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

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THE TRUTH DAWNED UPON MARTIN LUTHER WHILE  
HE READ THE SCRIPTURES IN THE ERFURT MONASTERY.

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Romans 11:33 to 12:2



## A Sermon Preached at the Communion and Memorial Service of the General Council in Long Beach, California

**T**HROUGHOUT THIS COUNCIL there has been great stress on the entire dedication of our lives to the work that God has assigned to us.

Before there can be any real dedication to a cause or to a person, there must be some lines of communication, some contact. The greater the understanding we have of that person or cause, the greater will be the depths of our dedication.

It is gratifying to know that God is the One who makes the approach. You will note in the golden text of the Bible, John 3:16, that "God so loved the world"—not merely a few precious people, but "God so loved the *world*, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He became as I, laden with my sins, willing to take my place on the cross and die in my stead.

When I think of God's provision to bring me into association with the Lord Jesus Christ, then I begin to evaluate the strength, the extent, the intensity (or lack of intensity) of my dedication to the cause for which I have been redeemed.

I want you to notice first that dedication usually grows out of an intense desire for relief in some prevailing condition. The pressure of the situation causes us to make some commitment to God.

I refer to Genesis 28 regarding a circumstance that prevailed in the life of Jacob. Because of his conduct and attitude he had to leave home. On his way he took a little nap, and God spoke to him through a dream. When he awoke, he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place... this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Then he vowed, "Lord, if You will keep me so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then You will be my God." There on the strength of God's promise he found relief in his desperate circumstances.

He involved himself a bit when he said, "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Of course, there was more involved than merely Jacob's promise to pay tithes. It meant a lot more than just monetary tithes. When the Lord Jesus spoke concerning tithing, He said there were some weightier matters also that ought not to be left undone! Some things mean more than tithing.

So dedication is sincere commitment to God resulting from a pressure.

In the second place, dedication is affection expressing itself in sincere service.

I have had the privilege of ministering in every state of the Union, watching people as they come into the presence of God at church. Oh, the wonder of the song

service in worship to God, in appreciation for the cross of Christ. But that is not all there is to dedication. Most anyone can sing when the heart is gladdened because the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus brings us into harmony with God and secures for us eternal peace. But it amazes me how few express themselves in real dedication after the song service is concluded. When the minister finishes his sermon and gives the altar call, only a few will sacrifice a bit of their time and give themselves to prayer, dedicating their lives around the altar on behalf of others.

I would remind you of two examples of dedication. Ruth made a complete consecration of her life to God. She did so because of her association with her mother-in-law, Naomi, and Naomi's God. She committed herself to the One who seemed to mean so much to Naomi. Ruth's decision was based upon appreciation for that association with godly people. No material values seemed to be in sight, because she had been reminded of the pressure under which she would live. But she was willing to do it because of that blessing she had received in the Lord.

Another example is Esther. You remember what pressure was brought to bear upon her. She did not dedicate herself because of a blessing she would be privileged to experience; she did it on behalf of people who were subject to destruction.

Your commitment and mine should not be altogether because of a blessing we expect to receive from God. It should be because there is a job to be done.

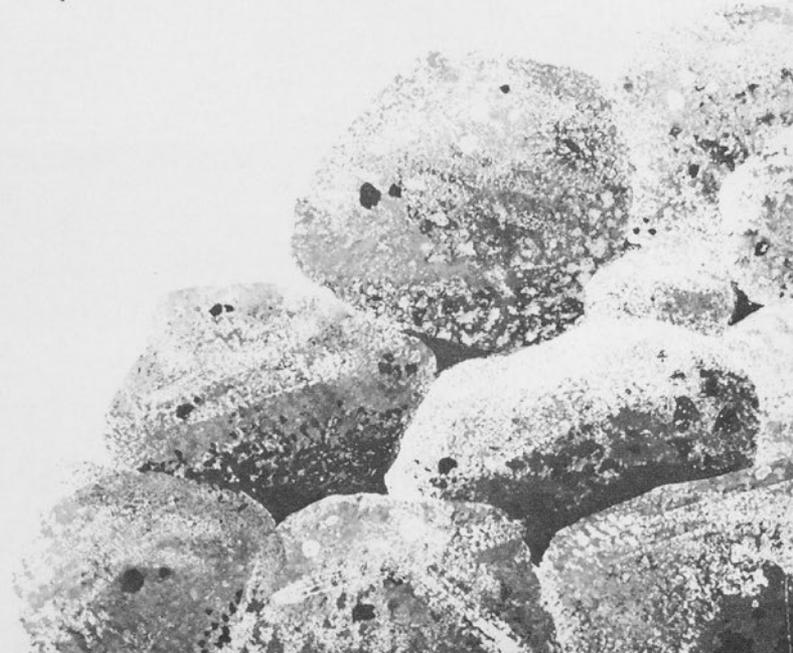
I have often heard people say, "You have to do this; you have to do that; you cannot have a revival meeting unless you put on some type of program to get the crowds." Now if I had not lived so long, I might be willing to believe that, but you cannot make me believe

# CHRISTIAN

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it; for I have learned the way to get revival is to have a real soul-searching and an old-time dedication of the lives of God's people. You pray it down from heaven. Then conviction comes upon men who refuse to come to church—men who curse and perhaps whip their companion because she comes. The power of God comes down upon that sinner until he awakens at two in the morning, rolls from his bed, and cries out, "My God, something has to be done!"

I know what I am talking about. I am not guessing; I am not talking theoretically; I am talking from experience.

Paul knew what he was talking about when he said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." He looked upon this as logical. It is just logical to give our bodies to God when we come to the altar to pray. Please don't misunderstand me. I realize that prayer is one of the most joyous experiences anybody can have. But many times the first part of it is battling through the difficulties, plodding your way through to where you can touch God.

Immediately after the sermon, and especially after an evangelistic message, the greatest dedication, and to some people the greatest sacrifice they will be called upon to make, is to come to the altar and remain there until God is through with them. That's the way revivals come. That's the way churches are established. That's the way hearts and lives are changed.

I was in the Army and never, never shall forget the parade we had one Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful parade. But when we sat down for a moment, we were reminded that parading would stop when we went to the front lines!

I was a very small fellow, weighing 129 pounds at the time. One day when we had a drill exercise that taxed every physical fiber I had, my sergeant said, "Remember, Red, you will not get to choose the size of the enemy

over there. You will face the fellow regardless of his size and regardless of your size."

I want you young people to know that when you go out on the front line to defend the cause of Christ in everyday living, you will not be able to choose your problems and opponents; your choice will lie only in the amount of dedication you have to God.

I am thoroughly convinced that the depths of your dedication will depend largely upon the amount of appreciation you have for the Lord Jesus and your association with Him. He did not shrink from the Cross. He was willing to give Himself completely on your behalf. That is the reason I say to you today that you have no right to go according to your feelings. Someone has said that:

*Feelings come, and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God—  
Naught else is worth believing.*

I believe that complete dedication to God should be without reservation of any kind. God wants people who are fully dedicated to His cause. One reason God has left us here is that we might serve to promote His kingdom.

I give you one further illustration. World War I is over. We are still suffering the consequences, but it is over. World War II is a historical fact. The Korean conflict is past. It took the strength of America to bring each war to a conclusion and it took the sacrifice of thousands of young men who gave themselves. Now I want you to notice that these men of World War I, World War II, and some of those from the Korean War are of mature age today. They are not at the fighting front. But no less dedication is required from those young people who are in the front ranks today.

Some of our precious men and women are in heaven today. They finished their course. And one of the most wonderful statements any man can make at the conclusion of his ministry is the one Paul made to Timothy: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." This is the blessing of complete dedication.

So I say to every young person here today: the youth you are blessed with gives you vigor and strength. It is not to be used only in the choir or in special numbers. You are not to sit in the back seats and laugh and talk while the sermon is being preached; the youth you are blessed with should be used in the front lines.

If you young women have a sweetheart or husband over in Vietnam, you expect him to remain dedicated until his job is done. I wonder how much less you think the Lord expects of you in the front lines of Christian dedication to the cause of Christ. That valor, that vigor, that strength you possess should make you the one to linger around the altar longer than those you have depended on to do your praying. You might be able to pray longer; you might be able to give more.

Paul, speaking in Romans 12:1, wasn't ignorant of the Old Testament sacrifices. He recognized that some people brought a bullock, while others brought a sheep or a young pigeon or a dove. The sacrifices were not of the same material value but they were accepted by God if they were the very best the individual had.

You have no excuse, my friend. Whatever your sacrifice is, it must be the best you have. 

# DEDICATION



## Faithful Dispensers

WE HAVE A MISSION to mankind. The apostle Peter said we are "stewards of the manifold grace of God" and it is required in stewards that they be faithful in dispensing it. Phillips' translation makes this crystal-clear: "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you, as faithful dispensers of the magnificently varied grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

When God reveals to us a truth that sets us free, we are wickedly selfish and derelict in our duty if we fail to share this truth with others. In this respect our situation today is not unlike that in which Martin Luther found himself 450 years ago.

It was on October 31, 1517, that the German monk nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. This act more than any other precipitated the Reformation, and this is why Protestant churches celebrate the last Sunday in October as Reformation Sunday. Luther challenged such practices as the prevalent system of indulgences which were sold to the common people to pay for the building of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. (Luther suggested that the pope, whose "riches... far exceeded the wealth of the richest millionaires," could better afford to build St. Peter's than the faithful poor.)

But it was back in a lonely monastery tower, three years earlier, where the Reformation really began. The Reformation began as Luther sat before an open Bible and let God talk to his heart (see painting on the front of this *Evangel*).

Luther was reading Paul's Epistle to the Romans. "Night and day," he said, "I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that 'the just shall live by faith.' Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justified us through faith. Whereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise."

The Augustinian friar could have kept the revelation to himself and thereby he would have avoided many difficulties; but he knew that millions of other people had the same great burden of sin that he had borne. So he began to share his secrets. He told the people that they could not be justified by works of charity, penance, or other good deeds. "Everyone who seeks righteousness without Christ," he said, "either by works, merits, satisfactions, afflictions, or by the Law, rejects the grace of God, and despises the death of Christ." He said that all may be saved, quite apart from any personal merit, and be raised from obscurity to a personal priesthood. He declared that Jesus Christ, the God-man, is the sole Mediator and High Priest between God and man, assuring every seeker a direct access to the Heavenly Father. Thus, he said, men may receive pardon and cleansing from the guilt and power of sin, through faith alone.

Not only did Luther preach and teach this truth, but he also translated the New Testament into everyday German so that, as he put it, "the mother in the home, the children on the street, the common man in the market place" might be able to read, and understand, and be saved. Luther was doing in his day what the Assemblies of God, through its various evangelistic and missionary endeavors, is doing in 1967. It is the mission of all the Church to share with all mankind the glorious gospel God has revealed to us. We must be faithful stewards, dispensing His grace to others.

—R.C.C.

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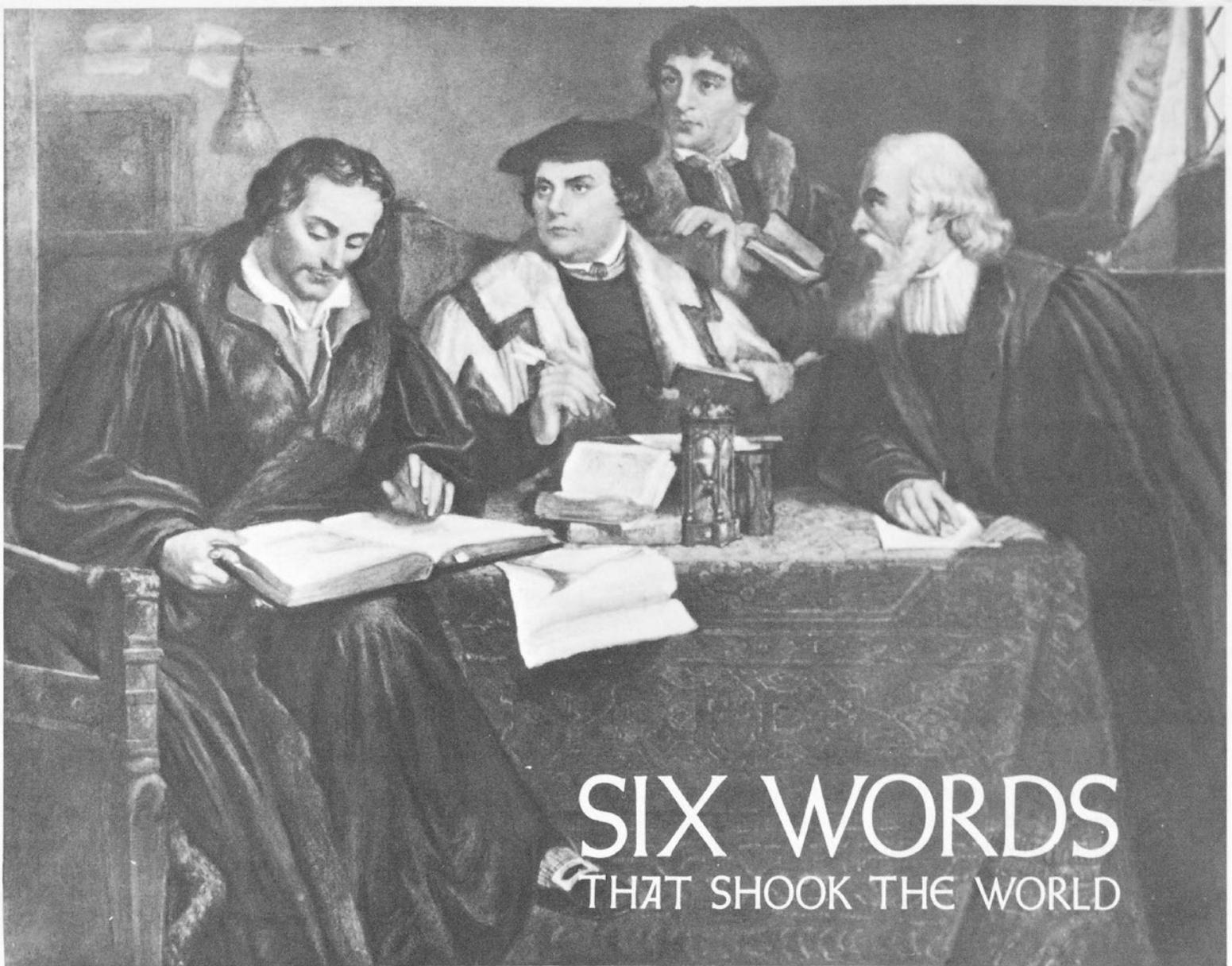
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## SIX WORDS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

In the safety of Wartburg Castle, Martin Luther with the help of Philip Melancthon (left) and other associates translated the New Testament into the language of the German people. The Bible became the foundation for Luther's teaching and preaching.

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and potentates in comparison? His light was to flame as a beacon over long centuries and epochs of the world. The moment Luther defied the wrath of the Diet at Worms was the greatest moment in the modern history of man."

What made that moment so important? And how did it come about?

The revolution began with reading the Scriptures. Luther, at 24, was a serious-minded Augustinian monk. A famous painting shows him earnestly reading a Bible. The Bible is chained to a stand. The light coming through a window illumines his face and shines on the text, "The just shall live by faith." The meaning of the Word of God had begun its deep work in his life.

The depth of the work of the Scriptures in Martin Luther's heart is revealed in a letter written by Dr. Paul Luther, the reformer's youngest son. It is a historic letter now in the possession of a library in Germany. It gives clear testimony as to how the spiritual revolution came about. Let me quote from that letter:

"In the year 1544 my late dearest father, in the presence of us all, narrated the whole story of his journey to Rome. He acknowledged with great joy that *in that city*, through the Spirit of Jesus Christ, *he had come to the knowledge of the truth of the everlasting gospel.*

*"It happened in this way.* As he repeated his prayers

**T**HE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH" (Romans 1:17). These words started a revolution! It was a spiritual revolution that began in Martin Luther's inmost being. But it didn't stop there! It became a spiritual tidal wave that shook the then-known world and continues in its impact to this present hour.

"The just shall live by faith." A quick reading of these words makes one wonder wherein their world-shaking power lies. But go back in your thoughts 450 years ago to that man and that moment when the Holy Spirit used these words to transform Luther's life, and through the Protestant Reformation to shake and shape the world. Let these words grip you as they gripped him, and then you will understand why these six words shook the world.

Does it seem extravagant to you to speak of a message capable of shaking the world?

The historian Carlyle says that every nation under heaven either stood or fell according to the attitude it assumed toward Martin Luther! "I call this Luther a true, great man—great in intellect, great in courage, great in affection and integrity. What were all emperors

on the Lateran Staircase, the words of the prophet Habakkuk came suddenly to his mind: 'The just shall live by faith.' Thereupon he ceased his prayers, returned to Wittenberg, and took this as the chief foundation of all his doctrine."

"The just shall live by faith." So important are these magnificent words that they appear four times in the Scriptures—once in the Old Testament, and three times in the New. Here is the gospel distilled to its purest essence.

The truth of the gospel did not come quickly or easily to Luther. He arrived at an understanding of these marvellous words after a long, painful journey. The journey was physically painful, for he sought the truth by means of fasting and flagellation. The journey was spiritually painful as he sought to reconcile traditions with the simple statements of the Scriptures.

Luther came to see there are but two kinds of religion in the world. One is the religion of *do*, in which one seeks to save himself by rituals, by disciplines. The other is the religion of *done*, in which one recognizes that Christ has wrought for us a perfect salvation based on His perfect sacrifice at Calvary. And thus one is saved by grace, through faith. We are made just, or justified,

in the eyes of a holy God by trusting the finished, perfect work of Christ.

