

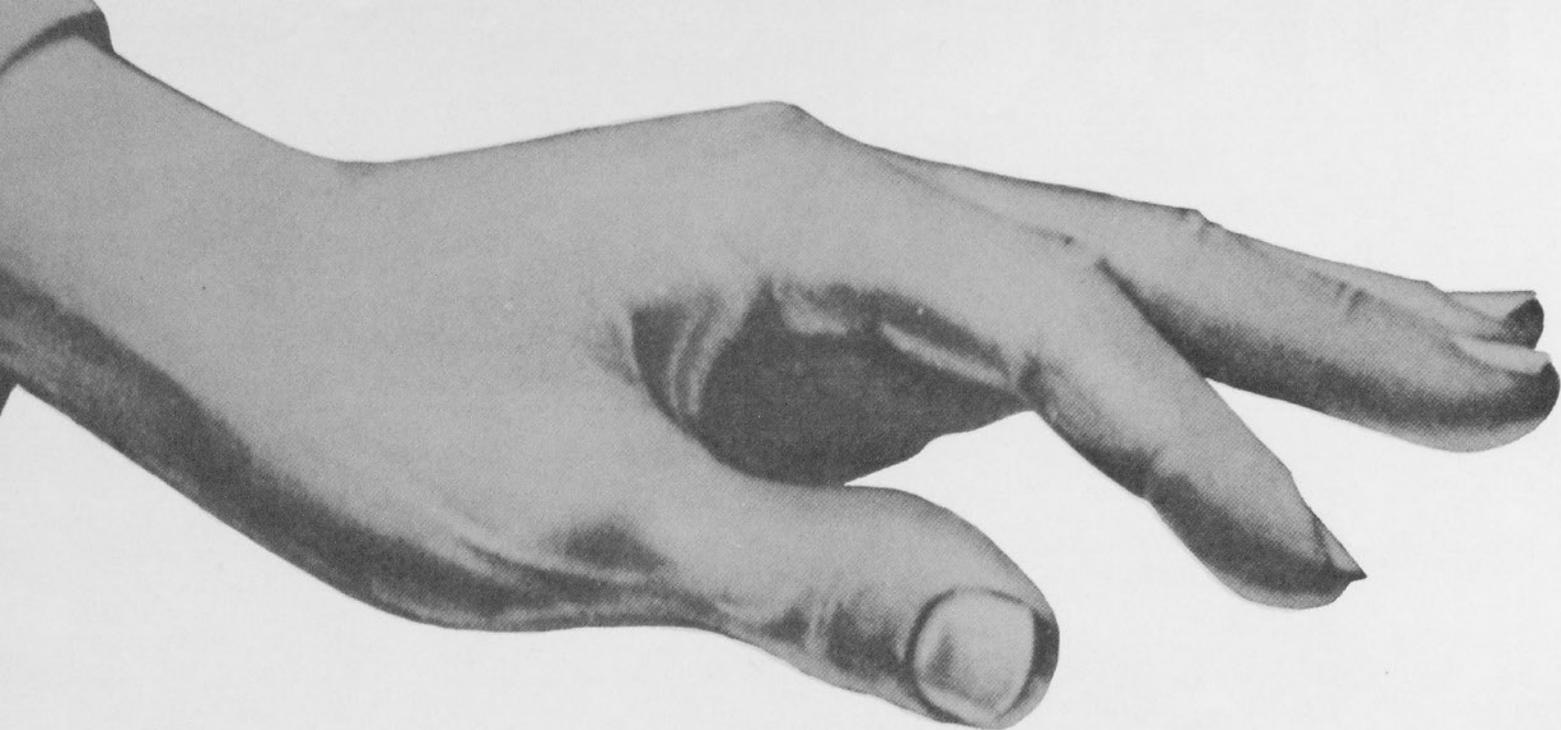


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THE LORD JESUS CHRIST was the greatest evangelist who ever lived. He preached truth so simply and naturally. To Him, every time, any place, any person, offered an opportunity to minister. Sometimes He spoke to thousands, often to smaller groups, and at times to individuals. Whenever He taught, something happened. And whenever He touched people something happened too.

Of the four Gospel writers, it is Mark who gives particular attention to what happened as our Lord touched people. In his Gospel we read of eight cases where our Lord actually touched someone. There may have been scores, even hundreds more, but only eight are recorded. In each of these instances some spiritual principle is either expressed or implied.

The first touch was upon Peter's mother-in-law, who was "sick of a fever" (Mark 1:31). "Jesus came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them." Christ's touch was creative, and the clear implication in this healing is that we are healed to serve.

The second touch resulted in the cleansing of a leper (v. 41). "Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean." As soon as He had spoken, the man was healed. This is almost the only time in Scripture where Christ's willingness to heal was questioned, and His answer came swiftly. Here we have the principle of Christ's willingness to answer a human cry for help.

The third touch brought resurrection to a dead child (Mark 5:41). In the restoration of Jairus' daughter the creative power of God was at work, and the Lord Jesus proved that no one is beyond hope and help.

In Mark's fourth record of the touch of Jesus, he shows how He dealt with unbelief (Mark 6:5). The Scripture says that Jesus could do no mighty miracles in Nazareth, save that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. In so many ways the unbelief of the people robbed them of His help. Yet the record says that He put His hands on a few and healed them. Christ sees faith and honors it wherever it is found.

The fifth touch is recorded in chapter 7. "And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his

hand upon him." Jesus put His fingers into the deaf ears. He touched the man's tongue, and then He looked up and said, "Be opened." The man's ears were opened and his tongue loosed (vv. 32-35). Our Lord offers complete deliverance.

The sixth touch came as Jesus performed one of the few private miracles of His ministry. It was one of the rare occasions when Jesus touched a man twice before the man received healing. The principle in this miracle is that Jesus will take time to teach and unfold truth to us, even if it means gradual rather than instant healing. He deals with us according to our need.

The seventh touch was upon a young man with an

FAITH WINS THE VICTORY OVER BOY'S EAR INFECTION

OF OUR THREE SONS, David had always been the most frail. He took all the contagious diseases common to childhood before he was three years old, and he was subject to sore throats which frequently developed into severe ear infection.

We had given him ear drops and antibiotics and everything else the doctor advised; but often he would have several weeks of ear infections, one following another.

Finally in December of 1965, when David was seven, the doctor advised removal of his tonsils. My husband is in the Air Force but we live in an area with limited medical treatment for dependents, so I had to take David to a civilian doctor for the surgery. This doctor wanted to watch him for a few months to see if his ear infections kept recurring.

During the winter he had other ear infections, missing several days in school. In April 1966 he had another, and because of his weak condition he developed pneumonia, missing eight more days of classes. Then in May he awoke

TOUCHED ME!

