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

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TODAY WE FACE the greatest demands and danger in the history of mankind. All the past pales before the unbelievable issues of this tremendous hour. Like an ocean liner torn from her moorings, and rudderless, the world tosses hopelessly upon a raging ocean of trouble and distress. Giant waves of passion beat against it, while gales of terror and despair carry it ever nearer the rocks that loom through the darkness ahead.

Our world leaders mount the bridge and seize the helm in vain. Though we are blessed with all the achievements of a golden age, we face staggering problems, such as racial strife, Communism, and weapons that baffle us.

We have tried education, social reform, economics; but within themselves they have failed. There never has

But I must also include, based on world travel for the cause of Christ, that segregation as it exists in the United States today has been a stumbling block to many in foreign countries. They tend to confuse Biblical Christianity with American culture. It is hard for them to realize that although American culture has been influenced greatly by Christianity, it is by no means Christ-centered; in fact, as in other cultures, the Church exists as a minority.

I have talked with many who have used this problem as an excuse for rejecting Christ as their personal Saviour. Others, when confronted with the tragic evil of racial prejudice and discrimination in our churches, have used the problem as an excuse for disloyalty to Christ.

I know that as reality is faced through God's Word and prayer, the Holy Spirit will move the heart to realize that excuses and rationalization cannot make a person

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these things shall be

By ROBERT E. HARRISON



been a time when more humanitarian efforts—goodwill and social justice and religious interest—have been shown than today. But our best does not seem good enough to stem the storms of greed, lust, hatred, prejudice, and war.

We are being pressed back to the Bible for the cause and cure of all we are experiencing. It is true the Bible teaches that the entire human race is infected with a moral disease called sin. But it is also true that Jesus said the conditions we see today would take place in the last days (Luke 21:9).

One of the most explosive problems is the racial situation. This is also one of the most graphic signs of the last days. When Jesus shared with His disciples signs of the end time, He uttered these words: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (Luke 21:10). This passage actually means "race against race."

The racial problem is one that is acute all over the world. It is not peculiar to this country. Last year in the Philippines I was exposed to the friction between the Filipinos and Chinese. In Africa they have a racial, tribal, and caste problem. The English and West Indians are having difficulties; and of course, the Middle East is in great turmoil because of racial conflict.

Jesus said, "These things shall be." "*Race shall rise against race.*" This is one of the clear signs of the times.

As born-again believers we must never allow these signs to desensitize us from Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations. This challenge is without distinction. Our total commitment must be to evangelize—"the whole gospel for the whole man and the whole world."

Speaking as an American Christian who happens to be a "man of color," I cannot help but emphasize that although political and economic pressure can help curb the racial problem, only Christ and His gospel can solve it.

less guilty before God. Salvation is in a Person, Jesus Christ. Neither the evils of American society, nor the failures of some Christians, can change this fact or reduce the individual's responsibility to accept and serve Him as Saviour and Lord. Yet what will we as Christians tell our Lord concerning our bigotry when we face Him in eternity?

Paul voiced what should be the attitude of the redeemed toward all races when he said, "Wherefore, henceforth know we no man after the flesh [after a human point of view]" (2 Corinthians 5:16). A child of God cannot say he will live in fellowship with all people provided they have the right skin coloring, and come from the best part of town, and are not obnoxious to him. The Church is not exclusive; it is inclusive. It includes all for whom Christ died.

It is my conviction that the true Church cannot afford to ignore or remain neutral on such an issue which obviously defies the very heart of the Christian faith—love.

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another." I believe *love* here entails not only being friendly to people of every race, but also showing concern about the welfare of all people in one's society. It is this love which, radiated by every Christian, will call men to the saving knowledge of Christ our Lord. Especially is this necessary in view of the extreme voices Satan is using.

Look at another verse in Luke 21. Jesus continued the subject of "these things shall be" with the words, "Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity" (v. 25). In the last days the human race, He said, would be *pressed from all sides—with no way out.*

We are pressed internationally. The nuclear weapons race has created a suppressed terror in men's hearts

everywhere. Many are asking, "Will Vietnam escalate into a full-blown war for the U.S.? As everyone knows, the United States has been steadily drifting deeper into the Vietnam war. Our military mission, that only a few years ago numbered 800, now totals over 500,000. Americans are fighting and dying every day. If America, committed so firmly to victory in Vietnam, does not win, it cannot hope to maintain its position anywhere in Asia.

The Vietnamese themselves are torn apart by greed, ambition, plots of rivalries. There have been numerous changes in government in the past four years. Confidence in America by the people in Southern Asia is questionable. Everything indicates that the Vietnam war will be a long one.

We are pressed nationally. There is a steady growth of iniquity all across our nation. Sin is openly defiant on every hand. Powerful syndicates of gangsters and racketeers operate freely in every major city. Juvenile delinquency has become a major problem of our law courts and criminologists. Liquor consumption has reached an all-time high involving annual expenditures of billions of dollars. The number of alcoholics is appalling, pushing over the 6,000,000 mark, with a substantial percentage of women involved.

America is long on money and materialism but terribly short on values that count. No nation is wealthier or healthier than its own soul. By Biblical or spiritual standards, our beloved land today is very sick indeed. "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness" (Proverbs 30:12).

We are pressed within the church. Christ has called and left His Church on the earth for such a time as this. But with shame we must admit failure in this business of evangelism. The result of this failure is seen on every hand and in every section of the United States. Our churches have more mechanics at their disposal, but lack the dynamics of the Early Church. In many instances our churches are overly organized and spiritually undernourished. We work for credit on earth rather than to hear Christ say, "Well done."

There has been a bold departure from the supernatural truths of the Word of God. If we had held to the Word of God and willingly submitted to its full authority over our lives; if our people had rejected the intrusion of infidel modernism with its devastating destruction of saving faith; if the organized evangelical churches of our land had maintained the fervency of John Wesley, the zeal of Jonathan Edwards, the passion of Charles Finney, the evangelism of Dwight Moody, and the power of the Holy Ghost, what a different story we would have to tell today. But Satan has done his deadly work. He has, with his colleagues, destroyed many of the former citadels of truth. It is true Christ said, "These things shall be," but we as believers need not contribute to the fulfillment of this last-day prophecy.

The work of the New Testament Church is to rekindle faith in the Bible, in Christ, and in eternal things. Thank God, the gospel of Jesus Christ is equal to and greater than the most desperate odds which can be placed against it. We come upon an age when a new era of Bible-based, soul-convicting, sin-blasting evangelism is intensely needed. We need the kind of evangelism that tells man God is indispensable, Christ is available, and eternity is inevitable.

In these last days we are pressed from all sides, but even now there is a way out. Jesus said, "I am the way. . . ." We must accelerate by every means possible this great message.

The real issues are not *racial* or *political*; the real enemy is not *Russia* or *Red China*; the real problem is not even the hydrogen bomb. The real issue is *Christ* or *Antichrist*: God who became man, or man who will claim to be God.

The lines are drawn, and multitudes are on the march. Satan has a dynamic movement in full swing. It hates God but imitates the Church. It is winning converts by the millions. Its followers toil and suffer and are willing to spend and be spent for what they believe. They know what they want and are going after it. The only way to meet that revolution is with a counter revolution—a revolution that began centuries ago at Pentecost. 

People enjoy fellowship as they leave a General Council session.



The Refugee Problem

IN BIBLE DAYS there were six cities of refuge—three on the west bank of the Jordan and three on the east bank. These were cities to which a slayer might flee for safety following an accidental death. The avenger of blood could not harm the slayer as long as he remained in a city of refuge (Joshua 20:7, 8).

Today, instead of cities of refuge there are teeming camps of refugees—many on the west bank, and even more on the east. These camps are void of comforts, offering only the barest necessities of life, but they afford a refuge to the Arabs who fled from their homes when fighting broke out in Palestine.

No one knows for sure how many refugees there are in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the Gaza Strip, and Egypt. There were 1,300,000 registered with UNWRA (United Nations Works and Relief Agency) prior to the Six-Day War last June. In Jordan, for example, UNWRA estimates it now has 65,000 new refugees housed temporarily in tents. Half of them are children. Their situation is very miserable and their outlook for the future bleak indeed.

One UNWRA official said that many will die this winter if they do not get more adequate housing. "They had three feet of snow near Jerash last winter," he said, "and we have a camp there with 13,000 in it, living in tents suitable for changing your bathing suits at the beach." He said efforts are under way to get good army tents for these people before the nights turn too cold.

Many of the refugee camps are in areas overrun by Israel. As a result of their victory, the Israelis now have more than half a million Arab refugees under their jurisdiction. With the help of UNWRA they are caring for them. On both sides of the Jordan, UNWRA provides shelter, basic food rations, and welfare services to the refugees. It also supplies essential health care, education for the children, and vocational training for youths. In the past year it spent about \$39,000,000 on the refugees. About 70 percent of this money came from the U.S.; 24 percent from Britain; and 6 percent from other nations. This is not much when divided among so many refugees—only about \$30 each. That is why the help that comes from the Red Cross, churches, and other sources in the form of clothing, blankets, etc., has been so important.

The refugees, for the most part, are innocent victims of political conflict. Charges and countercharges are made by Jew and Arab, each blaming the other for creating the refugee problem or for delaying repatriation of the refugees. While the controversy rages, human suffering goes on and it constitutes an urgent call to Christians throughout the world to help the refugees in every way possible. Material help in this hour of extreme need may open their hearts to receive spiritual help too.

We are all refugees, in a spiritual sense. Some take refuge in one hope, some in another. Christ is the only hope that is sure. As believers in Him, we "have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus" (Hebrews 6:18-20).

In Bible days, there were only six cities of refuge. There were many other cities, but none of them afforded safety. Today, Christ is the only refuge. For Jews, Arabs, and all the world there is no other Saviour. He alone can solve the refugees' real problem.

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H. C. Noah (shown with his wife) conducted one of the morning prayer meetings at the General Council in Long Beach, California. This article is the substance of his remarks at that service.

Getting God's Help In These Times

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THESE ARE THOUGHT-PROVOKING TIMES! As we examine the prophetic implications of the recent happenings in the Middle East, the shocking events in our own land, the problems of many people, we ask, "How can God work it out?" In 2 Chronicles 20:1-27 we find one incident that may well be the pattern.

Jehoshaphat was a "good" king of Judah. He was not a perfect king for he had erred in his affinity with wicked Ahab. Yet the Bible says, "The Lord was with Jehoshaphat" (2 Chronicles 17:3).

At the time referred to in 2 Chronicles 20, Judah was in grave danger. The neighboring nations of Moab and Ammon were threatening her.

Jehoshaphat was panic-stricken! But in this instance he knew what to do. There was no turning to ungodly rulers for assistance. With no compromising and no trusting in his own might, he turned to God. "Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord" (vv. 3,4). He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. We see a man taking Bible steps to victory.

He first recognized God as God. Hebrews 11:6 says, "He that cometh to God must believe that he is." Thank God, this is the Bible approach to our own problems and difficulties!

I will always thank God I had the privilege of meeting and hearing J. Frank Norris before he went home to glory. His father was a drunkard, but his mother was a godly woman.

It was Christmastime, and young Frank begged his mother to let him go to the Christmas program. He knew there was to be a beautifully decorated tree and a Santa Claus was going to be there. But his mother knew he didn't have decent clothes to wear to a Christmas program; and most of all she knew there would be no gift on the tree for little Frank. But his pleading prevailed. With freshly washed and ironed clothes on, he went—and no boy enjoyed the program as much as he did.

It was time for the gifts to be passed out. Right in front of little Frank sat the two sons of the banker. "Santa" began to pass out the packages, and the banker's two sons received most of the gifts.

Frank sat and rejoiced over it all, even though he was not expecting a thing. Finally coming to the end of the huge pile of gifts, Santa picked up a gift in very ordinary wrappings, looked at the name, and called out, "Frank Norris." That little fellow almost fell off the seat in his rush forward! With a big smile on his face he returned to his seat and quickly unwrapped the gift. It was a Bible from his mother.

The banker's sons looked at Frank with his one gift—a Bible—and said, "Is that all you got?" But young Frank hugged the Bible to himself and hurried home to thank his wonderful Christian mother for the gift.

Poverty and hard times were Frank Norris' lot. It wasn't always easy to have the sneers and laughs from the banker's two sons. Week after week he was ridiculed for the clothes he wore and the lunch he brought to school.

One day he could stand it no longer, and asked his mother to let him stay home and study. He promised even to memorize chapters from the Bible. Frank kept that promise.

Later he went away to school, and he became a Baptist preacher who reached thousands of souls. He built the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. At that time they were two of the largest Baptist churches in America.

One day he returned to his boyhood home in the South. He drove his new car up to the courthouse and stepped out dressed handsomely. The little poor boy had grown up!

Over by the courthouse steps sat two drunken, dirty, ragged bums. To his consternation he found them to be the banker's sons he had known in his boyhood days.

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IN THE SEVENTH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW, Jesus climaxed the Sermon on the Mount by teaching about His kingdom. I want to consider with you this Kingdom He is speaking about.

Notice this great challenge of Jesus Christ: "Put God's Kingdom first, and all these things shall be added unto you."

The conflict is not between the physical and the spiritual. We do need bread, but we do not need bread alone. We do need food and clothing. These things are necessary, but God pity the person who lives for three meals a day, eight hours on the job, raising a family, educating the children, and retiring. There's something better in life than that.

The Master is trying to lead us into this great and wonderful vision of His. Life is to have greater capacities and greater visions and greater goals than these things other people put first in life. We are to be challenged by the extension of His Kingdom, and then all these things will be added as fringe benefits of the interest we place in the kingdom of God.

I want to locate this Kingdom because many people view it as something abstract, something irrelevant to our day. Jesus said that His Kingdom did not come with outward observation, but the kingdom of God was within. He would strike for the center of life. So the Kingdom did come—a Kingdom built in the hearts of men. He would capture the heart and then He would have the entire potential of the individual.

Jesus Christ had a vision that no one else ever had. He had a vision of building a Kingdom in the hearts of men that would outlive and outlast and outshine the perishing kingdoms of this world. He had a vision of a Kingdom where there would be no lines of demarcation—a Kingdom where all tribes and all languages would be able to sit down and worship the same Christ.

This Kingdom Christ is building in the hearts of men has survived across 20 centuries when other kingdoms have risen to great prominence and have fallen into the dust. Here is a Kingdom that is still in the world, still thriving, still growing, still moving—the kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

Does this Kingdom have only a beachhead in our lives? Are there vast areas in our souls that have never known obedience and allegiance to the King of Glory?

We were brought into this Kingdom by a loving purchase. Paul wrote, "For ye are bought with a price." This means we are purchased for intended use.

The picture is that of the old Greek slave market. There has always been a financial backdoor for people who have become indebted beyond their means. In our society it is bankruptcy, but in that society it was slavery. Man would become so indebted he would have to sell himself (and sometimes his family) into slavery.