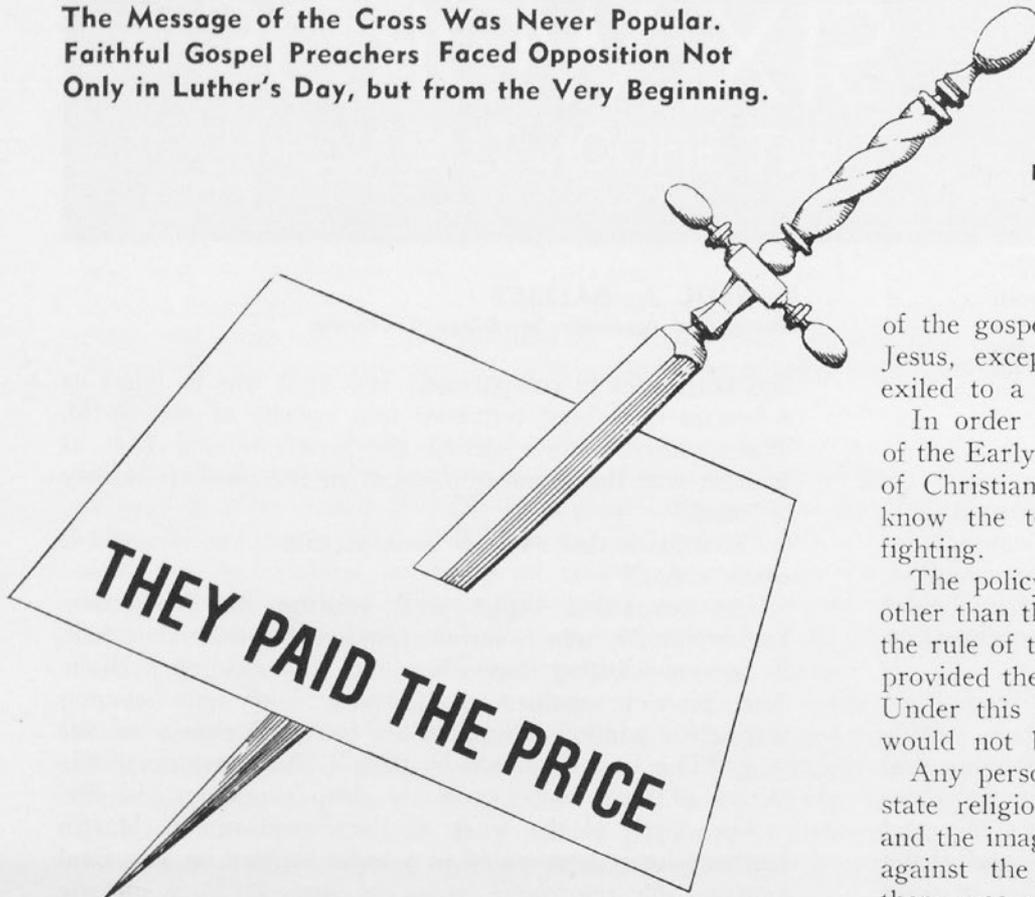
Luther had tried to save himself. He starved his body with fasting. He wasted his physical strength until he was reduced to a skeleton. Several times he was picked up from the abbey floor for dead. He also punished his body until he was bloody and weak.

But with all this there came no assurance of sins forgiven. All of these efforts were his own attempts to save himself, to make himself worthy of God's grace.

Understand how earnestly Luther sought to save himself and then you will understand the depth of the inward, spiritual revolution that came to him. For the truth of God's unmerited favor burst upon his mind like an overwhelming flood. He saw for the first time that if he earned salvation by his fasts, his penances, his pilgrimages, *then God was only paying him his due*. Whereas this wonderful Scripture revealed that *a man is made righteous in the eyes of God by grace*. If it is earned, then it is not unmerited favor! If it is earned, it is not mercy; it is deserved!

Merle D'Aubigne, author of the celebrated *History of the Reformation*, says, "This powerful text had a mysterious influence on the life of Luther. *It was a creative*

**The Message of the Cross Was Never Popular. Faithful Gospel Preachers Faced Opposition Not Only in Luther's Day, but from the Very Beginning.**



By DAVID A. WOMACK ■ Foreign Missions Editor

of the gospel. Tradition tells us that all 11 disciples of Jesus, except John, died as martyrs. Even John was exiled to a lonely island.

In order to understand the great spirit of these men of the Early Church and to understand the rapid progress of Christianity during their lifetime, it is necessary to know the terrible opposition against which they were fighting.

The policy of the Roman Empire toward all religions other than those of Rome was to allow each nation under the rule of the Empire to continue its own state religion, provided the state gods of Rome were worshiped as well. Under this policy any new belief was illegal because it would not be a state religion.

Any person who would not worship according to the state religion of Rome, sacrificing to the Roman gods and the image of the emperor, was guilty of high treason against the Roman government. In the first century there was no division between religion and state. The two were wholly integrated into one idea. The state, therefore, demanded direct worship, and anyone found guilty of high treason against the government was to be punished by death.

From its very beginning, then, Christianity was illegal. It was a new religion not admitted under the laws of the Roman state. It was not a state religion of Rome; it was not a national religion of Judea; it was not a polytheistic religion that could allow serving the Roman

**C**HRISTIANITY ENTERED THE WORLD as an illegal religion. Christ was condemned to death for blasphemy against the Law of Moses. A short time later Peter and John were imprisoned for teaching the message of Jesus Christ. Stephen was stoned to death for preaching a new religion. Paul was constantly in and out of prison, being stoned or persecuted in other ways for the cause

sentence! It was in these words that God said, 'Let there be light!' And there was light!"

Like a blinding flash of light from heaven, Luther saw that we are not saved by fear; we are saved by faith!

And what is faith? Faith is one of the simplest, most direct acts of life. Why should we make it difficult? Faith is simply trusting. Our children understand us when we say, "Trust me!" Why should not we understand when our Heavenly Father says, "Trust Me!"

This is the point at which the miracle power of the gospel is manifested. Faith receives and rejoices in the good news of salvation by grace. This is the place where one passes from darkness to light, from sin's condemnation to the joy of forgiveness. It is like entering a new world.

Luther said, "Before those words broke in upon my mind, I hated God and was angry with Him because, not content with frightening us sinners by the Law and by the miseries of life, He still further increased our torture by the gospel. But when, by the Spirit of God, I understood these words, 'The just shall live by faith,' then I felt born again, like a new man. I entered through the open doors into the very paradise of God! This text was to me the true gate to Paradise!"

gods; and it did not fit into the riotous, sinful society of that day.

Furthermore, Christianity induced Roman citizens to renounce the religions of the state; for unlike the other religions, it held it was impossible to serve other gods. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters."

The Christians were not accepted by the general populace because of their strict moral code, their seeming secrecy of meeting, and their withdrawal from worldly society. They were not accepted by the government because of their illegal status. Therefore, the Early Church faced opposition on all sides.

One fortunate condition in the Roman world helped the Church in the beginning. From the time of Augustus Caesar the Jews had been excused from worshipping the Roman state gods and the image of the emperor because of their strong monotheistic beliefs. They were also exempted from serving in the Roman military.

When the Early Church began, it was composed almost entirely of Jews. Christianity at first was considered a sect of the legal Jewish religion. The men of the Church themselves shared this opinion; for to become a Christian it was necessary to first become a proselyte of Judaism. The Early Church for the first few years shared these immunities given to the Jews, and all early persecutions were on the local level.

As time went on, however, more and more people were saved who were not Jews and who did not become Jewish proselytes. Peter reported to the Jerusalem Church that the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius were filled with

the Holy Spirit in the same manner as those who were filled on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 10). The issue of the Law of Moses as it pertained to non-Jews was the main point of debate at the Council at Jerusalem (Acts 15), where it was decided that the Gentile Christians should be requested only to keep themselves from "pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."

By the time of Nero (A.D. 54-68) Christianity was recognized as a separate belief from the legal national religion of the Jews. When in A.D. 64 much of the city of Rome was burned, Nero blamed the Christians of the city for the fire. (He was being blamed for it himself and needed a scapegoat. The Christians were unpopular because of their refusal to join in the worldly society of the city, so they were the logical ones to receive the blame.)

Tacitus, a historian living at that time, wrote that "in their very deaths they were made the subject of sport; for they were covered with the hides of wild beasts and worried to death by dogs, or nailed to crosses, or set fire to, and when the day waned, burned to serve for the evening lights" (*Annals*, Book XV, chapter 44).

Although this first official persecution of the Christians was limited to the city of Rome, the provinces soon took up the practice of condemning Christians to death, and from that time until the reign of Constantine in A.D. 312 there was hardly a period when death sentences were not being pronounced.

In A.D. 70 Vespasian sent his son Titus to sack the city of Jerusalem because of insurrection among the Jews. For the rest of the first century Christianity centered in Asia Minor rather than Jerusalem, further separating Christianity from Judaism.

In the winter of A.D. 88-89, during the principate of Domitian, many Christians were put to death in Rome for "atheism"—refusing to offer sacrifice to the image of the emperor. At the close of the first century many Christians were brought before the governors and accused of high treason against the emperor. "In consequence of such accusations many were condemned to death, or to the confiscation of their property, or banished to an island" (Neander, *General History*, Vol. I, p. 96). John the Apostle was sent to the Island of Patmos "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ," where he wrote the Book of Revelation.

Yet in spite of this terrible opposition, the Early Church expanded over all of the Roman Empire, winning men and women of all walks of life. The command of Jesus to "teach all nations" was obeyed during the lifetime of the apostles—at least, to all the nations that they knew at that time.

Their tremendous success over such great persecution was due to several causes. The first and greatest cause of their success was the burning zeal resulting from the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The Early Church was filled with a zeal for God that neither prison, nor exile, nor death could conquer.

Second, they believed very strongly that the second coming of Jesus was at hand. They expected the Lord's coming to be so soon that they placed little value on earthly possessions or worldly gain. They put all of their

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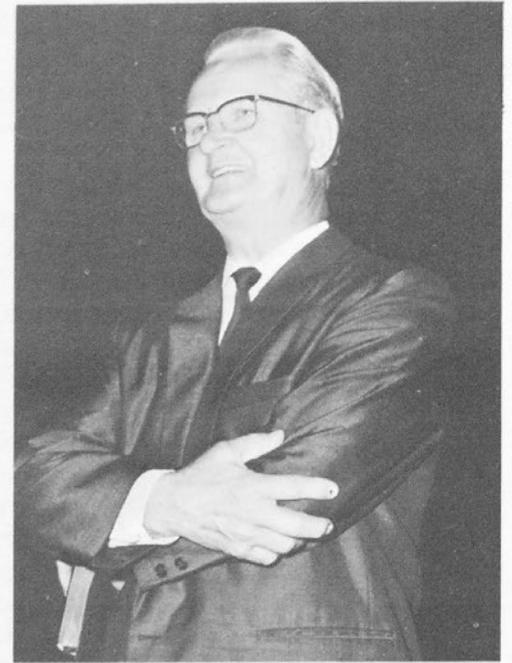
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# THE 3rd FRIEND



By V. G. GREISEN

**I**N THE FIRST PART OF LUKE 11 we read how our Lord taught His disciples to pray what we call "The Lord's Prayer." He followed this with the story of the three friends—the host, his needy friend, and the third friend (without whom the host would have been embarrassed and the needy friend might have perished).

The visitor was very obviously in distress. He arrived at midnight at the home of his friend, weary and hungry. Unless he received help at once, he might not survive.

The host was alarmed. He felt the urgency to help his friend, but his own cupboards were empty. To whom could he go? Who had the bread that would save this life? He thought of his good friend who was blessed with plenty and who always had bread in his house.

It was not a convenient hour, yet because of the urgency the host went to the house of the friend who had plenty. The third friend was at home. He even answered but he said, "Trouble me not: the door is shut, and we are in bed for the night."

Then Jesus said, "Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth."

This word *importunity* is only found once in the entire Bible, and Jesus used it here to show us the kind of prayer that gets results. It implies urgency as well as persistence and a refusal to be denied.

Jesus taught here that we are to persevere in prayer, to continue praying until we have the substance of the promise. He followed this parable with the challenge: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

I have both witnessed and experienced the results of importunate prayer many times. When I served as pastor in Coffeyville, Kansas, a lady in nearby Nowata, Oklahoma (Sister Rowena Chaves) saw the need for an Assembly of God in that city and began to pray. She continued in prayer for months, praying with importunity. She repeatedly invited us to come down and start a revival. We finally went and had the privilege of preaching to about 2,000 people in a pasture outside

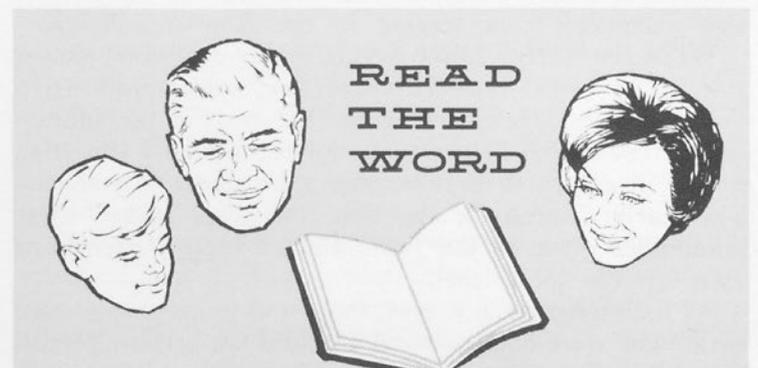
After serving 18 years as superintendent of the Kansas District, V. G. Greisen resigned to become an instructor at the Assemblies of God Bible School in Mariager, Denmark. Later he was field secretary for Europe, Near East, and Southern Asia for several years. At present he is ministering overseas. The accompanying article is the substance of a talk he gave at Long Beach, California, while directing a morning prayer meeting during the recent General Council.

the city. (We could not rent a place in the city because we were Pentecostal people.)

God gave us a glorious revival with about 100 saved and many healings and other miracles. Today there is an Assemblies of God church inside that city. The importunity of one who saw the spiritual hunger and need of a city brought the Third Friend on the scene to meet hungry hearts.

In the Coffeyville church itself we took literally the injunction that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint." The men would come early in the mornings—between 5 and 7 a.m.—to the church to pray. This resulted in a revival which brought scores into the Kingdom and saw hundreds filled with the Holy Spirit. The Third Friend, our wonderful Lord, cannot resist—and does not want to resist—importunity in prayer.

We may not always have a particular person or place in mind; but when we pray in the Spirit, He will direct



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**"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4).**

our intercessions and make them fruitful. If you feel led to pray for God to bless the ministry of an individual, or of a publication, don't hesitate and don't neglect it even if you do not know how to be specific. Let the Holy Spirit lead you into a fruitful prayer ministry along this line. He knows how to make intercession through us.

Someone was surely praying that God would bless the ministry of *The Pentecostal Evangel* when a copy was received in Assam, India, some years ago. The reading of that *Evangel* started a revival, and in a short time 5,000 souls were brought into the saving grace of our Lord. Others have since been saved, and 104 churches have been built in Assam. It all started because of prayer that God would bless the ministry of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

Fourteen years of the prayer of faith and importunity brought me to the European countries and gave me the opportunity of fruitful ministry there. In 1934 Sister Alta Caudle of Coffeyville, Kansas, gave me two dollars toward my fare home to see my aging mother in Laurberg, Denmark. To me, this was a "cloud...like a man's hand" (1 Kings 18:44). The two dollars remained in a desk drawer for 14 years while I continued to believe God for the balance needed.

Then in 1946, at the district council meeting in Salina, Kansas, I saw those two dollars multiply in moments into \$3,000. Besides this great offering, the district generously granted me a six months' leave for a trip to Europe.

But this was not simply a vacation. It was the beginning of a ministry in European countries where God allowed us to see multitudes of young people saved, filled with the Spirit, and equipped to take the gospel to their own people.

The Third Friend, our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ, responds to our importunate prayer with more than we could ask or think.

Not all of us have the same calling, the same burden. There may be needs in your home, in your church, on the job, among your neighbors which you would be willing to meet but find you cannot. You know it is going to take more than you have. It will take the resources of our divine Third Friend.

Come to Him confessing your own lack: "I have nothing to set before him."

Come to Him asking, seeking, knocking, and because of your importunity He will rise and give whatever is needed.

## WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE must be lived in the will, not in the emotions. Hannah W. Smith compared the will to a wise mother, and feelings to a rebellious child. The mother makes up her mind that a certain course of action is best. The child rebels. But the mother pursues her course lovingly, firmly. Eventually the clamoring ceases; the child does what he is told. All is harmony again.

Victory or defeat in spiritual growth almost always takes place on that battleground inside each of us: the will. And there is no great spiritual experience that will ever make future obedience unnecessary. The Bible rings with one long demand for obedience.

—MICHAEL HORBAN



# Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Where does the Bible say a church building must be built of stone, or otherwise God will reject it?*

The Bible does not dictate the material used to build a place of worship. It speaks of the children of God as "lively stones" (1 Peter 2:5), or living stones, which has spiritual rather than material meaning. There is a reference to altars made of stone (Exodus 20:25), but this was for Israel, not for the Church.

*Was Martha's sister the Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus had cast seven devils?*

Mary Magdalene was a native of the town of Magdala, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Mary the sister of Martha was a native of Bethany, near Jerusalem. This being true, the references could not be to the same person. Look up Magdala on one of the maps in your Bible.

