love even those who oppose God's plan for their lives.

#### BURNING WITH CONCERN

Paul writes, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1). He was so concerned for their spiritual welfare that he would have been willing to be "accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:3).

Again in Philippians 1:8, he says, "God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ."

With the Galatians in danger of reverting to Judaism, Paul pleads, "Oh my children, how you are hurting me. I am once again suffering for you...longing for the time when you will finally be filled with Christ" (Galatians 4:19, *Living Letters*).

To be truly effective witnesses for Christ, we must have more than condescending sympathy for the lost. We must be possessed by an insatiable passion for their salvation—a passion that will overcome indolence and indifference and make us partners with God in bringing them to Himself.

#### BURNING WITH ZEAL

When the disciples saw Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple, they "remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" (John 2:17). In *Living Letters*, the prophetic reference to zeal is rendered, "Concern for God's house will be My undoing!"

Indeed, it was because Jesus was so deeply committed to please His heavenly Father that He finally was crucified. But He had come for a purpose, and He would not spare Himself to achieve it.

Even as a boy He was compelled by this zeal. He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

In manhood He asserted, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Finally, as He prayed on the eve of His crucifixion, He was able to say to the Father, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

So often we see human enthusiasm at fever pitch in sports, politics, or other earthly interests, while it remains pathetically low in the realm of religion. Yet if any activity needs to be performed with zeal, with eagerness, it is the work of the kingdom of God.

Oh, Church of the Living God, awaken to the challenge! Let all who name the name of Christ give Him their very best in love, in talent, in strength, and in service. What a blow would be dealt to spiritual lethargy, halfhearted Christian service, and neglect in witnessing, if every Christian would join the fraternity of burning hearts!



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# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## ULCERS HEALED, FEAR DEPARTS FOLLOWING PRAYER

I KNOW FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE that "fear hath torment." And I know from blessed experience that the Lord can deliver from every fear.

I was obsessed with the fear of death. One morning in May 1966, something happened that took away my peace of mind. I was going about my duties as a housewife and mother of three preschoolers, when suddenly, in a fleeting but real vision, I saw myself in a casket and my husband and other loved ones weeping. This stunned me. I tried to dismiss it from my mind, but in the next few months it returned frequently. The fear of death increased in intensity. Even a drive to the supermarket made me fearful, and I became afraid I might be electrocuted while cooking or cleaning the electric range.

I kept this all to myself until one day in July when I told my mother about it. I knew she would pray for me. She reminded me that "perfect love casteth out fear." She also suggested that I talk with my pastor; but I was afraid he would think I had lost my mind.

Then one evening as our pastor and his wife were visiting in our home, I told both them and my husband for the first time about my fears. My pastor assured me I was not "crazy" but he said this was not of God either. After prayer I felt better but was not completely delivered. The ulcer I had was especially painful during this time of stress.

In August I became ill while attending a family reunion. We started home, but I began hemorrhaging and fainting and had to be taken to the hospital in the town where my parents lived. On the way, I became both blind and paralyzed, and was very fearful.

The doctors said later that my veins were collapsed and that I was like someone dead except that my heart would not stop beating.

My parents' pastor came to pray for me and the church people also prayed during that night. Meanwhile, the Lord was meeting my need in His own way. It seemed to me that I was in a long black tunnel, being pulled toward death. Suddenly I sensed the presence of the Lord in this tunnel with me. I was no longer

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

being pulled by the vacuum, and the peace I felt was unlike anything I had ever experienced.

I asked my Lord to let me live to raise my girls, and instantly fell into restful sleep. The Christian doctor attending me recognized that a crisis had passed and assured my family I would recover.

Two weeks later I went home. The doctor prescribed a strict diet and heavy medication for the ulcer. He scheduled me for surgery on Monday, November 13, since the ulcer was not healing.

On Saturday, as I was praying, I had a strange warm feeling and knew God was healing the ulcer. I told the doctor that God had healed me, but he thought it wise to go ahead with the surgery. He found the ulcer was gone and that there was new scar tissue where it had been!

I praise God for complete deliverance, and I can say with David, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:4).

Victory is complete, and I now make trips on the road by myself with no fear, for I have rested my life in God's hands.—Mrs. Patsy Eaves, Midland, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Eugene Brown, Calvary Assembly of God, Midland, Tex.)

## PRAYER BRINGS QUICK RECOVERY

MRS. LEONA GAUGER, 71, of Washburn, Wis., is praising the Lord for a quick recovery after a fall. Although X rays showed three broken ribs, Mrs. Gauger says:

"My side hasn't pained at all since three weeks after the ribs were broken, and I have been very active. I trusted the Lord, and my pastor and local church prayed for me too. The Lord is a wonderful healer!"

(Endorsed by Pastor William L. Everett, Washburn Assembly of God.)

## HEALED IN A SERIES OF MIRACLES

WHAT WAS SCHEDULED to be a series of operations became instead a series of miracles, as God met one need after another in answer to prayer for my healing.

The night before I was to enter the hospital for three operations, I attended Calvary Assembly on Staten Island for the first time. It was August 1966. I had spent six weeks of the summer in traction for a dislocated disk, and I was discouraged. That night I asked Pastor Scrimale to pray for me. As he prayed, faith welled up in my heart, and I believed God would meet my needs.

After the first operation, the others were postponed for a few days so I could regain strength. At 11:30 Sunday morning I began reading some healing testimonies in

*The Pentecostal Evangel.* I knew the pastor and congregation at Calvary Assembly were adding their prayers to mine that God would touch and heal me.

In a few minutes the doctors came in to examine my tonsils and adenoids. They found them normal, even though previous examinations had shown them to be in poor condition.

I realized immediately that God had healed me, and I told the doctors this was an answer to prayer. Then I asked them to check my blood sugar as I was a diabetic. They found no trace of the disease in my system.