They would take him to the slave market where people would bid on him. The man looking at this potential slave wasn't bidding just because the fellow had gotten into financial difficulty. The bidder was bidding because he had harvests unreaped and fields unplowed and flocks uncared for. He purchased this slave for intended use.

I want you to know that when Jesus purchased us and brought us into His Kingdom, He purchased us for



intended use. He saw some place we could fit into the kingdom of God. I challenge you to find one place in the New Testament where Jesus asked anyone to follow Him on the basis of going to heaven. It was always on the basis of fish uncaught and harvests unreaped and vineyards uncared for!

The Bible teaches that even in prayer, the first thing we are to pray for is, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." We are to be so involved and taken up with the Kingdom that the first petition that escapes our lips when we pray is for that kingdom of Jesus Christ—that His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

After Jesus was baptized by John, He immediately went into the wilderness. The burden of His ministry lay heavily upon Him. I think the burning question on His heart was, "How shall I proceed in this great task of building the kingdom of God in the hearts of men?"

The devil came and suggested three ways in which this might be accomplished:

1. The devil reasoned first of all that man is material and is primarily interested in material things. So the best thing to do was to appeal to the physical and material. He suggested that Jesus begin by turning stones to bread.

Christ answered (and His answer comes ringing loud and clear in our materialistic age), "Man shall not live by bread alone!" Man is not just flesh and bones. He is spiritual. Man is soul. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

2. Then the adversary suggested that man is interested in the sensational. He likes to be dazzled. He likes to be fooled. So the devil said to Jesus, "Cast Yourself down from the temple. The angels will bear You up. Then the people will know You are able to do great things, and You will gain a following."

Jesus turned this temptation down, but many other people have picked it up. The trouble with sensationalism is that you have to be getting something new all the time. Suppose Jesus had cast Himself down from the temple and the angels had preserved Him from harm. A week later someone would have said, "Jesus is going

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By W. GLENN WEST

His great Kingdom—with a great compassion for the needs of humanity, a great compassion to minister to the people.

He judged the religious system of His day in the Parable of the Good Samaritan—a system that cared for things instead of individuals, a system that passed by suffering humanity to reach the temple and worship. Any religion that ignores the needs of this lost human race and cares more for worship than work is obnoxious to Jesus Christ and will fail to build the Kingdom.

Just a little later He cursed the fig tree, symbolic of the Jewish nation, and that fig tree withered away. He said, "I will take the kingdom away from you and give it to a nation that brings forth the fruits thereof." Down through history the Lord has looked for the group or organization or church that would really build His Kingdom. He has given opportunity to various groups. His only qualification is that they bring forth the fruits of it. Thank the Lord for the opportunity to help build His Kingdom.

We live now in a world of crises. There seems to be a judgment hanging over this world. By the time we survive one crisis, another is upon us. Old orders are dissolving. Something new and as yet undetermined is waiting to be born.

Do we sit here trusting in democracy and thinking we have liberty in our country? We are circumscribed by innumerable qualifications rendering the individual less and less the master of his own fate—with the attendant feeling of helplessness and frustration. If this is true in "the land of the free," what about other lands where the individual has little to say in his government? This political order that we suppose is immutable is dissolving before our eyes. Something new and as yet undetermined is rising on its ruins.

We may trust in free enterprise, although half the world knows nothing of this system. We also know that socialism is invading every aspect of capitalism. All that can be done is to slow down the process. Thus in the economic world something is dissolving about us and something new and as yet undetermined is rising on its ruins.

We trust in the present sense of security, yet we know our enemies have weapons just as powerful and perhaps more powerful than ours. Nationalism is rising. And there is nothing more sure tonight than that there will be further clashes among the nations of this earth. So this sense of security is dissolving and something as yet undetermined is rising on its ruins.

There are those who trust one or another of the

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to jump off the temple at four this afternoon." And another would reply, "Oh? I saw Him do that last week."

But the gospel doesn't wear out! So Jesus turned down this temptation.

3. The last appeal was the most insidious of all. Satan put before the Son of God exactly the prize that He came for—the kingdoms of this world—and suggested a shortcut. He sat up there chattering away and polishing the bargain: "It doesn't make any difference how it's done. All You have to do is fall down and worship me."

Jesus looked at those kingdoms, but not at the glitter and splendor. He looked at the individuals who made up those kingdoms. He saw their needs and He decided to proceed by methods that would bring blessing and healing and salvation to the human race.

After rejecting those temptations Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth. There He read from the Book of Isaiah and put five planks in His platform for building the Kingdom.

He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor" (Luke 4:18). In other words He was saying, "One of the things that plagues this human race is poverty." He was talking about spiritual bankruptcy.

He said, "The second plank in my platform is going to be to heal the brokenhearted." He was going to minister to the needs of men and in this way build His Kingdom.

Then He said the third plank of His platform would be to preach deliverance to the captives. Men can be captivated by the dazzle of this world and brought into bondage. He said He would preach a message that would set them free.

The fourth plank He said would be recovering of sight to the blind. We are blinded by the god of this world. But the great heavenly Shepherd comes to bring us sight.

For the fifth plank of His platform He said He would set at liberty them that are bruised.

So He said of the poor and brokenhearted and captive and blind and bruised, "I am come that they might have life, and have it to the full till the cup overflows."

With these methods Jesus went out to begin building

The Products of Trouble

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IT IS NOT SIMPLY BEARING TROUBLE that contributes to our victory over it. Rather, it is the way we use our trouble that spells victory or defeat for us.

Listen to what Paul had to say: "We triumph even in our troubles, knowing that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope—a hope that never disappoints us, since God's love floods our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:3, Moffatt).

Paul saw nothing as wasted in God's economy—not even trouble. To him the products of trouble were sturdy, lasting, useful. We are challenged to take hold of trouble when it comes our way, let God into it with us, and so turn it into an asset instead of a disaster.

We must let trouble draw out of us a finer faith and

Editor's Note: This article was written following a time of trouble in Pastor Johnson's own life. He reports:

"While in my study I received a call that my wife and son had just been involved in a serious accident in which the car was totally demolished. I rushed immediately to the hospital. I saw them bring in my wife and son. They were soaked in blood—badly cut and bruised.

"My son required 17 stitches in his arm. My wife had six broken ribs and a broken pelvis.

"The doctor told me it would be a year before she would fully recover. This was the fourth major tragedy she had had in a year's time, and it was the second for my son.

"But in answer to prayer my wife started to walk in 10 days. In less than two months she was fully recovered, doing her own work. She doesn't even have a limp.

"While my wife was in the hospital, I was thinking about the series of tragic events just transpired. I asked myself, 'Why? What about divine providence?' It was under these circumstances that God spoke to me and this article, 'Triumph in Trouble,' emerged.

"It has been almost two years since that car accident. Both my wife and son are in excellent health, showing no evidence of the injuries received in this and previous accidents. For this we praise the Lord."

a sturdier hope. When trouble strikes, see to it that no foolish thinking weakens your soul. Let no vain whining about injustice stifle your witness or cloud your communion with God.

Let the man who is caught up in a flood of troubles listen to the Holy Spirit's voice. The essence of His message to the troubled is, "Steady now! God loves you with the kind of love He bestowed upon His Son. Keep your eyes on the Cross. Let the love it releases take possession of you each moment, each hour. Let it hold you steady while the teeth of trouble's harrow are tearing your flesh."

How can we know if our faith is genuine if it has never been tested in the fire? We read, "For Christ also hath once suffered," and that He was "made perfect through sufferings." The oft-tested Apostle, at the closing of his life could say with triumph, "I have kept the faith."

Do not misunderstand what I am saying. This is a moral universe, and there is a central justice at the heart of it. It is perfectly Biblical to say of the righteous man that *in the end* "it shall be well with him," and of the wicked man that *in the end* "it shall be ill with him" (Isaiah 3:10, 11).

Meanwhile, some modern Joseph goes to a jail he doesn't deserve; some contemporary Paul gets a flogging that is not his due; some Martin Niemoller keeps the faith in a concentration camp; some Joseph Tucker is martyred in the Congo. What useful products come from this kind of trouble?

In Hebrews 11, the great faith chapter, we get at least a glimpse of the answer. We read a glorious list of deliverances, then we come to, "And others..." These were not delivered, but also "obtained a good report through faith." In fact, their eternal reward has been enhanced by the promise, "That they might obtain a greater resurrection." It takes a stronger faith to remain loyal to God when deliverances are not forthcoming and divine providence has seemingly stepped aside for the moment. That is when we must face trouble with the words given the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Once when the children of Israel found themselves in trouble, God said through Moses that they should "stand still... The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." This was not a time when most men would have wanted to stand still, even when there was no place to go.

The mountains loomed up on either side, the Red Sea was before them, and behind them the armies of Pharaoh. No human agency could save them now. They were caught like animals in a trap. They were outnumbered and virtually defenseless against the trained armies of Egypt. Then they heard God's command to stand still. He simply took over as they obeyed and used their trouble to enhance His glory and enlarge their blessing.

It may be that you have come to some "Red Sea"



in your life. You are hedged in on every hand; you cannot go forward; you cannot retreat; you are reduced to a narrow field of action; you face extraordinary difficulties. You are tempted to struggle, to make some desperate move. But this is the time to listen for the voice of your God and hear His, "Stand still!"

Other voices will certainly break in. Despair may whisper, discouragement shout, self-pity torment. Refuse

NORMAN BAILEY DID NOT BELONG ON SKID ROW—but there he was! For many years Norman was conscious of a void in his life. There was that feeling of unfulfillment. It grew into a complete lack of purpose.

Norman Bailey could have "had it made." In 1954 he graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in police administration. After two years in the Army he enrolled in the graduate school of criminalistics at the University of California. He studied law for nearly a year. But there was still something missing.

To fill that emptiness, Norman began drinking—socially, of course. But soon his drinking became heavier and he needed every cent he earned to support his habit. Even that wasn't enough. He embezzled over \$3,500 from the business he was managing in Oakland, California.

Determined to discover what life was all about, Norman moved to Denver, Colorado, and then to Seattle,

He Belongs to Skid Row Now

Washington. Finally he went to Alaska, hoping the pioneer spirit there would fill that void. It didn't. Norman Bailey decided that a life without a purpose wasn't worth living and tried to commit suicide by slashing his wrists.

But God had other plans for Norman Bailey. His suicide attempt failed. Recovering from his wounds in a military facility, he confessed his crime and was soon extradited to Oakland.

In the Santa Rita County Jail awaiting sentencing, Norman became more and more convinced that God did not exist. He felt happiness could come by dismissing from his mind all thoughts of a deity and simply living by his own wisdom and cunning. As a youth he had attended church and at one time even taught a Sunday school class—"because it was expected of me." Like many people, Norman thought this would please God, but works for works' sake alone did not fill his empty life.

Since it was his first offense, Norman would be eligible for probation. But his parole officer had recommended a period of at least six months' imprisonment, if for no other reason than as a possible cure for his alcoholic tendencies. Norman agreed. He wanted time alone to plan his future. But the judge felt Norman didn't need to be confined and released him on three years' probation into the very element from which he was trying to find seclusion.

Norman spent what money he had on liquor to cele-

brate his release from jail. For several days he wandered around town, sleeping on the ground in a park. Still rebellious against God—but physically hungry—Norman went to the Salvation Army mission for a handout one day. The mission didn't serve meals that weekend, but someone told him about a nearby mission which served every night.

A few shabby, world-beaten men had already gathered outside the Assemblies of God Rescue Mission at 8th and Clay Streets (Oakland) when Norman got there. They all went in for the gospel service which preceded supper. As Norman listened to the speaker, the Holy Spirit touched his heart and, like a flash of lightning, he knew what was missing in his life. When the altar call was given, Norman couldn't get out of his seat fast enough and rushed forward to accept Christ as his Sav-

our. There was no need to ask if he was saved that night. The glow on his face told the story perfectly.

Since that time Norman has lived at the mission, helping the directors, Brother and Sister Otho Collins. He took charge of the radio broadcast and did an excellent job of preparing the programs and announcing. He also edits the mission's monthly newsletter.

Norman has a beautiful voice and often sings solos in addition to leading the song service. He has preached many times and Brother Collins says, "It's a joy to see Norman grow in the Lord." He loves to read his Bible and studies the correspondence courses from the Berean School of the Bible. When Brother Collins has to leave for a few days, he always places Norman in charge of the mission.

When he is not busy ministering at the mission, in local churches, or at Men's Fellowship meetings, Norman spends his time improving the general appearance of the mission building. He has painted, laid tile, paneled the walls of the dining room, and made songbook racks and lockers for the men's dormitory.

No, Norman Bailey did not belong on skid row—but he does now. For the Lord has laid His hand upon this young man for a dedicated ministry.





Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Is all sickness demon-possession?

Most of our sicknesses come because our bodies are mortal, subject to sickness and death. We do not have as yet the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:22, 23).

Jesus "healed all who were oppressed of the devil" (Acts 10:38), which indicates that the devil might use sicknesses, as he uses other testings, against us; but children of God are not demon-possessed as long as they are trusting the atonement and seeking to live for God.

Let us trust Jesus to keep us well; but should we become ill, let us not condemn ourselves unless we know of some wrong we should make right. If conscience condemns us, then let us confess our sins and pray one for another that we may be healed (James 5:15, 16).

What is meant by Galatians 5:4: "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace"? Had they committed the unpardonable sin?

The Galatians were believers, not backsliders in the way we use the term. They were Christian brethren (Galatians 1:2). But they were listening to Judaizing teachers who insisted that they be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved. Paul warns that when they look to the Law as a basis for their righteousness instead of to Christ, they are fallen from grace.

Please explain the reference to "Corban" in Mark 7:11.

As I understand it, a person might dedicate what he had to the Lord, yet continue to use it. Evidently it became a practice of some to claim what they had was dedicated to the Lord so that they could not give any of it to their needy parents. The practice which God meant for good—evidence of giving to Him in devotion—was misused by some to protect their self-interests.

I believe you will get the proper understanding of Corban by reading Leviticus 27, where we see that a person might vow to give to the Lord any of a number of things. We follow this practice in spirit when we dedicate ourselves and our possessions to the Lord. (See Romans 12:1, 2.)

If Jesus paid for our sins in His death on the cross and said, "It is finished," how can people say the Church did not begin until the Day of Pentecost?

The disciples were saved before the Day of Pentecost, and their names were "written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). But the dispensation of the Christian Church, in which all members are by one Spirit baptized into one body, had its beginning at Pentecost.

Until then, the disciples were instructed to remain at Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension, waiting for the promise of the Father (Acts 1:4). After Pentecost they began the New Testament ministry of making disciples in "all the world," bringing them into the Church, the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13, 14).

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.

1967 "REVIVALTIME" WORLD PRAYERMEETING
THEME IS BASED ON DANIEL 3:17

'Our God

WHEN THE FLAME OF FAITH BURNS HIGH, nothing is impossible!