By PERCY S. BREWSTER • Cardiff, Wales

There is wonder-working power in the touch of Jesus

evil spirit (9:27). "He took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose."

The eighth touch recorded in Mark was a touch of tenderness upon little children. "He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them" (v. 16). These very same hands that brought healing to the sick

now rested in blessing upon the children. Jesus never considered Himself too busy or too important to minister to little children.

Now let us see what the Lord's touch can mean to us today. No two miracles of Jesus were identical, nor were His miracles in any way mass-produced. Every miracle contained the ingredients of love and compassion and authority.

The only time we read that Christ was ever angry or showed a disposition to inflict judgment was when He dealt with religious hypocrites, or when His Father's house was misused. On every other occasion that Jesus dealt with people, it was with loving concern and tender compassion. No wonder the Scripture says that the Lord is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." As Jesus healed the sick and saved the sinner, He broke through every legal, moral, and physical barrier. He did what no other could do or would dare to do.

The touch of Jesus was the expression of His divine authority. There was no set pattern or formula in the healings done by Christ. What He did was dictated by His compassion and will. Sometimes He healed through His Word; sometimes He touched; sometimes He commanded with a loud voice. At times He demanded faith, and on other occasions no conditions were laid down at all.

The final lesson to be gained from that touch of Jesus is that we must follow His example. When Jesus washed the disciples' feet and taught the great lesson of humility, He said, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." In exactly the same way, He expects us to show compassion and to identify ourselves with Him in our contact with others. The human touch means a great deal, and the love of Christ constrains us to follow His example of compassionate identification with the needs of others. 

crying one morning with pain in his ear again.

The church we attend (Urban Park Assembly of God, Dallas, Texas) was observing the 1966 Loyalty Campaign at the time, and each family was encouraged to learn one verse a week. One of them had been 1 Peter 2:24—"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

I called my pastor, Brother Wayne Brashear, requesting prayer that morning—as I always did at the outset of one of these infections. And since my husband had already left for work, my sons and I prayed together at home. David still wept with pain. Remembering the statement, "by whose stripes ye were healed," I called my pastor again and asked continued prayer. We prayed again at home. David still wept with pain.

By now, my normal procedure would have been to dress and go to the doctor's office. Instead, basing my faith on 1 Peter 2:24—as well as other passages of Scripture which promise physical healing—I told my sons that we were going to accept David's healing by faith. I asked David if he really wanted to be well. He said, "Yes." Then I reminded him that Elijah prayed seven times before God let it rain; but the answer *did* come. We would believe David's healing would come now also.

David went to school, exercising the faith of his own

young heart. That afternoon, when he came home, he was well!

That was May of 1966. He missed a total of 24 days of school during the 1965-66 school year.

I am writing this testimony in August 1967. To the praise and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ I can say that David has not had an ear infection since that day last year.

He swam almost every day last summer (an activity that often led to ear trouble for him) but he had no trouble. Every member of our family in the past year has been ill with sore throat or virus of some sort—except David!

And at the end of the 1966-1967 school year, David received a certificate for *perfect attendance!* He had not missed one day of school. God did "exceeding abundantly above all" that we asked or thought. How I praise His Name and magnify His holy Word!

"The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him" (Psalm 28:7).—Mrs. William E. Pyle.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. Wayne Brashear, Urban Park Assembly of God, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Pyle is better known as Pacheco Pyle, author of "Journey to Moon Village" and other Christian stories for children.)

Five-Year Plan of Advance

WHY TALK OF A five-year plan of advance? Is it not possible that the Church will be raptured within the next five years?

Yes, this is a strong possibility. The signs of the times indicate more convincingly than ever before that Christ's coming for His Church must be very near. But in case He tarries, we do not wish to follow the course of the ten virgins who slumbered and slept while waiting for the bridegroom.

The imminence of Christ's return is no excuse for complacency. On the contrary, it should inspire us to redeem the time and to work while it is day, knowing as we do that soon the night will come when opportunities will be gone from us forever.

The General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God has announced a Five-Year Plan of Advance to utilize the resources of the movement more fully for advancing the cause of Christ. Lord willing, there will be a nationwide "Council on Evangelism" in St. Louis, Missouri, August 26-29, 1968, which will mark the unveiling and launching of the plan.

In preparation for this event, "the General Council of the Assemblies of God will reevaluate completely its role in the history of the Church, restudy its spirituality and methods of evangelism, and establish definite plans for the advancement of the movement over the next five years," Brother Zimmerman said.

He announced the unprecedented self-study program at a press conference in Long Beach, California, prior to the opening of the 32nd biennial General Council. "The ministers and laymen of the General Council of the Assemblies of God believe strongly that this movement was raised up by God to meet the spiritual needs of the world through a revival of apostolic doctrine and experience," he said. "The renewal of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with its accompanying physical sign of speaking in other tongues, has literally swept the world in the past fifty years, until the Pentecostal message has become a major religious force in nearly every land where our churches are located."

He told the press that aggressive steps will be "taken to make an in-depth evaluation of our strengths and weaknesses, with the objective of fortifying ourselves in order to demonstrate a virile witness to our generation."

A "committee on advance" has been named by the executive presbyters, he said, to tool out this five-year program so as to "project goals and give a sense of direction for all our departments and ministries." The executive presbyters asked Brother Zimmerman himself to chair this committee, and named Gene Scott as director of research. Other committee members are: Lowell C. Ashbrook, G. Raymond Carlson, Charles W. Denton, T. E. Gannon, James E. Hamill, Ralph W. Harris, J. Philip Hogan, Cyril Homer, D. V. Hurst, Donald Johns, Harry Myers, Andrew Nelli, and William O. Vickery.

"The Assemblies of God has been made keenly aware of the needs of today's world," the General Superintendent said. "As a church it deplores the cult of hatred that is rampant in the spirit of this age. The movement is convinced that the hatred and violence of these times are symptoms rather than causes of men's problems, and that the only real cure for social and cultural ills is to change the hearts of men through personal salvation by the blood of Jesus Christ.

"Firm in this belief, we are preparing to move boldly ahead to meet the spiritual needs of this generation."

—R.C.C.

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers, who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved, and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

I'M NOT THE LORD. I can't help you if I don't know what the trouble is."

Alice's words stung, and I had a sudden impulse to end our telephone conversation. She was a friend of about a year; we had met at church during the weekly women's prayer and fellowship service. Although most of the others in the group would ask for prayer for themselves or others, I had not been able to voice my own personal needs.

I had developed tensions and severe migraine headaches, and as a result I was often irritable and critical. In my personal devotions I would talk to the Lord about the things that bothered me. However, there were times when I wished for the added prayer power of this group of consecrated Christian women. I finally got the courage to mention that I had an unspoken request. Although I knew God heard and honored their prayer for me, there was a dissatisfaction because I failed to make the request specific.