*In Ezekiel 37:16, 17, what is meant by the uniting of the sticks of Judah and Joseph?*

It signifies that Judah and Israel are to become united as a single nation again. In 1 Kings 12 the dividing of the kingdom is recorded, the separating of the northern tribes of Israel from the southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin. Later, both kingdoms were taken into captivity—Israel by Assyria, Judah by Babylon. In Ezekiel 36 we learn of their return and cleansing. In chapter 37 Ezekiel recounts his vision of this restoration. They had been buried or scattered in all the world, without national life. He foresees their coming together, receiving newness of life, and becoming united in a single nation again. Many believe the present Israeli nation is the firstfruits of this restoration.

*Is it possible for little children to partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily? I sat near four or five children who, as they held the bread and the cup, were giggling. Their Sunday school teacher, who sat with them, paid no attention to their actions. She was dressed immodestly and also seemed indifferent to the sacredness of the Lord's Supper.*

Young children should sit with their parents and be taught the sacredness of the Lord's Supper. They should not be encouraged to take Communion until they are old enough to know it represents our sharing in salvation provided through the suffering and death of Jesus.

For Christians, the Lord's Supper has taken the place of the Jewish Passover (Exodus 12). Families ate the Passover together. Let us keep this family relationship as we partake of the Lord's Supper. And let our Sunday school teachers show by their appearance as well as by their words the modesty and devotion becoming to Christians. "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

*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.*



# 'EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS'

By N. D. DAVIDSON

**M**Y TEXT IS TAKEN from the theme of this convention: "He that testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

This could be the last General Council we shall ever attend. I believe that the coming of the Lord is near at hand. Now we don't set dates, but we do believe everything points to the soon return of the Saviour.

When I first came into Pentecost some 35 years ago, we were preaching then that the coming of the Lord was at hand. The doctrines I was taught in the beginning were four: the Lord is the Saviour, the Lord is the Baptizer, the Lord is the Healer, and the Lord is our soon coming King.

The Second Coming is one of the cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God. We state in our declaration of faith that we believe "the second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with his saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years."

We believe this. None of us knows the day nor the hour, but we know He is coming back, for He said in John 14:1-3 (Phillips):

"You must not let yourselves be distressed—you must hold on to your faith in God and to your faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's House. If there were not, should I have told you that I am going away to prepare a place for you? It is true that I am going away to prepare a place for you, but it is just as true that I am coming again to welcome you into my own house, so that you may be where I am. You know where I am going and you know the road I am going to take."

This is the glorious hope of the church of Jesus Christ. May we proclaim this from the housetops: our Lord is coming back again.

I am concerned that we do not preach this as much as we preached it many years ago. I remember when the pastor would preach every Sunday that the Lord was coming back again. We believed it, and I think we still believe it; but we need to *proclaim* it more.

I was saved when I was 22. Before this I knew nothing at all about salvation. I had never been to Sunday school in my whole life. I was reared in a family that went to church, but the church they attended didn't teach

very much of the Word. So I had to start from the beginning. And I am grateful for the truth implanted in my heart in the very beginning of my Christian life.

We Pentecostals have faithfully preached these truths, and it is evident that God has blessed our efforts. And if it was good 60 years ago, it is good for us to preach these truths today. Christ is the Saviour, Baptizer, Healer, and soon coming King.

This is true not only in our own country but in the 75 countries of the world where more than 900 of our Assemblies of God missionaries and 14,000 national workers are serving the Lord.

Last week a very dear friend of mine, the junior senator from Oregon, called me and said, "Reverend Davidson, I have just been reading about the work in South America and the convention down there. What is the secret of the success of the Pentecostal movement in South America?"

I said, "Mr. Hatfield, it is because of what we preach, because of the evangelical thrust that God has put in our hearts. I believe that partially and perhaps principally it is because of the baptism in the Holy Spirit that has moved us and our missionaries to go out and preach the gospel."

In Latin America we have a million and a half Assemblies of God believers—a million of them in Brazil alone. We were at the World Pentecostal Conference in July of this year and we saw 120,000 Pentecostal believers in the great Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. When the convention concluded and all the people were asked to wave their handkerchiefs and praise the Lord, I want you to know I couldn't help but think of what is written in Revelation: "A great multitude . . . of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues. . . ." I thought, What a day it is going to be when we all come into His presence! We will cast our crowns at His feet and hail Him as King of kings and Lord of lords. Oh, what a glorious hope that one of these days we are going to be gathered there with Him.

God has certainly blessed us because of what we have preached. My conviction is that God has entrusted these great truths to us so that we might point a dying world to the living Christ.

We have never had better facilities or better churches than we have today. We dedicated a marvelous church the other day. I never dreamed we would have churches

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like it, but we thank God for these facilities and for the vision of our people and our pastors. We have the equipment to work with in our day. So let us get on with the job while the opportunity remains.

God has called us for such a time as this. I don't think we ever had greater opportunities than we have today. We have radio; we have television; we have people; we have churches; we have freedom. God give us a vision equal to our opportunities.

*Christ is the Saviour.* Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. . . ."

Some months ago my wife and I were at the headwaters of a river which flows into the Amazon in South America. The local pastor took us and the missionary downstream to meet a family—a family as primitive as you would want to see. This man had been saved, and I am surely glad for I found out later that he had murdered two men before he was saved and had a machete strapped on him!

What I am saying is this: the gospel of Jesus Christ has been and shall ever be the power God uses to save those who will believe.

*Christ is our Healer.* In Mark 16:18 we read, "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." This was one of the great doctrines that brought us to the place where we are today. Oh, may we proclaim it today: Christ is still the Healer of our bodies.

*Christ is the Baptizer.* Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

At first, after I was saved, I didn't want the Baptism because I didn't believe in it. Later on I watched a young woman receive the Baptism. She was the most bashful woman I had ever seen. I saw her break forth speaking in other tongues and put her hand to her mouth. Every time she would remove her hand, she started to speak in tongues. Then I said, "My Lord and my God, I believe."

And, of course, I was pretty difficult. It took me a

year after that to get the Baptism. I shall never forget when a young man came to our church and preached on broken vows. He was preaching to the whole congregation, but I thought the pastor had been talking to him about me! He said, "You dirty, low-down hypocrite, you lied to God and you know it. You have been holding back your tithes."

I told the Lord that if He would stop that man, I would pay my tithes. When I got to the altar and prayed, I received the Baptism. I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance.

I believe this is one of the great truths we should proclaim in our day: God still baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit and they still speak in other tongues!

*Christ is our Coming King.* "The angel said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

He said that if He went away, He would come back again. There is no question in our minds that Jesus went away. There should be no question about His coming back. He said, when all these things begin to come to pass, "Lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Robert G. Lee told this story. Alexander the Great had subdued a city. The young ruler of this city and his beautiful wife were brought before him. Alexander said, "You are my prisoner. What would you give for your freedom?"

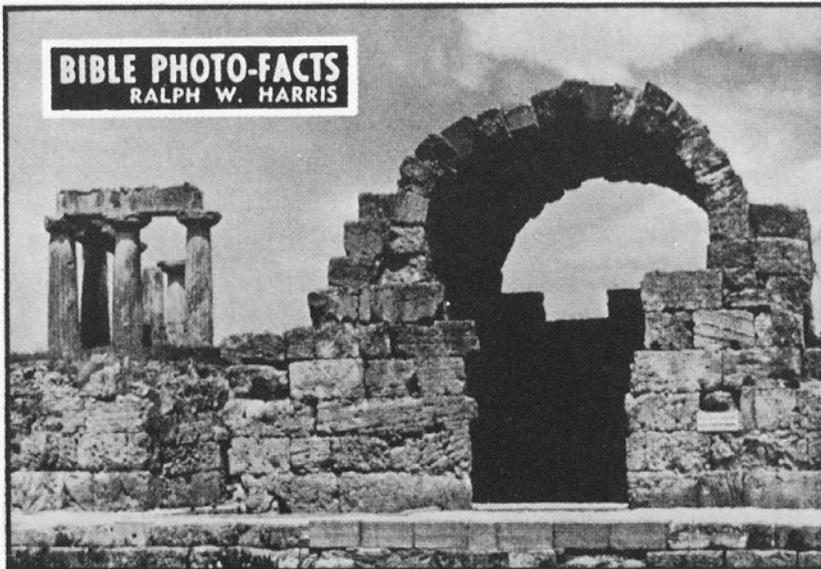
The young ruler said, "O king, I would give all the gold, all the silver, all the treasures that I possess for my freedom."

Then Alexander asked, "What would you give for the freedom of your beautiful young wife?"

Without hesitating the ruler answered, "O king, I would give my life for her."

And Alexander said, "Let them go free."

Can we say, "Lord Jesus, I will give my life for Your cause"? I pray we may be able to say that from our hearts. May we go forth from this great Council with a dedication to God that we will preach as we have never preached before these four cardinal doctrines that we believe, and that have brought us where we are today.



#### SERMON FROM A SHOPPING CENTER

The marketplace in ancient Corinth contained many shops like this one. Before meat was placed on sale, it was offered in the Temple of Apollo, of which only a few pillars remain. Whether to eat such meat became a delicate matter of conscience for the Corinthian believers, and Paul dealt with this problem in First Corinthians.

We can be glad the church at Corinth faced such a problem, for while advising the Christians there, Paul presented principles which still apply today, even though the problem which evoked these principles no longer exists. He pointed out that the legality of an action is not the sole criterion. Spiritual edification, consideration for others, and above all, the glory of God—these are to be the deciding factors.

By the way, we're not so advanced. The Corinthians ran water beneath their shops to air condition them!



Delmar Kingsriter (center) speaks during a panel discussion at the interdenominational 1967 ELO Conference in Wheaton, Illinois, where he presented a report on the Blanket-Every-Village Crusade.



*A Message of Great Importance Must be Delivered in Person*

# BLANKET- EVERY- VILLAGE CRUSADE

By **DELMAR KINGSRITER** • *Missionary to Malawi*

**A**N INTERESTING ANALOGY to our missionary work of literature distribution is given in the Book of Esther. The Jewish people were condemned to death, but God moved on the heart of Ahasuerus to issue a writing of salvation for them and to seal it with his ring.

The message had little importance to the condemned people, however, until it had been placed in their hands in a language they could understand. Therefore, the king called in the scribes, and they translated the royal message into the languages of the people. They then placed it in the hands of messengers who went out on mules and camels into the 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia.

The analogy here is clear. God has written a message of salvation for the world through His Son, Jesus Christ. This message has been sealed with the blood of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. You and I have been

called by the King to be His messengers. The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade and Light-for-the-Lost programs have helped put the message into the languages of the people, and Speed-the-Light is helping to speed the messengers on their way.

A message of importance must have a personal bearer. Christ Himself showed us the way when He chose men to carry the message and sent them out two by two, house to house, village to village, in a systematic soul-winning crusade.

You cannot reach a heart with a machine; you reach a heart with a heart. Radio, television, printing presses... these can and should be utilized; but they can only be effective if the human agent involved is directed of God and empowered by His Spirit to touch the hearts of his fellowmen. When the human agent is lacking (such as when tracts are thrown from an airplane or car), the

effectiveness of the message is discounted.

Convinced there must be a systematic, organized, personal contact with literature, the missionaries and national pastors in Malawi organized a program called the "Blanket-Every-Village Crusade." The program had four objectives: to adhere to scriptural methods; to achieve a careful and discriminate distribution of God's message; to enlist the whole church to work for God; and to place a total Pentecostal message in every home in every village.

Planning and preparation for this program began several years before its launching. Committees of mission-

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aries and East African nationals assisted in planning, contributing many valuable ideas and helps. One of the major objectives was to enlist the whole church in the God-given responsibility of bringing the message of life to those who are condemned and lost.

To achieve this objective one of our missionaries wrote a special course on literature distribution for the Blanket-Every-Village Crusade. This course then became part of the Bible school curriculum. The course was printed in booklet form, and hundreds of copies were made available to pastors and missionaries for a workers' training course in the local churches. The missionary, presbyter, or a pastor who had taken the course in Bible school taught the course on the local level.

We prepared a special literature packet which included a history of the work of the Assemblies of God in East Africa, two tracts (one on salvation and one on the baptism in the Holy Spirit), a decision card, and an enrollment form for a Bible correspondence course. All of the material was written especially for the Blanket-Every-Village Crusade.

Prayer support was enlisted in the churches of East Africa as well as in America. The program was publicized in daily newspapers, on the radio, in our own district paper, in district meetings, and with large posters put up in marketplaces and various strategic points in the villages.

The program became the responsi-

bility of the district Workers' Council and of the missionary in each area. It soon became apparent that success depended upon the enthusiastic support of the leaders of the district Workers' Council. The literature committee recommended to the Workers' Councils that revival meetings be conducted in conjunction with every distribution program.

Timing was also an important factor. We decided that one month would be devoted to this total evangelistic effort and sought for the most suitable month during which members of the church would most likely be able to participate.

Were our objectives reached? We can answer yes to the first objective: adhere to scriptural methods. Our second objective of having a careful and discriminate literature distribution program was also fulfilled.

Concerning the objective of enlisting the whole church to work for God, I must say this was the most gratifying part of the program. The vision of our pastors was enlarged to see how they could evangelize new areas effectively through this organized plan.

Our most enthusiastic workers were the lay people. They seemed thrilled with the opportunity to have a part in working for the Lord. There was an increase in the number of revival meetings conducted, with the resulting increase in number of converts.

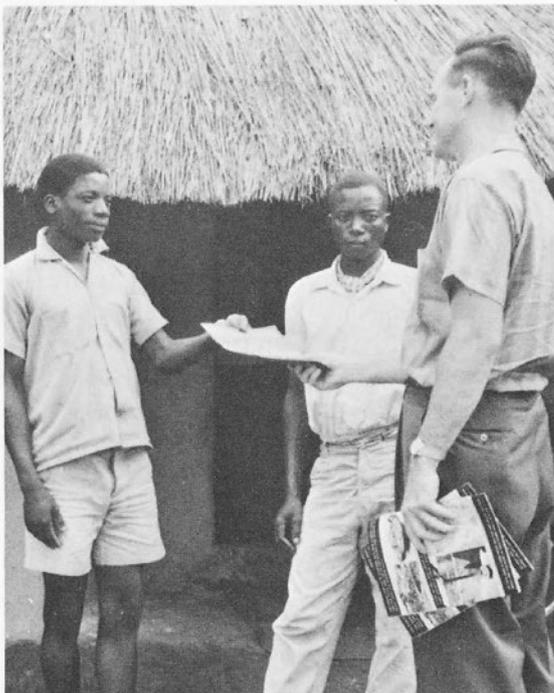
What about our objective of getting a total Pentecostal message into the homes? Because of this united coun-

trywide effort, we were able to get our Pentecostal message into even Muslim homes and strong Catholic areas. When we explained that this was a national rather than a local program, we found it much easier to break into some difficult areas.

In my opinion, this is one of the finest tools that can be placed at the disposal of the national church in starting new works. It gives the church an initial thrust of putting a piece of Pentecostal literature into every home in the area, and also provides for follow-up.

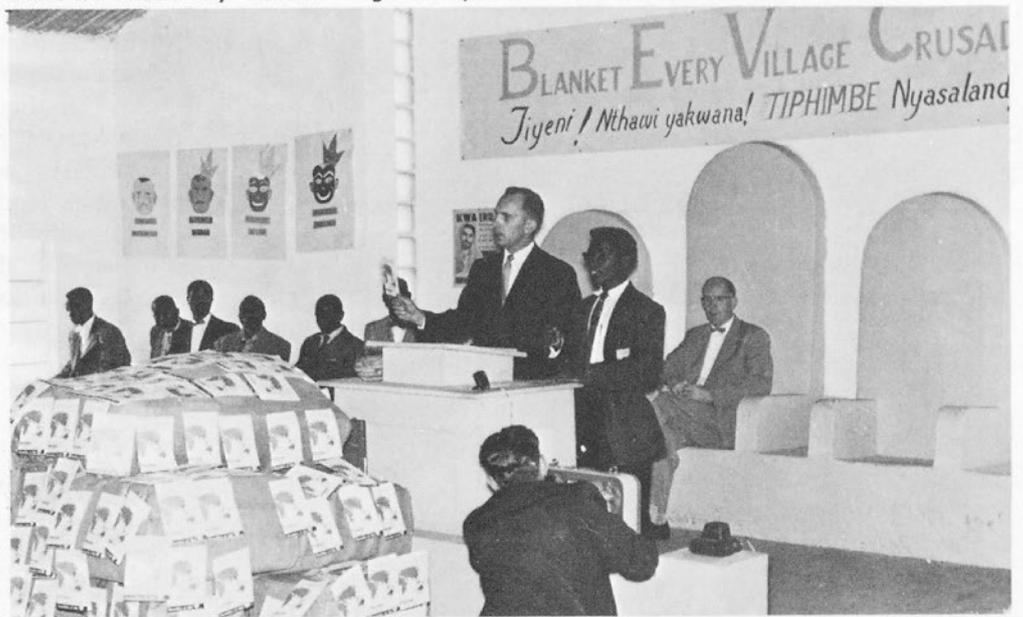
We find that follow-up is the most important phase of a literature crusade. It falls into several categories: a good, basic Bible correspondence course, priced so people even remotely interested in our message can enroll; follow-up tracts, written to be used in a recanvass of the whole area approximately one month after the initial thrust; and special literature prepared for those who make decisions for Christ in the revival meetings. A very careful follow-up program should be instituted on the local level to enlist the new converts in the local church.

Whenever a government wishes to convey an important message to another government, it sends an emissary with a letter; *a message of great importance must always be delivered in person*. On this Biblical principle we must witness heart to heart, house to house, until we have reached into every province, every district, and every family with the precious message of life through Christ. 