Two weeks later, when I returned to the hospital for a checkup, I asked for an examination of my back. The doctor took X rays. He told me the disk was almost in place, but that in its present position it should be causing severe pain. When I told him I had not been in pain at all since that Sunday in the hospital he was amazed.

I know that these multiple healings came only by the grace of God. I can never thank Him and praise Him enough for what He has done. I pray that my testimony will encourage others who are seeking healing from the Lord. I am now attending Calvary Assembly regularly.—Mrs. Judith Booth, Staten Island, N. Y.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Charles Scrimale, Calvary Assembly of God, Staten Island, N. Y.)*

## SAVED AND HEALED

AFTER COLLAPSING AT WORK, my husband was taken to a hospital in September 1966 for transfusions. X rays showed a tumor in the wall of his stomach, and after operating the surgeon told me the tumor was malignant.

He said there was nothing he could do for my husband, and he did not think he would live six months.

In desperation I turned to God for help. I sent word to the pastor of Full Gospel Church, and he came to the hospital and prayed for my husband.

Both of us promised we would go to church. I went the following Sunday, and my husband went as soon as he was able.

When released from the hospital he weighed only 116 pounds. Now (May 8, 1967) he weighs 162. He gave his heart to Christ, was baptized in water, and joined the church.

We praise God for saving his soul and healing his body. The last time he went for a check-up, the doctor just shook his head and said: "I can't believe it! But I see and know that it is a miracle of God. That is all I can say. I am so thankful for you, for I am convinced that only God could do what has been done."

When I saw what God had done for my husband, I began to believe He would heal me of asthma, an affliction I had suffered for years. I was taking medication for relief. (Three times I had been rushed to the hospital with attacks of choking.) Within a week of the time I was prayed for, I was able to do without my medicine. I praise God for His goodness to me.

Both of us received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during a recent revival in our church. We can truly say that our Lord is wonderful. He is the same forever and we cannot praise Him enough.—Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Flint, Mich.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Charles Szabo, Full Gospel Church, Flint, Mich.)*



Gerald and Joyce Linn with their two children.

## HEALED PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY

I HAD WORKED a full day as usual on January 16, 1962, and had come home exhausted—also as usual. For six months I had been battling pain and discomfort and was under the care of five doctors. This was the second time my organs had enlarged as if I were pregnant, and I was scheduled for exploratory surgery within a few days.

That night I went to bed early, but the pain increased. My husband called one of the doctors, and he suggested that I sit in a tub of hot water. This brought temporary relief, but soon the pain was again so severe that I thought it would kill me. It was like an octopus tearing at my intestines. Moving upward it seemed to roll into a ball and stop at my heart.

Sure that I was dying, I stood up in the tub and then collapsed. Later my husband told me what happened. He could not find my pulse, and my mouth was clamped shut. He tried various forms of artificial respiration, praying all the while for God's will to be done.

Meanwhile, I was in eternity for what seemed to be centuries. Among other things, I can remember being in the midst of a multitude of children who were smiling, singing, and praising the Lord. We were in the presence of the Lord in a brilliantly lighted atmosphere. There was wonderful music, and there was joy. How I wanted to stay!

I knew I still had the power of choice, and I knew there were many hands beckoning me back from eternity. The prayers of my husband and children reached eternity like beautiful music, calling me back. When I said, "I am ready to return." I came back into my body.

Although I felt much better and could talk with my husband, I began to vomit. All that had caused me pain seemed to leave my body by that means.

Three days later, I had surgery on schedule. The doctors were amazed to discover that the organs they were concerned about were now of normal size. They were also pleasantly surprised not to find a malignancy.

Not even I had realized that the Lord had already healed me. I did know that my experience in eternity had given me a new desire to live. Whatever sickness was in my body before is completely gone. I have also been healed spiritually. Now my greatest desire is not to die but to live, to be a help to my husband and family, and to serve the Lord in whatever way I can until I am allowed to return to eternity.—Hope Joyce Linn, Garden Grove, Calif.

*(Endorsed by Paul B. Franklin, an Assemblies of God minister residing in Garden Grove, Calif.)*



GLIMPSES OF SPECIAL MINISTRY FIELDS OF THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS



This year's AIBI graduates are: Victoria Cota, Guadalupe, Ariz.; Agnes R. Yazzie (salutatorian) and Pauline Bitoni (valedictorian) both of Newcomb, N. Mex.; Priscilla Papel, Winterhaven, Calif.; and Vera Buck, Shiprock, N. Mex.

## AIBI GIVES GOOD REPORT

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Five students who were graduated from the American Indian Bible Institute here on May 10 are busily engaged in gospel work, reports President Donald R. Ramsey.

Four of the graduates are working with appointed home missionaries. The other is engaging in VBS work, revivals, and camp meetings with a junior student.

President Ramsey continues his encouraging report by stating that the National WMC Department gave a grant of more than \$800 (from the Etta Calhoun Fund) designated for a commercial washer and dryer. He also expresses appreciation to the Home Missions Prayer Group of Southern California College, Costa Mesa, who gave a new electric portable sewing machine.

Two sponsors have pledged to furnish rooms at the new school.

President Ramsey states approximately \$125 will furnish a room. (Funds for such sponsorship or to assist in construction of the new building should be sent, properly designated, to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. World Ministries credit will be given.)

While the school is receiving sufficient applications from young ladies, President Ramsey points out there is room for more men for the fall semester. To more effectively reach the American Indian for Christ, it is essential that young men from every tribe be well trained in the Word of God. This is the purpose and goal of the American Indian Bible Institute.

Graduates of the school are filling a much-needed place in reaching American Indians with the gospel.

## MISSION CONDUCTS YOUTH CAMP

COUDERAY, WIS.—The Duane Hammonds, missionary-pastors at Signor Gospel Mission here, held a combination evangelistic crusade and youth camp June 18-25.