An enraged pagan king heard confident words of faith when he threatened three Hebrews with a flaming execution. "And who is that God," he demanded, "that shall be able to deliver you out of my hands?" (Daniel 3:15).

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us," was their reply.

Rash religious enthusiasm? Nebuchadnezzar thought so and ordered them thrown into the blazing chamber of death. But he did not reckon on the protective wrappings of prayer.

Youths though they were, these three heroes had learned the miraculous power available through interceding for the "mercies of the God of heaven."

God honored their faith. He met them in the fiery furnace, and "the fire had no power."

Our changeless Heavenly Father still responds to hearts who dare to pray for the impossible, believing "Our God . . . is able."

Near the close of each year, testimonies of "impossible" deliverances reach the Radio Department at Springfield, headquarters for the annual *Revivaltime World Prayer-meeting*. One of these was from Robert Bruce of Beaverton, Oregon. The young man wrote Radio Speaker C. M. Ward:

"I must give praise to God for what He has done for my father. A diabetic, Dad was to have a leg amputated. We decided to ask for the prayers of those who join you at World Prayermeeting.

"Dad has felt the healing touch of God! Just a few days ago I talked with him by telephone, and he said he does all of his farm chores, milks a herd of cows, drives a tractor and loads and unloads the feed trailer—heavy work for a man 78 years old! We thank God for this year of miracles."

The same prayer fellowship that aimed God's healing fingers at this afflicted father is ready to intercede for the needs of your body or the burden of your heart.

Last year, a great army of more than 50,000 Pentecostal believers joined forces with *Revivaltime* in praying for more than 20,000 individual prayer requests. The testimonies sent to the Radio Department as a result of that mighty time of intercession are enough to melt the hardest heart!

Robert Bruce's letter is just a sample. Read this note from a joyful grandmother in Vero Beach, Florida: "We rejoice in answered prayer for our granddaughter and her husband. Their names were among the many requests you prayed over at World Prayermeeting. Just a few days

... Is Able'

after we shared this need with *Revivaltime*, my granddaughter called her parents long distance asking them to come and pray with her because she was under such conviction. They went, and she was gloriously saved. Within a week or two both she and her husband went to the altar in a morning church service. We thank God for the prayers of *Revivaltime!*"

And in Oxford Junction, Iowa, a young Christian housewife wrote to *Revivaltime* concerning her burden for a local pastor and his wife. After the World Prayermeeting, she testified: "I requested prayer for the pastor of the Methodist church and his wife to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Both of them have been gloriously filled with His Spirit. Now he boldly preaches on the Baptism! Thank you so much for praying."

Testimonies like these have set one glorious truth pounding in the hearts of everyone at the *Revivaltime* office—"Our God . . . Is Able!" What a tremendous declaration of faith!

This inspiring phrase has been selected as the theme for the 1967 *Revivaltime World Prayermeeting* to be conducted on Sunday, November 19.

The resources of the Women's Missionary Council and Men's Fellowship Departments have been placed behind this international prayer service, and already hundreds of prayer requests have been received by the Radio Department.

God's energies are released through prayer—released to meet and overcome every personal need. But to share in this divine outpouring of God's deliverance *you must become involved.*

Take a positive step of faith today by sending your most urgent prayer requests to *Revivaltime*. On Sunday, November 19, those requests will be taken before the Throne of Grace by people scattered throughout the world—in Saigon, Manila, Belize, Port-of-Spain, and hundreds of other areas. Believers gathered around the world's longest altar will be interceding for your personal need, and as in previous World Prayermeetings we are anticipating a mighty response from God.

Assert your faith today by saying with the three Hebrew youths, "Our God . . . Is Able." The longing of your heart could be realized at this gigantic altar of intercession. The testimonies you hear each week on *Revivaltime* could become your testimonies.

Fill out the coupon at right and begin praying that God will move in your behalf. Join one of the local prayer groups interceding on Sunday, November 19, and together we will trust God for the impossible at the 1967 *Revivaltime World Prayermeeting!*



SEND YOUR MOST URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Yes, Brother Ward, I want my requests to be among the thousands of needs taken before the Throne of Grace on Sunday, November 19, at the "Revivaltime" World Prayermeeting. I believe "Our God . . . Is Able" and will start trusting Him now for the answer to every burden.

My Name

Address

City State Zip

HERE ARE MY MOST URGENT REQUESTS:

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Box 70, Springfield, Missouri 65801

TRANQUILIZERS ACT by lightly poisoning certain brain cells. This cuts down the tendency toward tension. It is good that this poisoning is temporary; but it *can* become habit-forming, and often does. Dependence upon tranquilizers is a modern type of semislavery." So said a doctor recently in a reputable medical magazine.

Rather startling, isn't it? And yet many people take tranquilizers the way children eat candy, without a thought of the possible aftereffects and the problem of withdrawal.

Did I say *withdrawal*? Yes. There is definitely a withdrawal period to suffer when certain tranquilizers are stopped. How long does it last? Approximately 10 days. What are the effects of it? Hallucinations, mental disturbance, sleepless nights, and hazy days. This goes on until the drug is completely out of the system.

forced her husband to commit her to the state mental hospital.

I have another friend who takes six tranquilizers a day. She has lost weight, is nervous and flighty. She tells me that her 'mind is cluttered.' She cannot think clearly. She cannot hold a job. One day she came to me for help, and I encouraged her to trust Christ; for in the final analysis there is no help or hope outside of Him. Later she came to me again, telling me that she had cut down to four a day. But withdrawal set in, and she stepped the number back up to six. What will happen? Eventually she will do one of two things. Either she will surrender her tranquilizers to God in dependence on Him and *receive* His peace and victory, or I fear she will become a mental case.

Tranquilizers are a crutch. On the one hand, they settle the frustration and calm the tension; but on the other hand they poison the mind and give the enemy of

TRANQUIL... OR TRANQUILIZED?



By BETTY SWINFORD

"But that's frightening!" you say. Indeed it is frightening—and perhaps dangerous.

It is understandable that unsaved people should turn to such drugs, especially in these last days before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have no anchor for the soul, no refuge, no hope in Christ. Seemingly, they must turn to something for a sense of well-being, a state of euphoria, if you please. But today we find Christians by the thousands turning to tranquilizers and other drugs, and this is the most disturbing.

Some may be reading this article who at this moment are defending their dependence upon these drugs. You may say, "But it hasn't become a habit with me." But have you made an attempt to get off your tranquilizers? Do you know for certain that the period of withdrawal will not come?

Ask your doctor about it. It is dangerous to take tranquilizers promiscuously. If you continue to depend upon them, they may permanently damage the brain.

I have a friend who has been on tranquilizers for some time. She began having deep mental distress some months ago. Interest in her home and children disappeared. More and more she turned to tranquilizers instead of to Jesus Christ, the Great Tranquilizer. She came to two other friends and me for counseling. We discovered later that the Spirit of God had led each of us to say the same thing to her. We urged her to taper off this drug (instant withdrawal can be dangerous, unless one is truly led by the Lord to do so) and trust God for all her frustrations. She would not. And a few weeks ago she

the soul a road whereby he may take hold of and even control the mind.

But what does the Word of God say? "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities...who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). "And these signs shall follow them that believe...in my name...they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18). And what else? "God is not a man that he should lie;...hath he said and shall he not do it: or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19).

But it is so much easier to take a pill. And it has become so convenient for Christians to excuse God for not doing something, when actually we have not given Him a chance. Have you ever planted your feet on a Scripture verse and murmured the words, "Here it is, Father; this is mine. You *said* it! Now I will expect You to answer"? God's power has not diminished, nor has His desire changed toward His blood-bought children. The Word says: "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Too many of us pray, "God, I believe that You will meet my every need; I know that Your Word is true"; and then we get up from our knees and reach for the tranquilizers!

There was a time when this was a problem in my own life. I was quite a pill-taker. My day began with half a handful of assorted pills. One day the doctor called me a "pillbox," and the Holy Spirit used this to begin His work of conviction within my heart. However, I could not seem to get victory over medication. The more I tried, the more I failed. Then an article came into my

hands entitled, "Just Take a Pill." I did not read the article. I felt certain I already knew its contents. From that time on, every time I took any seemingly *essential* medication I recalled those words: *Just take a pill.* I began to pray earnestly that God would deliver me from the bondage of medication; for bondage it surely can become. Pills and the apparent need for them can distort the promises of God and even make God smaller to our spiritually damaged eyes than the circumstances which surround us.

Thank God, He does take us at our word. When we really get serious about wanting help, He is ready to help us. I discovered that my particular strength or weakness did not count. What mattered was my sincerity with God. Very slowly He began the work. It was not always easy, nor was it always pleasant. There were some hard moments, some very difficult times; but the work has been done, and what loomed as sheer impossibility upon the jagged scope of my own personal horizon has become sweetest reality. God always takes what we give Him and then more than makes up the difference.

We are living in a drug-mad world. Young people by the thousands are playing with living death and do not realize or do not care. We are appalled at the widespread use of marijuana, and much more by the increased use of heroin, LSD, and certain other drugs; but for some strange reason we accept tranquilizers as a harmless necessity. One large drugstore displayed the sign: "Have you had your tranquilizer today?"

God wants His people healed; but He wants to be the One who does it. He said, "My glory will I not give to another," so we can be sure He will never give it to a tranquilizer. His peace alone can sustain, guard, keep! There is no substitute for the peace of God.

But what actually drives Christians to tranquilizers? Discouragement. Fear. Shock. Grief. Hate. In short, emotional upsets or disturbances. There is a perfect antidote in the fruit of the Spirit.

You say, "But I've tried and I've failed. I want the fruit of the Spirit, but I seem unable to produce it." This is true. It is not within us to produce the nature of God; but He is always standing by to help us. Once there was anger and resentment in my heart. I tried to get rid of them and could not. So I mentally made an altar, laid these sins of the spirit upon it, and asked the Lord to crucify them. And He did, as I steadfastly kept them upon the altar. There flowed in, quite naturally, love and peace, God's perfect antidotes.

God is eager to supply all our needs, to help us, guide us, heal us—to be *all* to us. If we would know His peace, we must make a commitment to Him, and stand upon His Word, and allow Him to work in our lives as He sees fit. And, as we commit all to Him, Philippians 4:6,7 will become a reality in our hearts and lives: "Do not fret or have anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition (definite requests) with thanksgiving continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace (be yours, that *tranquil* state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot of whatever sort it is, that peace) which transcends all understanding, shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Amplified). 

HOW DOES GOD SPEAK?

HOW DOES GOD SPEAK to the heart of a little girl when no one else in the family is saved and there is little chance for her to be in church? He uses many ways, but He reached Lucille Berndt through the pages of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

It was a hot, windy day in southwest Nebraska. Lucille had already read and reread her few books, as well as every word on the cereal boxes, the peanut butter jar, and wherever else there were words. It would have been a boring day for the 10-year-old farm girl, but her aunt who lived in McCook had given the family some copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

Taking the magazines and an old blanket to the shady side of the house, Lucille settled down to read. The missionary pages seemed to offer the most adventure and excitement, but she soon began to read every word in every *Evangel*. Providentially, her aunt kept them coming.

"I became hungry for God," Lucille says. "God saw my hunger and made a way for me. He allowed our country school to be closed to us children that fall. This meant that my brother and sister and I would have to attend school in McCook. And stay with my aunt! Mother went with us, and we all attended the Assembly of God. Mother and my brother and sister were saved, but I could not yield."

The next summer, back on the farm, Lucille again read the *Evangels* eagerly, turning as always to the missionary pages first.

"Then I read the story of a little boy who asked a missionary, 'Who is Jesus? I never heard of him.'

"I dropped the *Evangel* and ran crying to my room. My heart was so burdened, and now I began to hear the voice of the Lord saying, 'Someone must go and tell them. Will you go?'"

She did not yield to the Lord, and her burden only increased. She knew God was calling her into missionary service; not understanding all that was involved, she was afraid.

She continued to read the *Evangels* but now she skipped the missionary pages.

"I could not bear to look at the pictures. I could not bear to read of the needy fields."

Circumstances changed, and Lucille moved to Colorado where for five years she did not even see an *Evangel* or go to church. But the call never left her heart.

"When I was 'on my own' living in a room in the town near my job, I began to talk to the Lord again. Then He began to talk to me. He reminded me of His call on my life. Finally I yielded and said, 'Yes, Lord, I'll go.'"

Lucille Berndt followed her consecration with action, entering North Central Bible Institute in the fall of 1947. As she prepared herself, she recognized that Latin America was to be her field of service.

This fall, 20 years later, Lucille and her husband John Mazurek are completing their first term of service in Chile, South America.

Once again, she says, "My favorite pages in the *Evangel* are the missionary pages." 

Light for our DARK HEARTS

By **BOB HOSKINS**
Missionary to Lebanon

This Correspondence Course May Be the Key to Muslim Lands

ONE SUNDAY MORNING in Beirut, Lebanon, two young men attended the Assemblies of God Center of Evangelism for the first time. When I gave the invitation for sinners to accept Christ, they made their way to the prayer room. As I knelt between them, one lad was already praying and sobbing.

After a time of prayer, I asked, "What happened to you this morning?"

"Jesus Christ," he said, "has washed me in His blood and forgiven all my sins... all of them! He has

come into my heart to stay."

I was surprised at his sudden grasp of this truth, so I asked him, "Have you ever been in an evangelical church before?"

"No," he replied, "but I am studying your *Way to Life* Correspondence Course and through it I have found out about Christ. That's why I came today." He then introduced me to his friend to whom he has already been witnessing. He also accepted Christ; and before he left, he had enrolled in the course.

Oswald J. Smith said, "The only

way we can reach every creature is by means of the printed page." This statement is especially true of the Middle East since only a small percentage of the nearly 100 million people live where there is freedom to preach the gospel.

Literature is the most effective means of crossing the barriers and reaching the millions in these "closed" lands. Literature saturation spreads the message where the missionaries and national believers cannot go.

The sweep of literacy is so expansive that statistics printed yesterday will be out of date tomorrow. Dr. Frank Laubach, a literacy expert, says, "I fear there will be 800 million new readers asking for something to read before the Church wakes up to this great opportunity." The cults and the Communists are wide awake and exploiting the situation.

Here in the Middle East, we are finding amazing response to our *Way to Life* Correspondence Course. We are presently enrolling an average of 50 new students each day. Most new students are referred to us by those already enrolled. Even during the recent crisis more than 400 Egyptians asked to receive the course. We are now sending the course to 16 different countries.

Our correspondence course is designed to fulfill Christ's command to teach and to evangelize. It produces "fruit that shall remain." The course is planned to show the way of salvation and lead the person to a decision. He then receives doctrinal instruction and guidance for his life. It further leads him into soul winning.

BELOW: Lebanese helpers fulfil many duties in operating such a widely used correspondence course.