**LEFT:** The personal touch in distributing literature can often be a deciding factor in winning souls for the Lord.

**BELOW:** Missionary Delmar Kingsriter speaks at a crusade in Malawi.



## THE FIRST PERSECUTION

Sunday School Lesson for November 5, 1967

ACTS 4:1-22

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

### THE DISCIPLES IMPRISONED (Acts 4:1-4)

WHILE PETER WAS PREACHING to the throng gathered because of the lame man's healing (Acts 3:1-11), the ruler of the Temple, accompanied by infuriated and troubled priests and Sadducees, seized him and his co-worker John and threw them in jail. Why did they take such action? (1) Peter and John were exalting Jesus and teaching that He was the Messiah. (2) They were preaching a bodily resurrection, a doctrine the Sadducees refused to accept. (3) They were winning converts so fast that the Sadducees feared the power of their political party would be broken!

Thus these men were imprisoned for doing God's will and proclaiming His Word.

### THE DISCIPLES ON TRIAL (Acts 4:5-20)

"By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" (v. 7). The purpose of this question was to make the disciples incriminate themselves. If they insisted the

lame man had been healed in the name of Jesus, they would be accused of blasphemy!

Peter's reply was *bold and unhesitating*. A few weeks before this, Peter had declared positively that he was ready to go to prison for Christ (Luke 22:33). Instead he had denied his Lord. Here, however, he actually went to prison for Christ and was happy about it! How are we to account for the difference? He was filled with the Spirit! He received a special anointing for a sudden crisis, just as Christ had promised (Matthew 10:19, 20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12; 21:14).

Peter's reply was *respectful and courteous*. The Holy Spirit will not inspire us to be discourteous, arrogant, or impolite. Peter was frank and forthright, yet he respected the offices of the rulers and elders.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (v. 13). In other words, their accusers said among themselves, "Why, we thought we were rid of the Nazarene; but lo! He reappears in His followers! They are just like Him!"

Consider the following lessons:

1. *Consecration and Education*. The religious leaders marveled that men so lacking in formal rabbinical education and social prominence exhibited such poise, wisdom, and courage. We do wrong if we minimize the importance and value of education. God certainly has put no premium on ignorance. Nevertheless, education has definite limitations. If it is not consecrated and mixed with common sense, spiritual insight, and humility it has little value in the spiritual realm.

2. *We become like those with whom we associate*. The real reason for Peter's courage and John's was their spiritual communion with the glorified Christ. A very real association with a living Christ had transformed and revolutionized their lives. Such transformation is possible for all of us, for "we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

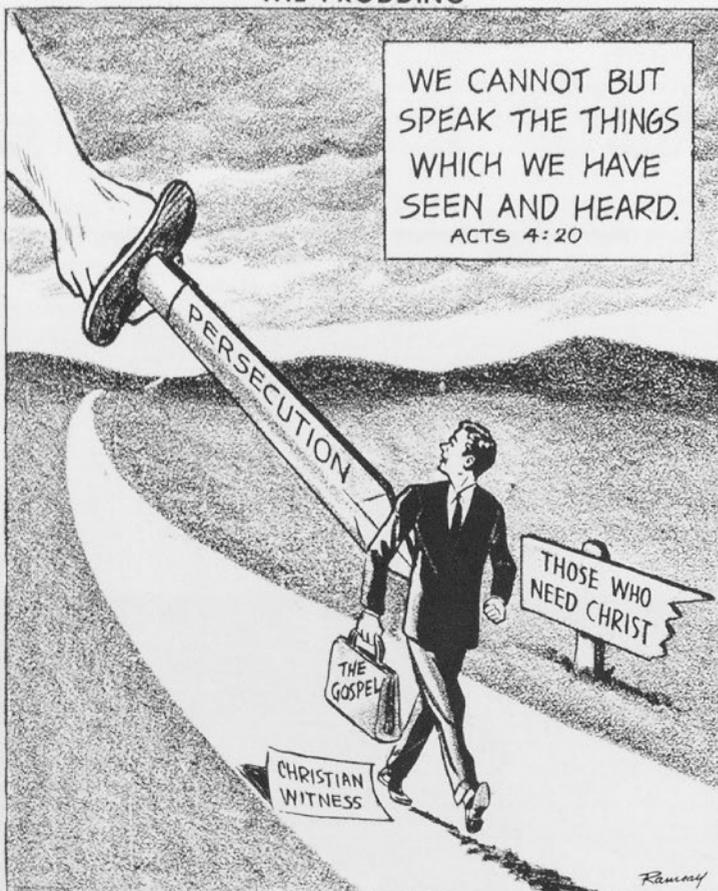
Instead of saying, "What shall we do in the face of the facts," the Jewish Council said, "What shall we do to these men?" (v. 16). Too cowardly to acknowledge the truth, their only thought was to save face—to protect their own reputation and position. A Christian must face truth and be true to it at any cost. Unwillingness to face truth is perilous (2 Thessalonians 2:10, 11).

"And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus" (v. 18). The Council thought they could at least prevent another miracle from happening by suppressing the truth instrumental in producing it. They might as well have tried to stop a forest fire with a watering can!

"We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (v. 20). These are the words of men who felt a Spirit-inspired zeal in their hearts. There are times when silence is golden. There are also times when silence is sinful.

Three factors caused Israel's prophets to speak for God: first, the knowledge that God had spoken (Amos 3:7, 8); second, an inward urge (Jeremiah 20:9); third, a burden and love for the people. For the same reasons no truly Spirit-filled Christian will refrain from witnessing to others for Christ.

### THE PRODDING



I HAVE A PARTICULAR BURDEN on my soul—one I'd like to share with you.

As you know, November is World Prayermeeting time at *Revivaltime*. This is always a glorious time of fellowship, and every year God seems to move in a mightier way than the year before.

Last November 50,000 persons in 1,078 prayer groups joined *Revivaltime* in interceding for more than 20,000 individual prayer requests. And, oh, how I wish you could have read the hundreds of testimonies we received assuring us of answered prayer!

Yes, God has been with us at every World Prayermeeting. But I wonder how much greater would be His response if even more Christians in our 8,500 assemblies would take time to intercede earnestly for the needs of others on Sunday, November 19—the date set for this year's Prayermeeting!

I wish I could tell you how heavy is the burden in this radio pulpit. Each Sunday night, as I stand at "the world's longest altar," an invitation is extended that beckons to spiritually hungry souls everywhere—from Taiwan to British Honduras, to Guam, to Vietnam. Thousands have met the Saviour face to face as a result of *Revivaltime's* radio invitation!

But millions more still await the touch of the Master. Scores of requests reach our office daily—too many for one preacher to adequately pray for. That is why once a year I ask every Pentecostal believer to kneel with me at this globe-encompassing altar and join in a time of intercession.

I pray God you may never be flat on your back. But there is someone near you who is. What are you doing for that person? You and I will be judged accordingly. This year, as we come before this great intercessory altar, let's try to push self aside and acknowledge our dependence upon one another.

It would be wonderful if we would never have to depend upon the people next door. But the citizens of this planet are not made that way. You and I cannot exist without neighbors. Many times it takes organized help. You have a corner to lift, and I have a corner to lift. If somebody doesn't do his part, the entire effort may fail.

So many lives and circumstances could be changed if we would begin to live more for others than for ourselves. Oh, how much we need this altar!

The theme for this year's World Prayermeeting is "Our God... Is Able" (Daniel 3:17). What a challenge for New Testament Christians!

The Bible says in Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it shall

be given you." The promise is there—all we have to do is claim it!

I know there is a spiritual, mystical body of Christ on earth, a great network of believers put together by the Holy Ghost, and the work of God is performed through this great Body. Get involved, my friend! Get into the spiritual swim of things. Tie into the power and provision of God for this generation.

Women's Missionary Councils and Men's Fellowship groups everywhere are organizing prayer groups to participate in the World Prayermeeting on Sunday, November 19. C. A. groups, Sunday school classes, entire congregations are planning to intercede with believers around the world. They will be praying for the thousands of requests sent to *Revivaltime* by listeners who have no other hope but our prayers.

*Revivaltime* is sending to prayer group leaders colorful plastic prayer reminders bearing the Prayermeeting theme—enough so that every participant can have one for his own Bible.

If you haven't sent your requests to *Revivaltime*, do it today. Select your five most urgent requests and send them to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801. A personal acknowledgment will come by return mail.

After you have trusted fellow Christians with the burdens of your heart, find a local group that plans to pray with *Revivaltime* and begin seeking God's will daily for this coming international prayer service. A vital spot is waiting for you at the world's longest altar.

Don't come as a do-gooder. Don't come because you belong to a Christian nation. Don't come to impress your neighbor. *Come because you expect an answer from a living God!*

"Our God... Is Able!" Believe that, and we will all witness a tremendous moving of His Spirit on Sunday, November 19.

By C. M. WARD



KNEEL WITH ME AT THE WORLD'S  
**LONGEST  
ALTAR**

Revivaltime Evangelist extends an invitation

# The Words They Cannot Say

By ELVA J. HOOVER

ON A RAINY SUNDAY AFTERNOON a few weeks ago we stopped to visit an elderly lady who was recovering from a stroke. Although she was speechless, her neat white hair framed a sensitive, intelligent face.

The talkative daughter with whom she lived explained that her mother could not speak since the stroke and maneuvered her to a corner chair.

After a while a son and his wife came from across town to make their monthly visit. The mother's blue eyes glistened with interest, and her lips trembled with words she could not form. But the conversation swirled on without her. Because she could not join in, the visitors soon forgot they had come to see "Mom" while they chattered of their busy lives, their latest projects.

Indeed, the lady seemed to be forgotten by everyone in the modest little room but me. I simply couldn't keep my eyes off her wistful face. It vibrated with love for the strong son and the pretty daughter. She could not speak, but she understood every word. She followed closely as her son spoke of his plans for a new home, bigger and better than any he had built before. There was no sign of envy in her eyes, no mental contrasting of his great plans and her poor circumstances.

Suddenly the son's wife interrupted with an urgent reminder that they must get home to feed the dog. So the visit was over.

The mother struggled to her feet to bid them good-bye, but they were laughing, joking with one another, giving special attention to us, the guests.

There was a quiet dignity about the way she just stood there, braced against the chair, with only her eyes betraying her eagerness to be noticed.

I suffered. She who had borne the son and loved him through all his years could not even say good-bye now, much less any of the other words locked inside her heart.

*Oh, don't let them forget!* I prayed silently.

And they didn't. After all the talk died down and there was nothing to do but go, the strong son turned toward his mother and gave her a quick peck on the cheek. "Bye, Mom. See you next month," he said lightly, and rushed away to feed the dog.

*"Come again! Come soon! A month is so long . . ."* the brimming blue eyes pleaded with his back. But she could not say any words.

In more than one way the son's general attitude reminds me of our attitude toward certain members of our

spiritual household—"the household of faith." They are the elderly ministers, missionaries, and their widows whom the years have also touched with a stroke of silence.

There are many among them to whom retirement is a fierce struggle for existence. Like the mother who could no longer speak, they stand on the sidelines now. They watch with keen interest, tinged with nostalgia, while the churches they sacrificed to start take great strides forward. They listen while leaders talk of bigger and better buildings and they rejoice quietly that the work of God for which they gave so many years is prospering. But while the talk swirls about them, it does not often include them.

It is easy to forget the silent ones, and they feel it too. "Sometimes we feel quite forgotten since we have had to step down from active ministry because of total disability," one brother wrote. "I do not know what we would do without the assistance check which comes so faithfully each month. . . ."

Of course, not everyone forgets; but many of us do.

Through the Aged Ministers Assistance fund (AMA) the Department of Benevolences makes the official Assemblies of God monthly visit to 155 of the most needy among these of the household of faith.

The AMA checks are a reflection of the concern—or lack of it—on the part of our churches for these pioneers who once filled our pulpits and gave their all for the gospel.

Applications for Aged Ministers Assistance show the small income (in some cases none) some of our retired ministers receive. Even the assistance we are able to send does not bring them up to an adequate monthly income.

Perhaps you are wondering why the Assemblies of God needs to provide financial assistance to retired ministers. What about Social Security? The truth is that there are pioneer ministers who never had an opportunity to participate in Social Security or any other retirement plan.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto these who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

Twice each year the Department of Benevolences extends a special invitation to all our churches to remember the needy and aged ministers and missionaries in our own Assemblies of God household with an offering for AMA.

November 19, Thanksgiving Sunday, is the next designated day. As you count your blessings this Thanksgiving season, remember these "members of the family" who no longer speak from our pulpits but are still vitally interested in the work of God.

*"Don't forget us! We rejoice that the work goes forward! Remember. . . ."*

These are some of the words that are locked in the hearts of our aged ministers—words they have no way to speak in your hearing. And so we speak for them, without apology. We are not begging for these soldiers of the Cross; they would not want that—just reminding us all that they gave so much. Let all of us give at least something in their time of need.

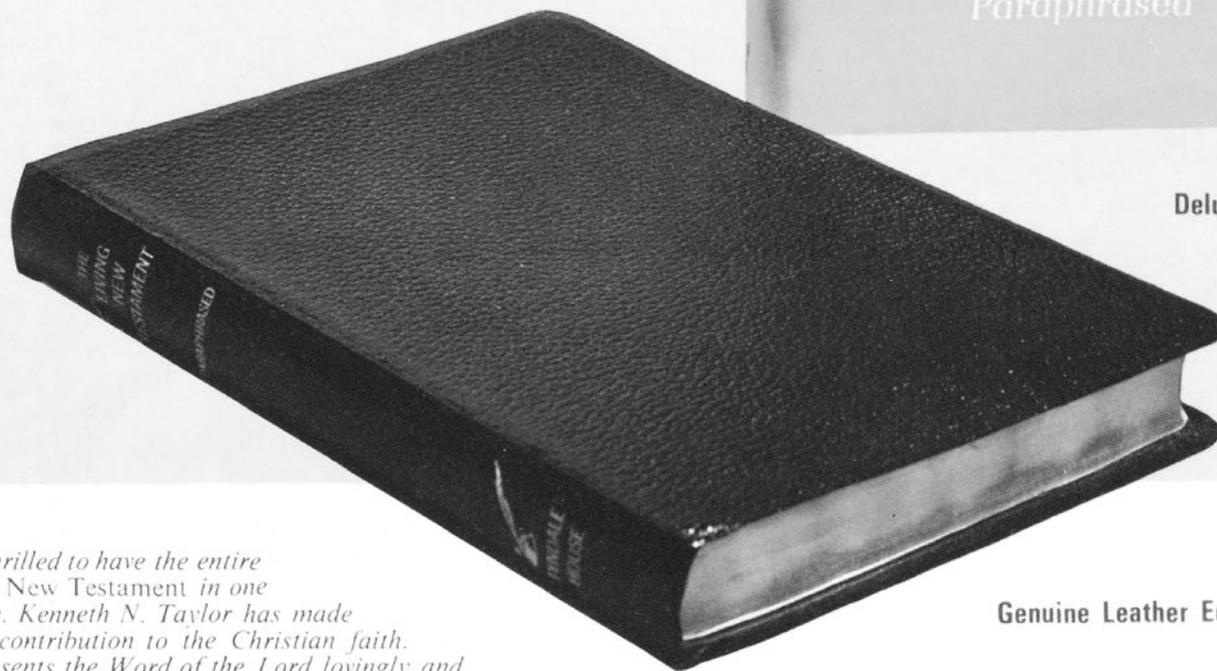
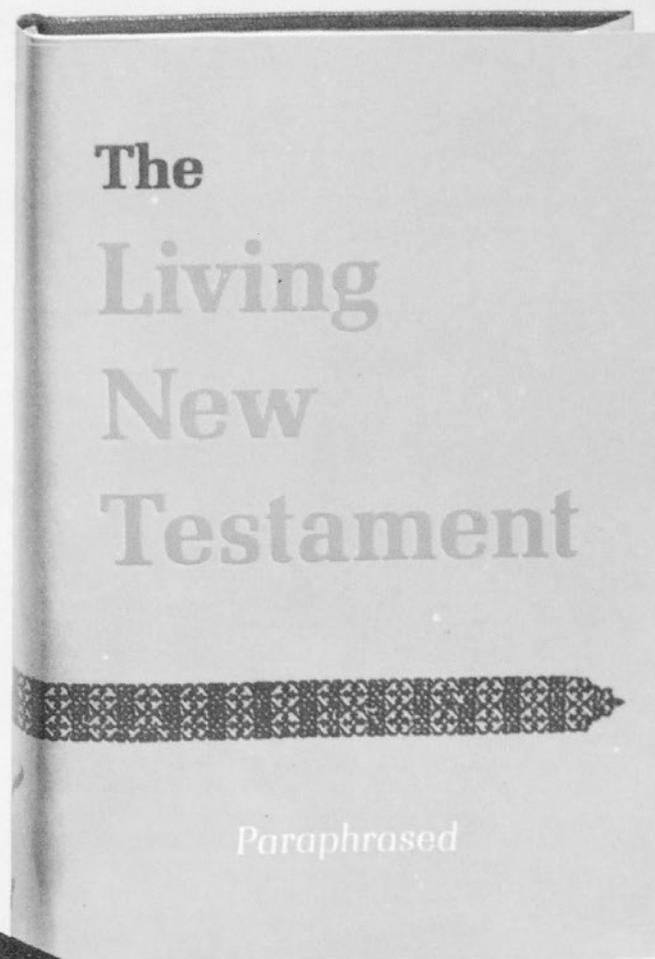
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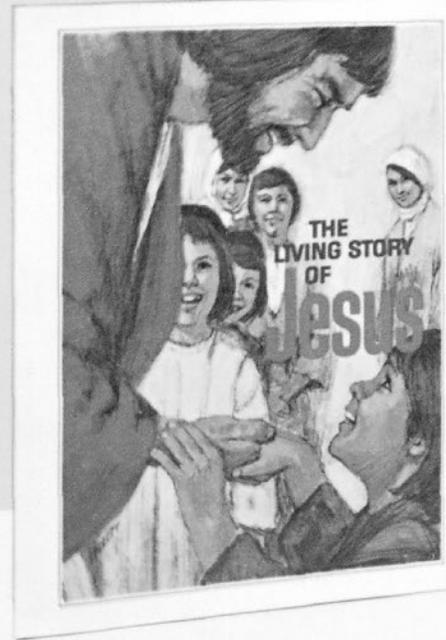
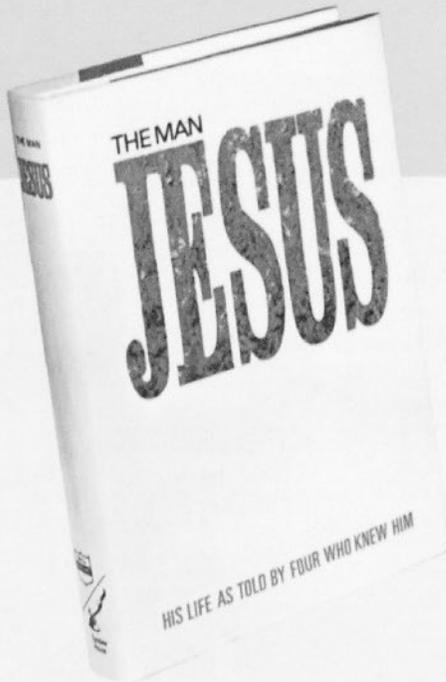
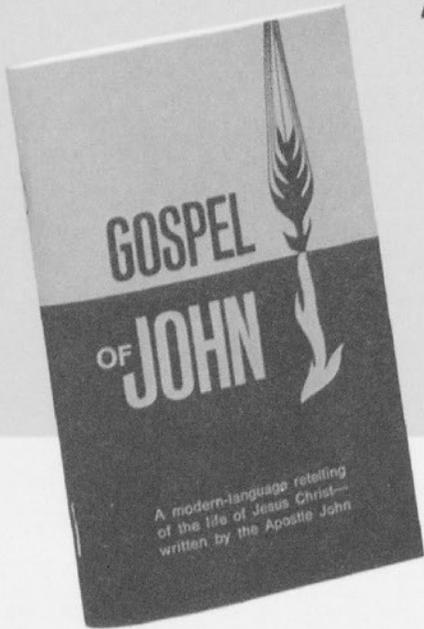
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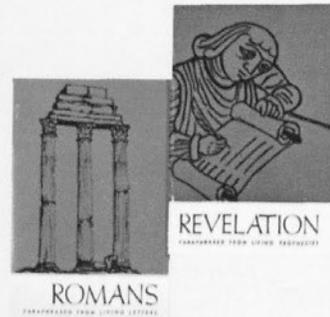
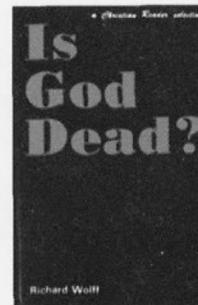
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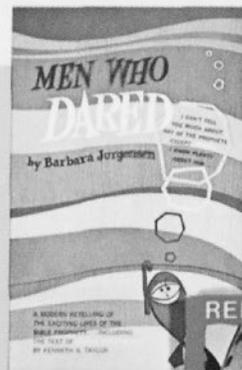