Particular emphasis was given to memorizing the Scriptures during the chapel services each morning. Hiking, swimming, handwork and other activities occupied



Children and teenagers enjoyed the special activities of the youth camp sponsored by the Signor Indian Gospel Mission.

## MISSIONARY IS CALLED TO ETERNAL REWARD

CIBECUE, ARIZ.—Willis Olan Knotts, 64, laboring among the Apache Indians at Cibecue, was called to his heavenly home on July 13.

Brother Knotts was ordained by the Potomac District in 1935. Prior to his work among the American Indians, he pastored in the Potomac District and held the offices of presbyter, home missions treasurer, and secretary.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel, a son, and two daughters.

A few weeks before his home-going, Brother Knotts attended the White Mountain Apache Indian camp meeting which convened June 4-16.

During this time it was necessary for him to go to Cibecue to attend to bus repairs. In the early evening as he was returning to the camp which is located between two mountains, he noticed a peculiar cloud shaped like a pillar. It seemed to be approximately 100 feet above the ground. The cloud was light and radiant, unlike a tornado funnel.

Impressed by its strange formation, the missionary left his car to observe the cloud more closely. As he watched, it formed a large, luminous cross directly over the camp.

"Our camp tabernacle often re-



minded me of the tabernacle in the wilderness," relates Missionary Doris Carlson who reported this incident.

As Brother Knotts shared what he saw with the congregation, he compared it to the glory cloud which rested over the camp of the Israelites.

The Apaches and the missionaries were filled with joy, and the blessing of the Lord came upon each one in even greater measure. Some of the young people were filled with the Holy Spirit. A missionary's daughter, who did not know the language, spoke in Apache and was clearly understood by the Indians.

Whatever the explanation for the unusual cloud, it served to bring blessing to the campers. And now, Brother Knotts is in the presence of the Lord, surrounded by His glory forever.

the young people in the afternoons.

At the evening evangelistic meetings a young girl was saved, an older man reclaimed, and two young people were filled with the Holy Spirit. In addition there were many healings among the Indian people.

Recently the Hammonds took a step of faith to purchase a 30-passenger bus to assist in their work. Their Volkswagen bus had become too small to accommodate their Sunday morning passenger pickup.

Missionary Hammond attributes their growing congregation to the fact that the Indians are devoting more time to prayer. One of their two weekly prayer meetings is held in homes on the far side of the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation. Since the additional prayer meeting was started early this year, greater spiritual gains are evident.

## BLIND GIRLS ENJOY BENEFITS OF BRAILLE LITERATURE

OVERLAND PARK, KANS.—Becky Clark and Vivian Thurman are two of the many blind people who are enjoying the benefits of Sunday school materials produced in braille.

The girls' Sunday school teacher at First Assembly is Mrs. Herbert Marselus. (Gail Howard is pastor.) Deborah Howard, the pastor's daughter, guides them to their classroom and also to the sanctuary for church.

Mrs. Dorothy Chaney, a public school teacher, brings the girls to the church. She also listens to them read their braille Sunday school quarterly which Becky receives regularly from the Home Missions Department.

The first time Becky attended church, she listened intently. As



Mrs. Herbert Marselus, teacher (left), Becky Clark, Vivian Thurman, and Deborah Howard.

she heard the choir sing, she remarked, "I want to join this church." Later as Pastor Howard preached, Becky added, "I like what he says."

More than 800 blind people now receive Assemblies of God braille literature without charge. These materials cost the department from \$10 to \$20 per year for each person served. The Home Missions Department depends upon the gifts of interested individuals to support this ministry to the blind.

### "I NEVER HAD A BIBLE"

MIAMI, FLA.—Ramon Arcadio Valladares, 75, fled from communist Cuba. He had two beautiful farms with cattle—a rich man—but lost everything, reports Andres Roman, director of the Spanish Bible Institute.

This strong, intelligent man lis-

tened with great interest as the gospel was preached at the new church being established in Miami Beach under Brother Roman's leadership. There he accepted the Lord.

"I have never had a Bible in my hands," he said. "With these glasses I cannot read very well, but I am going to get others."

Now Brother Valladares reads the Bible. He assists in the work of the church and is preparing for water baptism. Two daughters and a son also are converted, and his four grandchildren attend Sunday school.

The first services for the Miami Beach assembly were held in a small apartment last December. From the beginning the blessing of the Lord has been evident in the salvation of souls. Brother Valladares was one of the first converts.

Pedro Vaquez with his family of four recently arrived in Miami from Cuba. He is now pastoring the new church.

A large Cuban population is in the area immediately surrounding the store building which the church now rents. Both Brother Vaquez and Brother Roman anticipate a strong work will be established here for the glory of God.

### CHINESE ASSEMBLY HAS OUTREACH MINISTRY

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Recently the Chinese Assembly here enjoyed its first evangelistic campaign in its more than 15-years history, reports Pastor Billy Wofford. The meetings convened in the Armenian Evangelical Brethren church. Since its founding early in 1952, the Chinese Assembly has been meeting regularly each Sunday afternoon at Bethel Temple, 1250 Bellevue Avenue.

There was a sweet spirit of dedication in every service. The evangelist remarked, "This is the most interesting and interested congregation to whom I have ever ministered."

"We are probably the only church in the United States whose whole congregation consists of Christ's Ambassadors. The only people over the C. A. age are my-

self and some teachers," Pastor Wofford explained.

During his more than four and one-half years as pastor, Brother Wofford said, over 45 young people have been saved, and at least seven have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Under the guidance of Robert S. Ford, instructor at Belmont High School in Los Angeles, William Leong and other members of the Chinese Assembly produced a 35-page book to introduce the church to their community. It includes the history of the church and testimonies of many of the C.A.'s.