I kept a growing number of problems bottled up inside me till I felt I would burst if I did not get relief. It was at this point of desperation that I asked Alice to pray for me. Her frank answer jarred me into realizing that if I wanted her to share my problems in prayer I should give her something specific to pray about. Why couldn't I speak freely?

I tried to recall when I first began to keep things to myself. I remembered that as a young girl I had had a "best friend" to whom I confided everything. In our childish ways we had told secrets to each other. When my secrets began to come back to me through my mother or another playmate, I knew my best friend had told. Distrust was planted at that time, I believe.

After I was married, I continued to keep things to myself. People said I was "the quiet type." I had few friends because I was afraid to tell something I wouldn't want everyone to know, although I lived a very uneventful life and had nothing to hide. (During this time I had a neighbor who constantly visited around. The personal information she gleaned soon became common knowledge in the neighborhood. Frequent visits kept the pump primed, and she dispensed information freely, usually coloring it with her own opinions. I shuddered to think that my name might be the subject of her conversation.)

By the time I met Alice and joined the prayer group, these and similar experiences had made me so distrustful of other people that even in a prayer situation I was unwilling to mention personal problems.

Following Alice's gentle rebuff, I asked the Lord for guidance and found the courage to talk to her about things that were troubling me. To my knowledge, no confidence was ever repeated without my consent.

As soon as I was able to share my problems, she told me her concerns and we prayed together about them. Our friendship was strengthened, and I believe our prayer power increased as our oneness in heart and purpose grew. As trust increased and pride was destroyed, the Lord took over, provided healing for my mind and body, and gave me real peace.

The experiences of my own life cause me to conclude that not only shyness and distrust but also pride keeps

FINDING HEALTH AND PEACE

By HAZEL TIBBIT

many people from sharing their problems. We are embarrassed that anyone should know that everything is not right in our own personal world. Pride is also used by Satan to keep us from confessing our sins to God and thus receive forgiveness and cleansing.

The Bible encourages us to share our problems and burdens. "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him... Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (James 5:14, 16).

Sickness may not always be physical in nature. A host of mental and emotional ills can fill our minds with "sick" thoughts and color our attitudes toward each other.

We love those more whose burdens we have shared and, who in turn, have shared our own. Our hearts are made tender toward those for whom we have prayed. Resentments, hurts, and fears are washed away in the hour of prayer.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This is an invitation to take our deepest hurts and concerns to the Lord so He can lift the burden, heal us, and give us the rest He has promised. But He wants us to talk to Him about the things that are troubling us.

Talking to the Lord and fellow Christians is far different in its results from talking to the gossip or talebearer. One is good; the other is evil. One brings health, a closer walk with the Lord, strengthened fellowship; the other tears down character and leaves a person worse off than before. "A talebearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter."

As I learned to share my burdens with other Christians, I discovered the blessed experience our Lord promised when He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," and, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."



THIS PRESENT WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

Monday Holiday Bills Attacked

The Monday Holiday bills were attacked in mid-August by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States at a public hearing held in Washington. The executive director of the Alliance, Marion G. Bradwell of New York City, told a subcommittee of congressmen that the scripture, "The Sabbath was made for man . . .," was an argument against the proposed bill, not for it. "This bill is concerned only with man's physical and economic needs. These are important. But there is a third dimension in man's nature. . . .

"If adopted," he continued, "this bill will be another roadblock over and around which religious educators will have to go in the task of teaching spiritual values to a materialistically oriented society."

The Alliance executive declared that the Monday Holiday Bill would create at least six legal weekend holidays that would interfere with Sunday school attendance.

Inter-Varsity to Hold 8th Missionary Convention

The eighth triennial Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention will be held December 27-31 at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Convention registration is expected to exceed the 1964 meeting when 7,000 were enrolled.

Speakers now being finalized, according to Eric Fife,

missionary department head, include: John R. W. Stott, rector of All Souls Church, London, England; and Akira Hatori, a converted Buddhist and now an evangelical leader in Asia. Also participating on the program will be C. Stacey Woods, general secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students; and Inter-Varsity's John Alexander, Paul Little, and Wilbur Sutherland of Canada.

Pentecostal Senior Citizens Home Opened in Newfoundland

July 24 marked the opening of the Pentecostal Senior Citizens Home at scenic Clark's Beach on Newfoundland's east coast. This fulfills a longtime dream of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Valued at \$300,000, the T-shaped one-floor home is administered by Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Bursley. Housing 45 guests, accommodations include private washroom facilities adjoining each bed unit, a large lounge, spacious dining hall, auditorium, and a modern kitchen.

Gideons Set New Distribution Record

More than five million Bibles and New Testaments were distributed throughout the world during the past year by Gideons International, according to a report submitted to the organization's convention at Miami Beach, Fla.

A special project for the 25,000 Gideons in 76 countries was outlined to the delegates. The 68-year-old association, composed primarily of Protestant laymen, plans to supply 80,000 New Testaments to school children in various African nations. Members will donate the \$28,000 needed for the effort.

September 30 Called "Bible Translation Day"

The United States Congress entertained a Joint Resolution to proclaim September 30 as Bible Translation Day, same as last year. It was on September 30 that Jerome died 1,546 years ago. Jerome, the first Bible translator, translated the Scriptures into Latin. Since that time, the Bible has been translated into over 1,200 languages; but there are more than 2,000 tribes in the world which do not yet have any written language and many other tribes which, though they have a language, have no Scriptures they can read.



CENTENNIAL HANDWRITTEN BIBLE—John G. Diefenbaker (seated), leader of the opposition in the Canadian Parliament, makes his contribution (Psalm 121) to the Centennial handwritten Bible. Pastor Gordon R. Upton (left) and the 300-member Bethel Pentecostal Church in Ottawa, Canada, undertook the project to celebrate Canada's centennial this year. Started in 1966, the Bible took 14 months to complete and weighs 48 pounds! The 1,189 contributors—one for each chapter of the Bible—are from all 10 provinces of Canada and 18 foreign countries. Other government leaders participating included Lester B. Pearson, Canada's prime minister; several members of Parliament; and Donald Reid, Ottawa's mayor.

WORLDWIDE

Rebel-Held Missionary Dies in Congo

Miss Winnie Davies of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade was killed on May 27, 1967 during an engagement between the National Army and a pocket of rebel "simbas" near Opienge in northeastern Congo, according to an announcement by D. L. Cornell, foreign secretary of the Crusade. Miss Davies, a British missionary, had been held prisoner by the rebels since her capture in October 1964.