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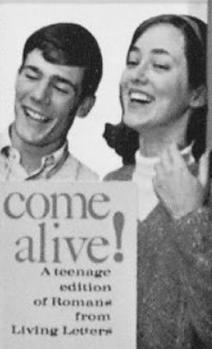
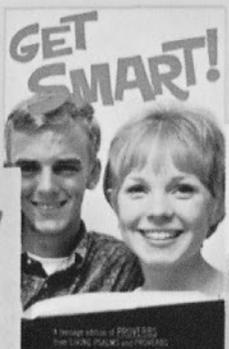
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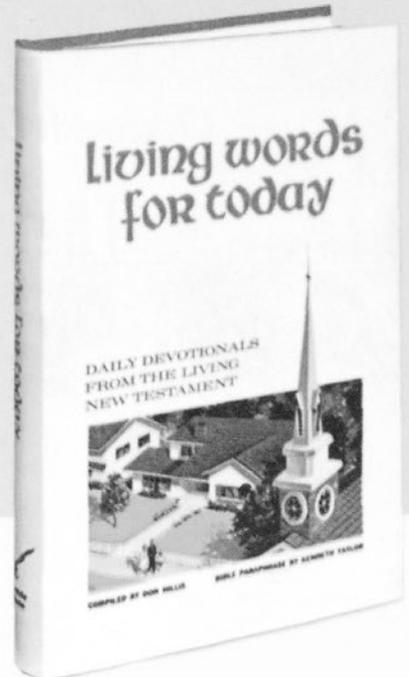
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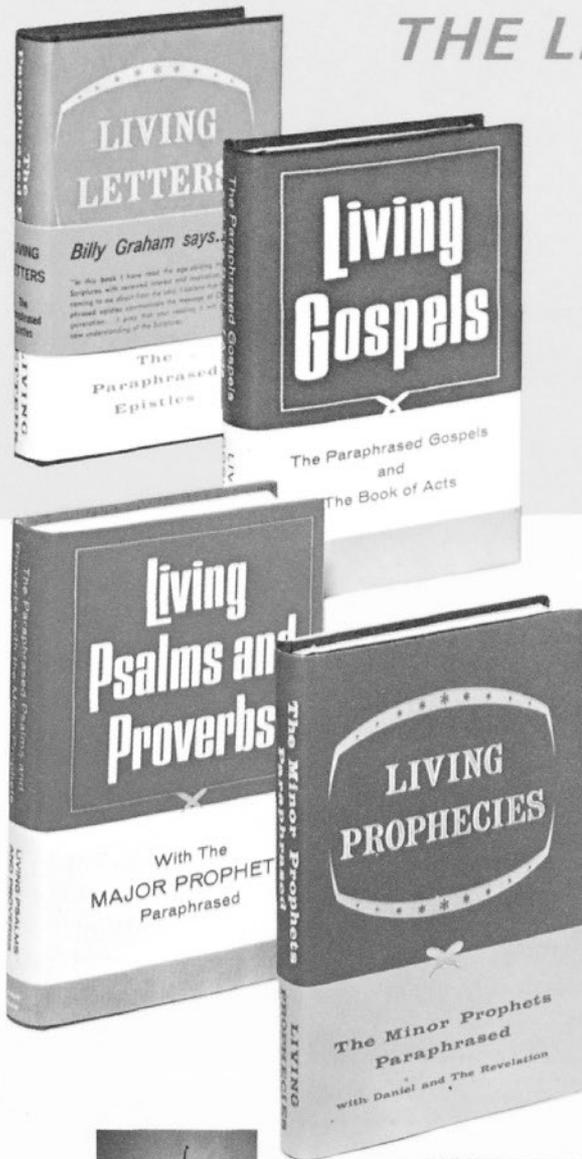
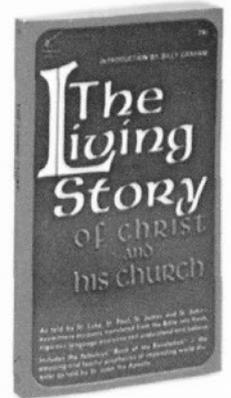
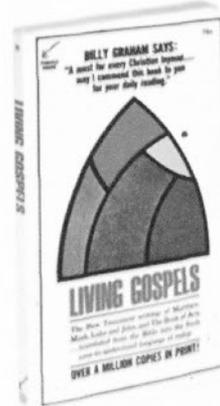
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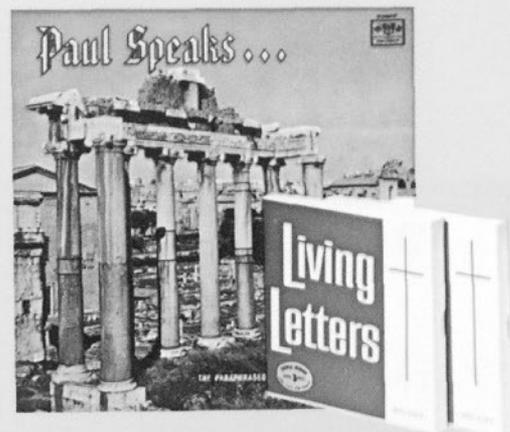
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During November we want every man in the Assemblies of God to experience this joy. Action MANDatory has been set apart as a special emphasis by the Men's Fellowship for training and participating in personal witnessing.

God has given us the responsibility of planting the seed of God's Word in the hearts of those who do not attend church. It is the office work of the Holy Spirit to convict and convince. Our duty is to witness. It has been said, "Christ doesn't want His disciples to be attorneys, just witnesses."

This makes it possible for every Christian man to be effective for Christ. Wherever he lives and works he will have opportunities when he can give an enthusiastic witness, but during November we are asking our

men to go the second mile in witnessing. A definite planned outreach to the unchurched in each community should be made in November. This aggressive witnessing program should involve the entire church, but the men should lead in promoting and organizing it.

Men's Fellowship is advocating that this November emphasis be given to making Christ-centered calls. This kind of witnessing aims to get the prospect to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. It introduces the person to Jesus as the Redeemer from sin, the Saviour of the soul, and the Master of life. The salvation of the unsaved becomes the objective of the Action MANDatory emphasis.

Many witnessing plans are available for church or individual use. If the names and addresses of unsaved persons referred to the church are available, then the time could best be used to visit these individuals.

It may be desirable to set up appointments with persons whose names have been selected at random and

discuss spiritual things with them. House-to-house calling offers unusual opportunities to reach people who would not or could not come to the church but who will respond warmly when visited in their homes.

Telephone witnessing may be undertaken by those in the church not able to go out. Follow-up may be assigned to other workers. Many unsaved but concerned persons will be discovered by this plan.

Each person participating in a witnessing plan should keep accurate records, noting persons interested but not accepting Christ. Further contacts may be made. A compilation of records at the end of the month will show the progress made in reaching the unsaved.

Further information on witnessing plans, training for personal witnessing, Action Crusades, and opportunities for lay leadership in these programs may be secured by writing: Action Crusades, Men's Fellowship Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. 

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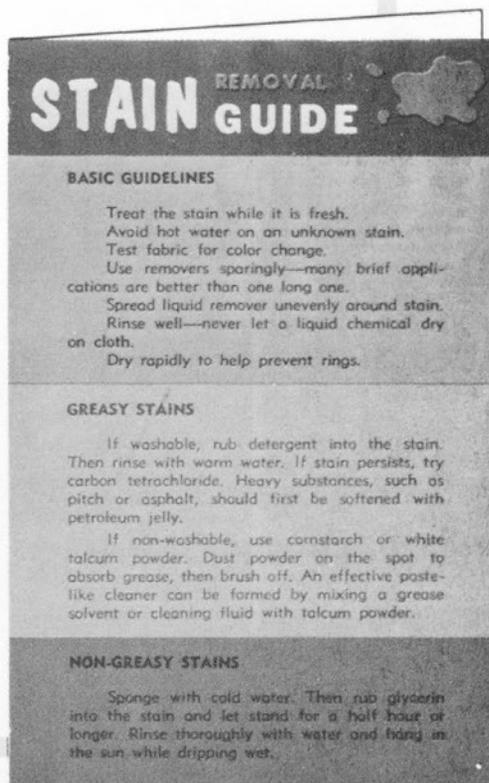
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- Treat the stain while it is fresh.
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- Spread liquid remover unevenly around stain.
- Rinse well—never let a liquid chemical dry on cloth.
- Dry rapidly to help prevent rings.

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- If washable, rub detergent into the stain. Then rinse with warm water. If stain persists, try carbon tetrachloride. Heavy substances, such as pitch or asphalt, should first be softened with petroleum jelly.
- If non-washable, use cornstarch or white talcum powder. Dust powder on the spot to absorb grease, then brush off. An effective paste-like cleaner can be formed by mixing a grease solvent or cleaning fluid with talcum powder.

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- Sponge with cold water. Then rub glycerin into the stain and let stand for a half hour or longer. Rinse thoroughly with water and hang in the sun while dripping wet.

**G**ROWING REPORTS from our Teen Challenge Centers in the larger American cities indicate they experienced outstanding results from summer ministry. Hundreds of young people decided for Christ, and a large number are continuing to serve Him and grow in grace.

Dedicated young people from various Bible schools and churches swell the Teen Challenge staffs each summer to help reap a great harvest in the asphalt jungles of the cities. During the winters the Centers turn their attention more to indoor services and personal witnessing. A number of staff members are graduates of our Bible colleges, and numbers of the converts are attending or contemplating attending Bible schools.

#### **BOSTON**

*Boston* Teen Challenge, under the direction of Paul Bell, is in its fourth year of active ministry. Five nights a week (plus some afternoons) workers in teams

# HOPE

## FOR AMERICA'S HOPELESS YOUTH

Dedication service for the new W. Clement Stone headquarters building for New York Teen Challenge was conducted July 1, 1967.





**BOSTON:** Neighborhood rally in the south end.



**CHICAGO:** Teen Challenge workers conduct street meeting.

invade amusement and entertainment areas and large housing projects. An average of one in 20 to whom workers minister makes a decision for Christ.

A team gathers underprivileged youngsters for outdoor story hours designed to prevent their ever becoming crime or drug statistics.

The newest venture is Neighborhood Info-Rallies. Advertising a film and talk on "drugs and real life," the team meets with lively, interested audiences of those who most need to receive such information and witness.

Converts from previous years who have taken some courses at the Rhinebeck, N. Y., Teen Challenge Institute of Missions add to the number of workers in active ministry.

The Boston Center is buying a four-family house in Dorchester, Mass., as a new staff residence.

#### **CHICAGO**

Chicago Teen Challenge found the showing of films on vacant lots in areas of heavy drug addiction one of their most successful means of evangelism. Workers would begin the rally with songs and testimonies, and show the film. Those who had already found deliverance would tell of Christ's saving power. This would be followed by a message from the Word of God. An average of 225 people attended each of these meetings.

Ken Schmidgall, director, states: "There has been unity among the staff workers, and we have been able to reach many people with the message of salvation. Throughout the summer, approximately 40 addicts came to us for help and stayed with us for varying lengths of time. We expect more to contact us as a result of our summer evangelism."

#### **DALLAS-FORT WORTH**

Recently the Dallas-Fort Worth Teen Challenge Center was divided into two separate centers. Lyle Noah is

director at Dallas and W. W. Hays is director at Fort Worth. Howard Foltz, the former director, resigned to enter a different field of ministry.

Dallas' sizable community of "10-cents-a-tube junkies"—subteens and teens who find their kicks inhaling model airplane glue and other volatile chemicals—is growing at an alarming rate.

According to Joe Hewitt of the Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education group, glue-sniffing has already caused serious and even fatal damage to Dallas youth. "A nine-year-old Richardson girl died after being admitted to a hospital with what was originally thought to be infectious hepatitis," Mr. Hewitt recalls. "But an autopsy revealed that glue-sniffing was the true cause of her death. Two teen-age Dallas boys were recently committed to a mental institution with irreparable brain damage from sniffing glue," he concluded.

Glue-sniffing nearly always leads to narcotic addiction. Lt. D. J. Coulon, veteran Dallas juvenile officer, says, "In too many cases we find ourselves handling the same child over and over again."

The Dallas-Fort Worth summer evangelism resulted in 678 conversions and 46 baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Center had an ambitious schedule of evangelism including regular night chapel services, children's Bible clubs, services for hippies, coffee-house evangelism, street services, Bible classes, and Sunday school for new converts.

#### **DETROIT**

Evangelism endeavors in the riot-torn city of Detroit were hampered only a few nights by curfew enforcement. As soon as the curfew was lifted, the Teen Challenge squad returned to their street ministry and each worker made from three to 17 contacts per night.

A unique summer ministry took place at the Michigan State Fair. Within an attractive A-frame building, workers presented a Teen Challenge film and a testimony every hour. In the 10-day duration of the fair, an average of 40,000 pieces of literature were distributed.

An increasingly valuable program of Detroit's Center is the out-of-the-city retreat. This presently serves as the women's division. Under capable leadership there is a full schedule of classes and daily recreation. Retreat capacity was taxed to the full, so the need to readjust and enlarge accommodations is urgent.

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work. Herb Meppelink is director. Rioting came within a few blocks of the Teen Challenge Center office but did not harm it.

#### DENVER

David Patterson recently resigned as director of Teen Challenge in *Denver* to go to New York. A new director has not yet been appointed, but Bob Jackson of Santa Cruz, Calif., is interim director.

In the past year two areawide youth crusades have been conducted. Through these nearly 300 teen-agers made decisions for Christ.

Jail visitation, hospital visitation, street witnessing, and literature distribution are the main avenues of outreach in Denver.

Each Saturday evening throughout the summer the Center sponsored a "Night of Action" in which interested Christ's Ambassadors and adults were trained in personal witnessing and then encouraged to go out on the streets and put their Christianity into action. Results of this evangelism were far-reaching.

#### LOS ANGELES (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

Teen Challenge in *Southern California* continues to witness miracle after miracle of human reclamation. This Center experienced one of the most exciting and fruitful summers in its history. Scores of drug addicts, hippies, and other delinquent youth found a new life.

In June, David Wilkerson ministered in four Teen Challenge rallies in Southern California. About 9,000 attended and 700 young people made decisions for Christ.