One of the purposes of the book is to publicize their need of a place of worship of their own. If this were provided, it would be possible to engage in a greater outreach for Christ among the Chinese in Los Angeles.

### Christian college students assist Pastor and Mrs. Billy Wofford by teaching Sunday school classes at the Chinese Assembly.



Arvin Glandon teaches a class on the Gospels to the Eskimo Christians at Wainwright, Alaska.

### FAR NORTH BIBLE SCHOOL IS WELL RECEIVED

PALMER, ALASKA—In more than three years of operation, the Far North Bible School conducted by the Arvin Glandons continues to be popular with students.

"Words are inadequate to describe fully what the school means to me," reports Amy Patkotak of Wainwright. "Even though I was suffering with the flu, I could not stay away from the classes. And each night, I find I am refreshed in body and spirit as Brother Glandon teaches us the Word."

The itinerant short-term school was created to train Christian workers to take the gospel to the many remote villages the missionaries are unable to reach.

Ned and Faye Nusunginya are the first couple to go out from

the school into full-time ministry. They are pastoring the church at Kaktovik on Barter Island.

The Far North Bible School consists of two one-hour classes each night for 10 nights. Students who have not missed more than one night during the "term" receive a certificate.

The beginning courses are Bible survey and the Book of Acts. Church history, the Gospels, Romans, and Hebrews are some of the other courses offered.

After visiting each church which desires the training, the Glandons return to the first church on the circuit to begin the second "term." Each winter they fly approximately 11,000 miles across frozen tundra to "travel their campus."

—VIVIAN KLINE

### HOME MISSIONS NEWS NOTES



The Gustav Petersons



Carolyn Watt



The Thomas Robbins

Gustav and Evelyn Peterson have been granted Home Missions appointment. They are the new directors for the Juneau Children's Home. Lyle Johnson will continue in his present association with the Home.

The Petersons both have years of successful business experience in Juneau and are well respected in the community.

Besides being active in civic affairs, Brother Peterson has served on the Advisory Board of the Juneau Children's Home. Also, he has capably filled various church responsibilities. Mrs. Peterson has engaged in Sunday school and WMC work. For the past 10 years she has written materials for and directed vacation Bible schools in several Alaska cities.

Thomas and Frances Robbins are recent Home Missions appointees to the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi. The Robbinses first contacted the Choctaws while pioneering a church in Belzoni, Miss., in 1958.

Until they are able to obtain a place in which to hold services, Brother and Sister Robbins are concentrating on canvassing and personal work.

Carolyn R. Watt is also working in the American Indian field under Home Missions appointment. Miss Watt, whose home district is Wyoming, is assisting the Leonard Everlys in Dulce, N. Mex.

For a number of years, Miss Watt gained experience as she ministered to the American Indians in other areas.

# QUOTES

## EVANGEL READERS WRITE

Your card or letter will be most welcome. We cannot give space to all correspondence but will publish excerpts from our mail from time to time. Address: "Evangel Editor," 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

### The Walgreen Policy

I noticed the news article in the *Evangel* (July 2) concerning Walgreen Drug Stores and their policy on selling clean literature.

We have two drugstores in our city that advertise as Walgreen Agencies. The magazine racks in these stores are not the best in the city. In fact, paperbacks of the most vile content are sold in one of them. For years it has displayed certain magazines of a highly objectionable type on a table where any child can read them.

I am sure other people reading this news item in the *Evangel* will have some questions as to the accuracy of its content, as I have.

O. W. LEMBERG

*Pastor, Assembly of God Church  
Janesville, Wisconsin*

Ed. Note—We referred Pastor Lemberg's letter to the head office of Walgreen Drug Stores, Chicago. In reply we received a letter from C. R. Walgreen Jr., chairman of the board, thanking us for the opportunity to correct a misunderstanding. We shall quote part of Mr. Walgreen's letter, as follows:

"Walgreen Company operates over 500 drug stores. These are company-owned and, of course, follow company policies, including our clean literature program. We are very insistent on that and always happy to know and correct any unintentional lapse in that policy.

"Walgreen Agency Drug Stores, however, are independently owned and operated. Although they have a franchise to carry our products, we have no authority to control the operating policies of these individuals. But we do urge them to join our clean literature campaign, just as we have encouraged the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and other druggist associations to help promulgate this program across the country. And it is taking root!

"As for cries of 'Censorship!' we think a phrase we use in book ads answers it most simply: 'With so many fine books to sell, we just don't have space for the other

kind.' After all, we apply quality standards to everything we sell."

We are glad to know that the Walgreen Company had a 26 percent gain in paperback book sales in 1966 without selling any vile literature.

### Good for Servicemen

I wish to express my personal appreciation for the new book *Called to Service*, just off the press at the Gospel Publishing House, written by Chaplain David W. Plank. I think it is invaluable.

I am placing another order for a number of copies, after reading the first copy which I ordered for my grandson who is a prospective serviceman.

This book will inspire any reader to a higher and more noble standard of life. If our young men and women will adopt and adhere to the principles Chaplain Plank sets forth in this little book, our armed forces will indeed go forth conquering and to conquer—through the power of Christ.

MRS. ROY W. DITTO  
*Dallas, Tex.*

### How Big Is the "Evangel"?

Is it true that the *Evangel* is the largest Protestant weekly?

A NEW JERSEY MINISTER

(We wish it were—not because we wish to outdo others but because we desire to reach more people with the full gospel. As far as we are able to determine, the *Evangel* is the third largest Protestant weekly in the U.S. Current circulation is about 192,000 copies a week. A number of other Protestant magazines have larger circulations, but they are published less frequently—monthly or semi-monthly.)

### The Governor's Letter

My personal congratulations on your May edition of *The Pentecostal Evangel* which deals with our Alaska Centennial.