A Dutch priest named Strijbosh who escaped confirmed the missionary's death. He reported that he and Miss Davies had not been mistreated but that "Miss Davies had become progressively weaker through lack of food."

Malaysia Curtails Missionaries' Stay

New Malaysian immigration regulations will prohibit foreign missionaries from working in that country for any more than 10 years each, according to the *Malaysian Straits Times*. "Under the new regulations made known to religious groups here," the report said, "religious workers will be granted entry to three tours of duty only during a 10-year maximum period." This rule does not apply to Singapore.

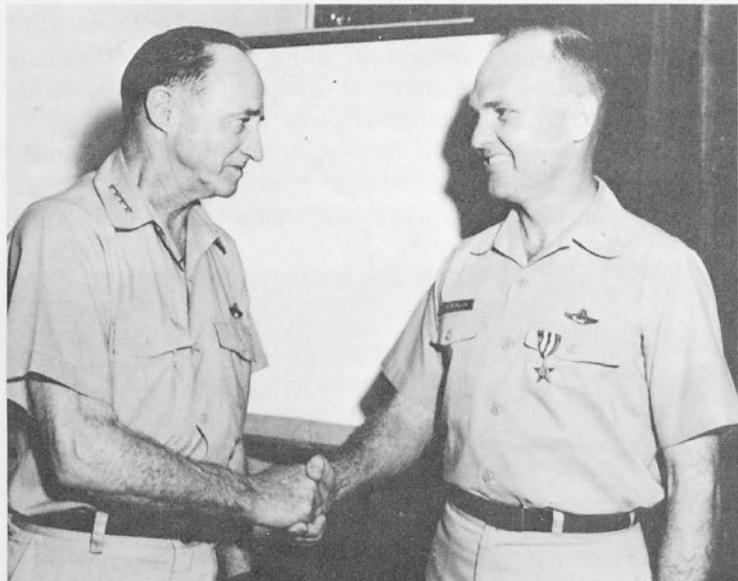
Is Communism God's Judgment on the Church?

Communism might be explained as God's judgment on a church which has failed, suggested A. G. MacLeod, moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, at its annual assembly in Manchester, England.

He asked if the communist revolution of this century might not be "God's judgment on the church for its failure to care for the oppressed and to see that all men share the good things God has provided."

The day of "the Christian ghetto" is done, he said, and the church will not survive if it looks inward.

ASSEMBLIES PILOT RECEIVES AWARD—Gen. John P. McConnell, United States Air Force Chief of Staff, at left, congratulates Lt. Col. Gordon W. Atkinson, El Paso, Tex., after presenting him with the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award. Colonel Atkinson received the award for heroism as an F-105 Thunderchief pilot last year over North Vietnam. Colonel Atkinson and his family are members of Glad Tidings Assembly in El Paso, where Richard M. Stephens is pastor.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Does the Bible tell us we should pray for sinners?

Can you think of Jesus, so burdened for the lost that He gave His life a ransom for them, never praying for sinners? He "shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied. . . . He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:11, 12). The Christian who has no travail is a barren Christian.

In Ephesians 5:19 we read: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs." But where in the New Testament do we find reference to the use of musical instruments?

The foundation for use of musical instruments was laid in Old Testament times. Since Christianity had its example provided in the Old Testament, there is no apparent reason why music should not accompany the singing of praise to God. Harps are to be added to the joys of heaven (Revelation 14:2). Harps and trumpets are also referred to in 1 Corinthians 14:7, 8.

Can the promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," be appropriated by the Jews who will be killed during the Tribulation? (Revelation 2:10)

This promise was directed to the church at Smyrna, one of the seven churches of Asia. It was composed largely, if not entirely, of Gentile believers. Because Jesus, who made this promise, is no respecter of persons, we can apply it to our own lives. It can be appropriated by anyone who is faithful to Christ "unto death."

If Jesus came not to destroy the Law or the prophecies, but to fulfill them, how can we say we are not under the Law? (Matthew 5:17-20)

Jesus fulfilled the Law and the prophets in Himself, the only One who has perfectly done this. Having fulfilled the Law, He gave Himself to die as a ransom for all when there was "none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). He thus became "the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4).

When a person is saved, the Holy Ghost comes in to guide him into all truth, and to take the things of Christ and reveal them (John 16:15). Although we are "not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:4), the indwelling Holy Spirit brings "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus," breaking the power of sin, and making us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). This is in order "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4).

Christians are under the new covenant in the blood of Christ, and they partake of the divine nature through grace (2 Peter 1:4).

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.



World's Largest Gathering of Pentecostals Held in Rio De Janeiro

By N. LAWRENCE OLSON
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

HEREBY DECLARE IN SESSION the Eighth World Pentecostal Conference," said Governor Francisco Ne-grao de Lima, of Guanabara State. His words before a crowd of 25,000 in the Maracanazinho stadium, on Tuesday evening, July 18, opened this historic congress of Pentecostals gathered at Rio de Janeiro from the far corners of the earth.

Emblazoned on the platform was the conference theme: "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ." A large relief map of the world had eight lights showing the locations of the previous world conferences held in Europe, Canada, and Israel. The light showing Rio was blinking.

A flag march representing 54 nations, to the strains of "My Brazil" played by a 300-piece band, was so impressive that many delegates just sat there and wept, thinking of the moment when all the redeemed of the Lord shall be gathered around His throne in glory. And when the 2,000-voice choir, wearing colored capes that formed the diamond shape and colors of the Brazilian flag, sang choir leader Catarino Varjao's original composition, "The Universal Church," it seemed we all would be raptured then and there.

This was the moment for which many thousands of Brazilian Pentecostal Christians of various denominations, including Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians, had been waiting, praying, and working for three years. There had been a week of special prayer throughout Brazil, that God would crown this conference with a mighty move of His Spirit, to unify all believers to evangelize the world in our generation. Certainly this conference made major contributions in this direction.

Brother Zimmerman's message on "The Holy Spirit Unifying the Church" was a keynote for what was to transpire during these six glorious days. To the warm-hearted hospitable pastors and people in Brazil the opportunity to meet so many new friends was an unforgettable occasion that reminded them of what heaven will be like. Many of the Brazilians came great distances—some as far as from the Amazon River area, nearly 2,000 miles, over dirt roads! Hundreds of chartered buses converged on the city from all directions. The Holy Spirit moved upon the huge throng and for periods of 10 or 15 minutes all would praise the Lord with uplifted hands. Then as never before could one understand what John the Revelator meant when he described the praises to God by the great uncounted multitude as the sound of mighty waters. And no one, whether a Christian politician from some other denomination, a preacher or layman, or some needy sinner, seemed to mind it. It was music in the ears of God and man. It actually helped to bring hundreds and hundreds of sinners to a decision. Many also received the baptism in the Holy Spirit right where they were standing.