Twenty-five members of the Teen Challenge Ex-Addicts Choir, with Andrae Crouch, its director, and Don Hall, executive director of Southern California Teen Challenge, had a four-week tour resulting in many wonderful conversions. This choir recently produced a long-play record album.

Los Angeles Teen Challenge, with David Tanner as director, has several branches. *Orange County* (Don Matison, director) is the site of a new program. They opened a coffee house in Huntington Beach this summer. Seventy responded to the claims of Christ during one weekend!

The Inland Empire Center in *Cucamonga* (Cliff Morrison, director) is filled to capacity with 23 boys. The Center is purchasing property next door to accommodate the married staff and counselors.

Thirty-five boys now live at the Center in Los

Angeles, and 20 more drug addicts are waiting to get in for rehabilitation. A two-story home across the street is being leased to house 15 more boys. Twenty-one girls live at the Girls Home in Los Angeles along with six "little people."

#### NEW YORK

July 1, 1967, was an exciting day for Teen Challenge in *New York*. On the front lawn at 444 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, a new \$500,000 headquarters building was dedicated. W. Clement Stone, who has helped so much to make this dream come true, attended the celebration and was the guest speaker. David Wilkerson, founder of Teen Challenge and director of the New York Center, presided.

The new three-story white brick building houses administrative offices, clerical services, printshop and mail room, workshops, cafeteria serving the entire Teen Challenge complex, a chapel seating 200, a fully equipped radio recording studio, and other facilities.

The Center now cares for more than 500 young people every year in the New York area on an in-patient basis. It serves many more indirectly and through out-patient services.

The New York Center also operates two facilities in Pennsylvania: a rehabilitation farm for addicts, and a boys' ranch. It has two more in *Dutchess County*: a training center for staff workers, and a rehabilitation home for girls; and operates a coffee-house chapel in *Greenwich Village*.

The buildings in Brooklyn are used for reception, screening, orientation of addicts and other delinquents, housing for staff members, and a new "reentry program" through which rehabilitated addicts are helped to adjust to new lives. They live at the Center while becoming oriented to jobs for which they have been trained, and are required to deposit part of their weekly pay in bank accounts so they can be independent when they leave.

New York workers also conduct a field ministry with a mobile unit called the "Go-Ye Mobile." This is a panel truck equipped with a public-address system and carrying Teen Challenge literature.

#### PHOENIX

*Phoenix, Ariz.*, Teen Challenge reports that of the 1,500 youth who have made decisions for Christ since the beginning, 50 percent are still living for Christ. Their summer program included: (1) children's Bible

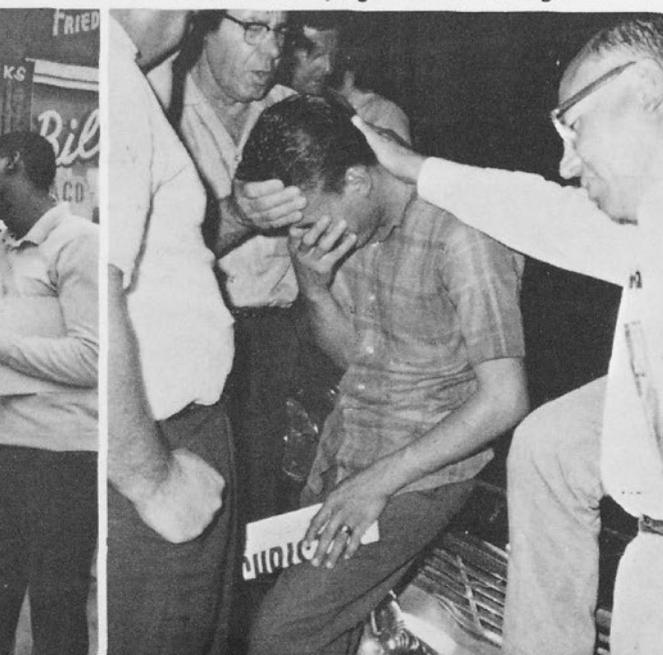
**DETROIT:** Testifying at the State Fair



**LOS ANGELES:** Witnessing on the street.



**PHOENIX:** Praying with a teen-ager.



story hours; (2) literature distribution and street meetings; and (3) teamwork by ex-drug addicts.

Teen Challenge has received excellent coverage in Phoenix newspapers and on local radio and television. Their weekly broadcast, "The Voice of Teen Challenge," has a growing audience.

Each child contacted in the children's meetings was enrolled in a Bible correspondence course for children as a follow-up. As the child received his first lesson, he also received a pad of five enrollment slips to pass on to other children. The Center's goal is to enroll 1,000 children in the course. No less than 50 children attended each evening meeting, and the first meeting attendance reached 205!

Assisted by local C. A. groups in Phoenix and Tucson, Teen Challenge workers distributed nearly 40,000 tracts in street meetings in four months. About 170 youths made decisions.

The Phoenix Center has 12 different street preaching points. On Friday nights, they have open-house services at the Center. Altogether, workers minister to approximately 900 people each week.

Thirty-one young people entered the Center for help. Many of these have been saved, and some have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Fifteen people now live there.

Judges, police, and probation officers are sending troubled youth to Teen Challenge for help. In Arizona there is no other program designed to reach and rehabilitate drug addicts. This Center is in need of more adequate facilities.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia Teen Challenge, under the direction of Bob Bartlett, received much publicity through Radio Station WIBG and a local newspaper. Nearly a full page of the August 9 *Advertiser* was devoted to Teen Challenge ministry.

Since its inception four years ago, this Center has been the temporary refuge for more than 100 troubled youths.

Summer open-air crusades drew crowds of 400 to 500. In 13 meetings, nearly 150 people responded to the altar call. In one area of Philadelphia where there was no full-gospel church, many who responded are attending a new Sunday school opened by Teen Challenge. Thus, *Teen Challenge, too, is doing its share of "branching*

*out.*" Many of the local churches have benefited through the crusades.

The Philadelphia Center attributes much of its success to gospel music. In three years they have produced two long-playing albums. Twelve choir concerts were presented throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The music and evangelism departments combined their efforts for services on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Crowds of 300 to 500 attended each of the 27 services.

The Hidden Manna Chapel is one of the most striking avenues of evangelism. Through August 1967 some 3,300 young people heard the gospel here.

As a result of all these areas of evangelism the Center is now a home for over 30 converts, besides the staff and administration.

#### PUERTO RICO

Teen Challenge in *Bayamon, Puerto Rico*, urgently needs financial help. Already 67 young people converted through Teen Challenge ministry there have been channeled to the training program offered by the New York Center. Peter J. Oliver, director of the Puerto Rican Teen Challenge ministry, says they have opened a branch center in Santa Isabel, and Ismael Garcia is the supervisor. All the denominational churches of the town participated in its dedication service.

The Bayamon Center has a radio program, "La Hora Positiva," on WKAQ which has given their ministry good publicity. The Center's jail program in correctional institutions has served as a point of contact with the different government agencies, such as the probation department and the parole board.

The Bayamon Center needs more adequate facilities and wishes to purchase a 25-acre farm between San Lorenzo and Patillas for \$12,000.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

*San Francisco* Teen Challenge has been especially active in the Haight-Ashbury area, center for hippies. A number of these young people have been saved.

Recently the Center acquired facilities for a coffee house in Haight-Ashbury. It is part of an old theater building which a group of Christians purchased and are using for a church.

The Pickering Lumber Company has donated the use of one of their logging camps as a training center for Teen Challenge converts. There are approximately 25 boys and four staff members at the camp.

For over a year the Teen Challenge staff has been ministering in San Quentin prison three nights a week. Over 40 prisoners have been saved and 15 or more filled with the Spirit. The National Home Missions Department is providing Bible courses to help these inmates become rooted and grounded in the Word of God.

Teen Challenge also has the use of a storefront church in the Fillmore district, an area where use of drugs is extremely heavy.

The April 28 Teen Challenge rally with David Wilkerson was a great boost. A capacity crowd of 3,450 entered the Scottish Rite Temple, and hundreds were turned away. Scores of young people came forward for salvation.

All the Centers are grateful for the help of the WMC's who have so generously supplied them with household equipment, other urgently needed materials, and food.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Bible study at the center.



## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WITNESS TEAMS TELL OF VICTORIES IN SUMMER SOUL WINNING

ON THE DUSTY STREET of a Central American town an American youth and his two Spanish-speaking partners were about to finish their day of door-to-door witnessing for Christ. It was a day of hard work like all the other days since the International Youth Witness team had come to this strange little country. They were very weary but decided to stop at one more house.

They had had several poor responses in a row, so they didn't think the last house would be too promising; but to their surprise a man invited them inside. Before they left, they had the father, mother, and daughter on their knees praying for salvation.

On Sunday morning they went back to the house for a follow-up visit and led the teen-age son to accept Jesus Christ. Each member of the family enrolled in the home-study course, and on their next follow-up visit they found the whole family had studied the Gospel of John together.

This was the story of four converts out of 1,610 who were won to the Lord by the 74 young people on this year's International Youth Witness teams. The 10 teams evangelized door-to-door in Jamaica, British Honduras, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Alaska.

International Youth Witness (which is changing its name to Ambassadors in Mission—AIM) was developed under the direction of the National Christ's Ambassadors Department to send teams of young people into communities in America and abroad to carry out organized witnessing. Each summer, teams of Christ's Ambassadors are carefully selected and sent in a well-planned outreach into missions territories. Recruits are carefully oriented and trained prior to spending a full month in house-to-house witnessing.

The MAPS (Mobilization and Placement Service) office at Springfield coordinates this program and utilizes the resources of various departments at General Headquarters such as Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Men's Fellowship, Women's Missionary Council, and others. MAPS, a division of the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Committee, is led by Norman Correll, a veteran missionary whose job is to help guide Assemblies of God people into areas where they can do Christian service while following their vocation.

The 10 teams who went out this past summer kept busy in July. Spanish-speaking groups met in Santa Cruz, California, and went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for orientation. From there they traveled to Central America where they joined national Christians for door-to-door witnessing in Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica.

Groups going to the English-speaking countries of Jamaica and British Honduras received their orientation at the Assemblies of God Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri.

The Alaska team met in Seattle, Washington. On location all the youth worked with Assemblies of God missionaries.

The activities of each team fell into four main parts: two days of meeting and planning with the national

young people, two weeks of door-to-door witnessing and follow-up, a week-long evangelistic campaign, and regrouping for return to their original meeting place for debriefing.

By the time they came home, they had won 1,610 people to Christ, enrolled even more than that in home study courses, and knocked on many thousands of other doors. They used 325,800 pieces of literature, including 19,000 copies of *The Pentecostal Evangel* that were provided through the Free Evangel Fund. Light-for-the-Lost supplied many of the tracts and home-study courses for the five foreign countries. Evangelism Literature for America (ELA) supplied materials for Alaska.

This is not to say that International Youth Witness is a literature-saturation program. The emphasis is very definitely on the positive aspects of leading people to Christ; therefore, much of the work consists of follow-up rather than merely leaving literature. The goal at every house is to get inside, carry on a conversation

# KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED





about Jesus Christ, and lead the people in the house to a knowledge of salvation.

The crammed-full schedule was one that only a band of young people (and some very brave and sturdy counselors) could survive. Breakfast was at 7:30 every morning, followed by devotions. At 9 a.m. they began to prepare their day's literature, and from 9:30 to 11:30 went out in two's and three's for house-to-house witnessing. After lunch and a short rest, they went out to the streets again to walk and talk and knock on doors, never knowing from one house to the next what strange situation might confront them. They were brought face-to-face with life as raw as it can get on the mission field; yet each young person averaged 22 souls won to Christ for the month. Dinner was at 6 p.m., and there was an enthusiastic church service at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Amazing as the whole story of this ministry is, one of the most heart-warming facts is that every one of these young people paid his own way there and back. The Women's Missionary Council helped with the food once they were on the field, but the youth got there by exercising a lot of faith and sacrificing summer job opportunities.

Another fact that speaks very well for this program

**ABOVE LEFT:** The International Youth Witness team going to Jamaica passes through customs and prepares to start its ministry. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Special revival services climaxed days of witnessing. In these the workers found renewed spiritual strength, new converts received guidance, and others received Christ as Saviour.

is that when they returned, 100 percent stated they would encourage others to participate in similar teams.

Their own comments show their enthusiasm:

"Every conversion was a thrill. Some came up to us wanting to know what we were doing, and then we led them to the Lord."

"The mayor of the town and a radio station manager were saved as some of our team members witnessed to them."

"The local C.A.'s are catching the contagious spirit of winning others for Jesus Christ."

"I've learned to appreciate the work and ministry of

*(Continued on page 32)*

**BELOW LEFT:** Two members of the Alaska team talk to Cindy Jones (left), the team's first convert. **BELOW CENTER:** Members of the Central America team witness for Christ in a marketplace. **BELOW RIGHT:** Central America team members board plane for homeward flight after their unforgettable experiences of witnessing for Christ on a mission field.



# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



## GOD HEALED ME OF CANCER

CANCER WAS NOT A NEW THING in our family. There had been several cases. In fact, my sister was still in the hospital following surgery for a malignancy when I had a routine biopsy.

When I visited the doctor in January, 1965, he was reassuring. After all, he said, a lump of this type very seldom indicated malignancy but we would have a biopsy as a matter of precaution.

Three days later the lab report came back, and soon I was hearing such words as *inoperable cancer . . . radium . . . cobalt . . . probably more . . . doubtful if . . .*, applied to my condition.

The specialist to whom my doctor sent me was not

encouraging He said it was not only inoperable, but quite possibly it would not respond to radium. Furthermore, after examination he indicated it was probable there was more abdominal cancer.

It was a week before I could be admitted to the hospital for treatment, and in that week I looked to God for help. We had some old-fashioned, Holy Ghost prayer meetings at Evangel Temple. Our pastor, Brother Joseph Dunets, had been greatly anointed in praying for the sick in recent months. I was one of many who lay prostrate under the anointing of the Spirit of God.

As I claimed the mercies and blessings of God for my healing, Brother and Sister Dunets anointed me and prayed the prayer of faith. I knew God was doing something wonderful for me, as He had given me such perfect peace from the moment the doctor told me I had cancer.

I entered the hospital and was thoroughly examined under anesthesia. Another biopsy was taken of the same tissue. At noon on the second day following, I heard an announcement on the hospital intercom: "There will be a pathology meeting in (a certain room) at 1:30."

Turning to the patient in the next bed, I said, "I know what this meeting is for. They are discussing my reports."

This demonstrates the assurance God had put in my soul. At 2:30 the doctor walked into my room. Evidently puzzled, he tossed the pathology report to me and said, "Read this, and if you can find anything about cancer, let me know."

I scanned the report, then turned to him and said, "Doctor, this is a miracle and a direct answer to prayer."

This miracle has been a testimony to many, and I do thank God for His grace, mercy, and peace.—Irene Kubat, Portland, Ore.

(Endorsed by Pastor Joseph Dunets, Evangel Temple, Portland, Ore.)

## DEAF EAR HEALED

AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS of deafness in my left ear, I can now hear clearly, thanks to God's healing power.

One night last fall I was awakened with a terrible earache. In the morning something broke in my ear, and it began to drain. I went to the doctor, but nothing helped.

My hearing did not return, and I asked my pastor to pray for me. In May this year I was sitting in a Sunday school class when something popped in my ear. I began to hear sounds, and soon it became clearer until I could hear everything our pastor said. I truly praise God for meeting this need.—Mrs. Lena Greene, Glens Falls, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. J. Storms, Calvary Assembly, Glens Falls, N. Y.)



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## HEALED OF A SPINAL DISEASE

ONCE I COULD SAY I practically kept my druggist in business, but the Lord graciously changed all that on February 5, 1967.

Eighteen years ago, when I was 14, I had the first of three operations for a serious back condition. I suffered from a curvature of the spine and a degenerative disease which was destroying the vertebrae as well. At best, surgery was keeping me only a step ahead of inactivity, and doctors warned that by 40 I would probably be bedfast.

I have always believed God could and would heal me in His own time. When I was at First Assembly in Santa Barbara, Calif., on the evening of February 5, Pastor Grams said the Lord had witnessed to him that He would heal two individuals in the congregation that evening. Instantly the Holy Spirit witnessed to me that I was one. To my knowledge, the pastor was not aware of my back condition, but he mentioned me along with another lady.

For five years before that I had been on medication constantly. I had a good supply of pills for pain, muscle-relaxers, and other medicines. That night the Lord met my need, and from that day on I haven't needed another pill for my back!

God healed me of the disease that was destroying my spine; and if it be His will, I know He can even change what the doctor had done in fusing nine vertebrae.

I have done more manual labor in my home and on my job than I had been able to do in the previous eight years. While I have known the natural aching that comes with weariness after eight or ten hours a day at work, I have not had pain as I had before.

I know by experience that the Lord definitely can and does heal, and I praise Him for what He has done for me.—Joanne Logan, Santa Barbara, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Herman R. Grams, First Assembly, Santa Barbara, Calif.)

## RECOVERY FROM BRAIN TUMOR ATTRIBUTED TO PRAYER

GOD HAS BEEN SO GOOD to me and my family that I want to give my testimony for His glory.

Almost three years ago I had a nonmalignant brain tumor. I suffered headaches and blackout spells for many weeks. My vision was impaired, and the right side of my face was paralyzed. The doctor told me I had more pressure in my head than anyone he had ever examined.

Repeatedly I asked the Lord to heal me, but for some good reason He permitted this painful condition to remain. The doctors told me I wouldn't live long without an operation to remove the brain tumor. On the other hand, they gave me less than a 50-50 chance of surviving surgery and told me that if I did survive, I could expect to be paralyzed.