We are very appreciative of the fine job done, and we look forward to meeting your many readers who we hope will be inspired to visit our great State because of it.

With warm personal regards.

WALTER J. HICKEL  
*Governor of Alaska*

### Blessing in Bereavement

Thank you for the editorial in the *Evangel* (May 28) which mentioned the death of our son Pat who gave his life in Vietnam. We appreciate all the kindnesses shown to us in our bereavement.

The Lord was very kind, for He answered my prayer when I asked that our son have an Assembly of God chaplain to minister to him. It seemed like a big order, but it happened. We sent a Red Cross message to Chaplain Elton Curnutt in Vietnam after we learned that Pat was wounded.

Due to the time difference, it arrived too late—or so we thought. But later we learned that Chaplain Curnutt was assigned to the aid station the very day of the battle, and when our son was brought in Brother Curnutt was there, and talked briefly with him, and prayed with him before he was evacuated to the hospital.

So we discovered to our amazement that God had already heard my prayer before I called, and while I was yet speaking He had answered.

Also Chaplain Ludee visited with Pat and prayed with him the day before his passing, and he spoke of Pat's faith in God. He said he felt assured the boy was ready to face any eventuality. How good the Lord is!

EVERETT KELLY  
*Pastor, Assembly of God  
Windsor, Mo.*

### Wants a Better Cover

Don't you think the *Evangel* would be better read if the cover was made of heavier paper?

A READER IN TYLER, TEX.

(If the "Evangel" were a monthly, and if the subscription rate were higher, it could have a heavier cover. But it is a weekly and the U. S. rate averages only six cents a copy. We prefer to keep the rate very low in order that all may be able to afford it. We do not know of any other magazine that offers 1,472 pages of religious reading material a year for \$3. That is one reason why the "Evangel" has such a large circulation.)

### Methodist Memo

I do not know who is responsible for sending me *The Pentecostal Evangel* but I do certainly enjoy reading it. It helps me in many ways.

Recently I prepared an Order of Worship for the Aldersgate Sunday, and your paper was a good assistant.

CHURCH OFFICER IN INDIA

### Pentecostal Visitation in the 1890's

I remember an outpouring of the Holy Spirit which came to Izard County, Ark., in the 1890's. Several ministers came to that area at different times preaching on such subjects as the "second blessing," sanctification, speaking in unknown tongues, and divine healing.

They gained converts, and people came into the movement from other churches to the extent that two denominational churches closed their doors.

People from many miles around were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit as they continued to hold meetings in other churches and school houses throughout the area.

The Pentecostal movement was growing and moving forward there when I left in 1897.

I am now 92 years old and the longer I am a Christian, the stronger my faith is.

*The Pentecostal Evangel* is the best church magazine I know of. I never fail to read your editorials. They have a spiritual touch, and I find them interesting no matter what the subject.

M. B. BUTLER  
*Bakersfield, Calif.*

### Why Be Ungrammatical?

May I raise a question concerning the ungrammatical choruses that are sometimes sung in our assemblies. For example, I never can understand why intelligent and well-educated people will sing such lines as:

"Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?"

"Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?"

"God specializes in things thought impossible,"

"And He will do what no other pow'r can do."

Why not redeem this good chorus from grammatical disgrace by eliminating "got" and substituting proper verb forms?

A READER IN WASHINGTON

Ed. Note—Probably the explanation is that this little chorus is a take off on the song of the builders of the Panama Canal. Amid the sweltering heat and toil and problems of disease, they lifted their spirits and kept themselves going by singing:

"Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?"

"Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?"

"We specialize in things thought impossible,"

"And we will do what no other pow'r can do."

### Blessing in Disguise

I want to share with *Evangel* readers the peace and victory God has given me in a time of unusual trial.

Our third child was born December 1, 1966, with 20 birth defects. The seriousness of her condition was brought home to us when the pediatrician said there were only about 12 such babies in the United States.

Without the comfort of the Holy Spirit I believe I would have "gone all to pieces." As it was, God gave me peace.

Not all the reasons for our baby's condition are plain to us, but we can trust. I do know that little Angela Faith's need has drawn me closer to God, and my husband has been converted.

We thank the Lord for healing her of club feet and of a large wen, but she has other serious

needs for which we hope *Evangel* readers will help us pray.

In our contacts at the hospital with other parents of abnormal children, we have come to realize that there are many heartaches in this world. I've been given many opportunities to witness to others about the saving and healing power of God. Christ is teaching me to have compassion for others as I never had before.

We love the Lord and thank Him for all His blessings, even those which at first may not seem to be blessings.

MRS. WADDELL  
Baskett, Kentucky

### Calling All Radio Hams!

Please publish this message to all amateur radio operators.

Would you like to fellowship with other radio ham operators

throughout the Assemblies of God? If interested, please send the following information: name; call; band desired; class of license; mailing address. Mail the information to me. You will be notified by return mail when and where to check in.

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### Tribute From Tasmania

At present I receive the International Edition of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. My wife and I enjoy the magazine so much we would like to receive it weekly, instead of monthly, so will you please enter our subscription for all the issues; and also send us 100 copies of the Spiritual Life Edition.

Your magazine has helped us

to much blessing. May the Lord bless your efforts to bring the Baptism to vast numbers of souls.

A RECTOR IN TASMANIA

### Artistry "Poignant"

For some time I have wanted to write and express my appreciation for the *Evangel*. The articles provide an interesting and helpful variety of Christ-centered material.

I especially enjoy the "Moments of Inspiration" section which is included sometimes.

And how much I enjoy Mr. Pearsall's artistry. Besides being a good artist, the messages in his work are poignant.

M. MELBOURNE  
Richland, Wash.

### Former "Evangel" Editor

In the *Adult Teacher* quarterly I noticed a statement to the effect that John Boddy was 'the first

editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Is this correct?