RIGHT: Missionary Bob Hoskins speaks as Mr. Zakhary interprets at the Evangelistic Center.



The *Evangel* also has an important part in this ministry. Daily we send out hundreds of copies of an Arabic *Evangel* (consisting mainly of articles translated from *The Pentecostal Evangel*) and other gospel literature to be distributed by the students in these 16 countries. This distribution then brings more students who can become converts and in turn become workers. The ramifications of this chain reaction are exciting indeed.

We are finding that, where there are churches, the correspondence course is a "feeder" into the local congregations. In Egypt, where there are 140 Assemblies of God churches, we refer the students to the church nearest them.

Perhaps the best testimony to the great potential of a comprehensive literature ministry was in a letter we received this week. A student wrote: "This course has brought light to our dark hearts. It has shown us that God does love us and that we can love God."



Interpreter Zakhary; J. Philip Hogan, foreign missions executive director; Missionary Bob Hoskins; and General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman at dedication of the Beirut Center.



ABOVE: A national Christian grades papers of students of the correspondence course. An average of 50 students enroll each day at the present time.

LEFT: This Lebanese Christian enjoys his studies in the "Way of Life" correspondence course.

BELOW: Friends converse with General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman and Missionary Bob Hoskins following the dedication service.

RIGHT: The sweep of literacy in the Middle East makes the correspondence course an effective tool in reaching Arabic youth.





Our Campus Is the World

The International Correspondence Institute is a bold new step in Foreign Missions

BY DAVID A. WOMACK ■ Foreign Missions Editor

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, with its 86 Bible schools in 75 foreign countries, leads all other religious groups in the number of foreign ministerial training schools. We are happy with that distinction, for it reflects the basic indigenous philosophy of our missions program; but we are not satisfied to let our established Bible schools be our only educational tool in other lands.

The Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Board has just inaugurated a new, worldwide home study Bible school. Named the *International Correspondence Institute* (ICI), the school will be under the direction of George M. Flattery, an appointed Assemblies of God missionary who grew up in West Africa and recently received his doctor of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Missionary Flattery says, "The task of *International Correspondence Institute* is to harness the vast potential of correspondence courses for evan-

gelism and instruction. A full curriculum will be developed; more workers will be commissioned to use the materials; and enrollment will be expanded. Our vision is to enroll *one million* new students!"

ICI results from an intensive survey of the work of our 86 foreign Bible schools and the pressing demands for education in the mid-20th-century nations. The survey shows we need to update and improve our regular Bible schools for adequate training of foreign ministers; but we must also offer some kind of accessible Bible training for the hungry masses.

At the beginning of this decade, more than half the people in the world had never received any formal schooling. Some of the uneducated managed to learn basic reading and writing on their own, but only with great difficulty. Today, however, the picture is changing at an almost unbelievable rate. It is as though a great alarm clock had suddenly awakened the whole world!

As worldwide literacy increases, the

masses of modern youth are literally swarming to the newsstands, the magazine counters, and the bookstores for something to read. We are not so aware of this social revolution here in America because we have been a literate people for so long, but in much of the world people are crying for anything, just *anything* to read. The hunger to learn to read is second only to the hunger to read to learn.

At this crucial time of sweeping social adjustment, people everywhere are grasping for any kind of study courses. Many of them are bitter over the centuries of ignorance to which their people have been subjected, and because of this they are particularly open to study courses offered on an international level.

One of the marks of the successful missions program of the Assemblies of God has been its ability to move quickly into strategic new openings for the gospel. This is not a coincidental development, for our Spirit-filled missionaries are well trained to work in this manner. Now, once again, the depth of our foreign work is demonstrated in this new dimension in missions.

International Correspondence Institute is not just another correspondence course. It is a whole school of many correspondence courses which will have its headquarters in the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, Missouri. Students will enter prescribed courses of study that will correlate with the programs of our Bible schools and will lead to international credits and an international diploma. Studies in the school will be



Missionary Kenneth Weigel has 80,000 students taking home study courses in South India.



One of our largest Bible correspondence schools is directed by Esther Cimino in Nigeria.

recognized by all the 75 mission fields of the Assemblies of God and applicable courses may eventually be transferable to any of our 86 Bible schools.

Our missionaries' appreciation for and active use of correspondence courses have grown through the years as the literacy rates of the emerging peoples have increased. At the present time nearly all of our 75 mission fields offer some kind of home study course. Especially notable are the evangelistic courses of Kenneth Weigel (South India) with 80,000 enrolled, of Mark Buntain (North India) with more than 1,000, Mrs. Ralph Cimino (Nigeria) with about 80,000, Bob Hoskins (Lebanon) with about 6,000, Leonard Lanphear (Philippines) with a large enrollment, and the various courses offered by the Spanish Literature Division (Miami) for all of Latin America.

None of the existing correspondence ministries will be curtailed by the new program. Rather, ICI will complement the present courses, for it will seek to coordinate their activities, provide additional materials, and prevent duplication of missionary efforts.

The new program will develop home study materials on four levels: (1) persuading the multitudes in darkness to accept Christ; (2) teaching Christians to mature in their relationship to Christ; (3) training pastors, Sunday school workers, and others for service; and (4) assisting students to develop their educational skills and increase their general knowledge.

ICI in no way assumes or even significantly lessens the work of the

regular Bible schools whose main purpose is the direct classroom training of ministers and other Christian workers. Much of the work of ICI will be concerned with the unsaved, and with newer converts or other church members who voluntarily seek to learn from the Assemblies of God.

The field secretaries, who represent the four geographical areas of our foreign work, are enthusiastic over the prospects of this new ministry.

Melvin L. Hodges (Latin America and the West Indies) says, "Thousands of pastors in Latin America lack formal training. They eagerly grasp for correspondence courses currently offered. ICI will strengthen and broaden our efforts."

Maynard L. Ketcham (the Far East) says, "A crying need exists in the Far East for additional Pentecostal correspondence courses. ICI is the answer to this need. It is a great breakthrough in our missionary service."

Charles E. Greenaway (Europe, Southern Asia, and the Middle East) says, "Our experience has proved that correspondence work is one of the greatest arms of evangelism today. The establishment of ICI is a major step forward."

Everett L. Phillips (Africa) says, "Correspondence courses have been highly successful in Africa. Our program will be tremendously helped by ICI through its worldwide sharing of ideas and materials."

Epitomizing the feelings of many of our missionaries, Executive Director J. Philip Hogan said, "Nothing that the Foreign Missions Department has undertaken in many years gives better promise for immediate success than the formation of International Correspondence Institute."

To begin his new responsibilities, Brother Flattery will travel among the churches in this country to acquaint them with ICI and to solicit support for this new advance in foreign missions.



CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

NEW CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

I AM OFTEN ASKED: "Is there real hunger for the gospel in foreign lands?" My answer is always affirmative. There is also hunger to achieve, to learn, to catch up with the rest of the world; hunger for relevance, for status, and for bread. Indeed, the upheaval that is the hallmark of this age is born of hunger.

None of these drives, however, is more insistent or universal than the yearning for knowledge. Recently while riding in a taxi on the island of Trinidad, I asked my driver, "Is education compulsory on this island?"

He became so animated in his answer that he pulled the cab to the side of the road to explain to me that in Trinidad nobody needed to be forced to get an education. He said that parents would gladly go hungry to buy schoolbooks for their children. In fact, he gave me such a lecture on the urge of the masses to achieve knowledge that I was almost sorry I had asked the question.

In recent months, upon the authority of the Foreign Missions Board, we have organized the *International Correspondence Institute* (ICI) and set a goal of one million enrollees. Spearheading this ministry is George M. Flattery, who was raised on the mission field and is well trained for this task.

We feel that God is giving us a tool that is in keeping with the most that we know about the real hungers of this age.

This is not to intimate that the Assemblies of God foreign missions enterprise has been asleep to the value of correspondence courses. Missionaries on many fields have forged ahead until currently there are many thousands of students already enrolled.

The new institute will coordinate the efforts of these courses as well as set up a central, graduated, accrediting program. Please pray for this effort.

Offerings for International Correspondence Institute

should be sent to:

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Foreign Missions Department
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802

The First Apostolic Miracle

Sunday School Lesson for October 29, 1967
Acts 3:1-16

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

THE OCCASION OF THE MIRACLE (Acts 3:1, 2)

"Now Peter and John went up together." They had been friends during Christ's lifetime; they were friends after His ascension. Yet they were opposites. John was mystical; Peter was practical. John was meditative; Peter was impulsive. Spirit-filled people can work together for the glory of God though they are very different from each other.

"Into the temple at the hour of prayer." They had participated a few days earlier in the great outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; yet these men felt their need of daily prayer and communion with God. Mountaintop experiences may become a snare if they cause us to neglect daily private devotions and regular church service attendance.

"And a certain man lame . . . [was] laid . . . at the gate

of the temple." As they walked in the path of duty, Peter and John met their opportunity—a hopeless case in the natural, a man of 40, lame from birth, a poor beggar. What a picture of the sinner's inability to walk with God—of any man's powerlessness to do anything of, or for, himself! (See John 15:5; Jeremiah 10:23.)

THE WORKING OF THE MIRACLE (Acts 3:3-11)

The Beggar's Desire. The beggar expected nothing but a bit of money. Evidently he was not looking for healing and he had no faith.

The Disciples' Reply. "And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us." Why this command? The beggar had to be roused from his hopelessness and lethargy so his whole attention could be focused upon the disciples and what they were about to say! Likewise, one of the secrets of our receiving the gifts and provisions of God is to fix our eyes upon Him and our minds upon His Word!

"Silver and gold have I none." How the beggar's hopes must have died with these words! The strength of the Church is not material, but spiritual. It was not by human might, riches, or wisdom, but by the Holy Spirit that Christ's Church grew and advanced! These men had no money but they had something infinitely better!

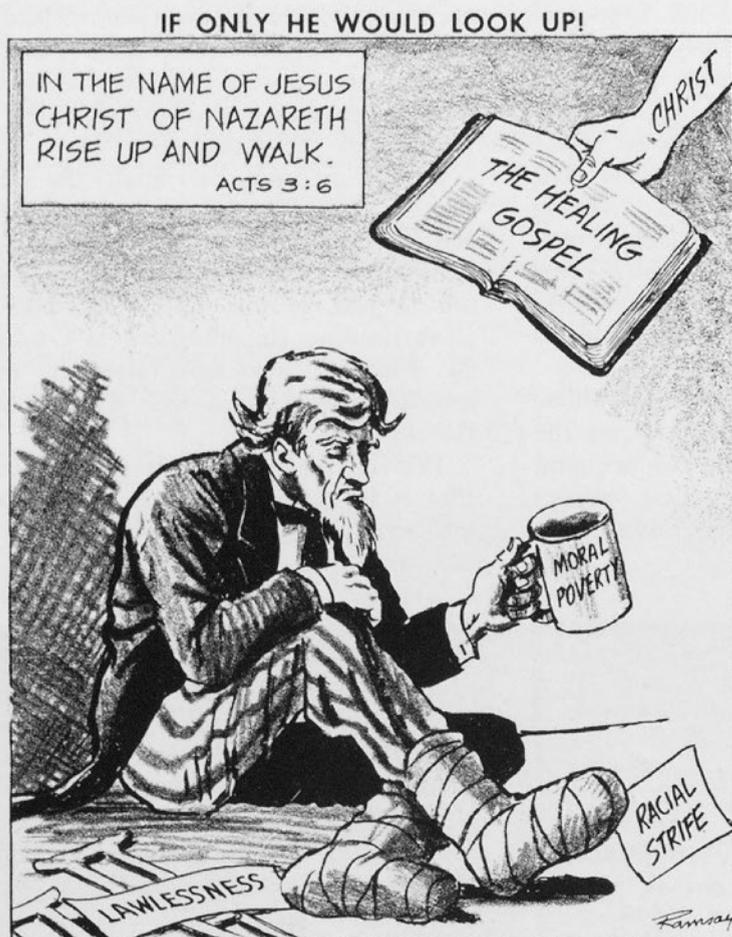
"Such as I have give I thee." What did they have? They had a living, personal relationship with Jesus—a living faith in His name and in the power of His Spirit. And every child of God has the same. He needs but exercise it! This is not to say any child of God will duplicate the ministry of Peter and John. Yet each believer, through simple faith, may become a channel of blessing to others. It is not so much a question of the amount and quality of talents we possess as of making available to God what we have. Let us therefore put every talent we possess, every faculty of our beings, into the service of the Lord!

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Using God-given authority, Peter commanded the cripple to do the impossible—and he did it! While we do not want to act presumptuously or be independent of the leading of the Spirit, neither should we be hesitant or reluctant to exercise our God-given authority as believers when a need presents itself (Mark 16:17, 18).

THE AFTERMATH OF THE MIRACLE (Acts 3:12-26)

The miracle attracted a great crowd. This provided a grand occasion for preaching the gospel. Peter's sermon is a model for all who would please God in preaching or witnessing:

1. He did not grasp after praise, but at once turned the people's attention to Christ.
2. He did not use flattering words or cater to the feelings of the people; he preached the truth without compromise.
3. He stressed those truths essential for a man to grasp in order to be saved: the death and resurrection of Christ, the guilt of man, the need of repentance, and the grace of God.
4. Though Peter preached sternly, he preached tenderly. The most eloquent preacher's words become sounding brass unless he preaches in love.
5. Peter's preaching was so Spirit-anointed and convincing that it resulted in the salvation of a multitude—about 5,000 men (Acts 4:4).



TAIWAN

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL



WHEN PORTUGUESE SAILORS sighted the rocky, leaf-shaped island in the 16th century, they named it Formosa, "Beautiful." The Chinese name is Taiwan, "Terraced Bay." Today's preferred name is Free Republic of China.

Taipei, the capital, is a bustling city of 1,500,000 located near the northern tip of the island. Kaohsiung, a southern port, is second in size.

A mountain range forms the backbone of the island, one peak towering some 13,000 feet. The eastern coast is magnificently steep and craggy. The western side, where 90 percent of the people live, declines gradually into fertile, well-cultivated plains.

When the Communists took control of the China mainland in 1949, the Nationalist government and its president, Chiang Kai-shek, moved the seat of government to Taiwan. The island province suddenly was catapulted into the limelight of world events.

Taiwan, a veritable "Isle of Hope" 90 miles off the troubled China coast, has nearly 13 million inhabitants—one of the most densely populated spots on earth. Eight million are native-born Taiwanese, descendants of Southeast China immigrants who came from Fukien Province some 300 years ago and speak the Amoy dialect. A million Chinese from Kuangtung Province speak Hakka. In scattered mountain villages on the east coast live 200,000 brown-skinned aborigines. The influx of 3,000,000 Mandarin-speaking "Mainlanders" in 1949 swelled the

population of the already-crowded island. Most of them live in expectation of someday returning to the mainland and restoring freedom there. The official language is Mandarin.

Taoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism have large followings. The aborigines are animists. Islam claims 40,000 adherents.