Trusting in God, I consented to surgery. I was on the operating table over six hours. I was placed in the intensive care ward where I remained for six days. There God came to my help in a wonderful way. In 24



hours after surgery I was able to eat some lunch and talk with my pastor and his wife.

I could have something for pain for only 24 hours; after that I had to depend entirely on the Lord. He did not fail me. Each evening my pastor and his wife would have prayer with me, and I would have a good night's sleep free of pain.

Thanks be to God, I came through surgery without paralysis or any other ill effects. Truly this was a miracle which I attribute to the prayers of wonderful Christian friends.

Two weeks after the operation I returned home and soon was fully recovered. As I am a polio victim with two children, this means much to me. Before surgery I felt a deep settled peace because I had placed my life in God's hands. Now I am more convinced than ever that there is no safer place than this.—Alice Newton, Dumas, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor Glen H. Lester, Bethel Assembly, Dumas, Tex.)



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# HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS



These people, part of Pastor Gabriel Caride's congregation in Miami, have just received membership diplomas and/or certificates of water baptism. Present facilities are inadequate for the growing church.

## SPANISH EASTERN ASSEMBLY EXPERIENCES GROWTH

MIAMI, FLA.—On June 4 Pastor Gabriel Caride extended the right hand of fellowship as 12 more individuals joined *Iglesia Evangelica Pentecostal*, bringing the total membership to 52. New members received diplomas, and those who were baptized in water received certificates.

In August an additional 16 persons followed the Lord in water baptism—14 were Cuban refugees, one was from Guatemala, and the other from Portugal.

Pastor Caride reports the Sunday school averaged between 120 and 140 throughout the summer. Finances are needed to provide adequate space for further growth.

Following evangelistic meetings in July, a revival spirit prevailed as services were held simultaneously in different homes.

The church, connected with the Evangelical Refugee Center, conducted a prayer chain August 20-26 to pray for their brethren still in Cuba. Recent reports indicate much persecution of Christians. They urgently need prayer support for grace, courage, and strength to remain true to God amid their continuing trial.

Brother Caride writes, "Sometimes we are weary and saddened by the task and the enormous needs of the refugees who arrive daily. But as friends continue to

send clothing for distribution and support us, our hearts are encouraged.

"Many Christian brothers arrived from Cuba recently. Some of them are now relocated in areas with wonderful opportunities to work for the Lord. Our hearts rejoice because God is helping us," he concludes.

## COOK NEEDED FOR AIBI

AN OPPORTUNITY is open for someone to serve the Lord in a practical field—preparing meals for students at the American Indian Bible Institute, Phoenix, Ariz.

The applicant should be a lady with institutional cooking experience who is now receiving Social Security benefits or has some other means of support. The school will furnish room and board and a token offering of \$10 a month.

If the applicant is married and her husband is capable of carpentry, plumbing, or other type of construction work, his services would be helpful in the current building program.

Interested individuals may write to: President Donald Ramsey, American Indian Bible Institute, 4123 East Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85034.

## YOUTH CENTER OPENS

POINT HOPE, ALASKA—Two months of hard work was climaxed with the dedication of a center for teen-agers in this northern community, according to Missionary Doris Fellows.

An almost capacity crowd attended the service. A member of the Village Council gave an excellent speech, and the Light and Power Committee extended financial consideration for the project.

Residents of the community consumed gallons of tea and Kool-aid and "mountains" of doughnuts in the night-long grand opening.

The center is equipped with a Ping-Pong table, benches and tables conveniently arranged for playing games or reading, and a kitchenette with a snack bar. (Games, puzzles, and wholesome books and magazines are welcomed.)

Sister Fellows became concerned when she noticed many high school students with little to occupy them in after-school hours. As the burden grew in her heart, she took a hammer and saw and "set out to convert our little house into a center for teens. I praise God for the experience I had in the past with my husband (now deceased) who was a fine carpenter."

Although the center will in-



Missionary Doris Fellows, carpenter for the project, pours Kool-aid for the teen-agers at the opening of the new youth center.



crease her financial responsibilities considerably, Sister Fellows expects God to use this ministry in extending the gospel to the village youth.

## DEAF "HEAR" TV SERVICE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—*Calvary Echoes*, full-color telecast of Calvary Temple here, produced through the facilities of KYTV, recently featured ministry to the deaf to its potential of one million viewers.



On August 20 the deaf in the Springfield area were not only able to see the program but also to "hear" it. Edgar Lawrence, instructor at Central Bible College—School for the Deaf, interpreted Pastor Stewart Robinson's message, "Christ, the Master Shepherd."

Mr. Lawrence also interpreted two songs, "Surely Goodness and Mercy," and "The Light of the Day" sung by Jean and Sophina Cass.

Pastor Robinson introduced Diane Carr, missionary intern for the deaf at Calvary Temple. Interested hearing students as well as deaf students of CBC are among those who attend regularly conducted services for the deaf at the assembly.

Edgar Lawrence (right) is signing the word "keep," part of the phrase for "shepherd" (keeper of the sheep), as he interprets for Pastor Stewart Robinson.

## SIX-YEAR RECORD IS BROKEN

BRONX, N.Y.—The Sunday school of Christian Church John 3:16 established a new attendance



record of 1,290 on May 28, reports Ricardo Tanon, pastor.

"Each One Bring One" was the theme for this last Sunday of the *Loyalty Campaign*, an annual emphasis of the National Sunday School Department. The school realized its goal as members exerted a greater than usual effort to bring one more person.

A member of the Spanish-Eastern District, Christian Church is one of the largest churches in the Assemblies of God in the States. The former six-year-old record was 1,270.

Pastor Ricardo Tanon (left) and Luis Robles, Sunday school superintendent, display the board showing record attendance.

## KAYENTA CHURCH PROGRESSES

KAYENTA, ARIZ.—A building is being constructed for the assembly here where the Roswell Dillinghams are missionary-pastors. Recently a land grant was approved by the tribal council, so the new church is located on the Navaho Reservation.

While rejoicing over this victory, Brother Dillingham reports heavy expenses are involved. Obtaining water and laying septic tanks and lateral fields are costly projects. But the work is going forward as funds permit.

For some time there has been an urgent need for workers to teach Sunday school classes and assist in other outreach activities. Despite this fact, the Sunday

school is growing, with an average attendance of 59 in June.

Jeanne Marie Salt, who grew up on the Navaho Reservation near Kayenta, is now assisting the Dillinghams. She was graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., on May 25, with a B.S. in Christian education and theology. Now licensed with the North Texas District, Jeanne is giving much-needed assistance in sharing the gospel with fellow Navahos.

Last February, the assembly was set in order with 24 charter members. Its seven-member advisory board includes J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District, and Pastor Dillingham.

## CORRECTIONAL CONGRESS CONVENES

MIAMI, FLA.—Eight Assemblies of God correctional chaplains registered at the 97th annual congress of the American Correctional Association August 20-25.

Attending from all sections of the United States and several foreign countries, the 1,600 members of the congress heard lectures from outstanding penologists and experts from related fields. There were also specialized seminars for specific interest groups.

Chaplain Harry C. Warwick, who has served at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, Calif., for the past 19 years, was elected first vice-president of the American Protestant Correctional Chaplains Association. National Prison Chaplain Paul R. Markstrom will serve again as a member of the advisory board. Their responsibilities include preparing for next year's congress in San Francisco, Calif.

Chaplain Markstrom, director of the Prison Division of the Home Missions Department for the past four years, reports there are 23

Assemblies of God correctional chaplains ministering to the spiritual needs of inmates.



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PRISON SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 12



Knee-deep in flood waters, Missionary Gordon Olson prepares to ring the bell announcing the Sunday school hour at Minto, Alaska. The children and adults gathered as usual, but canoes were their unique mode of transportation. Although the log-cabin parsonage (left) had four inches of water in it, the church building stands two and a half feet higher. The Olsons lived in the church for nine days. (See page 22, October 8 "Evangel" for a more complete report of the flood.)



## HOME MISSION NEWS NOTES

William Ashpole, Lihue, Kauai (Hawaiian Islands), reports a revival spirit in the native assembly there. Several backsliders found restoration, and others renewed their dedication to Christ. A lady is interpreting the services for the Japanese who cannot understand English.

On June 6 Pastor David Vallo, Yreka, Calif., who was born in the Jemez Indian Pueblo at San Ysidro, N. Mex., returned to preach at the Jemez Indian church, reports Jack Bruton, missionary-pastor. Some of the Indians renewed their decision for Christ, and all received spiritual blessings. The Sunday school averaged 41 in June.

Pennies from the WMC's of South Texas provided a 42-passenger bus to transport the Pimas and Maricopas who attend the Indian Assembly at Salt River, Ariz., where the Lonnie Thomases are missionary-pastors. The bus and the mission pickup truck are now painted turquoise blue, favorite color of the Indians there.

Thomas Koons reports a literature-distribution campaign during a parade and rodeo in Cuba, N. Mex., on the July 4 weekend. The effects of alcohol upon the people,

particularly the teen-agers, emphasizes Satan's hold upon them. How much they need our prayers!

The 32- by 72-foot metal building, new sanctuary for the Indian Assembly in Gallup, N. Mex., is being erected on a previously laid foundation and floor, according to Paul Evans, missionary-pastor.

The Grant Croasmuns, Milan, N. Mex., report victories as a result of summer activities. A young couple from Waxahachie, Tex., held meetings August 3-10. They assisted with the VBS which convened the same week.

Joe Ellis, accompanied by a group from the church he pastors near Tonalea, Ariz., conducted services August 11-13. Approximately 33 people were either saved or reclaimed, and eight received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the summer.

Paul Bills, Nome, Alaska, reports that vocational volunteers recently have come to assist in the work. A graduate from CBC, Pat Self, is leading the youth activities, and a single and a married schoolteacher with family also are helping in the church. Brother Bills writes, "You have no idea how much we appreciate and need this help."



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energy into evangelism. They did not fear the persecutions that came because they knew that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain"—that living or dead they would soon be with their Lord.

The third reason for their success was the signs and wonders that followed their ministry. Many people were healed, and many other miracles took place. The Church has always grown when evangelism has been joined with the supernatural evidences of the moving of God. *By these three things*—zeal from the Holy Spirit, a strong belief in the return of the Lord in their lifetime, and the miraculous manifestations of the Spirit—the *Early Church conquered the world*.

Such a study of these early men fills our hearts with deep gratitude at the great price paid to spread Christianity. The blood of the martyrs was the price of evangelism. What great men and women they were! How consecrated they were to God! But our hearts must also be troubled at the lack of zealous consecration to God, the little concern for the soon return of the Lord, and the need of a greater reliance on God's workings that mark our lives today. There are millions in our generation who have not heard the message of salvation, and yet many Christians sit in self-satisfaction, waiting for someone else to preach and teach the gospel. The cost of successful evangelism always has been, and always will be, a full, unconditional consecration to God, a reliance on God's leading, and a burning zeal that will not be conquered by persecution, tribulation, or even death.

## YOUTH WITNESS

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our missionaries and their faithful laboring. I've learned to really trust God."

"This trip has given me a real desire to do more for missions. I want to do more for my own church."

"I received a definite call to foreign missions and surrendered to this call."

"This has meant a confirmation of my call to the ministry."

These Assemblies of God young people were so anxious to win people to Christ that they did not even wait until the organized witnessing began. One of them testified: "On the plane going to Little Rock, Arkansas, a girl sitting next to me accepted Christ."

Another testified: "One thing that really thrilled me was that the steward on our flight to San Salvador was converted."

These young people, like thousands more in our fellowship, are living proof that theirs is a serious-minded generation that will respond with wholehearted spiritual fervor and service when joined to a great cause and given the right kind of Christian leadership.

Under its new name, *Ambassadors in Mission*, the program is now preparing for next summer's witnessing teams. Interested persons should contact the C. A. Department or the MAPS office at the Assemblies of God Headquarters, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

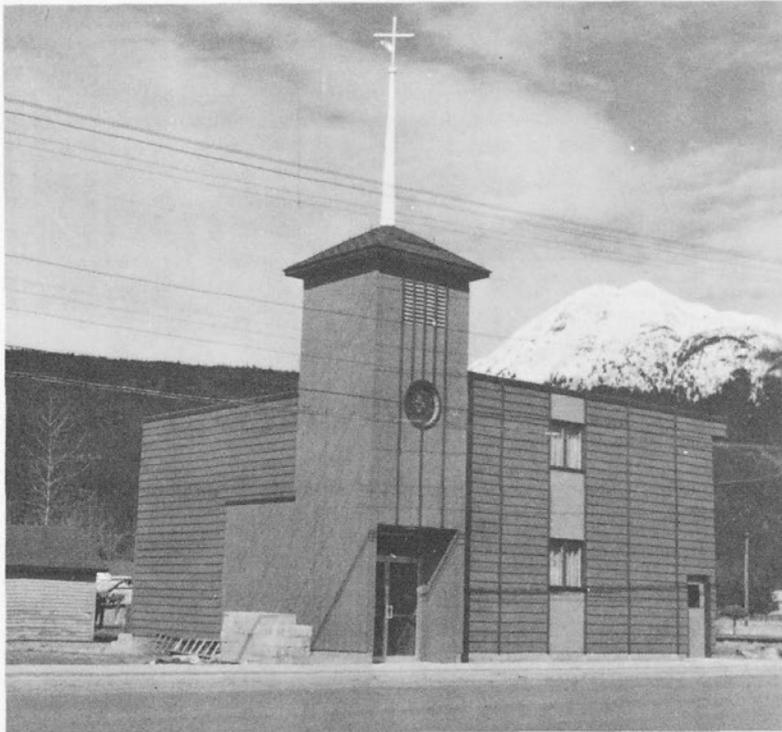
# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## ALASKA FACILITIES DEDICATED DEBT-FREE

SKAGWAY, ALASKA—The Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new Sunday school unit to the glory of God. John Phillips, founding pastor of the work, was the dedication speaker. Musical groups from the Assemblies in Haines and Juneau also participated.

The new building was dedicated debt-free. It contains a nursery, kitchen, pastor's study, and chapel facilities. Since the dedication, folding tables, chairs, and a pastor's desk have been added. A sanctuary will be built later.

Gilbert A. Meroney is the pastor.



NEW HAVEN, MO.—God poured out His Spirit upon First Assembly here during meetings with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. One person was saved, three were reclaimed, and three were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

Several outstanding healings also occurred. One woman's hearing was restored in a deaf ear, and a man was healed of a condition in his feet and legs.

Attendance was very good. The smallest crowd present was larger than the largest attendance two years ago.

—Martha Duvall, pastor

POWELL, TENN.—First Assembly here was spiritually uplifted during a recent week of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Kiestler of Ripley, Tenn.

Several were saved, and sick bodies were healed. One lady testified that her hearing was restored when she was prayed for.

Hungry hearts sought God at the altar each night.

—Wm. P. MacKenzie, pastor

BISMARCK, MO.—Three were saved, and eight were baptized in the Holy Spirit at the Assembly of God here during recent services with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. In addition, one was reclaimed, two were refilled with the Spirit, and two joined the church. Attendance gained in every service, and a spirit of revival still remains.

—Charles Leathers, pastor

ALLIANCE, OHIO—First Assembly here was encouraged after a children's crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Martin of Mineral Ridge, Ohio. Forty-two dedicated their lives to Christ. Brother and Sister Martin emphasized memorizing Scripture. Visitation teams are following up prospects from the crusade. Attendance was excellent, starting

with 41 and increasing to 113 on the last night.

—Leonard Salvig, pastor

APACHE, OKLA.—The Lord blessed Stucker Assembly here during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Gertrude DeGraffenreid of Oklahoma City, Okla. Fourteen were saved or reclaimed, and seven were baptized in the Holy Spirit.—Gene Lowder, pastor

ROME, N.Y.—Eight persons came to the altar at First Assembly here to accept Christ as Saviour recently during meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Wayne Marshall of Salineville, Ohio. Attendance was good throughout the week with several new people present.—Ernest Darling, pastor

ARLINGTON, TEX.—Pantego Assembly here is still rejoicing over special services held recently

with Evangelist Eddie Wilson of Dallas, Tex. Several were saved, others baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—W. O. Jackson, pastor

## PRAYER BRINGS GOD'S BLESSINGS TO LOUISIANA CHURCH

WEST MONROE, LA.—For over a year people from Luna Assembly have met each Tuesday to pray that the Lord would bless the church. He did and continues to do so.

On homecoming day, September 4, 1966, district superintendent L. C. Ashbrook led them in dedicating the new \$18,000 parsonage. One year later the debt was paid in full.

The Sunday school record has reached 153, the most attending in several years, and 14 new members have been added to the church.

—Leonard Sapp, pastor



JUNEAU, ALASKA—Bethel Assembly here won the grand prize for its entry in an Alaska centennial Fourth of July parade. The float showed 50 years of Assemblies of God ministry in Alaska by depicting the first Assemblies mission, started in Juneau in 1917, and Bethel Assembly's new church building with the Junior choir. Roy J. Davidson is the pastor.





The photos show the sanctuary and the exterior of the church after it was completely renovated and expanded. Sunday school classrooms are in the basement.

## YOUNG CHURCH EXPANDS AFTER FIRE DESTROYED PREVIOUS SANCTUARY

EAST GREENVILLE, PA.—In January 1967 a fire roared through the Assembly of God here destroying the entire sanctuary and its contents. The structure had been built just two years earlier by the founding pastor and congregation. The church recently dedicated

the completely renovated and expanded building and celebrated its fifth anniversary. Under the leadership of Pastor Thomas Hamilton, men of the church completed the rebuilding project in just 90 days.