A READER

(No. The earliest editors of the "Evangel" were E. N. Bell, J. R. Flower, and J. W. Welch. J. T. Boddy was editor in 1920 and 1921, assisted by Stanley H. Frodsham. Brother Frodsham became editor in the latter part of 1921 and filled this position for approximately 27 years.)

### "Here Is My Renewal"

I am glad to be a reader of *The Pentecostal Evangel*. I would not want to miss a single issue, so here is my renewal.

I think it is the most spiritual paper I ever read. It has been a wonderful help to me. I receive many blessings while reading its pages.

JOHN OATES  
Carbonar, Newfoundland



## LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST IN ZURICH

TWELVE YEARS AGO, we paused in Zurich for a week of meetings in the Volkshaus and found the situation in Zurich ripe for revival meetings.

Ever since that time I have had a burden to return to Zurich and a strong conviction that we would see real harvesting done for God.

In January 1967, we began the program for Zurich—a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE—with a heavy investment of money, time, and labor in connection with the Light-for-the-Lost literature program. More than a ton of the finest gospel literature was distributed throughout the city. Street cars carried our posters announcing the meetings in the Grosse Borsen Saal on the main street of Zurich called Bahnhof Strasse.

Although we had less than 30 people as a nucleus to count on, we opened the crusade in the hall with approximately 800 seats. Soon it was filled to capacity. At the conclusion of the campaign

10 weeks later, hundreds of people wrote personal letters asking us to return. Many of these, possibly 600 or more, represented people who were saved and healed during the Crusade.

Recent letters from Rudolf Lack tell us that the permanent hall is now filled to overflowing with enthusiastic people who meet regularly as a result of the campaign.

These young people came forward during the Zurich crusade to dedicate their lives for missionary service. Meetings were held in the Grosse Borsen Saal (right) on the main street of the city.



The local church attendance increased over 500 percent as a result of the Good News Crusade conducted by Evangelist Willard Cantelon (right). Light-for-the-Lost literature (left) was distributed by workers prior to the crusade.



It is impossible to say how deeply we appreciate the effectiveness of the literature program in Europe and also the ripeness of the European cities toward such a program of combining GOOD NEWS CRUSADES and Light-for-the-Lost.

—WILLARD CANTELON



# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## GREAT HARVEST OF SOULS AT NORTH CAROLINA CAMP

FRANKLIN, N. C.—The Western North Carolina District camp here was especially blessed by the Lord with a harvest of souls unusual for a camp meeting. The ministries of Hansel Vibbert, Evansville, Ind., and Paul Davidson, Hartford City, Ind., were blended by the Holy Spirit to provide edification and inspiration for all who attended.

—Charles H. Cookman, superintendent, North Carolina District

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MORRISVILLE, MO.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded a series of services with Evangelist Al Hewison. The church was greatly blessed by a special move of the Holy Spirit among the youth. Eight persons were saved, and 20 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

On the last Sunday of the meeting the Sunday school reached an attendance goal of 100.

—John Pool, pastor

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DENVER, COLO.—Full Gospel Chapel here recently enjoyed five weeks of meetings with Evangelist Ron Wahlrobe. Services were held in the morning and at night. Morning attendance averaged 80.

Many non-Pentecostals attended and showed a hunger for Bible teaching. There were many first-time decisions for the Lord, and others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Wallace Hickey, pastor

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PEARLAND, TEX.—Bethany Assembly here has just concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist Lloyd Bates. At least 15 persons were saved, and all previous Sunday school attendance records were broken.

—Jerry R. Laird, pastor

## Texas Congregation Dedicates New Church

DALLAS, TEX.—The congregation of Hillview Terrace Assembly here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. E. R. Anderson, North Texas District superintendent, and Joe Adams, district secretary-treasurer, conducted the dedication service.

The entire structure contains 11,000 square feet and is valued at \$165,000. Facilities include a sanctuary seating 400, a baby cry-room, 11 Sunday school class-

rooms, a fellowship hall with complete kitchen facilities, an overflow room for another fellowship hall, church office, pastor's study, four rest rooms, and a baptistry. A carport makes loading and unloading of passengers easier.

The church, formerly Mt. Auburn Assembly, was organized in 1941 by C. S. Walker and met in a store building at first. In 1948 Lonnie R. Mullen became pastor and has served since that time.

New home of Hillview Terrace Assembly. Pastor Lonnie Mullen, inset.



J. Barnes

H. Menzies

W. McPherson

P. Feller

## APPOINT COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Johnnie Barnes, Royal Rangers national commander, has been appointed chairman of the newly established Assemblies of God Committee on Scouting. Also serving on the committee are Warren McPherson, Assemblies of God public relations secretary; Homer Menzies, manager of Gospel Publishing House; and Paul Feller, national Royal Rangers training coordinator.

The purpose of the committee is to give assistance to Assemblies of God churches chartering Scout units, to provide informational materials and assistance to Assemblies of God boys engaged in the God and Country Award program, and to encourage others to seek this award.

In discussing his appointment,

Brother Barnes stated, "I personally owe a great debt of gratitude for the contribution Scouting has made to my life, and I have a deep appreciation for the important part it is playing in the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical development of our American boys."

The committee has published a booklet on Assemblies of God requirements for the God and Country Award. Copies are available for five cents each from the Protestant Relationships Service at the national Boy Scouts of America office, New Brunswick, N. J.

A guide has also been proposed to help churches having scout troops or Explorer posts to relate them more effectively to their administration and program.

OSSINING, N.Y.—From the first days of special services with Evangelist J. Billy McIntosh at Gospel Assembly here, God began pouring out His Spirit. During the meeting a total of 14 persons—a majority of them men—were filled with the Spirit. One was a board member who had been seeking the Baptism for 20 years.

Four persons were filled with the Spirit in the first Sunday night service. Two of these were from other denominations.