Every delegate from other lands who talked to me said



the same thing—that they were glad they had come, that they were greatly blessed, and that it gave them a new vision of the impact of missions upon a nation and the world. They were thrilled beyond words. For the Brazilians it was over all too soon. They wished the 2,000 visitors from around the world could have stayed longer. We know that Brazil will never be the same. All evangelical bodies too seemed to be as thrilled as we Pentecostals were, knowing that a victory for one group is also a victory for the evangelical cause in general. Many non-Pentecostals participated in the planning, securing of the stadium, coverage by the press, radio, and TV, etc.

The speakers represented the Pentecostal movement worldwide and their timely messages on "The Holy Spirit Glorifying Christ" were interpreted into Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, and other languages.

In preparation for the conference the Assemblies of God paper, *Mensagem da Paz* (Messenger of Peace) ran a special issue. The Men's Fellowship contributed \$2,000 from Light-for-the-Lost to print an extra 20,000 copies (making a total of 70,000) which were distributed across Brazil. Half a million leaflets were given out to advertise the meetings.

Nightly radio and TV programs helped to persuade the folk in the interior to come on to Rio for the final weekend of the Conference. We took 20 to 30 delegates to the Tupy radio or TV station each evening after the service in the stadium. These would bring a short greeting from their lands. Some wore costumes. One would bring a gospel message, interpreted of course into Portuguese. In this way we contacted hundreds of thousands of people across the nation, as this is Brazil's strongest station and is the one we use for our weekly "Voice of the Assemblies of God" broadcasts. Further coverage was obtained by the TV cameramen who filmed the conference sessions at the stadiums. Chairman T. F. Zimmerman was featured in a 20-minute interview on one of Brazil's most popular radio programs.

One of the highlights of the Conference was an official visit on Thursday to Villegagnon Island, the scene in 1557 of the first Protestant service held in the New World. The Pentecostal world conference conducted the first commemorative service ever held there, thus recognizing true historic Christianity and honoring the hundreds of martyrs who there sealed their testimony with their blood.

Another event long to be remembered was the communion service on Saturday afternoon when some 25,000 people were served the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed Blood.

The crowning meeting, of course, was the closing evangelistic rally held on Sunday afternoon in the huge Maracana Stadium, the world's largest, seating 200,000 people. In spite of very threatening weather, upwards of 120,000 crowded into this cavernous soccer arena where many

times Pelé, the world's soccer king, has played. Again there was an impressive flag march accompanied by a boys' band from the Assemblies of God orphanage at Porto Alegre, the joyful singing of loved Pentecostal songs, the 300-piece brass band, and the magnificent singing of the 2,000-voice choir. The speaker for this memorable occasion was the Elim evangelist, Alexander Tee, of England, who challenged his vast audience with a powerful message on the "Translation of the Church." When he asked how many wished to be ready for the moment of translation, a thunderous roar broke out from the audience. They began waving handkerchiefs until the grandstands were just a sea of white! It seemed the Rapture itself was about to take place! And had you been listening to shortwave radio you could have heard all this over Radio Tupy, as the entire service was broadcast to the whole world.

Again at this service we had the personal representative of the State Governor, a Christian Congressman, a State Assemblyman, another State Governor and other dignitaries, besides the representatives from various Pentecostal bodies, including two of the early missionaries who pioneered the Pentecostal work in Rio de Janeiro, Otto Nelson and Nils Kastberg. I spoke to missionary Ivar Vingren, son of Gunnar Vingren, who with his companion Daniel Berg first came in November of 1910 to Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon, and started this mighty "Amazon" of Pentecostal revival. Together we wept as we mused on what his father would think if he could have been present to see this mighty demonstration of Pentecostal power and victory. And Brother Lewi Pethrus from Stockholm, Sweden, reminded us that the blood of those French Huguenots murdered on Villegagnon Island four centuries ago had truly been the seed of the revival that was now before our eyes. To God be all the glory!



1. A hearty welcome came from the rostrum as delegates from distant lands were recognized. 2. N. Lawrence Olson (microphone at right) interpreted into Portuguese or English. 3. Young ladies representing 54 nations marched in the opening ceremonies. 4. Over 120,000 attended the final rally in the world's largest stadium. 5. Evangelist Alexander Tee of England (left) preached on Brazil's strongest radio station and N. Lawrence Olson interpreted. 6. Delegates from various countries appeared on TV and radio programs at Rio during the World Conference.



**Sermon preached at the World
Pentecostal Conference, Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil (translated from Spanish)**

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN a subject directly related to my personal testimony: "The Holy Spirit Regenerating the Sinner." It is true that we are all sinners, but with the apostle Paul I can add without lying or exaggerating, "of whom I am chief."

The conversion of a Catholic priest is a double miracle of the grace of God. The Lord had to work hard to bring out of the darkness the one believed to be the *Alter Christus*, the other Christ on earth. But the divine Holy Spirit performed this miracle and I find myself among you tonight to declare that God is not dead, but that He continues to give his life to those who put their trust in Him. May all the glory and the honor be given to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the first chapter of the Bible, the Holy Spirit appears as the great organizing force of the cosmos when it was only an awe-inspiring chaos. In the beginning the earth was without form and void; but as the Book of Genesis tells us, the Holy Spirit moved upon the face of the waters. In these concise but eloquent words, the very essence and nature of the third Person of the Trinity is condensed. In other words, the Holy Spirit is the only

who as you know was one of the characters in the book *The Cross and the Switchblade*. In my desire to get acquainted with details of the miracle of his conversion, I asked him many questions about his experience related to becoming a "new creature." Nicky said to me: "As a newborn baby cannot explain his own birth, neither can I explain how I was born again; but there was a time when the Spirit of God showed me my sad condition and I felt the need of doing something about it." In other words, the Holy Spirit had done His work in Nicky, without his being aware of it.

What happened to Nicky Cruz also happened to me. But I did not belong to a teen-age gang of drug addicts. I held high positions in the hierarchy of the Catholic church. My hands were not stained with blood as were his. On the day of my ordination to the priesthood, the



The Holy Spirit Regenerating the Sinner

By **EVANGELIST JOSÉ M. RICO**

One who can successfully accomplish those things that loom before us as impossible.

It is precisely for this reason that we find ourselves in Rio de Janeiro. This gathering is not a mere Pentecostal fellowship meeting. Though this in itself would be a great accomplishment, it would not be enough in the historic age in which we live.

This age has reached the zenith of the darkest and most confused crisis of human history; and in this hour of chaos and confusion we desire to sound a note of warning to the whole world: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God by hindering His mighty and beneficent work." The Holy Spirit is the One who can bring the world out of its troubles and difficulties. As in the beginning it was He who restored the order of the universe out of the chaos and confusion, so today, just before the glorious coming of the Lord, He is able and willing to lead the world out of the blind alley in which it finds itself. What He did in the past, He will do in the present.