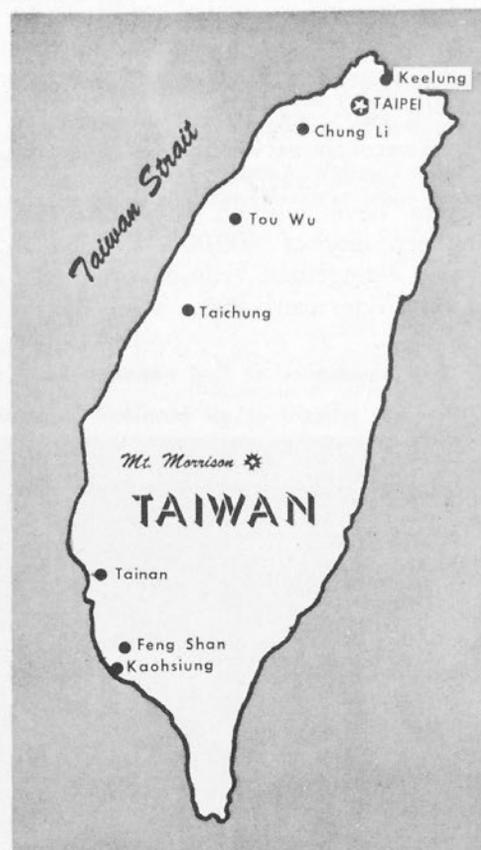
During the Dutch occupation (1622-1662) Protestantism was introduced

by the Dutch Reformed Church. This missionary effort was short-lived. Dr. James Maxwell, an English Presbyterian missionary, began his work in 1865. The illustrious Canadian Presbyterian missionary, George Leslie Mackay, known as "The Apostle to Taiwan," arrived in 1872. Mr. Mackay saw the need for an indigenous church and to that end trained national workers.

Before China was closed to Christian missions by the Communists, two Assemblies of God missionary couples, the Philip Hogans and the Garland Benintendis, transferred from Shanghai to Taipei in 1948 to open mission work. The results were gratifying, and a solid foundation was laid for a permanent work. Due to political unrest these missionaries were advised to evacuate Taiwan in 1950.

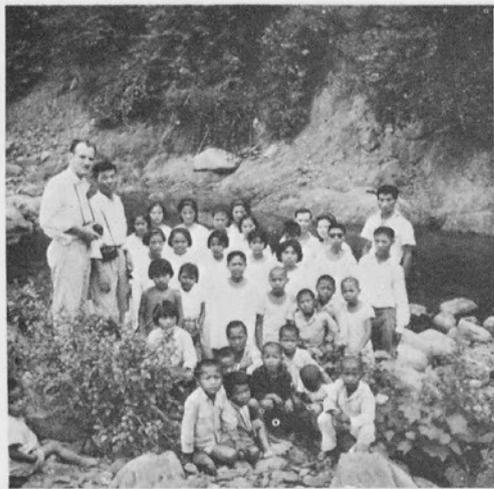
Two years later the Benintendis returned to Taiwan, and to their great joy found a group of 20 believers faithfully "holding forth the word of life." When the number of believers increased, the Benintendis rented a hall. In 1954 a church was erected seating 500 people. Joseph Kao, 1956 graduate of our Bible school, is pastor of the Taiwanese congregation.

Pentecostal witness to the Mandarin-speaking was launched in 1953 when a small nucleus of believers from the mainland met in the home of the James Bakers, who had transferred from China. The congregation worshiped in rented halls until 1966, when a three-story reinforced concrete





This magnificent, craggy mountain range forms the backbone of Taiwan.



Missionary Robert Bolton baptized 13 young people of the Paiwan tribe in this small mountain stream in Taiwan.



LEFT: Two Assemblies of God national Tayal preachers who minister to their own people.

BELOW: Sixty percent of all farmland is devoted to rice cultivation.

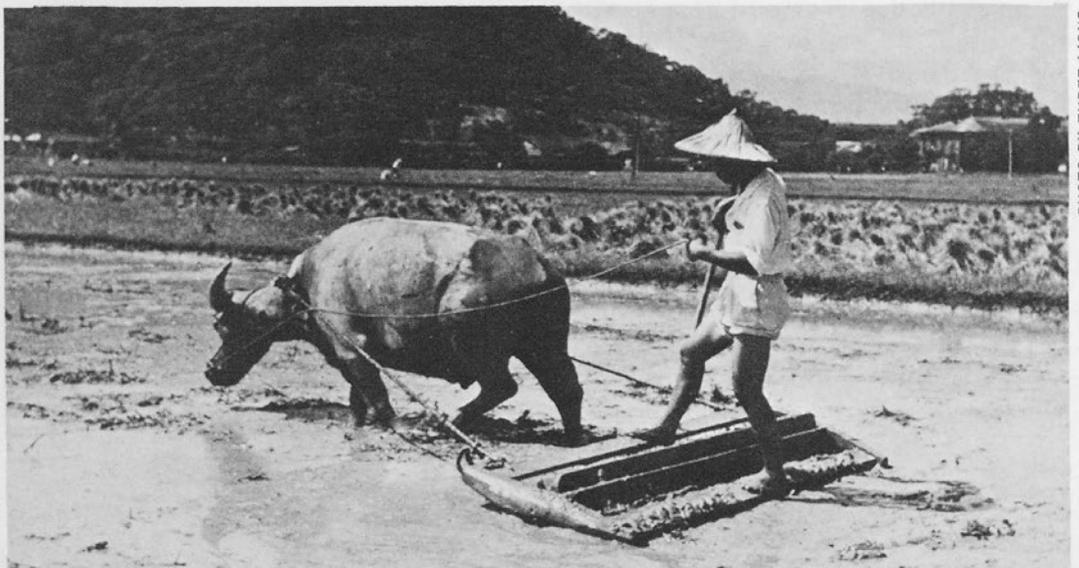


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building was dedicated. Matthew Lee, pastor of Taipei City Center Assembly of God, is assisted by missionaries Alice Stewart and Palma Ramsborg.

Recently Garland Benintendi, David Plymire, and Robert Bolton were challenged to take the full gospel to the mountain tribespeople. The results have exceeded expectation. Throughout the mountain region new churches are being established. This spiritual awakening calls for the development of national church leaders; to that end a training program has been initiated, using the facilities of Taikuang Bible Institute. A dozen young men are enrolled. The Lord willing, there will soon be qualified, Spirit-filled workers to help reach the mountain tribes.

To expedite the evangelistic outreach of the Assemblies of God, the Taiwan Field Fellowship established a Department of Evangelism to publish gospel literature, direct youth work, produce radio broadcasts, provide Bible study correspondence courses, and coordinate the visits of foreign evangelists. Ruth Melching and Mrs. Ruth Plymire assist in the literature and correspondence course departments. James Andrews directs the Christ's Ambassador program. A former residence was reconditioned to serve as headquarters for the Department of Evangelism and also as chapel and recreational center for American servicemen and their families.

In 1953 James Baker established Taikuang Bible Institute in Taipei and for six years was its director. James Vigna recently served in this capacity.

For some years now the James Bakers have worked in Tainan, a southern city of 400,000. During a 10-day evangelistic crusade conducted by Hal Herman, there were many

decisions for Christ and some remarkable healings. The Bakers reported, "Now we need your prayers that a permanent harvest will be gathered in through the ministry of our new Assemblies of God evangelistic center in the heart of the city. This is the first Pentecostal church building to go up in Tainan."

Operation Deeper Life was launched by Paul Pipkin in 1965 as the Assemblies of God part in the Protestant Centennial observance of James Maxwell's 1865 arrival on the island. The first crusades were conducted by Brother Pipkin and his interpreter, Timothy Chang, in Assemblies of God churches. Then the Taiwan Evangelical Fellowship requested that their ministry be extended to all evangelical churches, with the result that pastors and laymen of 150 churches participated in an all-out evangelistic thrust throughout the island.

Currently the Assemblies of God produces radio programs in four languages: Taiwanese, Mandarin, Hakka, and Shanghai dialect. Programs in the last three languages are also beamed daily toward the China mainland on two 650,000-watt Government of Taiwan stations.

The Taiwan District of the Assemblies of God was organized in June 1959. Most of the churches are bilingual. Only Taipei has separate churches for the Taiwanese and Mandarin-speaking. Sixteen missionaries are under appointment.

As material prosperity continues, people move to urban centers. Old traditions lose their grip, and young people find themselves at spiritual crossroads. The changing society and the various language groups on Taiwan constitute an urgent challenge to the Assemblies of God.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS DISPLAYED AT MUSEUM IN JERUSALEM

THE NEW ISRAEL MUSEUM, containing an outstanding collection of Jewish art and ethnography as well as treasures of world art and valued relics of antiquity, was officially opened two years ago.

"Parallel with the bodily ingathering of the Jewish people's exiles," Premier Eshkol declared, "this museum symbolizes a spiritual ingathering, the assembly of its dispersed creative works from the ends of the earth."

The museum complex, covering 21 acres, is set on a hill rising between Jerusalem's Valley of the Cross and the thousand-year-old Greek Orthodox Monastery to the south, and the ever-expanding Hebrew University campus and the new Knesset (Parliament) building to the north. Its location thus enhances its role as a living link between Jerusalem of the ages and Israel's capital of tomorrow. The four major divisions of the museum are:

(1) The Samuel Bronfman Biblical and Archaeological Museum, housing 15 pavilions containing exhibits from all parts of the Holy Land, arranged in chronological order. The archaeology of the land of the Bible is portrayed from prehistoric times to the beginning of the 17th century.

(2) The Bezalel National Art Museum, whose 13 pavilions contain outstanding collections of Jewish ceremonial objects, Middle Eastern art, and collections of paintings, sculpture and graphics. One of the pavilions is devoted to Israel's unique ethnographics.

(3) The Billy Rose Art Garden—five acres of terraces and walks which contain many modern sculptures, and other important works, as well as special loan exhibits on occasion. The plaster collection of Sir Jacob Epstein and other objects requiring shelter from the elements are housed in closed pavilions.

(4) The Shrine of the Book—the D. Samuel and Jeane H. Gottesman Center for Biblical Manuscripts—permanent home of the seven Dead Sea scrolls, the Bar Kochba letters, and other documents and artifacts of that period. The dome and subterranean caverns forming the Shrine are, according to Professor Yigael Yadin, "the first attempt at creating ideological architecture."

The American team of Frederick J. Keisler and Armond P. Bartos was responsible for the avant-garde design of the Shrine of the Book. Entrance into this unique structure which Christian visitors find so intensely interesting is by descending steps which lead into cavelike passageways. As one passes through these, he has the distinct impression of being in the Dead Sea caves where



ISRAEL INFORMATION SERVICES PHOTO

The Shrine of the Book (white domed structure) containing the Dead Sea scrolls is part of the new National Museum in Jerusalem. During the Six-Day War last June, a large group concerned with preservation of cultural treasures packed and removed every single item in the museum, even as gunfire raged outside. During the fighting, bullets slightly damaged parts of the building, but all the artworks were saved.

the treasured scrolls were found. By the time he ascends into the domed portion where the scrolls are exhibited, he has been oriented and sufficiently informed on the historical background to appreciate more fully the important part these scrolls play in establishing the veracity of Holy Scripture.

The Israel Museum is a truly international venture. The land on which it stands was a gift from the Israeli government. It was partially financed by a grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. government. Jewish foundations in Canada and the U.S. contributed heavily. The art garden was created by the Japanese-American architect, Isamu Noguchi. The museum buildings were designed by an Israeli architectural team, Alfred Mansfield and Dora Gad.

Tourists rate it very high on the list of places to be seen while visiting the Holy Land.

—Adapted from *News from Israel*



A VOICE FROM PRISON

DEGENERACY, OBSCENITY, AND TOTAL GODLESSNESS characterize every day here in prison. You may think you have witnessed the depths to which man's depravity can bring him, but prison affords a terrifying firsthand view to the inmate.

The power of Satan is clearly exposed within this society. The wasted lives, the useless years, and the heartaches brought to families, wives, sweethearts, and friends are almost beyond comprehension.

But the criminal act is only the beginning. Any noble qualities an inmate may possess are constantly challenged in prison. Satan degrades, enslaves, and destroys thousands of inmates.

The majority of men released from prison come back again. Every known avenue of rehabilitation has been explored by institutions, and yet the men return. You might be quick to say these men are animals, and they will never change; but this is not true. Many do.

A large percentage of the men in this prison claim a Christian background. They went to church and Sunday school. Perhaps some were quite religious at one time.

Does this mean that Christianity has failed? Far from it. It does mean that the individual inmates (and maybe the parents, the Sunday school teacher, and the pastor, either separately or collectively) have failed. This is not an indictment upon any individual. Rather, it is an

indictment upon the deceiver of men's souls, the liar and murderer from the beginning, Satan.

Pentecostal people in particular (and I am one of them) claim the promises of God in a greater way possibly than many other Christians. Percentages seem to indicate that fewer Pentecostal boys and girls are found in prisons than those of other faiths. However, let us not be smug. There are backslidden Pentecostal men in this prison, and the crimes they have committed are heinous.

There is nothing sacred to the devil, and he will lead men into paths of immorality that are hard to fathom. The atmosphere within a prison is evil. A person can sense the constant presence and power of Satan to the point where he sometimes feels he will break physically and mentally.

To those who are in Satan's grip, this may seem ridiculous and extremely unintelligent. To them sin is pleasurable. Their minds are so deluded that wrong appears right. There are thousands of excuses, rationalizations, and philosophies to quiet the conscience.

The ignominy of a backslidden Christian boy or girl is beyond calculation. The devil even uses this to his advantage, crying, "See! Your God and your faith are false. Deny Him! Follow me!"

To the unsaved he says, "Look at that hypocrite. There is nothing to the claim that Christ is alive and lives in men's hearts."

Every backslidden person I have talked to has been

Editor's Note: The author's name has been withheld for obvious reasons.

able to trace the long path back to the point where he rebelled against God. Satan inserted a doubt in his mind, or a temptation of lust and unholy covetousness. Then instead of talking to God about the temptation, the person savored it, dwelt upon it, and succumbed.

From my own experience and from talking with others I have learned the importance of complete obedience to God.

About 10 years ago I became a victim of my own unwillingness to obey God. At that time I enjoyed seeming success in radio broadcasting. Disobedience led to my becoming an alcoholic. My wife divorced me, the radio field closed, and I found myself in prison.

At first I wept in self-pity; but through the radiant testimony of the chaplain's clerk, a fellow inmate, God began to convict me. Through an Assemblies of God pastor and the free Bible correspondence studies of the Prison Division of the Assemblies of God, I returned to God and found a meaningful Christian experience. God saved me and filled me with the blessed Holy Spirit.