A man who had been seeking the infilling of the Spirit on Sunday night was unable to attend the Monday night service, God filled him with the Spirit that night while he was driving a truck. He was from another denomination. Formerly he had been somewhat skeptical about the Holy Spirit Baptism; but after this experience he is thoroughly convinced of its reality.

A spirit of earnest prayer contributed to the success of the meet-

ings. The men of the church gathered every Saturday to pray for revival. The week before the evangelist came, others gathered each morning for prayer.

God's power to heal was also evidenced. One lady was anointed and prayed for before a scheduled operation to remove a growth. The next day when the doctor examined her, he couldn't find the growth! God had healed her.

—William H. Douglas, pastor

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MONTICELLO, ILL.—First Assembly here just concluded a three-week campaign with Evangelist Charles Turnage of Vidor, Tex. God moved in a marvelous way, saving 20, healing 10, filling four with the Holy Spirit, and refilling six.

A lady and her husband who gave their hearts to the Lord were delivered of the tobacco habit and their two-year-old son was healed of asthmatic bronchitis. They are now attending regularly and are

# EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord.

The presence of the Lord was very real in morning prayer services. The entire church has felt complete freedom of worship with a hunger for more of God and a greater burden for souls.

—Albert Gillespie, pastor

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**FRONT ROYAL, VA.**—Evangelists Jerry and Linda Knibbe recently closed a 10-day meeting at First Assembly here which left a new enthusiasm for soul winning in the church.

More than 31 adults and teenagers came forward for salvation, 26 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and some 200 visitors attended.

—Alden A. Yates, pastor

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**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**—First Assembly here rejoices over a great spiritual uplift during services with Evangelist Gene Burgess. More than a dozen persons were baptized in the Holy Spirit, a number were refilled, and several were saved. The church praises God for a continuing spirit of revival.

—C. E. Wilson, pastor

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**CYNTHIANA, KY.**—The Assembly of God here is thankful for God's blessings upon special meetings recently with Evangelist and Mrs. John E. Friend. Thirteen young persons and adults were saved or reclaimed. A young lady was filled with the Holy Spirit, and several received physical healings.

—Edmund L. Tedeschi Jr., pastor

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**NEPTUNE, N. J.**—Full Gospel Church here reports a very fine musical meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Eddie Anderson of Springfield, Mo. This unique meeting appealed to all the groups in the church, encouraging musical and vocal participation. The presentation of God's Word was forceful.

—Irving H. Meier, pastor

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**DETROIT, MICH.**—A recent meeting with Evangelist Eddie Anderson at Brightmoor Tabernacle here reached every department in the church.

The emphasis was upon "Music in the Church." The music department, especially, was revitalized by Brother Anderson's teaching. His anointed preaching stirred the entire church.

—Bond P. Bowman, pastor

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**OLIVET, MICH.**—Verplank Assembly here was privileged to have Colton S. Wickramaratne, assistant superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Ceylon, for a week of services.