If we study the Holy Scriptures, we will find out that there cannot be salvation without the direct intervention of the Holy Spirit. It was Jesus Christ Himself who specified the work of the Holy Spirit among us by saying, "When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin." And actually, in order for the sinner to say, "I repent," it is necessary that the Holy Spirit stir with remorse his sinful conscience; that He arouse the human spirit, showing him his lost condition. The deeper the work of the Holy Spirit in the human heart, the more efficient and stable will be the conversion of the sinner.

Last year I had the opportunity to meet Nicky Cruz,

Catholic bishop had consecrated my hands with the "holy oil" and they smelled like incense. Nevertheless, I felt that my life was surrounded by chaos and darkness. My heart was empty, and my mind was filled with confusing thoughts.

In my last years of service as a Catholic priest, I felt that I was not in the sight of God what I professed to be in the sight of men. This vision of my spiritual condition made my heart beat hard and react in a thousand ways, and in my conscience I felt a deep remorse. This state was followed by a feeling of despair that compelled me to cry out to God. Then I said: "Lord, I have taken the last step in the road to perdition. I need Thy help desperately." It was the victory of the Holy Spirit in His regenerating work in me. This miracle had happened, and I was converted.

Friends, I have not said anything that is new to you. You know all these things as well as I do, because there was a day in your life when you passed from darkness into the glorious light in which you now live. But before I leave this pulpit, I would like to say one more thing. As a Pentecostal church, we have the specific mission of confronting the world of today with the life-renewing Holy Spirit. The earth is steeped in sin and error. But it will be totally renewed when the Church of Jesus Christ succeeds in bringing this world to a place of repentance, so it can experience the mighty regenerating work of the Holy Spirit of God.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord. May He bless us and help us in the fulfillment of this great task.

Spiritual Life Emphasized at 32nd General Council

At the 32nd biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God, held in August, the report of the Spiritual Life Committee was emphasized very strongly. The delegates offered a great volume of prayer that God would move upon all the churches in mighty power and pour His Spirit afresh upon the entire membership of the fellowship.

More than 6,000 ministers, delegates, and visitors were officially registered at Long Beach, California, for this Council. Crowds attending the services were estimated to number as many as 12,300 on some occasions. All of the executive presbyters whose terms expire this year were re-elected to office for two years in an atmosphere marked by strong spiritual unity.

*On instruction by the General Council delegates, who specifically voted that the report of the Spiritual Life Committee be published in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, it appears on this page.*

1. The spiritual life of our movement is related to the mode of worship we follow. Any trend toward mere formalism should be deplored. As a safeguard against such, every pastor in the fellowship is urged to encourage an atmosphere of worship which lends itself to spontaneity of praise, and, where God so desires, a manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit.

There should be a continuous emphasis on the overflowing experience of the infilling of the Spirit, which is the glorious privilege of every individual child of God. We should be reminded of the promise of our Lord: "He that believe on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). The words of Paul in Ephesians 5:18, 19 are particularly pertinent: "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

2. We suggest that the growth rate of the church will be increased in proportion to the earnestness of seeking God for a spiritual revival. When the church bears a burden for the lost, souls will be added.

3. While we believe in fellowshiping all true believers, we need to reaffirm our scriptural standards of separation from essentially worldly practices. We should refrain from entering into any association that would compromise our standards or weaken our Pentecostal testimony.

4. Here and there we observe a strengthening of our colleges, both Bible and liberal arts. Since many of our leaders come from among the graduates of these institutions, we recommend that every effort be made to influence these graduates to strive for a Holy Ghost anointed ministry. We must hold before them constantly the challenge to reach the world for God.

5. We recognize that church literature has a tremendous effect on our movement, because all ages are touched and challenged to ministry through this medium. Although great forward steps have been taken in recent years to improve this area of ministry, we encourage all our writers to utilize every opportunity to articulate and reaffirm our Pentecostal distinctives, and to seek God for a more dynamic expression thereof. No writer can transmit more faith and inspiration than is in his own heart.

6. Recognizing the essential relationship of prayer and Bible reading to the spiritual life, we strongly urge our pastors to emphasize anew the importance of private devotions and the family altar. Prayer should be given more emphasis in the church life, as well as the Word of God in our worship services, and the participation of our people in the (annual) Bible-reading program.

7. To more fully indoctrinate and inspire our churches to a full expression of the Spirit-filled life, we strongly encourage the observance of the Pentecost Crusade, set for May 8 to June 2, 1968.

8. It has been noted that encouraging reports of great movings of God's Spirit have attended our camp meetings and youth camps. We feel this is evidence that where leadership is given there is a ready response among our people to seek for the fullness of the Spirit.

9. Our district leaders stand in a strategic position within our movement. We encourage them to become that fountainhead of faith and blessing that will infuse the ministers and the local Assemblies.

10. The Spiritual Life Committee heartily endorses the proposed Five-Year Program of Advance. This program will be launched in a great convocation to be held at the Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Missouri, August 26-29, 1968. Much prayer should be made that God will reveal His will for our movement. . . .

In conclusion, the Spiritual Life Committee expresses deep concern that every effort should be put forth to insure indoctrination of our oncoming generation, and we should surround them with such a spiritual atmosphere that they will perpetuate the faith revealed by God and entrusted to our care. Unless Pentecost is reborn in the hearts of every succeeding generation it will perish. We do not want it said of us as it was said of Israel in Judges 2:10—"And there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."

(Signed by: Spiritual Life Committee—Chairman Joseph R. Flower, Secretary Cyril Homer, Arthur Berg, Edgar Bethany, Basil Edwards, John W. Everett, Gayle Lewis, W. H. Robertson, Wayne Rowland, T. F. Zimmerman.)

PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

Sunday School Lesson for October 8, 1967
Acts 1:12-26

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOLLOWERS OF JESUS returned from Mount Olivet, the scene of Christ's ascension, to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. His coming, Christ had said, would take place "not many days hence." We shall observe (1) how they waited, and (2) why they waited.

HOW THEY WAITED

1. *They waited in unity of heart and purpose.* "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication (Acts 1:14; compare Luke 24:49 with Acts 1:12-14 and Acts 2:1). It is evident that during the 10-day waiting period the disciples divided their time between an "upper chamber" and the temple, and that much of their time was spent in prayer. Here, however, we note their unity of heart and purpose. The words "with one accord" occur five times in the first five chapters of Acts. This was certainly one of the secrets of the revival of which we read. These men and women were from various walks of life, with great differences in occupation, education, back-

A SAD ELECTION



ground, personality, and rank. But the many factors that could have separated them were overcome by the common purpose for which they were met together. Jealousies, rivalries, resentments, and petty differences—if there had been any—were swept away. What spiritual possibilities exist when even a small number of God's people with one accord seek Him (Matthew 18:19, 20).