I beg of you, shun the very appearance of evil. Gird yourself with bands of faith; draw upon the unlimited power of the Holy Spirit, and stand fast! Life without God is painful—futile and full of regrets. A daily walk with God can give you the strength to live an overcoming life that will keep you out of prison, make you a soul winner, and assure you of an abundant entrance into heaven.

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Offerings designated for Bible correspondence courses for prisoners should be sent to the Prison Division, Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. These courses are sent free to inmates of county, state, and federal prisons. Approximately \$10 will cover the cost of the courses for one prisoner, or \$1.50 will pay for one book plus postage.

EYESIGHT SAVED THROUGH PRAYER

AFTER SUFFERING SEVERE HEADACHES for some time, I went to an optometrist. The doctor told me I was losing the sight of one eye and recommended that I go to a specialist to see if anything could be done to save it.

I made an appointment, but in the meantime I was anointed and prayed for by our pastor and deacons at an evening church service.

The specialist made two examinations and could not find a thing wrong with my eye. Praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. We are rejoicing in the Lord for this wonderful miracle.—Mrs. William Nowman, Plainwell, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor Earl G. Monroe, Assembly of God, Plainwell, Mich.)

BRACE NO LONGER NEEDED

I KNOW GOD HEALS TODAY because of what He has done for me. I have been working for 16 months without the brace my doctor said I would have to wear for the rest of my life.

Following an auto accident I was in a cast for 16 weeks and then started wearing the brace, with no hope of going without it. But God met my need, and after six weeks I discarded the brace.

God also healed me of epilepsy on July 27, 1966. I have not had to take any medication for that trouble since. He has corrected a problem of low blood sugar and healed me of a nervous condition as well.

I have more to thank God for than I could ever put into words.—Ruth Thompson, Buena Park, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Larry Coats, Assembly of God, La Palma, Calif.)

THAT'S SURE NOT A VERY BIG CHRISTMAS PACKAGE, MOM! HOPE MINE IS A LOT BIGGER!

IT'S NOT A BIG PACKAGE, BUT IT MAY BE THE MOST APPRECIATED GIFT WE GIVE THIS YEAR!

Home Missions Christmas Fund
1445 Boonville
Springfield, Mo. 65802

Our Home Missions Christmas Fund list is so lengthy it must surely represent about as big a repository of appreciation as you'll find anywhere! Of course, appreciation isn't something you can measure, or run a tally on, just as you can't weigh "worthiness." Our list—really your list too, for our home missionaries and pioneer pastors belong to us all—is an honor roll of men and women, with their families, who have sacrificed to proclaim the gospel in hard places. In addition, we include our institutions: the Alaska and American Indian children's homes and our Indian Bible schools. The Home Missions Christmas Fund must be stretched to provide a remembrance for everyone, so won't you make the gift inside your "little package" as generous as possible?

HOME MISSIONS CHRISTMAS FUND
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Getting God's Help in These Times

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They who had inherited wealth had spent it on drink and now were worthless nobodies! They were the ones who had asked, "Is that Bible all you got?" Frank Norris' faith in that Book brought thousands to the Lord.

Today we come with our problems. Rulers may be confused, but in the Book is the answer!

Let us look at Jehoshaphat's example and learn how to obtain the victory:

1. *He recognized God as God* (v. 6).
2. *He applied the Word to his circumstances* (v. 9).
3. *He placed the responsibility on God* (vv. 11, 12).
4. *God took the responsibility for His people* (vv. 14, 15).
5. *The people took their responsibility* (v. 17).
6. *They appropriated by believing God* (v. 20).
7. *They sang and praised their way to victory* (v. 22).

Eight years ago my youngest brother sat in solitary confinement in jail. He had run away from God as a teen-ager, and now his sin had caught up with him! The devil had told him he could find what he wanted in dope. But in the final analysis he had left him to face his sin alone! No one was allowed to go near him, and he had nothing but a Gideon New Testament to read during those lonely hours. Out of desperation he began reading: first to occupy his time, then because he became interested.

The Holy Spirit began dealing with his heart. He came to Romans 10:9 and lifted his heart to God for salvation. He prayed once, and then twice with no results. Then in one last desperate effort, broken, weeping, pleading with his face turned to God, he found peace. God wonderfully saved him, and today he preaches to hundreds of people. As head of Teen Challenge in Dallas, he leads many to God because he knows God's method of deliverance in the Word.

Let us take God's Word and march to deliverance as Jehoshaphat did. 

THE TRIUMPH OF THE KING

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great philosophies. A pall of weariness is settling upon them all. It is doubtful that the beatnik or the hippie will bring us anything worthwhile. They appear to be in one world, and that which is urgent and necessary is in another. Therefore in fundamental thought something is dissolving about us and something new and as yet undetermined is struggling to be born.

We trust in the existing religious order. Yet the gods of the religions of Asia are undergoing new and mighty reincarnations. Islam is on the march in Africa. New secular and atheistic religions are driving out the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Therefore the religious order—whether between Christians and non-Christians or between Christians and other Christians—is dissolving and something new and as yet undetermined is rising on its ruins.

We trust the present social order. Yet there is a revolution going on in our society which we have not as yet understood nor have we seen the dimensions of it. It appears that new clashes and new riots will broaden and continue. Therefore the social order that we suppose to be immutable is dying, and something else is rising on its ruins.

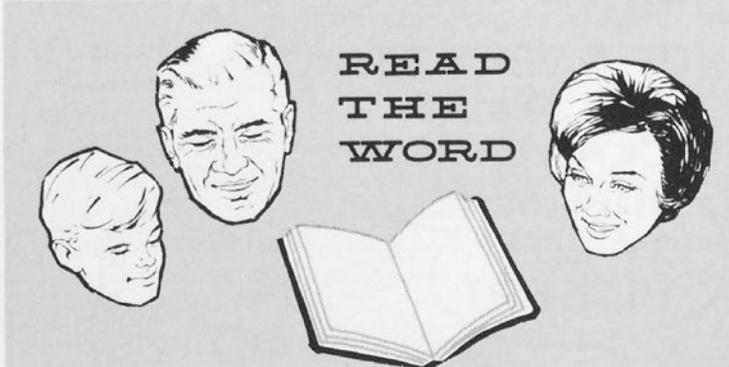
It appears then that in the political order, the economic order, the sense of security, the philosophical order, the religious order, the social order—in all these realms the vision of the first heaven and the first earth passing away, and of a new heaven and a new earth rising on its ruins, is literally coming true.

I want you to know that out of the chaos and confusion and ruin of our age there is coming another Kingdom, a Kingdom that will stand forever. It may be time for the Son of Man to appear from heaven and bring to a close life's little day. Out of the revolutions of our age a new age will be born; and if so, we say tonight, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

An artist took his students out where they could paint the sunset. He passed among the students suggesting a little more color here, a little less there. But he found one woman painting an old red barn. He said to this student, "The sun is setting. I brought you here to paint the sunset. You're going to have to decide between barns and sunsets!"

In our world, in our personal lives, in the lives of our churches, in our programs and all that we may plan to do, we must decide at this time in history between barns and sunsets. We must decide what is vital and real and necessary, and what is only so much motion. May the Lord help us to decide that His Kingdom will be first in our lives, in our prayers, and in all that we have. And then we shall pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."

That prayer will one day be answered, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. 



**READ
THE
WORD**

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22-29

Sunday	Nehemiah 3, 4	Thursday	Nehemiah 11, 12
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Tuesday	Nehemiah 7, 8	Saturday	Esther 1, 2
Wednesday	Neh. 9, 10	Sunday	Esther 3, 4

"Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee" (Nehemiah 9:6).

INFANT HEALED OF YELLOW JAUNDICE

WHEN OUR BABY GIRL was three days old, her doctor told me she had developed yellow jaundice. Her skin was a dark yellow and even her blood was yellow. The infection was increasing rapidly. If her blood count did not decrease in six hours, they would have to give her a complete blood transfer. The doctor said that if this were not done, there would be either mental retardation or death.

When I was left alone in my hospital room, I cried out to God for strength and help, and I felt He was there beside me. I called for our pastor, and he came by to pray, assuring us that the church would also be praying for our little Julie.

Time went slowly that evening, and the infection increased. Finally they told us that a total exchange of blood would be necessary. The doctor explained that in most cases of this type only one exchange was required, and that the older the baby was, the better its chances of survival. Of course, we never doubted that God could perform a miracle; I believe nothing is too hard for Him.

The baby was put in an incubator for close observation. Two days later another exchange of blood was required. On the fifth day I was dismissed from the hospital. That same evening they called us back to the hospital because the infection had increased and another complete transfer was necessary.

While the exchange was taking place, we sat in the lobby praying. We could hear our baby crying so hard in the next room and we wondered if we would ever see her alive again. It was so hard not to get to hold her and take her home, but we knew God was with her.

When the transfer was completed, the doctor came to us and said she was fine, but only through the grace of God, for her heart had reacted badly. At one time he thought she was dead.

For several days afterward, Julie just held her own. Then on Sunday morning I slipped out during church and called the hospital for the report of a test. She was getting worse again. The pastor then requested our congregation to begin a prayer chain to continue until the evening service so that prayers would be constant for Julie's complete delivery.

That morning at the altar, I surrendered my daughter's life to God and told Him she was in His hands. She was our first child, and it was so very hard for me to say, "God, here she is; I give her life to You. Have Your will in her life." But I can very well remember a tender touch from the Lord and the comforting assurance He gave me the moment I committed it all to Him.

In the afternoon I called the hospital for the report of another test, and they joyfully told me she was improving. God had definitely healed her. We had surrendered her to Him, and now He was giving her back to us, perfectly whole!

Today Julie is a healthy little girl without a single trace of jaundice. We are still thanking and praising God for His great love and compassion for His own. Mrs. Ross Rupp, Cape Canaveral, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Thomas G. Sutton, Palm Chapel, Assemblies of God, Cape Canaveral, Fla.)

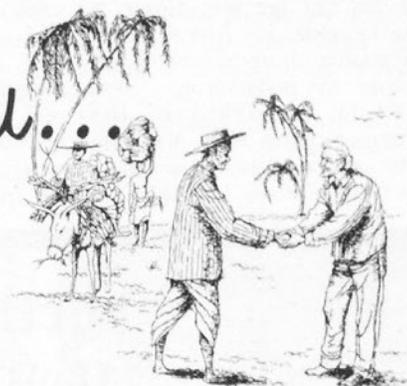
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Sets Goal at 1,000 Souls

MATAGALPA, Nicaragua—Missionary Ellis J. Stone, known as "Stony" by most of his friends, has asked the Lord to help him win 1,000 souls this year. He is well on his way toward this goal, for in his first 15 campaigns this year he had the joy of witnessing 554 decisions for Christ.

Now, as he looks at the year approaching its end, he says, "I will really have to get busy!"

How he can get any busier is hard to imagine. He just returned to Nicaragua from a month of campaigns in neighboring Costa Rica where he worked in five campaigns ranging from the capital city of San José to a newly opened jungle zone in the Villa

Quesada area. In all, there were 47 decisions for Christ. He had only one night of rest during those campaigns.

This was evangelism in the face of persecution, for there still is much opposition to the gospel. One night, two girls who were recently saved were struck by stones while sitting in an open-air meeting.

Foreign Missions Editor David A. Womack, having visited Nicaragua and traveled with Ellis Stone, said, "In America we are often thrilled with the grand results of foreign citywide crusades. These are necessary from time to time to bring the gospel to the attention of the masses; but the real backbone of foreign evangelism is the daily labor of career missionaries who win a little of the battle everyday."



North India Missionary Called Home

A MISSIONARY TO INDIA since 1924, Robert McClay went into the eternal presence of his Lord August 31, 1967.

Robert McClay was born in Ireland, came to the United States in his youth, and was converted in 1916 in Philadelphia, in the home of Helen Nethery, the young woman who was to become his wife. Soon after his conversion he entered the U.S. Army, and during his period of service made his decision to go to India as a missionary.

Upon his discharge he entered Beulah Heights Bible School in North Bergen, N. J., and in 1924 sailed for India. In 1925 the McClays were married in India and for nearly 40 years ministered in that land.

The McClays served in various areas of our work in North India. Their first scene of labor was in the Ganges Valley north of Lucknow. Later they ministered in the Uska Bazar Leper Colony, carried on extensive evangelistic activities in Mankapur, and were associated for a time with the Boys School in Nawabjanj.

Their last years in India were spent in village evangelism near the city of Ranchi. He was author of several publications later translated into Hindi and other Indian languages. During his entire missionary career Brother McClay was a member of the executive committee of the North India District Council of the Assemblies of God.

A fellow missionary said, "He is known and remembered in India as a dedicated village evangelist. He traveled extensively, visiting every bazaar and religious gathering within range, and consistently sold more Gospel portions than any other Assemblies of God missionary."

After four terms on the mission field, the McClays returned to the U.S. in 1963 to retire from foreign service. They resided in Philadelphia and were active members of Highway Tabernacle.

At the age of 72 Robert McClay finished his course. Yet his influence lives on in the churches he established, the literature he produced, and the workers he helped to train.

CONGO MINISTERS ORDAINED

ISIRO, Congo—Eight Congolese ministers were ordained and seven were licensed to preach at the biennial conference of the Congo Assemblies of God, held in August, according to a report by Missionary Gail Winters.

Karada Simona was elected superintendent. He has been serving for about a year, having succeeded the late Yoane Titungu in mid-term. He suggested some reforms to which the whole conference agreed and has a deep understanding of the work.

Philemona Makeke, a Zande, is vice-superintendent, and Raphael Komobondri, a Mangbetu, is secretary-treasurer. Missionary Winters writes, "We are glad to have representatives of the various tribes on the executive committee."

Missionary Philip Cochrane is the legal representative, assisted by Pierre Apokya.

Two of those licensed to preach were women. They are the first women to be licensed in our Congo church, though several have been in the ministry for many years. Quite a number of new ministers were given exhorter papers.

It appears there will be about 30 in the Bible school, which was announced to open the last week in September.



Congo Assemblies of God executives, left to right: Brothers Nabania, Apokya, Komobondri, Karada, Makeke, and Cochrane.

Sister Winters, in evaluating the present condition of the Congo church, said, "A number of our ministers were discouraged, having suffered so much, and still not having sufficient food. Their church members had been killed or scattered, and these pastors did not seem to have the courage to begin again. But we are glad to see that almost all of them have now resumed their ministry, are building churches, and are greatly encouraged to see the hunger for the Word of God."

The election of responsible African officials for the Congo Assemblies of God shows the stability that has returned to the work now that our missionaries have returned.

The Congo film—*They Have Overcome*—is presently being shown in various district premiers around the U.S. The 43-minute documentary film will be available for church showings beginning January 1, 1968.

Ministers gathered from various tribes to attend the Congo conference.



Sunday School Program Advances in Germany

STUTTGART, Germany—*Die Schatzkiste* has an audience of at least 6,000 Germans each week! The gospel is brought in simple form so that even a child can read and understand.