On the first night five young

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Mesa	Calvary	Sept. 5-17	Charles O. Hudspeth	J. D. Lowder
Ark.	Hot Springs	Central	Aug. 29-Sept. 10	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	G. C. Kirksey
	West Fork	A/G	Sept. 3-17	Lyndell & Mrs. Ballenger	Vernon L. Guthrie
Calif.	Bakersfield	Bethel Temple	Sept. 3-17	I. D. Rayborn	Harry E. Hodge
	Bakersfield	Evangel	Aug. 30-Sept. 10	Tommy & Esther Lance	Jim Foreman
	Colton	First	Sept. 3-17	V. G. & Mrs. Mangram	Jack Colburn
	Corona	Home Gardens	Aug. 30-Sept. 17	Thomas Ming, Sr.	Leonard Hicks
	Costa Mesa	Harbor	Aug. 29-Sept. 3	A. A. Wilson	V. L. Hertweck
	Downey	First	Sept. 6-17	Ed Eaton	M. Earl Johnson
	Fresno	Bethel Temple	Sept. 3-17	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Donald K. Skaggs
	Fresno	Northeast	Sept. 3—	Arne Vick	Douglas Hyatt
	Hanford	<sup>1</sup> "La Hermosa"	Aug. 21-26	Thomas Hernandez	Juan Torres
	Lompoc	First	Sept. 3-10	Wm. T. Holcomb	O. B. Hubbard
	San Diego	<sup>1</sup> Betania	Aug. 29-Sept. 10	Thomas Hernandez	Juan P. De Leon
	San Jose	Calvary Temple	Sept. 6-18	Ernie Eskelin	A. W. Ness
	Taft	First	Sept. 3-17	Keetah Jones	Leonard Palmer
	Turlock	Bethel Temple	Aug. 30-Sept. 4	Ernie Eskelin	Robert Carrington
	Ventura	Central	Sept. 3-17	J. B. Woolums	S. L. Simmons
Colo.	Grand Junction	First	Sept. 3—	Ed Eaton	Kenneth R. Schmidt
Fla.	Bartow	First	Sept. 5-17	L. K. Dodge	D. N. Asbury Jr.
	Kissimmee	Calvary	Sept. 5-17	R. S. Peterson	George W. Cook
	Lakeland	Galloway	Aug. 28-Sept. 10	Colen & Carol Lassiter	Maxwell Cloud
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tabernacle	Sept. 3-17	Bob Larson	James E. Smith
	Bushnell	<sup>2</sup> A/G	Sept. 4-10	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Robert Rutledge
	Decatur	Evangel	Sept. 3—	L. L. & Mrs. Ferguson	William V. Drake
	Springfield	First	Sept. 1-10	William Caldwell	G. E. Mandel
Ind.	Decatur	<sup>2</sup> First	Aug. 28-Sept. 1	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Norman R. Whitney
Iowa	Fort Madison	Pentecostal	Sept. 5	Charles Ogdon	Wayne Sullivan
Kans.	Tribune	First	Sept. 5-10	Paul E. Morris	John Booher
	Winfield	A/G	Aug. 27-Sept. 3	Roy H. Tregenza	Kenneth Broadus
La.	Denham Springs	First	Sept. 6-17	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	James L. Key
	Downsville	First	Aug. 30—	Gene & Mrs. Thompson	John Trotter
Mich.	Plymouth	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 10	Fairfield Evangelistic Party	John Walaskay
Minn.	Floodwood	A/G	Sept. 5-17	D. L. Nultemeier	Robert Scharnberg
	Winona	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Bill & Naomi Hayes	William W. Shaw
Mo.	Leasburg	A/G	Sept. 6—	Nettie Parham	Donald E. Merritt
	Macon	First	Sept. 3-17	Dwaine & Nola Braddy	Herbert Albright
Nebr.	Mitchell	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 10	Bob McCutchen	Roland D. Hastie
	Riverton	A/G	Sept. 3-17	Ken Krivohlavek	George Smith
	South Sioux City	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 10	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Ralph A. Creider
Nev.	Henderson	A/G	Sept. 3-17	Hale-Turner Team	Delbert M. Price
N. J.	Toms River	First	Sept. 6-17	"Gypsy" George Butrin	Donald A. Richardsou
N. C.	Wanchese	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 10	Don & Sharon Parker	Garland Thomas
N. D.	Noonan	A/G	Aug. 30-Sept. 3	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Howard Romberg
	Williston	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Roy & Arlene Brewer	W. Wileman
Ohio	Bethel	A/G	Sept. 5-17	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	James E. Rickman
	Dayton	<sup>3</sup> Bethel Temple	Sept. 3-8	Gene & Heather Burgess	Elton G. Hill
	Findlay	First	Sept. 5-17	Stanley & Ethel MacPherson	Howard Spriggs
	Miamisburg	A/G	Aug. 29-Sept. 3	John Higginbotham	William Huff
Okla.	Lexington	McKiddyville A/G	Aug. 29-Sept. 10	Larry & Helen Hatfield	William Stephens
	Pawhuska	First	Sept. 6-17	Dave & Brenda Kelly	Harold Stockton
	Pawnee	A/G	Sept. 3-17	Lloyd & Irene Logan	Lloyd L. McGuire
Pa.	Cherry Tree	Kinport A/G	Sept. 5-17	Daena Cargnel	Zene Fleming
	Duncannon	Pentecostal	Sept. 5-17	Charles S. Morris	Paul Parrish
	Enola	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Paul Jacobs
	West Pittston	A/G	Sept. 6-17	Walter Schell	William Reigel
Tenn.	Chattanooga	Calvary Temple	Sept. 3—	S. Clyde Bailey	Donald N. Cooke
	Knoxville	Woodlawn A/G	Sept. 3-24	Corbett C. Grace	Jimmy L. Schaffer
	Ripley	Central	Aug. 29-Sept. 10	Rebecca & Loyd Middleton	Leslie Tomlin
Texas	Borger	Keeler Heights	Sept. 3-17	T. J. Taylor Jr.	T. M. Barrett
	Brenham	First	Sept. 4-13	Calvin Durham	Jesse W. Grisbee
	Fort Worth	Arlington Heights	Sept. 5—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	George F. Pearce
	Linden	First	Sept. 3-17	B. P. Carroll	James S. Austin
	Palestine	West Side A/G	Sept. 10—	James & Peggy Hazelton	Henry D. Vincent
Va.	Richmond	Bethel	Sept. 10-17	Ev. & V. M. Dullabaun	Harry C. Wiles
	Smithfield	<sup>4</sup> Pine Grove	Sept. 5-17	David & Mrs. Dean	Dana Spence
Wash.	Kelso	A/G	Sept. 5-17	Wesley F. Morton	Thomas Ming Jr.
	Omak	A/G	Sept. 3-17	Sid White	Orville Phillips
W. Va.	Carolina	First	Aug. 29-Sept. 10	"Little Joe" Peterson	C. C. McAfee
	Falling Waters	A/G	Aug. 29-Sept. 10	Victor Etienne	Wilbur D. Bell
Wis.	Waupun	A/G	Sept. 6-17	J. E. Friend	Ross Simmons

<sup>1</sup> Area Wide Meeting    <sup>2</sup> Children's Crusade    <sup>3</sup> Youth Crusade    <sup>4</sup> Deeper Life Crusade

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

people were saved. During the week others were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Many people prayed through the midnight hour as the Spirit moved upon them. On the final night 15 were baptized in water.

The evangelist has left, but a

revival spirit still continues at the church.

—Donald C. Potter, pastor

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**BROKEN BOW, NEBR.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Russell of Eugene, Oreg., recently completed a profitable series of meetings at

the Assembly of God here. Scheduled originally for only one week, the meetings lasted three, with the blessings of God evident. Several young people were saved, and the church was edified through Brother Russell's messages.

—Lynn S. Nichols, pastor

# TODAY IS GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY



\* \$11.42 WILL BUY ONE HOUR OF GOOD NEWS CRUSADES

Yes, today is Global Conquest Day! Our foreign missionaries have been looking forward to this day, because it means they can plan more GOOD NEWS CRUSADES around the world. Today, every Assemblies of God church in America is asked to receive a special Global Conquest Day offering to help sponsor more GOOD NEWS CRUSADES.

The hourly cost of these GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is \$11.42. Each family, each Sunday school class, each department, or each adult member can be responsible for a whole hour of overseas evangelism.

Immediately after your morning service, phone in the amount of your church's offering to the Foreign Missions Booth at General Council in Long Beach, California. The telephone number is AREA CODE 213, NUMBER 435-1216.