2. *They waited in faith and expectancy.* How do we know this? Luke tells us (Luke 24:51, 52) that they "returned to Jerusalem [from Mount Olivet] with great joy" and that they "were continually in the temple praising and blessing God." These worshipers did not have merely vague hopes; they praisefully worshiped, anticipating the coming of the promised Holy Spirit!

3. *They waited in persevering prayer.* "They continued steadfastly . . . in prayers" (Acts 2:41). Ten days of waiting may have seemed a long time, but think what one would have missed if he had grown weary and failed to wait *until*. God has sent some mighty revivals over the world at various times during the past 250 years—but these only occurred after extended periods of earnest, wholehearted and believing prayer. (See Luke 11:5-13 and Luke 18:1-8.)

WHY THEY WAITED

Do believers today need to tarry for a certain length of time to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Why did the disciples have to wait so long for the promised Spirit?

1. *Because the appointed time had not yet come.* God had decreed that the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the Day of Pentecost—the first day of the Jewish feast called the Feast of Weeks. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given in a new and specific way; He had a personal coming, just as Jesus had in His incarnation. In this sense, the Spirit cannot be given again. He is here—to be received, as far as God is concerned, as soon as one is converted. There is no Biblical evidence showing that anyone "tarried" very long for the Holy Spirit's fulness after Pentecost. In the three recorded instances (Acts 10:44-48; 8:14-17; and 19:1-6), individuals received either while the Word was being preached or at the laying on of hands.

2. *Because the promised Gift was God's to give.* The Holy Spirit is a gift (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:39) freely offered; it cannot be earned. It is not necessary to beg God to give what He freely offers. Furthermore, it is useless to endeavor to merit or earn that which can only be received by faith and because of grace. Jesus said, speaking of the Spirit, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

3. *Because there was action to be taken first.* In the disciples' case, they had to choose a twelfth disciple to take Judas' place. God may withhold the Spirit from a seeker until he completes some act of obedience. It is not to be construed, however, that protracted praying is necessary before one may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The necessary factor is faith. Protracted praying should *follow* the Baptism. God would have each seeker receive without delay, and then "pray without ceasing"—praying in the Holy Spirit. The latter is the emphasis needed today!

The Holy Spirit performs two works in man. One work is that the Spirit empties the soul of self; the other, that He fills the soul which He has emptied with Himself.

—JOHANNES TAULER



AT THE HEART OF CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE IS A STRONG MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

from a gifted and consecrated dean of women, Lottie Riekehof. Then when a school for the deaf was conceived and brought into existence, it placed at the very heart of our campus a strong missionary emphasis.

A twofold purpose is served in this school for the deaf. First, it assists in developing the *spiritual* life of the deaf. These students receive a new understanding of Jesus Christ and His gospel. They come to see Him and to grow in grace. Second, the school for the deaf ministers to the mental development of the deaf and brings them into an effective ministry.

The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God has proved indisputably that the trained national worker is a more skillful messenger to his own people than the missionary. This is true of the deaf as well. Having been trained, the deaf minister is able to identify himself and to communicate more efficiently with the deaf. Thus, the deaf receive through the deaf an effective witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Central Bible College—School for the Deaf is dedicated to training the deaf for ministry in their own mission field. To assist the deaf students with their education at Central Bible College, the National Home Missions Department has established the Deaf Training Fund. It is available to financially needy students who expect to engage in full-time ministry to the deaf.

Since the school was established in 1962, students have come from Japan and Malaysia as well as from the United States.

We pray the ever-widening circle of dedicated deaf Christians will grasp the opportunity for better training. As they assume the responsibility of reaching the deaf with the gospel, this ministry will be extended to worldwide proportions.

May God give us a greater vision—a renewed compassion to reach the lost. Then we will be impelled to minister to them as Christ did. 

Deaf students (above) relax on the campus of CBC at Springfield, Missouri. In the lower photo, some deaf students look at the CBC yearbook. Six of these students graduated this year from the two-year course offered by the School for the Deaf.

OUR OUTREACH TO THE DEAF



By PHILIP A. CROUCH
President, Central Bible College

THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN among the churches for a group of people who generally have been overlooked in times past. A large body of intelligent, talented people have been neglected and often ignored because they are deaf.

Their physical handicap sometimes puts them at a disadvantage socially, educationally, and economically but their greatest need is spiritual. They need the gospel of Jesus Christ.

According to the 1967 World Almanac, the Bureau of Census estimates the population of the United States has reached 200 million. Harry Brotzman Jr., coordinator for the deaf and blind division of the Home Missions Department, Assemblies of God, states the ratio of deaf in the United States is one to every 150 hearing persons, so the deaf number approximately one and one-third million. He points out that the worldwide ratio of deaf to hearing individuals is even higher. The ministry of the Church must expand to include the millions of deaf people in the world. They, too, need to be brought into the fellowship of the Church.

At Central Bible College we thrill at having a school on our campus which ministers to the deaf. Before this school was ever developed, there was a concern on the part of students as they learned the language of signs



USING "REVIVALTIME" AS A DOOR-OPENER IN BRITISH HONDURAS FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE REAPED 330 SOULS.

A WONDERFUL HARVEST



Members of the U.S. youth team that visited British Honduras (left to right): Mark Conant, Lillyellyn Romine, Ruth Horne, and Jerry Breakfield.

VISITING A TINY COUNTRY that has been challenged by the radio message of *Revivaltime* since January 1965, four Assemblies of God young people reaped a wonderful harvest of souls this summer in Central America's British Honduras. Their four weeks of ministry saw 330 decisions made for Christ.

"Everywhere we went on Sunday morning," remarked one of the teen-agers, "we could hear *Revivaltime* coming from the open windows and doors of houses along the street!"

The four American youths who ministered in the English speaking country, nestled against the southeastern border of Mexico, were part of the Assemblies of God International Youth Witness—a missions-oriented project that this summer also took the gospel door-to-door to Jamaica, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, and Alaska.

Those assigned to British Honduras were Lillyellyn Romine, Louisville, Kentucky; Mark H. Conant, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jerry G. Breakfield, Houston, Texas; and Ruth Horne, Sibley, Missouri.

International Youth Witness, now called Ambassadors in Mission (AIM), is a concentrated effort to win souls, even entire cities, to Christ, and to direct the unsaved to the local Assembly of God. Teaming up with young Christian nationals from surrounding churches, the visiting teen-agers witnessed in pairs.