Die Schatzkiste (The Treasure Chest) is a German Sunday school paper put out by Missionary Paul Williscroft. The audience of 6,000 is scattered throughout Germany and at least half a dozen other countries in three continents.

Speaking of his Sunday school paper, Missionary Williscroft says, "Not only do the boys and girls read it with keen interest, but parents and grandparents often wait for them to bring the papers home!"

Some 20 workers are employed at the Assemblies of God publishing house in Erzhausen, Germany. Although there are writers who provide good stories in German,

most of the material is translated and adapted from English. It is a four-color paper printed on our newest offset press in Germany.

To send out the 80,000 papers for individual orders for the fall quarter, local volunteers counted out the materials, then two people worked for two weeks to pack and mail the \$2,500 worth of Sunday school literature. This includes not only copies of *Die Schatzkiste* but also teachers' quarterlies, pupils' quarterlies for all age groups, songbooks, and helps of many kinds.

One of the highlights of the summer this year was the two-week Christian Workers Training Course, held on the campus of the Bible school. There were five periods of study each morning packed with intensive instruction. But this was not enough for the workers; they demanded more periods in the afternoon! They returned to their homes in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria with the feeling that they can now do a better job as Sunday school teachers and youth workers.

Peruvian Pastor Needs Our Prayers

LIMA, Peru—A few months ago Fernando Moroco, pastor of First Assembly in Arequipa, Peru, asked his congregation to forgive him for not having street meetings that week. As an active witness for Jesus Christ, he often preached in the open air as many as 15 times a week. But this week he had to go for a medical examination due to his declining physical condition.

Fernando Moroco has been in Lima at the cancer detection and treatment center ever since. Missionary Henry Mock is requesting urgent, intercessory prayer for this Peruvian man of God, his lovely wife Dina, and their little son Ruben.

Fernando Moroco was born in the high sierras of the Andes Mountains near Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital. But he was no ordinary mountain Indian after Jesus Christ came into his life. Having heard the gospel through the ministries of Richard Palmer and David Scott, he attended Bible school in Lima and became a dedicated preacher.

Years of ministry in Peru were followed by years of evangelistic and Bible school work in Bolivia, Colombia, and Ecuador, besides his active participation in the ministry in his own land of Peru. In January of this year he became pastor in Arequipa.

Missionary Mock says: "Please put him on your heart and pray earnestly, for he is one of our best workers."

74 Baptized

NAKPANDURI, Ghana—A report has been received from Missionary Ruth Anderson that on one Sunday afternoon three national pastors baptized 74 converts. All those taking this important step of faith had been faithful in their Christian life for a year or more prior to the baptismal service.

The practice of requiring a period of doctrinal study and some degree of spiritual development before baptism is followed on most Assemblies of God mission fields. No person is baptized who cannot answer basic questions of doctrine and who has not demonstrated a true Christian conversion.

New A/G Work Growing in Panama

PANAMA CITY—Missionaries David and Doris Godwin report they are beginning to see an indigenous church formed here.

During the first week of their citywide Good News Crusade with Evangelist Richard Jeffrey, they saw the attendance reach nearly 300. This new outreach of the Assemblies of God now has an attendance of 700 and a new converts class of over 200.

"It is wonderful to see these new people beginning to understand the Word," states Missionary Godwin. "Some from other churches have come, but the vast majority are new people and neighbors who live in the vicinity of the gospel tent."

After a church has been established, the Good News tent can be used in other communities.

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: **Mary Metaxatos** (Greece); **Doris Geiger** (Nigeria); the **Robert Peacock** family (Liberia); the **Robert Creels** (Senegal); the **Edward Smiths** (Japan); and Mr. **Bennie Tipton** (Dahomey). Mrs. Tipton and family will follow later.

The **Harry Bartels** are transferring from Colombia to Mexico and the **Everett Devines** are transferring from Chile to Colombia. Both families have left for their new fields of service.

Newly appointed missionaries going to their respective fields are: the **Kenneth Waggoners** (Liberia), the **Fernando Nietos** (Mexico), and **Sharon Marie Wilson** (Nigeria). The **David Tyrees** (Costa Rica) are going to language study.

The **Carl Malz** family have

transferred from Egypt to Lebanon; the **Warren Flatterys** are returning to Jordan; and the **B. W. Corpanys** (Egypt) are going to Lebanon for language study.

May Garner (Nigeria) did not return to Africa as previously reported.

Missionaries returning to the United States on furlough are: **Florence Metcalf** (Nigeria); Mr. and Mrs. **Howard Fox** (Upper Volta); the **Virgil Smiths** (Brazil); **Bobbie Wilkins** (Liberia); the **Norman Backmans** (Liberia); and **Gustav Bergstrom** (Brazil).

Mrs. **Clyde Bradburn** (Japan) is returning to the States. Her husband will follow in November.

Helen Kopp (Ghana) is returning to the States for retirement.



Everett Devine family



Harry Bartel family



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RUDY ATWOOD, Piano with R. Carmichael String Quartet. Come Thou Fount; Yield Not to Temptation; Jesus I My Cross Have Taken; Beneath the Cross of Jesus; Flee as a Bird; Jesus I Come; Like a River Glorious; He the Pearly Gates Will Open; God Leads His Dear Children Along; O Jesus I Have Promised; I Gave My Life for Thee; My Faith Looks Up to Thee. 28 EV 125

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MANSION OVER THE HILLTOP The Statesmen with Hovie Lister. The inimitable Statesmen sing: I've Got That Feeling; No Greater Love; He Will Show You the Way; Provided by His Love; Tenderly; God's Got His Eyes on You; I Can Call Jesus Anytime; The Love of God; Go Down to the Jordan; He Knows Just What I Need; Heaven's Joy Awaits; Mansion Over the Hilltop. 28 EV 155

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THE MICKELSON TOUCH. This glorious new orchestral recording featuring sparkling arrangements by Paul is thought by many to be his finest work. The album features: Make Me a Blessing; Submission; Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child; Beneath the Cross of Jesus; Bless This House; Lead, Kindly Light; Trees; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Prayer from Stradella; My Task; Springs of Living Water. 28 EV 203

PAUL MICKELSON PLAYS FOR YOUTH. The style and songs are aimed directly at Christian young people. The songs: I Have Christ in My Heart and Assurance March; In My Heart There Rings a Melody and He Keeps Me Singing; Chorus Medley—Spirit of the Living God; Living for Jesus; Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace; You May Have the Joy Bells; He lives; When the Roll Is Called up Yonder; Sunlight Medley. 28 EV 205

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SING WITH THE TENNESSEANS. Here is good harmony, youthful enthusiasm, and dedicated talent. He Knows How Much We Can Bear; I Have But One Song; Each Step I Take; I Want to Be Like My Lord; House of Gold; Only a Look; You Must Have That True Religion; The Circle of His Love; The Last Mile of the Way; Yield Not to Temptation; Longing for Home; Ain't Nobody Knows. 28 EV 241

IRA STANPHILL SINGS. The rich, robust baritone voice of one of America's best-loved composers singing: Room at the Cross; Each Step I Take; The Uncolored Day; Forgive Me, Dear Lord; Mansion over the Hilltop; All the Way; He Cared That Much for Me; The Highest Mountain; Everybody Needs Someone to Care; Higher Ground; Follow Me; Super Time. 28 EV 243

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I'M HIS TO COMMAND—Tony Fontane, tenor; Les Barnett, organ; Phil Kerr, piano. I'm His to Command; I Need Thee Every Hour; How Great Thou Art; Home Sweet Home; Lead Me Gently Home; Amazing Grace; Until Then; Saved by Grace; He Hideth My Soul; No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus; His Eye Is on the Sparrow; All That Thrills My Soul. 28 EV 252

THE SONGS OF ANN BURNEM with the Choraliers. Blessed Redeemer; God Leads Us Along; A Miracle of Love; Hide Thou Me; The Middle Old Cross; Each Step I Take; I Have Found a Hiding Place; The Last Mile of the Way; The Old Fashioned Songs; Oh, What Glory!; Sweeter Than Them All; Take Anything but You. 28 EV 268

"ROSIE" ROZELL SINGS WAY UP HIGH. Exciting, crystal-clear tones against a background of brilliant, sweeping strings and enhancing feminine voices. When I Come to the End of the Road; He Cared That Much for Me; Lonely Road; Up Calvary's Way; Stand By Me; Sittin' Around the Table of the Lord; The Last Mile of the Way; That Lonesome Valley; I Do Not Ask; I'd Rather Have My Jesus; Connect Me with Heaven; A Man Called Jesus; Somebody Loves Me. 28 EV 273

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Catholic Pentecostals

When I read about the Pentecostal meetings on Catholic campuses, I said, "Thank God, the Catholics are beginning to receive the Spirit too." Hallelujah! It seems as though people of every denomination are being visited, showing us the Lord meant what He said in Joel 2:28—"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

I pray these dear Catholic young people who have received the Holy Ghost will continue to read their Bibles and will turn their backs on the darkness of the Roman Catholic Church, in obedience to Revelation 18:4—"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins."

W. A. LEONARD
Kansas City, Missouri

I never thought I would live to see the day when Catholics would be receiving the Pentecostal Baptism right on a Catholic campus. I think it's wonderful.

It just shows how God can raise up witnesses in the most unlikely places. In New Testament times He had saints in Caesar's household at Rome (Philippians 4:22), and today He has them in Roman Catholic colleges.

HELEN WRIGHT
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

I was disturbed by the article, "Pentecostal Meetings on Catholic Campuses," that was in the September 24 issue of the *Evangel*. I think it would be disastrous if people got the idea it is all right to remain in the Roman Catholic Church after one receives the Pentecostal Baptism.

The article stated that people "are starting to speak of the Catholic Pentecostal Movement." This could be very misleading to the general public. They may think the entire Pentecostal Movement is Roman Catholic; whereas the truth is that we Pentecostals are staunch Protestants and we preach very strongly against the false doctrines of Rome.

A PASTOR IN TEXAS

Editor's Note: The word "Pentecostal" is a general term, like the word "Protestant." It has become established in the public mind over

a period of more than 60 years, with various connotations, some of which are not very complimentary; but generally Pentecostals are admired for their spiritual fervor and their love for the Bible, even by persons who do not agree with their teachings.

Actually there are doctrinal differences between some Pentecostal groups, just as there are between Protestant groups. In the Assemblies of God we emphasize the importance of sound doctrine. We are Pentecostal but we do not endorse all that is labelled "Pentecostal"; neither do we intend to soften our opposition to the false teachings and unscriptural practices of Rome.

Evidently God pours His Spirit upon people to satisfy their spiritual hunger, and not to give His endorsement to any particular teachings. The fact that people are baptized with the Holy Spirit does not prove their doctrines are right. It only proves their hearts were right at the moment God filled them with the Spirit, even if they went wrong afterward.

Sponsors Needed

We are very pleased with the International Edition of the *Evangel* which comes the first Sunday of each month. There are many people here in Argentina who would be greatly helped if they had it.

I can supply names of people here who read English, if there are sponsors.

In my opinion, the *Evangel* is one of the best ways we have to reach people with the full gospel. I have distributed many thousands of copies.

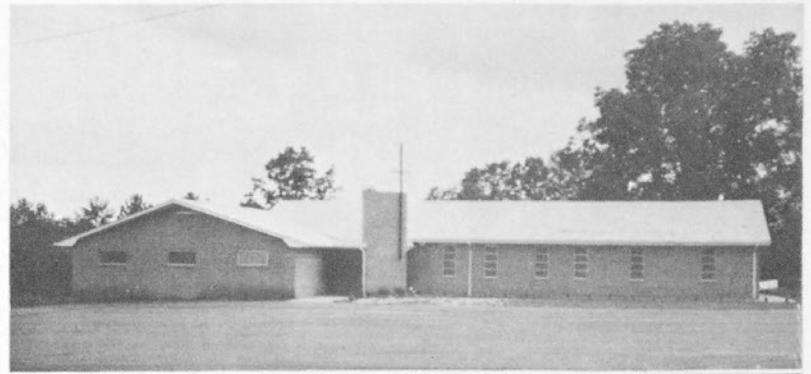
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Thanks, Mrs. Yashmet!

I read the *Evangel* every week, though I am not able to subscribe to it. You see, a kind Christian lady whose name is Mrs. Yashmet comes to our nursing home every Sunday afternoon to read to us from her Bible and from other good books and magazines. She also sings to us and prays with us.

How we enjoy her visits, for she sings our favorite songs and answers many of our questions about the Bible. She belongs to an Assembly of God. Due to old age and infirmity, we cannot go to church with her, so she brings church to us.

C. C. SMITH
Denver, Colo.



New home of the First Assembly in Thomaston, Ga., on a five-acre tract, is built of concrete block and buff brick veneer. Pastor R. Buford Collins at right.



GEORGIA CONGREGATION BUILDS NEW CHURCH

THOMASTON, GA.—First Assembly here has a new church building. Located on a five-acre tract, the building seats 300 in the sanctuary with Sunday school accommodations for 200.

The exterior is of concrete block with buff brick veneer. Laminated beams, indirect lighting, and antique rock-faced brick highlight the interior of the sanctuary. The building has central cooling and heating.

A blacktopped 1,400-square-yard

lot provides adequate parking.

Although constructed and furnished at a cost of about \$45,000, the structure is valued at \$70,000. Indebtedness is less than \$16,000, because friends and members of the church donated much labor. Construction was supervised by Earl Stuckey and Pastor R. Buford Collins.

Pastor Collins came to Thomaston in December 1959. Under his leadership the church has seen remarkable progress.



NORTH DAKOTA CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

MINOT, N. DAK.—The Assembly of God here recently held a special mortgage-burning service. The church is thankful that improvements on the building, plus housing facilities for the assistant pastor and caretaker and a new parsonage, have all been paid for.

Participating in the service were F. J. Lindquist, founder of Gospel Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn., who organized the Minot Assembly in 1923; K. E. Olson, North Dakota District superintendent; and Paul Sandgren, pastor of First Assembly, Marshalltown, Iowa, a former pastor of the church.

Facilities at the church include

a sanctuary seating more than 300, Sunday school office and classrooms, pastor's study, and two small chapels in the basement.

The congregation is active in the support of missions by assisting 20 home and foreign missionaries. The church also sponsors *Revival-time* every Sunday.

Pastor B. C. Heinze is president of the Minot Ministerial Federation and serves as secretary of the board of directors of Trinity Bible Institute, Jamestown, N. Dak. Sister Heinze is president of the district Women's Missionary Council.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

ACTIVITIES CENTER DEDICATED



Part of the group who enjoyed dinner in the new fellowship hall of Edgewood Temple.

District Superintendent Aaron Wall speaking at the dedication.



COLUMBUS, GA.—A Community Activities Center at Edgewood Temple Assembly here was dedicated to the Lord recently.

Participating in the dedication day services were Aaron Wall, Georgia District superintendent; B. F. Register, Columbus mayor pro tem; Jack Rutledge, Muscogee County sheriff; and Michael Lord, pastor.