Participating in the two-day

homecoming and anniversary services were Howard Roberson, Eastern District assistant superintendent, and Robert Hafner, the former pastor. Eighteen new members were received into the church.

The sanctuary features new chancel furniture, a large lighted cross, and a flag set presented by the Hi-Teen Sunday school class. The Lord made it possible for the church to have a new Hammond

organ and a grand piano.

The new 30- by 54-foot addition provides for more classrooms, two nurseries, an enlarged vestibule with two entrances, space for seating an overflow crowd, and a pastor's study and office adjoining a prayer and conference room.

The downstairs classrooms have been tiled and painted and new Sunday school equipment added. Outside are a large carport and new blacktopped parking facilities.

## PATTERN FOR PROGRESS FOLLOWED OVER A YEAR

For the past year the National Sunday School Department has been guided in its development of helps for Assemblies of God Sunday Schools by a formula it calls "Pattern for Progress."

This three-year plan was implemented in October 1966, to provide new information, new tools, and extra helps in four areas where Sunday schools often have difficulties:

1. Worker development
2. Personal involvement of both members and staff
3. A well-informed and inspired leadership
4. Adequate facilities

These four broad areas and 18 specific facets of Sunday school activity such as extension ministry, facilities, branch Sunday schools, record-keeping, etc., were tabbed for special emphasis as a result of an evaluation of Sunday schools across the nation conducted by the NSSD.

During the year ending September 30, 1967, no less than 50 articles motivated by this plan appeared in various headquarters periodicals.

As they continue to direct their energies into these areas during the next two years, members of the staff of NSSD expect to see an increase in the evangelism of un-saved souls and the spiritual growth of believers.

WHARTON, TEX.—The Assembly of God here experienced a precious move of God during a recent meeting with Evangelist Sam Mayo of Atlanta, Ga. Several persons were saved, and others were refilled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was drawn closer to the Lord.

—T. H. Proctor, pastor

AURORA, COLO.—A number of persons were saved and filled with the Spirit during a four-week tent meeting conducted by Faith Tabernacle here. Many were also healed during the meeting, and eight were baptized in water.

Eddie Swartout of Little Rock, Ark., was the evangelist for the last three weeks. The church rejoices as revival fires continue to burn.

—Charles Chambers, pastor

HOLT, FLA.—God has blessed the Assembly of God here during two recent special meetings.

Several persons sought the Lord during a meeting with Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. The hearts of the congregation were enlightened by God's Word.

Later, Evangelist Ethelyn Zellers of Columbus, Ga., conducted a children's crusade. Attendance

was good, and many children sought the Lord.

Because of a real move of God's Spirit in the church, Christians are being blessed, and many outsiders are getting hungry for God.

—Wayne Bradley, pastor

TRIBUNE, KANS.—The Assembly of God here was blessed during recent meetings with the Paul Morris Evangelistic Party. During the week of services, two young married couples and four young people were saved. Many were stirred to a deeper dedication to Christ.

—John A. Booher, pastor

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Decatur	<sup>1</sup> First	Nov. 7-19	Victor Etienne	Cecil S. Howell
	Enterprise	First	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Howard P. Trawick
	Whistler	Glad Tidings	Nov. 12-19	David L. Scruggs	L. N. Smith
Ariz.	Buckeye	First	Nov. 8-19	Charles O. Hudspeth	Clyne A. Jones
	Phoenix	Faith	Nov. 1-13	Ernie Eskelin	Willis K. Hirschy
Ark.	Conway	First	Oct. 24—	Tom. F. Ogdon	Claude Boze
	Marianna	First	Nov. 8—	Tom. F. Ogdon	Donald Nye
	Monticello	First	Nov. 5-19	Raymond & Mrs. Mayfield	T. Noel Crick
	Searcy	First	Nov. 7-19	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Ralph O. Copeland
Calif.	Anderson	<sup>2</sup> A/G	Nov. 5-10	Charles Senechal	Jim Logan
	Brawley	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	J. B. Woolums	Byron E. Owens
	Carmichael	<sup>2</sup> First	Oct. 29-Nov. 3	Charles Senechal	L. W. Suter
	Compton	Trinity Chapel	Nov. 5-19	Knouse-Stovall Team	Grace Elliott
	El Centro	First	Nov. 8—	Thomas Ming	Claude White
Conn.	Lodi	First	Nov. 7-12	Tommy Barnett	Gene Forrest
	Lynwood	A/G	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Bob Bloom	Harold Pegg
	National City	Sweetwater	Nov. 7—	Neville & Beulah Carlson	Altus F. Compton
	Longmont	Bethel Temple	Nov. 1-12	Paul E. Morris	James Miller
	Willimantic	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	James & Beulah Pepper	H. Norman Suhl
	Wilmington	First	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Jerry & Linda Knibbe	Jacob Heinrich
Del.	Frostproof	First	Nov. 5-19	Colen & Carol Lassiter	J. B. Wood
	Jacksonville	Bethel Temple	Nov. 1-19	Musical Vanderploegs	Clyde Wasdin
Fla.	Ocala	First	Nov. 8-19	L. Wayne Pitts	E. T. Corbin
	Pensacola	Brownsville	Nov. 5-19	Bob. Larson	Carl Arnold
Ga.	Cedartown	First	Nov. 7—	Nettie Parham	R. Gene Connolly

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Ill.	Marietta	First	Nov. 8-19	Mildred & Roy Johnson	Albert Vickers
	Stockbridge	First	Nov. 12—	Nettie Parham	Clyde Cothran
	Chicago	Mont Clare Gosp.	Nov. 7-19	Arnold & Anita Segesman	M. J. Gebhart
Ind.	Clinton	A/G Tab.	Nov. 8-19	The Singing Lunsfords	C. R. DePrenger
	Maryville	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Marion & Sandra Beach	George Ankarlo
	Clay City	A/G	Nov. 7-19	Bill & Verna McPherson	Ed Summerfield
Iowa	Hammond	First	Nov. 7—	Donnell-Holler Team	Walter C. Hanneman
	Rochester	First	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	J. E. Friend	Glenn Mitchell
	Afton	A/G	Nov. 1-12	Ken Krivohlavak	Hugh Cerutti
Kans.	Fort Scott	First	Nov. 7-19	I. D. Rayborn	Robert Boyd
	Great Bend	Crescent Park	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	C. Dean McCormick
	Kinsley	First	Nov. 5-19	Dwaine & Nola Braddy	R. G. Fredrick
Ky.	Sharon	A/G	Nov. 1-12	The Varner Team	Leroy Willis
	Henderson	First	Nov. 5-19	Hale-Turner Team	Wayne H. Hemphill
	La.	A/G	Nov. 5—	Darrell & Carolyn Pilcher	Paul V. Hunt
Mass.	Minden	First	Nov. 5-10	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Leslie E. Hunter Jr.
	Monroe	Collegetown	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Jackie V. Nichols	E. J. Graves
	Monroe	Seigle	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Robert L. Stephens	Benjamin Smith
Mich.	Lynn	First	Nov. 5-12	Harold Brumback	Timothy M. Adams
	Bay City	Glad Tidings	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Stan & Marilyn Morris	C. A. Davenport
	Lansing	First	Nov. 1-12	Marvin Schmidt	Leo J. Tomko
Minn.	Rogers City	Faith	Nov. 7-19	Charles A. Fairfield	Robert Cilke
	Southfield	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Andrew G. Basell	Robert L. Clark
	Karlstad	Pentecostal Ch.	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Paul Holt	Edward Linde
Miss. Mo.	St. Louis Park	First	Nov. 1-5	The Tanner Team	Edwin Hollen
	Columbia	First	Oct. 22-29	Lloyd & Irene Logan	Marshall L. Dodd
	Bloomfield	A/G	Nov. 5-19	Ruth Reece	Dalles Reagan
Mont. Nebr.	Kansas City	Friendly Assembly	Nov. 5-19	Dan & Marty Womack	William Cambers
	Lee's Summit	First	Nov. 1-14	Samuel & Patricia Calk	Robert E. Palmer
	Ozark	First	Nov. 7-12	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Robert Johnson
N. J.	Baker	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Thomas Johnston
	Bayard	A/G	Nov. 5-12	L. H. & Mrs. Sheets	John W. Smith
	Red Cloud	A/G	Oct. 30-Nov. 12	Knott-Olson Team	George Bingham
N. Y.	Scottsbluff	First	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Bob Wilson	Troy D. Allen
	Paterson	Bethany Church	Nov. 3-7	Percy S. Brewster	Lloyd Christiansen
	Somerville	A/G	Oct. 24-29	Arnold & Anita Segesman	N. T. Spong
N. Dak.	Hamburg	A/G	Nov. 7-19	Ren & Grace Marr	R. L. MacKillop
	Huntington Sta.	A/G Pentecostal	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	John Hamercheck	Charles M. Shaffer
	Kingston	Bethel	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	Mildred & Roy Johnson	Donald Rudolph
Ohio	New York	Glad Tidings	Nov. 5-12	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Marie Brown
	Richmond Hill	Bethlehem Ch.	Nov. 8-19	George & Evelyn Butrin	William Behr
	Glen Ullin	Bethel	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	D. L. Nultemeier	W. V. Stahlecker
Okla.	Minot	A/G	Oct. 31-Nov. 5	Paul & LaVonne Clark	B. C. Heinze
	Cleveland	First	Nov. 8-19	Gene & Heather Burgess	Ted Ness
	E. Liverpool	First	Oct. 25-Nov. 5	Homer Peterson	Daniel Jensen
Pa.	Euclid	Calvary	Oct. 29-Nov. 12	Daena Cargnel	James Miller
	West Carrollton	A/G	Nov. 7-19	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Richard L. Barth
	Duncan	Banner	Nov. 8-19	Larry & Helen Hatfield	Richard Pasquale
Tenn.	Miami	Victory	Nov. 5-19	Sherman Liles	Dale Jennings
	Muldrow	First	Nov. 6—	John & Freda Bryant	Evelyn Mathers
	Oklahoma City	Glad Tidings	Nov. 7-19	Doyle H. Thompson	Ray Hood
Tex.	Tulsa	Carbondale	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	The Ellison Family	Leonard Negrin
	Velma	A/G	Nov. 5-18	Bennie & Mary Grisson	Harley Pieratt
	Webbers Falls	A/G	Oct. 22—	R. C. Large	Harold J. Baker
Va.	Allentown	Glad Tidings	Oct. 31-Nov. 11	Jim Snyder	N. B. Rayburn
	Clarion	A/G	Nov. 7-19	Walter Schell	Paul Bradley
	Coalport	A/G	Nov. 7-12	Earl J. & Mrs. Douglas	David Selleck
Wash.	Conshohocken	Gospel	Nov. 7-19	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Elmer Hosband
	East Greenville	A/G Chapel	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	David E. Dean	Park Benner
	Fallen Timber	Hollentown	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Thomas Hamilton
Canada	Johnstown	Grace Pent. Ch.	Oct. 17-29	Jerry Knibbe	Herbert E. Hull
	Nanticoke	Glad Tidings	Oct. 24-29	Ray Leonard	Edward Opdenhoff
	Stroudsburg	First Pentecostal	Oct. 24-29	Walter Schell	John D. Castellani
Canada	Memphis	Calvary Assembly	Nov. 8-19	Jim Mackey	Nathan Killian
	Memphis	Frayser	Nov. 5-19	Ed Eaton	Herbert Yandell
	Amarillo	South Lawn	Nov. 5—	Melvin McKnight	Blair M. Stout
Canada	Corpus Christi	Faith	Nov. 1-12	Glenn Shinn	Charles V. Davis
	Corsicana	North Side	Nov. 5—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Douglas J. Friesen
	Crockett	Porter Springs	Oct. 29—	James & Peggy Hazelton	David Williams
Canada	Diboll	A/G	Nov. 5-19	James & Peggy Hazelton	H. E. Kirkpatrick
	El Campo	First	Nov. 5-10	Doyle Jones	J. H. Hood
	Fort Worth	First	Nov. 8-19	Bill Hayes	P. H. Collins
Canada	Fort Worth	River Oaks	Oct. 30-Nov. 12	Corbett C. Crace	E. Eugene Perrault
	Fort Worth	Rosen Heights	Nov. 5—	V. G. & Mrs. Mangram	L. J. Choate
	Lamesa	First	Nov. 8-19	Howard Rusthoi	Ira Stanphill
Canada	Lubbock	First	Nov. 5-19	David F. & Mrs. Watson	K. W. Thomson
	Lufkin	Oak Grove	Nov. 5-12	Stewart Douglass	L. F. Ammona
	Nacogdoches	Faith Temple	Nov. 8-19	Randall A. Walker	Harold L. Ward
Canada	Plano	First	Nov. 6-12	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	Dave E. Laughlin
	Danville	Mt. Hill	Nov. 7-19	Bob McCutchen	Leonard Allgood
	Petersburg	First	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	Billy C. Melton
Canada	Winchester	Full Gospel Tab.	Nov. 1-12	Arthur & Anna Berg	N. E. Haupt
	Aberdeen	First	Nov. 7—	Charles S. Morris	Irvin L. Stonesifer
	Auburn	Calvary Temple	Nov. 1—	E. D. Greeley	Ralph Phillips
Canada	Bellevue	The Neighborhood Ch.	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Arne Vick	James Nicholson
	Hamilton Ont.	Central Gosp. Tab.	Oct. 31-Nov. 12	Joe Johnson	Earl Hance
				Dave & Jan Olshevski	George Johnstone

<sup>1</sup> Youth Crusade

<sup>2</sup> Children's Revival

<sup>3</sup> Deeper Life Crusade

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

## 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.

MORTGAGE BURNING—Nov. 19 at the Pentecostal Assembly, Scranton, Pa. Speaker: C. Eugene Bell.—by Parker B. Hayes, pastor.

10TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION — Nov. 1-5 at First Assembly, Lodi, Calif. Speakers: Bernhard Johnson Jr., James Stewart, Elmer Bueno, Tommy Barnett, and Talmadge Butler.—by Gene Forrest, pastor.

ANNIVERSARY—Nov. 6-12 at Bethel Assembly, Franklin Square, N.Y. Speaker: Darrel Mitchell.—by Albert Andreasen, pastor.

DEDICATION—Nov. 5 at First Assembly, Lynn, Mass. Speaker: David W. Flower, Southern New England District superintendent.—by Timothy M. Adams, pastor.

## WITH CHRIST

MRS. CYNTHIA RODEN, 72, of Lamont, Calif., went to be with Jesus September 7, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1938, Sister Roden was a member of the Southern California District. She served as an evangelist and as a pastor in California at Pixley, Exeter, Arvin, Ivanhoe, Bakersfield, and Lamont. She is survived by three daughters.

HENRY A. MEDFORD, 73, of Wichita Falls, Tex., went Home to be with Jesus September 1, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1942, Brother Medford was a member of the North Texas District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Ryan and Hugo, Okla.; St. Jo, Jacksboro, and Hines City, Tex.; and Riverside, Calif. He is survived by his wife Augusta and three children.



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# BACK-PEW MINISTRY

By **CORIN F. MORRIS**  
Washington, D. C.

**I**T WAS SUCH A STRANGE PLACE to me—this back pew. After all, I was reared by a thoroughly Pentecostal mother who considered the best seat in church was the one nearest the front. My husband is a minister, and I had enjoyed seven years of ministry in music and other activities, usually at the front of the church.

Then with joy we received a little boy into our home, a gift from the Lord. Our 10-year-old daughter loved the new baby dearly, as we all did. With no sibling rivalry or other problems, we congratulated ourselves and settled down comfortably into a new routine. That is, until our little boy at just a few months of age decided to herald his presence during the worship hour. There were no further battle stations; it was time to retreat, and fast, to the nursery. What a change this announcement that he didn't plan to sleep peacefully through the services brought about!

One day while sizing up the situation, I faced the fact that although we had looked forward so much to this little boy, my ministry was suddenly curtailed. Hospital visits were limited. Calls in homes to those needing the minister's services and participation in extra-curricular activities of the church all depended upon that precious commodity known as a baby-sitter.

While indulging in self-pity, I remembered testimonies of some older Christians who spoke of God's placing one "on the shelf" when not actively doing His will in His service. This, I concluded quickly, was exactly what had happened to me. I was on the shelf.

It was easy to care for the baby and still enjoy the service from the *last* pew, which became the most practical one for me. And although many times I was conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit and continued to enjoy God's Word, this on-the-shelf situation seemed so magnified.

Then the Lord spoke to my heart in a most unusual

way. One evening in the evangelistic service a young couple with five children sat directly in front of me. Although they were strangers, they showed reverence and respect for the house of the Lord. The minister preached a salvation message; the Holy Spirit was moving. I spoke to the young woman about her soul, and she began to weep. It turned out that they were seeking a church home. Roy Everett, the husband, had a praying Pentecostal mother in another state.

I assured this couple I would walk down the aisle with them, and they went forward, surrendering their lives to Christ. But as we moved toward the front, the Holy Spirit spoke to me too. And when we knelt to pray, I also asked forgiveness. "Yours is a back-pew ministry," He had whispered to my heart. "That is necessary too, you know."

From the back pew I noticed that Mr. McCloud came regularly to the Sunday evening services. He always slipped out as soon as the message was over, but it was easy enough for me to get out in time to greet him in the vestibule. He appreciated this extra effort. During the week of prayer at the first of the year, he gave his heart to the Lord.

Not all results are so definite or immediate, but the ministry is worth the effort. When strangers arrive, sometimes with little ones, it is convenient to assist them from the back pew. Because they find a welcome and friendly assistance, they are more likely to return.

It is a strange place, this back pew; but it has become a blessed place for me. There is a ministry here, and I am so glad I found it.