Their primary goal was to lead individuals to a personal experience of salvation. As one personal worker pointed out, "*Revivaltime* was a door-opener in every home we visited. The city of Belize, where we were witnessing, has only one radio station (Radio Belize), and everyone listened to *Revivaltime* at 8:30 Sunday morning."

After praying with their hosts, the youthful soul winners returned several times to "water" the spiritual seed planted in the hearts of villagers. At each visit, appropriate literature was distributed, including tracts, a special issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, announcement of revival

READ THE WORD

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"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (2 Chronicles 16:9).

meetings, and other printed materials. Highly effective was a home Bible study course, which many of the townspeople completed.

These repeated visits gave the young Americans a fresh realization of the urgent necessity of personal follow-up. We must let people know that we care about their spiritual welfare.

Missionary Mike Wright, a long-time supporter of *Revivaltime*, reminded the visiting teen-agers that the international broadcast service is a valuable follow-up tool. Reaching into homes and hearts throughout the Central American country, *Revivaltime* extends the outreach of the local churches.

The effectiveness of *Revivaltime* on the people of British Honduras is seen in the many testimonies which they send to the Radio Department. One man recently wrote:

"For many years I have listened to your broadcast and enjoy it very much. I am a fisherman, and I spend much of my time at sea alone. So often *Revivaltime* has been an inspiration to me during these lonely hours. It has strengthened my faith in a living God.

"I know God has taken the helm away from me and guided me through dangerous rocks into a safer harbor in the dead of night. I know to have the Lord on board with me is better than a thousand men."

Released over powerful Radio Belize, *Revivaltime* not only ministers to the people throughout the mainland, but reaches beyond into the neighboring islands. Taking the gospel to thousands of spiritually hungry souls, it also shares a word of encouragement with laboring church workers and missionaries of many denominations.

This letter was written by a young man on the Island of Huanaja, off the north coast of Honduras:

"I just finished listening to your broadcast. I am a young man serving as a volunteer in community development work with the Mennonite Voluntary Service. The people on this island speak English, and *Revivaltime* is a favorite. I enjoyed your message today, and of course always appreciate the excellent music. Keep up the good work!"

Believing the gospel as preached on *Revivaltime*, many people reached by Radio Belize have come to know Christ as a constant Companion and rely wholeheartedly on the power of prayer.

A young woman on Utila Bay Island, off Honduras, asked *Revivaltime's* prayer fellowship to pray for a revival among the young people of her church. A few months later she wrote again:

"Let me share the wonderful news with you that God is answering your prayers concerning the young people on our island! A revival is in progress, and 27 persons have been saved. Thank you so much for praying."

Plans are already being made for next year's AIM witnessing efforts both at home and overseas. More young people than ever before are expected to participate in the program which will be coordinated by Mobilization and Placement Service (MAPS).

It will be wonderful if next year's teams of young people can go into new fields with the assurance that *Revivaltime* has been there to introduce the Assemblies of God; that the broadcast will be working side-by-side with them to lead souls to Christ, and will continue an effective follow-up ministry after the students have returned to their home cities. Your faithful support of *Revivaltime's* ministries can help make this possible. 

HEALED IN A DAY

WHEN WHAT I BELIEVED WAS A MOLE proved to be cancer, I knew I had need of the Lord's healing touch. I am glad that Jesus never fails. He did not fail me.

The Lord was no stranger to our family, for we have served Him 14 years. At the time I was saved, He healed me of a heart condition.

About two years ago I went to a skin specialist after the mole on my neck became irritated and sore. On my second visit he told me it was malignant. He operated and began treatments.

Even though all seemed to be going well, the place was most unsightly, and my husband had to dress it each morning and night. It became so large that I could not turn over in bed without first getting out of bed.

One morning as my husband was changing the bandage, he was especially discouraged. That evening when he returned from work he was tired, but he decided to dress the sore first before sitting down to rest. When he removed the dressing, he found the place was completely healed!

Both my husband and I were overjoyed at God's mercy toward me. He freely testifies of what God has done for me. I deeply appreciate the many prayers that went up for me, and thank God for healing my body. —Mrs. Perry Minton, Odin, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. L. Farquhar, Assembly of God, Odin, Ill.)



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When the Preacher Fell Asleep

By FLORENCE RUSSELL

THE MINISTRY OF PHILIP DUNCAN of Sydney, Australia, is filled with colorful incidents typical of his picturesque homeland.

Leaving Sydney by train for a preaching appointment at a church one morning, he fell asleep. When he awoke, he found he was 15 miles beyond his destination. He got off the train and telephoned his friends who were waiting for him. Meanwhile he sat down on a bench under a tree and bowed his heart in prayer. Why had he made such a foolish mistake? Did the Lord have a purpose in it?

His meditations were interrupted by the sight of a bowlegged man coming toward him. In his friendly way Mr. Duncan invited the stranger to sit beside him, introducing himself as a preacher of the gospel.

"And what do you think I am?" queried the man with the hoop-shaped legs.

"Well, I should say you have something to do with the horses."

"You're right, sir. I've handled horses all my life. Could ride any horse."

"Do you still ride?"

"Well, not of late. Not since I had the accident."

"What happened? Were you kicked?"

"Well, sir, a while ago I heard of a horse they had at the stockyards. He was a wild fellow; nobody could ride him. They didn't know what to do with him. I went over and asked for him. They said I couldn't have him; he was too wild. He had killed a man the week before. I finally persuaded them to let me have him at my own risk. I got on his back and he reared and kicked



and bucked and did everything a wicked beast could do, but I held on.

"At last I got him quieted down and rode him out to the never-never lands. I thought I had him tamed and got a bit careless. He threw me and galloped off into the desert. My leg was broken, and there I lay helpless. I knew I was done for."

"You *were* in a fix, brother; no man could ever help you."

"That's the truth, sir. I had never thought of God, never prayed or wanted to know Him. But I wanted Him then and didn't know how to find Him. I prayed, 'Oh God, whoever You are, if You'll get me out of this fix, I promise to serve You all the rest of my life!'

"I fainted away. When I came to, I saw the bulldog ants coming toward me. I fainted again. When I regained consciousness, what do you think I saw?"

"An airplane, perhaps?"

"No, sir. That horse was coming straight to me. He came up and stopped. With my one good leg and my strong arms I managed to get on his back and rode him into the city. They fixed me up at the hospital, and since then I've been trying to find someone who could help me find God. Perhaps you, sir, being a minister, can help me."

"Indeed I can," Mr. Duncan assured him. And thinking of that other Philip who was sent by the Lord to meet the Ethiopian in the desert, he told the stranger of the One who bore his sins on the cross of Calvary and who freely forgives all who trust in Him. In a few minutes both men were praising God because a new name was written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. 