The center includes a day-care section open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for preschool children whose parents work.

In addition, the center features a youth activities room, classrooms, church parlor, kitchen, library, and recreational facilities.

According to Pastor Lord, Edgewood Temple is striving to serve the community's needs—material, physical, and emotional, as well as spiritual—seven days a week, rather than only on Sunday and Wednesday.

CARROLLTON, TEX.—First Assembly here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. Participating in the service were E. R. Anderson, North Texas District superintendent and Bracy Greer, sectional presbyter.

The present pastor, D. W. Kyser, built the church in 1937. He resigned in 1940 to build a church in Dallas, and then was reelected in 1946. Other pastors were L. L. Ammons and C. G.



Fuston. First Assembly has grown from eight people to a congregation of 150.

Seating capacity in the new building, the third First Assembly has occupied, is 450. Other facilities include 17 classrooms and parking for 70 cars. Plans call for a fellowship hall and recreation building.

Total value of the building and property is \$146,000.

The new brick church in Carrollton, Tex., has a seating capacity of 450. Pastor and Mrs. D. W. Kyser at left.



VIETNAM HARVEST

THE NEED TO PRAY for servicemen in Vietnam is emphasized in the following article recently received from a Marine stationed in that country.

"Where's someone to pray with me?"

Red-eyed from lack of sleep, the Marine stood in the door of the Marble Mountain Air Facility Chapel in South Vietnam. He was dressed in a dirty flight suit.

He told the story about being assigned, with five other Marines, to go into Viet Cong territory to ready a downed helicopter for pickup by another. Shortly after they arrived in the area, the V.C. attacked; they had to retreat into the jungle.

For five terrifying days and nights they fought for their lives against the V.C., hunger, thirst, and snakes.

"With death so close, I thought about not being ready to meet God," the flying Leatherneck said. "I vowed that if I made it out alive, I'd make things right with Him."

This young Marine found Christ as Saviour that morning in the chapel.

This is one story of the harvest of souls taking place in Vietnam now.

The average Marine arrives in Vietnam with the wound of separation from loved ones still fresh in his heart. Along with this, he dreads the 12-13 months in a combat zone. Yet these very things, difficult as they are to bear, may point this serviceman to Christ for the first time in his life.

After preaching an evening service recently, I asked those who wanted to accept Christ to stand to

their feet. Two young Marines responded.

Praying and counseling with them later, I learned that one of them had talked to the other about God while they were walking perimeter guard. This started them thinking, and both of them decided that what they needed was God.

The age-old story of witnessing is the same here as anywhere else. When a man is saved, invariably a Christian serviceman has witnessed to him first.

How can you win your serviceman to Christ, even though he is in Vietnam? I suggest:

1. *By praying for him daily.* How we underestimate the power of prayer!

2. *By writing him daily.* A 5c stamp carries a letter to Vietnam by air mail through "Space Available Mail" (SAM).

3. *By sending him Christian literature.* Subscribe to *The Pente-*

costal Evangel for him for one year (\$3) which is his approximate tour of duty in Vietnam.

What are the most effective spiritual "tools" over here? I find:

1. *The Cross and the Switchblade.* This powerful paperback ordinarily does one of two things for Marines: it either brings about a decision for Christ, or it evokes a discussion, leaving the door open for a Christian witness.

2. *The Navigators Bible Memory Course.* Memorizing Scripture begins to build Christian character in the newly converted person.

Whenever someone is saved here, we give him a Bible, a copy of *The Cross and the Switchblade*, and the first packet of the Bible memory course supplied by the Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pray that a greater harvest may be gleaned among our servicemen in Vietnam.

JERRY WEBB APPOINTED 34TH A/G CHAPLAIN

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Jerry Webb, Austin, Tex., is the 34th military chaplain of the Assemblies of God now on active duty.

This total ties the record number of Assemblies of God chaplains set during the height of World War II, according to Howard S. Bush, chairman of the Commission on Chaplains.

Brother Webb was appointed a captain in the U.S. Army Chap-



laincy Corps June 28. After attending Army Chaplains School at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y., he will be assigned to the Army Garrison at Fort Hood, Tex.

A native of Frankston, Tex., Chaplain Webb received his education at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Tex., where he received an associate degree in 1959; University of Texas, Austin, bachelor of science, 1962; and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, bachelor of divinity, 1967.

Chaplain Webb began his ministry in 1955 and was ordained this year by the North Texas District. He has been preaching since he was 15. He has conducted ministry among teen gangs and drug addicts through Teen Challenge.

He also has worked as an Air Force chaplain's assistant. He was president of the Chi Alpha chapter at the University of Texas from 1960 to 1962.

Chaplain Webb and his wife, the former Sharon Bruce, were married in December 1964.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

20TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Tex. Statler-Hilton is the convention headquarters hotel.

40TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING—Nov. 1-5 at First Assembly, Marlin, Tex. Speaker: Gilbert Johnson.—by Clive W. Gregg, pastor.

HOMECOMING AND 10TH ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 22 at the Assembly of God, Milesburg, Pa.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Chickasaw	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	James E. Radford	W. D. Thomas
Ariz.	Phoenix	South Mountain	Oct. 23-Oct. 29	Charles O. Hudspeth	L. H. Gundlach
	Wickenburg	A/G	Oct. 29—	Bennie Grissom	Raymond Valentine
Ark.	El Dorado	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Erling Saxelid
	Newport	First	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Corbett C. Crace	H. D. Nance
	Russellville	Welcome Hill	Oct. 23-29	Arlis Thrasher	L. B. Findley
Calif.	Castroville	¹ A/G	Oct. 22-27	Charles Senechal	T. E. Bobo
	Fresno	A/G	Oct. 24-29	Winferd Mack	Roy Lee
	Lynwood	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Bob Bloom	Harold Pegg
	San Diego	Encanto	Oct. 17-Oct. 22	Thomas Hernandez	Lloyd J. Marlow
	Trinidad	A/G	Oct. 24-Nov. 1	Fisher-Cheek Team	Fred Myrick
Conn.	Meriden	First	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Edward Cooper	Thomas R. Brubaker Jr.
	Milford	Berean	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Matschulat Party	R. P. Scallon
D. C.	Washington	Trinity	Oct. 22—	Singing Kolenda Family	Frank C. Mays
Fla.	Graceville	New Hope	Oct. 23-Nov. 5	Jerry & Ann Johnson	John Franklin
	Jacksonville	Evangel	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	L. Wayne Pitts	Cecil Wiggins
	Miami	Central Bible Ch.	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	R. S. Peterson	Rex Anspaugh
	Winterhaven	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Larry Clevenger	Emerson Jones
Ga.	Columbus	Eighth St.	Oct. 29—	Nettie Parham	S. B. Cotton
	Columbus	Summerfield	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	David L. Scruggs	W. H. Collins
	Dallas	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	Fred C. Goss
Ind.	Indianapolis	¹ West Side	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Christian Hild	Thomas Paino
Iowa	Knoxville	A/G	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Doug & Judy Maners	M. H. Mooberry
Kans.	Topeka	Highland Park	Oct. 24-29	Roy Tregenza	J. O. Rosenberg
La.	Bossier City	Hope	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Frank Chandler
	Lake Providence	First	Oct. 11-22	Mike & Mrs. Murdock	L. O. Lormand
Mass.	Lawrence	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Watters-Perri Team	Helen Wight
	Revere	Parkway	Oct. 22-29	Howard Rusthoi	Thomas Brubaker
Mich.	Battle Creek	First	Oct. 24-29	Arthur & Anna Berg	Herbert E. Eicher
	Benton Harbor	Fairplain	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Don & Dixie Cox	D. G. Foote
	St. Ignace	¹ A/G	Oct. 23-29	Carl & Mrs. Gammel	Edward J. Fairbanks
Minn.	Detroit Lakes	A/G	Oct. 24-29	Paul & LaVonne Clark	Melvin E. Culbertson
Miss.	Columbia	First	Oct. 22-29	Lloyd & Irene Logan	Marshall Dodd
Mo.	Bloomfield	A/G	Nov. 5-19	Ruth E. Reece	Dalles L. Reagan
	Grandview	A/G	Oct. 24-29	Doyle H. Thompson	Burrell White
	Houston	A/G	Oct. 15-29	Ruth E. Reece	Clyde Davis
	Jamestown	A/G	Oct. 23-Nov. 3	Dan & Marty Womack	Buena Mae Huffman
	Marshall	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Warren P. LaRose
	St. Louis	Northwest	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Glenna Byard	Paul Adams
	Sikeston	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Bud Orf	T. A. McDonough
Nebr.	Lincoln	Glad Tidings	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	M. W. & Mrs. Roll	Nolan Blakkolb
	Scottsbluff	First	Oct. 29—	Bob Wilson	Troy D. Allen
	Taylor	A/G	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Harry Blakkolb	James Loutzenhiser
N. J.	Somerville	A/G	Oct. 24-29	Arnold & Anita Segesman	N. T. Spong
N. Y.	Beaver Dams	Catlin Centre	Oct. 29-Nov. 5	Ren & Grace Marr	Dwight Von Ahnen
	Hudson Falls	Gospel Lighthouse	Nov. 1-26	John & Esther Hamercheck	Robert A. Canterbury
	Huntington Sta.	A/G Pentecostal	Nov. 1-12	John & Esther Hamercheck	Charles M. Shaffer
	Niagara Falls	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Gene & Heather Burgess	J. D. Piper
	N. Syracuse	North Central	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Aubrey Sara	Leon L. Miles
	Staten Island	¹ Calvary	Oct. 23-29	Jerry Scott	Charles Scrimale
	Utica	First	Oct. 26—	Don & Anita Bogdan	Louis Lisi
N. Dak.	Jamestown	Trinity Bible Inst.	Oct. 23-29	Roy & Arlene Brewer	W. H. Kesler, Dean
Ohio	Carrollton	First	Oct. 10-22	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Glen Gray
	Greenville	First	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Wayne & Vi Marshall	C. M. Harding
	Harrison	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Bill & Verna McPherson	Johnny Garrison
	Ravenna	A/G	Oct. 22-29	Dewey Family	Leland Lebsack
	Wellington	A/G	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	A. Paul Hinton
Okla.	Broken Arrow	A/G	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	J. G. Hall	James C. Dodd
	Miami	Northwest	Oct. 24-Nov. 5	Milo Harmon	Charles B. Long
	Oklahoma City	North East	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Singing Kolenda Family	Bert E. Lacy
	Panama	First	Oct. 23-Nov. 5	Larry & Helen Hatfield	W. O. Hatley
Pa.	Milesburg	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	George & Evelyn Butrin	Clifton Wilkins
	Philadelphia	Northeast	Oct. 24-29	Dave & Jan Olshovski	David O. Dippold
	Scranton	Pentecostal	Oct. 17-22	Wallace Bragg	Parker B. Hayes
Tenn.	Knoxville	Island Home	Oct. 25—	Don & Sharon Parker	J. W. Jordan
Tex.	Chicota	A/G	Oct. 24—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	C. H. Hyatt
	Greenville	Central	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Leon Morrow	Paul Clark
Va.	Hopewell	Faith Taber.	Oct. 17-29	John & Esther Hamercheck	Clyde N. Lee

¹ Children's Revival

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

Services 10:45, 2:30, and 7:30. Speaker: Russell Williams, Eastern District superintendent.—by Clifton E. Wilkins, pastor.

HOMECOMING AND ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 29 at First Assembly, Sikeston, Mo. Speakers: N. Cleo Tapp, district superintendent, morning; Gayle Jackson, afternoon; Bud Orf, night.—by T. A. McDonough, pastor.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—Oct. 26 and 27 at Central Assembly, Albuquerque, N. Mex. Speaker: Robert Pagett. Music by the Singing Lunsfords.—by Jerry Roberts, D-CAP.

WITH CHRIST

OSCAR LEE GATES, 63, of Conroe, Tex., went to his eternal reward August 24, 1967. Brother Gates was ordained to the ministry in 1958 by the South Texas District. He served as a pastor in Conroe. He is survived by his wife Lucindy and six children.



NOBODY EVER FOUND OUT his last name. They all knew him as "Old Jed." Once or twice a week Old Jed ambled into the desert town of Sand Pass in northern Arizona. The residents would smile knowingly to each other as he took his place on the rickety chair outside the post office. They would grin when he mumbled over and over again, "It's out there. It's got to be there. And someday, someday I'm gonna find it for keeps."

Jed cared little whether anyone listened. He was content to talk to himself about that "sunk pile of gold" he believed to be out there somewhere.

One Friday everyone was expecting Jed. But he didn't show up that afternoon, nor the next, nor the next. Young Jimmy Carlson obviously was worried. Facing the men hanging around the post office he declared, "I've got a feeling something's happened to Old Jed."

Some guffawed. "Maybe he's found his treasure and is having a good time with it, all by himself out there!"

"No time to fool, men. He's pretty old, and anything could happen out there in that sun. Let's ride out and look for him."

About 12 miles southeast of Sand Pass there is a peculiar rock formation. It is crusted over with sand baked by the continual heat. It stands only two feet high, but someone ironically named it "Sand Mountain."

There at the foot of that "mountain" they found Old Jed, lying on the ground. He was dead.

For a moment the men were stunned. Then someone broke the silence with a hoarse whisper: "Look there, in Jed's hand!"

Jed's hand was half-buried in a yellow, metallic powder. Beside the hand was a small sack. And Old Jed's face was locked in a frightening expression of shock and surprise.

The men tried to reconstruct the picture of Jed finding his treasure. The old man apparently had come to Sand Mountain weary from walking in the heat and had sat down to rest. He spied the sack near the base and, trembling with excitement, he pulled the cord and tilted the sack slightly.

But Jed was too nervous and tilted the sack too much. The yellow stream spilled into the sand. He frantically

drove his gnarled hand into the powder, and clutched some of it in a spilling grasp.

The excitement put too much strain on his old heart. Back in Sand Pass Dr. Winters gave his verdict: "Death due to heart attack induced by excitement and shock."

The whole story is such a tragedy. After searching and staggering through the desert for years upon years, driven by the strange delusion of buried treasure "somewhere out there," Old Jed couldn't even hold it when he did find it. It was his, but only for a few fleeting seconds.

And what Old Jed found wasn't gold at all. The sack contained a ground mixture of pyrite—"fool's gold"—hardly worth picking up.

No one could tell how the sack got there. A trail passes Sand Mountain, and the sack may have fallen out of someone's travel kit.

A Christian businessman in Phoenix told me this true story of Old Jed. When he had finished, he turned and asked, "Do you know what I think? There are lots of people in this world just like poor Old Jed. They spend years looking for rest and peace and all they get is the devil's fool's gold. They are pushed out into eternity without ever having known the true riches of the gospel and the grace of God."

It reminded me forcibly of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36, 37).

By EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON



OLD JED'S TREASURE